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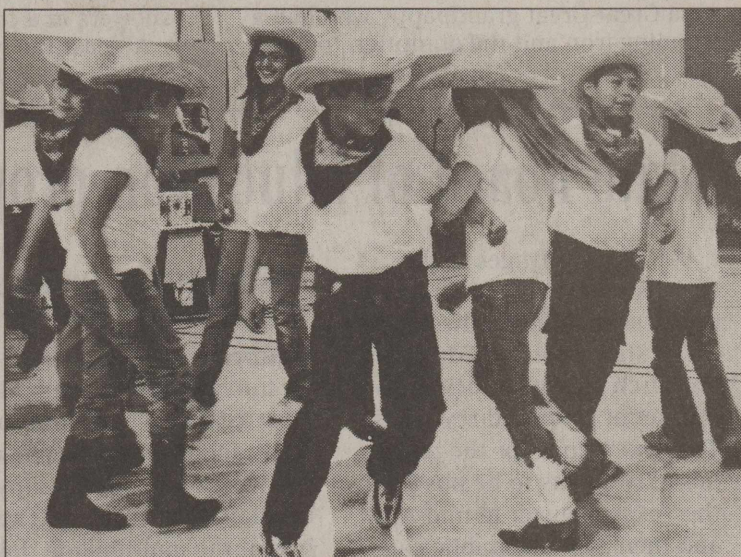
FOURTH-GRADERS sing "Texas Our Texas" during Open House on March 11 as part of the Elementary's Celebration of Texas Public School Week.



DENA AND DAVID PORTER read "Peter's Song" during Read Across America on March 9 at Ozona Elementary School. The event was part of Texas Public School Week.



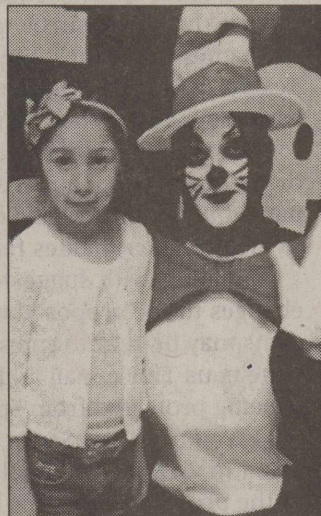
LILLIAN DOMINGUEZ is surprised to see The Cat in the Hat during Read Across America.



FOURTH-GRADERS square dance during the Open House on March 11.



BRIANNA GARCIA grabs a horse book off the table.



HALEIGH MORAN hangs out with The Cat in the Hat (Justina Saunders) during Read Across America.

Ozona men indicted for multiple burglaries

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Two Ozona men have been indicted on multiple burglary charges.

Miguel Rivas Jr., 21, and Arturo Lara III, 28, both were indicted on three counts each of burglary of a habitation and one count each of burglary of a building. Lara was also indicted for felon in possession of a firearm. The charges range from second-degree to state jail felonies.

The indictments were handed up by a Crockett County Grand Jury on Feb. 25. Both men are still in the Reagan County Jail.

Rivas and Lara were arrested on Nov. 15, 2009 for allegedly breaking into the residences of Mr. and Mrs. Natividad Hernandez Sr., Victor Hernandez and Kel-

sie Ann Marie Haire, as well as a building owned by Rodney Johnson.

Lara, who was previously convicted on May 16, 2006 for forgery, allegedly possessed a firearm on Nov. 14, 2009.

Other indictments:

• Edward Vitela Fierro, 39, Ozona, two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child, first-degree felony.

• Vanessa Elizabeth De La Garza, 20, Ozona, theft, state jail felony.

• Ryan Damont Akers, 28, Houston, possession of marijuana, state jail felony.

• Armando De La Rosa, 33, Fort Worth, possession of a controlled substance, state jail felony.

• Julius Ellis Tyson, 40, Houston, possession of marijuana, second-degree felony.

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School Web site gets new look

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

A fresh, new look with information and interaction are all part of the new Crockett County CCSD website.

Log on to www.ozona-schools.net and a page filled with images of the community and school, along with interactive menus, a calendar of events, a chance to sign up for notices and links to all district areas can be found with a simple point and click.

"We wanted it to reflect the school district and the community," said Keith Harmsen, CCCSD Technology Director.

Interactive menus let district staff, teachers and personnel submit work orders

for technology and maintenance, as well as trip requests, creating a more streamlined process, Harmsen said.

Each campus has its own calendar, as well as a district-wide calendar, featuring events including athletics, academics, school calendar information and more.

One of the most interactive details of the site allows people to sign up for different lists, such as sixth grade information, administrative alerts, athletics, classroom teachers, main district calendar, elementary calendar and emergency alerts. By entering an email address, a person will receive a notice if anything comes about on any of these lists.

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School board holds special meeting on construction matters

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees approved several pricing requests for the new elementary school during a special meeting on March 12.

These requests were:

- Modifications to ceiling treatments / drywall - \$55,493.

- Roofing tie-ins at existing Pre-K - \$7,283.

- Add roof drain to library - \$2,906.

- Revision to plans for retractable goals in gym - changed from \$29,112.00 to \$32,877.

Change to goals involved switching to wall-mounted systems from suspended systems to avoid disturbing

or modifying roof trusses, said Superintendent Chris duBois.

Crockett County Road and Bridge Department Officials also attended the meeting. They told the school board that they do plan to widen the street the crosses the draw to the south of the new elementary school. The school district shares the street with Ozona Community Center.

They also plan on widening the concrete bridge over the draw to double width, duBois said.

"This will ease congestion a lot and is good news," duBois said.

The board will have their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. March 24 at the Administration Building.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Do you know who you are?

Dear Editor,

We use to have real laws (implementing regulations) rather than fake laws, like codes (color of law) that are only applicable to corporate fictions.

In the same way, there are in a way two of you. The real you was created by your mother and father and God. There is another "you," believe it or not, that was created by the state and is a cor-

porate fiction. Did you know that your birth certificate is the collateral for Federal Reserve Notes? Effectively, your birth certificate is the state's certificate of title over you. Now, how did you become chattel property of the state (being as the Constitution supposedly forbids slavery)? The short answer is by deceit and trickery. The administrative agencies would like you to believe they have legisla-

tive authority over you, they don't. The only authority or jurisdiction they can claim to have is in commerce, by contract, over corporate fictions. The real you has God-given rights. You have God-given rights just be being here.

The fake "you," the corporate fiction or Straw man, doesn't have any God-given rights, only benefits and obligations under contract, and maybe "civil rights," a poor substitute,

(fake) for real rights. God-given rights include the right to livelihood, property, travel, due process, sovereignty, happiness and health.

These are not state privileges. Knowledge really is power. It is important to know the difference between what is real and what is fake, and it is also good to know the rule.

Phillip Vargas
Ozona, Texas

'We the People'

Dear Editor,

We the people need a leader, One whose not afraid, Who'll stand for "U.S.," One who is brave, Our foundation is "In God We Trust." Our Constitution is Our Bill of Rights! We believe in fighting for our country, "We" are "Equal" partners in this life, "We" do unto others

An eye for an eye! He should never cheat or steal, Darn sure never lie! We help those less fortunate Our brothers keeper are "we," I'll respect you If you respect me! God, country, family There is no other way, I'll salute this flag until my dying day! For this is the United States, the "Good Ole" U.S.A.!

Tom Morrow
Ozona, Texas

Creating online, public accountability

Every day, the federal government releases vast amounts of useful information about every aspect of our nation and how government works. This public information has a deep impact on almost every aspect of American life. Some of it can be used to hold our elected officials accountable for their actions, or have a profound effect on health, economic development and commerce. The problem is, much of this government information is too often hard to find, difficult to understand, expensive to obtain in useful formats, and available in only a few locations.

There is a solution to this problem: the Internet. Because of this revolutionary medium, we now have new expectations about our ability to access information, including information about the work of government. The Internet enables us to obtain a myriad of information 24 hours a day, seven days a week—from our latest credit card transactions to local traffic reports to the most recent baseball rankings. But if we want information about our federal government—information often required by law to be made available to the public—we often must resort to filing a formal request and waiting for weeks or even months for a response.

This is why the Sunlight Foundation is working to inform a new legislative initiative that will soon be introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives to require that all public government-held information be available online. This legislation follows Sunlight's ethos that "public equals online." That is, whatever information the government collects and discloses must be freely accessible online, in a format that can be downloaded and parsed by any citizen.

In the 21st century, information is properly described as "public" only if it is available online, 24/7, for free, in a machine-readable format. Government information cannot be considered public if, to access it, one must travel to Washington and view it on paper or on the screen of a bulky 1997-vintage computer in the basement office of a government building, open only on weekdays from 9 to 5.

Currently, there is a multitude of information that the government has determined is public, but has not made available on the Internet. This includes data pertaining to pension plans' solvency and investment practices,



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lobbying activities by federal grantees, the financial practices of the charitable sector, lawmakers' financial disclosures and reports on travel by executive branch officials paid for by corporations and other third parties. The failure to publicly disclose these data sets limits their usefulness, and deprives government and citizens alike of the value invested in collecting and maintaining this data.

Fortunately, the Obama administration is leading a movement within the government to create the new kind of disclosure regime necessary for the Internet age. But it does not go far enough.

We believe there should be a requirement that all newly created executive branch information—with commonsense exceptions for privacy, trade secrets, and such—must be made available online to anybody who wants to see it, free of charge. Legislation to this end complements other developments we have witnessed during the Obama administration—including the online disclosure by the White House of its visitor logs; the launch of Data.gov, a central repository of government databases and data feeds; and last year's Open Government Directive, which gave federal agencies a number of milestones to make government more open and collaborative.

But much more needs to be done. The government should be encouraged to expand on its transparent agenda.

A new paradigm must emerge that shifts the burden from the public to request information from the government using the Freedom of Information Act to the government to disclose the information pro-actively. Providing online, real time, public access to government information will positively transform the relationship of citizens to government, rewiring our social contract.

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Dudes And Desperadoes

Greed and stupidity must both travel on the same chromosome.

Greedy people are usually stupid people. That's why dumbos lined up to get in on the action when Charles Ponzi promised a 50 percent return on their money in just 90 days. Ponzi patterned his scheme after a guy named William Miller who promised a 10 percent return. PER WEEK! Then there's Bernard Madoff. He was able to separate his "friends" from fifty billion of their dollars because he supposedly had a secret formula for making money that no one else knew. I'm just glad I wasn't one of his friends.

In the past, smooth talking shysters have coaxed greedy idiots into investing in sunken treasure, Florida swampland and even loaves and fishes. Yes, a gun-toting minister in Florida told his parishioners that God had modernized the multiplication of the loaves and fishes and that God had made him a special offer that would allow the minister to double his parishioner's money faster than you can say "sucker."

No one would be so stupid to fall for that, you say? Sadly, the believers lost \$500 million in trying to corner the loaf and fish market.

Although it pains me to say this, we've had our share of crooks in the cattle business too. Some of the great ranching empires in the West owe their existence to a Great-Great grandpappy who had a running iron and the gumption to use it.



