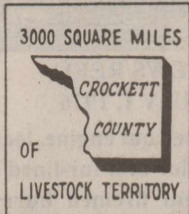


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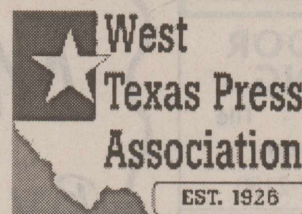
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Town and Country Food Stores to purchase Shelton Oil and Gas

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

Principals of Town & Country Food Stores and Shelton Oil Company have reached an agreement of acquisition between the two organizations, according to a press release from Town & Country Food Stores.

Details of the agreement are confidential and will be mutually retained by the selling and buying parties, the release stated.

"Because of the nature of the agreement, at this stage of the game everything is still under contract," said Dan McCurdy, Town & Country's communication director.

Shelton Oil Company operates bulk fuel plants, an LPG business and numerous convenience stores, doing business as

Shot's convenience stores. Ozona has three Shot's stores, along with a key lock service owned by Shelton Oil and Gas.

Shelton Oil and Gas also provides fuel distribution throughout Crockett County to area businesses and ranches.

Town & Country Food Stores operates 144 convenience stores in West Texas and Eastern New Mexico, including one here in Ozona.

They also have seven supermarkets in various West Texas towns, including Ozona.

If the acquisition becomes final, this means that the only convenience stores and fuel stations not owned by Town & Country in Ozona will be Ozona Chatter Box, Circle Bar Truck Stop, Maness Exxon, Fierro Grocery and Service Station and

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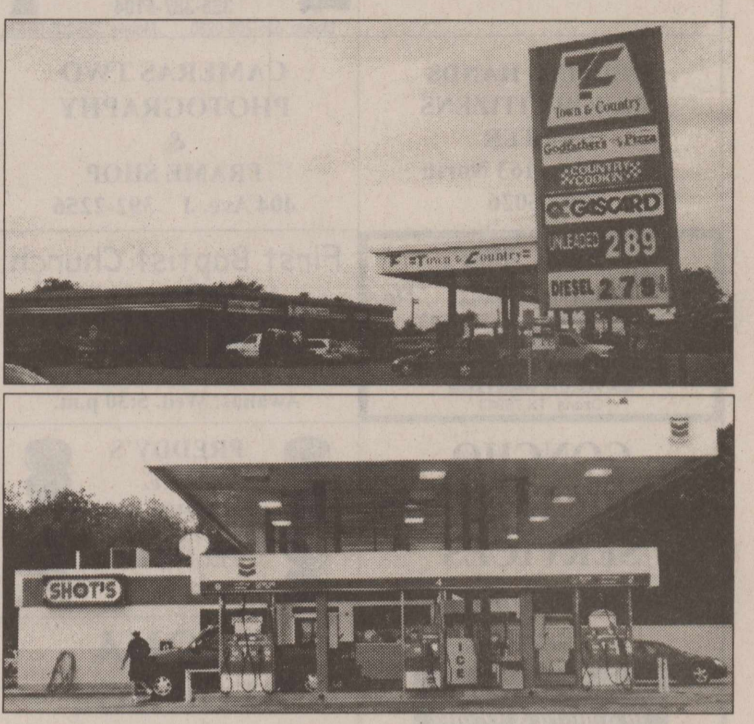
"We are honored to welcome the Shelton employees to the Town & Country family," said Alvin New, president and CEO of Town & Country Stores. "We have admired the Shelton organization for many years, and we are very pleased that we have reached a mutually beneficial agreement."

The agreement is expected to be finalized around Aug. 1.

Town & Country Food Stores, founded in 1965, has corporate headquarters in San Angelo.

Photos by Joe Hernandez

TOWN & COUNTRY FOOD STORES and **SHOT'S** convenience stores could soon be under one company due to a recent agreement where Town & Country may purchase Shelton Oil and Gas.



UNCLE SAM VISITS THE SENIOR CENTER



SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR LYNN ENGLISH proudly stands by Uncle Sam at the Crockett County Senior Center. Uncle Sam is one of the many patriotic decorations at the senior center. Due to Tuesday holiday, more Fourth of July photos will be in the July 12 edition of The Ozona Stockman.

Area Agency on Aging travels Concho Valley in order to provide answers, help

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

Traveling the country in their white and red "Answer-Van," the members of the Area Agency on Aging are bringing their information to the people of the Concho Valley.

Setting up at local venues in each community, members from the agency can be found every third Thursday in Ozona at the Crockett County Senior Center. Their next Ozona stop will be July 20.

"We are here to help any senior who needs help on any type of issue," said Dale Metz,

director of the Foster Grandparent Program for the agency. "We come out and visit with them."

On this day, the team of Metz and Mary Ellen Palos visited Ozona before heading off to Big Lake and then Mertzon. Other teams go out to other towns in the Concho Valley bringing information about the various programs the agency has to offer.

The idea first started when the Medicare Part-D program came about, Metz said. The teams spent most of their time signing up seniors for the new program and helping them through the complicated process.

Today, the information the

teams dish out deals with the 2-1-1 information hotline, caregiver care and the Foster Grandparent Program.

The Foster Grandparent Program is for seniors age 60 and older. The program has the volunteers working in schools and head starts with students.

The volunteers are also paid a small tax-free stipend.

Respite care is also a big program in the agency. The program gives caregivers a break by bringing in home health professionals, or placing their loved ones in nursing homes or with assisted living.

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Allen promoted to primary principal

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

High school counselor Carol Allen has been promoted to principal of Ozona Primary School.

Allen replaces Kim Castleberry, who moved to Breckenridge.

Superintendent Abe Gott said that Allen has some experience as a principal.

The new high school counselor will be Amanda Jackson, who was originally hired as the middle school counselor.

During a called meeting on June 28, the school board approved the hiring of a middle school counselor, but the district is waiting to see if the person will be able to be let out of their contract at their current school district.

The board also approved Kristi Williams as a coach and Introduction to Physics and Chemistry teacher and Rebecca Hinch as the new agriculture teacher.

Former ag teacher Terry Crawford will be teaching the wood shop classes.

The board also approved Jan Patterson as the new intermediate school TAKS remediation teacher.

Gott said he gave the music teacher position back to the intermediate school, but that principal Manley Holms wanted to use the position for TAKS remediation.

A tennis coach and an assistant band director were also approved to hire.

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Goal met to purchase inflatable Lion Tunnel

By **FRANK TAMBUNGA**
 Ozona Lion Booster Club

We have finally met our goal to purchase the Inflatable Sports Tunnel.

In late March, the Ozona Lion Booster Club agreed to support the purchase of an Inflatable Sports Tunnel.

As chairman for this project, I sent out letters to local businesses and organizations to help fund this worth while project.

We have received the necessary funds to purchase the Inflatable Sports Tunnel. We reached our goal so soon due to the dedication and commitment from Jerri Lynn Fierro.

Jerri Lynn went out and talked to the majority of businesses and organizations that contributed to this worth while project. Without her support, we would still be trying to reach our goal.

Our Lions will be competing against other cities in a new



district starting in the 2006-2007 school year. The Inflatable Sports Tunnel will be used during the Ozona Lions Football Games and any other Lions or Lady Lions related event they choose to use it in, as they start in the new district.

We should have our Sports Tunnel, which will be in the shape of a Lion's Head, by the end of July, just in time for "Meet the Lions" night.

We have collected \$6,852 in donations. The price of the Inflatable Sports Tunnel is \$6,450.

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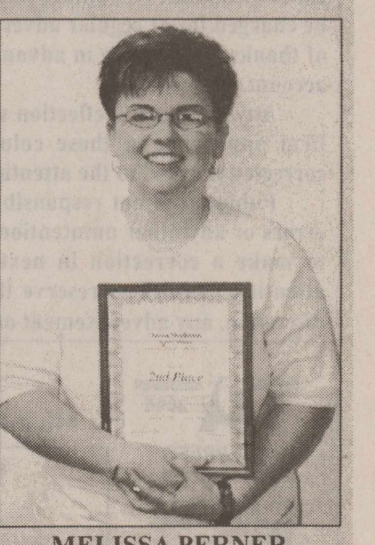
Stockman wins Texas Press Association award

The Ozona Stockman received a second place award in News Writing from the Texas Press Association in their 2006 Better Newspaper Contest.

