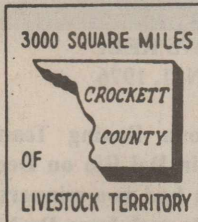


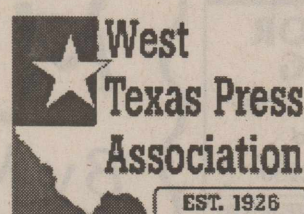
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Forecast information provided by the National Weather Service in San Angelo

Races contested for county judge, clerk

Early voting for primaries to begin Feb. 21

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

Races for county judge, commissioner Precinct 4, justice of the peace and district/county clerk will be contested in the upcoming March Democratic Primary.

Monday, Jan. 2, was the last day to file for this year's races.

Fred Deaton and Larry Williams have filed for the position of county judge. Incumbent Johnny Jones announced previously that he will retire at the end of this year.

Debra Brown and incumbent Debbie Puckett have both filed for the district/county clerk.

Incumbent Rhonda Shaw filed for county tax assessor-col-

lector.

Incumbent Pleas Childress III has filed for another term as commissioner of Precinct 2.

Incumbent Jim Hearne and Thelma Lou Carson have both filed for justice of the peace.

Incumbent Rudy Martinez, Enemencia Flores and Alfredo Tobar have filed for commissioner Precinct 4 position.

Incumbent Burl Myers has filed for county treasurer.

Pete Gomez and Albert Valadez have both filed for 112th Judicial District Judge. Incumbent Brock Jones previously announced he will retire at the end of the year.

On the national level, incumbent U.S. Rep. Henry Boinilla, R-San Antonio, has drawn

a Democrat challenger in Rick Bolanos, of El Paso.

Statewide, incumbent State Senator Frank Madla, D-San Antonio, has drawn a Democrat challenger in Carlos I. Uresti, D-San Antonio, who currently represents District 118 in the State House of Representatives.

Also challenging Madla's position are two Republican opponents in Dick Bowen, of El Paso and Darrel Brown, of Bandera.

Incumbent State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, has filed for another term and no opponents in this year's race.

Early voting begins Feb. 21 and will go through March 2 for the primary election.

Primary election day is March 7.

FIREFIGHTERS BEGIN NEW YEAR BATTLING BLAZE

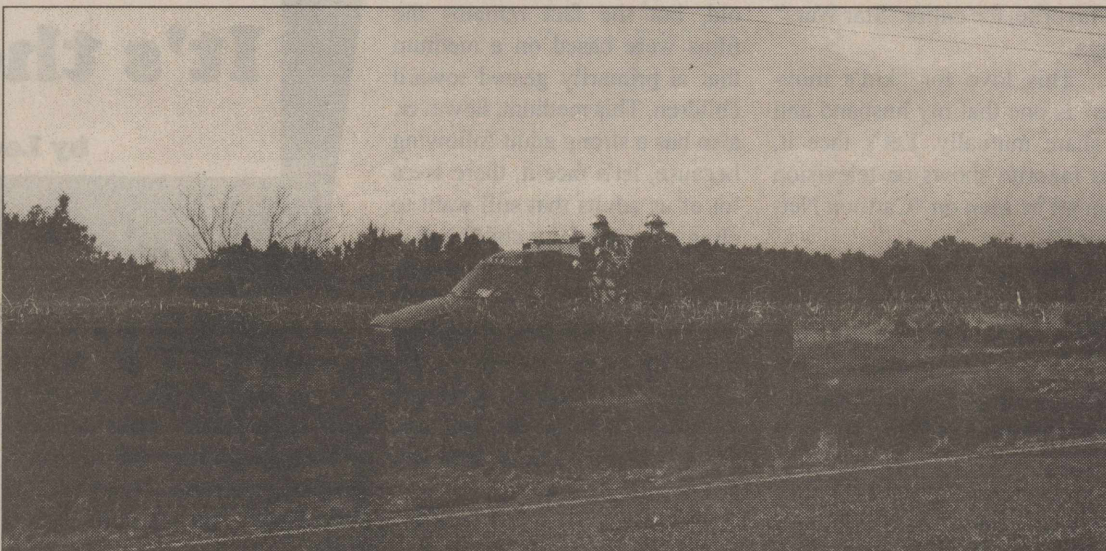


Photo by Wesley Bean

OZONA VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS help extinguish a fire north of Barnhart on Monday. The grass fire started Sunday near the Rocker B. Ranch. Officials estimated around 85,000 acres in three counties were burned.

Dry conditions are expected to continue

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

Ozona volunteer firefighters welcomed the new year Sunday with calls to fight grass fires in Crockett and Irion counties.

The Irion County fire, located on the Rocker B Ranch near the Reagan County line.

The fire started Sunday due to a bird landing on a transformer at a well site in Reagan County causing the transformer to short-circuit.

Fire officials estimated around 85,000 acres in three

counties were burned over the weekend.

An Irion County Volunteer firefighter was taken to San Antonio for second-degree burns to the face and neck. No other injuries were reported in the fire and no houses were lost.

Firefighters from Ozona were called out at around noon Sunday. More local volunteers went out Monday afternoon when the fire had mostly been contained.

Along with crews from Barnhart, Ozona, Glasscock County, Mertzon, Big Lake, Eldorado and Sterling City work-

ing, forest service agencies from North Carolina, Georgia and Texas also responded.

Ozona firefighters also responded to a 20 acre grass fire Sunday off of County Road 205.

Over the weekend, fires raged across Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

According to the National Weather Service, unseasonably warm and dry conditions are expected to continue throughout the week.

A burn ban remains in affect for Crockett County, restricting outdoor burning.

Chamber begins move to new Visitor Center

By **SHANON BIGGERSTAFF**
Chamber Executive Director

Five years ago the community of Ozona came together for a Strategic Planning Session to determine its strengths and weaknesses, and to discuss where the community should be five to ten years down the road. The session was open to the public and included representation from the oil and gas, banking, agriculture, lodging, and retail industries as well as the school district. Interviews prior to the meeting also included high school students and seniors. A rural economic development team assisted and guided the community through the planning process.

One of the top priorities expressed by the community was to develop Tourism. It would provide a third industry for the community thus creating a more diversified economy. The discus-

sions led to methods in which the community could capitalize on the traffic off the interstate. There had been previous discussions of pursuing a Visitor Center, but it was at this meeting that the Chamber of Commerce made a commitment to adopt the priorities and goals of the community as its Plan of Action.

In 2001, the Chamber of Commerce secured \$1,139,000 in funding through the TxDOT 2001 Statewide Enhancement Program to build a Visitor Center. With the support of the community, the Chamber raised the \$60,000 architect fee. The General Contractor, Templeton Construction, has officially turned over the keys to the building. The Ozona Chamber of Commerce is preparing to relocate its offices to the center located at 505 15th Street or at the intersection of Interstate-10 and Highway 1635. The Visitor Center is approximately 3,950 square foot.

It includes a lobby and reception area for travelers, 24-hour rest-room facilities, offices for the Chamber operation, and a Conference Center that will accommodate from 50-75 people for meetings, training or receptions.

"We are planning to be in the Visitor Center by Jan. 15 and will open to the public Monday, Jan. 16," said Shanon Biggerstaff, chamber executive director. "Right now we just want to get the doors open and get those travelers into our community. While January is normally a slow travel month, we know in our new location the Chamber will have a much better opportunity to market our community and its services. We will certainly be much more accessible to the traveler. The Chamber is looking forward to showcasing the center, and thanking the community and all those involved for their support at the Grand Opening tentatively scheduled for February."

Flores files for commissioner



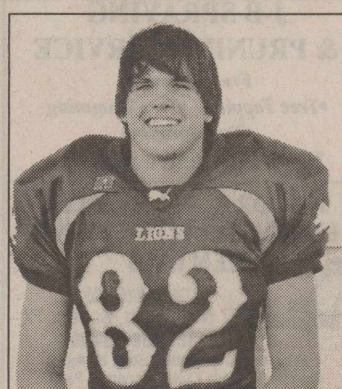
I am Enemencia Flores. I have lived in Ozona in Precinct 4 all of my life. I got married to Jose Cesar Flores after gradu-

ating from Ozona High School. After 35 years of marriage, my husband passed away on Jan. 21, 2005 due to cancer.

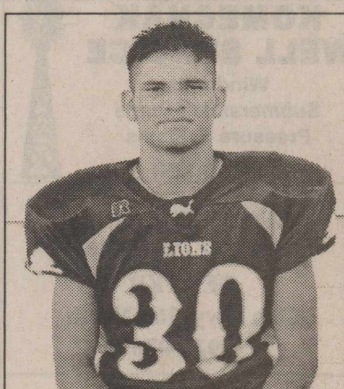
I have four children from my marriage to Jose: Jose Jr., Molly and Jonathan live here in Ozona. My oldest child, Sylvia, lives in Houston.