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The cattle business has been plagued by check kites, tax cheats and common cattle crooks. Due to hard economic times, thieves with an aversion to work have made cattle rustling a popular criminal activity once again. Such crooks must be dumber than a dead jelly fish. Anyone who'd risk spending several years in prison for a gooselod of cattle has got to be intellectually challenged. Even if they are free, they are still cows folks! I heard of one case in Texas where one brother stole the cattle and another brother sold them and they still lost money! Adding insult to injury, their days were soon filled with body-cavity searches and communal showers in a crossbar hotel.

At least the rustlers have to get their

hands dirty. Not so, the class of crooks who deal in phantom cattle. You may have heard that the actor Kiefer Sutherland was allegedly bilked for nearly \$900,000 by Michael Wayne Carr of Linden, California. Carr supposedly told the television star that he could buy cattle really cheap in Mexico and sell them on this side of the border and make a big killing. All he needed was the seed money to buy the cattle. You can probably figure out what happened next.

A friend of mine knows this Carr character and says he's so crooked he could sleep in the shade of a post hole auger. My friend told me a story about Carr that I think irrefutably proves that greed and stupidity are genetically linked. Supposedly Carr walked into the office of a wealthy businessman and presented his get-rich-quick spiel. The potential investor started asking a lot of questions so Carr pulls out his cell phone and said he'd get his American buyer on the line to prove the validity of his claims. Carr dialed numbers on his cell phone and was carrying on a conversation in front of the investor; asking the supposed buyer how many cattle he needed, what weight, and what price he'd be willing to pay. Then his cell phone rang!

The moral of the story? Never buy cattle from a crook who's not smart enough to turn off his cell phone when he's making a fake phone call.

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State Board of Education proposes changes to school curriculum

AUSTIN — Changes to the social studies curriculum for public schools are in the hopper.

The State Board of Education on March 12 voted 10-5 in favor of a set of proposed revisions. The next step is for the proposed revisions to be posted in the Texas Register in mid-April, and then a 30-day public comment period will begin.

One of several points of contention arose over whether to require that students be taught the names of Tejanos, the Texans of Hispanic ancestry, who were among the 189 that fought for independence and died at the Alamo, but are not named in textbooks. The effort to include those names failed.

Comments with suggested changes to the proposed revisions may be sent to rules@tea.state.tx.us This e-mail address is being protected from spambots. You need JavaScript enabled to view it. The final steps in the process are for the board to consider additional updates and final adoption at its May meeting.

Also on March 12, the board adopted educator certification

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requirements and voted to enter into agreements with Mesa West Real Estate Income Fund II L.P. and Invesco Mortgage Recovery Fund. Each entity will be allowed to invest \$40 million of the multi-billion dollar Permanent School Fund in real estate. The Texas Education Agency said never before has the board entered into a real estate purchase agreement.

PROJECTS TO RECEIVE FEDERAL FUNDS

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples on March 12 congratulated the recipients of tens of millions of federal dollars in broadband funding through the U.S. Department of Agriculture to help bring high-speed Internet service to rural areas.

Projects in Texas to receive funding will improve broadband service in the Texas South Plains region, the Dalhart and Stratford communities in the upper Texas Panhandle and in the Burkburnett and Iowa Park community areas in north central Texas.

The money is part of a \$7.2 billion appropriation through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act directing the USDA's Rural Utilities Service and the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration to expand broadband access to unserved and underserved communities across the U.S., increase jobs, spur investments in technology and infrastructure and provide long-term economic benefits.

SCHOOL FUND INCREASES IN 2009

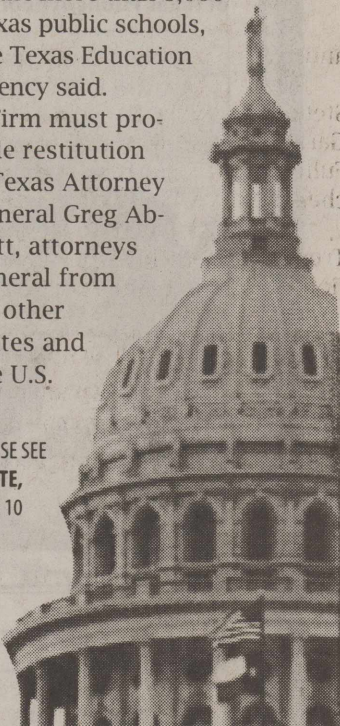
The fund that guarantees school district bonds and supports the purchase of student textbooks realized a 25 percent return in 2009, the Texas Education Agency reported March 12. The Texas Permanent School Fund, the largest public endowment for public schools in the nation, was valued at \$22.2 billion on Dec. 31, 2009, up from \$18.1 on Dec. 31, 2008.

The fund's guarantee of school bonds allows Texas

school districts to gain AAA ratings for their bonds, saving them millions in interest and insurance costs. The fund also provides textbooks free of charge to the state's 4.7 million schoolchildren and provides general financial support to the more than 8,000 Texas public schools, the Texas Education Agency said.

Firm must provide restitution Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, attorneys general from 34 other states and the U.S.

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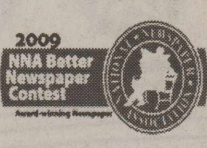
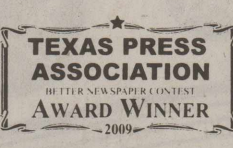
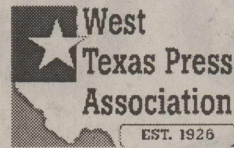
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CORRECTIONS

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Myrtle Everett celebrates 90th birthday

Family and friends gathered on Dec. 19, 2009 to celebrate Myrtle Everett's 90th birthday.

The party was a surprise to Myrtle. Hosted by her four children Dewey & Myrtle Mae Campbell of Fort Stockton, R. Jay and Coleen Everett Jr. of Ozona, Joe and Mina Everett of Del Rio and Walter and Laddie Herring of Eagle Pass.

Grand and great-grandchildren Roy Jay and Jennifer, Hayley, Jared, Walker Harris of Brackettville, Becky Batla of Garden City, Walter and Carrie, Kyle Kayce Campbell of College Station, Chapman and Joleta, Monica Traylor of Sonora, Tom and Amy Winn of Corpus Christi and Patrick Herring of Alpine.

Also her niece Lois Edwards and her husband Roland from Teague.

Close friends from out of town Jeneane Benavidez of Houston, Franklin Hargrove of Del Rio and Nicole Hall of Alpine. Numerous friends attended the celebration from Fort Stockton.

Myrtle was presented a video of her birth through present day. The historical pictures as well as pictures of



MYRTLE EVERETT celebrated her 90th birthday in December hosted by her four children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and friends as surprise gift and played on a large screen during the party. She received many gifts including 90 long-stem roses from Charlie and Patsy Winn and family of Corpus Christi.

Myrtle was born in Del Rio on Dec. 20, 1919. She married R. Jay Everett Sr. Jan.

25, 1935. She has lived in Fort Stockton since 1986. She formally lived at Pandale and Ozona.

She has been active in the Chamber of Commerce and Senior Citizens where she hold office of President now.

She is a member of Immanuel Baptist Church and member of FOEL Lodge in Fort Stockton.

Lady Lions fund-raiser to feature TVs. Blu-Ray players as prizes

Members of the former OHS State Championship Lady Lions Basketball Teams are requested to play once again at 2 p.m. March 28 at the Davidson Gym.

The event will be a fund-raiser for the Crockett County Health and Wellness Center.

Admission is \$5 per person. Teams can sign up to play the girls. Teams can consist of all ages and be co-ed. Cost is \$50 per team.

There will also be door prizes given away at the event. DCP Midstream has donated two 42-inch TVs and four Blu-Ray players for the event.

Tickets are \$2 each and can be purchased now by any Wellness Center Board Member or at The Ozona Stockman.

The date of the event is also special for former player Bobbie Bryson. On March 28, 1996, Bryson was diagnosed with cancer.

Bryson, who currently works at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, said she enjoys taking care of people in the West Texas areas who, 14 years later, tell her how much they enjoyed watching the Lady Lions play.

"I have come to believe that things and events happen for a reason. Doing a fund-raiser for a wellness project and the whole cancer thing, well it's just special," Bryson said.

Former Lady Lion Amber Tarr said she also plans on making the trip.

"I'm looking forward to getting to see people," she said. Participants and spectators are encouraged to wear their Ozona T-Shirts from that era and the Lady Lions will autograph them.

For more information, call Kristie Williams at 226-2423 or Tina Bean at 392-3334.

The wellness center is now taking memorial donations at: P.O. Box 865, Ozona, Texas 76943.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 17

- St. Patrick's Day
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lenten Luncheon Series, noon at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Thursday, March 18

- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Friday, March 19

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Nutrition/Food Pantry program, 9:30 a.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- OHS Tennis Team at the Reagan County meet in Big Lake.

Saturday, March 20

- OHS Tennis Team at the Reagan County meet in Big Lake.
- OHS Track Teams at the Bronco Relays in Sonora.
- Jam Session, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Sunday, March 21

- Lady Lions Powerlifting at the state meet in Corpus Christi.
- Bingo, 3 p.m. at the OLPH Parish Hall.

Monday, March 22

- Lions Golf Team at Iraan.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ozona Lions Club Charter Night, 6:30 p.m. at the Circle Bar Restaurant.

Tuesday, March 23

- JV Tennis Team at the Reagan County meet in Big Lake.
- Lady Lions Golf Team at Iraan.
- Lady Lions Softball and JV and Varsity Lions Baseball vs. Presidio, 5 p.m. at Presidio.

Wednesday, March 24

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lenten Luncheon Series, noon at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- Cheerleading or Mascot Tryouts Parent/Guardian Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the OHS Auditorium.

Ozona Lions Club Charter Night Monday

The Ozona Lions Club will host their Charter Night at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 22, at the Circle Bar Truck Stop Restaurant.

Cost is \$16 per plate, cash or check only, all you can eat and gratuity is included.

Come be a part of the Ozona Lions Club.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held April 4

This year, the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 4, at the Swimming Pool Park across from the Visitor Center.

If there is bad weather, the hunt will be in the Fair Park Convention Center.

The Easter Egg Hunt is county-wide for children up to 10 years old.

More of the plastic prized eggs and more individual eggs

are in store for this year.

Anyone wanting to donate toward the hunt, may bring the eggs on that day by 1 p.m. There will also be a Scavenger Hunt for 11-18 year-old boys and girls in teams of three.

Anyone wishing to participate can register at 1 p.m. at the Swimming Pool Park.

