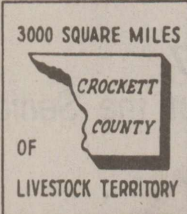


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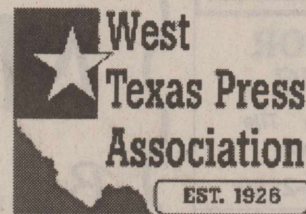
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Sunny	
Thursday	
High 58	Low 34
Mostly Sunny	
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High 54	Low 33
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Athletics, band program discussed

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

Discussion of the school athletics and band program opened up the Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees meeting on Dec. 19.

During open forum, Rod Johnson, of Hope Drilling, and Felix Venegas Sr. addressed the board about students becoming more involved in the band and athletic program.

Johnson said he was here in the community as a business owner to offer his help any way he could.

"Athletics is not the answer to everything, but I think athletics and band is important for a well-rounded individual," Johnson said.

"There is no reason Ozona could not have excellent programs in these areas. I have no personal agenda. We're asking as a community for any ideas that you can come up with."

One of things Johnson said he has seen is that the athletic program is not made part of the school curriculum.

Ozona High School has an eight-period schedule. The eighth period is often used for athletics, as well as to help students who have fallen behind academically, said Carole Allen, high school principal.

Students who are academically strong and have finished athletic or physical education credits do not have to stay for the

eight period, Allen said.

"Our focus is to get these kids educated and better prepared for their future goals, whether they are college or trade schools," she said.

"The board wants to improve everything we can. The board handles a lot of different issues and we try to keep things in balance," added Dr. Marcus Sims, board president.

FIELD HOUSE RENOVATIONS

The board approved ordering 70 new lockers at \$17,850 total for the field house. The lockers will be able to be locked and students can bring their own lock.

The green carpet in the locker room area will be replaced

with a hard-floor surface.

REPORT ON NEW BUSES

The new buses are expected to be in Ozona by Jan. 10, said Ray Don Myers, maintenance and transportation supervisor.

Gott said the company is backordered "like crazy" with orders. Myers also said that the company that installs the air conditioners did not have parts in.

Sims reminded the board that money is not paid until the district has the buses.

DARE PROGRAM

The DARE, drug-education, program has been suspended due to the certified officer resigning from the Crockett County Sheriff's Department.

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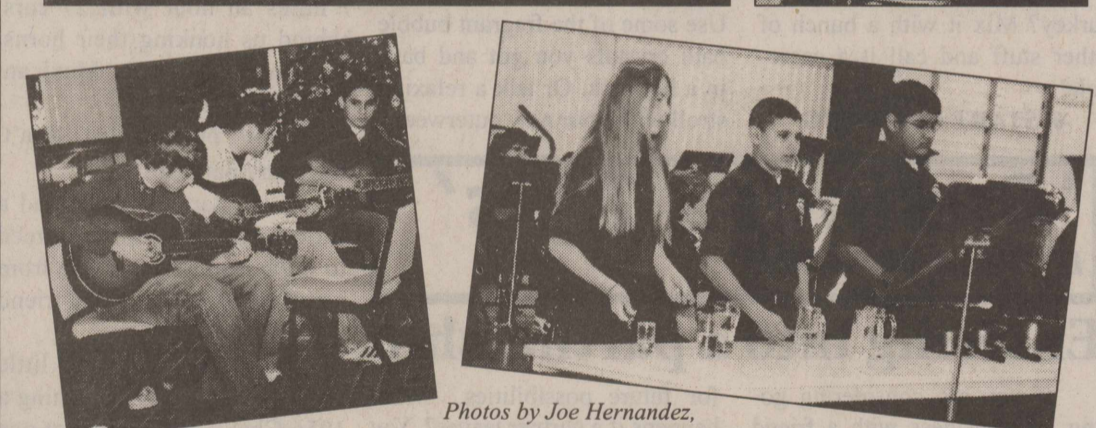
Stockman to close for New Year Holiday

The Ozona Stockman will be closed Monday, Dec. 31 and Tuesday, Jan. 1 for the New Year Holiday.

DEADLINE IS NOON THURSDAY, DEC. 27 for the Jan. 2 edition.

The Stockman will be open Wednesday, Jan. 2. Have a Happy New Year!

Sounds of the Season



Photos by Joe Hernandez, Melissa Perner and Chris Lara

CHRISTMAS MUSIC was all over Ozona last week. Ozona Primary students performed at Crockett National Bank, intermediate students, Community Handbell Choir and high school Guitar Class were at Ozona National Bank and the Ozona Bands performed at the Convention Center.



Submitted photo

THE CROCKETT COUNTY MUSEUM received a \$25,000 grant check from the Permain Basin Area Foundation. The grant was the final amount the museum needed for their new elevator fund-raiser. Pictured are: Camille Allen, museum coordinator, Melissa Perner, board member, Patsy White, director and Lynn English, board member.

Museum reaches goal for their new elevator

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

The Crockett County Museum received a Christmas present in the form of \$25,000 last week.

The Permain Basin Area Foundation selected the museum to receive one of its fall grants during a ceremony on Dec. 19 in Midland.

The money completes the museum's year-long fund-raising effort for a new elevator.

Currently, the museum's elevator only goes to two of the three floors.

With the \$177,124.97 raised, the museum will now be able to renovate and install a new elevator that will reach all three floors.

"This is Christmas to Crockett County because this means we are finished with our new elevator," said Patsy White, museum director.

Along with the Permain Basin Area Foundation grant, the museum also received a grant from the Abell-Hanger Foundation.

Numerous fund-raising efforts were also held, including quilting lessons, an amateur photography contest, the annual wool and mohair style show, a bake sale and raffling a trip to Fort Davis, Texas.

The museum also received lots of donations from local businesses and individuals.

The museum would like to thank everyone who contributed to the new elevator fund.

Individuals and business donors: J Cleo Thompson, Ozona National Bank, Cheseapeake, Crockett County Fair Association, Blue Grass Energy, Crockett County Abstract Office, Norma Carson, Tom and June Cameron, Glover Company, Triple C Hardware, Joe and Jerri Lynn Pierce, Bill and Mary Jo Mason, Pioneer.

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Adison Aaron chosen as 2008 'Miracle Kid'

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

Nine-year-old Adison Aaron loves to cook, especially fish sticks, enjoys her dog D.D. and loves life.

Adison has been selected as a "Miracle Kid" for 2008 through the Children's Miracle Network at Shannon Medical Center.

Adison was diagnosed with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia on Dec. 14, 2006.

She receives chemotherapy once a week at Shannon Medical Center and once a month at Cook Children's Hospital in Fort Worth.