The award was given during their annual convention on June 24.

The award went to Stockman Editor and Publisher Melissa Perner for her 2005 articles on "Remembering Felipe and Belia" and on "White apologizes to Gravel family before being executed."

This award means The Ozona Stockman remains a consistent award winner in the TPA's Better Newspaper Contest.



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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

Diet Humor

As we all enjoyed our holiday barbecues this past weekend, here's some diet humor to try and get us all back on track.

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"I'm going to order a broiled skinless chicken breast, but I want you to bring me lasagna and garlic bread by mistake."

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"The handle on your recliner does not qualify as an exercise machine."

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"I had a diet shake for breakfast and another for lunch. For my workout, I chewed a whole bag of Tootsie Rolls."

Letters to the Editor

Sheriff's department has not handled seven-year harrasment incident well

I often read letters from local and out-of-town people saying how "great" this town is, how good the people are and the praise of the sheriff's department.

Well, I have lived here all my life and for the past seven years, we have been harassed by a certain family from here. When I say we, I mean myself, my boyfriend and my sons.

I have made numerous calls to the sheriff's department and other judicial county offices about these people (thank you J.P. for hearing my side and taking me to another office that also refused to help).

I have filed several complaints on one or more members of this family and nothing has been done about it.

These "people," if you can call them that, harass us in public, at the stores, even when we are sitting outside of our own home.

They don't need a reason to harass us, all they need is to see us somewhere.

These people raised and raise their children to hate and be hateful.

I raise my kids to respect other people whether they like them or not. That is something those people don't know how to do.

I am not mentioning any names because they know who they are, and most of this town knows who I am talking about.

We welcome your letters. Not all will be published, those that are chosen will be found on page 2.

To submit a letter, mail us at The Ozona Stockman, P.O. Box 370, Ozona, Texas 76943 or e-mail us at publisher@ozona.com. Please include name, address, phone number and e-mail if available. All letters must contain this information or will not be published.

Letters are subject to editing. Defamatory, libelous and/or profane language will reject any letter out of hand. Letters should try to not exceed 250 words.

Community Calendar

- July 5** - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Domino games, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- July 6** - Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- July 7** - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- July 10** - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crockett County Commissioner's Court meeting, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.
- July 11** - Concho Valley Community Action Council, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- July 12** - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Domino games, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.

'Burn the Flag'

By Tom Morrow

Burn the Flag! It's only a rag;
Then Burn the Bible!
It's only a book;
Tear down those statues and walls!
They are just a memorial of pride;
How about our schools?
They're tools, the golden rules?
They're only for fools;
Go ahead; Burn the Flag!
Rid our Nation of what we believe;
What made our country great,
That made others take heed,
Run from countries they hate;
Then we'll become like Russia,
China, Cuba, Japan, Korea, Iraq,
All of which the weak have fought back;
Burn the Flag?
Be my Guest!



NEWS REEL
JULY 1, 1976

A burned out engine, located in the interior of a fur-lined hippie van, sent firemen hurrying to the scene about seven miles west of Ozona on Highway 290 Monday. However, the fur lining seemed to create more interest than the fire, which was extinguished in a matter of minutes.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Huff of Lansdale, Penn. are here visiting their parents. Mrs. Huff, the former Lucille Childress, recently received her degree from Beaver College for interior design and she has spent much of her vacation assisting with the Bicentennial graphic arts banners.

NEWS REEL
JULY 3, 1947

The Rev. Glen Edwards, for the past four years pastor of the First Baptist Church of Medina City, Texas, arrived here Tuesday to assume the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Ozona.

Alan R. Bosworth, author of several books and prolific short story writer, naval officer and veteran of several years of service at sea with the fleet in the recent war, came back "home" to Ozona for a few hours visit last Saturday.

It's the Pitts

by Lee Pitts

Beaker Burgers

Sometimes I'm glad I won't be around to witness the future that some scientists have in mind for us. As if soy burgers weren't bad enough, a bunch of crackpots are going to make beef in laboratory crockpots.

I don't mean cook it... I mean make it from scratch. According to Elena Conis, writing in the L. A. Times, mad scientists are now making beaker burgers in the lab. The process is called vitro meat processing and these man-made steaks require no cowboys or cows.

Oh my, there's no cure for cancer yet but some scientists are spending their lab time making filet of petri dish!

The folks who are attempting to make these man-made steaks are known as tissue engineers.

Can you imagine telling your parents 30 years ago that when you grew up you wanted to be a tissue engineer? They'd have thought you wanted to build a better Kleenex® you couldn't blow a hole through. I don't know what we did to make these steak scholars mad but if they are successful there won't be any need for sale barns, supplement salesmen or shepherders.

At the University of Australia scientists are using cells from sheep and frog embryos to whip up steaks. Yum, yum! To culture the meat scientists place a small piece of muscle fiber in a bioreactor and "exercise" it by shocking the tissue with an electrical current. (I expect PETA and assorted Hollywood celebrities will be protesting this inhumane practice any day now).

Then, as I understand it, the tissue is fed just like you would a steer. Although at this time there is no average daily gain or feed conversion data available, I'm sure there are cattle feeders at this very minute calling their order buyers to buy a load or two of embryonic frog cells. No doubt they'll soon start trading frog futures in Chicago.

It's not as easy as throwing a bunch of bacon bits in a test tube and then pouring out a pork chop. Because lab flesh does not have connective tissue or fat I am told

that it makes the lab steaks taste like meat-flavored JELL-O®. Which begs the question, why not just make a meat flavored JELL-O® and be done with it? So far the biggest steaks the scientists have made are about the size of a quarter which means you'll have to order about 72 Whoppers to get one decent burger. If this idea catches on McDonalds will have to rename their burger "Little Teensy-Weensy Big Macs."

In French labs scientists are using tadpoles to raise their steaks and thus far no one has "croaked" from eating them. This shouldn't surprise anyone because we all know that the French will eat anything. They even eat horses, for gosh sakes.

Now a word of WARNING! If you don't want to suffer a nauseogenic experience stop reading right now. Okay, don't say I didn't warn you. In other labs around the world cells from rats and mice are being used to make steaks.

I have not personally tasted the meat but I am told it tastes a lot like chicken! Can't you just envision the Rodent Checkoff Board in a few years with their slogan, "Rats: It's what's for Dinner?"

If that didn't stimulate a gag reflex or turn you into a vegetarian consider this: So far the cost per pound to make lab meat is between \$1,000 and \$5,000 at the wholesale level. Which would make it about \$20,000 per pound at the supermarket.

How serious a threat is lab meat to ranchers? Scientists estimate they'll be able to produce chicken nuggets within five years. (That's easy. Try producing a top sirloin!) A fellow named Vladimir Mironov says that "tissue engineered meat is the inescapable future of humanity." The reason given is that protein and fat levels will be more closely controlled and E coli and BSE will be eliminated. "It is a more efficient way to produce meat," say the scientists.

I hate to break the news to the mad scientists but a more efficient way to make better tasting meat has already been invented: it's called a cow!

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OZONA NATIONAL BANK EMPLOYEES sliced up the watermelon to say goodbye to Debi Vordick (front, third from right) on June 29 at the town square park.

Texas Pecos Trail Region Board meets in Sonora

By **SHANON BIGGERSTAFF**
Chamber Executive Director

The Board of the Texas Pecos Trail Region met in Sonora on June 15.

The Board's business included welcoming Ms. Heather Bohac as the new Regional Coordinator and adopting a budget for the coming year.

Ms. Bohac, who will be working out of the Trail's Regional Office in Sonora, is a graduate of Texas State University, with a bachelor's degree in Anthropology.