I am running for commissioner of Precinct 4. Please go vote March 7, 2006. All votes for me will be greatly appreciated. Thank you! May God Bless You!

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Matt McGuire



Jared Espino

McGuire, Espino named to All-West Texas Team

Seniors Matt McGuire and Jared Espino have been named to the 2005 All-West Texas Class 2A Football Team by the San Angelo Standard-Times.

McGuire was named as tight end for "grading out at over 90 percent in every game with his strong blocking," the article stated.

McGuire was also named to the District 2-2A All-District Team at tight end.

Espino was named as defensive back for seven interceptions and 23 catches for 455 yards and seven touchdowns.

Espino was also named to the All-District Team at cornerback.

Rehab 2006 telethon to take place Jan. 21

When the curtain goes up on Rehab 2006 on Jan. 21, one of the most recognized duos in country music, the Bellamy Brothers, will step to the center stage spotlight. West Texas Rehabilitation Center President/CEO Woody Gilliland made the announcement at a news conference today.

In their 30 plus years of performing, David and Howard Bellamy have had numerous country and pop hits, among them are "If I Said You Had A Beautiful Body (Would You Hold It Against Me)," "Let Your Love Flow," "Dancing Cowboys," "Sugar Daddy," "You Ain't Just Whistlin' Dixie," "Lovers Live Longer," "Do You Love As Good As You Look," "Redneck Girl," "For All The Wrong Reasons," "I Love Her Mind," "I Need More Of You," "Old Hottie," "Too Much Is Not Enough," "Kids Of The Baby Boom," "Reggae Cowboy" and "Crazy From The Heart."

Charlie Chase, longtime co-host of the popular Crook and Chase' talk show on the Nashville Network, will return to anchor the Rehab 2006 host desk for the 5 hour special. Texas legend Red Steagall will be back along with The Boys in the Bunkhouse for the 36th annual show. Also returning for her second appearance is fast-rising young star Kristy Lee. The 21-year old Dallasite has performed with such show business luminaries as Neal McCoy, Britney Spears, Glen Campbell, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, and Credence Clearwater. Other regulars lined up to appear are Bill and Susan Hayes (Days of Our Lives), Brad Maule (General Hospital) and Anacani (Lawrence Welk Show).

Television stations in Abilene, San Angelo, Austin, Comus Christi, Laredo, Mid-

land/Odessa, Lubbock, Amarillo, Waco/Temple and Wichita Falls/Lawton. Oklahoma carry the show.

Corporate sponsors are AEP-American Electric Power and Area-Wide Phone Book. American Airlines/American Eagle will once again serve as the official airlines for REHAB 2006.

In addition to the telethon, an annual Internet auction of merchandise and services provided by friends and businesses will take bids at the following Web Site: www.WestTexasRehab.org. Bids will be accepted beginning in late December and will continue through the January 21st telecast. Auction items will be on display at the Abilene Civic Center beginning at 6 p.m. on the 21st Last year, almost \$400,000 in merchandise was featured in the auction. Auction sponsors are Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Texas and NTS Communications.

The annual telethon raises more than \$1 million to help make it possible for the West Texas Rehabilitation Center to serve more than 21,000 men, women and children with disabilities regardless of their financial circumstance. The Center was established in 1953 as a private non-profit outpatient rehabilitation center and has become one of the largest, most comprehensive facilities of its kind in the nation. The Rehab now operates facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona.

The Rehab 2006 Telethon will air live and originates from the Abilene Civic Center at 7 p.m.-midnight Jan. 21. Tickets will be available for those who like to be a part of the Civic Center audience for this entertainment event.

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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

When it comes to watching movies, I'm a kid at heart

I like movies. I mean, who doesn't? Good, bad, funny, sad, action or thrillers, I enjoy some of all types.

When people ask what my favorite thing to do on the weekends is, I don't hesitate to answer: "Watch Movies!"

Whether they be on television or one of the 100-plus videos and DVDs we own, I like to kick back, pop a big bowl of popcorn and host my own little, private movie marathon.

Yes, living out in the country has its privileges when it comes to movies; it's nice and quiet for relaxing and watching.

As I was sorting through my own movie collection this past weekend, I noticed a trend. While I have lots of films about crime, romance and fantasy, I also have a lot of what people would call "kid's movies."

Disney, animation and classics like "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" (the old one), line my shelf next to blockbusters like "Sleepless in Seattle," "Indiana Jones" and, my personal favorite, the entire "Star Wars" saga.

This love for "kid's movies" is one that my husband and I share mutually. Let's face it, his favorite shows on television can all be seen on "Cartoon Network."

On Friday, Paul and I decided to go to San Angelo for a "date," something that we haven't been able to do for awhile. Along with picking out a favorite place to eat, we also decided to go see a movie.

Out of all of the ones playing we narrowed down our choices to two. The first choice was the

latest Jim Carry comedy, which does look hilarious. The second one, however, turned out to be the latest "Harry Potter" film.

We decided that Jim Carry can wait until the DVD release, but "Harry Potter" is a must-see for the big screen. Yes, this is a date movie to us.

After seeing this awesome film (yes, I highly recommend), we spend the weekend watching all three previous movies on DVD.

Being a fan of "kid's movies" really isn't a bad thing. Generally, it's a wise choice when making a movie decision because nine times out of 10 I bet that the kid movie will probably be better than the grown up one.

Don't get me wrong, we still have plenty of those "grown-up" films, but even some of those have kids in mind.

For Christmas, I gave my husband four new DVDs. All of them had one thing in common in the fact that they were all based on comic book characters.

Now, I don't recommend showing them to your five-year-old, but the fact remains the films were based on a medium that is primarily geared toward children. This medium, however, also has a strong adult following because, let's face it, there are a lot of us adults that still want to cling to parts of our childhood.

Maybe if more of us kept the kid in all of us there would be more smiles than frowns walking down the street.

So, if you ask me what my favorite movie is, I'll tell you "Star Wars" and Walt Disney's "Lady and the Tramp."

What can I say? I'm still a kid at heart.

Community Calendar

Jan. 4 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
Jan. 5 - Crockett County Consolidated Common School District Board of Trustees called meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building, 797 Avenue D.
• Seventh and Eighth Grade Lions and Lady Lions in the Reagan County Tournament at Big Lake.
Jan. 6 - JV and Varsity Lions and Lady Lions vs. Wall, starting at 5 p.m. at the Davidson Gymnasium.
• Seventh and Eighth Grade Lions and Lady Lions in the Reagan County Tournament at Big Lake.
Jan. 7 - Eugene "Jake" Miller's 90th Birthday, 2:30-5 p.m. at the Crockett Room.
• Seventh and Eighth Grade Lions and Lady Lions in the Reagan County Tournament at Big Lake.
Jan. 9 - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
• Crockett County Commissioners meeting, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.
• Seventh and Eighth Grade and JV Gold Lady Lions vs. Wall, 5 p.m. at Wall.
• Seventh and Eighth Grade and JV Gold Lions vs. Wall, 5 p.m. at the Becky Childress Memorial Gymnasium.
Jan. 10 - JV and Varsity Lions and Lady Lions vs. Eldorado, starting at 5 p.m. at the Davidson Gymnasium.

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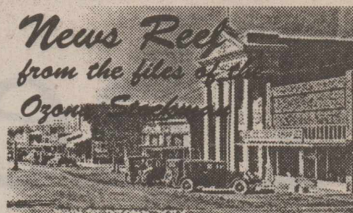
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NEWS REEL
JAN. 1, 1976

The Ozona Boxing Team participated in Del Rio on Dec. 20. The team had two winners: Alfredo Cerda and Jesse De La Garza, and two draws: Kelly Buckner and Roy Tambunga.

Mr. and Mrs. Pon Seahorn and children of Paris left Tuesday after spending the Christmas holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Seahorn.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Cox and children of Friendswood spent the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cox.

NEWS REEL
JAN. 2, 1947

Old Man Winter made up for being late here in Texas by laying a blanket of snow from four to eight inches deep over most of West Texas earlier this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Anja Wilson and children, Joan and Ann, of Alpine spent the Christmas holidays here with Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Perner.

Edward MacDowell day was observed by the Ozona Music Club at its regular meeting Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. V. I. Pierce, with Mrs. S.M. Harvick in charge of the program.

It's the Pitts

by Lee Pitts

Happy Cows

As someone who has owned and appreciated cattle for 40 years I am gratified that so many people are also concerned about the mental state of cows these days.

Not long ago People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) sued the California Milk Board for proclaiming in their ads that their milk came from "happy cows". PETA pleaded in court (unsuccessfully) that milk cows could not possibly be happy because they lived their lives in mud and dirt, were repeatedly impregnated and milked throughout their pregnancies. PETA said it was inconceivable that cows could ever be happy with such a life and that dairy-men were misleading consumers with their false advertising by stating that their cows were indeed "happy".

