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| Date | Hi | Lo | Rain |
|---|---|---|---|
| March 15 | 75 | 43 | -0.3- |
| March 16 | 73 | 51 | -0- |
| March 17 | 77 | 55 | -0- |
| March 18 | 82 | 60 | -0- |
| March 19 | 75 | 65 | -0- |
| March 20 | 75 | 52 | -0.5- |
| March 21 | 66 | 52 | -0- |

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|---|---|
| Hi 76 | Hi 75 |
| Lo 55 | Lo 51 |
| *Partly Cloudy* | *Mostly Sunny* |
| **Friday** | **Saturday** |
| Hi 69 | Hi 76 |
| Lo 55 | Lo 54 |
| *Partly Cloudy* | *Partly Cloudy* |

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# California man charged in stabbing

**By MELISSA PERNER**
*Editor and Publisher*

A California man was allegedly stabbed by his girlfriend's brother last week, as the group was heading to Austin down Interstate-10.

Manuel Frank Flores, 43, of California was arrested and charged with aggravated assault. He remains in the Crockett County Jail with a $20,000 bond.

Flores is accused of allegedly stabbing Daniel Alexander De Fazio, 41, about 6-7 times with a knife, according to a report from the Crockett County Sheriff's Department.

During the afternoon of March 16, Flores and De Fazio were traveling with Theresa Chavez and a child. Flores and De Fazio started arguing, with one breaking the other's nose, the report said. Flores then pulled a knife.

Chavez pulled the car over around mile-markers 374-375. De Fazio jumped out of the car, in an attempt to get away, the report said. Flores then tackled De Fazio between the median and service road and continued stabbing him, the report said.

Passerbys saw the incident and called 9-1-1. Chavez grabbed the knife from Flores, but Flores continued hitting De Fazio, the report said.

Chief Deputy Alton Davis from the Crockett County Sheriff's Department then arrived on scene, arrested Flores and then began giving medical treatment to De Fazio until the Crockett County EMS arrived.

De Fazio was transported to the Family Health Center of Ozona, where AirMed then transported him to San Angelo. He was treated and released, the report said.

Chavez, De Fazio and their child have returned to Ozona.

Texas Ranger Brooks Long assited on the case.

# Cub scouts camp out on aircraft carrier

## *Group learns 'sea skills' aboard U.S.S. Lexington in Corpus Christi*

**Submitted by BENNY LOGAN**

The Webelos 2, Patrol 1, Cub Scout group of Pack 153, of Ozona, spent their Spring Break reliving a part of history.

The group participated in the camping program aboard the Blue Ghost of World War II fame-the U.S.S. Lexington Aircraft Carrier-now permanently berthed at Corpus Christi on March 10-12.

The patrol was inducted into the Navy upon arrival and, along with other groups, became "shipmates" for the weekend. As Lexington shipmates, they traded in a familiar language for one that translated floors to decks, walls to bulkheads, rest rooms to heads and water fountains to scuttlebutts.

The young shipmates and their leaders were given a sampling of shipboard life as they took their tun in chow lines, slept in racks instead of beds and endeavored admission to the Mega-Screen Theater, an evening tour of the aircraft carrier and a very challenging Hunt for History Scavenger Hunt.

The group of boys were almost guaranteed a loss because in the history of the hunt, when groups of boys and girls participate at the same time, only twice has a group of boys won. Our boys can hold their heads high because they became number three on the list of boy winners, missing only one out of a possible 30 questions.

The boys earned a U.S.S. Lexington Live Aboard Patch for staying overnight aboard the ship. The group also had the honor of retiring the flag for the day during a flag ceremony and raising the flag early the next morning. After a few other morning activities, the shipmates were mustered out of the Lexington crew for their return trip home with tales of high adventure aboard the famous Navy Ship.

While in Corpus Christi, the Scouts were also able to visit the Texas Aquarium. They toured the facility, learned about marine life and were even able to pet a live stingray.

The Cub Scout Tour was led by leader Benny Logan and assistant leaders Vicki Davis and Bobby Knox. Scouts on the trip were Sean Davis, Anthony Gutierrez, Duncan Knox, Russel Komechak and Jayce Logan. Also making the trip was Nathan Knox.




*Submitted photo*

**CUB SCOUTS** visit the U.S.S. Lexington Aircraft Carrier as part of a camping program. From left to right are Nathan Knox, Duncan Knox, Anthony Gutierrez, Jayce Logan, Sean Davis and Russel Komechak. The scouts got to participate in a variety of activities aboard the ship.

# Eastern star school March 30

## *Event will feature Worthy Grand Matron, Patron*

The Ozona Chapter No.287 O.E.S. will host the District 5, Section 2, Eastern Star School of Instruction.

This year the school is named the "Thornbirds" School of Instruction, to be held on Tuesday, March 30. All activities will be at the Ozona Civic Center, 100 North Avenue H. All members of The Order of the Eastern Star are cordially invited to attend.

Schedule of events: "Songs of a Bird," 8 a.m. breakfast and registration; Opening Drill 9 a.m.; luncheon, "A Spicy Affair," 11:30 a.m. and Humanitarian Program, 2:30 p.m.

Immediately followed by the Joint Fraternal Visit of Mrs. Doris Jean Hester, Worthy Grand Matron, and honoring Mr. Jack W. Guy, Worthy Grand Patron.

The Worthy Grand Matron is a member ofBeeville Chapter No. 422-Dual, Past Matron, and Life Member. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were installed into their respective High Offices, at Texas Grand Chapter in October 2003, and will serve in this capacity for one year during this time. The Worthy Grand Matron, assisted by the Worthy Grand Patron will preside over, and supervise fifty such schools over the vast State of Texas. The Emblem is "The Blue Bird of Happiness." She has served in numerous important offices in the Grand Chapter of Texas - Eastern Star has become a way of life for her.



Hester



Guy

Mrs. Janey Lindsey, Deputy Grand Matron, was appointed by The Worthy Grand Matron as her Representative for the year, to be in charge of the welfare of District 5, Section 2 Chapters, which will be Ozona Chapter No. 287, Sonora Chapter No. 575, and Ft. McKavett Chapter No. 783.

Those the Worthy Grand Matron has appointed to assist with the duties of the school, and are traveling with her, are Miss Lori Goldman, District Deputy Grand Matron, and Teacher for the Day, assisted by the Worthy Grand Matron.

Mrs. Betty Martin's duties, as Grand Examiner, is to supervise the giving of the Examinations.

Our Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Doris, tells us that shortly after Johnny Hester returned from Korea, she was introduced to him, and after a short courtship of six weeks, they were married -and I suppose as the saying goes, "They lived happily ever after."

They have three children, and seven grandchildren, which affords them much pleasure. Living in the country near Beeville, Texas, they enjoy fishing, gardening, quilting, and feeding the birds. Among her other busy duties, (this is neat), for 15 years she has been consultant to Mary Kay Cosmetics.

Sister Doris, our Worthy Grand Matron asks for your prayers and continued support as we work together as a team for the Good of Our Order.

Mr. Jack Guy, our Worthy Grand Patron, attended the University of Houston, and then married his childhood sweetheart, Linda L. Plymate.

He graduated from the Houston Police Academy and worked in the Houston Police Department, in several divisions, later moving to Jacksonville, Texas where he was associated with the Cherokee County Sheriffs Department, retiring in 2000.

He is a member of Jacksonville Chapter No. 377, he is Past Patron, and has served his Chapter in various other positions. He has also served in many important offices in The Grand Chapter of Texas.

He is Advisory to the Worthy Grand Matron, on occasion and as needs be.

Being retired now, but most involved, he says he now raises peas and beans in a pick-your-own. His hobbies are hunting and fishing.

His wife, Linda, travels with him while attending schools.

They have two children, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren, which makes a happy time for them.

It should be mentioned, he is a York Rite Mason, he has served as District Deputy High Grand Priest for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and District Deputy Grand Master for the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Texas - He is also a member of the York Rite College, and Ascension Commandery in Tyler.

# Crockett County 4-H shows well in Houston

Crockett County 4-Hers exhibited their animals this past week at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Twenty-three students showed animals at the show.

In the Junior Market Goat Show Allie Black won third place in the Medium Weight Market Goats class; Jayci Miller won sixth in the Light Weight Market Goats; Victoria Miller won sixth in the Heavy Weight Market Goats and Alexandra Bean won fifth and Russel Komechak won sixth in the Light Heavy Weight Market Goats.

In the Junior Market Lamb Show Clint Hale won second and Allie Black won 19th in the Medium Weight Fine Wool Class; Aaron Renfroe won second and Murphey Black sixth in the Heavy Weight Fine Wool; Alexandra Bean won second in the Medium Weight Fine Wool Cross; Clay Hale won 12th and Lakin Aaron 21st in the Heavy Weight Fine Cross and Kelbie Renfroe took home a first place in the Light Weight Southdown Class.