She will play an instrumental role in carrying out the Board's mission "to create regional partnerships for promoting economic growth while preserving the unique cultural heritage of the region for present and future generations."

Ms. Bohac will be working actively with parties throughout the region, as well as with the Texas Historical Commission (THC), to promote heritage tourism.

The Trail's Regional Office is located at 120 N. Concho, Sonora, Texas 76950, and the office phone number is (325) 387-2927. The Pecos Trail Region covers approximately 35,000 square miles and consists of 22 counties: Andrews, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Edwards, Glasscock, Kimble, Kinney, Loving, Martin, Maverick, Midland, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Sterling, Sutton, Terrell, Upton, Val Verde, Ward, and Winkler.

Shanon Biggerstaff, Executive Director of the Ozona Chamber of Commerce, and Chairman of the Board to the Texas Pecos Trail Region, attended representing Crockett County.



The Board adopted a fiscal year budget providing for the expenditure of \$56,865.00. The funds budgeted by the Board are made up of a grant from the THC and financial contributions from communities throughout the region.

These funds will be used to help communities prepare for heritage tourism activities. For example, the THC and the Regional Coordinator are currently planning to begin site evaluation trips in the region during October and November. These evaluations will be conducted by experts in marketing, museum

practices, interpretation, architecture, and tourism.

Reports will then be given to communities providing assessments of their readiness and potential for the promotion of heritage tourism, along with recommendations for developing sites for this purpose.

Readers may learn more about the Texas Pecos Trail Region by visiting the regional website: www.texaspecostrail.com.

This user-friendly site provides regional and contact information and also permits communities to enter tourism-

related information (e.g., local attractions and events) on the website. In addition, it permits visitors to develop travel itineraries throughout the region. THC and the Board urge Chambers of Commerce, Main Street programs, and city and county governments to make full use of this asset, at no charge.

The Board's bi-monthly meetings are open to the public. The Board's next regular meeting will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 13, in the Sante Fe Depot building in McCamey.

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The last version printed was in 2000. The book will contain names and mailing addresses of local individuals and businesses.

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Ozona Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH Senior Center Director

Come by the Senior Center and see our Fourth of July decorations and our Uncle Sam who is big as life. He looks ready to celebrate.

I hope all of you had a safe and fun Fourth of July.

On Monday was the Crockett County Senior Center Board meeting. Several topics were discussed.

Robilen Miller and Gail Hartman made a donation to the Senior Center this past week. These two have been so generous to the Senior Center in the past and in the present. Thank you both so much.

Mary Welty called last Thursday to report that Merle was doing better this week and had even felt well enough to play his guitar. Thank you for calling us Mary.

We were happy to see Eileen Childress come in on Thursday to play bridge. I told her how much that we have been missing her and she answered that she had been on a wonderful vacation. It was nice having her back and looking rested.

The Concho Valley Community Action Council will be here from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11 at the Senior Center.

Our next Senior Bingo Social will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13. We will have a meal of hot dogs, chips, tea and watermelon. Com on out, join in and remember to bring a bingo prize.

'Essentials of Starting a New Business' seminar July 13

Would you like to start a business but don't know where to begin?

The Angelo State University Small Business Development Center is presenting a FREE seminar titled, "The Essentials of Starting a New Business."

The seminar will be held on Thursday, July 13, from 6 - 8:30 p.m. at the Rassman Building (2222 Dena Drive) on the ASU Campus, Rassman Conference Room. This seminar is Free!

This session will cover the requirements of owning a business and the resources available to small businesses.

If you need transportation to the Crockett County Senior Center call Lynn English at 392-9094. I will arrange a ride for you.

Do not forget that we have the Defensive Driving videos or DVDs to rent here at the Crockett County Senior Center. The cost to rent them is \$40 and you are allowed to keep them 72 hours.

We have a number of books to select from in our book case. We also have magazines and a few recipes. The book case is placed in the hall across from our small kitchen here at the Senior Center.

Come "Walk Two Miles" with us every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. This exercise program conditions you to begin your day and everyone who participates testifies that it makes them feel better.

Our bridge players come to the Senior Center to play every Monday and Thursday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. These ladies have such fun and bring smiles with them. Come by and let them cheer up your Mondays and Thursdays.

If you are a pool player, we have a good pool table in the back room. Call your friends and get a game set up one afternoon. If you would like to teach pool here at the center, please call Lynn English at 392-9094.

Hope to see you at our activities.

Our activities are for those of you 50 years of age (we are flexible). Come out and see us soon and see what you are missing.

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Topics include: Advantages and disadvantages to owning a business, Market assessment, Profitability assessment, Financing assessment, Choosing a form of organization, Naming your business. Please call (325) 942-2098 to register or by e-mail sbdc@angelo.edu

AAA: Agency to sponsor 'Caregiver Day Out' July 20

"We give the caregiver a break so they can go shopping or go to the movies," Palos said.

The agency is sponsoring a "Caregiver Day Out" from 8:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on July 20 at Glen Meadows Baptist Church on 6002 Knickerbocker Road in San Angelo. The event will feature live entertainment, dancing, gaming, shopping, massages, facials and manicures.

The agency also has a care coordination program that assists in home modification for medical needs, such as installing grab bars for a bathroom and ramps.

The program also helps with funding in paying for medication and utility bills, Palos said.

For the ultimate way to reach all the information the agency has to offer, just dial 2-1-1.

The 2-1-1 program is an information and referral service that goes directly to the Area Agency on Aging.

"It's a massive database with local information and all local agencies," Metz said.

Housing, rent assistance, medical assistance, any type of social service for any age can be found by just dialing 2-1-1, Metz said.

Across the state, 2-1-1 centers (Area Information Centers) have been established to collect and maintain a database of local resource information. Each center responds to calls from people seeking information.

Each center continues to expand its database of government agencies, food pantries, career services, after-school programs, counseling services, and many other nonprofit resources in each of these counties.

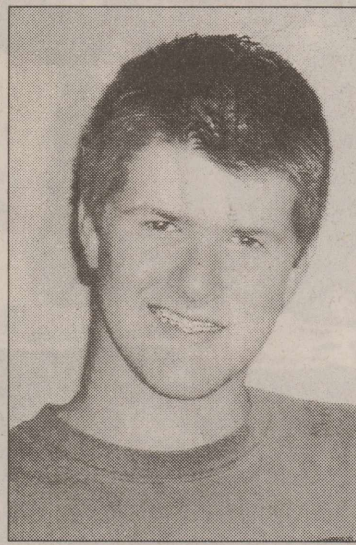
The San Angelo center represents the 13 counties of the Concho Valley, including Crockett County.

During Hurricane Rita, the state's call centers received so many inquires for information, that the calls started being transferred to all the centers across the state, Metz said.

For more information on the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley, or the Caregivers Day Out, call 325-223-5704.

Obituaries

Ryan Jefferson Hall



Ryan Jefferson Hall, 15, passed away on June 20, 2006 during surgery in the ICU at Children's Medical Center in Dallas.

He suddenly became ill on May 17 and had been in the ICU since May 25 with a rapidly progressing unidentified lung disease.

Ryan was born in Dallas on Nov. 24, 1990 and lived in Garland his entire life. He had

completed his freshman year in the International Baccalaureate Program at Garland High and was ranked in the top 5 percent of his class. He was very involved in the youth ministry at The Heights Baptist Church in Richardson and gave his life to Christ at age 9.

Preceding him in death was his great-grandmother Luetta Kost, of Ozona.

Ryan is survived by his parents, Scott and Emily, and sister, Mallory, all of Garland; grandparents, Donald and Olive Hall, of Port Neches and Jeff and Lou Nelle George, of Midland; great-grandfather Oscar Kost and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services were held in the sanctuary at The Heights Baptist Church on June 23 in Richardson.

A graveside service followed at Garland Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Student Ministry Fund at The Heights Baptist Church or other charity.



THIS BEAUTIFUL THOMAS KINKAID painting is a 2,000 piece puzzle that was recently completed at the Crockett County Senior Center. The puzzle has mounted and is on display at the center.