Even with all the experience that I've had with cows I must admit that sometimes it's hard to tell when they are happy. After all, mostly what they do all day is lay around and eat. If only cows had bovine psychiatrists, support groups and a Dr. Phil to call their own perhaps they might find happiness while they laid around all day and ate.

Another group is also worried about the mental state of this country's cows, especially those bovines that graze our public lands. Even though you and I know that cattle are necessary in maintaining the health of grasslands, in reducing fire danger and in good watershed management, these folks have a beef with beeves and contend that bovines are so far off their mental reservation that they are a danger to anyone who would use our public lands. Because these folks don't like having to walk around, or though, the occasional cow pie they say that "deranged" cows are such a menace to humans that all cows should be "de-ranged" from our public lands immediately.

Even though I have yet to hear of anyone being killed by a psychotic BLM Hereford I feel these people's pain. Because I've had extensive experience in these matters I'll pass on a few hints as to how the public can enhance their relationships with

cows.

First of all, there are three times when humans can enjoy the total bovine experience. The best time is shortly after the mother has given birth. I would advise PETA members to approach the newborn calf while the mother is away at the water trough. Although she has probably hidden her baby you should sneak up on the calf and catch it. As you caress and cradle the calf in your arms it will return your affection by bawling. No doubt this will hasten the cow's retreat to where she left her baby and give PETA members the opportunity to determine if she is happy. As the cow approaches she will, no doubt, be surprised to see you. Extend your hand in friendship and in your most polite voice ask the cow to come closer. This she will probably do. At this point you should be able to see the love-light in her eye. This would be an appropriate time to say a prayer for your mutual happiness. I have no doubt that you will BOND with the cow and remember the experience for a long, long time.

Another opportunity to become one with cows is when they are being given their annual vaccinations and palpated in a squeeze chute. As you can imagine, at this point cows are very grateful to the cowboys for their many kindnesses. Get your personal estate in order and place yourself about five yards in front of the squeeze chute so that when they are turned loose you will be the first to greet them. You may even want to close your eyes so that you'll be completely surprised by what happens next.

Lastly, I'd suggest that PETA members and hikers pack a picnic lunch of berry cobbler and sweet smelling cinnamon buns for a light lunch amongst the cows on public lands. Take your yapping dog along too. To find the cows follow the scat, footprints and tufts of brown or black hair on broken branches. When you do make contact, once again extend your hand, offer the picnic basket as a peace offering by dropping it and RUN FOR YOUR LIFE because... that's a bear you idiot and she's not happy!

Weekly Report 23rd District, Texas
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Give the gift of life

This time of year is a busy one for all of us. The holiday season has come to a close. We've made our new year's resolutions and we're getting back into the swing of things. As you dash into 2006, I urge you to consider an extra new year's resolution: donate blood. The need is great, and the few minutes it takes may mean years of life for a sick or injured patient.

The good news is that millions of Americans voluntarily donate blood every year. The bad news is that this is not enough. Did you know that 60 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to give blood, but only five percent donates each year?

The demand for blood is constantly increasing, and the nation's blood banks are having difficulty keeping up. According to the American Red Cross, the amount of blood needed by hospitals increased more than 15 percent in the past year. Maintaining an adequate amount of blood for surgeries, trauma victims and treatment of diseases is becoming a year-round problem.

What's worse is that donations traditionally slump during the Christmas holiday season. Colleges, schools and businesses that normally host blood drives close and families take vacations. An outbreak of the flu and bad weather can also affect donations. That means that

the demand for blood is higher this time of year than in other months.

In order to avoid a critical shortage, more donors are needed. Donating blood is safe, painless and can save the lives of others. Any individual who is at least 17 years old and weighs 110 pounds or more can donate. Donating blood takes about 45 minutes to 1 hour, including 20 minutes for the actual blood collection.

Type "O" blood is the most commonly used because it can be safely transfused to people of all blood types. You can give blood every eight weeks, but remember that with just one donation you could save a life.

There are many places where donations can be made. Bloodmobiles travel to high schools, colleges, churches, and other community organizations. People can also donate at community blood centers and hospital-based donor centers. Many people donate at blood drives at their workplace. To find out where you can donate, call the national Red Cross hotline at 800-GIVE-LIFE, America's Blood Centers at 888-256-6388, or the American Association of Blood Banks at 866-376-6968.

Every few seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. In the year 2006, make a resolution to give the gift of life: donate blood.

Sheffield Boot Camp says "Thank You, Ozona!"

By JANE HARBER
Community Relations
Coordinator

Every year volunteers from various churches in Ozona get together and remember the young men incarcerated here at Sheffield Boot Camp by providing treats for them during the holiday season. Desserts of all kinds, shapes and consistency pour in, and oftentimes there's more than enough to feed our cadets for an entire weekend.

The State of Texas provides for the physical needs of cadets in the care of Sheffield Boot Camp. But there are many other needs that the State cannot provide. One example of this is the love and support that people in

surrounding communities have continually shown over the years their unselfish giving of time, finances, goods and services ... this holiday season being no exception.

We here at Sheffield Boot Camp want to take this opportunity to express to you our genuine, heartfelt appreciation. Unfortunately, there is no way to know each and every person who donated holiday treats. So, hoping to reach all who participated in providing the holiday feast, this year we chose to say "thank you" by way of the Ozona Stockman. Our gratitude goes to the First Baptist Church in Ozona, pastored by John Colis, and the Ozona United Methodist Church, pastored by John

Fluth, whose congregations have participated in this manner for many years. Special thanks goes to Lisa Branch, who accepted the challenge of organizing the arrangements and delivering this year's holiday treats to the Sheffield Boot Camp facility. Our gratitude is no less sincere to all other residents of Ozona whose generosity and baking skills have delighted the young men in our care.

Thank you, Ozona, for the outstanding job you did! The cadets here at Sheffield Boot Camp can know for sure that they are not "forgotten" because of your dedication, commitment and generosity. Speaking for cadets and staff alike, we are sincerely grateful.

Ozona Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH
Senior Center Director

We have survived Christmas and have greeted in the New Year of 2006. It is a shame that the New Year came in to a dry Texas. It seems as if the west coast is about to wash away and here we sit dry as a bone. As far as my self I am praying for rain in the near future.

We had our New Years party Dec. 31. It was fun dancing to the music of the Red Bandana Band and everyone was excited about the door prizes. All of us here at the Senior Center brought in the year with a bang.

Crockett County lost a local treasure when Freddie Nicks passed away last Wednesday. He served as county commissioner for a number of years and always greeted everyone with a smile. Our condolences go out to his wife Pat and the rest of his family. All will miss their friend Freddie.

The Crockett County Senior Center pot luck was Dec. 28, which was the last one this year. Our next pot luck will be Jan. 11. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

On Dec. 29, I went to San Angelo to receive training at the Area Agency on Aging. The training I received was on the new Medicare Part D prescription plan.

If anyone needs transportation to the Crockett County Senior Center please call Lynn English at 392-9094 and we will arrange a ride for you.

I would like to remind everyone that we have here at the Crockett County Senior Center the defensive driving tapes and also the CD's to rent out. You can check them out here and save a trip into San Angelo. You are allowed to keep the CD's or video for 71 hours.

We also have here at the Senior Center a book, magazine and recipe exchange. Drop by and leave your favorite recipe and maybe we have one here that you may want to try.

There are several things going on here at the Crockett County Senior Center. We have a number of games or you are welcome to bring your favorite game with you.

Our exercise class, "Walk

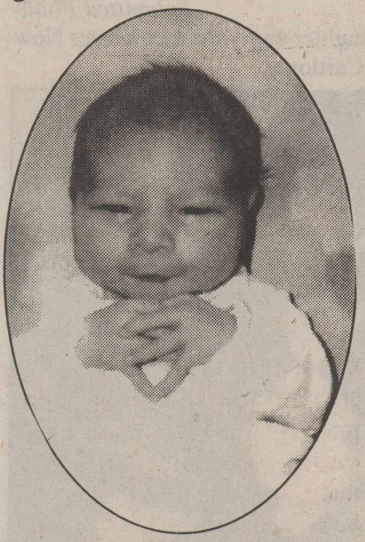
Two Miles" is growing and we want you to join us. We meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m.

There is a hot bridge game going every Monday. The ladies who come have such fun and bring smiles with them. They sure cheer up my Mondays.

If you are a pool player we have a good pool table in the back room and we have recently purchased new cue sticks. Call your friends and get a game set up one afternoon.

We have worked through all the puzzles that we had so if you have any puzzles that you don't know what to do with we could sure use them.

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



It's a boy

Nicholas Albino Cantolupo was born at 8:22 p.m. on Dec. 5, 2005. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Proud parents are Tera and Patrick Cantolupo of Arizona.

Proud grandmother is Gloria Sanchez, a resident of the Crockett County Care Center.