The events are sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Happy Birthday

March 17 - Larry Allen, Angela Damian, Alex Samarripa, Ruth Hester, Zelma Johnigan and Joe Don Moran

March 18 - Linda Vitela, Marie Pierce, Breanne Hale and Lesley Mendoza

March 19 - Mike Preddy, Tiffany Esparza, Braxton Bauerlein, Dennis Newby, Vanessa Santiago and Jadyn Poindexter

March 20 - Cesar Villarreal

March 21 - Heather Price, Leandra Benson and Mela Flores

March 22 - Abel Rodriguez, Stella Rodriguez, Sebastian De La Garza, Joaquin R. Meza, Jeannine Fuller, Juan Villarreal, Alex Sanchez and Cynthia Bartley

March 23 - Melissa Hubbard, Tres Perez, Cynthia Flores, Sebastian De La Cruz and Tyra Branch

Bank account established for Perez

Due to an accident on March 8, Irma Perez, hair stylist at 1002 9th St., has been released from the hospital and is recovering with her son in Lubbock.

A bank account at Crockett National Bank is available to help with expenses and loss of income during her rehabilitation.

Senior Meeting March 29

There will be a Senior Meeting at 6 p.m. Monday March 29, at the Crockett County Public Library.

Everyone involved is encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Margaret Longoria at 392-9344.

American Cancer Society

To send your donation to the American Cancer Society,

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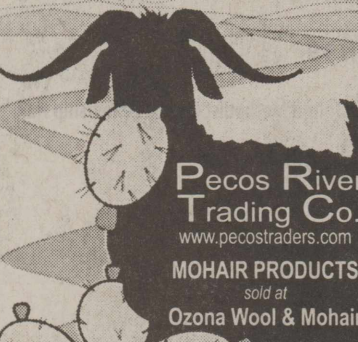
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OZONA WOMAN'S LEAGUE NEWS

**BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN**

Ozona Woman's League had a terrific Easter program presented by Tom Ridgeway on March 9 at the Civic Center. Ridgeway Florist has been in San Angelo for at least 47 years. Ridgeway has been in and around the floral business since he was 8 years old. He took over his father's business. With comical stories, Ridgeway taught the group about many flowers and plants used in arrangements. He demonstrated five different arrangements, and ev-

eryone had a quiz at the end of his program. Five lucky ladies were able to take home his wonderful arrangements. Ridgeway Florist does flowers for many weddings and large parties in San Angelo and all surrounding towns, including Ozona. On the business side, the group discussed their Easter Party to be held at the Upham's home Tuesday, March 23. Anyone that has children, bring their Easter baskets for an Easter egg hunt. Fajitas will be served. The entertainment committee will be contacting members via e-mail for items

to bring to the party. Also, Ozona Woman's League was featured in the Spring Issue of The Texas Clubwoman Magazine, the official publication of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, for their first "Breakfast with Santa" event. The event held Dec. 5, 2009, hosted hundreds of children and parents for a variety of activities, including bringing back the "famous" Bazaar. Proceeds from the event benefitted Ozona Woman's League Peltto Scholarship Fund and other worthy contributions made by the club within the community.

OBITUARIES

Bernice Augustine Cota

Bernice Augustine Cota went home to be with her Lord Jesus Christ this Tuesday evening, March 9, 2010. She passed away at Meadow Creek Nursing Center after a brief 2 month illness. Her family was by her side including Bernard William Cota her husband of 49 years. Also present were her three children; Diane Clarise Babbitt and husband Clifford Babbitt of Idalou, her son William Charles Cota of Loudon, TN and youngest daughter Sharon Annette Bullard and husband Asa Bullard of Ozona. She was attended in prayer by her daughter-in-law Lisa Cota. Bernice was born to George and Hildred Harding on April 4, 1928 at Fort Bliss in El Paso Texas. She was the second of five children and was preceded in death by her brothers Ben Harding and Bill Harding. She is survived by a sister, Doris Harding of Lubbock and youngest brother Hank Harding of El Paso. Mom lived in her home town of El Paso for over 50 years. There she married our dad in 1960 and devoted herself to the nurture and care



of her family. Mom and dad retired to Ozona, Texas 25 years ago to be closer to their growing family. She has eight grandchildren; Brandon Shane Babbitt, Melanie Renee Heathcott and husband John, Trevor Clinton Babbitt, Matthew Kelvin Bullard, Holly Michelle Babbitt, Isabelle Justina Cota, Ezra William Cota and Elonyah Bernice Cota. Funeral service for Bernice was Friday, March 12, in the Ozona Church of Christ with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Pastor Johnny Perkins ministering.

LEVIS & LACE SQUARE DANCE NEWS

Annual festival set for April 9 and 10

**BY TINA JARVIS AND TRACYE YOUNG
LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCERS**

The Levis and Lace Square Dance Club will host their 24th annual Anniversary Dance Festival April 9-10 at the Crockett County Civic Center. Friday's dance will be from 8-10:30 p.m. with soup and crackers afterwards. Saturday's events start at 2:30 p.m. with a workshop, followed by barbecue dinner at 5:30 p.m. and dance from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Callers will be Bill Prichard from Eagle Pass and guests. Line dancing between tips. Mainstream with announced plus. Sweet Memories jewelry will be on hand Saturday. Cost is \$30 per couple for both days or \$15 singles both days. For more information, call Carol Adcock at 392-2912. Prichard was the caller for the dance on Saturday night.

He challenged the dancers with many new configurations and moves. There were two squares dancing and twirling throughout the night. Fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all. With the "Birdie Song," "Cotton eyed Joe," and Waltz played between tips for our visitors who wanted to participate. This was enjoyed mostly by our kids that attended, Julia Peek, Carol Adcock's granddaughter; and Colbi and Connor Barnett, Tammi and Danny Monzingo's grandchildren. Members who attended the dance were Carol Adcock, Tracye Young, Tammi Monzingo, Danny Monzingo, Tina Jarvis, Nell Webster, Joann Couch, Jim Couch, Frank Fred, Raul DeLaRosa and Lucy Hinde. Many visitors attended, among those were dancers from San Angelo, John and

Nora Geen, Lydia and Charles Horton from San Angelo; Ray and Shirley Brown from Midland, and Elia Prichard wife of the caller from Eagle Pass. Other visitors were Yetta Masters, David Craig, Ruth Craig, John Craig, Jessica and Jordan Alba, Michael Urias, Maia Contreras, Rita De La Rosa, Lina Berain, Ileana Roriguez and Bertha De La Rosa. Lucy Hinde's birthday was celebrated with a cake and a birthday circle with all dancer and guests singing happy birthday. Officers were elected for the 2010 year: Carol Adcock as President, Nell Wester as Vice President, Jim Couch as Secretary and Tracye Young as Public Relations. Dances are every second and fourth Saturday at the Senior Citizens Center. Come and join us for fun and fellowship set to music.

HELPING HANDS NEWS

Over 60? Come on out to the Senior Citizens Building, sign up with Helping Hands and enjoy Free Lunches and Fellowship. Free transportation will be provided via the Thunderbird Bus #2021. Invitation by the Helping Hands Board Of Directors.

MEALS ON WHEELS MENU

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| MARCH 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pork chops, potatoes, carrot coins, roll and dessert. | Chicken tenders, macaroni and cheese, vegetable medley, roll and dessert. |
| MARCH 18 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Turkey a la King, noodles, zucchini, roll and dessert. | MARCH 23 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beef stroganoff, noodles, baby carrots, roll and dessert. |
| MARCH 19 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baked fish, cheesy rice, spinach, roll and dessert. | MARCH 24 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ham with beans, mixed greens, corn bread and dessert. |
| MARCH 22 | |

Nutrition/Food Pantry program Friday

The Nutrition/Food Pantry program will be held Friday, March 19, at 9:30 a.m. in the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. This class focuses on nutritious foods and spending your food money wisely. Recipes will be given. The class is open to all interested persons. However, in order to receive a food box, you must pre-register. For more information call E.A. Wadsworth, RN at 392-3060.

Answers on Aging March 25

The Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley strives to provide information, assistance, and services to the older citizens of Crockett County. AAA staff will be available to assist individuals on Thursday, March 25, at 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center. Needing to learn more 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, Care Coordination (Prescription & Utility assistance), Caregiver Support (Respite Care), Foster Grandparent Program (Mentoring Children), Ombudsman Program (Advocates for Long-Term Care Residents), Senior Companion Program (Companions for the Elderly), and 2-1-1 Texas of the Concho Valley (Information and Referral for health and human services). A wide variety of printed information regarding each program and related information will also be available. 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 you. For more information, call Toni P. Gutierrez, Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley at (325) 223-5704 or toll-free at 1-877-944-9666 or just by dialing 211.

Senior Center Jam Session Saturday

A Jam Session will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday, March 20, at the Senior Center. The event will feature Ozona's Jaime Knox and his Big Lake friends. Snacks and refreshments will be served. Admission is free. Come and tap your feet!

GREEN PASTURES

Last week I went by a small farm with a beautiful stand of green oats. In the middle of that green stand oats was a small bunch of sheep and goats. For any farmer of rancher anything on green feed. That bunch of sheep and goats were so busy eating that they paid little or no attention to what was going on around them. It looked like they were really enjoying the green groceries. That green oat patch reminded of something in the Bible. There is more to man than just his physical body and we are at least body and soul, (Matthew 10:28) and maybe even body, soul and spirit, (1 Thessalonians 5:23). What we are physically has nothing to do with how we are spiritually. If we have never accepted Christ as personal Lord and Savior we are actually dead spiritually, (Ephesians 2:1). If we have, we are alive, (Romans 8:10&11) and then comes the condition of our soul. It could be like some poor thin cows I saw the other day, what a sad sight because of no feed. Our souls can be fat or in good condition if we are getting enough of the right kind of food. Good Bible studies, quiet times, good preaching and worship services, Christian fellowship, scripture memory and meditation and prayer and thanksgiving all go to make a soul fat, (Psalm 23:1-3, 3 John 2). See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor Chris Johnson Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m. Awana: Wednesday - 5:30 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.	Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Ron Shott Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Wed. Worship - 5 p.m.-Meal, 5:30 p.m.-Study
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DOLLAR GENERAL hosted a Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening ceremony March 13. District Manager Lorrie Bauer-Pitts and local Manager Georgia Morrow, along with County Commissioner Randy Branch and family, Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Executive Director and Chamber Ambassadors were on hand to celebrate the opening of the new store. Dollar General raised \$120 for the Dollar General Literacy Fund selling hot dogs, chips a drink and popcorn. The new store is located at 1105 Sheffield Rd., will be open seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.



Lara graduates from basic training

Air Force Airman Stephen Lara graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Joe and Sylvia Lara of Santa Rosa St., Ozona. Lara is a 2005 graduate of Ozona High School.

Former Ozona teacher Relay for Life Team Captain

Former Ozona teacher Grosse Mohler and his wife Shirley are team captains for the American Cancer Society Relay For Life in Garland.

Grosse is a survivor of lymphoma and has recently been diagnosed with two kinds of prostate cancer.

Anyone interested in donating to their team, can visit www.relayforlife.org/garlandtx.

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OZONA GARDEN CLUB NEWS

BY CHARLOTTE HARRELL
OZONA GARDEN CLUB

Eleven members of the Ozona Garden Club enjoyed an environmental program by Randy and Elizabeth Upham presented at the Crockett County Public Library Monday, March 8.

The Uphams explained with words and slides what Ozona Environmental is all about.

The company produces a special blend of naturally-occurring microbes, which act as a catalyst to bio-remediate waste water and to enhance agricultural crop production.