Care Center Chatter

By JAN ST. CLAIR TICE Activity Director

I do apologize, I missed resident Catarina Cardanas's birthday for July. I will be the first to admit that I do make mistakes.

E.A. Wadsworth R.N. and her reading class on Monday afternoon. Thank you E.A., our residents really enjoy your company and reading.

Tuesday afternoon, Carol Adcock and Brother John Colis had Baptist Bible Study with Odilia Sanchez at the piano. Thank you all.

Wednesday, our lovely lady of music, Judy Reagor, entertained our staff and visitors and residents with her singing.

Judy's mother Pauline Brown and Odilia Sanchez took part in singing as well. Thank you.

Enjoying as well were visitors Mr. and Mrs. Leo Cervantez, Marjorie Coates and Betty Harrell.

Thursday morning, Nana Fierro, JoAnn Babbitt, Nell Wester and Rachel Ybarra volunteered for our morning beauty shop. Thank you ladies, our lady residents really appreciate you all.

I ask some of our facility residents what does the American flag mean to you?

Neva Palmer - The American flag means more to her than anything.

Pete Solis - Pete is originally from Mexico and got his American citizenship.

Frances Flanagan - Home of the free.

Jo Cox - Freedom, respect. Elvira Higginbottom - Great America.

Dave Nelson - What we fight for, freedom. Dave was in the U.S. Marine Corps.

The cooler weather was a welcome relief for all of us.

Hoping your Fourth of July was as great as ours.

Come by for a visit and, as always, our doors are open.

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank the many Ozona and Sonora businesses and volunteer friends who graciously gave of your time to help educate some of Ozona's children on our numerous field trips. I would also like to thank the volunteers and workers at the library. I know all of your efforts have helped enrich these children's experiential backgrounds, helping prepare them for their school careers.

Thank you very sincerely, Dena Porter and the E.S.L. Summer School Class

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It is on the most unwanted list and I didn't think we had any but there it was growing quietly by the side of the road near our home. I encountered it years ago in another county when some cows got sick and died from it. I painfully learned a lot about the plant. It is poisonous, (usually by slow death), to everything that eats it. It is invasive and undesirable and always has a negative impact. Some essentials to fighting the plant are early detection or recognition and rapid response and knowing what it takes to eliminate it. Once established it is very hard to eliminate and African Rue ignored will choke out everything else and take over. Good management is best defense. That plant reminds me of how Christians should face sin in their lives. When we accept Christ we get a new nature or spirit but the old nature or flesh is still there. The old nature or flesh is not very pretty for instance, immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness and carousing, (Galatians 5:19-21). Another biggie that can easily lead to our downfall is pride, (1 Timothy 3:6). I don't know of any quick fixes but daily Bible reading, prayer and regular worship attendance are good preventatives. If we discover a problem, immediate confession and repentance helps, (1 John 1:9). See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

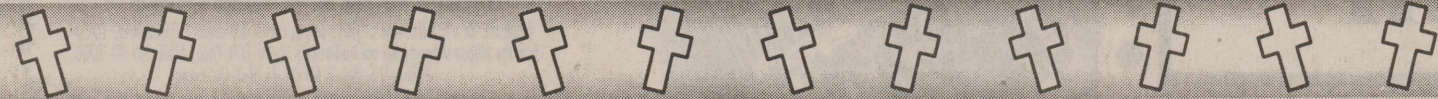
Table with 3 columns of church information: First Baptist Church, Ozona Church of Christ, Ozona United Methodist Church, Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida, Faith Lutheran Church, Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church, Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida, Church of God of Prophecy, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Calvary Baptist Church, Apostolic Church, New Beginnings Church, Iglesia de Cristo

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Tracy's Tidbits

By Tracy Hildreth CEA-FCS



What's the Best Way to Avoid Wrinkles?

As we grow older, we see and feel certain changes in our skin (the body's largest and most visible organ). The skin becomes drier, more wrinkled, spots and growths appear. As skin ages, collagen and elastin, fibers that keep the skin firm, weaken. The skin looks loose, becomes thinner, and loses fat—looking less plump and smooth. To top it off, while all these changes are taking place, gravity is also at work, pulling at the skin and causing it to sag.

Some of these skin changes are natural, unavoidable, and harmless; others are itchy or painful, and some changes, such as skin cancers, are serious and require medical attention. Many of these skin problems can be prevented whether a danger to health or merely cosmetically unattractive.

The sun is the major cause of unwanted changes in the skin with aging. Skin damage done by the sun is referred to as "photo-aging." "How wrinkled your skin becomes depends largely

on how much sun you have been exposed to in your lifetime. Cigarette smoking can also contribute to wrinkles."

"Sociologically, we're seeing wrinkling at earlier and earlier ages. Sun exposure leads to pigmentation disorders, wrinkling, and loss of reflectant quality. We're seeing all that in people in their 20s (emphasis added)."

"Sun exposure is at the root of skin changes throughout life... the ultraviolet light from the sun damages the skin's DNA—or building blocks. There is some cellular mechanism that exists which can repair that damage, but it becomes less efficient with time. Over the years, some of that DNA damage is not repaired and the cells begin to mutate and grow in an abnormal way. Eventually they might become cancerous."

Thus, when pondering the question of what topical products to select, there is one answer that is definite—use sunscreen. Protect your skin and

that of your family members every day with a "broad-spectrum" (i.e., protects from UVA and UVB radiation) sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher, preferably water resistant, and re-apply every 2 hours or as needed. Apply liberally to cover all exposed areas of skin. For more information on appropriate sunscreen use, see the May/June 2005 issue of HealthHints at http://fcs.tamu.edu/health/Health_Education_Rural_Outreach/Health_Hints/2005/june05/sunscreen_use.php.

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Sheffield Boot Camp honors volunteers

By JANE HARBER
Sheffield Boot Camp
Community Relations
Coordinator



Submitted photo

SHEFFIELD BOOT CAMP recently recognized and honored its volunteers during the third annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony.

Sheffield Boot Camp recognized and honored its volunteers recently by holding the third annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony. A banquet, including a delicious sit-down meal prepared by kitchen staff at Sheffield Boot Camp, was enjoyed by volunteers from all over the West Texas area, including one who came from as far away as Dallas/Ft. Worth. Texas Youth Commission's Executive Director Dwight Harris, Commandant Curtis Simmons, and Sheffield Boot Camp's management staff all attended the banquet, along with cadets from the facility. The event took place on Sunday, June 18th, in the boot camp's gymnasium.

Chaplain Jerry Fortune gave the invocation and benediction. All present enjoyed a performance by the Sheffield Boot Camp Color Guard and Silent Drill team. Commandant Simmons greeted the volunteers and thanked them for the wonderful work they are doing. Two Sheffield Boot Camp cadets told what volunteers have meant to them, and how the volunteers have helped them to change their lives, giving them hope for a better future.

Mr. Ernie Black, who comes to the boot camp from the Dallas/Ft. Worth area to mentor cadets, spoke on what it means to him to be a volunteer. Mr. Dwight Harris was the ceremony's keynote speaker. Mr. Harris spoke words of thanks and encouragement to the volunteers, and expressed his hope for the future. Volunteers, cadets and staff then enjoyed a time of visitation.

Community Relations Coordinator Jane Harber, the head of the volunteer program at Shef-

field Boot Camp, said, "There is no greater goal than to help one person change his life and set it upon a healthy, constructive and productive path. As a volunteer, there is no greater satisfaction than knowing you played a part in helping that goal come to pass. We have the best group of volunteers in the state! They have touched the hearts of our cadets and the hearts and minds of our staff. We wanted to thank them. We honor them. And we hope that in some small way we have returned a blessing to them by way of recognizing them with this ceremony."

If you would like to join the team of volunteers at Sheffield Boot Camp, please contact Jane Harber at 432-836-4624, ext. 2215, or e-mail her at jane.harber@tyc.state.tx.us.