Jan. 4 - Aretta Gandy, Joe S. Moran, Realee Capry Borrego, Vince Huffman, Kaylee Ramirez, Douglas Bean and Ramon Ybarra

Jan. 5 - Frances Davis, Z. Ray Hill and Audrey Tijerina

Jan. 6 - Keshia Dean, Victor De La Garza, Genesis Venegas, Trista Bush and Avalon Trujillo

Jan. 7 - Michael Savala, Virginia Lee and Johnny Tambunga Jr.

Jan. 8 - Jonathan Anderson, Penny Ramirez, Linda Talamantez, Peggy Branyon and Tyson Vordick

Jan. 9 - Janette Lozano and Tiger Lewis

Jan. 10 - Zeke Gonzalez, Willie Payne Jr., Cipriano Perez, Cody Hunnicutt, Nereyda Vega, Gabrielle Gutierrez, Will Hoover and Nikolas Santiago

Jan. 11 - Melissa Oviedo Samarripa, Michael Esparza, Penny Stewart, Lydia Fierro, Alicia Lopez, Rocio Torres and Sean Davis

It's a girl

Serenity Kaydance Vasquez entered this beautiful world at 5:47 p.m. on Dec. 18, 2005. She was born at the Williams Family Center in San Angelo.

She weighed in at 6 pounds, 13 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Her proud parents are Penny Ramirez and Anthony Vasquez. Anxiously awaiting her arrival was big brother Khalid Valencia.

Grandparents are Abel and Stella Rodriguez and Juan and Elvira Vasquez, all of Ozona.

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Construction begins on Arden Road in San Angelo

The Texas Department of Transportation will began road improvements on Jan. 3 to Arden Road between Houston Harte and Farm-to-Market Road 2288 in San Angelo.

The road will be widened from two lanes to five lanes, including a continuous turn lane. Reece Albert is the contractor for this 1.5 miles, \$5.6 million dollar upgrade.

The new road will have an improved drainage system, curb and gutter and a storm drain system installed. The project is expected to take 12 months to complete.

Speed limits will be reduced from 50 mph to 35 mph in the work zone.

For more information, call the San Angelo TxDOT office at 947-9205.

Ozona Woman's Forum

News

By LINDA MOORE
Ozona Woman's Forum

Woman's Forum members were inspired by the nativity story presented Dec. 20 by Marilyn Cox at her home.

History reveals that St. Francis created the first nativity scene after spending time in the country with shepherds, Mrs. Cox said. He decided to set up a scene in a hillside cave to depict the birth of Christ and was given permission by the Pope to do so.

Word of the event spread, and people met at church and walked up the hill to the cave with torches. St. Francis read from the Bible and hymns were sung.

"We are the product of what he did that first year," said Mrs. Cox of the Forum program this December.

A bit of history about many of her nativity scenes and leg-

ends of the nativity reminded all of the reason Christmas is celebrated by Christians around the world.

Bringing their nativity scenes to share were Marolyn Bean with a music box from Austria, Crystelle Childress with a music box from Oberammergau, Germany, which is renown for its Passion Play held every 10 years, and Charlotte Harrell with a handcarved scene from Nigeria.

Joining Mrs. Cox as hostesses were Dorothy Montgomery and Nell Wester.

Other members attending were: Sandy Bebee, Margie Coates, Betty Harrell, Glenda Henderson, Virginia Hubbard, Jimmie Jacoby, Shirley Kirby, Linda Moore, Brenda Newton, Jean Odom and Willa Perry. Guests included former resident Grace Williams of Pennsylvania and Donna Nash, sister of Glenda Henderson.

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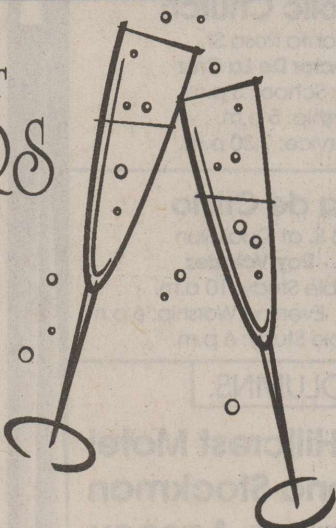
These events are being held in conjunction
with the PRCA Rodeo that runs Jan. 5-14.



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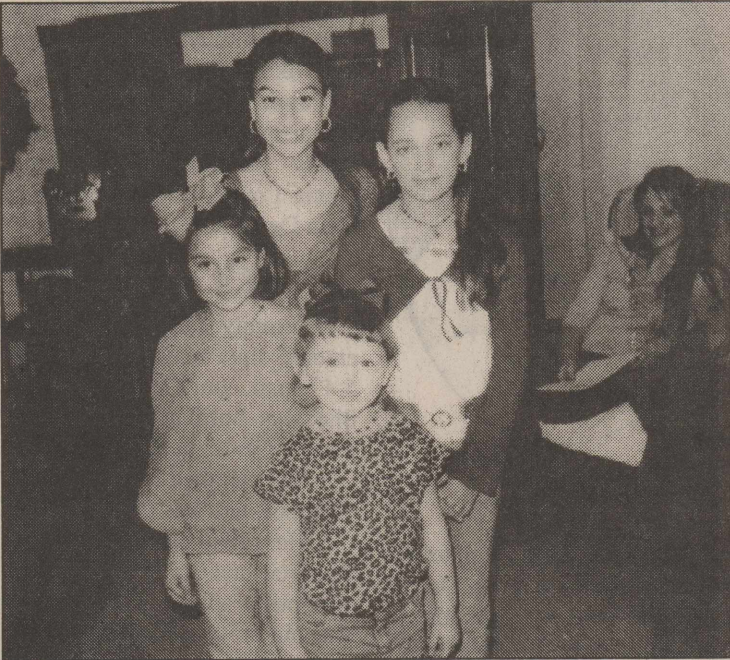




Submitted Photo
INEZ ORTIZ RETIRES after 24 years as Head of Housekeeping at the care center.



Submitted Photo
RACHEL YBARRA (l.) and her daughter enjoy the care center New Year's party with resident Catarina Cardona.



Submitted Photo
JUDY REAGOR'S GRANDDAUGHTERS entertained the residents at the Crockett County Care Center.

Stockman Deadline is Monday at NOON

(1) Jesus went out of the house and was sitting beside the sea.
(2) Great crowds gathered about Him and He got into a boat and remained sitting there, while all the multitude stood on the shore.
(3) And He told them many things in parable (stories by way of illustration and comparison) - saying a sower went out to sow.
Matthew 13: -1, 2, 3

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The American Indians had several ways of keeping track of time. One way they kept track of the years was to have a certain number of sticks in a bundle and each year they removed one. Another way was to have a stick and each New Year they put another notch on their stick. Whether we remove a stick from the bundle or put another notch on the stick a new year has arrived. My wife put some pictures from my camera on our screen saver on our computer so I am able to sit and watch and see many things that happened last year. Last year brought many events into our lives, some were fun some were painful. God makes both, (Ecclesiastes 3:1-4).

Many things will happen this year that I can't control but there are some things I can hope or purpose will happen. One is that I want to be very close to God and Him close to me. I will try to read my bible daily and I will try to attend a local Church regularly. I also want my life or the way I live it to be pleasing to Him, (Romans 12:1 &2). I would also hope that my children are close to God. Yes, I will pray to God and ask Him to help make these things come about, (Psalm 55:1, Matthew 21:22, Philippians 4:6 &7).

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

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.	Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.	Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Rev. John Fluth Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
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.	Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Worship: 9 a.m.	Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Dan & Ann Rios Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.
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Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Rev. Daniel C. Fleming Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.	Attend the Church of Your Choice This Sunday	
New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Jesse Cardona Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.	Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6 p.m.	

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Obituaries

John Childress

John William Childress passed away on Jan. 2, 2006 in San Angelo.

Born May 30, 1920 in San Angelo, he was a lifelong resident of Ozona. John graduated from Ozona High School in 1937 and event on to attend school at New Mexico Military Institute, Texas Tech University and the University of Texas. He joined the Army Air Corps in 1942 and served in the Pacific Theater of Operations on Guam, Saipan and Tinian. After his honorable discharge, he married Eileen Koury of Houston on Feb. 14, 1946. They lived on John's family ranch throughout their marriage and had three sons. John was a rancher and real estate developer in Crockett County. His many civic activities included being charter member of the Ozona Country Club and an active member of the Ozona United Methodist Church serving as Chairman of the Board, Lay Leader and board member. John was an avid traveler and piloted his own airplane and also enjoyed many years of golf, hunting and fishing.

John is preceded in death by his parents, Pleas and Nellie Henderson Childress; and his sisters, Elizabeth Mitcham and Ethel Smith. He is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Eileen; his brother, Pleas Childress Jr. and wife, Geniece; three sons, David Childress and his wife, Kathy, of Houston; Dwight Childress and his wife, Leanna, of Ozona and Duane Childress and his wife, Stacy, of Ozona; seven grandchildren, Will; Laura and Kathleen Childress; Mark Childress and his wife, Taylor; Melissa Hokit and her husband, Kent; Latham Ducote and Kramer Hall; three great-grandchildren, Austin and Bryce Hokit and Morgan Childress; and seven nephews and nieces, Pleas Childress III and wife, Sandra; Genelle Berry and husband, Ron; Lucille Huff and husband, Joel; Charles Childress and wife, Alice; Melissa Elliott and husband, Max; Mary Elizabeth Staha and husband, David and Karen Elms and husband, Stacy.

