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Three students receive top honor during recent ceremony Page 7

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Clerk Q&A: Office serves three county courts, conducts elections

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

This is the eighth in a series of Ozona Stockman question-an-answer articles featuring county and state officials in our community.

Today's article features Crockett County District and County Clerk Debbie Puckett.

A county and district clerk is the oversees the office where deeds or legal instruments relating to real estate are, along with marriage licenses, property deeds, birth and death certificates and recording of assumed names.

District and County Clerk Puckett answered the following questions:

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WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO RUN FOR YOUR POSITION?

I was appointed by the commissioner's court in 1983 to fill an unexpired term. Prior to my appointment, I had

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District Clerk

District clerks are called on to assure that the affairs of the district courts are maintained objectively with the full confidence of judicial authorities.

ed objectively with the full confidence of judicial authorities.

The Texas Government Code states the duties and powers of the clerk of the district

District and County Clerk court: "The clerk of the District Court has custody of and shall carefully maintain and arrange the records relating to or lawfully deposited in the clerk's office." The district clerk shall:

Record the acts and proceedings of the district court; Enter all judgments of the court under the direction of the judge;

Record all executions issued and the returns issued on the executions; Administer child support payments;

Administer trust accounts for minors ordered by the courts; Keep an index of the parties to all suits filed in the court, and make reference to

any judgment made in the case; and Keep an account of all funds collected by the office, by way of fines and fees, and

the amount due jurors in district court for service.

County Clerk

Without county clerks, many of government's underlying responsibilities would go undone.

The main duties of the county clerk are:

Administering all county and state elections, including early voting and primaries, unless the commissioners court has transferred the function to the tax assessorcollector or an office of county election administrator;

Serving as clerk of the county court and the commissioners court and keep records of the proceedings:

Acting as recorder of deeds and other instruments;

Filing and recording birth and death certificates; Recording assumed names, wills and probate;

Issuing marriage licenses; and

Accounting for all funds paid to the office by way of fines and fees, and the amount owed to county court jurors for service.

In Texas counties with a population of less than 8,000, unless there has been a special election, the county clerk also serves as the district clerk, assuming all constitutional and statutory duties of the district clerk, along with those of county clerk.

Source: Texas Association of Counties

DEBBIE PUCKETT

26 years in office

Crockett County

School board to discuss teacher/coach contracts

tonight

THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Contracts for teachers and coaches will be discussed at tonight's (March 25) regular meeting of the Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees.

The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

The board will meet in executive/closed session for professional contracts - teacher/coach contracts for the 2009-2010 school year.

Any action the board takes from executive/closed session must then be done in open/ public session.

Other items on the agen-

· Letter of engagement from Eckert & Company Certified Public Accountants for the district's audit for the year

ending Aug. 31, 2009. Transportation, financial and superintendent reports.

Fort Lancaster holds first Turkey Fest | A bird's eye view



MARTIN CHILDRESS shows his daughter Madison how to spin the tickets at the Fort Lancaster Turkey Fest on March 21. For more on the Turkey Fest see page 8.

Hilderbran files bills on mental health, parks, child abuse victims

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, has filed legislation pertaining to mental health, state parks and victims of child abuse.

A bill that would permanently establish a mental Center service area that in- cording to a press release

ville for non-criminal patients Southwest Texas counties. will be up for a vote this week in the Texas House of Representatives Committee on Public Health.

health crisis facility in Kerr- cludes the Hill Country and

House Bill 1678, authored by Hilderbran, follows up on Hilderbran's 2007 pilot program that created a 16-bed The facility would serve clinic for civil commitment patients throughout the Hill patients on the grounds of Country MHMR Community Kerrville State Hospital, ac-

from Hilderbran's office.

Both pieces of legislation came about after all 202 beds at the hospital were dedicated for mentally ill criminal defendants, known as forensic patients, between 1999 and

PLEASE SEE BILLS, PAGE 9



ROOFING RENOVATIONS continue at the Crockett County Courthouse. The roof is part of Phase I of the courthouse renovation project, which also includes the heating and air conditioning and the second floor restrooms.

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Reader agrees with 'respect' letter

Dear Editor,

I read the letter to the editor written by Annette Vargas of Le-

ander, Texas. Good for you Annette. People certainly should have more respect when a horrific accident occurs within our community.

Shame on all who did not consider the feelings or trauma this family was experiencing.

When I heard about the incident, my heart went out to the family and close friends of this young man.

There are no words to describe my sorrow for this family and close friends.

I can only offer my sincere condolences and pray that the family and close friends eventually recover from the emotional pain this accident caused.

I did not know Jimmy Perez well but I do know that he was considerate, polite, and friendly. God Bless all who were fortunate to know Jimmy Perez.

> Jana Recknagel Ozona, Texas

Couple disappointed with town's reaction to accident

Dear Editor,

In the time that we have been in Ozona, we have met many wonderful people and enjoyed the comfort of a small town where people care about each other and go above and beyond to help each other. As neighbors and witnesses to the accident that occurred on March 14, we were saddened and disappointed with many people in this town. There were a few people who tried their best to help, but there were many who

were impeding the safety of the area. There were live wires on the ground that people were near and one vehicle even drove over creating the possibility of more injuries. Crowding around the area made it take more time for the EMS and Fire Dept. to get to the ones in need and longer to get out of the area to get people to the hospital when seconds count. Emergency personnel should not have to waste time dealing with others to ask them to get out of their way.

Medical emergencies and

tragic accidents should not be a spectacle for entertainment or to be taken lightly. Children should not be running and playing and a witness of such a horrible accident and parents/guardians who brought their children should be ashamed. Teenagers should not be camped out on the curb with a blanket as though they are at a football game. People most certainly should not take pictures and post them on the internet, if you have done this, delete them immediately out of respect for the family.

Jimmy was a loving husband, son, father, uncle, friend, and a human being. How would you feel if he was your loved one?

We ask that you pray for the family of Jimmy Perez and show them love, support, and respect when they need it most.

> God Bless. Brandon and Stacey Asbill Ozona, Texas

MORE LETTERS, PAGE 10

The importance of letters to the editor

The power of pen and paper, or more modernly keyboard and Word document, has been seen in The Ozona Stockman over the last few weeks.

Letters to the editor have poured in debating a topic affecting our community.

Some have been angry over the letters, some intrigued and some felt compelled to write.

Each letter was written by our readers. Each letter has followed the criteria set by The Stockman. Each letter was printed and that person's voice was heard.

Letters to the editor is the way for readers to share their views. It's a way for community, state, national or world issues to sometime be discussed or debated.

Yes, letters can sometimes get out of hand causing the editor of paper to become a referee. However, as long as the letters stick solely to their topics, and do not engage in ugly language to express their thoughts, then the editor is obligated to print them.

Letters to the editor have always been a feature of newspapers. In fact, much of the earliest news reports and commentaries published by early-American newspapers were delivered in the form of letters, and by the mid-18th century, letters to the editor were a dominant carrier of political and social discourse.

Most recently, Ed Barnett decided to add pen to paper and tell the IRS he didn't feel like paying his taxes this year. The letter was published in the Feb. 6 issue of the Wichita Falls (Texas) Times Record News.

The letter was meant as a joke, and a way to let off a little steam, to the IRS, where Barnett wrote he will be unable to pay his income tax on April 15 because of all the other taxes that he has already paid, many of which he then lists, followed by, "and many more that I can't recall but I have run out of space and money."

He concludes the letter by saying, "When you do not receive my check April 15, just know that it is an honest mistake. Please treat me the same way you treated Congressmen Charles Rangle, Chris Dodd, Barney Frank and ex-Congressman Tom Dashelle and, of course, your boss Timothy Geithner. No penalties and no interest. P.S. I will make at least a partial payment as soon as I get my stimulus check."

Barnett's letter has gained national attention. He said he does plan on paying his taxes.

While Barnett is new to such widespread recognition and acclaim, he said this wasn't first letter to the paper, and it certainly won't be his

last.

A joke or not, Barnett wrote a letter that every taxpayer in America, at one time or another, has been dying to write.

> Letters to the editor can hit a nerve, bring to light a community issue or just give a

person a place to let loose about something that is really bothering

MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

The difference from submitting a letter to the editor, in comparison to the endless chatter on the Internet, is the accountability that comes with knowing who wrote them.

Anyone who writes a letter to the editor is taking a chance of putting their name and views out in the public eye. It's a chance that a newspaper reporter and editor take every time that latest issue is published.