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to bring waste land back into agricultural production by spraying the microbes onto the soil.

This product can also assist in the restoration of land after salt water or petroleum spills. Dairy farmers use it to neutralize the ill effects of cow waste on the environment.

Ozona Garden Club members were given samples to try on their house plants and gardens.

For more information and to obtain this product, contact Randy Upham at any time.

As a club project, members donated around \$250 worth of gardening books to

the library for both children and adults.

Members who were unable to attend the meeting should go to the library to select the books they would like to contribute.

Details of the Texas Garden Club District VIII spring convention were discussed. Ozona Garden Club and Reagan Garden Club of Big Lake are co-hosting this convention April 9-10.

Members attending were Marolyn Bean, Brenda Brentz, Arlene Clayton, Charlotte Harrell, Jeannine Henderson, Louise Ledoux, Pamela Maresch, Kathleen Shott, Celia West, Esther Williams, and Rosalind Williams.

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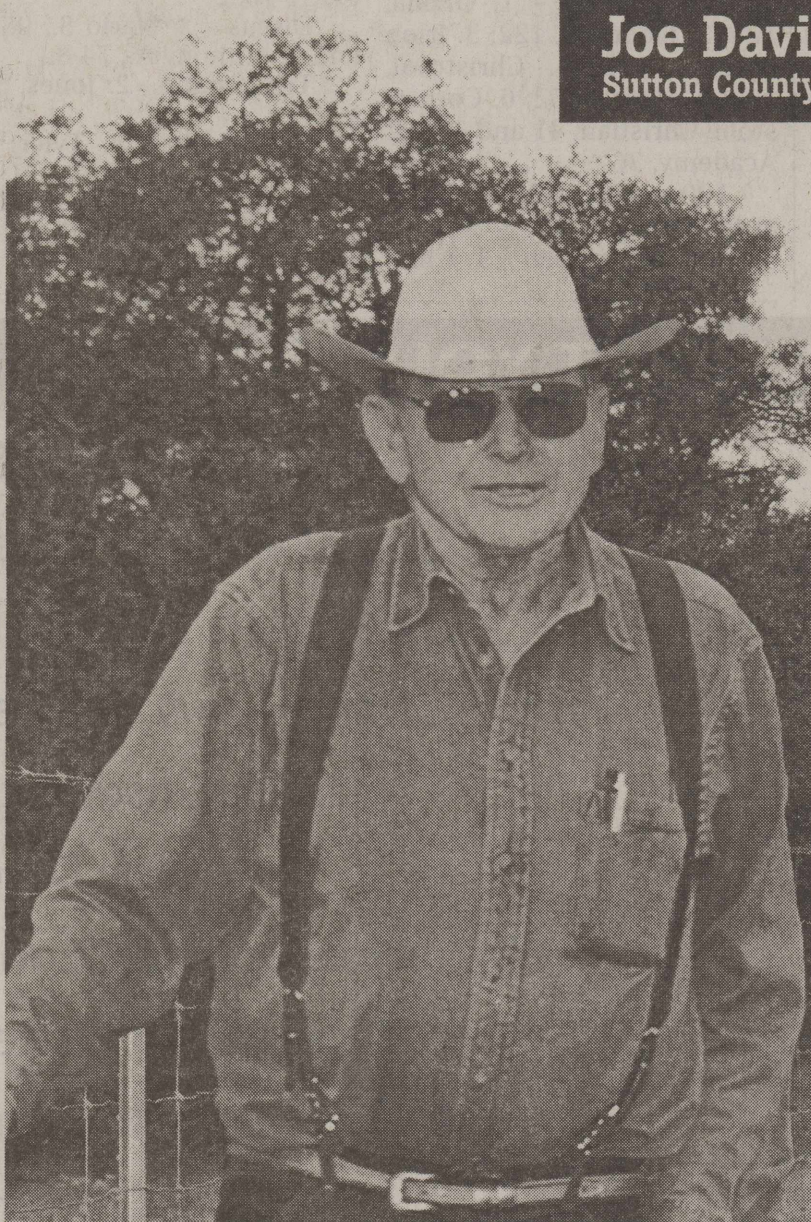
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Lions get first district win over Crane

The Ozona Lions had their first district win, 3-1, over Crane on March 9.

Winning pitcher - Jaron Vasquez.

Leading players - Andrew Sanchez 1-1, 2 WLK, 2 RBI and 1 run and Kyle Dean 2-3, single, double, 3 SB and 1 RBI.

"The team showed a lot about themselves in this game. They fought the whole time and kept playing with confidence," said Coach Ray Ramos. "To finish off Crane after they made a surge gave that extra boost of confidence to our guys and showed them that it was their hard work and dedication that was paying off. There is no doubt in my mind that these understand that and are going to be okay."

The Lions competed in the West Texas Classic in Midland, March 11-13.

In their first game, Ozona defeated Slaton 12-2.

Winning pitcher - Nathan De Hoyos.

Leading players - Dean 3-3, homerun, 3 SB and 2 RBIs; Russel Komechak, 2-3, 2 RBIs, three runs, 1 SV, 3 Ks, 1 ER, 2 1/3 IP; Abey Lara 3-4, 2 RBIs, 2

runs scored and De Hoyos 1-0, 6Ks, 1 ER, 4 2/3 IP.

In their second game, Ozona defeated Lamesa 11-8.

Winning pitcher - Lara

Leading players - Dean 2-3, 3 SB, 1 R; De Hoyos 3-4, 2 RBI, 3 R; Komechak 3-4, 1 RBI, 3 R; Sanchez 2-4, 3 RBI, 1 R and Lara 2-4, 2 SB, 2 R.

Ozona lost to Greenwood 12-0 in their third game.

Pitching - Sanchez and Austin Suddreth.

Ozona then lost a close game, 9-7, to Borger.

Pitching - Vasquez and De Hoyos.

Leading players - Lara 2-3, 1 RBI, 2 R; Johnathan Martin 3-4, 2 R; De Hoyos 2-4, 1 HR, 2 RBI, 2 R; Komechak 2-3.

Ozona then lost by one, 8-7, to Big Spring in the final game.

Pitching - Lara, Martin and De Hoyos.

Leading players - Lara 1-2, 1 R; Martin 2-4; Vasquez 2-2 and Sanchez 1-3, 2 RBI and 1 R.

"This tournament was a great tournament to see where our team stood. To be the smallest school at this tournament was exactly what I want-

ed because I have enough confidence in my boys to know that they're going to be okay. They proved to a lot of the non-believers that we could play with anyone," Ramos said. "The guys had a great time at this tournament and got some quality work against some really good teams. Even though we ended up fifth, the tournament was a total success. We ended up being the only small school left on Championship Saturday, which really help build the teams' confidence. I want to personally thank the fans that traveled up to watch us play in Midland. The kids really enjoyed having fans cheering them on while playing on Rockhounds Stadium (Double AA affiliate of MLB - Oakland Athletics)."



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

CHRIS FIERRO-WILLIAMS is safe at first base for the varsity Lions in their 3-1 district win over Crane.

High school Eldorado Relays results

The OHS Lions and Lady Lions Track Teams competed in the Eldorado Relays last week.

GIRLS RESULTS

Team Totals - 1. Ozona, 195; 2. Eldorado, 97; 3. Christoval, 81; 4. Menard, 72; 5. Cornerstone, 66; 6. Irion County, 47; 7. Ozona B, 20 and 8. TLCA, 12.

100-meter dash - 4. Jenny Venegas, 13.84 and 5. Jessica Elston, 14.33.

200-meter dash - 5. Brenda Venegas, 30.34.

400-meter dash - 1. Vanessa Rodriguez, 1:04.28 and 4. Cervantez, 1:13.39.

800-meter run - 1. A. Rodriguez, 2:38.20; 2. Rebecca Ramos, 2:42.72 and 4. Mayra Rios, 3:00.05.

1,600-meter run - 6. Raelynn Arrendondo, 5:50.

400-meter relay - 3. Brenda Venegas, Elston, Quiroz and Hamilton, 56.71 and 6. Hernandez, Natalia Ortiz, Narce Unate and Ingrid Silva, 1:00.60.

800-meter relay - 1. Rebecca Ramos, A. Rodriguez, Cervantez and Melanie Miller, 1:56.47 and 5. Ingrid Silva, Natalia Ortiz, Lesley Rodriguez and Mayra Rios, 2:11.43.

1,600-meter run - 1. A. Rodriguez, Rebecca Ramos, Cynthia Garcia and V. Rodriguez, 4:36.30 and 4. Hernandez, Unate, Trujillo and Rios, 5:29.56.

100-meter hurdles - 1. Melanie Miller, 17.17 and 2. Jenny Venegas, 18.83.

300-meter hurdles - 1. A. Rodriguez, 53.25 and 2. Cynthia Garcia, 56.69.

Long jump - 1. V. Rodriguez, 16-6.5 and 5. Quiroz, 14-4.

Shot put - 1. Elston, 31-8 and 2. Hamilton, 31-3.5.

Discus - 3. Hamilton, 89-7.25; 4. Elston, 75-7.25 and 5. Trujillo, 70-6.5.

Triple jump - 1. V. Rodriguez, 35-2; 4. A. Rodriguez, 31-0.5 and 6. Ramos, 28-9.5.

High jump - 1. Miller, 4-8 and 6. Quiroz, 4-2.

VARSITY BOYS

Team Totals - 1. Ozona, 124; 2. Eldorado, 122; 3. Irion County, 121; 4. Christoval, 100; 5. Menard, 52; 6. Cornerstone Christian, 41 and 7. TLC Academy, 36.

100-meter dash - 6. Rich-ard Borrego, 11.92.

400-meter dash - 1. Chris

Fierro-Williams, 52.90.

800-meter run - 2. J. Badillo, 2:16.34 and 3. Kramer Hall, 2:17.54.

1,600-meter run - 2. Hall, 5:32.10 and 6. Austin Whitten, 6:33.

3,200-meter run - 3. Lalo Longoria, 13:05.76 and 4. Austin Whitten, 13:54.72.

400-meter relay - 2. Bailey Badillo, J. Badillo, Anthony Villarreal and Chris Fierro-Williams, 47.28.

800-meter relay - 3. Bailey Badillo, Rocky V., Josh R. and Richard B., 1:43.11.

1,600-meter relay - 3. Bailey Badillo, Chris Fierro-Williams, J. Badillo and Josh R., 3:49.81.

300-meter hurdles - 3. Rocky V., 49.32 and 6. Noah Tambunga, 55.61.

Long jump - 3. Chris Fierro-Williams, 20-2.25 and 5. Bailey Badillo, 19-1.75.

Shot put - 3. A. Gonzales, 38-3.5 and 6. J. Lozano, 35-5.

Discus - 3. J. Lozano, 100-9.25 and 5. A. Villarreal, 98-2.

Triple jump - 1. Chris Fierro-Williams, 42-4.