Services was held Jan. 3 at the Ozona United Methodist Church with burial following at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Ozona.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials to the Ozona United Methodist Foundation or to a charity of your choice.

Freddie Nicks

Freddie Nicks, 71, died Wednesday, Dec. 28, 2005, at his residence. Graveside service was Saturday, Dec. 31, in Cedar Hill Cemetery with Brother Johnny Perkins, Brother John Collis, Jan St. Clair Tice and Graham Childress, with the Ozona Masonic Lodge, officiating. Arrangements were by Preddy Funeral Home.

Freddie was born on April 29, 1934 to Edmond Clark and Opal Braswell Nicks in Camp Springs in Scurry County. He married Pat Jensen on Sept. 10, 1953. Freddie lived in Snyder until he entered the U.S. Army on Oct. 18, 1956. He was discharged in September 1962. Freddie and Pat moved to Ozona in June 1964.

Freddie was active in the Masons, at the Hermleigh Lodge and the Ozona Lodge since 1962. He was Past Master of the Ozona Lodge and held office until his death. He was also honored with the Golden Trowel Award. Freddie was also past president of the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department. He worked for the Texas Highway engineers. He had his own business for 11 years and was a Crockett County Commissioner for 12 years - 1993 to 2005.

He loved helping those in the Crockett County Care Center and the Crockett County Senior Center, and gave belt buckles for several years to the Crockett County 4-H Club.

Freddie was also a member of the Ozona Church of Christ and was Baptized in Lawton, Okla. on May 7, 1958.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Juanita Land and brother, Billy Nicks; CH200

Survivors include his wife, Pat Nicks of Ozona; son Weldon Nicks and wife Barbara, of Ozona; two grandsons, Michael Nicks and Casey Nicks; two step-grandsons, "D" and Matthew; one great-grandson, Aiden; sisters Ramona Anthony and husband Robert, of Abilene, Gay Nel Jarvis and husband Wayne, of Andrews and Margie Trammell and husband Jo Bob, of Levelland; brother Tommy Nicks and wife Sherrie, of Edinburg and many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were: Fred Mahannah, Jack Brewer, Byrl Allen, Sims Reddin, Harold Shaw and Eddie Moore.

Honorary Pallbearers were: Crockett County Commissioners, Crockett County Courthouse Employees, Joe Bean, Jamie Knox and Dr. Marcus Sims.

Ruthe Hayes Nobles

FORT WORTH - Ruthe Hayes Nobles, 92, quietly departed this life, Friday, Dec. 30, 2005, joining her beloved husband, George; mother, Hattie Hayes; father, John Hayes; baby sister, Hattie Mae and brother, Jack.

Graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. today, Jan. 4, at Greenwood Memorial Park in Fort Worth.

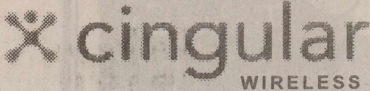
Ruthe Nobles was born July 11, 1913, the first child of John Henry and Hattie Hayes in Fort Worth. Ruthe, the oldest of four children, began her life-long career of loving and caring for her family. She grew up in the Poly area, married George F. Nobles, and except for time spent with him in the service, lived her whole life in the Fort Worth she loved so dearly. Ruthe owned and operated her own beauty shop on the south side for over 35 years. She served as president of the Lake Worth Garden Club and raised one child, her daughter, Lana, two beautiful granddaughters, Tracy and Becky, and all the nieces and nephews she could feed at holidays and gatherings in her Lake Worth home.

Survivors include her daughter, Lana Byrd Chandler, of Ozona; granddaughters, Tracy Byrd Posey, of Fort Worth, and Becky Byrd, of Houston; brother, Ray A. Hayes, of Fort Worth and a host of loving nieces, nephews, their children and their children's children.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests any donations in memory of Ruthe Nobles be made to the Crockett County Care Center, P.O. Box 640, Ozona, Texas 76943.

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The Governors of the U.S. Postal Service voted Nov. 14 to accept the Postal Rate Commission's recommendation to increase most rates and fees by approximately 5.4 percent.

This price increase—the first since 2002—is needed to fulfill a federal law passed in 2003 that requires the Postal Service to place \$3.1 billion in an escrow account by Oct. 1, 2006. Without this federal mandate, it would not have been necessary to raise prices in 2006.

Among the adjustments, the 1 ounce single-piece rate for First-Class Mail will increase from 37 cents to 39 cents, and the postcard rate will increase by one cent, to 24 cents.

The Board of Governors set Sunday, Jan. 8, 2006, as the effective date for the new rates and fees.

The Postal Service is adopting new international mail rates and fees—the first overall price

New Domestic Postal Rates effective Jan. 8

Rate	Current	Jan. 8
First-Class Mail Letter (1 oz.)	37¢	39¢
First-Class Mail Letter (2 oz.)	60¢	63¢
Postcard	23¢	24¢
Priority Mail (1 lb.) and Flat Rate Envelope	\$3.85	\$4.05
Priority Mail Flat Rate Box	\$7.70	\$8.10
Express Mail (1/2 lb.) and Flat Rate Envelope	\$13.65	\$14.40
Express Mail (over 1/2 lb., up to 2 lb.)	\$17.85	\$18.80
Fee	Current	Jan. 8
Certified Mail	\$2.30	\$2.40
Return Receipt (Original Signature)	\$1.75	\$1.85
Return Receipt (Electronic)	\$1.30	\$1.35
Delivery Confirmation Retail (Priority Mail)	45¢	50¢
Delivery Confirmation Retail (First-Class Mail Parcels)	55¢	60¢
Premium Forwarding Service (Weekly Fee)	\$10.00	\$10.40
Money Orders (Up to \$500)	90¢	95¢

adjustment since Jan. 7, 2001.

The total international price increase is 5.9 percent.

To the extent possible, the targeted increase is 5.4 percent, consistent with our domestic rate filing with the Postal Rate Commission.

At the same time, mail destined to the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia will now be part of international rate schedules.

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Bandera County man files for state senate race

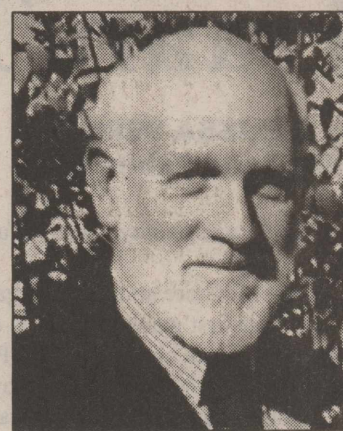
Darrel Brown of Bandera County filed for State Senate, District 19 at the Republican Party of Texas Headquarters in Austin on Dec. 21.

Brown is challenging incumbent Frank Madla, D-San Antonio.

Brown's goal is to provide representation and leadership to the entire district, not just to a portion of it.

"Our district is full of potential," Brown said. "We have challenges with water, economic development and education that have not been addressed for the last couple of decades. I believe that we can find free enterprise solutions to most of our problems. We can do it right in District 19 and lead the way for the future of Texas."

Brown, a newcomer to politics, is a management consultant with a construction engineering background. "I



believe it is time to change the way business is done in Austin," Brown said at a meeting in Del Rio. "The way to make the change is to replace career politicians with folks who are experienced in solving problems in the real world."

At a recent gathering in Alpine, Brown said, "I am running because I want to help build a better Texas for my children and grandchildren."

DSHS to treat coyotes, gray foxes for rabies

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West-Central Texas counties include Brewster, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crockett, Edwards, Gillespie, Glasscock, Irion, Kerr, Kimble, Kinney, Mason, Maverick, McCulloch, Menard, Pecos, Reagan, Real, Runnels, Sterling, Terrell, Tom Green, Upton, Uvalde, Val Verde and Zavala.

During the last 10 years almost 25.4 million individual doses of oral rabies vaccine have been distributed across 352,100 square miles of Texas. That work, health officials with the Oral Rabies Vaccination Program (ORVP) at the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) say, has led to dramatic drops in incidences of canine and gray fox rabies.

"No human cases of rabies in either area have occurred since the vaccine airdrop began," said Veterinarian Ernest Oertli, ORVP director. "And no animal cases of canine or gray fox rabies have been recorded outside the original containment zones since the programs began. These are truly measurable success points."

Beginning in early January, about 2.8 million baits will drop from five specially equipped airplanes living across 39 Texas counties. The first flight takes off Jan. 6, weather permitting, from the Zapata County Airport in South Texas. The second portion of the drop begins about Jan. 14 from the Pecos County Airport in Fort Stockton and the last leg gets under way about Jan. 21 from Junction's Kimble County Airport.