However, if someone feels that passionate about a subject, voicing their opinion in the newspaper is a great way to let it out.

The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution gives every citizen the right to express their views through letters in the paper.

These views may not always be popular. However, the person writing the letter is often trying to get the public to better understand an issue that may be occurring in our community, state, nation or world. The letters in the Stockman are

published because they fit the criteria set by the Letters to the Editor policy. They are published because someone has taken a step in making their voice heard.

Even though an editor has final say on printing the letter, it doesn't mean the issue dies when the letter is or is not printed. The issue at hand was going on before that letter was written and will continue after it is printed until the people responsible take charge in resolving it.

Continue to write those letters, on all issues, and we will continue to consider them for publication.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. Letters to the editor must follow the criteria at the bottom of this page before she gives approval.

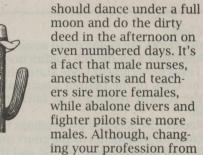
Sex Selection

I would like to discuss a serious subject that parents spend a lot of time contemplating. That is, can you do anything that would predispose the wife to give birth to a preferred gender? In other words, can you, like one species of Venezuelan opossums, choose the sex of your

Girls, get over it: it's a fact of life that more males than females are born. This can easily be explained by Mother Nature's logical preference for boys. What we don't know is why more males than females are born during, and after, wars. This is known as 'returning soldiers phenomenon'. It's also true that during good economic times more males are born. But ladies, besides your husband enlisting in the army during good economic times there are other ways, according to folk lore, to influence the sex

For those of you wanting boys (and who wouldn't) the couple should make love at night during a quarter moon on odd days of the month. Really. For those desiring a male the man should wear boxer shorts instead of briefs prior to conception and the woman's head should be pointed north during the act. Which should be done standing up, by the way. It also helps if the man is the dominant figure in the relationship. This may explain why American Presidents have given birth to far more boy babies than they have girl babies. At least the babies that we know of. Wink, wink.

If a baby girl is desired the couple



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

people tend to have more daughters, while ugly people conceive more boys. Which says something about my par-

a nurse to a fighter pilot

just to have a boy seems

desperate. Beautiful

There is hope for women on the horizon when human chromosomes will routinely be sorted by sex, at which point the world will, no doubt, be overrun by women. If any boys are born by mistake, there is always gender reassignment surgery.

There have been several recent studies that contend that what the mother and father eat prior to conception has a lot to do with it. For a boy the two should eat more beef, salty snacks, pretzels, chips and drink lots of cola. This may explain why more boys than girls are conceived after the Super Bowl. (Just kidding.) To have a girl the diet should consist mostly of fish, veggies, dairy products, mineral water and other wimpy food.

Last year there was a British study titled, "You Are What Your Mother Eats, that found that 56 percent of woman who consumed more calories prior to conception gave birth to boys. Of the 132 different foods they looked at the British scientists said that breakfast cereal was the one food that most often resulted in a boy baby. Although there was no indication if

Cocoa Puffs, Frosted Flakes or Cheerios was the best, I'd go easy on the Fruit Loops if I were you.

I have done my own studies on this topic as a rancher and I have found that whenever cattle prices were high and there was a particularly wide spread between the price of steers and heifers that my cows ALWAYS gave birth to more heifer calves. This is known as Lee's Law and the

results have been replicated many times by other unlucky ranchers.

The reverse is also true: when you need to replace aging members of your cow herd and you want more heifers you will ALWAYS get a higher proportion of male calves. The question is, does this data translate into results that humans can use? I would suggest not, that is, until we start selling our kids by the pound.

Until then, I suggest that we should forget all this foolishness and just let nature take its course.

After all, in my case my father desperately wanted a son and my mother was hoping for a daughter. My brother informs me they were both disappointed.

Economic conditions makes budget bill crafting tough

AUSTIN - Some Texans prefer swift action by the state Legislature because they want to see progress.

Then there are those who don't mind a slow pace and maybe want lawmakers to create as few new laws as possible.

We're now half way through the 140-day 81st regular session of the Texas Legislature and no substantive legislation has been debated on the House floor, although lawmakers filed a record number of bills before the March 13 bill-filing deadline.

Bills that have passed in the Senate and are waiting for House approval are in a waiting line.

There's a reason for it. It's a complicated puzzle to create a budget with the state economy slowing down and disagreement about how, where or if the \$16 billion in federal stimulus dollars should be spent.

One also could factor in that there's an extra learning curve with a new speaker, new committee chairs and new members learning to work as a unit.

Lawmakers want to be sure they understand exactly what is on the table before they offer up STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

a 2010-2011 budget that could cost taxpayers \$170 billion. That is the work of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance committees.

The House Committee on Ways and Means will have to figure out where the money will come from to fund the budget. That's a rough task when sales and use taxes won't be nearly as high as projected, property values have decreased and the state business activity tax is not producing as anticipated because it is based

on businesses' profit margins. There's a superstition that it's not a good idea to mention the possibility of a special session because it increases chances that the governor will call one, and that kind of talk is percolating.

But Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, chair of House Appropriations, and Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, chair of House County Affairs, seemed to deliver a different message when they talked to reporters March 20 about the progress of the session. Coleman expressed confidence that the

House can and will pass a budget during the regular session.

However Gov. Rick Perry stated publicly he would veto an appropriations bill that doesn't meet his standards. And that seems to mean the bill had better not include language that translates to an acceptance of federal stimulus money for unemployment compensation.

VOTER ID BILL PASSES IN SENATE

The Texas Senate on March 18 passed Horseshoe Bay Sen. Troy Fraser's voter ID bill on a 19-12 party line vote, with Republicans in favor and Democrats against.

If the House approves SB 362 in its present form, in order to cast a ballot, voters would present their current voter registration certificate and driver's license. A state or U.S. militaryissued ID card could be used to substitute for a driver's license.

For those who don't have a driver's license or other government- issued ID, they could use two other forms of identification, such as a library card and a util-

AUSTIN GROWTH FASTER THAN MOST

When Texans visit their capital and sense that it's grown recently, there are new statistics to back up the sensation.

The U.S. Census Bureau on March 19 reported Raleigh-Cary, N.C., and Austin-Round Rock, Texas, were the nation's fastest-growing metro areas between 2007 and 2008, based on July 1, 2008, population estimates for the nation's PLEASE SEE STATE. PAGE 10

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CORRECTIONS

Any erroneous reflection upon the character, reputation or standing of any individual, firm or corporation will be corrected when called to the attention of the management by the next issue.



MRS. GRACE WILLIAMS has tulips all in little rows as the March Garden of the Month chosen by the Ozona Garden Club.

'Benefits of a diversified workplace' at Thursday Chamber luncheon

"The Benefits of a Diversified Workplace" will be the topic of the Thursday, March 26, Ozona Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

The event will take place from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Visitor Center.

Cost is \$9 for the lunch catered by Ozona Chatter

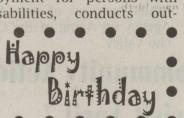
Chamber members and non-members are welcome to attend.

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March 25 - Cynthia Hokit, Rita Vasquez, Albert Talamantez Sr., Taylor Newton, Alex Hopper and Emilio Tambunga

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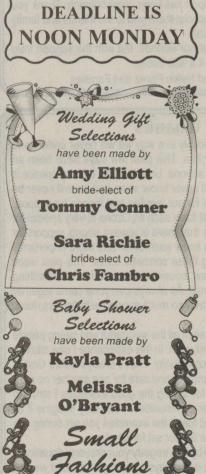
March 27 - Cynthia Cas-

tillo and Justin Rodriguez Leonel Rodriguez Jr., Wendy Crawford, Debbie Arrott, Charlie Branch, Amber McClanahan, Romeo Perez III, Veroinica Talamantez and Donavon

March 29 - Edna Tambuna, Diane Phillips, Scott Moore and Maria Jose

March 30 - Fernando M. Galvan, Doug Meador Jr., Sydney Fierro, Bill Seale, Allan Stover and Stephanie Borrego

March 31 - Sam Justiss, Travis Zuberbueler, Britni Alex Gonzalez, Simon J. Garza, Linda Stapper, April Trevino and Patricia M. Tambunga





MARCIE PERLMAN

The speaker will be Mar- reach to agencies/organiresources on programs that Perlman has worked at simpact the ability of persons remain in the workforce and develops partnerships to As the Disability Program, achieve integrated services,

sented at Texas Workforce Commission conferences on topics including: "Connecting with Employers-Support for a Diversified Workplace", "Creating Employment Solutions-A Learning Disability Story". She has also provided training (via web ex) to other Workforce Centers on "The ADA and Serving Customers with Disabilities.