Other 4-Hers that participated were Adrienne Bendele, Allison Skehan, Andrew Birkenfeld, Bryan Skehan, Corey Kelley, Jake Stewart, Kramer Hall, Lane Hale, Latham Ducote, LuCinda Birkenfeld, Matthew Komechak and Taylor Newton.

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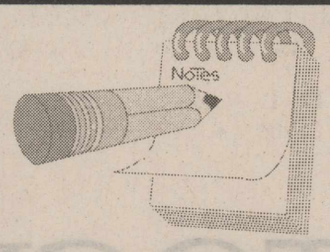
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# What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

## An inside look at s-p-e-l-l-i-n-g

Look at a word, learn its origin, use it in a sentence, memorize its meaning and then write it 100 times.

Now, stand in front of thousands of people, on national television and spell it.

Each year, more than 9 million students, no older than 16, compete for this honor to get to the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.

I watch a film the other night that followed eight of these spellers in the 1999 competition.

In "Spellbound," we get a glimpse of the world of spelling through these experts. Don't laugh; this is i-n-t-e-n-s-e.

One boy's parents pay coaches and tutors, as well spend hours a day with him, doing nothing but spelling. In one scene, the father looks at his son and says "you've spelled 4,000 words with one mistake, that's good." I was like, that's great in my book.

In another scene, a girl is sitting at the kitchen table of her immigrant parents' home and making a spelling crossword on poster board. Her parents can barely speak English, yet here she is not only speaking it, but spelling it perfectly.

Each speller has their own story, their own style and their own way. One girl would rather study her words than go to the mall.

To be the champ, though, it takes that type of dedication. For these words aren't easy. In fact, I haven't even heard of half of them.

Words like: pococurante, chiaroscurist, interlocutory and vivisepulture (my spell check on the computer didn't even recognize the last one) are ones that these elementary and junior high aged students have to spell.

Of course, not all the words are this unbelievable. The bee is tricky.

Simple words like odyssey, Chihuahua, croissant and psoriasis are thrown into the loop to keep the spellers on their toes. How embarrassing to lose on an "easy" word when you've studied so many of those hard ones.

There were those that did.

Then there are those really tricky ones. The words that seem easy, but aren't, such as the word banns. It's pronounced and comes from Old English gebann, and from Old French ban. It means "an announcement, especially in a church, of an intended marriage."

For one boy in the film, it spelt d-i-s-a-s-t-e-r. The look on his face when he heard the word gave it all away.

He squinted his eyes, stuck out his tongue, jumped up and down, asked all he could about the word. He then twisted and scrunched up his face some more before finally spelling b-a-n-d-z. Ding! That's what happens when a word is misspelled. A bell is rung and off the speller goes, to the comfort room.

I bet when these children grow up they have a fear of high-pitched dings.

For the speller, that's it. The round moves on with the remaining spellers, but for that boy, all is over.

It's like one father said in the film, if your child is playing baseball they'll come to bat in several innings, but in this game "you miss one letter and you're out."

That's pressure, which can be seen on each one of their faces as they step up to the microphone. There are looks of fear, surprise and disgust when the word is pronounced, and then joy or sadness when the spelling ends.

When it's all over, only one out of 249 spellers remain.

So what does logorrhea mean? For Nupur Lala, of Tampa, Florida it spelled v-i-c-t-o-r-y.

# Tales from John Fluth

as told by John Fluth

## Three dishes of food for a coin

In the 1800s, a family in Czechoslovakia wanted to go to the new world of America. The father was a hard rock miner. He had heard that he could get good work and a good salary in America.

He saved up enough for the cheapest steamship ticket for himself, his wife and their one child. They brought their own food for the 14-day journey to Galveston, Texas. All they could afford was a loaf of bread and a bag of onions.

Their cabin was in the lowest part of the ship. They did not speak the same language as anyone on the ship. They were afraid of the ship and the people on the ship, so they stayed in their cabin. After four days at sea, the loaf of bread was gone.

Their child, a young boy, began to plead for something more to eat than onions.

The father and mother gave their son one coin and told him to look for food, and to buy as much food as he could for one coin. After he was gone for 30 minutes, his parents became frantic, and they began to search for him.

They finally found him in a large dining room. At his table, in front of him, were three dishes filled with many different foods.

His mother exclaimed, "How did you buy so much food with one coin?"

Her son replied, "Our meals came with the price of the ticket. I didn't even have to use my coin!"

So many of us live like that, hungry for comfort and hope, when God has already given us all that we need!

Come to God and find what you have been missing!

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**March 24** - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m., at the Crockett County Senior Center.
• District UIL at Wall.
• Boys golf at Iraan.
**March 25** - Ozona Middle School Track Meet, 3:30 p.m. at Lion Stadium.
**March 26** - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m., at the Crockett County Senior Center.
• Varsity Lions baseball vs. Eldorado, 5 p.m. at the baseball complex.
• Varsity Tennis Team at Eldorado Invitational in Eldorado.
• Lions Track Team at San Angelo.
• Basic Computer Class, 2-5 p.m., Ozona Middle School Computer Lab.
**March 27** - Seventh- and eighth-grade boys and girls tennis tournament, 8:30 a.m. at the tennis courts.
• Varsity Tennis Team at Eldorado Invitational in Eldorado.
• Lady Lions Track Team at Water Valley.
• Lions Track Team at San Angelo.
• Alcohol Education for Minors, sponsored by the Big Bend Safety Council, 4-5 p.m. at Crockett National Bank. For information, call (432) 336-3497.
• Defensive driving, sponsored by the Big Bend Safety Council, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Crockett National Bank. For information, call Maria Pena at (325) 223-9149.
**March 29** - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m., at the Crockett County Senior Center.
• Afternoon games, 1-3 p.m., at the Crockett County Senior Center.
• District UIL at Wall.
**March 30** - Ozona Primary School Ident-A-Kid.
**March 31** - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m., at the Crockett County Senior Center.
• Varsity boys and girls District Golf at Ozona Country Club.




**NEWS REEL**
**MARCH 21, 1974**

The Ozona Volunteer Fireman wasted no time in extinguishing a blazing grass fire 27 miles north of Ozona on the Shannon Estate which is leased by Childress and Clayton.

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The Home Demonstration Club held its regular meeting at the Civic Center. Debbie Price presented "Sewing With Tricot." Members present were Mrs. Maudie Couch, Mrs. George Glynn, Mrs. Troy Williams, Mrs. Larry Williams, Mrs. Duwain Vinson, Mrs. Clayton Robinson and Mrs. Jack Burger.

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Mrs. T.J. Bailey of the Ozona Women's Forum will be installed as second vice president of the Heart of Texas District Federation of Womens Clubs at the annual convention this week. Accompanying Mrs. Bailey will be Mrs. Lowell Littleton and Mrs. Hubert Baker.

**NEWS REEL**
**MARCH 15, 1945**

A raging oil fire has engulfed Continental Oil Company's No. 13 Todd in the Todd field north of Ozona. The blaze was somehow ignited when the well came in flowing unexpectedly Tuesday afternoon.

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Mrs. A.O. Field warns motorists that they face the prospect of waiting in line for license plates unless they begin to buy their plates at once. Only 300 of 800 cars have been registered at this date.

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Pvt. Ruben Gallego has been wounded in action in Germany, according to his mother Paulita Ortega Gallego of Ozona.

# Home insurance rates show slow decline




AUSTIN - In spite of reform legislation passed during the last session, two consumer groups - Texas Watch and AARP Texas - are not happy with insurance rates in the state.

The average Texas homeowner pays $1,390 in premiums, a 4 percent decrease from 2003. But the new legislation was expected to drop rates by 12 to 18 percent.

The groups said last week that Texans have overpaid some $287 million in premiums just since last August, based on an analysis of data from the Texas Department of Insurance. But Jerry Johns, a spokesman for the Southwestern Insurance Information Service, disagreed with the consumer groups' figure.

Johns said rates have stabilized in Texas and should begin dropping once more loss information is available. The process may take three years, he said.

Based on the new legislation, last year the Department of Insurance ordered Texas' largest insurers to roll back their premiums.

State Farm and Farmers took the matter to court and the litigation still has not been resolved. Twenty-seven other companies settled with the state, but the amount of their rollback was reduced as part of the settlement.

Loss ratios were only 58 percent last year compared with 108 percent in 2002 and 118 percent in 2001, a trend the Insurance Council of Texas said will be good news for consumers "in the long run."

The Department of Insurance also says it still sees an overall improvement in the rate situation.

"We're past the mold crisis that drove up the dramatic increases in the homeowners market," said department spokesman Jim Hurley. "We've turned a huge corner."

**No fountain of youth...**

Texans are getting younger, but no one has discovered a fountain of youth. The state's just getting more residents under 18.

New data show that the state grew by 350,000 people under 18 from 2000 to 2003, more than Florida or California, the nation's other two states in the top tier of young population growth.