JV BOYS RESULTS

Team Totals - 1. Eldorado, 201; 2. Christoval, 149; 3. Ozona, 99; 4. Irion County, 98.5; 5. TLCA, 9; 6. Cornerstone, 8.5 and 7. Menard, 5.

100-meter dash - 3. Tyler V., 12.36.

200-meter dash - 6. Christian P., 28.71.

400-meter dash - 1. Cuatro Jones, 1:00.55; 3. Mario Sifuentes, 1:04.12 and 6. Cris Taylor, 1:11.72.

1,600-meter run - 2. Brendan P., 5:20.

3,200-meter run - 1. Christian P., 13:34.95.

1,600-meter relay - 3. Cuatro Jones, Jason Badillo, Tyler V. and Brendan P., 4:17.32.

Long jump - 4. Jones, 15-11.75.

Shot put - 5. Mario Sifuentes, 31-10.5.

Discus - 3. Mario S., 95-5 and 6. Anthony A., 74-8.

Triple jump - 2. Jones, 34-1.

High jump - 2. Tyler V., 5-2.

Pole vault - 2. Jason Badillo, 7-6; 3. Jones, 6-6 and 3. Taylor Newton, 6-6.

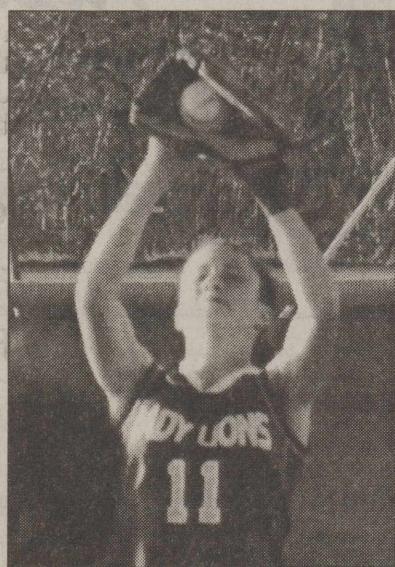
Lady Lions fall short to Sonora

The Lady Lions Softball team fell to Sonora, 12-9, on March 9.

Pitching for the Lady Lions was Alex Cruz with Brandi Glosson catching.

Leading players on offense were Britni Mitchel, Melanie Miller and B. Glosson; defense was Adrienne Sanchez, Mitchel and Raelynn Arredondo.

Ozona is 10-6 overall and 0-1 in district play.



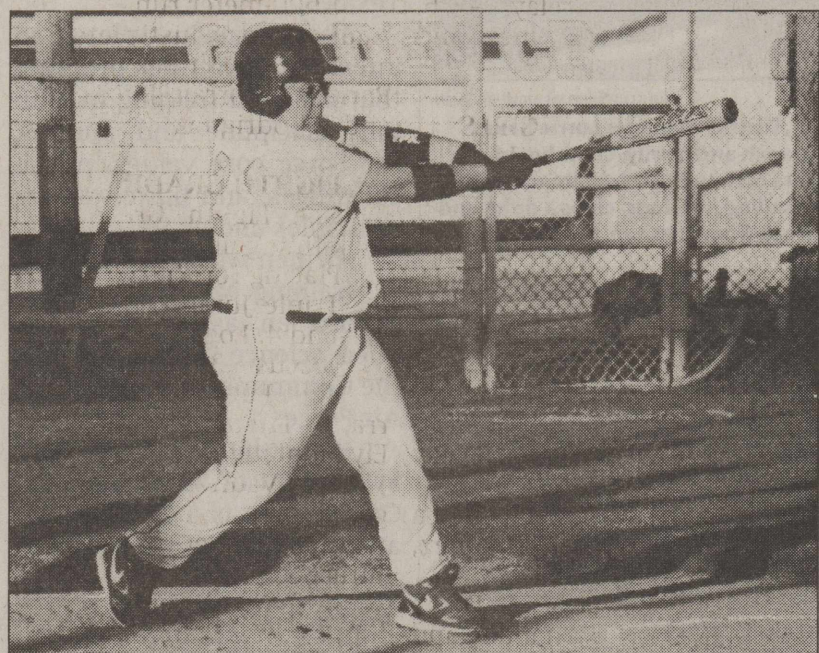
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MELANIE MILLER catches an out for varsity Lady Lions.



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TAMERA FAY bats for the varsity Lady Lions softball team.



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RJ FIERRO takes a turn at bat for the JV Lions in their March 9 game against Crane.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

ADRIENNE SANCHEZ pitches for the Lady Lions softball team.

OHS Golf Teams compete at McCamey, Sonora

The Ozona Lions Golf Team competed at McCamey on March 9.

Leading the way for the Lions was Stefan Wilson with an 18-hole total of 47-49-96. Trey Fierro came in with a score of 51-50-101. Jeffery Sanchez shot a consistent 55-55-110, while Cris Taylor shot a 68-55-123.

The Lions shot a team total of 430 and will be looking to improve on that score in their next tournament on March 22

in Iraan.

The Lady Lions traveled to Sonora on March 10 to compete in the Bronco High School Golf Tournament.

Jenice Elguea totaled a 57-52 for a 109. Kelsey Childress came in with a 57-53 for a total of 110. Jessica Borrego also competed and shot a 77-73 for a total of 150.

The Lady Lions will be preparing to compete March 23 in the Iraan Tournament.

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THE OHS AG CLASSES toured the San Angelo Packing Company last Wednesday.

OHS Ag classes tour San Angelo Packing Company

BY ROB PHILLIPS
OZONA AG TEACHER

Last Wednesday, March 11, the Animal Science and Range Management classes at Ozona High School had the opportunity to tour San Angelo Packing Company in San Angelo. Jarrod Stokes, owner of San Angelo Packing Company, and Eddie Behrends, Quality Control Manager, were gracious enough to host the tour for us. This trip turned out to be a one of a kind experience for our Agriculture Science students. The students were able to see all aspects of meat processing, from the receiving pens, processing, grading, packaging, to shipping. Our tour was broken into three groups that went through the facility. Each group had the opportunity to see various phases of processing as well as asking questions relating to the industry. Many questions were asked about the equipment

and processes. The biggest questions and most surprising answers were about the by-products. Students were surprised that there was very little waste in the processing of cattle. Almost every part of an animal that was processed was used. By-products ranged from gelatin to makeup; even dog toys were made from beef by-products. Another aspect the students were able to see were the various careers that are required to make the business operate efficiently. Careers ranging from processing, meat inspection, engineering, quality control, purchasing, to human resources and marketing were all seen in various stages at the plant. This was a unique opportunity for these students to see the operational aspects and to explore various careers in the meat processing industry and most were surprised to see how many different careers were involved in the day to day operations.

Middle school Sonora Relays results

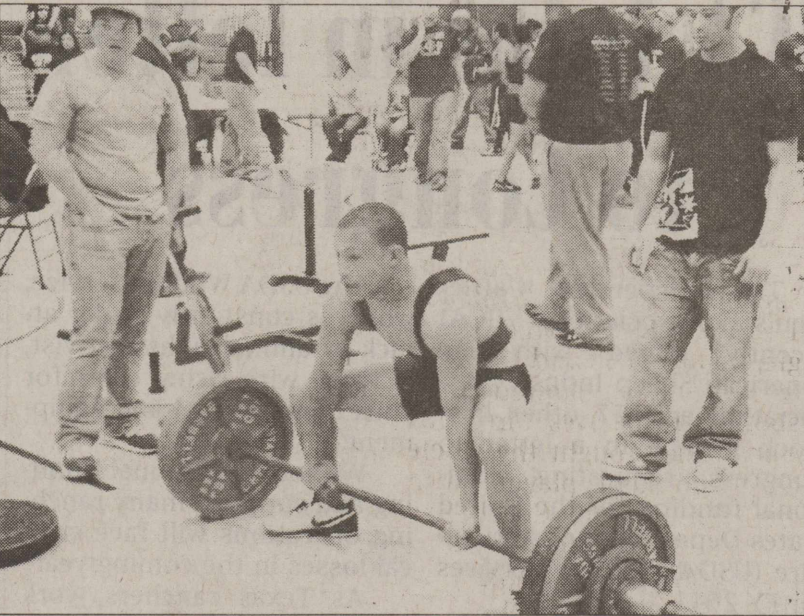
The OMS Lions and Lady Lions competed in the Sonora Relays on March 11. SEVENTH GRADE GIRLS The Seventh Grade Lady Lions placed sixth. Results are: Long jump - 3. Kaylenn Elston, 12-feet, 5-inches. Triple jump - 2. Melissa Lozano, 24-6. Shot put - 2. Elva Gallardo, 28-4 and 4. Krislynn Harris, 26-4.75. 2,400-meter run - 1. Mata, 10 minutes, 20 seconds. 400-meter relay - 6. Elston, Rodriguez, Martinez and Lozano, 1:01.40. 800-meter run - 4. Mata, 2:51. 100-meter dash - 6. Elston, 15.53. 1,600-meter run - 2. Lozano, 7:01. 1,600-meter relay - 6. Mata, Aguilar, Martinez and Lozano, 5:31.31.

EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS The Eighth Grade Lady Lions placed fifth. Results are: Shot put - 1. Vivian Medina, 28-4.5 and 3. Amy Quiroz, 27-4.75. Discus - 3. Vivian Medina, 60-5. Pole vault - 6. Lazarae Rodriguez, 5-6. 2,400-meter run - 2. Daisy Guerra, 9:55. 100-meter dash - 4. De La Garza, 15.32 and 6. Marquez, 15.78. 800-meter relay - 6. De La Garza, Ramos, Hernandez and Stokes, 2:11. 1,600-meter run - 1. Daisy Guerra, 6:15.84. 1,600-meter relay - 6. Rodriguez, Stokes, Poindexter and Guerra, 5:07.75.

SEVENTH GRADE BOYS The OMS Lions Track Teams competed in the Sonora Relays on March 11. The Seventh Grade Lions placed third. Placing for the Lions were: Long jump - 2. Jayton Rodriguez and 4. Ricky Porras. Triple Jump - 1. Ricky Porras and 6. Nathaniel Valdez

High Jump - 5. Jayton Rodriguez. Shot Put - 5. Rigo Rodriguez. Discus - 6. Rigo Rodriguez. Pole Vault - 3. Ryan Porras and 5. Richard Gomez. 2,400-meter run - 3. Angel Aguilar and 6. Justin Badillo. 400-meter relay - 4. Ri. Porras, Ry. Porras, N. Valdez and D. Lombrana. 800-meter run - 3. Josh Porras. 110-meter Hurdles - 2. Daniel Lombrana. 100-meter dash - 5. Ryan Porras. 800-meter relay - 2. Ri. Porras, Ry. Porras, J. Rodriguez and D. Lombrana. 400-meter dash - 6. Josh Porras. 300-meter Hurdles - 2. Jayton Rodriguez. 1,600-meter run - 2. Angel Aguilar and 5. Justin Badillo. 1,600-meter relay - 4. Ri. Porras, J. Porras, J. Rodriguez and J. Rodriguez.