Perlman has coordinated and provided employer seminars on: "Substance Abuse in the Workplace", "Identifying Reasonable Accommodations" and "How to Increase Retention & Productivity" through learning about hidden disabilities.

Workforce Solutions of the Concho Valley is an equal opportunity employer/pro-

For more information, or While working for Work- to RSVP, call the chamber of-

force Solutions, she has pre- fice at 392-3737. Trees available through conservation district

ter Conservation District is offering trees for sale to landowners and homeowners.

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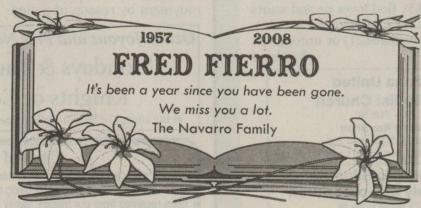
Some of the species are: March 28 - Roky Vega, Dessert Willow, Pecan, Chinquapin Oak, Texas Ash, Arizona Ash, Monterry Oak, Texas Red Oak, Burr Oak, Lace Elm Bark, Cedar Elm, Golden Raintree. Mountain Laurel.

The Crockett Soil and Wa- Arizona Cypress and Afghan Pine. The supply is limited, so place your order now to ensure the availability of the

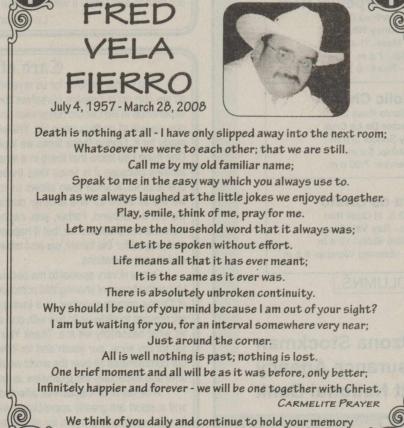
Orders will be taken until April 15. The trees will be delivered to Ozona and available to be picked up on April

For a complete list of trees and prices, call Sharon Martin at the Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District at 392-2301 ext. 3.

The Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District will also be having a tree and plant sale from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. April 18 on the town square.



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Juan Coy Family



Harrell elected president of honor society

Jason K. Harrell, grandson of Betty Harrell and the late Aubry Harrell, has been elected president of Alpha Epsilon Xi, the Sul Ross chapter of Alpha Phi Omega, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society.

He also was recently invited to join Pi Kappa Delta, the National Forensics Honor Society, for his performance in parliamentary debate on the Sul Ross Speech and Debate

Jason is a senior at Sul Ross State University in Alpine and is expecting to graduate in May with a bachelor of arts degree.

· Thank you notes: are available at ·The Ozona Stockman · 1000 Avenue E

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Memorials Chairman P.O. Box 1008 Ozona, TX 76943 Feel free to call: 325-392-4009

Community Calendar

Wednesday, March 25

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- CCCCSD Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Thursday, March 26

Answers on Aging, 10 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Ozona Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at the Visitor

Friday, March 27

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Nutrition/Food Pantry program, 9:30 a.m. at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- OHS Tennis Team at the Reagan County Invitational in Big Lake.
- Lady Lions Softball vs. Reagan County, 5 p.m. at the softball field.
- Lions Baseball vs. Reagan County, 7 p.m. at the baseball field.

Saturday, March 28

- OHS Tennis Team at the Reagan County Invitational in Big Lake.
- OHS Track Teams at the Eagle Relays in Grape Creek.
- · Lions Baseball vs. Presidio, 4 p.m. at Presidio.
- · Lady Lions Softball vs. Presidio, 5 p.m. at Presidio.
- Levis and Lace Square Dance, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Monday, March 30

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OMS Track Teams at the District meet in Big Lake.
 - Tuesday, March 31
- Lady Lions Softball vs. Sonora, 5 p.m. at Sonora.
- Lions Baseball vs. Sonora, 7 p.m. at Sonora.
 - Wednesday, April 1
- All Fools Day
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Golf Teams at the First Round of District Play in Fort Stockton.



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OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

BY LYNN ENGLISH SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

to blow away.

of late about Jake Miller. Mutt you Helen, you are a jewel. Carnes keeps us informed about Jake, but so far we dies are still going strong. that are on the internet for sehaven't seen Mutt this week.

last week. Janie Chandler and at the Crockett County Senior our activities a new projector Zelma Johnigan both had a Center at 8:30 am. Now is a with stand and a screen. birthday. Just hope the two of good time to join this group you had a great day.

The Levis and Lace Square to keep healthy. Dancers will be having their bi-monthly square dance Sat- 1:30 p.m. is when the bridge games to be used. urday at the Senior Center. Fill players come to the Senior free to come out and watch Center to play their favorite 50 years young and older. We

to do, square dance.

mention that Helen Owensby This week we are having a is our faithful volunteer here regular activities: square great deal of wind, after all it at the Senior Center. Helen dance lessons and dances, is March. Just be careful not has been coming out for sev-There has been no news as don't have time to do. Thank and puzzles. We also have a

They meet every Monday, niors to use. missed two birthdays Wednesday and Friday here

are faithful about coming and Once again, I would like to always have a fun afternoon.

We continue to have our exercise class, bridge, bingo, eral years doing tasks that I home health, pool, canasta collection of books, maga-The "Walk Two Miles" la- zines and three computers

We have recently added to

Also for your enjoyment, and get the exercise you need we have a Wii game and three different simulating games. Monday and Thursdays at We are anxious for these

Our activities are for those these folks do what they love past time game. These ladies will remain flexible as to age.

Jerry Layman and a nephew, Shayne Layman. **Answers on Aging Thursday**

Dwayne Loyd Layman

Dublin was held March 11 at Comanche Funeral Home Chapel with

Brother Kenneth Wilson officiating. Burial followed in Gardens of

and Mary Ella (Gober) Layman. He was a truck driver until he retired in

2007. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Stephenville. He

daughters-in-law, James Loyd and Jeneta Layman of Bay City and Mi-

chael Bruce and Retha Layman of Midland; daughter and son-in-law,

Mary Katherine and Mike Ballenger of Sweetwater; 12 grandchildren;

25 great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, T.L. and Nancy Lay-

man of Crestview, Fla.; sister, Mary Beth Howington of Brawley, Calif.; sister and brother-in-law, Betty Joyce and Charles Pennell of Abilene

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Judy Ann Ballenger; a

granddaughter; three brothers, Marcellus Layman, Larry Layman and

Memory Cemetery in Comanche County.

He died Monday, March 9, 2009, at his home.

and son-in-law, Cranston Ballenger of Sweetwater.

was married to Wanda Frost on July 22, 2004 in Christoval.

COMANCHE - Funeral services for Dwayne Loyd Layman, 75, of

He was born July 1, 1932, in Comanche County, to Artie Layman

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Layman of Dublin; sons and

to provide information, assistance, and services to the older citizens of Crockett

OBITUARIES

AAA staff will be available to assist individuals on Thursday, March 26, from 10 a.m.-11 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.

about services offered?

"Answers on Aging" is designed to provide information about services and programs available to older individuals.

Needing to apply for services? Intake Specialists will be available to assist you with any questions you may have. Programs that are housed in the Area Agency on Aging include Advocacy (Texas Silver Haired Legislature), Benefits Counseling (Medicare Part D), Care Coordination (Prescription & Utility Assistance, Agency on Aging of the Con-Home Modifications), Care- cho Valley.

The Area Agency on Aging giver Support (Respite Care), of the Concho Valley strives Foster Grandparent Program (Mentoring Children), Ombudsman Program (Advocates For Long-Term Care Residents), Senior Companion Program (Companions For The Elderly), and 2-1-1 of the Concho Valley (Health & Human Services Information).

A wide variety of printed Needing to learn more information covering various topics will also be available.

Please feel free to stop by and visit with the Area Agency on Aging staff when we visit your community. We look forward to speaking with

For more information, call Lindsey M. Elliott, Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley at (325) 223-5704 or toll-free at 1-877-944-9666. The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services funds services of the Area

Concho Valley Community Action Agency to visit April 7

Do you have high home ically determined physical or heating and cooling energy

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mental condition which is determined to last); households with children under 6 years; the W.A.P. Program are the households with the lowest programs intended to make income that pay the highest funds available to respond portion of their income for home energy; and households that have been on the weatherization waiting list for 2 or more years.