"This shows how young Texas is becoming," state demographer Steve Murdock said. The trend, he continued, means that "demand for educational services will be particularly acute in the years ahead."

The new data also has Texas at 22.1 million population, an increase of 913,000 adults since 2000. Only California, with 35.5 million, has more residents.

**$1.4 million decision...**

A Henderson County District Court issued a $1.4 million judgment against Maria Elena Garza, whom Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott sued last year for operating a widespread scheme that defrauded hundreds of immigrants in and around Dallas.

By posing as an immigration officer, Garza persuaded hundreds of immigrants to pay her hefty fees, often in excess of $1,000, to process work visas, permanent residency status or citizenship forms. No work was actually performed.

Garza operated primarily from a bingo hall in Seven Points, southeast of Dallas.

In February, she was convicted in federal court on charges of mail fraud and impersonation of a U.S. immigration officer. At her sentencing hearing on May 18 she faces up to 68 years in prison.

The attorney general worked closely with the local police department in Tool, and with the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Texas.

# Letters to the Editor

To the folks of Ozona,

On my way home to Sonora on March 9, I rolled my vehicle north of you just off the Comstock road. As a result I had the opportunity to see your emergency services at work.

You all have an excellent emergency medical service and fire department. I am sure you all know this, but as a firefighter and EMT I know the standard toward which we all work, and your emergency folks certainly meet and exceed that standard. You also have a really nice new ambulance and from what I can remember, that new fire truck is enviable.

I was initially helped by a vehicle just passing by who noticed that I was flashing my headlights. No one seemed to know who these folks were but I was under the impression that they were young folks from Ozona.

They did leave a young lady with me while they went for help and I am so grateful she was there to keep me talking. These folks all disappeared as soon as the emergency services arrived and I do not think I thanked them. So thank you.

I can hardly imagine what would have happened to me had you not stopped.

Whether you were there March 9 or you are part of a community that funds and appreciates your emergency services, I thank you all.

Sincerely,
Jacqui Bills

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

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Please include name, address, phone number and email if available. All letters must contain this information or will not be published.

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## Happy Birthday

**March 25** - Alex Hopper, Taylor Newton and Rita Vasquez

**March 26** - Francisco D. Avila, Pife Borrego, Jose Dominguez, Isaac Leal, Juan Molina Jr., Melvin Parker Jr. and Lupita Quiroz

**March 27** - Bertha Ramos, Justin Rodriguez and Roxanne Talmantez

**March 28**- Debbie Arrott, Charlie Branch and Romeo Perez

**March 29** - Chris Castillo, Stefenie Lozono and Edna Tambunga

**March 30** - Stephanie Borrego, Amber DeHoyos and Daniel Galindo and

**March 31** - Simon J. Garza, Patricia Martinez, Esther Sanchez, Linda Stapper, April Trevino and Travis Zuberbueler

**To add an upcoming birthday to the list, call 392-2551.**

## *It's a girl*

Bud and Marilyn Cox welcomed a new great-granddaughter, born on Feb. 16, 2004.

She is Ella Marin Baldwin, daughter of Jamie and Dennis Baldwin of Dallas.

She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Her grandparents are Lynn and Jay Evans of Austin.

Plans are for Ella, Jaime and Lynn to come to Ozona sometime in April so that Ella can meet all her local cousins and kinfolks.

## Blood drive Thursday

There will be an Ozona Blood Drive from 2-5:30 p.m. Thursday at the Ozona Civic Center.

Call Janet Smith, after 3 p.m., at 392-2211 for an appointment.

Don't forget to bring photo identification.

## Ozona Country Club to hold raffle for Las Vegas trip

The Ozona Country Club will be holding its first vacation raffle beginning April 1 and ending July 16.

The vacation will include two round-trip airfare tickets on Southwest Airlines out of Midland/Odessa to Las Vegas, and three nights stay at the Bellagio Hotel. The vacation will be booked through MGM/Mirage Vacations.

Tickets cost $20 each, and the drawing will take place at 7 p.m. July 17 at the Ozona Country Club. This vacation is a $1,200 value, and the winner does not have to be present to win.

Winner must be at least 21 years of age to win. Winner chooses vacation dates redeemable within six months of the drawing. Ozona Country Club will personally book the vacation.

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# Diabetes management classes begin March 26

Diabetes is a serious illness. But the good news is, it doesn't have to be a life-threatening one. Early diagnosis and treatment, and good management practices are the keys to a long and healthy life for persons with diabetes.

According to the American Diabetes Association (www.diabetes.org/main/anolication/ commercewf) when a person has diabetes, his or her body doesn't produce insulin (type 1) or properly use insulin (type 2), a hormone needed to convert some foods into energy. No one knows what causes diabetes, although genetics and such factors as lack of exercise and obesity may contribute.

Facts and figures from the ADA list about 17 million Americans with diabetes - but only about 11.1 million diagnosed. This means nearly one-third - 5.9 million people with diabetes - don't know they have it.

The costs of all these cases of diabetes is enormous. The ADA estimated the total direct and indirect cost in 1997 (the most recent year figures are available) to be $98 billion. Of that, $44 billion was medical and treatment costs, and $54 billion was for indirect costs, such a disability.

A simple blood test by a health care provider is required for a diagnosis of diabetes. However, being aware of the symptoms can lead to an earlier diagnosis and a better quality of life. The ADA lists some of the symptoms to look for: frequent urination, excessive thirst and extreme hunger, blurry vision, increased fatigue, irritability and unusual and unexplained weight loss.

Once the medical diagnosis has been made, proper treatment and management can make life healthier for the person with diabetes. A combination of exercise, weight control, proper diet and sometimes medications can keep the person - not the disease - in charge of his or her life.

For more information on living with diabetes - especially Type 2 - plan to attend "Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes" program, hosted by Texas Cooperative Extension and the Wesley Nurse Program of the Ozona United Methodist Church.

The classes will begin at 10 a.m. March 26 at the Crockett County Extension Office. They will continue meeting every Friday until April 30. They will be taught by E.A. Wadsworth, RN. and Wendy Scott, County Extension Agent - Crockett County.

Call 392-3060 or 392-2721 to sign up.

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex. Religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating.

## Ozona Garden Club News

**By JERRI LYNN PIERCE**

Fourteen members of the Ozona Garden Club met March 8 at the historical home of Mrs. Jan Van Shoubrouek (known as the Jones House located behind Ozona National Bank). Hostess JoNel Stokes brought delicious homemade pasteries.

President Charlotte Harrell conducted the business meeting and community projects. Followed by Flower Show Chairman Vivian Childress and the Co-chairman Marolyn Bean, Mary Jo Mason and Celia West discussed design and placement for the "Spring Flower Show" being held at the Jones House April 15.

Members in attendance: Marolyn Bean, Bobbie Bird, Karin Childress, Vivian Chiidress, Ella Clegg, Charlotte Harrell, Judy Jones, Mary Jo Mason, Dorothy Montgomery, Jerri Lynn Pierce, JoNel Stokes, Jan Van Shoubrouek, Celia West and Esther Williams.

The next meeting will be held at the Jones House April 14 followed by the "Spring Flower Show" 4-6 p.m. April 15 open to the public.

# Ozona Garden Club attends district meeting in Big Lake

**By CHARLOTTE HARRELL**

The Texas Garden Clubs Inc. held its District VIII spring convention in Big Lake on Friday and Saturday, March 12-13. The Yellow Rose Garden Club of Big Lake, the Ozona Garden Club and the Reagan Garden Club of Rankin hosted the event at the Big Lake Community Building of Reagan County Park, attended by 56 gardeners. Karin Childress, Vivian Childress. and Charlotte Harrell represented the Ozona Garden Club at the meeting.

The Ozona Garden Club provided some door prizes as well as goodie bags for all the meeting participants. Special thanks go to Ozona businesses, which donated very generous door prizes: Baskets & More, Petals & Pearls, The Footnote Florist, Small Fashions, Soto Inc. and Roy Harrell Ranch. Thanks also to the Ozona Chamber of Commerce, Crockett National Bank and Ozona National Bank for promotional materials for the goodie bags, as well as to businesses in Big Lake and Rankin, which also made contributions. The clubs from Rankin and Big Lake also contributed nice door prizes.

Friday evening garden club members met at the Big Lake Museum for refreshments and a tour of the museum. Then, we braved the rain and mud to visit the newly-opened Mud House. The Mud House is a candle-making factory with a fine gift shop, featuring candles, soaps, potpourris and other lovely items. It is just north of Big Lake on Highway 137, if you are passing that way. After touring and shopping at the Mud House, all went to the 67 Cafe for a delicious buffet dinner, hosted by the Yellow Rose Garden Club, Donna Isom, President.