EIGHTH GRADE BOYS The Eighth Grade Lions took first gaining 129 points. Placing for the Lions were: Triple Jump - 1. Saul Vargas and 4. Logan Glaspie. Discus - 3. Michael Ybarra. Shot Put - 1. Michael Ybarra, 2. Tristan Alvarez and 6. Ely Montanez. Pole Vault - 2. Michael Vargas. 2,400-meter run - 6. Josiah Jurardo. 400-meter relay - 2. M. Vargas, T. Alvarez, E.Z. Rivas and Erik Dunes. 800-meter run - 1. Saul Vargas. 110-meter Hurdles - 3. Logan Glaspie and 4. Tyler Galindo. 100-meter dash - 2. Erik Dunes and 3. Michael Vargas. 800-meter relay - 2. Galindo, Gonzalez, Alvarez and Dunes. 400-meter dash - 3. Saul Vargas. 1,600-meter run - 1. Saul Vargas. 1,600-meter relay - 5. M. Vargas, E. Montanez, D. Gonzalez and L. Glaspie.



KYLE DEAN prepares to lift at the Texas High School Powerlifting Association regional meet held last weekend in Sundown.

Dean and Gonzales finish powerlifting season at regional meet

Kyle Dean and Anthony Gonzales competed in the Texas High School Powerlifting Association regional meet in Sundown last weekend and each finished eighth in their weight classes. Dean went into the meet ranked number 10 and Gonzales went in ranked number nine. "They both finished higher than what they went in at, but were both disappointed with not coming home with

a medal. The guys competed hard it just was not their day. They will bounce back it was a great learning experience and with both of them being juniors there is no reason they should not be back at regionals next year," said Coach John Esparza. "This was a great first season and we look forward to an even better one next year. Thank you to all the athletes and parents especially for getting the guys to the field house for work-out at 6 a.m."

Youth Center Calendar of Events

March 22 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

March 23 - OMS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

OHS Pool Tournament 3-1-10

1. Mario Sifuentes
2. Mark Gallardo
3. Gabriella Gutierrez

OHS Pool Tournament 3-8-10

1. Richard Borrego
2. Mark Gallardo
3. John Longoria

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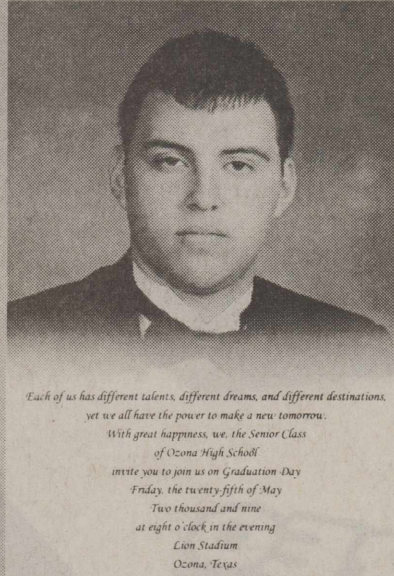
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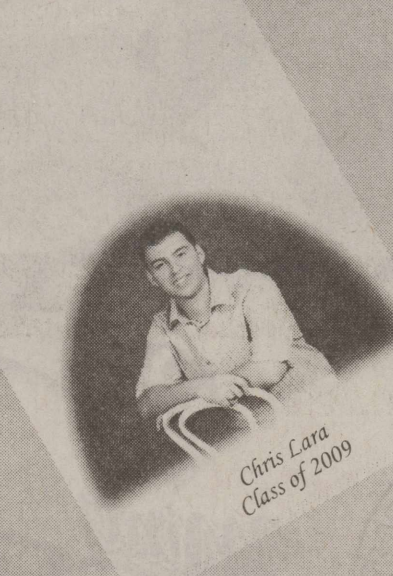
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ICA joins in letter to Congress

The Independent Cattle-men's Association (ICA) recently joined with the American Sheep Industry Association and 57 other livestock groups in a letter to Congress requesting additional funding for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Wildlife Services for FY 2011.

The Wildlife Services Livestock Protection Program is vital to the economic survival of our country's livestock industry.

The control of predators is important to many farm and ranch families, especially in the West Texas area.

Each year over 250,000 sheep and nearly 150,000 cattle are lost nationwide to predation each year.

Coyotes, bobcats, vultures and other predators prey on newborn calves every calving season and now feral swine are becoming an increasing problem for ranchers across the state.

The USDA Wildlife Service, which is constantly under attack by animal rights activist, is faced with rising costs for such items as fuel and equipment.

Without additional funding and support, many ranching operations will face critical losses in the coming year.

As Texas ranchers work to increase calving rates after two years of drought, they don't need to find their newborn calves destroyed by predators.

With deer hunting becoming a necessary source of income for many Texas ranchers, a 50 percent annual loss of a fawn crop to coyotes, mountain lions and bobcats matters more now than ever before.

ICA strongly supports the continuation of this valuable program and strongly recommends the increase in funding to sustain and improve the Wildlife Services Livestock Protection Program.

State to begin accepting reservations April 5 for 'Texas Trade Up' Appliance Rebate program

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Susan Combs is encouraging consumers to sign up early to receive rebates on selected ENERGY STAR appliances purchased during the Texas Trade Up appliance rebate program April 16-25. Approximately \$23 million in federal stimulus funds are available for the rebate program.

Beginning April 5, a toll-free phone number and an online reservation system will be available for Texans to reserve an appliance rebate. When all of the guaranteed rebates are reserved, consumers may continue to sign up for a waiting list to receive rebates on a first-come-first-served basis. Consumers must give their name, address and appliance type when making a reservation.

Consumers must be on the guaranteed rebate reservation list or the waiting list to be able to print or receive the forms they will mail in to claim rebates. To be eligible for a rebate, a qualifying appliance must be purchased between April 16 and April 25. Consumers will have 60 days from the reservation date to install appliances and submit their paperwork for the rebate. Appliances must be purchased by Texas residents at stores located in Texas.

As further details on the reservation and mail-in rebate systems are finalized in the next few weeks, a new Web site, <http://www.texaspowerfulsmart.org>, will become the one-stop resource for information and reservations.

Flat rebates will be available for consumers who buy certain ENERGY STAR certified appliances and replace the same type of functional old appliance, with an additional \$75 rebate for recycling the old appliance.

Water aerobics class at Sonora wellness center

BY SARAH TEAFF

DIRECTOR OF THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER AT LILLIAN M. HUDSPETH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL



When most of us are wrapped in our blankets during these cold winter days, there is a group of ladies and one brave gentleman that don their swimsuits and go swimming despite the drop in temperature.

The group has braved the cold, the rain and for some, relentless commutes. They have been gawked at through windows by an ongoing parade of members and patients.

For the past four plus years this group has met faithfully three times a week at The Health and Wellness Center for water aerobics.

Oh sure, many have come and gone but the overall feel of the group remains: a commitment to health and friendship unsurpassed by any other group that has ventured through the doors.

I have had the pleasure to spend time with this group since its conception.

Many of the core group remains and we have welcomed several new committed members over the years.

Onlookers are sure to underestimate the work they do during their workouts, but I can attest to their tenacity and drive; in and out of the water.

They have become my advisors, my cheerleaders, and friends. But it is not their relationship with me that has

me in awe of this phenomenal group, it is their commitment to health and to each other that amazes me.

These women (and one man) have survived surgeries, accidents, and illness only to defy those adversities and come out the other side laughing.

If you were to ask them about the challenges of water class, I don't think they would comment on the physical setbacks they have endured; setbacks that has benched countless others before them.

I think that if you were to ask them what was the most challenging thing about class, they would say keeping track of everyone's schedule; because, with this group, checking in is mandatory.

Recently, I challenged the class to a weight loss challenge; being the first of the year, they were happy to oblige.

However, judging from the results of the challenge, I think most of them wanted to appease me rather than keep track of numbers on a scale (don't tell them I said that).

We decided that if we did this, then I would submit a story to the paper about this

group.

Some were more receptive than others about the idea of their personal weight challenges being commented on in the local paper, but all were in agreement: they would not feel as healthy if they were not in the pool at The Health and Wellness Center several times a week and thought those with similar goals would benefit from what they know: that commitment to fitness open doors; physically, mentally, and emotionally.

Aside from their improvement in fitness, they have all nurtured lifetime friendships, told tall tales, and swapped hundreds of recipes.

I doubt that I will ever witness so much vitality, cheer, and commitment to fitness as I do with this group week after week. I have been blessed to have been a fly on their wall for the last few years.

With their prior permission I would like to list them, so that I can recognize them as individuals: Bessie Jones, Gloria Kent, Jeannette Turner, Dannie Klebold, Eddie Klebold, Carol Adcock, Beverly Arnwine, Gaile Cade and Sharon Mittel.



Sgt. Daniel Cruz

is heading out to Iraq for the 2nd time. We want to wish you the best and we will be praying for you.

Love, Your Family & Friends

West Texas Heritage Day March 27 at Fort McKavett

Fort McKavett State Historic Site will come to life on March 27 as Living Historians from around the state gather to portray life as it would have been at the fort in the 1800s.

Gates will open at 8 a.m. followed by a 10 a.m. flag raising ceremony.

The Ice House Brass Band will perform during a barbecue lunch offered to the public by the Friends of Fort McKavett. Donations to help defray the cost of the food will be appreciated.

The Sahawee Indian Dancers will perform at 2 p.m. The members of Boy Scout Troop and Ven-

ture 181 from Uvalde will present a colorful and fast moving variety of Native American dances.

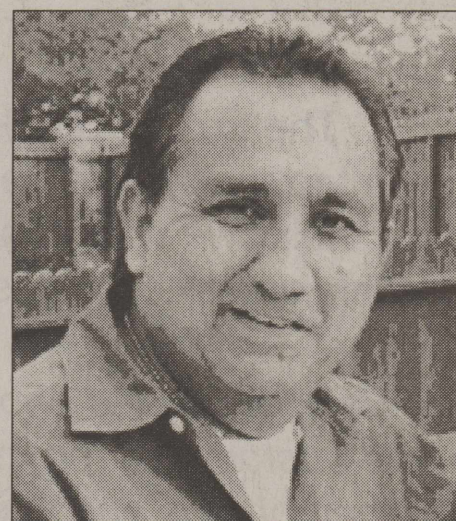
The day will conclude with the lowering of the flag scheduled for 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call (325) 896-2358 or e-mail ft-mckavett@thc.state.tx.us.

Thank you for the support you have given me these past four years. My hope is that when you look around Precinct 4, you see the changes that together we have been able to make. Being born and raised on the South-side of town has driven me to do the best job possible. I've enjoyed serving you and hope to continue to be a voice for you another term.

The improvement of our community is still in your hands. Let's keep moving forward as we have been able to with me as your voice! I ask that you stand by me as you have these past years and come out and vote for me once again!

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• Michael Anthony Mack, 45, Houston, possession of marijuana, third-degree felony.

• George Glenn McGill, 25, Springtown, Texas, possession of a controlled substance, state jail felony.

• Romulo Arturo Lozano, 31, Ozona, felony driving while intoxicated, second-degree felony.