The Concho Valley Community Action Agency administers these programs in the Concho Valley.

The CVCAA will be in Ozona from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. April 7 at the Senior Center.

For more information, call 325-653-168 or www.cvcaa.org.

Ozona Joyous and Free Narcotics Anonymous Group Mondays & Thursdays 7-8 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Hall at the corner of Besente & Martinez F.M.I. call Lissa at (325) 226-5299

Card of Thanks

Words cannot express our sincere appreciation to the EMS, fire department and medivac personnel for being there in our time of need. The support we have received from our friends, family and co-workers has been simply amazing. The prayers, food, flowers and support has been overwhelming. Thank you everyone for all that you have done. A special thank you to the friends and family of Triple C and Brandon and Stacey Asbill.

Time is the only thing that will heal our wounds, but with the support from our friends and family it will help make it a little easier

Lynette and Helen Perez and Families

Card of Thanks

God works his love for us mysteriously in a way we will never understand all we can do is prepare ourselves for him. This past few days have been an experience in life I would never wish on anyone. Unfortunately this experience is one we will all go through in life. We will never know when and we will never be ready for it. During these times we look for our families and friends for support. One thing I do know that living in a small town such as Ozona is very special for families because it is times likes these that there is always strong support for one another. A small town allows us to know each other and more importantly we are all there for one another during these sorrowful times. This past week we lost a Husband, Father, son, nephew, cousin, uncle, and friend something we were not prepared for, but it happened. As always everyone came together and prayed for the family, we also received so much support with flowers, food, and money donations.

Ozona is very special to me because of all the wonderful and caring people I have the honor of sharing this community with. In this experience I saw citizens of Ozona coming together as a loving community. I have always asked God in my prayers to allow us to live with one another and care for one another no matter what nationality we are. Thank You for setting the good examples I strive to set for my sons, our youth and for other communities. I can only imagine if all our communities all over the world would follow the examples you set during this time and especially the examples as our Savior set for all of us.

In behalf of all the families affected by this tragedy your prayers, donations, and support are greatly appreciated we will always remain grateful and we ask for your continued prayers for all the families. God Bless You!!!

> Sincerely, Frank Tambunga

CARE CENTER CHATTER

BY ODILIA SANCHEZ ASSISTANT ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

It looks like spring is here and the days are getting longer. I sure do miss that one hour of sleep that we have lost by the "time change." I know that the residents are feeling it too because they are taking in a snooze at the breakfast table. This season, though, is a lot easier on them because they get a relief from the body aches and pains that winter

Spring also give us an opportunity to be outdoors with the residents as they enjoy the warm sun and listening to the birds singing and watching the hummingbirds. The residents feel more relaxed and less confined. They really enjoy being outside.

We have several outdoor activities planned for the

first outing to Dairy Queen fun time and we enjoyed havfor ice cream. Of course, we have to take a few at a time since our van will only accommodate a few. Our facility administrator Benny Gibbs was the van driver and his sister Claudia joined them as they toured the town and ate ice cream. This outing was a real treat for the residents.

On March 5, the residents enjoyed eating popcorn and on March 6 some of the residents enjoyed another favorite out-Patrick's Day and March birthdays with a big party. Thanks to all who helped make this a great party for the residents. They all enjoyed punch and cookies and a beautifully decorated cake by Lillie Payne.

Thanks to the OMS Cheerspring and summer months. leaders who came and did

ing them here. We also thank the Girl Scouts who came and spent some time with our residents on March 12, which was also Girl Scouts National Foundation Day. They spent time playing table games and doing puzzles with the resi-

Thanks again to all the people who make this facility a fun place for our residents. We plan activities for them so their days won't seem so ing, shopping. Several of the long. We are able to play Bingo women residents went on a three to four times a week bevan ride to Dollar General. On cause of all the prizes that are March 17, we celebrated St. donated for them. Thank you Ann Shaw and Anna Flores for keeping us well supplied with prizes.

Our next function will be at 3:30 p.m. April 9. We will have an Easter Egg Hunt for all the kids. Be sure and bring your children that day so they can enjoy the Easter Egg Hunt The residents went on their some cheers for us. It was a and visiting with residents.

Monthly Nutrition/Food Pantry program Friday

The Nutrition/Food Pantry program will be held at nutritious foods and spend-9:30 a.m. Friday, March. 27, ing your food money wisely. odist Church Fellowship

This class focuses on

However, in order to receive a food box, you must pre-register.

The class is open to all call E.A. Wadsworth R.N. at 392-3060. interested persons.

at the Ozona United Meth- Recipes will be given.

For more information,

Last week was spring break and my family and I went to a lake for a few days. It was good for us just to be together and just hang out. We tried our luck at fishing but the fish did not want to cooperate we finally resorted to extreme measures. My oldest son went into town and bought some limburger cheese, probably one of the stickiness things I have ever smelled, worse than stinky feet. I borrowed some stink bait from a neighbor and it was even worse. Well, my grandchildren and children were in the boat when I opened the bucket of stink bait and cheese and immediately every one was gagging and trying to get away form the smell and even threatened to jump overboard. It is offensive to say the least. Their response to that stinking stuff reminded me of something in the Bible. It is how God responds to sin. God is Holy and cannot stand to be in the presence of or have sin in His presence, (Exodus 3:5, Leviticus 11:44&45, Psalm 24:4&5). God loves us and wants us to be close to Him so he provided a way to remove or cover or forgive our sin, (John 3:16, 2 Corinthians 5:19, Colossians 1:21&22). We all have sin, (Romans 3:23) and it is either forgiven in Christ, (2 Corinthians 5:20&21) or unforgiven. Remember, unforgiven sin smells to high heaven. See you in Church next Sunday.

First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D J.B. Bitner - Interim Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:15 p.m. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.

Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St.

Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a m

Worship: 11 a.m, 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War Pastor Juan Avila Sunday School: 9:45 a.m Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m.

Wed. Service: 6 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I

> Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.

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

Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St.

Mr. Johnnie Perkins

Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

802 1st St. **Pastor Tom Baden**

Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.

Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia 102 Man O' War St.

Pastor Mario De La Mora Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 6 p.m. Tues., Thurs. & Fri: 6:00 p.m.

Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday

Ozona United Methodist Church

12 - 11th St. **Pastor Ron Shott** Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Dan & Ann Rios

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Rodney White

> Sat.: 7 p.m. Mon. - Thurs.: 6 p.m. **Apostolic Church** 307 Santa Rosa St.

Sun. Mass: 11 a.m.

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. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

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Annual report completed

has just completed the 2008 Texas State Library Annual Report for the Crockett County Public Library.

The report will be presented to a joint meeting of the Library Board and the Friends of the Library on Monday, April 5, and to the commissioner's court on Monday, April 13.

This comprehensive annual report covers every aspect of library service from the operating budget, the collection, programming, staff, equipment usage and everything in between, and is completed by the librarian every year.

"This annual report is an excellent review of our library and services. I am always re-

USDA Rural Development to host renewable energy workshop Friday in Abilene

ABILENE, Texas - USDA Rural Development will host a Workshop highlighting renewable energy and energy efficiency grant and loan programs and the Value-Added Producer Grant Program on Friday, March 27.

The purpose of this workshop is to provide information that will assist with the application process and provide answers to any questions applicants may have.

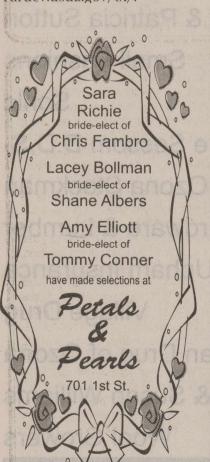
The workshop will be held at the Taylor County Extension Service Center, Corner of E.S. 11th (Hwy 36) and Loop 322, in the Southeast Corner of the Taylor Co. Fair Grounds in Abilene, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Entrepreneurship plays a vital role in the economic stability of rural Texas. With USDA Rural Development's Business and Cooperative Programs wrural b businesses can gain access to fundanhat normally would not be available to them.

The Section 9007 Renewable Energy System and Energy Efficiency Improvement grant and guaranteed loan program may assist eligible agriculture producers and rural small businesses with financing to install renewable energy projects or make energy efficiency improvements to existing operations.

The Value-Added Producer Grant Program provides competitive grant funds for one of the two following activities: (1) to support the planning activities needed to establish a viable value-added marketing opportunity for an agricultural product or (2) to acquire working capital to operate a value-added business venture that will allow producers to better compete in domestic and international markets.