On Saturday alter a business meeting of the Executive Committee and, later, the entire membership led by District Director Alma Fercher, awards were presented to the clubs. The Ozona Garden Club received awards for its President's Report, its charitable contributions, its scrapbook and others accomplishments. The Executive Committee recommended that Melyn Whittenborn's name be submitted to Texas Garden's Clubs Inc. as our nominee for District Director for 2005-2007. Further, the committee recommended that Sue Jones would be our State Officer nominee, Lela Midkiff, the Alternate Officer nominee and Loyce Rogers our State Trustee nominee. These recommendations were unanimously approved. Other officers will be elected at the Fall Board Meeting in Del Rio, November 12-13.

After a delicious lunch served by the Yellow Rose Garden Club. members enjoyed a program on Wild Flower Art, presented by Diane Murphy of Big Spring. Ms. Murphy brought numerous pictures mack from dried, pressed wild flowers to demonstrate her work. After the program, door prizes were given, and happy gardeners adjourned for the trip home.

## SBDC seminar April 1

The Angelo State University Small Business Development Center wil host a free seminar on "The Essentials of Starting a Business" from 6-8:30 p.m. April 1 at 1702 W. Avenue N, San Angelo.

For information or to register, call 942-2098.

## Ozona Senior Happenings

**By LYNN ENGLISH**
*Senior Director*

There is a lot going on here at the Senior Center. Bertha Rivera is now the coordinator for Helping Hands Inc., which frees me, being Senior Director, to focus on other senior activities. This is working out well for both entities. I am working out of another office with new equipment. I will be getting a new phone number which will be available after it is installed. In the mean time, you can still reach me at 392-5026.

The new Crockett County Senior Board has new board members who are Nancy Hale, Nell Wester, Cynthia Flores, Irene Gomez and Jo Ann Babbitt. We couldn't have a better board than these five ladies.

If we look busy here at the Senior Center, it's because we are. The Levis and Lace group of ladies have set up a sewing room here in the center, and are hard at work making three-tiered, blue denim skirts for seven of our lady square dancers. The Levis and Lace Square Dance will be at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Senior Center.

Willena Holden and the Red Bandana Band will be playing at 7 p.m. Friday at the Senior Center. Come out and join us as we all have such a good time at our dances and always welcome newcomers.

We are happy to say our exercise class is growing and we welcome any new members. The class exercises from 8:30-9 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This new exercise video is fun and easy to do. If anyone is interested in joining an afternoon class, please give us a call.

Today will be our potluck lunch. Here at potluck, everyone brings their favorite dish, whether it may be sandwiches, casseroles, sausage or a salad. If you are in the mood to bring something sweet, you may bring cookies, cake or a pie. Hope to see you today at the potluck.

Please give a call to Lynn or Ashlee if you want to have a booth here at our Spring Fest on April 3. The booth sites are only $10. We are getting calls from those who want to participate and will welcome more booths. Also we will be needing baked goods for our bake sale. If you don't have a booth, come out and see our wares and listen to the music.

Keep in mind that from 1-3 p.m. Mondays we play games. Those that are available are bridge, dominoes, cards and we also put together puzzles. At 8:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays we have exercise class.

Our activities are for those 55 plus years. Our building and activities are alcohol and smoke free.

# Wildseed Farms celebration starts April 5 in the Hill Country

FREDERICKSBURG- The recent rains coupled with the early fall rains will add beauty to the roadsides and pastures this spring in the Texas Hill Country.

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Other activities during the celebration will include: the opening of the state's newest butterfly exhibit, The Butterfly Haus at Wildseed Farms; hundreds of gift items for the home and garden as well as fine ladies' apparel and jewelry in the Market Center; specialty food tastings in the Brewbonnet Biergarten; wine tasting, each weekend, from one our favorite Hill Country wineries; the opening of our new Nature Store featuring hundreds of birding and butterfly accessories; the Chuckwagon Cowboys cooking dutch-oven style and free samplings of our own jams and jellies on the weekends and hundreds of live plants in one of the largest nurseries in the Hill Country.

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## Ozona Woman's Forum News

The Woman's Forum met on March 17 at the Civic Center. Twenty members and one guest were present. Hostesses were Shirley Kirby, Dorothy Montgomery, Louise Taliaferro and Bobbie Griffin.

After refreshments, President Ann Light conducted a business meeting. The West Texas Rehab representatives will give the April program, as the scheduled speaker will be unavailable.

Jean Odom suggested that the club obtain a new type of yearbook and members agreed. She also announced that the April 10 trip to the Wind Turbine Farm may be cancelled as plans are incomplete.

The scholarship committee was instructed to award to $500 scholarships this year.

Sandy Bebee gave a clever Irish Blessing.

Marilyn Cox gave an interesting book review on "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue M. Kidd.

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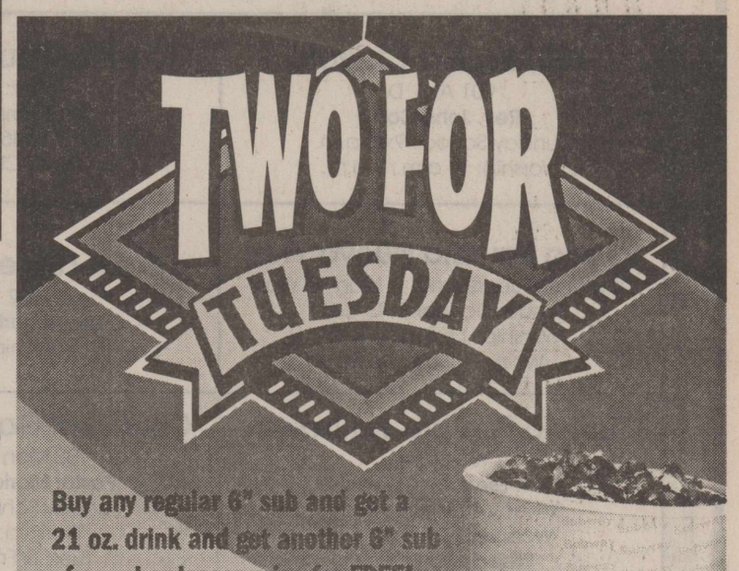
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# Care Center Chatter

**By JAN ST. CLAIR**
*Activity Director*

Thanks goes to the Ozona Chamber of Commerce for the beautiful flowers from their banquet. Thanks to the South Texas Lumber for blowing up balloons for our St. Patrck's Day and birthday party. Resident Emma Camarillo and family furnished crackers for our wine and cheese party, thank you. Thanks goes to Blanca of Baskets and More for helping me out with the new plants out in the courtyard. The flowers are beautiful.

Tuesday afternoon, after lunch, residents enjoyed the afternoon in the back courtyard painting our picnic tables. I thank we had more chiefs than Indians on this project.

Tuesday afternoon, after working in the courtyard, the competition was on with a volleyball game for one hour and 45 minutes. Son of resident Benita Castellanos, Juan Castellanos, joined in on the fun. The game of volleyball would have went on, but it was supper time for our residents. What a Tuesday afternoon.

Valerie Fierro R.N. was selected as Employee for the Month. Resident Mildred Couch was selected for Resident of the Month. These two ladies really don't care to have their pictures taken, which is their right. Resident Mildred Couch is very active here at the facilty. Mildred enjoys working in the yard, helping others and likes to keep up-to-date on current affairs.

Valerie Fierro does a great job with our staff and residents. Congratulations to you two from all of us.

Volunteers for the week are members of the Ozona Church of Christ and First Baptist Church, Johnie and Bobbie Griffin, Terry Adams, Esther Williams, JoAnn Williamson, Nell Wester, Martha Landin, Bertha Landin and E.A. Wadsworth R.N.

We had a large crowd for our St. Patrick's Day party. Thanks goes to Crockett National Bank for sponsoring our birthday parties each month. Cake, wine, cheese, crackers and green beer was served or beverage of choice, with St. Patrick's hats and green balloons.

Come check us out. We're doing a lot here at CCCC. Oh, I do need some grass for our courtyard and would like to cement half the courtyard so our residents can enjoy the spring and summer months. If you would like to help us out, call 392-3096.



*Submitted Photo*

**ODELIA SANCHEZ** and her mother, care center resident Alisa Cervantez enjoy St. Patrick's at the care center.



*Submitted Photo*

**CELEBRATING MARCH BIRTHDAYS** are Felipa Munoz, Mildred Couch, Alejos Tambunga and (not pictured) Alley Allison.



*Submitted Photo*

**CARE CENTER RESIDENTS** enjoy Tuesday afternoon outside painting picnic tables in the courtyard.

(6) Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are enrolled in heaven. [Exod. 32:32, Ps. 68:28, Dan. 12:1]
(17) and these sighs will follow those who believe: In my name they will cast out demons: they will speak with new tongues.
(-19) He was received up in heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.
(-20) and they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen.

**Mark 16: 16, 17, -19, -20**

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# A Good Question

Last Sunday after Church some friends came over for a pot luck dinner and after dinner a young teenager asked me the question, "where do we go when we die?" I said that's a good question and went and got my Bible.

I told him it is not what we think but what God's Word (the Bible) says that counts. After Adam and Eve disobeyed God He sentenced them to a physical death (Genesis 3:19).