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Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas elects 2006-2007 leadership

LOCKHART, TEXAS – Bruce Dopplauf of La Grange, Texas, was re-elected to a second term as president of the Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas on June 16 during the association's 32nd Annual Convention and Trade Show in San Antonio. ICA is a grassroots organization representing the interests of cow/calf producers across Texas.

Elected to his first presidential term in 2005, Dopplauf has spent the past year traveling to and speaking at chapter meetings and association events, representing the state at national conferences, and overseeing a successful membership drive that brought new members into the association and encouraged current ICA members to get more involved. Dopplauf is owner of the Seven V Seven Ranch, a cow/calf operation, and manager of the Lazy D Oak Road Beefmaster Ranch, both in La Grange, and co-owner of B&D

enterprises.

In addition to re-electing Dopplauf, ICA voting delegates confirmed the executive board and the board of directors during the ICA annual meeting. Serving with Dopplauf on the executive board are 1st vice president Peanut Gilfillian of Stowell, 2nd vice president Rosalee Coleman of George West, secretary Richard Hodge of Pledger, treasurer Curtis Calhoun of Austin, and past president Verlin Callahan of Cedar Creek. Dwyatt Bell of Sulphur Springs and A.L. "Windy" Miller of Floresville were elected at-large members of the executive board.

Members of the ICA board of directors are elected to serve for three-year terms on a rotating basis. Elected to new terms on the ICA board were Wesley Ratcliff of Oakwood and Jim Selman of Gonzales. Re-elected for a second term were Robert Bruner of Huntsville, Connie Jacob of Victoria, John

Kahla of Jasper, Ginger Perner of Ozona, Jack Pyburn Jr. of La Grange, Joe Rathmell of Zapata, Charles Reneau of Beaumont, Phil Sadler of Alba, Henry Roy Schaer of Victoria and Tommy Spr of Edna.

The ICA board also consists of Tom Beard of Alpine, Harold Clubb of Hamshire, Verne Colwell of Nixon, Richie Devillier of Winnie, David Edwards of Stowell, Brad Forester of LaRue, Joe M. Kelly of Lockhart, Henry Kuntschik of La Grange, W.R. "Billy Bob" Low of Cost, Brian Luensmann of Seguin, Jim Monaghan of Waelder, Bill Quinney of Gonzales, Fausto Salinas of Sullivan City, and Darrell Sklar of Edna.

ICA was founded in 1974 to provide strong leadership for Texas cow/calf producers and has grown from its 17 original members to become a voice for thousands of cattle producers.

For information on joining ICA, visit www.icatexas.com.

The Ozona Community Center is looking for donations of empty printer cartridges and old cell phones. They are working on new playground equipment for the community center. Items can be dropped off at the Community Center.

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LADY LION BASKETBALL CAMP

JULY 17-19

The Lady Lion Basketball Camp will be held on July 17th, 18th, & 19th at the H.S. Gymnasium. We will have two sessions.

- **Session 1** will be from 9 a.m. - 11:30. It will consist of girls entering the 3rd-6th grades.
- **Session 2** will be from 1 p.m. - 3:30. It will consist of girls entering the 7th-9th grades.

This camp will focus on drills and skills that will improve your child's fundamentals and knowledge of the game.

Your child will need to bring:

- Gym Shoes
- Water Bottle or Sports Drink

The cost of the camp is \$35 per child or \$60 if you have 2 and will include a t-shirt.

The cut off date to turn in money will be July 10th. Please bring your registration form to the H.S. Office. Make checks payable to: JOHN JACKSON

Sign-up Form

Childs Name _____

Grade Entering (Circle one) 3rd 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Phone # _____

T-shirt size (youth) S M L _____
(adult) S M L XL _____

The Lady Lion Basketball Camp is put on for the benefit of those who want to improve their Basketball skills and to encourage one's desire for the game of Basketball. However, Crockett County CCSD or the coaches associated with the camp are not liable for any injury that occurs during the camp or from any other activity during the operation of the camp. It will be the responsibility of the athlete, parents or guardians to provide care and expenses for any injury acquired during the camp.

Camper (Signature) _____

Parent/Guardian (Signature) I _____
acknowledge the terms of the camp and agree to them.

Library finishes successful summer reading program



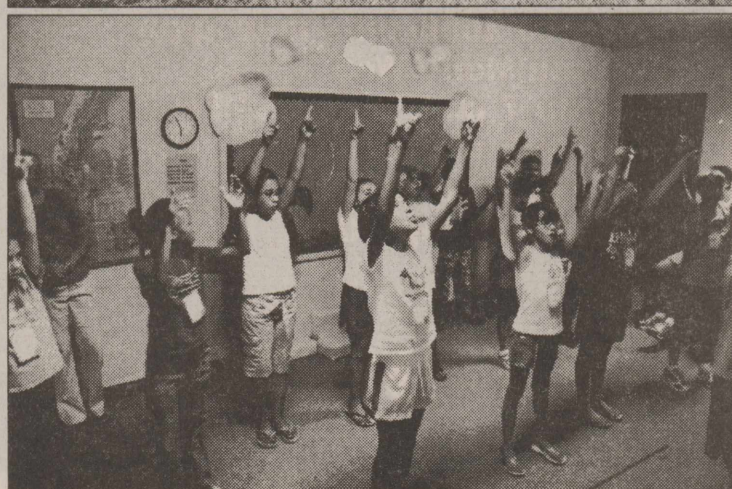
Photos by Melissa Perner
TOP: Cindy Worley reads the book "Tops and Bottoms" while Adrienne Bendele shows off the carrots from her garden on June 28 during the Crockett County Library's Summer Reading Program. **BOTTOM:** E.A. Wadsworth talks to the students about the sport of Rodeo. **RIGHT:** Library summer readers show off their certificates of completion. June 28 was the last day for the library's summer reading program.



Photo by Joe Hernandez
DENA PORTER'S summer school class and helpers toured The Ozona Stockman newspaper on June 30. The group learned how the newspaper operates and got to see the big printing press that prints the weekly edition.

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Property Tax Protest and Appeal Procedures

The law gives property owners the right to protest actions concerning their property tax appraisals. You may follow these appeal procedures if you have a concern about:

- the market or appraised value of your property
- the unequal appraisal of your property
- the inclusion of your property on the appraisal roll
- any exemptions that may apply to you
- the qualification for an agricultural or timber appraisal
- the taxable status of your property
- the local governments which should be taxing your property
- the ownership of property
- the change of use of land receiving special appraisal
- any action taken by the chief appraiser, appraisal district or appraisal review board that applies to and adversely affects you.

Informal Review

CONTACT: Crockett County Appraisal District
 P.O. Drawer H, 909 Avenue D, Ozona, TX 76943
 (325) 392-2674

Review by the Appraisal Review Board

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the county appraisal district (CAD) staff, you may have your case heard by the appraisal review board (ARB).

The ARB is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals or other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the CAD to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notice of the time, date and place of the hearing. If necessary, you may request a hearing in the evening, Saturday or Sunday. Prior to your hearing, you may ask to review the evidence the CAD will use to uphold their determination. The CAD may ask you for a copy of the evidence you plan to present. The hearing will be informal. You or a designated agent may appear in person to present evidence or you may send notarized evidence for the ARB to review at your

hearing. The CAD representative will present evidence about your case. You may cross-examine the CAD representative. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. The CAD has the burden of establishing the property's value by a preponderance of the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at

909 Avenue D Ozona, TX 76943
 (325) 392-2674.

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires ARB members to sign an affidavit saying that they haven't talked about your case before the ARB hears it.

Review by the District Court or an Arbitrator

After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision, you have the right to appeal. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order. As an alternative and within the same time period, you may file a request for binding arbitration with the county appraisal district in certain cases.

Tax Payment

You must pay either the amount of taxes due on the portion of the taxable value not in dispute or the amount of taxes due on the property under the order from which the appeal is taken.

More Information

You can get more information by contacting your appraisal district at (Insert appraisal district name, address, telephone number).

Crockett County Appraisal District
 P.O. Drawer H Ozona, TX 76943.