DSHS initiated the program in 1995 to create zones of vaccinated coyotes and gray foxes to stop the spread of the rabies virus and then eliminate canine and gray fox rabies in the area. Canine rabies in coyotes and domestic dogs had reached epidemic proportions in South Texas and threatened San Antonio and other major population areas. The next year, an airdrop began in West-Central Texas

where an epidemic of gray fox rabies had been occurring since 1988.

The number of canine rabies cases in South Texas has declined from a high of 142 cases when the program began in 1995 to none in 2002 and 2003, one in 2004 and none in 2005 through November. Gray fox cases also have shown a dramatic decrease from an all-time high of 265 cases in 1994 to four in 2005 through November.

The specialized baits offer a dinner of fish meal to coyotes and dog food containing molasses and vanilla flavoring to gray foxes. But the important ingredient is the 2 milliliters of oral rabies vaccine encased in each bait.

"The vaccine inside the bait cannot cause rabies in people or animals," Oertli said.

Because baits contain a biological agent and are less likely to be eaten by wildlife if people touch them, they should not be handled. Each brown bait is marked with a DSHS toll free number, 1-877-722-6725, that people may call for information.

A domestic animals rabies vaccination can be safely given even if the animal recently ate an oral rabies vaccine bait, Oertli said.

Chamber seeks nominations

In preparation for the annual awards banquet, the Ozona Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for individuals or organizations you feel have contributed to the community or are deserving of recognition. Awards will be presented during the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet normally held in February or March.

Nominations can be sent to: the chamber office at P.O. Box 1135.

Awards are: **Citizen of the Year, Unsung Hero, Legacy of Spirit and Organization of the Year.**

Nominations may be submitted to the Chamber office, but must be received no later than Friday, Jan. 20. The Chamber asks that nominations also include a name of a family member or friend that the Chamber may contact. Following the deadline, the Chamber will review the history of past recipients that will be compared to submitted nominations.

For more information, call 392-3737.

DPS Trooper killed in line of duty on traffic stop near Monahans

By **TELA MANGE**
DPS Public
Information Officer

Highway Patrol trooper Billy J. Zachary was killed Sunday afternoon when he was struck by a pickup truck while conducting a traffic stop on Interstate-20 near Monahans.

Trooper Zachary had two vehicles stopped on the shoulder of westbound Interstate-20.

He was issuing a citation to a driver when he was struck by a pickup truck driven by Mario

Andres Valdez, 33, of Odessa.

Trooper Zachary was thrown into the bar ditch separating the interstate from the frontage road.

Trooper Zachary, 32, had been with the DPS since February 2004. He is the 79th DPS officer killed in the line of duty.

Trooper Zachary is survived by his wife and an infant. Funeral services are pending.



Card of Thanks

On behalf of all the family Onofre, we want to thank each and everyone of the friends and family that sent flowers and food and joined us in their prayers. Thank you to Preddy Funeral Home. We also want to show our gratitude to the Guadalupanas for the food that they served after the funeral and to Father Serafin and each and everyone of the OLPH Choir for the great service and wonderful singing. We appreciate everything. Thank you and God bless you.

The Family of Ricardo Onofre

Card of Thanks

The family wishes to express sincere thanks to the health care providers whose compassionate care sustained the family through John's last few years. In Ozona, Dr. Marcus Sims and his staff and the Home Health Care staff whose wonderful service allowed John to remain at home until his death; in San Angelo, Drs. Hughston, Hiller, Barnett, and Flynn, and the entire staff at Shannon Hospital and Dialysis Center.

The Family of John Childress

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By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Varsity Lions brought home the second place trophy from the Iraan Tournament on Dec. 30.

Matt McGuire and Levi Vargas were both named to the All Tournament Team.

In their first game, the Lions defeated Rocksprings 58-41. Scoring for the Lions was: McGuire 18; Vargas 12; Justin Galan 11; Nick Perez 6; Tate Collis 6; Robert DeHoyos 2 and Josh Santos 1. Also playing was: Caleb Mitchel and Jimmy Tebbetts.

Score by quarters was: Ozona - 9 24 18 7 - 58; Rocksprings - 10 11 12 8 - 41.

In their second game, the Lions defeated Marfa 58-30. Scoring for the Lions was: Vargas 21; McGuire 13; Perez 10; Galan 6; Collis 4; Tebbetts 2 and Santos 2. Also playing was: Mitchel and DeHoyos.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 18 19 12 9 - 58; Marfa - 8 6 7 9 - 30.

In the championship game, the Lions gave all they had against Crane, but came up short, 52-54, in overtime.

Scoring for the Lions was: Vargas 23; Galan 12; Perez 8; Collis 6; McGuire 2 and Santos 1. Also playing was: Mitchel and Tebbetts.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 16 10 9 11 6 - 52; Crane - 4 17 13 12 8 - 54.

The Lions are now 9-7 overall. They will face Wall at 8 p.m. Friday at the Davidson Gymnasium.

Lady Lions compete in Iraan Tourney

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The Ozona Lady Lions competed in the Iraan Tournament Dec. 29-30.

Senior Malorie Moran was named to the All Tournament Team.

In their first game, the Lady Lions defeated Rocksprings 43-35. Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Alysha Lara 10; Kasey Gray 9; Sara Dorrrough 8; Moran 6; Celia Rivera 4; Frankie Skinner 4 and Tori Miller 2. Also playing was Allie Bean.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 8 7 14 15 - 43; Rocksprings - 6 6 12 11 - 35.

In their second game, the Lady Lions lost to Iraan 19-53. Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Gray 6; Rivera 5; Skinner 4; Dorrrough 2; Miller 2 and Lara 2. Also playing was: Bean and Moran.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 2 7 4 6 - 19; Iraan - 13 18 14 8 - 53.

In their final game, the Lady Lions lost 27-39 to Crane. Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Rivera 18; Dorrrough 4; Miller 2; Gray 2 and Bean 1. Also playing was: Moran and Skinner.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 8 3 6 10 - 27; Crane - 6 16 3 14 - 39.

The Lady Lions are now 3-16 overall. They will play Wall at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Davidson Gymnasium.



ALYSHA LARA HANDLES HEAVY DEFENSIVE PRESSURE WITH EASE from a flock of Lady Eagles in the Lady Lions win over Junction on Dec. 16.



CELIA RIVERA was the high scorer for the Lady Lions with 18 points in their game against Crane this past weekend. She is pictured with a Junction Lady Eagle hot on her heels in the Ladies Dec. 16 game.



ALEXA CERVANTEZ drives toward the basket in the JV Lady Lions 36-12 win against Junction on Dec. 16. Cervantez led the JV ladies in scoring with 16 points.

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Care Center Chatter

By JAN ST. CLAIR TICE
Activity Director

Thanks goes to Joe P. and Kimberly Borrega, Sabrina DeLaGarza for coloring our residents calendars for January, good job.

Tuesday afternoon, we were honored to have Judy Reagor's granddaughters to sing for our residents. Thank you, it was great.

Friday, a host of staff honored Inez Ortiz with a surprise retirement party. Inez has worked here at the facility, head of housekeeping, for 24 years. Inez we all wish you the very best with your retirement.

Friday afternoon, we celebrated ringing in the New Year with wine, cheese, crackers and other beverages of choice

served. Luis Martinez brought a birthday for his son Mel Martinez celebrating his birthday Dec. 30. Thank you Luis, the cake was really good. Nancy Hale, Rachel Ybarra and daughter helped us out serving refreshments, thank you Elvira Higginbottom had a host of family members attending the New Year's party.

I did a little dancing for our New Year's party. It has been some what of a tradition from year's past.

Thanks goes to Janell Tambunga for volunteering for our bingo this past week. The Salvation Army brought fresh fruits for our residents. Thanks so much. We all enjoyed the holidays, but we are ready to start a new year.

We wish everyone a good 2006 from all of us at CCCC.



Submitted Photo
CARE CENTER RESIDENT ELVIRA HIGGINBOTTOM with her great granddaughter at the care center New Year's Party.

**Youth Center
Calendar of Events**

Jan. 4 -
Youth Center Board Meeting,
6 p.m.

High School Movie Night, 7-10 p.m.

Jan. 9 -
High School Pizza Night, 7-10 p.m.

Jan. 10 -
Middle School Pizza Night,
7-10 p.m.

Catholic Church hosts
Search program for youth

The Search for Christian Maturity program is a very established and exciting way for young teens, as well as adult sponsors, to find their lives and to make many new friends. Search for Christian Maturity came in the 1960's from the CYO, Catholic Youth Organization, of San Francisco, California. In May of 1966, the National Catholic Youth Organization, which is the official retreat program, adopted the Search for Christian Maturity for the United States of America. In the ensuing years, the Search was initiated in over 75 diocese in the U.S. as well as in other countries.