One of my favorite stories concerning death and life after is Luke 16:19-31. It tells of two men and how they lived and what happened after death. One a rich man lived it up and had no regard for God. The other poor and with many problems but had a regard for God. The question is not about the wealth or poverty but what was in their hearts. They both died but went to totally different places.

One went to Abraham's bosom (near God) and was comforted. The other to a place of great suffering and agony. Once physical death arrives we can't change where we will be in eternity (Luke 16:26).

This is not Hell just the first stop on the way (Revelation 20:11) If God is in our in our life we don't have to worry about life after death.

See you in Church on Sunday.

Brother J

**First Baptist Church**
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**Rev. John Collis**
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
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**Ozona Church of Christ**
1002 11th St.
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Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m.
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**Ozona United Methodist Church**
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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

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802 1st St.
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**Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church**
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**Rev. Jon & Charity McCullough**
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.

**Templo Bautista Jerusalem**
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**Rev. Esequiel Cervantez**
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Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.

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# Obituaries

## Elias Calderon Elizondo

Elias Calderon Elizondo, 74, died March 22, 2004 in Ozona at his residence. He was born in Zaragosa, Coahuila, Mexico on Sept. 26, 1929, and married Faustina Chavez on Oct. 14, 1950. Mr. Elizondo was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Faustina Chavez Elizondo; three daughters, Alicia Perez, Sylvia Noriega and husband, Eddie, Celda Borrego and husband, Ernie; four sons, Elias Elizondo Jr. and wife, Lupe, Juan Elizondo and wife, Maria, Hector Elizondo and wife, Debbie and IIdefonso Elizondo; daughter-in-law, Lizzie Elizondo; two sisters, Guadalupe Aguerro and Isabel Soberon and two brothers, Jesus Elizondo and Santos Elizondo. He was preceded in death by one son, Javier Elizondo.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 24 in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Ozona, with burial following in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements by Preddy Funeral Home.

## Ernest Javier Richarte

Ernest Javier Richarte, 48, died Monday, March 22, 2004 at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 25 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Sweetwater. Father Michael Rodriguez will be officiating. Cremation will follow the Mass that same day. McCoy Funeral Home is providing arrangements.

Richarte was born Dec. 27, 1955 in Zaragosa, Mexico. He was married to Evangelina Maldonado Nov. 15, 1975 in Ozona.

He was a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Richarte graduated from Ozona High School and had an associates' degree from New Mexico Junior College. He worked for 24 1/2 years for Plains Pipeline Company and was a District Manager.

He is survived by his wife, Evangelina Richarte of Sweetwater; two daughters, Jessica Cabrera and husband, Jorge of Lovington, N.M. and Evita Richarte of Sweetwater; one son, Marcos J. Richarte and wife, Amy of Lubbock; one brother, Luis Richarte of San Antonio; three sisters, Dolly Menchaca of Austin, Martha Sanchez, of Del Rio and Mary Montoya of Bakersfield, Calif. and three grandsons.

Pallbearers are Thomas Vargas, Andrew Vargas, Jorge Cabrera, Luis Garcia, Jack Bryant and Larry Brazil.

Rosary service will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 24 at McCoy Chapel of Memories.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the American Heart Association, 50 Court St.-STE-306A, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201-4859, or the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2680, North Canton, Ohio 44720.

## *Eva Elizabeth Farris*



Eva Elizabeth Farris, 78, of San Angelo, went to be with Jesus on Monday, March 21, 2004. She had been a resident at Heritage House Nursing Home since January 2004. Funeral services were held at Tuesday, March 23 at the Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Bruce Hess officiating. Burial followed at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home.

Eva Elizabeth Woods Connolly Farris was born July 9, 1925 in Tahoka to S.H. (Harry) and Mary K. Hillyard Woods. She was a graduate of Tahoka High School, class of 1944 and attended Texas Tech University School of Nursing in Lubbock. She married C.G. (Glenn) Connolly February 24, 1945 in Tahoka. On Aug. 17, 1975 she married Oliver Cale Farris Jr. in Tulia. They moved from Denver City to Plainview, Rock Creek – Whitesboro, Mt. Pleasant and then to San Angelo, where they have lived for the last 12 years. She worked at the Yoakum County Hospital in Denver City, for 25 years. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Denver City and Eastern Star Chapters of Denver City, Mt. Pleasant and San Angelo. She was also a member of the Rebecca Lodge in San Angelo.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, W.H. (Bill) Woods of Post and James D.H. (Jim) Woods of Longview; sister, Sara Woods Cox of DeSoto, and a son, Joe (Bo) Glen Connolly of Ozona.

She is survived by her husband, Cale Farris of San Angelo; 4 children, Mary Ballard of Oglesby, James (Bud) Connolly and wife Sandra of Santa Anna, Glenda Crownover and husband Ralph of San Angelo, Tomas Connolly and wife Diana of Andrews; 18 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; 1 great-great grandson; 1 brother, Frank L. Woods and wife Sonja of Ibague, Columbia, South America; sister-in-law, Tommy Woods of Post and numerous nieces, nephews, adopted children and many, many friends.

Pallbearers were Cody Cothren, James Jones, Jason Jones, Justin Jones, Jarrod Jones and Johnny Lee Rogers.

Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of San Angelo or a favorite charity of choice.

## Donna Marie Nichols

MCCAULLEY — Donna Marie Nichols, 49, died Wednesday, March 17, 2004, at her home. Services were Friday, March 19, 2004, at Bethel Baptist Church in Funston. Burial was in Bethel CemeLery directed by Lawrcnce-Adams Funeral Home.

Born May 8, 1954, in Minden, Louisiana, Donna was a daughter of Doyle Prather and the late Christell (Winget) Thomas. She gradated from Ozona High School and attended college in Odessa. Donna moved to McCaulley in 1991 and married Cary Don Nichols May 21, 1993. She worked as a dispatcher and was a secretary for Jones Co. Probation office.

Survivors include her husband, Cary Don Nichols of McCaulley, two sons, Sidney Thomas Lands and wife, Staci, of Sweetwater and Justin Keith Lands of San Angelo; father and step mother, Doyle and Patsy Ruth Thomas of Benton, LA; four brothers, Ronnie Braselton of Fort Smith, Ark., Roger Braselton of Baytown, Robert Braselton of Dickinson and Monte Beard of Fort Stockton; and three sisters, Patsy Beard of Fort Stockton, Jill Thomas of Garland and Rhonda Hatzfeld

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Thanks to the folloing merchants who donated and helped make the Ozona FFA Fundraiser a big success: The Hitchin Post Steakhouse, The Cafe Next Door, Mike's Care Care, Sutton's Service, NatGas, Inc., Ozona Wool & Mohair, Wool Growers, Napa Auto Parts, Triple C Lumber, South Texas Lumber, Red Hot Mama, Carlie's After House and Artistic Nails and Tanning Salon. A special thanks to thanks to the Murphey Black Band for their wonderful entertainment during dinner.

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# Comptroller urges late taxpayers to pay up now or pay more later

AUSTIN—Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn today announced "Project: Pay Up," a three-week amnesty period aimed at collecting unpaid taxes owed by Texas businesses.

From March 11 through March 31, taxpayers can come forward, pay their past due taxes in full, and the Comptroller will waive penalty and interest charges normally assessed against delinquent taxpayers.

Strayhorn estimates Project: Pay Up will bring in $50 million in delinquent state tax revenue and an additional $9 million owed to local governments.

The 78th Legislature authorized the tax amnesty, recommended by Strayhorn in her 2003 report Limited Government, Unlimited Opportunity.

"I'm looking out for Texas and looking out for the honest, hardworking Texans who pay their taxes and bear the burden when others don't pay their fair share," Strayhorn said. "This one-time waiver of penalty and interest will bring in tax dollars we might not collect otherwise. These are dollars we need to educate our children, to help our children who need medical care and to provide other services vital to Texans.

"The last time the State of Texas offered a tax amnesty was in 1991," Strayhorn said. "This is indeed a rare opportunity for businesses with unpaid, unreported or under-reported taxes to wipe the slate clean. They can pay their taxes and avoid penalty and interest. They can pay up now or pay more later, when we seize their business and padlock their doors."

The Project: Pay Up amnesty period applies to sales tax, franchise tax and all other state and local taxes and fees administered by the state Comptroller except Unclaimed Property and PUC Gross Receipts Assessments. It applies to taxes that were due anytime before Feb. 1, 2004.

Strayhorn urges taxpayers to visit her Web Site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/amnesty, call 1-800-252-7942 or go to their nearest Comptroller field office to learn all of the details about Project: Pay Up.

Tax reporting forms are available on the Comptroller's Web site. To ensure that delinquent tax reports and payments are processed as amnesty filings, taxpayers must write "Tax Amnesty" at the top of tax reports, and on checks, cashier's checks and money orders.