The typical treatment for Leukemia lasts 2 1/2 to 3 years.

Adison is a student at Ozona Intermediate School and very active in the Crockett County 4-H. At the recent stock show, she strutted into the ring with her goat "Big Friend."

Adison is the daughter of Stacy and Mark Gibson. She

also has a big brother, Lakin.

Ozona has shown community support for Adison and her family with fund-raisers and donations since her diagnosis.

Adison was one of five children selected to be the 2008 "Miracle Kids."

"These families tell us that they are excited for the opportunity to give back in some small way the kindness that they have been given during their care at Shannon Medical Center," said Sharla Adam, Director of the Children's Miracle Network.

The other children selected:

• Rebecca Hutson, 12, daughter of Cindy and Mark Hudson of San Angelo. In April 2007, Rebecca experienced a severe headache and neck stiffness. Further test revealed that she had a lumbar puncture. Emergency surgery was performed by Dr. Duarte and other physicians at Shannon Medical Center. She was stabilized and transferred to Cook Children's Hospital. Later she underwent highly special-

ized surgery at Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. She loves to shop.

• Damon Lara, 3, son of Sophia and Diego Lara of San Angelo. Damon has chronic lung disease. He was born at 28 weeks and received a tracheostomy in 2004 at 3 months of age. His tracheostomy was removed in 2006. He has been hospitalized several times with lung related illnesses.

• Rhetick Hayes, 1, son of Heather and Steven Hayes of San Angelo. Rhetick diagnosed at 2 months with pertussis, or whooping cough and hospitalized for one week. This diagnosis is not common because most children get immunizations to prevent the disease. At 2 months Rhetick had not been immunized. He is now a healthy one-year-old boy.

• Rebeckah Owen, 7, daughter of Kelly Owen, of Sonora. Rebeckah and her family were in a severe car crash in February of this year. Rebeckah and her

mom, Kelly were air lifted by AirMed1 to Shannon emergency room as a level 2 Trauma, where they both underwent emergency surgery. Rebeckah was treated for a skull fracture, scalp laceration, facial fractures and other injuries. Kelly went through surgery here and was later transferred to San Antonio for additional surgeries. Rebeckah loves her ballet classes and playing the piano. Her favorite animals are lions and tigers. She loves riding her bike with her brother and checking the animals at the ranch with her dad.

For more information, or to donate to Children's Miracle Network at Shannon Medical Center, call (325) 481-6160 or visit www.cmnsanangelo.org.

Photo by Joe Hernandez

ADISON AARON has been selected as a 2008 Children's Miracle Network "Miracle Kid." Adison is shown here at the local stock show with her goat, "Big Friend."



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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

10 things to do the day after Christmas

- It's over. The shopping is done, the presents are given, received and all open. Now what?
- 1. READ THE MANUAL**
That nifty digital camera you just got has 72 different functions. If you take the thing out for a joy ride before knowing how to use it properly, you won't get the results you expect. It's okay to read the manual, that why it was so carefully written for you. Don't be afraid. You can do it.
 - 2. LET YOUR FINGERS DO THE WALKING**
Sit down behind your new (or trusted old) computer and cruise the web for after Christmas sales. No lines, no parking lots...
 - 3. STAY CLEAR OF THE MALLS**
Unless you are a glutton for punishment, do not by any means, venture out toward the malls. The day after Christmas is traditionally the busiest shopping day of the year, with all the returns, (Aunt Maggie refuses to believe you are a size XL and insists on getting you medium, you got something from a Secret Santa that would clearly be better for someone else...) The parking lots will be jammed, the lines long, just don't do it.
 - 4. HEAD STRAIGHT FOR THE MALL**
Well, some people LOVE this day because of the bargains. Christmas merchandise is half off and you can finally afford that centerpiece you've had your eye on. Be there first to get your hands on it before somebody else does. (But the caution about the parking lots and the lines in #3 above still hold true).
 - 5. GET CREATIVE WITH RECIPES**
What to do with the leftover turkey? Mix it with a bunch of other stuff and call it a casserole!
 - 6. START PLANNING**

'Business Tips' BY PAUL HOWARD

Entering into a partnership

If you are considering going into business with a friend or family member you are pursuing a dream you share with many Americans - running your own business, being your own boss and quite possibly gaining control over your economic destiny. Forming a partnership can be beneficial to all parties involved. The spirit and chemistry of two or more minds working together can often produce exciting results. A partner also brings more cash, skills and resources to the business. And here is a big advantage - it is much easier to take needed time off if you have a partner running the business while you are gone. There are drawbacks too. There is risk and stress that can come with a partnership. When you start sharing in the profits of the business make sure you are willing and able to become intimately involved with each other.

Many clients have asked me, "Do we really need a formal partnership agreement?" If you think that nothing needs to be written down you are not using good business sense. Successful business relationships depend on planning and attention to detail. Writing a partnership agreement is an important part of the process. It is much better to create a written document than to rely on your memory.

Even the brightest business people cannot foresee what will happen to the business. It is a good idea to draft a partnership agreement to anticipate and plan

Community Calendar

- Wednesday, Dec. 26**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Thursday, Dec. 27**
- Ladies Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Friday, Dec. 28**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Monday, Dec. 31**
- New Year's Eve - Stockman Closed.
- Tuesday, Jan. 1**
- New Year's Day - Stockman Closed.
- Wednesday, Jan. 2**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Staff Development Day at Ozona Schools.

Letters to the Editor

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It's the Pitts

by Lee Pitts

A Little Slow

I don't know about you but I just can't stand people who are intolerant of others.

Here we were at night without any headlights, with an overweight load of bulls in the back, on a narrow and windy two lane road, going about 7 miles an hour with 27 cars behind us honking their horns like they were in a Mexican wedding!

Some people just don't have any patience.

It all started when I had a little car trouble and was forced to hitch a ride back home from a bull sale from my good friend Gary.

Now, when he was a little boy Gary dreamed of owning a 1956 Chevy. He finally got one in 1996.

The Chevy stock truck was a real machine too, going from zero to forty in about a week and a half. But what the heck, I needed a ride home so who was I to be choosy?

To say that the trip was slow was a bit of an understatement. Dogs were still peeing on our tires once we reached our cruising speed. Bicycles even passed us. Needless to say this did not make the ever-growing line of cars behind us very happy. Especially since there were so few places to pass.

When there was a brief stretch of open road twenty cars would try to pass all at the same time.

As you can easily understand, the drivers of the passing cars were shaking their fists and honking their horns as they went by.