You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Comptroller's Property Tax Division at P.O. Box 13528, Austin, Texas 78711-3528.

Deadline for Filing Protests with the ARB*

Usual Deadline

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, whichever is later).

Late protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of

your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

For ARB changes (the ARB has informed you of a change that increases your tax liability and the change didn't result from a protest you filed), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.

* The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday.

Weekly Report

23rd District, Texas

Congressman Henry Bonilla



2458 Rayburn HOB Washington, DC 20515 (202) 225-4511

Stop taxing the grave

I represent an amazing district in Texas which spans more than 700 mile of the Texas/Mexico border reaching from San Antonio to Laredo, out to El Paso, and then back to San Antonio. The district encompasses a broad range of family run businesses including everything from farming and ranching, to oil and gas, even your local newspaper. Small business is the backbone of America's economy, but many local businesses are at risk due to the burden of an unfair tax code.

Fundamental reforms of our tax policy are needed to strengthen our national economy and to strengthen the future of America's families. There are several actions that could move us as Americans towards this goal.

By simplifying the tax process, less small businesses would run afoul of the IRS, fewer would suffer undue tax burdens and a fairer and balanced system would be in place. The estate tax, commonly referred to as the "death tax," forces many Americans to pay as much as 60 percent of the value of their savings, businesses or farms in taxes

when they die. Many families are forced to liquidate assets and sell businesses and farms that have been in their family for generations, just to pay this outlandish tax. I consider the 'Death Tax' to be one of the most egregious and outdated tax fossils.

This severe toll actually penalizes citizens for contributing to society. Since coming to Congress in 1993, I have advocated an all out repeal of this arcane measure. In the 108th Congress, we scored a partial victory by fighting and helping secure a temporary repeal of the estate tax through 2010. After reaching this temporary victory, I again cosponsored legislation to permanently repeal the death tax.

Too many families worry if they will be able to afford to keep the doors to their family owned business open after one of their loved ones passes away. This burden, on top of their heartbreak, is appalling to me. I cannot comprehend how anyone could advocate stealing the hard earned savings from the families of those who pass away. This past week, the House of Representatives reached a compromise

in an effort to eliminate the estate tax. In a 269-156 vote, the House passed legislation which would eliminate the estate tax for all but the wealthiest Americans. While this will not permanently repeal the tax altogether, it will at least help protect American families which might lose the businesses which their loved ones built from the ground up.

Unfortunately a couple weeks ago the Senate could not muster the necessary votes to permanently abolish the death tax. The passage of this compromise legislation sends a powerful message to members of the Senate to find the 60 votes needed to send this deal to President George W. Bush to be signed into law. Families in Texas should not have to pay so much of their hard earned money in taxes or be hassled by a burdensome tax code.

Repealing the 'death tax' is the right thing to do for American families. The death of a family member should not be a taxable event. Our family members deserve to keep more of what you worked your whole lives to build. After all, you earned it.

TUNNEL: Excess funds may be used to purchase a banner or new run-through sign

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If we have any excess funds, we will use these funds to purchase a banner or a run-through sign to replace the old existing sign.

We had several organizations that believed in our project and in our Lions and made donations to help meet our goal.

We greatly appreciate their support. The following is a list of organizations, individuals and businesses that donated:

- Nabors - \$2,000
- Lilly's Construction Company
- Sonic - \$500
- Crockett County DeerFest Association - \$500
- Pepe's Cafe - \$300
- Patterson Drilling Co. - \$300
- Dairy Queen - \$250
- Crockett Automotive - \$250
- Mike Williams Construction - \$250

- The Ozona Stockman - \$200
- J.W. Measurement - \$200
- Mi Taco - \$200
- Knights of Columbus - \$200
- Triple C Hardware & Lumber - \$125
- Hill Top Tortilla Factory - \$100
- De Hoyos Law Office - \$100
- Las Guadalupanas - \$100
- Jet Supply - \$100
- Hitchin' Post Restaurant - \$50
- Allen and Susan Williams - \$25
- Ann Shaw - \$2

We ask the community to please support these businesses or organizations as they continue to always help our community projects.

Without their support, community projects such as the Inflatable Sports Tunnel, would not be possible to accomplish.

BOARD: Search for Spanish teacher placed under critical need

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However, the district is still waiting to hear back from both applicants on whether or not they will accept the positions.

Former middle school band director Gretchen Bloebaum will be the new high school band director this fall.

The board also approved placing the search for a Spanish teacher under critical need.

This is due to having a difficult time in finding one, Gott said. With this approval, the dis-

trict can accept the application of a retired teacher if the need arises, Gott said.

Gott also said he is working with Sul Ross State University and the possibility of receiving some applicants from there.

The regularly scheduled school board meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. July 19 at the Administration Building on 797 Avenue D.

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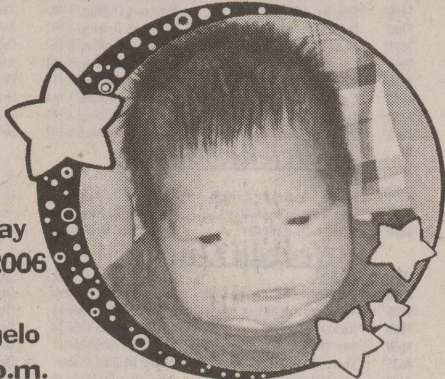
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Youth Center Calendar of Events

July 5 - Board meetings: Teen 5:30 p.m.; Adults 6:30 p.m.

July 10 - High School Pizza Night, 7-10 p.m.

July 11 - Middle School Pizza Night, 7-10 p.m.

Youth Center Announcements

Summer Promotions:

- Sixth-Graders being promoted to Seventh Grade will not be eligible to come to the Youth Center until Aug. 1.
- Eighth-Graders promoted to Ninth Grade will not be eligible to come to High School nights at the Youth Center until Aug. 1.
- Seniors who graduate in May may come to the Youth Center through Aug. 1.

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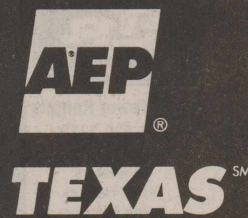
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WEEKLY NEWS REPORT OUTSTANDING WARRANTS:

The following persons have outstanding Felony or Misdemeanor Warrants in Crockett County. It is against the law to aid, harbor, or assist in preventing arrest/apprehension of a person with Felony warrants.

• Joe Sanchez, of Ozona, Class "A" misdemeanor assault causing bodily injury (family violence).

• Mario Najera Aguilar, of San Angelo, theft/adjudication of guilt-felony.

ARREST REPORT 6-27-06

• Juan Ramon Valdez Jr., 19, was arrested by sheriff's deputy on a charge of duty on striking fixture highway landscape less than \$200. Subject was released from jail after posting bond.

• Pedro Samuel Luna, 44, was arrested by DPS Trooper on a Ventura County warrant out of Ventura Calif. for possession of controlled substance. Subject was released from jail after posting bond.

• Mario Najera Aguilar, 28, was picked up by Crockett County Constable at Tom Green County jail on a Crockett County warrant for motion to revoke probation. Subject remains in

jail after bond was denied. 6-30-06

• Victoria Castillo Fierro, 17, was arrested by sheriff's deputy on a charge of criminal trespass. Subject was released from jail after posting bond.

• Justin Wade Kline, 30, was arrested by DPS Trooper on charges of evading arrest, driving while intoxicated second and prohibited weapon. Subject remains in jail unable to post bond.

OFFENSE REPORT 6-27-06

• A criminal mischief report was filed by sheriff's deputy - complainant advised that while state equipment was parked on State Highway 163 north, person or persons threw a bottle and broke window to the equipment, investigation continues. 6-29-06

• A burglary of habitation report was filed by sheriff's deputy - complainant advised that person or person enter her residence on 500 block of Avenue F, and stole a ring, investigation continues. 7-02-06

• A assault family member report was filed by sheriff's deputy - complainant advised that she was assaulted 1600 block of Ave A, investigation continues.