Tax reports and payments should be mailed to: Tax Amnesty, Comptroller of Public Accounts, P.O. Box 13232, Austin, Texas 78711.

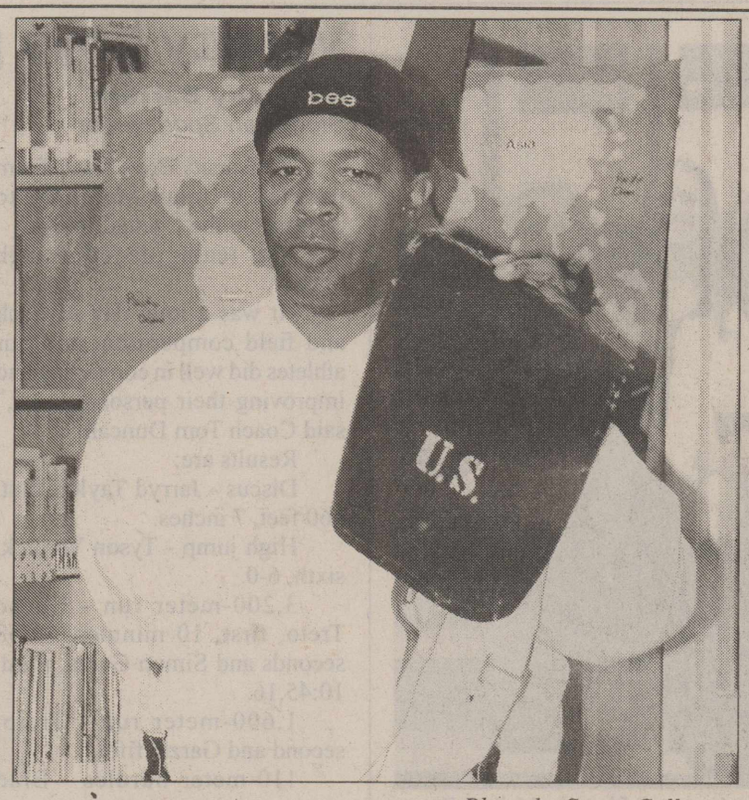


*Photo by Susan Calloway*

**RICKY RHINEHART** from Fort Concho gave an informative talk about Buffalo Soldiers at the intermediate school last Wednesday.






# Avoid the 'oops factor' when you get Social Security retirement benefits

**By FREDI FRANKI**
*Social Security Manager in San Angelo*

When something goes wrong that could have easily been avoided, it is the old 'oops factor' at work.

When you axe retired, there are things you need to remember to do to avoid having the oops factor cause any problems with your Social Security benefit payments. Most of these responsibilities have to do with letting us know about changes in your life that also might affect your benefits.

One example is letting us know about any changes in your banking accounts. Your Social Security benefit payment is probably deposited directly into a bank account for you. That is the smart and safe thing to do. But if you switch banks, or change accounts within the same bank, you need to let Social Security know about it as soon as possible so there is no interruption in your payments.

Another common "oops event" is forgetting to report a change of address. This is true even if you change addresses without changing bank accounts. Yes, your monthly benefit payments would continue to be deposited into that account. But Social Security sometimes needs to send you information through the mail and would need to know your new address.

Here are three other common oops events to have on your personal radar screen:

• If you retired "early" and are still under your full retirement age, you need to let Social Security know about any change in your work status or earnings expectations. Those earnings may affect the amount of your monthly Social Security benefit payments ...and if you are overpaid you would have to repay that additional amount later on.

• If you get married or divorced you should contact Social Security. Sometimes all that needs to be done following a marriage or divorce is a change of name in your Social Security and Medicare records. But in other cases, your marital status could affect the amount of your monthly benefits.

• If you travel overseas, Social Security usually does not need to know about your trip. But if that trip will last 30 days or more, you should contact a Social Security office ahead of time. There are rules that affect the payment of benefits in certain situations for extended overseas visits.

Finally, there are two important events you will not be able to report to us directly, but for which you should make arrangements ahead of time. One is if, due to physical or mental limitations, you become unable to handle your own benefits. At that point, we will need to appoint someone to manage your Social Security affairs.

And when you pass away, we obviously must be notified. Your benefits will stop, usually effective with the month you die. But there may be situations where your dependents or survivors are eligible for Social Security benefits following your death.

To report any change in your status to Social Security, and avoid one of life's oops, call 1-800-772-1213.






# First Ag Credit distributes $5.2 Million in cash dividend

First Ag Credit, Farm Credit Services' stockholders should watch their mailboxes for their part in the $5.2 million cash patronage dividend being distributed based on 2003 financial results.

The patronage dividend will reduce most customers' net cost of borrowing by approximately 70 basis points, or almost three-quarters of a percent.

This is the sixth consecutive year that over 6,500 First Ag Credit stockholders will receive a cash dividend from their agricultural financing cooperative.

Members will receive their checks this month.

Since January 1997, the association has returned about $35 million in cash to its customers.

Keith Vandivere, chairman of the board from Brownfield, said the refund is an indication of the financial strength of the organization as well as "the dedication we have to our stockholders."

First Ag Credit, FCS has nearly $1 billion in loans outstanding and serves a 113-county territory in Texas with 36 primary credit offices conveniently located throughout.

# Texas First Lady announces expanded scholarship

AUSTIN — Texas First Lady Anita Perry has announced a new scholarship initiative with representatives from the Texas Conference for Women. This year, two additional scholarships will be added, bringing the total to six $5,000 scholarships awarded to Texas women.

In addition to the 2003 program fields of business, education, math and science, this year's program includes new awards in the fields of arts, public service and nursing.

The Texas Conference for Women is an annual event hosted by Gov. Rick Perry and First Lady Anita Perry aimed at providing Texans with educational and inspirational seminars from women at the top of their fields from across the country.

Since its inception in 2000, the Texas Conference for Women has grown, drawing more than 5,000 participants in 2003.

Information about the scholarship program and the fifth annual Texas Conference for Women can be found at www.txconferenceforwomen.org or call (512) 432-1785.

# Texas Wine and Food Festival April 16-17

If a weekend of gourmet food, fine wine, and great fun sounds appealing, make plans to attend the 20th annual Texas Wine and Food Festival on April 16-17.

This year the Texas Wine and Food Festival will feature Guest Chef Kevin Williamson of Ranch 616 Restaurant in Austin.

The weekend will kick off at 7 p.m. Friday with a gourmet dinner in the River Room of San Angelo Country Club prepared by Chef Williamson with the assistance of Chef Guy Calluaud and the San Angelo Country Club staff. The evening will also feature a silent auction with a brief live segment that includes a wide assortment of fine wines, travel packages, artwork and other special offers. Reserved tickets are $125 per person.

At 10 a.m. Saturday, Chef Williamson will conduct a cooking class in the River Room of San Angelo Country Club. Reserved tickets are $35 per person.

The festival wraps up at 6:30 p.m. Saturday with the Wine, Brew and Food Tasting Finale held at the Pavilions at El Paseo de Santa Angela. Area restaurants and caterers join vintners and brewers from across the state to offer up their finest selections of food, wine and beer. Tickets are $25 in advance and $27 at the gate.

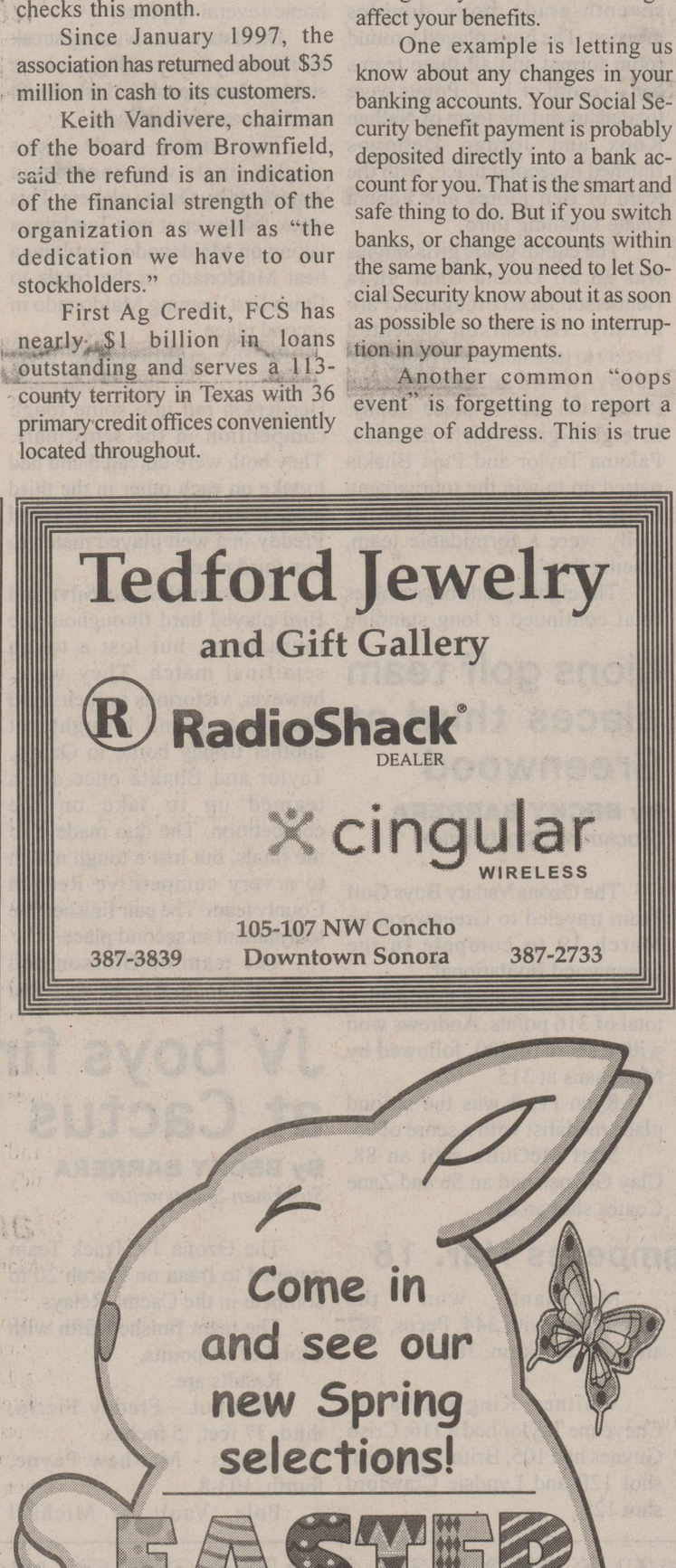
The festival is a fund-raising event that supports arts and cultural activities in San Angelo and the Concho Valley.