I became adept at reading their lips and they were saying cuss words that would sizzle bacon. But Gary was oblivious. He chuckled to himself, thought they were just being neighborly, honked his horn and returned the greeting.

Initially it was a real pleasure trip for us seeing how the wives weren't along. And we were making real good time too.

At the rate we were going the bulls might get home before the breeding season was over.

We were swapping lies and having a large time as it gradually turned pitch black outside and a gentle rain began to fall.

That's when it happened!

First the radio went dead, then the road ahead disappeared and then our windshield wipers went into the intermittent mode, this despite the fact that intermittent windshield wipers were not invented in 1956.

"I hate it when that happens," said Gary calmly.

"When what happens?" I yelled as Gary slammed on the brakes to let a tree go by.

"The darn alternator is going out again. We'll just have to go on without windshield wipers or the heater and hope we got enough juice to run the headlights. It might slow us down some though."

Meanwhile, the gentle showers turned into a down-pour. I was shivering and wondered if I'd die of frostbite or in a head-on collision and I thought I should do something.

I offered, "I'll hang out the window and wipe the rain off the front windshield with my handkerchief for you."

"Oh, don't bother. I can't see anyway. Forgot and left my darn glasses at home," said Gary, further instilling a great dread in me that I would not live long enough to apologize to my wife for ever criticizing her driving skills.

Despite the dim headlights every now and then Gary would actually turn when the road did. Meanwhile, the cars were really piling up behind us as we passed several turnouts.

But Gary was completely oblivious. When a car would attempt to pass the drivers would lay on their horns but Gary would just laugh and honk back.

I never did really understand Gary's complacency until we arrived at our destination and I got out of the truck.

As I kissed the ground I noticed on the back of Gary's 1956 Chevy stock truck was a bumper sticker that read, "Honk, if you're horny."

Happy Birthday

Dec. 27 - Trinity Izabella Mendoza, Kenzee Talamantez, Arleen Castillo, Timothy Maldonado, Monique Castro, Roger Martinez, Aron Aguilera and Robert B. Longoria

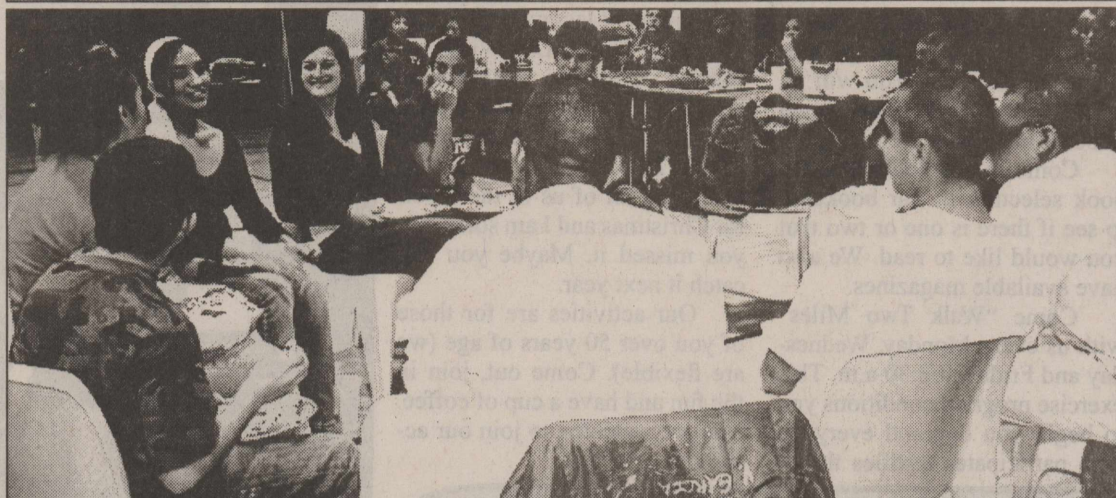
Dec. 28 - Micahel Jovan Urias, Ben Flores, Whitney Crawford, Sara Dorrrough, Jared Shaffer, Maria del Socorro Mata and Preston Tebbetts

Dec. 29 - Meagan Hernandez, Desiree' Young, Leah De-LaRosa, Gabriella Flores, Ethan F. Gonzlaez, Emily Merrill, Jorge Luis Sarabia and Alicia Perez.

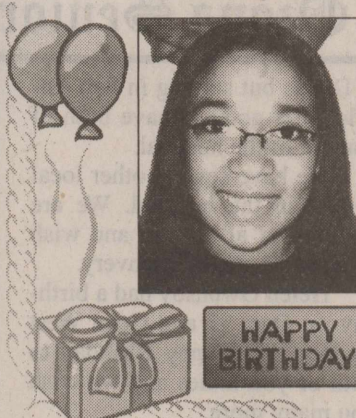
Dec. 30 - Bryan Lacy, Marco Sandate Jr., Artemio Hernandez Jr., Eva Tinney and Josh Gonzales

Dec. 31 - Vicki Cooper, Myra Nester, Jarrett Justiss, Joe Mendoza Jr. and Caden Rutherford

Jan. 1 - Jamie Moore, Maria DeLaRosa and Lisa Tijerina



NANETTE VERNER (top photo) directs the Ozona Community Choir during their performance at the Sheffield Boot Camp. **OLPH YOUTH MEMBERS** (bottom photo) visit with cadets after performing their Christmas program at the camp.



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The holidays at Sheffield Boot Camp

By **JANE HARBER**
Community Relations Coordinator

The holiday season is the brightest, most festive time of the year. At Sheffield Boot Camp, it's no different.

Activities have been taking place at the boot camp since Thanksgiving, when groups of volunteers from surrounding areas baked and wrapped individual holiday treats for each cadet.

Every cadet received a sack of these treats, which included a variety of cookies, brownies, tarts, trail mix, and a candy cane. There's nothing like west Texas cooks ... there were enough treats left over for staff as well.

On Dec. 10, boot camp cadets and staff alike were entertained by a city-wide choir from Ozona.

The Christmas Cantata, directed by Nanette Verner, included a variety of Christmas songs and carols. Dr. Gary Vanoy delivered a Christmas message in story format, connecting all the songs together. Cadets so enjoyed the program they were clapping and singing along with the volunteers. Cadets and staff then enjoyed the many holiday treats brought by the volunteers.

A campus-wide Christmas party was held on Dec. 12. More than 30 volunteers from the youth group at the Catholic Church in Ozona came to brighten the holidays for Sheffield cadets.

Valerie Sanchez led the group, which entertained cadets and staff alike with a story about

the birth of Christ through a skit and music.

All enjoyed treats afterwards.

Touching the hearts of young people who cannot be home with family and loved ones for the holidays, holds an eternal impact.