Roadcheck 2006 results announced

Submitted by the Texas Department of Public Safety Public Information Office

During Roadcheck 2006, which ran from June 6 through June 8, DPS troopers inspected 10.1 percent more commercial vehicles than last year and put 9 percent more drivers out of service.

During the three-day campaign, 6,124 commercial vehicles were inspected, compared to 5,560 last year. This year's inspections found that 1,461 of the vehicles and 218 of the drivers had serious enough safety violations to be removed from service.

Last year, 1,518 vehicles and 200 drivers were placed out of service.

Inspectors placed 177 drivers out of service for hours-of-service violations. Other violations ranged from false log violations to suspended, expired and cancelled licenses and having the improper endorsement.

One driver was placed out-of-service for being intoxicated. Vehicle out-of-service violations included 962 trucks that need a brake adjustment, 966

that had brake system problems, 262 for tires or wheel problems and 421 for light malfunctions.

DPS Commercial Vehicle Enforcement troopers, along with Highway Patrol troopers and other inspectors who have received specialized training in commercial vehicle inspection, stopped commercial vehicles to inspect safety equipment and check driver licenses, endorsements and log books.

Troopers also looked for possible drug or alcohol use.

The annual Roadcheck program, which stretches from Mexico to Canada, is designed to reduce commercial vehicle highway fatalities through increased vehicle safety.

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, which sponsors Roadcheck, reports a significant decrease in the commercial vehicle crash rate in North America since the program's start in 1988.

Vehicles passing inspection received a CVSA decal exempting the vehicle from inspection for a 90-day period, unless they have an obvious safety defect. Troopers issued 2,961 decals during Roadcheck 2006.

Supreme Court finds fault with Bonilla's district



HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN -

Most of the Texas Legislature's contested 2003 redrawing of congressional district boundaries did not violate the Constitution, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled June 28.

However, the majority of the high court found the map of Congressional District 23 in violation of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

District 23 cut into Laredo, a Hispanic and Democratic stronghold, to the advantage of Republican U.S. Rep. Henry Bonilla.

"The decision by the Supreme Court on the ongoing battle over redistricting in Texas was overall a major victory for the Republican Party. The Supreme Court ruled that, while there was one technical correction needing to be made regarding the 23rd Congressional District, there was just cause for district lines to be redrawn to more accurately reflect the voting trends of the people of Texas. The Supreme Court ruled that the new map is a fair plan and a significant improvement over the previous gerrymandered map drafted beforehand by Democrats," Bonilla said.

"At this point we now must wait for the decision of the lower court, which originally approved the current map. I am happy to represent the current and to have represented the prior residents of Texas' 23rd Congressional District and I will continue to work to maintain their support."

U.S. District Judge John T. Ward, Eastern District of Texas, on June 29 ordered proposed boundary lines must be delivered by July 14 and July 21 is the deadline for responses to the proposals. Oral arguments are scheduled for Aug. 3 in Austin.

Ward is one third of a three-judge panel that will redraw the district.

The redrawing may change the shape of as many as three other adjacent or nearby congressional districts.

Recently resigned U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, who was House majority leader at the time, played a role in forcing the redraw between decennial censuses.

In 2003, most Democratic state lawmakers regarded the timing as illegal at worst and unusual or unprecedented at best, but Republicans argued that the Legislature should replace the previous court-drawn map with one drawn by the Legislature, in accordance with the state constitution.

In its ruling, the Supreme Court adopted the latter mindset. Texas and other states might interpret this to mean a voting map can be challenged at any time, and there's no need to postpone the redrawing until a new U.S.

Census is taken.

Before boundaries were redrawn, Democrats held a 17-15 seat edge over Republicans. The new boundaries resulted in a 21-11 seat advantage for Republicans.

The League of United Latin American Citizens and others brought the lawsuit challenging the 2003 redistricting. The lawsuit named as defendants Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, House Speaker Tom Craddick, Secretary of State Roger Williams and other high-ranking state officials, all of whom are Republican.

Perry called the court's ruling "a clear victory for our state."

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott said, "The Court made clear that the Texas Legislature was fully within its constitutional authority when it adopted a congressional plan that more fairly represents the demonstrated preferences of Texas voters."

Chris Bell, the Houston Democrat challenging Perry for governor, commented, "The Supreme Court's decision clearly shows that Rick Perry and Tom DeLay's actions were blatant violations of the Voting Rights Act and politically motivated power grabs against the Hispanic voting population in South Texas."

AG: TxDOT may install cameras

The Texas Department of Transportation may install cameras on state highway rights-of-way to monitor compliance with traffic control signals, Attorney General Abbott ruled June 23.

TxDOT also may permit local authorities to install camera equipment in connection with traffic-control signals on state highway rights-of-way for the same purpose, Abbott ruled.

Lottery agency names chief

Lottery Commissioners on June 28 named Anthony J. SADBERRY executive director of the Texas Lottery.

SADBERRY had been serving as acting director since his appointment in January.

A former assistant Attorney General of Texas, SADBERRY was appointed to the Texas Lottery Commission by Gov. Ann Richards in 1993.

SADBERRY begins his duties immediately at a salary of \$114,996.

State executes 'Railroad Killer'

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice executed 46-year-old Angel Maturino Resendiz at Huntsville on June 27. Resendiz was found guilty for the 1998 murder of Dr. Claudia Benton of Houston.

As many as 10 other murders have been attributed to Resendiz, who became known as the "railroad killer" for hopping freight trains and moving from town to town.

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employment must be 17 years of age or older. All full-time positions require a valid Texas CDL and driver history. Applications may be picked up and returned to Crockett County Road and Parks Department at 224 State Highway 163 North, Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Salary dependent upon experience of the applicant. Crockett County is an equal opportunity employer (EOE). tfc19

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Crockett County Museum has openings for volunteers. Anyone interested in helping with tours, gift shop sales or other museum activities, call 392-2837 or stop by the museum during business hours.

COOK/DISHWASHER WANTED: Apply in person at the Hitchin' Post from 1-5 p.m. tfc22

NEED A BABY-SITTER: At least 20 years of age. Must have driver's license. Call 392-9547 after 5:30 p.m. 2p23

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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION DISTRICT 7C Rule 37 Case No. 0247780 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 8, 2006 Status/Permit No. 620379 NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANADARKO E&P COMPANY LP, [RRC Operator No. 020542] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE requirement for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 52, Bk. MM, T&STL RR CO/HOOVER, R R Survey, A-4857, OZONA (CANYON SAND) Field, CROCKETT County, being 28.8 miles SW direction from OZONA, Texas. The location and identity of the well is as follows: FIELD: OZONA (CANYON SAND) Lease/Unit Name : LAURA HOOVER GU Lease/Unit Well No. : 6052 Lease/Unit Acres : 160.0 Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 338.0 Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 1146.0 Lease Lines : 338.0 F S L, 469.0 F W L Survey Lines : 2310.0 F N L, 2170.0 F E L Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows: OZONA (CANYON SAND) GAS Special Rules 660/933, 320.0 acres. GAS Optional Rules 660/933, 40.0 acres. OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 8500 feet. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Pat Hissey, at (832)6361233. PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6701. IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY Jul 20, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY. THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION Rule 37 Case No. 0247780 (Dist. 7C)

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION DISTRICT 7C RULE 37/38 CASE NO. 0247794 DATE OF ISSUANCE: JUN 8, 2006 STATUS/PERMIT NO. 620494 NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANADARKO E&P COMPANY LP, [RRC Operator No. 020542] has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirement of Rule 37, and the DENSITY requirement of Rule 38, for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 52, Bk. MM, T&STL RR CO/HOOVER, R R Survey, A-4857, OZONA (CANYON SAND) Field, CROCKETT County, being 28.8 miles SW direction from OZONA, Texas. The location and identity of the well is as follows: FIELD: OZONA (CANYON SAND) Lease/Unit Name : LAURA HOOVER ESTATE 52C Lease/Unit Well No. : 7 Lease/Unit Acres : 160.0 Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 957.0 Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 706.0 Lease Lines : 957.0 F n L, 1413.0 F e L Survey Lines : 1413.0 F E L, 1691.0 F S L Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows: OZONA (CANYON SAND) 4 GAS Special Rules 660/933, 320.0 acres. GAS Optional Rules 660/933, 40.0 acres. OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 8500 feet. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Pat Hissey, at (832)6361233. PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well, than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6848. IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY Jul 20, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY. Rule 37/38 Case No. 0247794 (Dist. 7C)