For more information regarding USDA Rural Development programs, call the Abilene Area Office at (325) 690-6162, ext. 4 or visit www. rurdev.usda.gov/tx/.



Librarian Louise P. Ledoux lieved to complete the exhaustive data collection and submit my report every year, and am really glad to be able to present this information to my Boards and to the County Commissioners as a performance review of the Public Library," Ledoux said.

> 2008 was a busy year and some of the most interesting statistics included in the Report are the totals for patron

> Total computer usage was 6,074, which is an increase over 2007 of 8 percent. Total attendance was 19,282 also an increase over 2007 of a full 10 percent.

Circulation or use of library materials was 27,116, which is an increase of 9 per-

Our top reader was Jahnvi Bhakta with 223 books. Second was Mark Baggett reading 208 books. Third and fourth were Trudy Barrera and Elva Ramirez with 147 and 141 books. Fifth and sixth was Mary Ortiz with 136 and Barbara Meador with 119 books each.

CCPL salutes all our patrons and we look forward to providing another great year of library service in 2009.

Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of the annual Our patrons checked out a report can pick one up at the record number of materials in library. Come check it out.

Fort McKavett to host West Texas Heritage Day Saturday

toric Site will host their annual West Texas Heritage Day from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 28.

Throughout the day, activities will include cavalry, artillery and infantry drills, Native Indian demonstrations, Buffalo Soldiers, Buffalo Hunters, Chuck Wagon demonstrations, the Texas Camel Corps and demonstrations of other frontier skills.

The Ice House Brass Band will perform during the barbecue lunch offered to the public by the Friends of Fort McKavett. Donations to help

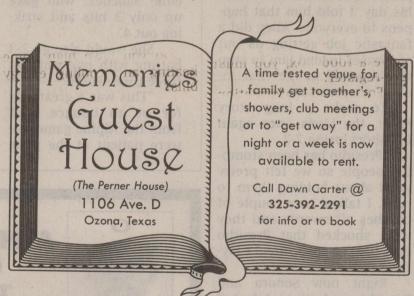
Fort McKavett State His- defray the cost of food will be appreciated.

Fort McKavett State Historic Site consists of 17 restored buildings and several ruins. The restored buildings include the Post Hospital, Post Headquarters, Barracks and several officers' quarters.

There is a historic trail that winds down to a lime kiln exhibit, rock quarry and the Government springs.

Fort McKavett is located 23 miles west of Menard, 41 miles northeast of Sonora.

For more information, call (325) 396-2358 or e-mail ftmckavett@thc.state.tx.us.





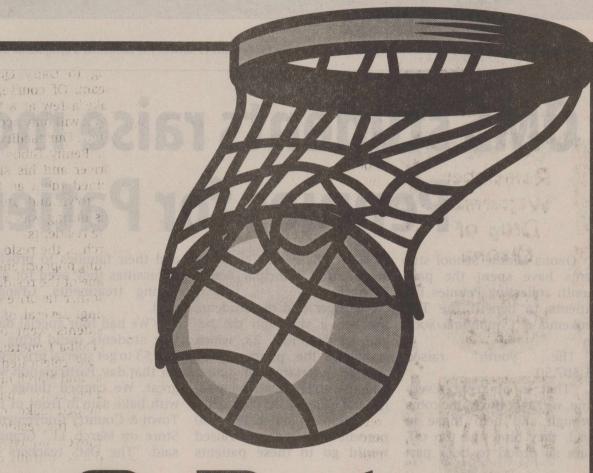


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Ozona Middle School students collected \$1,507.50 for Pennies for Patients to benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Their fundraising efforts began Feb. 23 and wrapped with a bake sale at Town & Country Convenience Store March 11.

OMS students raise money for **Pennies for Patients**

month collecting Pennies for Granger. Patients to benefit the The Granger said the students said. Leukemia & Lymphoma Soci- watched a video on the be-

youth \$1,507.50.

time we ask them to come ma and other blood diseases. through and help those in need, they blow the top off. percent of monies raised I am so proud to be a part would go to these patients said. "The OMS teachers all the country.

ginning day, Feb. 23, which raised explained the program and showed interviews of young "That is amazing. Every people with leukemia, lympho-

It also explained that 100

dents have spent the past some," said Principal Benny necessities they need for and rewarded the program with during treatments, Granger \$286 on that day. Thanks to

"We had four special days who bought items." that students could bring \$1

Ozona Middle School stu- of OMS. These kids are awe- and their families to provide baked items and the town John at T & C and all those

Since 1994, millions of doland \$3 to get special privileges | lars have been raised through for that day. Participation was Pennies for Patients in pengreat. We capped things off nies and other spare change with bake sale in front of the by more than 10 million el-Town & Country Convenience ementary, middle and high Store on March 11," Granger school students throughout

The much improved Lions are still looking for their first district win

their district opener against run to center field. the Sonora Broncos.

10-7 but not with out a big ing a great job, Clayton said.

"We were down 8-1 go- ing a few too many errors so two hits. a couple of runners on and a beautiful bunt that Sonora was not able to make a play," said Coach Ronny Clayton.

Austin was 2 for 3 in the game. Kyle Dean followed Austin's bunt with a double to score two.

on an error. Two batters lat- and again gave them the runs er Anthony Gutierrez singled in two more runs. Anthony had 3 RBI's in the game.

"I was very proud the way we battled back and never gave up. I gave Austin a lot of praise because his bunt is they must be ready to play what got us going and it may have rattled Sonora a bit," Clayton said.

the scoring in the bottom of is about to happen," Clayton

The Lions fell short in the first with a solo home said.

Sonora hung on to win starting pitcher and was do- DeHoyos and Anthony Guti-

ing into the fifth and their I made a pitching change that ace looked like he was in full moved several kids around of hits in a game but unfor- short, the Lions once again control of the game. We got just to try to get us out of a tunately we are not getting fell short losing 7-2. funk. We were in defensively. Austin Suddreth laid down Abey came in and finished here and one there. When we ing people so we felt pretty the last two innings and did and outstanding job as well," Clayton said.

> In Alpine the lions fell short in a 5 -3 game.

"We did not seem to want district game. to play until the last 2 inthat made the difference in the game. The good thing is that we are starting to come district realize that we are a or they are going to get beat. I keep telling our kids that Johnathan Martin began on the door of winning and it

errez each had one hit.

"That is a decent amount start putting them together we will start scoring more runs," Clayton said.

to host Presidio for our third only beat us by 5 runs," Clay-

"We had heard a lot of Abey Lara reached base nings. We had our chances good things about Presidio. Presidio are both undefeated They beat Crane 22-0 so we and everybody else in packed knew they were good. I think they had 18 hits against ton said. "Things started a up 2 runs each in the first 3

Johnathan is a good ton said.

pitcher but Saturday was not Kyle Dean, Abey Lara, his day. I told him that hap-Nathan DeHoyos was the Johnathan Martin, Nathan pens to everyone. Abey did a fantastic job getting us out of a bases loaded jam to stop Alejandro Mendez had the bleeding in the first inning," Clayton said. od 10 nos 91

To make a long story

'Presidio has been stompgood about holding them to runs. I talked to a couple of coaches afterwards and they The Lions returned home were shocked that Presidio ton said.

> Right now Sonora and in right behind them.

"A good thing about our Cranes two best pitchers and schedule is that we will be together. The other teams in they are good pitchers," Clay-through with Sonora and Presidio by Tuesday, March 31, lot better than last year and little shaky for us as we gave when we play Sonora there. If we can squeeze out a win over either one of them and Johnathan Martin started starting beating the others we are just barely knocking on the hill but struggled and we will have a good shot at was replaced with Abey Lara. making the playoffs," Clay-

Lady Lions softball gets win over Presidio, fall to Alpine

The Ozona Lady Lions and made some good detraveled to Alpine to face fensive plays behind Adrithe Lady Bucks, and came enne. We were able to up short 0-10.

never got in a groove, we hit the ball well and got runners in scoring position but were just unable three runs and went 3-4 just wasn't our day," said Coach John Esparza.

Lions would host the Presidio Lady Panthers and winning 22-0.

Lions was Freshman Adriup only 3 hits and striking out 4. She would also go 2-3

Pitching for the Lady

batting with one walk an three runs scored.