It teaches them lessons about life that they can learn in no other way - that they can be cared about by folks who don't even know them. (Most have not even considered such an idea.) It gives them hope for a better future.

It gives them a sense of value and worth. Youth need to know adults care. They need adults to be there for them.

They also need to know that they can have fun in a clean, healthy way, with peers who are positive and constructive. The volunteers from communities surrounding Sheffield have always come through for the cadets at this important time of year, and 2007 was no exception.

"For all of the things the surrounding communities have done to make this an even brighter

holiday season than ever before all of us - the staff and cadets of Sheffield Boot Camp - have to shout a huge, resounding **THANK YOU!**" said Jane Harber, Sheffield Community Relations Coordinator.

Sheffield Boot Camp, along with Texas Youth Commission (TYC), is undergoing major reforms to make the TYC experience more positive and constructive for youth.

Under the direction of Acting Commandant, Deborah Harris, the boot camp is optimistic, with a hopeful outlook on the future.

If you would like to be a part of this change and make a difference in the lives of the cadets, consider volunteering or applying for a job.

For information about employment, contact Teresa Rodriguez, Human Resources Administrator, at (432) 836-4624, ext. 2269, or visit <http://www.tyc.state.tx.us>.

For information about becoming a volunteer, contact Jane Harber, Community Relations Coordinator, at (432) 836-4624, ext. 2215.

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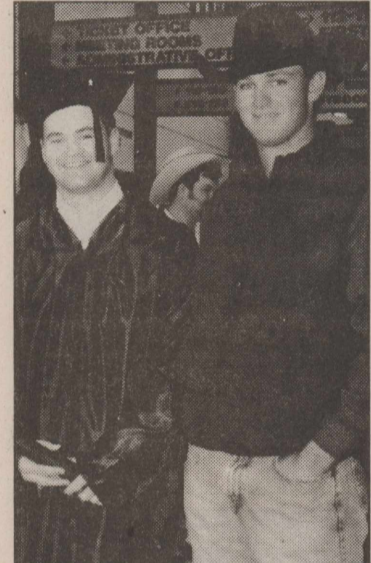
On Dec. 1, Michelle Couch Phillips, wife of Curtis Phillips of Burnet, Texas, was sworn in as a Texas Certified Public Accountant. She became a Colorado CPA in 2002.

Michelle is a 1983 graduate of Ozona High School, a valedictorian and a magna cum laude 1987 graduate of Angelo State University.

She is currently employed by Touchstone Golf, LLC in Burnet, as an account manager, as well as her own CPA practice.

Michelle is the daughter of Jack and Alice Brewer, the late Joseph B. Couch and James and Jane Dalby, all of Ozona.

Michelle and Curtis have a son, Ben Phillips.



Clark graduates from Texas A&M

Chase Clark, a 2007 graduate of Texas A&M University, is congratulated for his outstanding accomplishment by his brother Cade, a 2005 graduate of Texas Tech University.

Four graduate from Sul Ross

Four students from Ozona graduated from Sul Ross State University on Dec. 15.

They are: Jessica Kay Galan, BA, English; Hollis Wayne Moore, MEd, School Administration; Shona Carol Moore, MEd, School Administration and Cynthia Kay Webb, MEd., Counseling.

Shona Moore was also selected for the 2007-2008 edition of "Who's Who among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Qualified students are selected by a committee of faculty, staff and students appointed by the dean of Student Life.

Youth Center Calendar of Events
The Center will be closed
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for New Year.

Donations are currently being accepted for the Youth Center Scholarship Fund

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Roy Glenn Sutton for SHERIFF

As a candidate for Sheriff of Crockett County, I want to tell you more about who I am. As a native of Crockett County, I grew up knowing and making friends among all the families here, whether Anglo, Hispanic or Black. I love and admire all the hard working citizens of this county and will endeavor to make the quality of life good for every person when I am elected.

As your Sheriff I will treat all persons fairly and honestly. I am bilingual in English and Spanish, which is a great asset as we live near the Border of Mexico.

I am confident that my credentials far out weigh those of my opponent. I have an Associate of Applied Science in Law Enforcement Degree from Laredo Junior College, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Texas A&I and over 2,400 hours of training in Federal and State law. I am a former professional law enforcement officer with more than 30 years state and federal law enforcement experience.

I serve on the Eagle Scout Board of Review. I am a life member of the National Rifle Association and a life member of The Texas State Rifle Association. I am a life member of the Veteran of Foreign Wars and member of the American Legion.

I am married to Patricia Sutton, who is employed by the Crockett County Consolidated Common School District as an ESL Aid at Ozona Intermediate School and we have four children, Mike, Glenda, Glenn and Staci Sutton.

Your support and vote will be very much appreciated!

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Ozona Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH
Senior Center Director

I just hope all of my readers have as good a Christmas as I did. The best Christmas present that I had was Midshipman Levi English came home from the Naval Academy to spend the holidays with his family. We had not seen him since the third week of June. Welcome home Levi.

Sorry you missed my column last week, but we were putting a new desk in my office and I was unable to get my column in.

Tina Moran is out of the hospital and seems to be doing real well. We also heard that Dee Keilers is back from his surgery

in Dallas but staying in San Angelo. It is good to have both of you out of the hospital.

We have several other local people in the hospital. We are thinking of all of you and wish everyone a speedy recovery.

Helen Owensby had a birthday on Dec. 17 and Celia West on Dec. 18. Happy Birthday to both of you ladies and we wish you many more.

I have been notified that the Concho Valley Community Action will not be here at the Senior Center until some time in February. This is the group who help those who qualify with their utilities.

There will be no Bingo Social for the month of December because of too many conflicting activities. We are planning a social for January.

A memorial was made in memory of J.B. (Buster) Miller to the Crockett County Senior Center by the Charles Huffman family. Also, a donation was

made to the Senior Center by Celia West. We thank both of you for thinking of us and for your generosity.

Our local Duckwall store hosted a "Cutest Baby Contest" and the proceeds were given to the Crockett County Senior Center. On behalf of the Crockett County Senior Center Board, we thank Mary and all the staff at Duckwalls.

The Angel Food Ministries was distributed at the Senior Center on Dec. 15. You will be hearing more about the Angel Food Ministries in the future.

Come in and look over the book selection in our bookcase to see if there is one or two that you would like to read. We also have available magazines.