Tickets are on sale at the San Angelo Cultural Affairs Council office, located on the second floor of the Cactus Hotel, 36 E. Twohig. Cash, checks and all major credit cards are accepted.

Tickets are also available at Sugarbaker's, 1821 Knickerbocker Road and Blair's Western Wear, 4320 Sherwood Way.

For information, call 653-6793, email sacac@wcc.net or visit www.sanangeloarts.com.


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# Repossessed Vehicles Sold To The Public Due To Overstocked Inventory

## Conditions At Local Dealership

SAN ANGELO, TX - Bank Repossessed cars and trucks will be sold directly to the public. These vehicles are some of the most hunted for bargains in the Automotive Industry. A large selection of brand new Model cars, trucks, vans, sport utility vehicles, as well as dozens of rental and lease return vehicles, auction vehicles, and dealership used vehicles will be offered for immediate sale at incredible savings to the buyer.

Banks often unload repossessed vehicles to dealerships at rock bottom prices. This week MITCHELL BUICK PONTIAC GMC is passing on the savings to the buyers. The dealership is overstocked and must make room for already scheduled-to-arrive vehicles. They are willing to sell these bank-repossessed vehicles regardless of profit.

This Wednesday, March 24th through Saturday, March 27th over 200 new, repossessed and other pre-owned vehicles will be available, some for thousands below normal values.

"This is an incredible opportunity for bargain hunters! They may never see savings like these again." - Alvin Beaty, MITCHELL BUICK PONTIAC GMC.

Every repossessed, off-lease and other preowned or new vehicle will be available, some only $37 down* then start making payments. "It's so easy," said Alvin Beaty. "We'll even mark each qualifying vehicle right on the windshield. Just pick your vehicle and pick your payment."

**"This is a Huge Sales Event! For 4 Days the San Angelo Area Bargain Car Shopper will save like never before"**
ALVIN BEATY, MITCHELL BUICK PONTIAC GMC

The selection of vehicles ranges from luxury, 4x4s, SUVs, even economy cars; almost every price range imaginable will be available. "Many of the vehicles are still under factory warranty" said Alvin Beaty. "That's a great reason to buy now!"

The dealership is under an inventory crunch and must sacrifice these vehicles regardless of profit. This Wednesday through Saturday, they will have extra sales and finance staff to assure prompt, quality service and the best finance terms possible.

This event is the opportunity many new & used car shoppers have been looking for. "Our excessive inventory is a problem for us, but it's an opportunity for the bargain shopper," said Alvin Beaty. The $37 down Repo Event ends Saturday, 6:00 p.m., March 27th. The remaining inventory will be sent to auction.

Questions regarding this event can be directed to (325) 949-1811. MITCHELL BUICK PONTIAC GMC is located at 4105 Sherwood Way in San Angelo.

*Bank Approval Required On all credit applications, $37 Possession Fee plus tax, title and license fees. Negative trade equity will be added to amount financed. Amount of down payment may vary with credit worthiness.** Example: '99 Chevy Lumina - Stk#U2508A - $37 + TT&L down. 5.9% APR - $99 per month for 60 months through Bank One. Customer Responsible for taxes, title, tags. Vehicles subject to prior sale. Limit 2 vehicles per household. See dealer for details Mitchell Buick Pontiac GMC 2004.

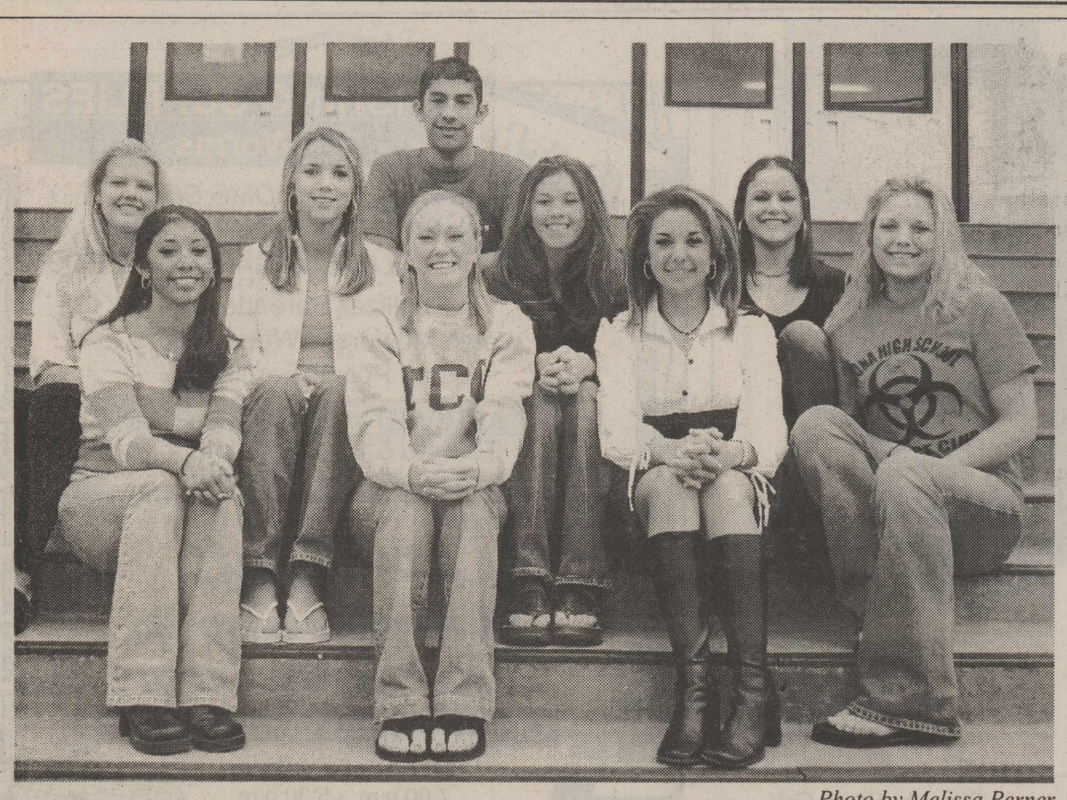


*Photo by Melissa Perner*

**2004-2005 VARSITY CHEERLEADERS:** front row Malorie Moran, Hilary Huffman, Jessica Moore and Taylor Oglesby. Second row Jenna Henderson, Kristin Bunger, Heather Ybarra, Allison Skehan. Back row Mascot David Lee Borrego.



*Photo by Melissa Perner*

**2004-2005 JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS:** (left to right) Brooke Kelly, Celia Rivera, Kasey Gray, Farren Wilson, Julia Henderson and Alexa Cervantez.

# Espino sets record by hitting two homeruns in one inning

On a record setting night by Aaron Espino, the Lions were able to come from behind and put away the pesky Rocksprings Angoras 12-2 on M arch 2.

Trailing in the top of the fifth 2-1, Aaron Espino hit a 1-2 pitch over the right field wall for a 3 run homer to give the Lions a 4-2 lead. Later, in the same inning, Espino would prove large again. He came to the plate with the Lions ahead by the score of 7-2. The bases were loaded and this time Espino sent a 1-0 pitch over the left field wall for a grand slam that put the Lions ahead for good 11-2.