"This was a great way for us to bounce back were patient at the plate overall.

produce a lot of runs and "We came out real flat and every Lady Lions scored at least one run," Esparza said. Alysha Lara scored

to get runs. The girls did a from the plate and had great job and tried hard it two RBI, Cristina Rodriguez had four RBI, Lauren Najar had three RBI and On Saturday the Lady a double, Rebecca Ramos had two RBI and a double, Rae Lynn Arredondo had have a much better day two RBI, Britni Mitchel three RBI, Tamara Fay had two RBI, Amber Lewis was 2-3 batting and Alex Cruz also score a run after enne Sanchez, who gave stealing second she would score on Rebecca Ramos double.

"It was a great team win and everyone played a part in the victory," Esparzasaid. I ant minibortin

The Lady Lions are from the Alpine game. We now 2-2 in district and 7-5



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Eagle Scout Ceremony



Josh Smith, Nathan Knox and Matthew Komechak were presented the Eagle Scout Award at a ceremony held March 15 at the Crockett County Civic Center.

held March 15 for Josh ter, made the presentation of Smith, Nathan Knox and the Eagle Award to the three Matthew Komechak.

Starting the program was Troop 153 as they presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Ethan English, Eagle Scout '07, read the official Boy Scout program opening. Dr. Gary Vannoy gave the invocation. Followed by Crockett County Sheriff, Roy, Glenn Sutton A special presentation introducing the Eagle candi- was given by Chap Traylor, dates and their parents. Jim commander of the Frontier White, former cub master for Guard Camp of the Sons of this group, gave the Trail to Confederate Veterans, to Eagle. The Eagle Challenge; each of the young men. of Honor, Loyalty, Courageous, Cheerful and Service of his project, he replaced was Challenged by Will Allison of Sonora.

Crockett County Judge Fred Deaton gave the Eagle Charge to all the boys of the troop, charging them to be among those who dedicate their hearts and hands to common good, build America on the solid foundation of clean living, honest work, unselfish citizenship and reverence to God; to leave behind you a record of which help and support given dur- Benediction. Wilson White you may be justly proud.

An Eagle Ceremony was 6 Melvin Conner, scoutmas- the son of Johnny and Nancy young men. The scouts were pinned by their parents. Linda Conner lent her hand in giving the young men the Parents Pins so they could pin them on each parent.

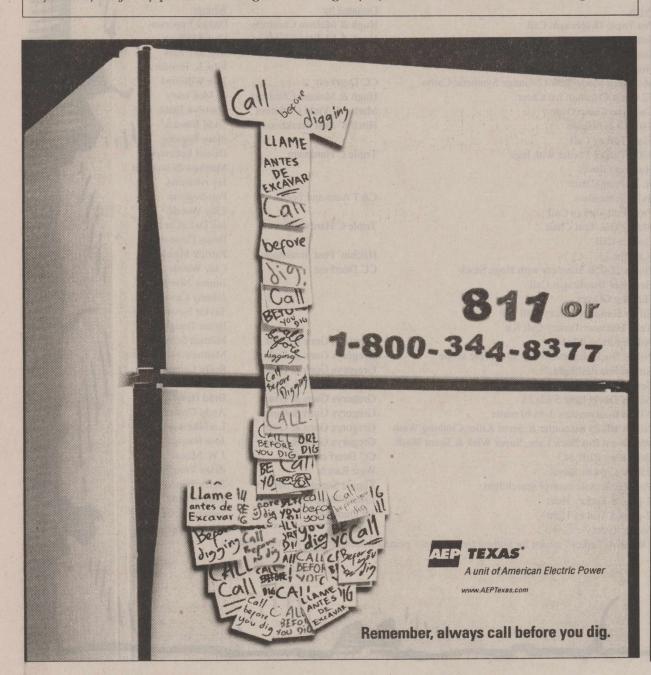
> Ray Don Myers had all Eagle Scouts to reaffirm their Knox. Nathan thanked Mel-Allegiance to the three prom- vin and Linda with a plaque ises of the Scout Oath.

Josh Smith gave a speech handicap signs and repainted some of the spaces marked for the handicap parking. He gave his mentor pin to someone who has been spiritually involved in his life Jim White. Josh also gave a mentor pin to one of his uncles (who thank you gifts to those who helped him with his project. He gave a special gift mechak and Gil Komechak. to Melvin and Linda for the

Nathan Knox gave his presentation on his project. Nathan built two park benches for the Veterans Memorial Wall and planted two Live Oak trees out at the cemetery. He gave his mentor pin to his grandfather Jamie he made for all their help in his scouting days. Nathan is the son of Bobby Knox,

Matthew Komechak gave his speech on his project which will be a benefit to the community. He mapped out where the fire hydrants are in town and marked where there was a blue reflector showing where the hydrant is for the fire department in case of fires at night. Matthew gave his Mentor pin to his grandfather Frank Reavis. He also gave a pocket cross to Melvin and Linda for was not present). He gave their help and support in his scouting days. Matthew is the son of Cindy Reavis Ko-

Dr. Gary Vannoy gave the ing his scouting days. Josh is read the official closing.



Wadsworth crowned champion at rodeo

The McNeese State men's rodeo team remains unde- rently ranked fourth in the sworth of Ozona, won the feated as it won its seventh national rankings of the Na-championship title. rodeo competition March tional Intercollegiate Rodeo 13-14 at Sam Houston State Association. University in Huntsville.

In the saddle bronc rid- in College Station, Texas.

The men's team is cur- ing competition, Dean Wad-

The next rodeo will be held April 3-4 at Texas A&M

OHS Track Teams compete at Cactus Relays

The OHS Track Teams traveled to Iraan this weekend to compete in the Cactus

The Lady Lions placed fourth overall.

Individual results:

Shot put - 5. Jessica El- Rodriguez, 6:16.35. ston, 29-9; 6. Emalee Hamilton, 29-6.75.

ton, 87-4. Triple jump - 1. Vanessa

Rodriguez, 34-8.25. driguez, 2:32.64.

800-meter run - 1. V. Ro- overall.

100-meter hurdles - 6. Melanie Miller, 17.52. 400-meter dash - 3. V. Ro-

driguez, 64.24. 300-meter hurdles - 3.

Miller, 50.64. 1,600-meter run - 4. Alex

1,600-meter relay - 5. Miller, Brandyn Tebbetts, A. Discus - 5. Emalee Hamil- Rodriguez and V. Rodriguez,

Individual results:

4:34.28.

3.200-meter run - 6. Stefan Wilson, 11:58.09.

800-meter run - 3. Jesse Badillo, 2:12.65

100-meter dash - 2. Ethan English, 11.41

400-meter dash - 3. Matias Gandar, 54.57

200-meter dash - 6. Gandar, 25.30

1,600-meter run - 6. Wil-

son, 5:21.62. 1,600-meter relay - 5. Gan-

The Lions placed ninth dar, English, Badillo, Wilson,

Crockett County 4-H kicking off clothing and textiles project

textiles project at 4 p.m. April ed. 2 at the extension office.

is kicking off a clothing and the amount of supplies need- groups.

The extension office also projects planned. Participants are being needs to know if the time asked to call the extension slot is good for all partici- entsion Office can be reached office to sign up for the projpants or if the office needs at 392-2721.

The Crockett County 4-H ect in order to know about to break the project into two

There are several fun

The Crockett County Ex-

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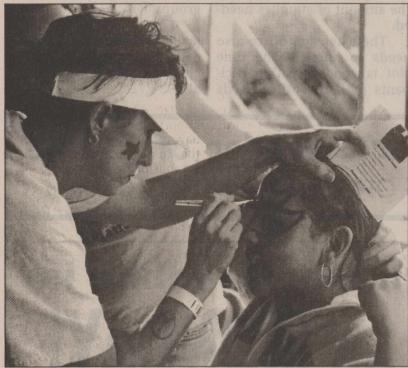


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MARTIN CHILDRESS is presented with the "Win A Turkey" award for selling the most tickets for the March 21 2009 Turkey Fest at Fort Lancaster. Chris Elliot, of Fort Lancaster, presented Childress with a frozen turkey.



THE 2009 TURKEY FEST at Fort Lancaster featured a meal of catfish, french fries, beans, cole slaw, hush puppies. The event was sponsored by Crockett County DeerFest and Friends of Fort Lancaster.



with face painting at the Turkey Fest.

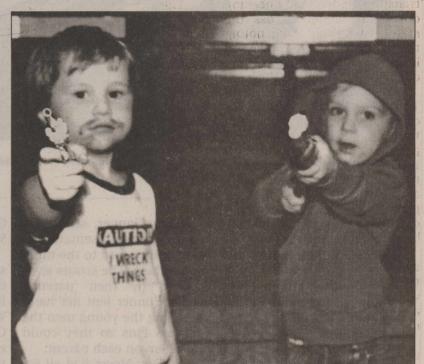
VICKI CHILDRESS, along with Stacy Mecke, entertained children of all ages



TATE "SPIDERMAN" WILLIAMS warms up the tickets. Tate was a big winner at Turkey Fest.