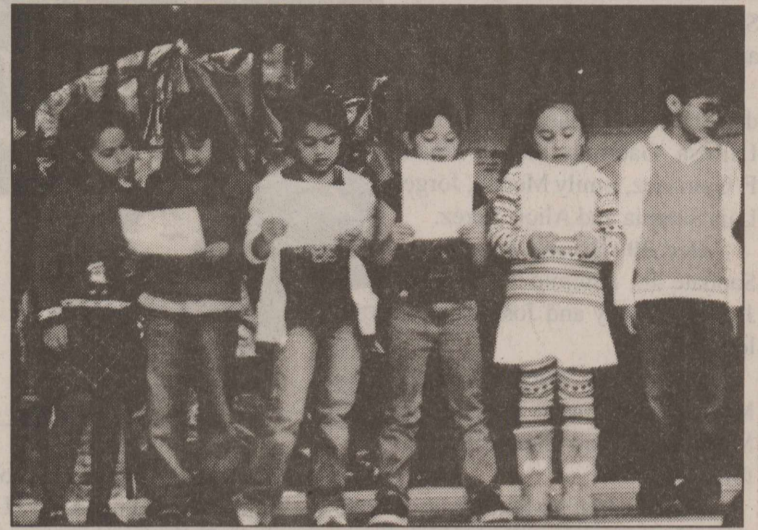
Come "Walk Two Miles" with us every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. This exercise program conditions you to begin you day and everyone who participates testifies that it

makes them feel energized for the day.

Every Monday and Thursday, the bridge players come to the Senior Center. These ladies come in all smiles with snacks and enjoying each other's company. Playing bridge last week were Liz Williams, Celia West, Eileen Childress, Jean Odom and Sandy Bebee.

We had some unexpected entertainment last week. A quartet made up of Liz Williams, Eileen Childress, Katherine Russell, Jean Odom and Sandy Bebee sang their own rendition of "Fa La La La La La La." It really got all of us in the mood for Christmas and I am sorry that you missed it. Maybe you can catch it next year.

Our activities are for those of you over 50 years of age (we are flexible). Come out, join in the fun and have a cup of coffee. You are welcome to join our activities.



Photos by Joe Hernandez
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP presented their Christmas Plays on Dec. 19. The program featured children of all ages in the performance.

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Care Center Chatter

By ELSA VASQUEZ
Assistant Activity Director

We had the greatest Christmas party ever. The families of our residents responded well with lots of presents and goodies. It was a night of a lifetime, to be remembered.

Thanks for the folks from Ozona and San Angelo who brought gifts to everyone here. We had good entertainment by Judy Reagor and all the way from Sanderson Ray Valdez.

Del's Little Schoolhouse and all grades from Ozona Primary School came out for caroling during the week for us.

Nana Fierro and Lucille Longoria came to do beautiful hairdos. Also a special thank to C.N.A.s for making up and dressing our residents. They looked great.

We would like to thank Santa Claus for stopping by to visit. He was Tonya Aldridge's son Kade. A second Santa was Marta De La Garza, our activity director.



Submitted photos
CARE CENTER RESIDENTS (top photo) enjoy their Christmas party on Dec. 16. DEL'S LITTLE SCHOOLHOUSE (bottom photo) sang Christmas Carols at the Care Center.

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SITTING UNDER THE STARS

Last week I came home after dark and as I was walking to the house I looked up and saw all the beautiful stars. It was not too cold so I decided to get a lawn chair and go out in front of the house and just sit. As I sat there in the silence I thought about the shepherds tending their flocks many years ago near Bethlehem. The stars were so beautiful and the sky so clear but as I looked out into space which seemed to never stop, (Psalm 19:1-6) I felt so small and insignificant but then I remembered some of the promises made in the Bible. Even though the universe is so big God knows and cares about every one of us, (Jeremiah 31:3). He promised to not abandon or leave us alone, (John 1:14, Hebrews 13:5). He also promised to do something that would be a great blessing for us which would lead to our well being not only for now but for all eternity, (Isaiah 9:6&7, John 3:16). That gift would arrive in a very special way so we would know it was from God, (Isaiah 7:14). That gift would arrive in the form of a little child born in a manger but would end up dying on a cross for our sins, (Luke 2:1-20, Romans 5:9). Let us not forget that Christmas is acknowledging and celebrating the birth of that special gift.

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Rev. John Collis Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Rev. John Fluth Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>
<p>Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Dan & Ann Rios Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Church of God of Prophecy 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Mario De La Mora Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 4:30 p.m. Tues. & Fri: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Rodney White Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. M. W. F. - 8:30 a.m. Thurs.: 7 p.m.</p>
<p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</p>	
<p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Jesse Cardona Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Hector De La Cruz Sunday School: 3 p.m. Worship: 5 p.m. Thur. Service: 7:30 p.m.</p>	
<p>Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6 p.m.</p>		

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Card of Thanks

Thank you Ozona. Again, I have experienced what a blessing it is to live here in the "Biggest Little Town." On Sunday, Dec. 9, I went to the emergency room experiencing chest pain. Over what seemed just a few minutes, I was seen, it was determined I needed to go to San Angelo, and I was in the ambulance enroute to Shannon. There are some true ANGELS at that clinic, folks. I suffered a very serious heart attack. I thank everyone for their prayers, they were answered in a very special way, and I thank you for the cards, beautiful flowers and phone calls. There just are not enough words for me to thank Dr. Sims, the staff, Mary Lee, Stacy, Connie and certainly the ambulance crew (Doug, Eddie and Freddie). You are a great blessing to Ozona and my family and I thank you from our hearts. God was in control and I am continuing my recovery under His and my wonderful husband's watchful care. If I have not mentioned someone, please know that you will not go unnoticed. I thank you too. God bless Ozona and all who make it such a special place to call "home." I love each and every one of you,
Tina Moran