Almost 25 years ago, Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Ozona actively participated in the Search program, but because of financial worries, and lack of interest from the youth, that involvement dwindled. Not only had Search involvement disappeared, but also the Youth Group setting was thrown into the backseat of priorities, and the focus was on just keeping the parish alive. In the spring of 2004, four young women, and one adult sponsor headed to Midland, Texas, where Our Lady of Guadalupe was hosting the first Search that any youth at Our Lady of Perpetual Help had attended since the eighties. Not one of the four individuals knew

what they were in for, nor the blessing they would be bringing back to their community. As the weekend went on, they all realized what they, and all the teens back home had been missing out on. Once returning home, they witnessed to their community and have since then left a legacy for many of their peers to follow. Five Searches and one CCW (Christian Community Weekend) have since been attended by Ozona teens and adult sponsors. The weekend of January 6-8, 2006 will be the very first Search hosted by Our Lady of Perpetual Help since the eighties. Much preparation comes along with making a Search successful, so many prayers are asked of everyone in order to make this upcoming Search the start of a new beginning in Our Lady of Perpetual Help's Youth Ministry.

Today, with the help of interested adults and parents willing to give up their time to focus on the youth program at Our Lady of Perpetual Help many youth have been able to experience many great retreats such as this Search program. Thanks to Fr. Serafin Avenido Jr. for his great support to the youth ministry.

For more information contact Valerie Sanchez, Local Search Coordinator, at 392-3112 or O.L.P.H. office at 392-3353.

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EXHIBIT C-3

CROCKETT COUNTY CONSOLIDATED COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2005

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 19,558,638	\$ 76,913	\$ 19,635,551
5800 State Program Revenues	730,953	149,786	880,739
5900 Federal Program Revenues	22,785	497,072	519,857
5020 Total Revenues	20,312,376	723,771	21,036,147
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	4,393,428	385,908	4,779,336
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	68,385	16,142	84,527
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	10,531	1,078	11,609
0021 Instructional Leadership	508	18,627	19,135
0023 School Leadership	390,074	4,314	394,388
0031 Guidance, Counseling, and Evaluation Services	134,069	1,059	135,128
0033 Health Services	43,420	505	43,925
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	254,876	1,570	256,446
0035 Food Services	10,513	417,660	428,173
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	415,720	1,345	417,065
0041 General Administration	567,127	2,535	569,662
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	1,489,619	26,709	1,516,328
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	18,096	-	18,096
0053 Data Processing Services	20,252	-	20,252
0061 Community Services	154	2,771	2,925
Intergovernmental:			
0091 Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	10,837,682	-	10,837,682
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	73,991	-	73,991
6030 Total Expenditures	18,728,445	880,223	19,608,668
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,583,931	(156,452)	1,427,479
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
7915 Transfers In	109,943	157,342	267,285
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(157,342)	(109,943)	(267,285)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(47,399)	47,399	-
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	1,536,532	(109,053)	1,427,479
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,538,519	109,053	1,647,572
1300 Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balance	(112,218)	-	(112,218)
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 2,962,833	\$ -	\$ 2,962,833

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.
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CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS REPORT	
TYPE OF CALLS	# OF CALLS
Animal control, complaints, Game Warden's	6
Courtesy Transports	1
Criminal Activity Complaints	17
Disturbances, Domestic, Loud Noise etc.	9
Gas Thefts	1
Juvenile Complaints	11
Locked vehicles	8
911 Medical, Fire Calls	9
Motorist Assistance	8
Reckless driving/speeding complaints	4
Security Alarms	1
Sheriff's Office/ Jail Admin.	12
Suspicious Persons/Vehicles	7
Welfare Concern Citizen/Property	1

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.

- Nino Castillo Tambunga, of Ozona, failure to comply with requirements on striking unattended vehicle, Class "A" and driving while intoxicated Class "B" misdemeanor.
- Luis Aberto Hererra, of San Angelo, theft - felony.
- Joe Sanchez, of Ozona, Class "A" misdemeanor assault causing bodily injury (family violence).
- Augustine Galindo Guerra, of Ozona, attempted forgery/failure to appear - felony
- Mario Najera Aguilar, of San Angelo, theft/adjudication of guilt - felony
- Daniel Cruz Hernandez, of Ozona, failure to appear, furnishing alcohol to a minor, misdemeanor
- John David Lozano, of Sonora, failure to appear/resisting arrest and failure to appear/evading arrest - misdemeanors
- Stacy Lynn Mann, of Roundrock, failure to appear/possession of marijuana

tucky, arrested by sheriff's deputy for criminal trespass, subject posted bond and was released.

12-29-05

- John Daniel Ramirez Jr., 29, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy for fraudulent use/possession of I.D., subject posted bail and was released.

12-31-05

- Jorge Ortiz, 26, of San Antonio arrested by DPS Trooper for driving while license suspended, subject posted bond and was released.

1-2-06

- Douglas Alan Ducati, 29, of California arrested by DPS Trooper for driving while license suspended, subject was waiting arraignment.

INCIDENT REPORTS

12-28-05

- Sheriff's office filed a criminal trespass incident, after local business employee reported finding a unknown person inside the building. Suspect was arrested at the scene.
- Sheriff's office filed an unattended death report after local resident on Hereford was reported as deceased.

12-29-05

- Sheriff's office filed a failure to report/striking fixture incident. Investigation revealed a known person had damaged property near north baseball complex. A warrant was issued for suspect.

ARREST REPORT

12-28-05

- Jeffery Oller, 46, of Ken-

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Junction Stockyards Market Report

Sheep and Goats

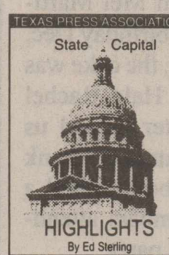
Jan. 2, 2006

We sold 1,990 head of sheep and goats today. Kids and nannies steady.

#1 spring lambs 50-70 lbs.	1.30-1.35
#1 spring lambs 70-90 lbs.	1.25-1.35
#1 old crop lambs 50-70 lbs.	1.15-1.20
#1 old crop lambs 70-90 lbs.	1.10-1.15
Fat ewes	55-60
Thin ewes	45-55
Bucks	30-50
Solid mouth ewes	80-1.00
Ewe & lamb pairs	55-65/hd
Baby tooth Angora stocker nannies	80-1.00
Solid mouth Angora stocker nannies	70-80
Stocker Angora muttons	75-90
Angora Kids	1.30-1.40
Angora Kids-shorn	1.10-1.20
Weighing Angoras-shorn (thin)	50-60
Weighing Angoras-shorn (fat) nannies	70-80
Stocker Spanish nannies	70-85
Fat Spanish nannies	55-65
Fat Spanish muttons	90-1.10
Fat Spanish billies	70-85
Fat yearlings	1.00-1.10
Fat Spanish kids	1.18-1.25
Small kids	1.20-1.30
Thin kids	1.10-1.18
Spanish nanny & kid pairs	40-45/hd

Next goat sale - Jan. 9, 2006

Governor calls National Guard to fight wild fires



fires in the closing weeks of 2005.

Wild fires mainly hit tens of thousands of acres of dry grass and brush in north, central and east Texas. Windborn fires jumped roads, caused at least four deaths and burned hundreds of homes.

Gov. Rick Perry ordered the Texas Army National Guard to assist local firefighters and requested air tankers and helicopters from the U.S. Forest Service.

Burn bans were in effect in more than half of the state's 254 counties.

"We are working hard from both the ground and the air to protect Texans and their homes and property," Perry said after touring wild-fire stricken scenes.

Senators to study tax situation
The Legislature must meet in a special session this spring to re-engineer the state's broken tax system before a court-ordered deadline of June 1.

Texans who want to share their ideas on how to fix the state tax system now have a choice of senators to contact.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, recently formed the Senate Select Committee on Education Reform and Public School Finance to study tax issues and recommend legislation that: (1) satisfies the Texas Supreme Court ruling that the current property tax system violates the state constitution; (2) improves public schools; and (3) reduces school property taxes.

Dewhurst named Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, chair of the committee and member Sens. Kip Averitt, R-McGregor; Kim Brimer, R-Fort Worth; Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock; Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen; Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville; Steve Ogden, R-Bryan; Royce West, D-Dallas; Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands.

In November, Gov. Perry formed the 23-member Texas Tax Reform Commission comprised of non-legislators and headed by former state Comp-

troller John Sharp, a Democrat. The commission's focus, as its name suggests, is tax reform.

But Dewhurst's committee will have a broader focus. He encouraged the committee to "continue work on a public school finance plan that puts additional resources into public school classrooms, tied to greater accountability and performance, cuts property taxes and closes business tax loopholes."

Committee chair Shapiro said, "With the State Supreme Court ruling now in hand, my Senate colleagues and I are reaffirmed in our commitment to school property tax relief, classroom excellence, and professional teacher pay."

"The Lt. Governor's Select Committee will allow the Senate to do our homework before the upcoming special session."