• Peter Clenton Chavis, 67, Palm Springs, Calif., possession of a controlled substance, third-degree felony.

• Michelle Gonzales, 34, Ozona, injury to a child, third-degree felony.

• Margeaux Lindsay Cortez, 19, Odessa, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, second-degree felony.

• Paul Reyes Rodriguez, 29, Odessa, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, first-degree felony.

• James Derek Adkins, 34, Ozona, burglary of a habitation, second-degree felony; unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, third-degree felony; credit card/debit card abuse, third-degree felony.

• Jimmy Perez Longoria, 35, Ozona, indecency with a child and attempted aggravated sexual assault of a child,

both first-degree felonies.

• Danny De Hoyos, 37, Ozona, theft by check, state jail felony.

Following is a glossary of legal terms in the records.

Indictment: To bring an indictment the Grand Jury will not find guilt, but only the probability that a crime was committed, that the accused person did it and that he/she should be tried.

— Source: *Black's Law Dictionary*

Punishments: State Jail Felony - shall be punished by confinement in a state jail for any term of not more than two years or less than 180 days and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Third-degree Felony - shall be punished by imprisonment in the institutional division for any term of not more than 10 years or less than 2 years and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Second-degree Felony - shall be punished by imprisonment in the institutional division for any term of not more than 20 years or less than 2 years and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

First-degree Felony - shall be punished by imprisonment in the institutional division for life or for any term of not more than 99 years or less than 5 years and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

— Source: *Texas Penal Code*

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Harmsen said that if Superintendent Chris duBois declares a school delay due to weather, an alert will be sent out by email to those who have registered.

Soon this alert system will be able to send text messages to cell phones as well, Harmsen said.

"We want to make this a seamless point of contact for parents and the community to find information," Harmsen said.

Teachers can create their own websites to put homework information, class information or just general information.

Photos of various events will be uploaded to the site. Each page is also linked two to five ways.

State required forms can also be found on the site, as well as school board agendas and packets.

Student information pages will continue to grow as well, Harmsen said.

"Parents and the community will be able to see what's going on as we keep that information flowing and available," Harmsen said.

The process getting the website designed and ready for launch started in September. The website will also continue to grow and change as needs arise, Harmsen said.

"The main thing is we want people to use it," he said.

For more information, or questions about the website, contact Harmsen at keith.harmsen@ozonaschools.net or Tiffany Esparza at tiffany.esparza@ozonaschools.net.

Those in charge of the school calendars are Linda Thompson at linda.thompson@ozonaschools.net, Cathy English at cathy.english@ozonaschools.net and Jill Crawford at jill.crawford@ozonaschools.net.

2010 Census forms arrive in 120 million mailboxes across nation

Asking just 10 questions and taking about 10 minutes to complete, 2010 Census forms began arriving in 120 million mailboxes across the nation this week - just the 23rd time the country has undertaken the constitutionally mandated population count that dates back to 1790.

The only civic event that includes every person in the country, the Census is the basis for America's representative democracy, ensuring that Congress is fairly reapportioned every 10 years between the states. Census counts are also used to redraw state and local legislative boundaries so that political representation is fairly distributed across their changing populations.

"When you receive your 2010 Census, please fill it out and mail it back," Census Bureau Director Robert M. Groves said. "It's one of the shortest forms in our lifetime with just 10 questions very much like the questions James Madison and Thomas Jefferson helped craft on the very first Census."

As America has grown and become more complex and more diverse, it has become more challenging over the decades to get a complete count of the population.

The 2010 Census faces special challenges during the current economic downturn, including the housing crisis which has resulted in higher rates of vacant housing that must be visited to ensure a complete count.

The Census Bureau today estimated that if every household completed and mailed back their census form, taxpayers could reduce the cost of taking the census by \$1.5 billion.

The Census Bureau saves about \$85 million in operational costs for every percentage point increase in the nation's participation rate by mail.

"Here is something every family can do to help their government save money, and get an accurate Census at the same time. Mailing back your census form when it arrives will contribute to saving hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars," Groves added. "It's

a lot less expensive to get responses back by mail than it is to send census takers to knock on doors of households that failed to respond."

"It costs the government just 42 cents for a postage paid envelope when a household mails back the form," said Groves. "It costs \$57 to send a census taker door-to-door to follow up with each household that fails to respond."

Advance letters alerting households to the arrival of the 2010 Census form last week, as well as reminder postcards sent later this month, are all part of a mailing strategy that has been proven to increase participation in the census by mail — a cost savings that could exceed more than \$500 million.

Even with these changes to make the census the shortest and easiest in a lifetime, the Census Bureau still projects that it will have to send census takers to an estimated 48 million households that do not respond by mail.

Following up door-to-door to count households from May to July will require hiring about 650,000 census workers.

Participating in the census is required by law for everyone living in the United States, and the public is encouraged to promptly mail back their 2010 Census forms once they are delivered this week between March 15-17. About 12 million addresses, mostly in rural areas as well as Gulf Coast areas affected by Hurricane Katrina, began receiving hand-delivered forms March 1.

Census data also help determine how more than \$400 billion in federal funds are distributed to tribal, state and local governments every year - including funding for schools, roads, health care and other critical programs.

As a way of encouraging response, the Census Bureau will be publishing mail participation rates showing the percent of the population that have mailed back their 2010 Census forms on a daily basis on <2010census.gov>.

This map-based feature and widget application allows communities to track

how well they are responding by mail and if they're doing better than neighboring cities, counties or states. The first participation rates for the 2010 Census will appear March 22. Rates from the 2000 Census are already on the new site and serve as a benchmark. We hope communities will challenge themselves to exceed their 2000 performance for this census.

IT'S EASY: A LOOK AT THE 2010 CENSUS QUESTIONNAIRE

The census mailing package includes a cover letter, the 2010 Census form and a postage-paid return envelope. The 10 questions are basic and should take about 10 minutes to complete.

The 2010 Census asks the following questions:

1. The number of people living in the residence
2. Any additional people that might be living there as of April 1, 2010
3. Whether the residence is owned or rented
4. Telephone number (in case the Census Bureau has follow-up questions)
5. Name
6. Sex
7. Age and date of birth
8. Whether of Hispanic origin
9. Race
10. Whether that person sometimes lives somewhere else

Census forms are available upon request in six languages: English, Spanish, Chinese (Simplified), Korean, Vietnamese and Russian.

For the first time, bilingual English/Spanish forms will be mailed out to 13 million households where Spanish is the predominant language spoken at home.

Braille and large print forms are also available on request. For the hearing impaired, a TDD program is available at 1-866-783-2010.

Language assistance guides are available in 59 languages on <2010census.gov> to assist non-English speaking residents fill out their forms.

There are also short, in-language videos on the Web site to help with form filling.

Telephone Questionnaire Assistance is also provided

in Spanish (1-866-928-2010), Chinese (1-866-935-2010), Vietnamese (1-866-945-2010), Korean (1-866-955-2010) and Russian (1-866-965-2010) in addition to English (1-866-872-6868).

The Census Bureau will also be staffing more than 30,000 Questionnaire Assistance Centers around the country where people can get help with their forms in multiple languages.

Locations of the centers are being publicized locally and can also be found on <2010census.gov>. These locations are temporary and may change based on levels of local assistance needed by residents.

IT'S SAFE: YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL BY LAW

All census responses are confidential; they are protected by law and not shared with anyone. The Census Bureau takes extreme measures to protect the identity of individuals and businesses.

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share respondents' individually identifiable answers with anyone, including tribal housing authorities, other federal agencies and law enforcement entities. All Census Bureau employees take the oath of non-disclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data. The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000, imprisonment of up to five years or both.

ABOUT THE 2010 CENSUS

The 2010 Census is a count of everyone living in the United States and is mandated by the U.S. Constitution. Census data are used to apportion congressional seats to states, to distribute more than \$400 billion in federal funds to tribal, state and local governments each year and to make decisions about what community services to provide.

The 2010 Census form will be one of the shortest in U.S. history, consisting of 10 questions, taking about 10 minutes to complete. Strict confidentiality laws protect the respondents and the information they provide.

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'Texas Groundwater - Your Future' conference set for April 17

SAN ANGELO - Groundwater Management Area 7 will conduct the "Texas Groundwater-Your Future" conference beginning at 8:45 a.m. April 17 in the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center auditorium at San Angelo.

The center is located north on U.S. Highway 87. The meeting is free and open to the public. A noon meal will be served.

"The one issue we'll address that will have an effect on all the people within the area beginning Sept. 1, is the legislative mandate requiring every state groundwater management area to establish goals for the pumping of groundwater," said Allan Lange, Lipan-Kickapoo Water Conservation District General Manager. "By law, the groundwater conservation districts within Area 7 are required to establish the 'desired future conditions' of the aquifers within the area by the Sept. 1 deadline. Currently, that means that the district must set goals for the condition of each aquifer at the end of a 50-year period."

The law requires the groundwater districts to establish "desired future conditions" for all aquifers within their management area, including those areas not located within a groundwater district, Lange said.

Once the recommended conditions are approved, they are

submitted to the Texas Water Development Board. The board then notifies each district concerning the amount of groundwater that can be permitted for pumping to meet the 50-year goal.

The implemented plans must then be reviewed and updated every five years.

Groundwater Management Area 7 covers 32 West Texas counties and includes 20 groundwater districts, including Crockett County.

Program speakers will include: Dr. Bill Hutchinson, director of groundwater resources for the Texas Water Development Board; Greg Ellis, attorney and executive director of the Texas Alliance of Groundwater Districts; Dr. Archie Ruiz, West Texas Weather Modification Assoc. consultant and former State Rep. Bob Turner.

Presentations will include talks on water issues, policy, law, legislation, geology, water quality, weather, riparian areas and brush control.

"By hosting the conference, the groundwater districts hope to give the general public the opportunity to better understand the water issues we're facing now and in the future," Lange said.

For more information, call Lange at (325) 469-3988 or e-mail lkwdc@centex.net.

DPS announces indigency rule for Driver Responsibility Program

SUBMITTED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Texas Department of Public Safety has published proposed new rules for the Driver Responsibility Program (DRP) to address the program's financial impact on low-income individuals who are living at or below the poverty level.

The Driver Responsibility law, passed during the 78th Texas Legislature, established a system to assess surcharges based on certain traffic offenses that occurred on or after September 1, 2003.

The 81st Texas Legislature amended the law to require a reduction for indigent individuals.

Surcharges due every year for three years include convictions for:

- Failure to maintain insurance and driving while license invalid—\$250 per year
- Driving without a valid license—\$100 per year
- DWI-related offense: \$1,000 per year for first offense; \$2,000 per year if the court reports an alcohol concentration of .16 or more and \$1,500 per year for a

subsequent conviction within the three-year period. All charges are cumulative.

The newly proposed rule would:

- Set DRP indigency at 125 percent of the poverty level.
- Allow electronic application online or by telephone.
- Require applicants to submit supporting documentation.
- Allow the Department to contract with a third party for application verification.
- Mandate a letter of approval or denial be mailed to any applicant.

Provide applicants 90 days to pay the reduced fee, in full, and provide proof of insurance.