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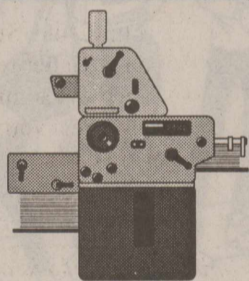
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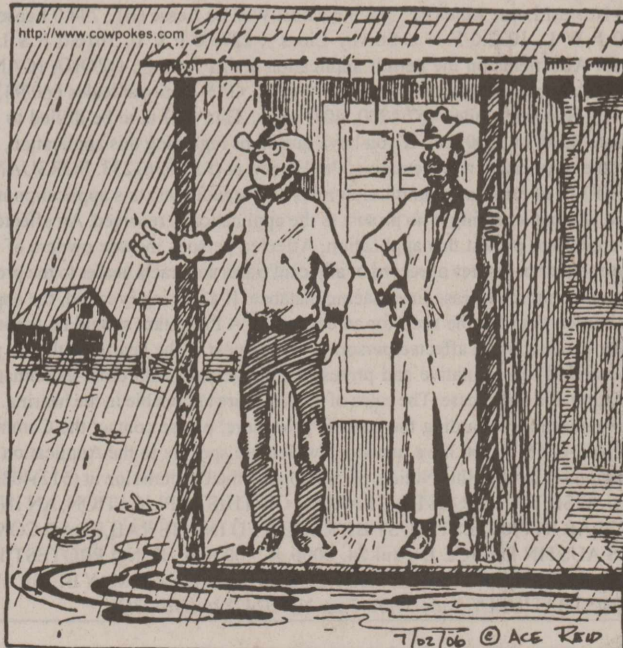
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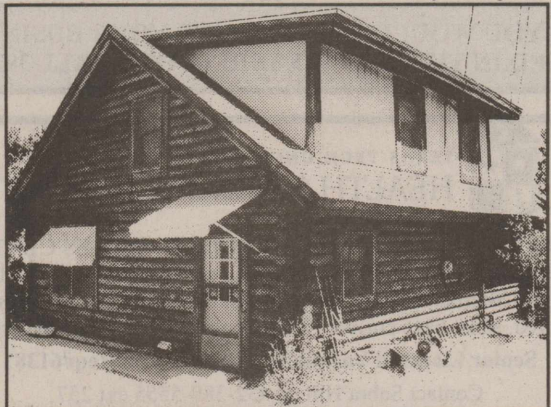
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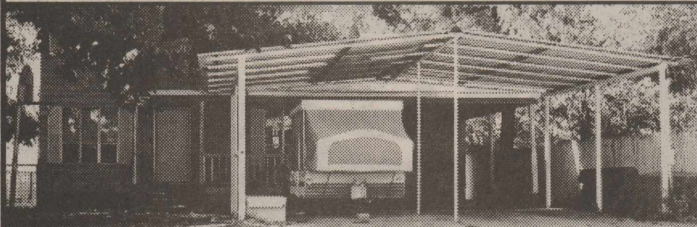
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RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION DISTRICT 7C Rule 37/38 Case No. 0247816 DATE OF ISSUANCE: Jun 9, 2006 Status/Permit No. 620538 NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANADARKO E&P COMPANY, LP, [RRC Operator No. 020542] has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37 and 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the LEASE LINE and DISTANCE BETWEEN WELLS requirements of Rule 37, and the DENSITY requirement of Rule 38, for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 52, Bk. MM, T&STL RR CO/HOOVER, R R Survey, A-4857, OZONA (CANYON SAND) Field, CROCKETT County, being 28.8 miles SW direction from OZONA, Texas. The location and identity of the well is as follows: FIELD: OZONA (CANYON SAND) Lease/Unit Name : LAURA HOOVER ESTATE 52C Lease/Unit Well No. : 10 Lease/Unit Acres : 160.0 Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 364.0 Nearest Well on Lease (ft) : 744.0 Lease Lines : 364.0 F W L, 1032.0 F N L Survey Lines : 2275.0 F E L, 1616.0 F S L Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows: OZONA (CANYON SAND) GAS Special Rules 660/933, 320.0 acres. GAS Optional Rules 660/933, 40.0 acres. OIL Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres. This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 8500 feet. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Pat Hissey, at (832)6361233. PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6848. IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY Jul 24, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY. Rule 37/38 Case No. 0247816 (Dist. 7C)

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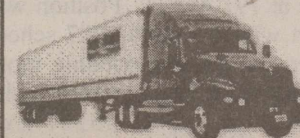


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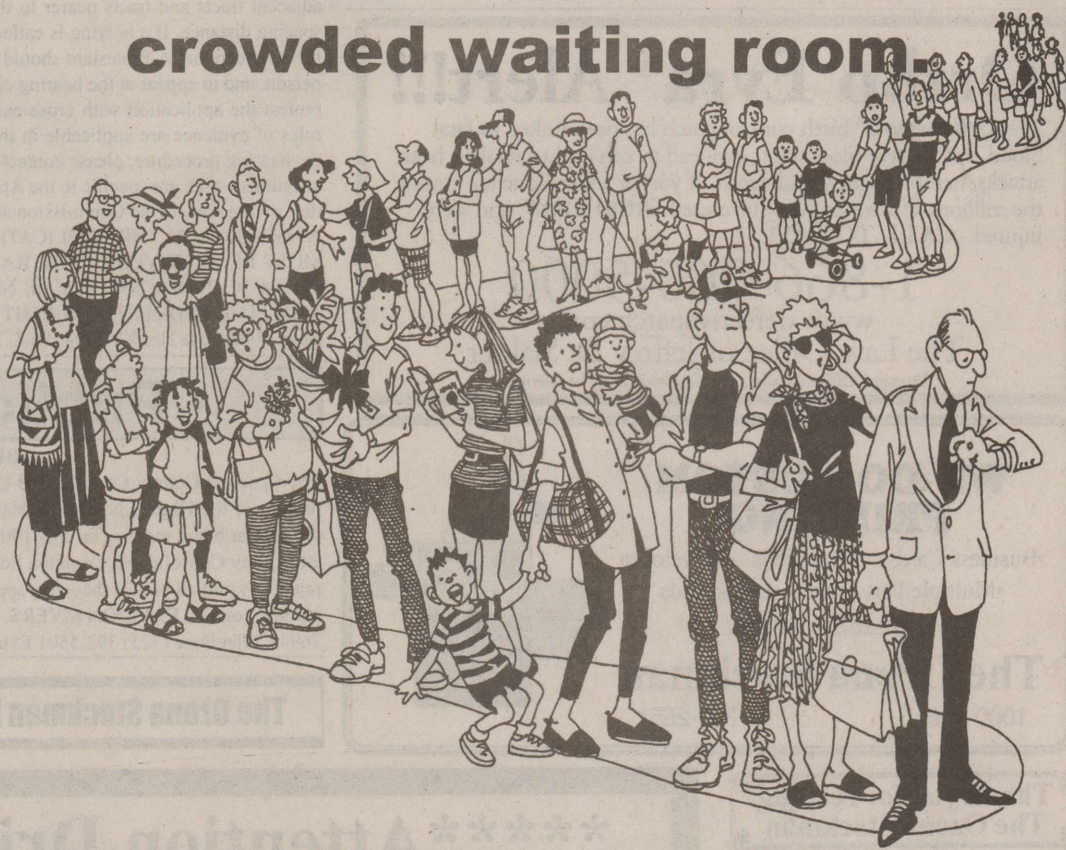


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