JP has discretion in autopsies

Suppose a person has died under circumstances requiring an inquest but the decedent's family has consented to organ removal for the purpose of donation.

A Dec. 28 opinion by Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott says the Texas Health & Safety Code authorizes a justice of the peace or designated physician to determine whether organs or tissue may be removed for donation.

Furthermore, the opinion said, a district attorney may not require a justice of the peace to deny organ or tissue removal.

SBC becomes AT&T

SBC of San Antonio has acquired New Jersey-based AT&T and taken its name.

SBC, the company formerly known as Southwestern Bell, was one of seven "Baby Bells" born in 1982 when a federal court forced the break-up of AT&T into regional telephone companies.

With the acquisition and name change, San Antonio-based AT&T becomes the largest phone company in the nation.

Jurors to be paid more

A law that goes into effect with the new year compensates members of grand juries and petit juries much more for their civic service.

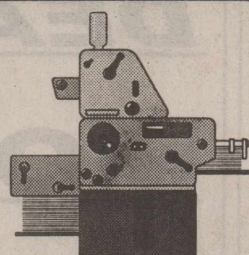
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Henry Petroleum	108000	University -6- Hannah -26- #3	Big Dog Drilling 12	Drig Ahead 4421'
Clayton Williams Eac	100000	University -26- #1	Lariat Services/Ode 16	Drig Ahead 8990'
Harrison Interests	100000	Joe Tom Davidson Jr -A- #46	Patterson Drilling/A 109	Drig Ahead
Pioneer Natural/Tr	96500	Read -1- #5	Patterson Drilling/A 42	Drig Ahead
Approach Operating	90000	Approach Bailey #406	Nabors Drilling (O) 347	Drig Ahead
Approach Operating	90000	Laufer #1303	Nabors Drilling (O) 353	Drig Ahead
Approach Operating	90000	J R Bailey -A- #516	Patterson Drilling/A 710	Drig Ahead
New Dominion OK TX E&P	88000	Van Shubbrook #2781	Patterson Drilling/A 108	Drig Ahead
New Andarko E & P	82500	Laura Hoover Estate -7c- #11	Patterson Drilling/A 38	Drig Ahead
Bluegrass Energy	70000	Simpson Canyon -3027- Unit #1	Adobe Drilling Mustang	Drig Ahead 6090'
Eog Resources/Mid	62000	Shannon Hospital -2- #2	Adobe Drilling Bronco	Drig Ahead 6000'
Fiml Natural Res	55000	Maggie Moore #6c	Patterson Drilling/A 721	Drig Ahead
*Sutton County				
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Dominion OK TX E&P	95500	Ray Ranch -B- #1142	Patterson Drilling/A 120	Assigned
Dominion OK TX E&P	95000	Hill-May Ray -D- #2	Patterson Drilling/A 120	Drig Ahead
New Dominion OK TX E&P	89500	Mayer -20a- #3	Patterson Drilling/A 122	Assigned
Dominion OK TX E&P	89500	Mayer -20a- #2	Patterson Drilling/A 122	Assigned
New Dominion OK TX E&P	85000	Edwin S Hill-Mayer Jr -B- #5	Patterson Drilling/A 107	Assigned
Dominion OK TX E&P	85000	Edwin S Hill-Mayer Jr -B- #2	Patterson Drilling/A 115	Drig Ahead
New Dominion OK TX E&P	84000	Mayer Ranch -Y- #23-3	Patterson Drilling/A 105	Drig Ahead
New Dominion OK TX E&P	83600	Edwin S Hill-Mayer Jr -U- #5	Patterson Drilling/A 105	Assigned
New Dominion OK TX E&P	83500	Mayer Ranch -F- #7	Patterson Drilling/A 108	Assigned
New Dominion OK TX E&P	82500	Edwin S Hill-Mayer Jr -B- #14-3	Patterson Drilling/A 107	Drig Ahead
Mariner Energy	82000	Mayer #4a	Lariat Services/Ode 1	Drig Ahead 6221'
New Dominion OK TX E&P	75000	Rc Ward #7	Patterson Drilling/A 115	Assigned
New Dominion OK TX E&P	74500	Shurley -147- #20	Patterson Drilling/A 40	Drig Ahead
New Kcs Resources/Tuba	70000	Gentil #3134	Patterson Drilling/A 102	Drig Ahead
Dominion OK TX E&P	68500	Canyon Ranch -115- #17c	Patterson Drilling/A 161	Assigned
New Dominion OK TX E&P	68500	Canyon Ranch #1266s	Patterson Drilling/A 704	Drig Ahead
Dominion OK TX E&P	66500	Canyon Ranch -126- #13s	Patterson Drilling/A 161	Drig Ahead
*Schleicher County				
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New Approach Operating	90000	Roush #1402	Nabors Drilling (O) 799	Drig Ahead
New Dominion OK TX E&P	89500	Edwin S Hill-Mayer Jr -B- #9	Nabors Drilling/A 742	Drig Ahead
Cog Operating	78000	Brunton -27- #1	Patterson Drilling/A 39	Drig Ahead
Discovery Operating	70000	R L Henderson -A- #2	Heart Land Drilling 3	Drig Ahead 6570'
*Reagan County				
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Mariner Energy	90000	Halt -42- #55m	Lariat Services/Ode 12	Drig Ahead 6028'
Mariner Energy	90000	University -24- #2407m	Patterson Drilling/A 103	Drig Ahead
New Mariner Energy	86500	North Stiles Spraberry Unit	Lariat Services/Ode 19	Drig Ahead 7135'
New Mariner Energy	84500	Sau Mariner 6-2a #2c	Lariat Services/Ode 17	Drig Ahead 4535'
*Terrell County				
OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Newfield	150000	Poulet #3402	Patterson Drilling/A 118	Drig Ahead
ConocoPhillips/Odes	120000	Creek Ranch -15- #3	Patterson Drilling/A 481	Drig Ahead
ExxonMobil Dev Co	116000	Banner Estate #4	Heimerich & Poynter #214	Recomplete
Pip Texas Inc	85000	Mitchell -11- #4	Nabors Drilling (O) 329	Recomplete
Fasken Oil & Ranch	75000	Gaslin Sw -199- #65	Patterson Drilling/A 169	Drig Ahead
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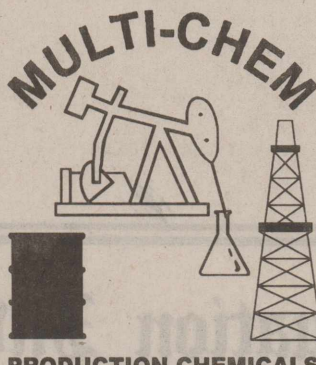
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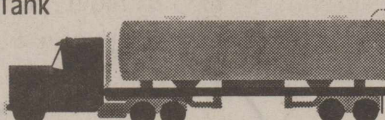


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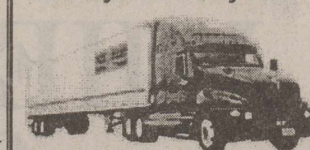
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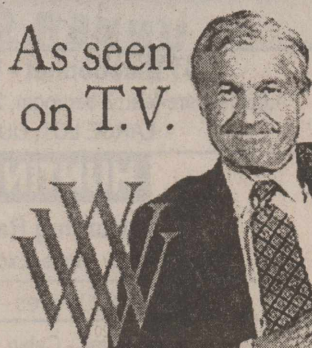
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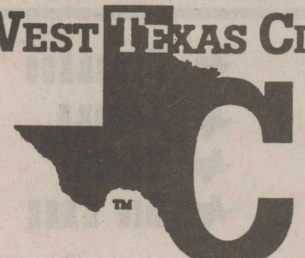


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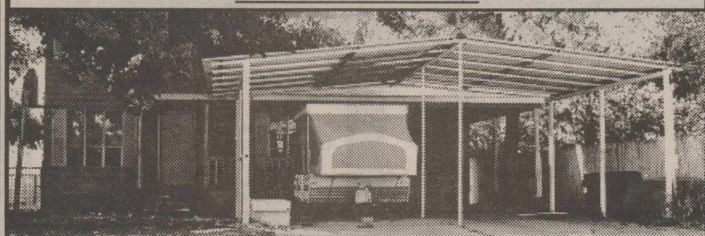


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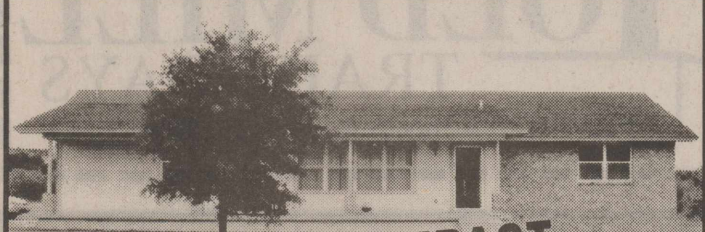
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