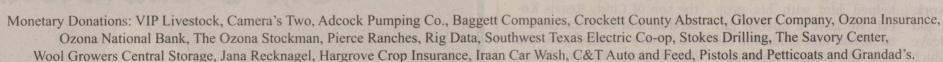
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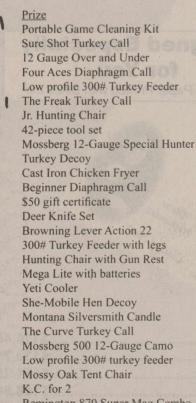


SHARPSHOOTERS Seth Childress (left) and Tell Nowell showed off their guns at the Turkey Fest.

TURKEYFEST

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Livestock Indemnity Program will compensate producers for death losses due to weather

Farmers and ranchers who established at this time. lost livestock due to the cold, wet weather experienced from March 11-March 14, 2009 may quality for the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) through the USDA Farm Service Agency.

This national program compensates producers for livestock death losses in excess of normal morality due to adverse weather.

Payment rate for livestock owners is 75 percent of the fair market value of the livestock as determined by the Commodity Credit Corporation. However, a 2009 payment rate has not been ber of livestock lost.

A notice of loss must be filed with the local Farm Service Agency office no later than 30 days after loss is apparent. Applications must be filed no later than 30 days following end of calendar year for which assistance is being requested. Beginning inventory documentation must be provided when the LIP application is filed.

Proof of death of livestock is very important. Documentation must provide sufficient data that identifies the kind and weight range of livestock and the numrendering truck receipts, veterinary records, tax assessor records or private insurance documents. If verifiable proof of death is not available, producers may provide records such as accounting and bank records or vaccination/ branding records.

A third party certification may be accepted only when certified in writing that no other proof of death is available. This must include number and physical location of livestock in inventory at time deaths occurred. Documentation to support the number of livestock

Proof of death can be from in inventory at the time death occurred must also be provided.

A third party person providing certification must not be affil iated with the operation, such as hired hands or family members. Persons acting as the third party must provide a written, signed and dated statement providing their address, phone number, af filiation to participant, details of knowledge of livestock deaths and the number and kind/type of dead livestock.

For more information, call the Reagan-Upton-Irion-Crockett FSA in Big Lake at (325) 884-3753.

Q&A: 'I enjoy the day to day operation'

served as deputy clerk for four new laws which affect my office, years. I enjoyed the duties of the office and wanted to continue to serve and meet the needs of the

WHAT KIND OF TRAINING, EDUCA-TION OR EXPERIENCE DID YOU HAVE TO HAVE FOR YOUR POSITION?

The four years that I served as deputy clerk before my appointment provided an excellent on the job training.

A clerk, once elected, shall complete 20 hours of instruction regarding the performance of the clerk's duties of office during each calendar year that begins after clerk's election or appointment to office. A clerk must complete 20 hours of continuing education courses regarding registry funds handled under Chapter 117, Local Government Code, in the performance of the duties of office. The 20 hours of required continuing education courses must include one hour of continuing education regarding fraudulent court documents and fraudulent document filings. I have met and continue to meet these requirements.

WHAT IS THE ONE THING ABOUT YOUR JOB YOU ENJOY THE MOST?

I enjoy the day to day operation of the office and interacting with people. I also enjoy working with the history of our county and instituting improvements in preserving the records for generations to come.

WHAT IS ONE DUTY IN YOUR JOB THAT YOU ENJOY THE LEAST?

At least every two years, the legislature meets and passes to serve as your clerk.

requiring additional training and

WHAT IS ONE DUTY THAT YOU PERFORM THAT MOST PEOPLE MAY NOT REALIZE FALLS UNDER YOUR POSITION?

In addition to serving as clerk for the county court, district court and the county commissioner's court, I also conduct county wide special and general elections and handle early voting. My office is also the custodian for all real and personal property records.

WHAT ARE SOME DUTIES THAT YOU OFTEN GET QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT DO NOT FALL UNDER YOUR POSITION?

Some of the duties that I often get questions about that does not fall under my position is auto licenses and certificates of title to vehicles and manufactured homes, voter registration and legal services that must be provided by attorneys.

IF YOU COULD CHANGE ANYTHING ABOUT YOUR POSITION, WHAT WOULD

I would not change any-

WHAT DO YOU WANT THE PEO-

PLE OF CROCKETT COUNTY TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR POSITION? The clerk's office is very important to me. I take pride in

having been able to accomplish the numerous objectives and responsibilities associated with this position.

Thank you for your trust and support and faith in my abilities



BILLS: Child-protective bill would require courts to consider the actions of all adults in the household

ments officers are often recommitment" patients to hospitals elsewhere - usually in San Antonio or Austin, but occasionally to facilities as distant as El Paso. In fiscal year 2006, 64 Hill Country patients were diverted away from Kerrville State Hospital because

there were no empty beds. "Rural counties just don't have the resources necessary to transport individuals needing crisis intervention across the state," Hilderbran said, noting that the trip is often two days in length and requires more than

one law enforcement officer. In the unlikely event that all 16 beds at the new facility become occupied, the unit's own trained staff would transport patients to other mental health facilities. This would eliminate the wait time for peace officers and would prevent local emergency rooms from becoming crowded with patients who may best be served elsewhere.

Hill Country Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center will operate the center, which will take patients from a 19-county region for stays of up to 14 days at a time.

The center will help patients by addressing goals and needs such as psychiatric services, supported housing, supported employment, and co-occurring psychiatric and substance abuse issues. Refer-

As a result of insufficient rals will be made to addictive bed space, local law enforce- services, and jail diversion services will be available in order quired to transport the "civil to prevent patients from becoming involved in the criminal justice system.

Hilderbran has also filed child-protective legislation Friday that would require courts to consider the actions of all adults in the household before determining whether the child or the alleged abuser should be the one removed from the

The bill (HB 4255) follows last year's raid on a polygamist compound in Eldorado, where over 400 children were removed from the camp amid sexual abuse allegations. The Texas Supreme Court later determined that Child Protective Services did not make all reasonable efforts to keep the children in their homes by considering an option to remove the alleged perpetrator rather than the children, according to a press release.

Hilderbran's bill would modify the Family Code to state that the court may only issue an order to remove the alleged perpetrator from the home, rather than the child, if all available facts indicate that the remaining parent or guardian is likely to abide by the terms of the temporary re-

straining order. According to the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, there were numerous incidents where the parents

remaining with the children were observed coaching them on what to say to DFPS staff. The continuous coaching raised concerns that the children were not providing department staff with truthful answers about the alleged abuse.

The bill also amends the code to state that a second failure to report child abuse or neglect is a Class A Misdemeanor. Currently, the charge is a Class B Misdemeanor. For medical professionals, a second strike would up the charge to a state jail felony.

HB 4255 would also make it a Class A Misdemeanor to inaccurately fill out or file a birth certificate for the purpose of hiding abuse.

"If a doctor or midwife lies on a birth certificate to cover up the sexual abuse of a child, we are going to make sure they are punished at every turn," Hilderbran said.

Hilderbran has also filed legislation today to protect and promote state parks and historical sites by ensuring that they receive the full amount of funds generated from the sales tax on sporting goods.

"HB 7 will guarantee that Texas parks and historic sites are not short-changed like they were before last session when I led the effort that resulted in record appropriations for Texas parks," Hilderbran said. "However, a one-time record appropriations by itself does

not undo years and years of be-

ing underfunded that resulted in dilapidated and unmaintained and some with serious repairs.'

Under a 2007 law written by Hilderbran, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department was to receive 94 percent of all funds generated from the tax, and the Texas Historical Commission was to receive 6 percent.

However, the bill was amended to say that the two agencies would only receive what was appropriated to them in the General Appropriations Act until the Texas Legislature officially determined what items should be classified as sporting goods.

As a result, TPWD received only \$98.1 million during the 2008-2009 biennium, less than half of the estimated sporting goods sales tax-generated rev enue that was statutorily al located to the agency. Prior to Hilderbran's 2007 legislation, state parks only received about \$32 million a year.