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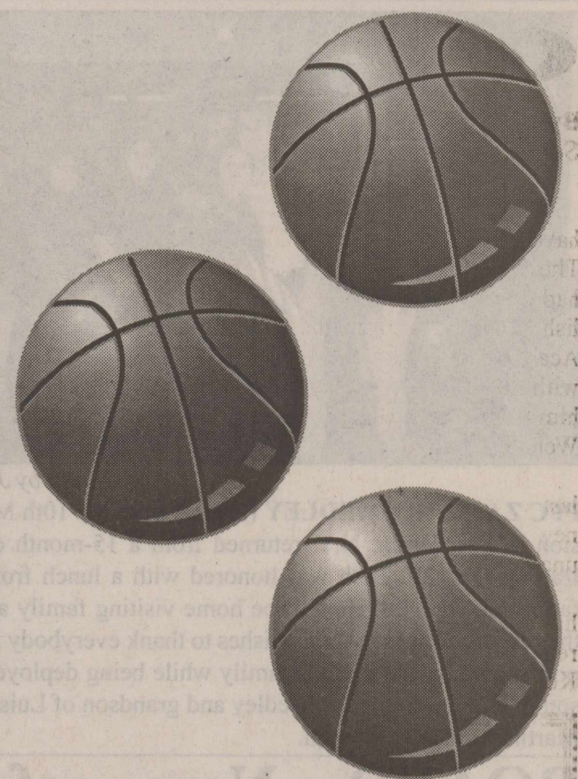
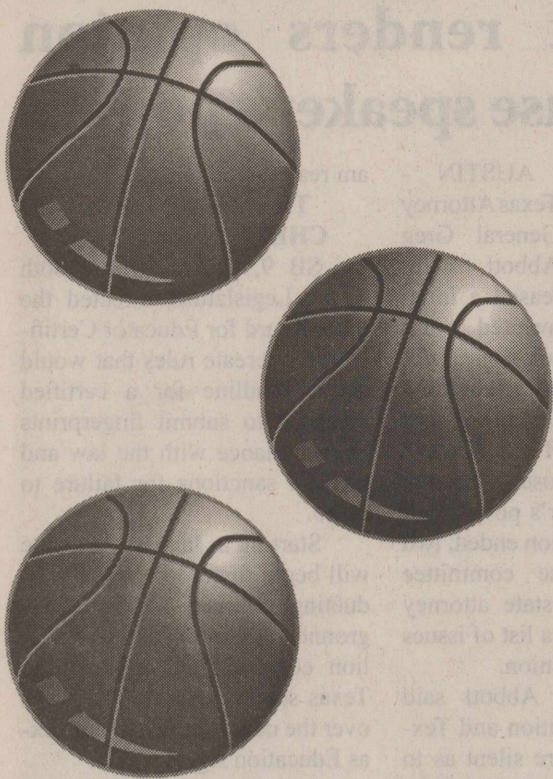
I am apologizing for hurting you in more than one way in the past two weeks.

Thank you,
Kim Weddle

Happy New Year

Here's hoping the coming year brings many happy moments and joyous celebrations to you & your loved ones.
Thanks!

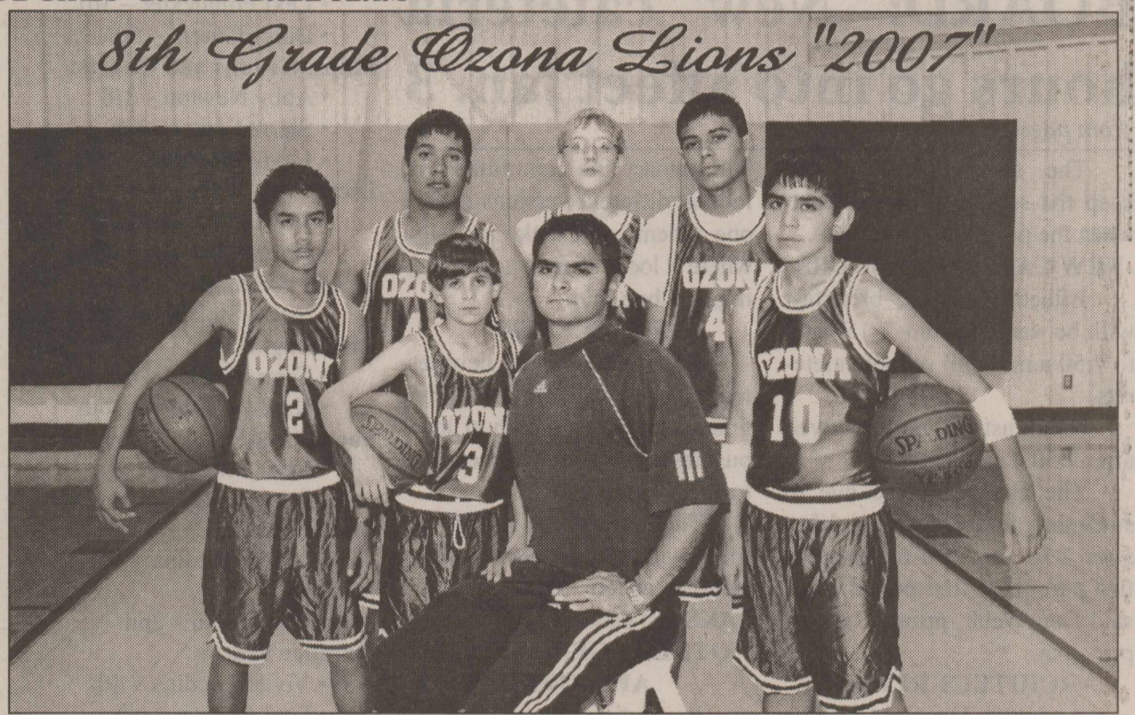
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PFC ZACHARY MEDLEY (center) from the 10th Mountain Division in Fort Drum, N.Y. returned from a 15-month deployment to Iraq on Oct. 29. Zach was honored with a lunch from friends and family on Dec. 20. He will be home visiting family and friends for the rest of the month. Zach wishes to thank everybody for all the support shown to him and his family while being deployed. Zach is the son of Bill and Michelle Medley and grandson of Luis C. and Teresa Martinez and Eva Borden.

BOARD: New cafeteria hours go into affect Jan. 3

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The sheriff's office will keep the school informed as to when the program can resume.

NEW CAFETERIA HOURS

Effective Jan. 3, breakfast will be served from 7:15 a.m. to 7:50 a.m. at all school cafeterias.

Breakfast will not be served after 7:50 a.m.

The change comes due to students often eating breakfast after 7:50 a.m. and missing the first part of the first-period class, said Dan Webb, primary school principal.

ARCHITECT REPORT

Architect Douglas Koehne said that the design committee has narrowed down to three different building schemes after their Dec. 18 meeting.

The committee looked at eight to nine different ways to layout a new elementary school on the existing primary school site.

Koehne said he will then take the three schemes and work on them for the next meeting based on the land surveys that are in process of being completed.

The three schemes will then be narrowed down to one by the committee and then by

late January the committee will look at different versions of that one scheme and make a design where it looks like a new building, Koehne said.

NEWSLETTER

Gott said a school newsletter will be available at the beginning of every month at local businesses and one will be given to every student.

The newsletter will be filled with information, such as summer school regulations and TAKS test dates.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED

Resolution to tax tangible personal property in transit which would otherwise be exempt pursuant to Texas Tax Code, Section 11.253.

For Gott to enter into an inter-local agreement with the county on the skateboard park.

Bid to re-roof ISS and AEP portable buildings.

The board also tabled accepting a board member's resignation since no resignation was submitted.