The Public Safety Commission voted to repeal the existing administrative rule (Subchapter J, §15.163), and replace it with the proposed indigency reductions. The proposed rule was published in the Texas Register on March 5 (<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>), and the Department will accept comments on the proposed rule for 30 days. The Texas Register posting includes information on how to submit comments.

FOR THE RECORD: WEEKLY COURT PROCEEDINGS

BAIL BONDS

- Randy Farrington, Fort Stockton, possession of a dangerous drug, misdemeanor, \$5,000.
- Dustin Cox, Monahans, possession of marijuana, misdemeanor, \$2,000.
- Roy Cervantes, Austin, manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance, state jail felony, \$10,000.

DISTRICT COURT
Hon. Pedro Gomez Jr. and Hon. Brock Jones presiding

- Kenneth Edward Heal, 43, DeBerry, Texas, pled guilty to felony driving while intoxicated, third-degree felony. Sentenced to five years community supervision, \$1,000 fine, 160 hours of community service, \$450 court costs and 10 days in the Crockett County Jail.
- Jimmy Roland Sanchez,

45, Ozona, pled guilty to assault/family violence, second-degree felony. Sentenced to five years in prison and \$329 court costs.

- Jesus Perez Jr., 20, Big Lake, pled guilty to theft, state jail felony. Sentenced to three years deferred adjudication, \$1,000 fine, 120 hours of community service and \$329 court costs.
- Brandy Lanette Fay, 20, Ozona, motion to dismiss granted for the charge of endangering a child.
- Nathaniel Mayberry, 27, Los Angeles, Calif., motion to revoke community supervision for possession of a controlled substance, first-degree felony. Sentenced to 10 years in prison.

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

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Federal Trade Commission on March 9 resolved their investigation of Arizona-based LifeLock Inc. and reached an agreement with the private identity theft protection service.

Under the agreement, LifeLock Inc. must provide \$11 million in restitution to eligible customers and must not misrepresent that it: (1) protects against all forms of ID theft; (2) eliminates the risk of ID theft; (3) constantly monitors activity on each of its customers' consumer reports; and (4) always prompts a call from a potential creditor before a new credit account is opened in the customer's name.

GRIEF NAMED LOTTERY AGENCY CHIEF
 The three-member Texas Lottery Commission on March 9 announced the appointment of Gary Grief as

executive director of the agency.

Grief, who had been leading the agency as deputy executive director since October 2008, was appointed on a unanimous vote.

An original member of the task force assigned to research and launch the Texas Lottery, Grief has been with the agency since 1992.

CENSUS 'AMBASSADOR' IS NAMED

Gov. Rick Perry on March 9 named Secretary of State Hope Andrade the "Texas Census Ambassador" to promote participation by Texans in the 2010 Census. Forms for the 2010 Census will be delivered to residents this month.

Andrade, U.S. Census officials and others joined in Austin on March 12 to encourage all who live in Texas to participate in the census. She will promote the Census statewide until the April 1 deadline.

Local parent support group seeks volunteers

Along with the Wesley Nurse Program, Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc. also funds a parent support group known as Parents Helping Parents (PHP).

The PHP curriculum has been written by professionals in child development and family resources.

The program is sponsored and paid for by Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South

Texas, Inc., yet this is NOT a Methodist program...or a program which teaches any particular set of belief. It is for anyone interested in becoming a better parent.

PHP is an early education program based on the belief that parents are the first teachers and best advocates of their children. Our program is completely volunteer based.

At least two persons are needed to volunteer to serve as Volunteer Site Coordinators and to possibly facilitate the parent sessions.

One-day training at the Ozona United Methodist Church along with the PHP curriculum is provided.

There are three different curriculums to choose from or all three may be offered throughout the year: Teen Moms, Parents of Children 3 and up and Parents Raising Teens.

Each curriculum focuses on areas of Health and Safety, Child Development, Child Guidance, Family Management and personal growth as well as many other topics promoting positive parenting skills.

For more information or to serve as a volunteer, call E.A. Wadsworth, RN at 325-392-3060.

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MARCH 8

- Transfer - patient transported to Shannon Medical Center
- Local Call - patient transported to Shannon Medical Center

MARCH 13

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MARCH 14

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RIG LOCATIONS			
For Crockett, Sutton, Schleicher, Terrell and Reagan counties			
As of March 12, 2010			
Crockett County			
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG
Chesapeake On	10000'	E G Bagger #246	Rings Drilling 11
New Approach Operating	9000'	University 42-12 #1	Nabors Drilling (O) 349
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New Approach Operating	9000'	Cisco Terry -F- #2005	Nabors Drilling (O) 709
New Andarko E & P Co Lp	7500'	Montgomery -20- #8	Rings Drilling 11
New Fiml Natural Res	5500'	Bagger -B- #1124b	Patterson Uti/Midland 721
Reagan County			
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG
New Endeavor Energy Res	12000'	Ricker -24- #4	Big Dog Drilling 5
Pioneer Natural/Tr	11000'	Ruby #18	Lariat Services/Ode 44
Mariner Energy	10100'	Srb-16- #1610	Big Dog Drilling 2
New Mariner Energy	10100'	Srb-13- #1311	Big Dog Drilling 24
New Endeavor Energy Res	10000'	Nalley #3	Big Dog Drilling 4
New Pioneer Natural/Tr	9100'	Sherrod Unit #2317	Helmreich & Payne/O 352
New Pioneer Natural/Tr	9100'	Sherrod Unit #1206	Patterson Uti/Midland 196
New Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000'	Sugg-B- #1346	Patterson Uti/Midland 39
New Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000'	Vin Gontes #140c	Patterson Uti/Midland 118
New Pioneer Natural/Tr	9000'	Sherrod Unit #2002	Patterson Uti/Midland 430
New Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000'	Srb-C- #13g	Patterson Uti/Midland 710
Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000'	Sugg-207f	Union Drilling Texas 205
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New Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000'	Srb-A- #11af	Union Drilling Texas 226
Schleicher County			
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG
Samson Lone Star Llc	9000'	A M Murphy #5	Heart Land Drilling 10
New Telsis Operating	6000'	Ca-Jo-Ds- #702	Sand Dollar Drilling 21
New Hannathon Petroleum	5000'	Addison -S- #1	Heart Land Drilling 4
Sutton County			
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG
New Highmount E&P Tx	8900'	Mayer Ranch -35- #15	Rings Drilling 11
Highmount E&P Tx	8700'	Edwin S Mayer Jr -B39- #2	Patterson Uti/Midland 742
New Highmount E&P Tx	6850'	Canyon Ranch -207- #27s	Patterson Uti/Midland 105
Terrell County			
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG
Sandridge E&P Llc	14000'	Owens -A- #1031a	Lariat Services/Ode
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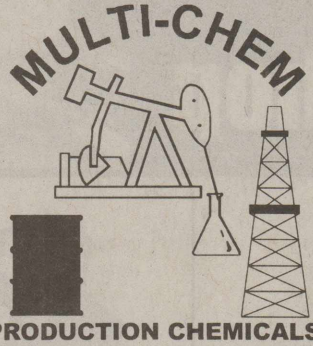
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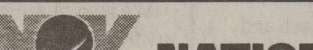
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Notice of Proposed Increase in Rates for Gas Services
To the customers of Natgas, Inc. of the unincorporated community of Ozona, Texas:
On February 11, 2010, Natgas Inc. filed a Statement of Intent to Increase Rates with the Texas Railroad Commission proposing to change the Company's gas rates, for gas utility service in and around the unincorporated community of Ozona, Texas. The proposed rate changes will affect Natgas' residential and commercial customers. Natgas provides service to approximately 1,247 customers. Of this total, Natgas serves approximately 1,080 residential customers and 167 commercial customers. The requested effective date is April 1, 2010, however, the Railroad Commission may suspend the request until August 29, 2010 in order to review the requested changes. The proposed changes constitute a "major change" and are expected to increase the company's gas revenues by approximately 17.47%. The last rate change occurred in 2002. Information concerning the change may be obtained from your local Natgas office or at the company's main office at:
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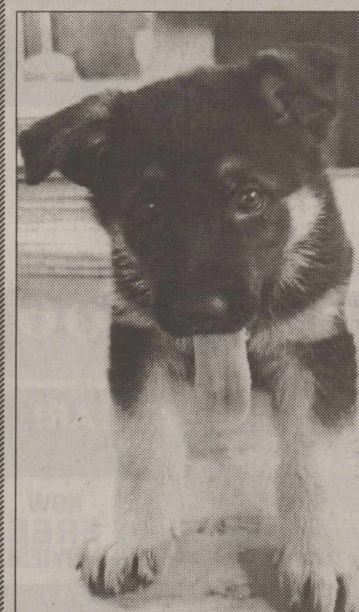
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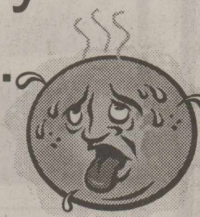


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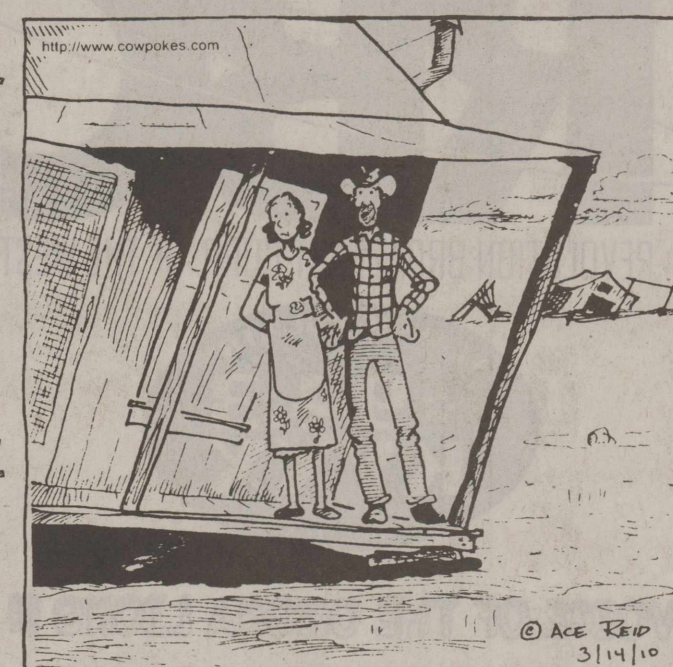
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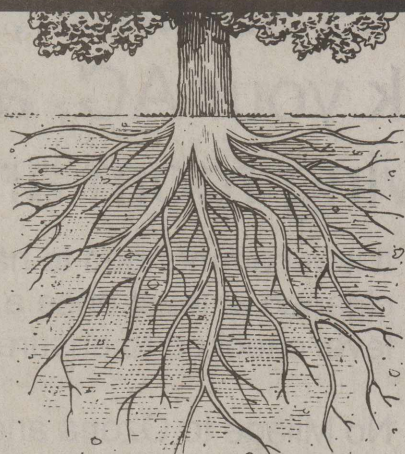
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