Hilderbran's new bill will clearly define what items are to be considered when estimating the amount of revenue generated by the income tax. Parksrelated equipment and apparel such as canoes and kayaks will be included, for example, while non-parks-related items such as hockey equipment will be excluded. The language is based off the recommendation of the Joint Legislative Task Force on Use of the Sales Tax on Sporting Goods, co-chaired by Hilderbran.

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Athletics is 'essential' part of school curriculum

Dear Editor,

I have read the recent articles concerning Ozona High School and here is what I see. Mr. DeHoyos says problems with our athletic program exist and that school officials don't believe that athletics is an "essential" part of the high school curriculum. Mr. Gott, the superintendent, responds and agrees that problems do exist and thus solutions are needed and then accuses De-Hoyos of not offering solutions. Mr. DeHoyos, in his first letter, offered solutions for school officials to either change policies or allow for new blood. What DeHoyos wants is for the school board, school officials, teachers and coaches to make sure that they do their part to see to it that every student achieves their potential, whether academically or athletically.

What is disturbing is that our superintendent, the school board and any other administrator has yet to publicly tell us that they believe that athletics is an important or "essential" part of the high school curriculum. Many of us believe the lack of results from our athletic program over the past few years is very clear for all to see. Over the

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

past years, we have lost several excellent coaches in the past like Coach Faught, Coach Taylor, and Coach Moore, who after leaving Ozona just last year, is named the Boy's Coach of the Year in

The school board's response is to hire an offensive coordinator for football and a defensive coordinator. It is unheard of for the school board to designate those positions. That is the function of the head coach. Then the school board wants more discipline with the students when they have lacked discipline themselves with pay raises. Now, let's see what they do in the hiring of a new superintendent.

My vote is with Mr. DeHoyos, Mr. Jerry Cantu and with Mr. Zeke Martinez and the rest of the people from Ozona who agree with them. At least they have made their viewpoints known openly before the reading public, while the school board seems to meet in closed session when making important decisions.

> Dario Porras OHS Class of '96 Ozona, Texas

STATE: Bill advances on needle exchange

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metropolitan and "micropolitan" statistical areas and counties.

Raleigh-Cary saw its population climb 4.3 percent between July 1, 2007, and July 1, 2008, to 1.1 million. Austin-Round Rock experienced a 3.8 percent increase, to 1.7 million.

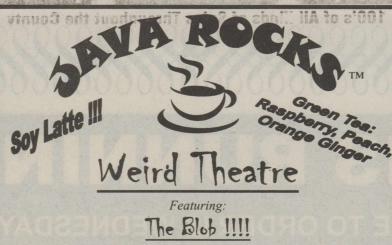
STIFFER PENALTIES FOR VIOLATORS

SB 52 by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, was approved by the Senate on March 18. The legislation ratchets up penalties for illegally parking in a spot marked for disabled drivers. The fine for a first of fense would increase from a maximum of \$500 to a maximum of \$750.

Penalties would increase for subsequent offenses, up to \$1,100 and 50 hours of community service for a fourth offense.

NEEDLE EXCHANGE BILL ADVANCES

SB 188 by Sen. Bob Deuell, R-Greenville, was approved by the Senate on March 19. The bill would legalize needle-exchange programs. Deuell said his bill would allow non-profits to offer oneto-one syringe exchanges, plus drug abuse counseling and education programs for prevention of communicable



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Crockett County Sheriff's Office arrests three for the delivery of a controlled substance to juveniles

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On March 16, Crockett County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Jimmy Munoz, 18, of Ozona, Joshua Cole Tebbetts, 18, of Ozona and Carlos Javi- Ochoa were all incarcerated er Ochoa, 18, of Ozona for alon \$50,000 bonds.

legedly delivering marijuana to juveniles.

The investigation that led to the arrests occurred after four juveniles had to be taken from a drug party to the hospital for observation.

Munoz, Tebbetts and

FOR THE RECORD: WEEKLY COURT PROCEEDINGS

BAIL BONDS 3-16-09

· Raymond W. Hoole, Mass., possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces, misdemeanor, \$2,000.

Joe Hernandez, Ozona, four counts of sale or give minor cigarette/tobbaco product, \$1,100. 3-17-09

· John David Lozano, Sonocausing bodily injury, Class A misdemeanor, \$2,000 PR Bond. 3-19-09

Raul Montez, El Paso, possession of a controlled substance, misdemeanor, \$5,000.

· Joshua Cole Tebbetts, Ozona, deliver of a controlled substance/marijuana to a child, second-degree felony, \$50,000.

· Melinda Galindo, Ozona, driving while intoxicated with open container, Class B misdemeanor, \$2,000 PR Bond.

· Robert Holguin, El Paso, ra, motion to adjudicate/assault possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces, misdemeanor, \$2,000.

> The above information was obtained from the Crockett County Clerk's Office.

Rodriguez, Teague, border lawmakers work to stop border violence

Washington, DC — Members of Congress Ciro D. Rodriguez, D-San Antonio, Harry Teague, D-New Mexico, and nine others have introduced HR 1448, the Border Reinforcement and Violence Reduction Act in order to put a halt to continuing drug cartel fueled violence along the United States-Mexico border.

The bill would increase funding for several existing law enforcement programs for a period of two years with \$379 million to crack down on gun smuggling and alleviate the violence from drug cartels happening on the border every day.

"It's critical that we keep our communities safe by ensuring that our borders are secure," said Rodriguez. "America can only be safe and secure when our neighbors are also secure. With additional funding for federal and local law enforcement we should be able to help put a stop to the continuing violence plaguing border communities."

The bill would direct the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to coordinate a comprehensive and strategic plan for the inspection of vehicles heading into Mexico and provides much needed resources at the local level for law enforcement. Additionally, there are increased resources for both the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to enhance their border task forces as well as improve cooperation with Mexico by assigning additional agents and providing additional training and equipment.

The bill also provides a provision that would afford protections to law-abiding gun owners.

The nine other original cosponsors of the bill all have districts along the U.S. southern border with Mexico. They are Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo, Bob Filner, D-California, Gene Green, D-Houston, Ruben Hinojosa, D-Mercedes, Texas, Silvestre Reyes, D-El Paso, Chet Edwards, D-Waco, Gabrielle Giffords, D-Arizona, Raul Grijalva, D-Arizona, and Solomon Ortiz, D-Corpus Christi.

Specific funding of the local and federal agencies are explained further below:

· \$30 Million over two years for expanded resources for the Project Gunrunner initiative of the ATF to identify, investigate, and prosecute firearms trafficking across the U.S.- Mexico border.

· \$30 Million over two years for additional resources for the Operation Armas Cruzadas initiative of the ICE to identify, investigate, and prosecute firearms trafficking across the U.S.- Mexico border. · \$300 million over two

years to sheriffs departments and local police departments in counties on the border, including tribal police to hire, train and equip personnel; reimburse for costs incurred supporting border security efforts and to combat drug trafficking, human smuggling, destruction of pri vate property, as well as detain ing, housing, and transporting individuals who have entered the country illegally.

· \$19 Million over two years for additional enhanced international cooperation by U.S. agents for missions in Mexico including training and equipment.

Requires the Secretary of Homeland Security to coordinate with the heads of other relevant Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies along the border to develop a comprehensive and strategic plan for the in spection of vehicles heading into

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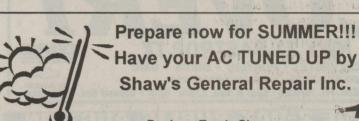
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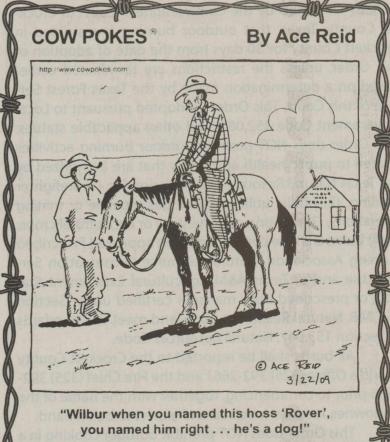
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ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

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All burns shall be reported to the Crockett County Sheriff's Office (325) 392-2661 and the Fire Chief (325) 392-2626 prior to commencing, together with the name of the landowner, location involved and expert to be on hand.

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In accordance with the Local Government Code 352.081 (h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

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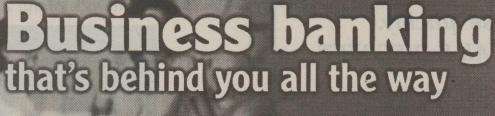
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