The next regular board meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Jan. 16 at the Administration Building on 797 Avenue D.

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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

Due to the holiday deadline, the Crockett County Sheriff's Report was unavailable this week. A full report will be printed in the Jan. 2 edition.

OMS UIL Academic Meet Results

Ozona Middle School participated in the District UIL Meet East Zone on Dec. 11. Schools participating were Crane Middle School, Reagan County Middle School and Ozona Middle School.

SIXTH GRADE

Art: • Abby Newton - 1st
• Kelsee Smith - 2nd
• Stephanie Salinas - 3rd
• Briana Lara - 4th
• Jennifer Marquez - 6th

Calculator: • Chad Fluth and Abby Newton tied for - 4th
Oral Reading:

• Tamra Karls - 2nd
• Lexi Poindexter - 3rd
• Daisy Guerra - 5th

Maps, Graphs and Charts:
• Abby Newton - 3rd
• Sierra Stokes - 4th
• Lexi Poindexter - 5th

Dictionary Skills:
• Vivian Medina - 3rd
• Hazael Damian - 6th

Ready Writing:
• Sierra Stokes - 2nd

Listening Skills:
• Tamra Karls - 4th
• Katelyn Tidwell - 6th

Social Studies:
• Vivian Medina - 1st
• Lazarae Rodriguez - 6th

Mathematics:
• Vivian Medina - 4th

Spelling:
• Chad Fluth - 2nd

Number Sense:
• Vivian Medina - 4th
• Saul Benson - 6th

SEVENTH GRADE

Maps, Graphs and Charts:
• Tesla Caperton - 1st
• Josh Tomlinson - 2nd
• Jessica Borrego - 6th

Mathematics:
• Trinity Collis - 5th

Art: • Cynthia Garcia - 1st
• Trinity Collis - 2nd
• Tres Perez - 6th

Spelling:
• Kaylen Hernandez - 2nd
• Cynthia Garcia - 4th

Ready Writing:
• Cynthia Garcia - 2nd
• Sam Maskill - 6th

Editorial Writing:
• Tesla Caperton - 3rd

Oral Reading:
• Sabrina De La Garza - 5th
• Cuarto Jones - 6th

Number Sense:

• Arleen Castillo - 5th
• Jason Badillo - 6th

Impromptu Speaking:
• Cuatro Jones - 2nd

Modern Oratory:
• Tesla Caperton - 2nd
• Sierra Trevino - 6th

Science:
• Sam Maskill - 1st
• Marley Tambunga - 4th

Calculator:
• Josh Tomlinson - 6th

Social Studies:
• Cuatro Jones - 1st
• Alex Borrego - 5th

Dictionary Skills:
• Josh Tomlinson - 4th
• Cuatro Jones - 6th

EIGHTH GRADE

Science:
• Emalee Hamilton - 3rd

Art: • Katy Hernandez - 4th

Modern Oratory:
• Lane Hale - 1st
• Kelsie Ramirez - 2nd
• Emalee Hamilton - 3rd

Listening:
• Ruben Galindo - 2nd
• Aron Aguilera - 5th

Mathematics:
• Jose Lozano - 4th
• Neida Lozano - 5th

Ready Writing:
• Gabby Gutierrez - 1st

Editorial Writing:
• Craig Fluth - 4th
• Michael Medina - 5th

Dictionary Skills:
• Natalie Hernandez - 2nd

Social Studies:
• Lane Hale - 1st
• Kent Fluth - 2nd
• Ruben Galindo - 4th

Maps, Graphs and Charts:
• Craig Fluth and Erik Carrizales tied for 4th
• Jose Lozano - 6th

Calculator:
• Kramer Hall - 5th
• Aron Aguilera - 6th

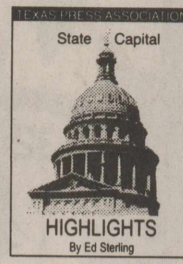
Impromptu Speaking:
• Stormy Bell - 4th

Number Sense:
• Adriel Zamarippa - 3rd
• Kent Fluth - 4th

Oral Reading:
• Erik Carrizales - 2nd
• Kramer Hall - 3rd
• Stormy Bell - 4th

Spelling:
• Michael Medina - 3rd
• Ruben Galindo - 5th

Abbott renders opinion on House speaker's powers



AUSTIN - Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott released a long-awaited opinion on Dec. 14, regarding the powers of the speaker of the Texas House.

Questions arose over the limits of a speaker's power, and soon after the session ended, two Republican House committee chairs asked the state attorney general to address a list of issues and render this opinion.

In summary, Abbott said the Texas Constitution and Texas statutory law are silent as to whether the speaker, and likewise, the president pro tempore of the Senate, are subject to removal from office.

"Any interpretation of this question must be governed by court decisions," Abbott wrote.

In the closing days of the 80th session of the Texas Legislature, a number of Democratic and Republican state representatives tried to remove Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, as speaker of the House.

It didn't work. Craddick fired one set of parliamentarians, then hired new ones to help him hold the powerful post.

It is normally a courtesy to allow members to address the whole House at appropriate times, and to make motions.

But a tactic used by Craddick under the advice of the new parliamentarians was to refuse to hear motions from the House floor, unless those motions came from members he considered friendly to him.

Certain members stood at the microphone repeatedly in hopes of being recognized by the chair (Craddick or his designee) to make motions, but were denied.

TEXAS NOT CHOSEN FOR FUTUREGEN

The U.S. Department of Energy selected Illinois, not Texas, to host the FutureGen project, hailed by some as a near zero emissions coal-fired power plant.

In losing the bid, Gov. Rick Perry on Dec. 18 said though Texas was not selected, "our teams in Jewett and Odessa and our state officials deserve to be commended for developing impressive proposals to attract this project to the Lone Star State."

Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams, who chaired the FutureGen Texas team, said, "There are many clean energy projects on the drawing boards and I, for one,

am ready to get busy."

TEACHERS TO BE CHECKED BY STATE

SB 9, passed by the 80th Texas Legislature, directed the State Board for Educator Certification to create rules that would set a deadline for a certified educator to submit fingerprints in compliance with the law and provide sanctions for failure to do so.

Starting in January, the state will begin fingerprinting or conducting criminal history background checks on about 1 million certified and non-certified Texas school district employees over the next four years, the Texas Education Agency said.

A teacher's certificate would be placed on "inactive status" as a consequence for non compliance, causing the person to become ineligible for employment in a Texas public school in a position that requires educator certification.

PERRY NAMES TYC CONSERVATOR

Gov. Perry on Dec. 19 announced the appointment of Richard Nedelkoff as conservator of the Texas Youth Commission.

Nedelkoff, a former federal agency chief in the Bush administration, succeeds Ed Owen, who resigned as conservator in October.

The TYC houses minors convicted of criminal offenses. Last spring, the agency was put under conservatorship after various media published details of abuse of inmates by guards and by other inmates, and of administrative mismanagement at several TYC facilities.

DPS STEPS UP PATROL DUTIES

Texans who expect to take to the roads during the Christmas and New Year holidays can expect to see more DPS troopers than usual.

Troopers will be looking for drunken drivers, speeders and seat-belt violators.

The Texas Department of Public Safety reports that over the same period last year, troopers made 1,253 DWI arrests and issued 27,032 speeding tickets and 1,183 seat belt citations.

TXDOT TO ADDRESS BILLBOARD ISSUE

The Texas Department of Transportation plans to hear public testimony on a proposal to allow digital billboards along state roadways.

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New Approach Operating	9000	J R Bailey -A- #534	Patterson Drilling/A 710	Drig Ahead
Adventure Explor	8500	University 7-33 #1	Adobe Drilling Mavrk	Drig Ahead 3660'
New Anadarko E & P Co Lp	8500	Davidson-15-#16r	Heart Land Drilling	Drig Ahead
New Tema Oil & Gas Co/H	6100	Hallie Black -3b- #1	Patterson Drilling/A 161	Drig Ahead
New Fiml Natural Res	5500	Maggie Moore #1b	Patterson Drilling/A 721	Drig Ahead

Sutton County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Highmount E&P/Hdq	9750	Morris Brothers -C3- #2	Patterson Drilling/A 39	Assigned
Highmount E&P/Hdq	9550	Jack Brown -Wa- #3	Patterson Drilling/A 39	Drig Ahead
New Highmount E&P/Hdq	9250	Duke Wilson -188- #22	Patterson Drilling/A 120	Assigned
Highmount E&P/Hdq	9000	Duke Wilson #21-14	Patterson Drilling/A 120	Drig Ahead
Highmount E&P/Hdq	8975	Renfro -45- #1	Helmerich & Payne/S 301	Drig Ahead
New Highmount E&P/Hdq	8975	Glascock -30- #1	Helmerich & Payne/S 302	Drig Ahead
Highmount E&P/Hdq	8975	Hicks -23- #17	Helmerich & Payne/S 303	Drig Ahead
New Highmount E&P/Hdq	8950	Shurley -165- #16	Patterson Drilling/A 40	Assigned
New Highmount E&P/Hdq	8650	Mayer #6-11	Helmerich & Payne/S 301	Assigned
New Highmount E&P/Hdq	8600	Mayer Ranch -35- #7	Helmerich & Payne/S 302	Assigned
New Highmount E&P/Hdq	8475	Shannon -51- #16	Helmerich & Payne/S 303	Assigned
New Highmount E&P/Hdq	7750	Lancaster -155- #4	Patterson Drilling/A 105	Drig Ahead
New Highmount E&P/Hdq	7750	Jones Ranch #1554	Patterson Drilling/A 105	Assigned
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New O'Ryan Oil & Gas	5000	Wilson #8	Patterson Drilling/A 721	Drig Ahead

Schleicher County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Wig Exploration	10000	University 53-18 #1	Heart Land Drilling 4	Drig Ahead 7248'
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New Highmount E&P/Hdq	8750	Powell -23- #7	Patterson Drilling/A 742	Assigned
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Reagan County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Pioneer Natural/trv	10500	Hughes -168- #3	Mattcock Drilling 2	Drig Ahead 8791'
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OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
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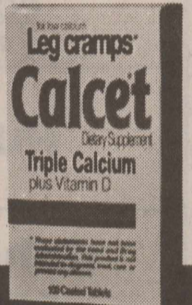
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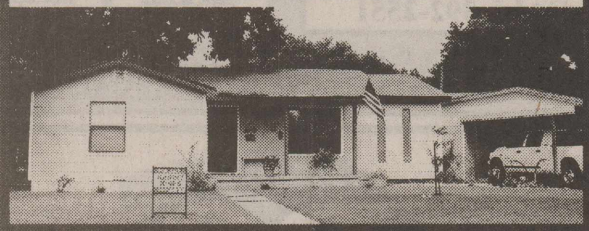
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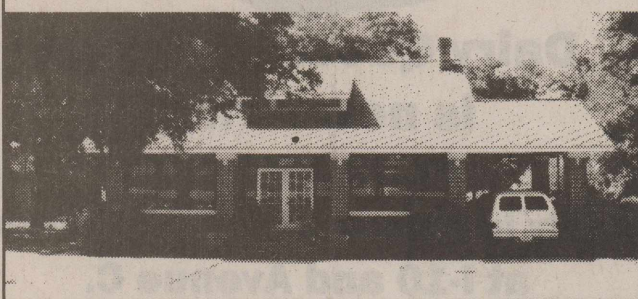
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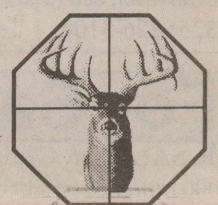
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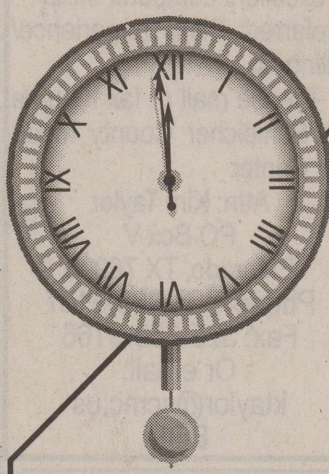
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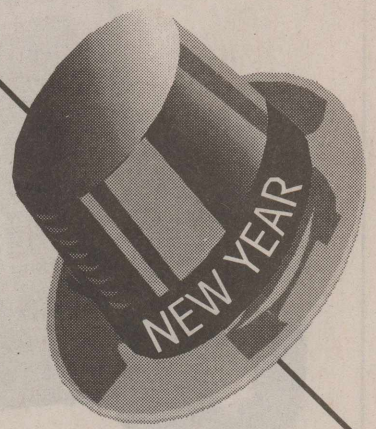
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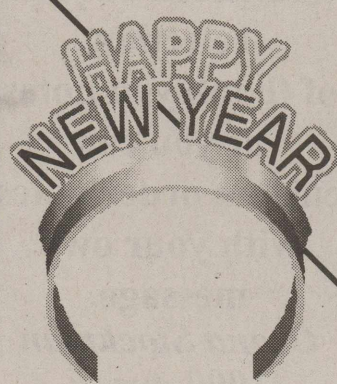
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