Espino became the first Lion to hit 2 home runs in the same inning, and also became the first Lion to ever drive in 7 runs in a game. Daniel Rubio endured a rough first inning that saw him give up the lead on a 2 run homer. He responded by striking out 13 batters over the course of the game to keep Rocksprings in check.

"I have never seen a kid do what Aaron did tonight. It was fantastic... not only because it gave us the lead, but because Aaron is a quality individual and a real team player," said Coach Travis Breitschopf at the end of the game. "Rubio was equally big because he shut down Rocksprings until our bats go going in that key top of the fifth."

On March 16, the bats were warm to begin the game versus Crane. The Lions jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the top of the first on the strength of a Kris Gray leadoff single. He later stole second base and came home on a long one out double by Espino. Espino was later brought in on an RBI groundout to stake the Lions to an early lead.

However, for as hot as the Lions bats were to begin the game, that is how cold their gloves started out. Crane responded with 3 unearned runs in the bottom of the first to retake the lead 3-2. Crane was able to add 3 more runs over the next two innings to take a 6-2 lead.

The Lions answered with a single run in the top of the fourth after another Gray single. He was moved to third on a hit and run by Jake Stewart and later scored on a sacrifice fly by Espino. This moved the score to 6-3.

After allowing 3 more unearned runs in the bottom of the fifth, the Lions were pretty much out of it until the staged a late rally to scare the home-standing Cranes. After getting on base by a pair of errors, a hit batsman, and a misplayed fly ball, the Lions were able to score the final two runs of the game. The final score was 5-11 with Crane winning.

The Lions were led by Gray who went 3-4 on the night and scored 3 runs. Also Stewart was 2-4 on the night with some timely hitting and Espino who provided the big power surge early with two mammoth shots to deep center field.

"I was pleased with the way we came out and took control of the game early. We played with real intensity in the top of the first. However, we gave the momentum right back to them with the 3 errors in the bottom of the first," Breitschopf said. "If you take away our many errors in the game, we win by the score of 5-4. We will continue to work on our defense. I am proud of our kids because they are playing with effort for the entire game."

# JV Lions split versus Crane

The JV Lions charged out of the gate with a two out rally that produced their only run of the game in the first game versus Crane.

Jordan Long scored on a base hit by Nick Perez. With excellent pitching from Long and starter Erick Martinez, Crane was held in check until their final at bat. Down 1-0, Crane was able to plate 3 runs in the top of the fifth off of closer Long.

Aided by two walks and some shaky defense, Crane took the 3-1 lead that they would never relinquish. Long and Perez were the offensive stars for the game.

Levi Vargas hurled his first career no-hitter in the second game against Crane as the Lions scored 2 runs in the bottom of the fourth to beat Crane 2-1.

Vargas was strong from beginning to end as he struck out 9 Crane hitters and was helped out by an outstanding double play to end the game.

Jimmy Tebbetts made the fine defensive stab in the outfield and then threw a frozen rope to Dawson Owens at first base to retire the Crane offense in style. Vargas was also the only Lion with a base hit in the game. He had a one-out double in the bottom of the third but was stranded there when the next two Lions went down swinging.

The Lions were able to score the go ahead runs by getting two walks, a timely double steal, and a balk call that sent home the winning run. All in all, there was some fantastic ball played out at Lion Field on Friday night.

# Varsity boys place fourth at Cactus Relays

**By Becky Barrera**
*Stockman Sportswriter*

The Varsity Boys Track Team traveled to Iraan March 20 to compete in the Cactus Relays.

The team placed fourth overall.

"It was a long day of track and field competition, and our athletes did well in competing and improving their personal bests," said Coach Tom Duncan.

Results are:

Discus - Jarryd Taylor, first, 160 feet, 7 inches.

High jump - Tyson Vordick, sixth, 6-0.

3,200-meter run - Elieso Treto, first, 10 minutes, 32.68 seconds and Simon Garza, third, 10:45.16.

1,600-meter run - Treto, second and Garza, fifth.

110-meter hurdles - Brad Mayfield, first, 14.33.

100-meter dash - Ryan McNeely, 11.24; Toby Pagan, 11.56 and Trace Larson, 11.98.

400-meter dash - J.D. Borrego, seventh.



*Photo by Melissa Perner*

**WINNING MEDALS IN TRACK MEETS ARE:** (front, l. to r.) Casey Cervantez, Britney Ramos and Kayla Parks (middle) Ryan McNeely, Jarryd Taylor, Robert DeHoyos, Vince Castro, (back) Michael Maldonado, Simon Garza, Freddy Fierro, Tyson Vordick, Brad Mayfield and Eliseo Treto.

200-meter dash - McNeely, first, 24.23, Trey Collis, 24.07 and Larson, 25.20.

The boys will compete in the San Angelo Relays Friday and Saturday.

# Junior high tennis players fair well in meets

The junior high tennis players traveled to Sonora on March 6 to compete in the Sonora tournament. Due to some communication problems between the host, Sonora, and the other teams, Ozona was the only team to participate. But, that made little difference as the Ozona players all took home trophies by the day's end.

Starting the day out for the team was Kara Bird and Sara Loft in seventh-grade girls singles. Kara Bird finished the tourney out in second place and Lott won the consolation trophy. Loft and Bird teamed up to play doubles, again due to lack of teams, and finished third.

In the seventh-grade boys singles division, Devin Diehl took first place and Wade King captured second. There were three teams vying for first in the seventh-grade boys doubles division. The boys played a round robin format and all three teams had a record of 1 - 1. Points were totaled up and the team of Nathan Knox and Jordan Dehoyos finished in second place, with the team of Ben Flores and Fabian Onate finishing third.

The eighth grade girls singles was an all Ozona final. Julia Henderson faced off against Park Preddy. Henderson defeated Preddy to take home the first place trophy, which of course gave Preddy the second place trophy. In eighth-grade girls doubles, Paloma Taylor and Puja Bhakta paired up to win the tournament. Morgan Glosson and Brooke Kelly were a formidable team, placing third.

The eighth-grade boys singles final continued a long standing rivalry between two of Ozona's best junior high players. Rocky Munoz faced Justin Maldonado. Rocky defeated Justin in the final securing a first place finish. Ramon Ybarra also competed in singles and came out victorious in his third place match. Maldonado and Ybarra also paired up to play doubles. They ran into teammates Mark Tambunga and Rylee Ramos in the finals. The boys had an exciting match and Tambunga and Ramos came out on top.

"This was a great way to get our season started," said Coach Wendy Justiss.

The next trip the junior high netters made was to Eldorado on March 20.

The Ozona junior high players once again showed their competitive spirit and brought home several trophies.

Diehl started the winning streak by capturing the seventh-grade boys singles championship. Josh Smith won the consolation finals.

The eighth-grade boys singles finals was once again dominated by Ozona players. This week, however, it was Tambunga taking on Maldonado. Tambunga beat Maldonado in the finals to finish first, leaving Maldonado in second place.

In the eighth-grade girls singles division, both Preddy and Henderson ran into some tough competition in the semifinals. They both were defeated and had to take on each other in the third place match. Henderson defeated Preddy in a well played match to win third place.

The team of Stacie Silva and Bird played hard throughout the tournament, but lost a tough semifinal match. They were, however, victorious in their third place match and brought yet another trophy home to Ozona. Taylor and Bhakta once again teamed up to take on the competition. The duo made it to the finals, but lost a tough match to a very competitive Reagan County team. The pair finished the tournament in second place.

The team of Glosson and Kelly had another great week and finished off the competition in the third place match.

The seventh-grade boys doubles teams of King and Flores, and Chris Lara and Onate met each other in the consolation finals. King and Flores defeated their teammates for the win. Rocky Munoz and Rylee Ramos teamed up this week to play eighth-grade boys doubles. The team advanced to the finals and came back to defeat a hard-hitting Reagan County team to secure their victory. Eli Silva and Ybarra were their usual competitive selves and finished an impressive fourth in the boys doubles division.

There were four schools competing in the tournament, Eldorado, Ozona, Grape Creek, and Reagan County.

"This gave us a pretty good idea of what the competition at our district tournament will be like. The kids did a great job and with the hard work they are putting in at practice I think we will see even greater things at district in a few weeks," Justiss said.

# Lions golf team places third at Greenwood

**By BECKY BARRERA**
*Stockman Sportswriter*

The Ozona Varsity Boys Golf Team traveled to Greenwood on March 19 to compete in the Greenwood Invitational.

The team placed third with a total of 316 points. Andrews won with a score of 300, followed by Monahans at 315.

Ryan Pearl was the second place medalist with a score of 75.

Matt McGuire shot an 88, Clay Guynes had an 86 and Zane Coates shot an 81.

# Lady Lions golf competes Mar. 18

**By BECKY BARRERA**
*Stockman Sportswriter*

The Ozona Varsity Girls Golf Team traveled to Greenwood on March 18 to compete in the Greenwood Invitational.

The Lady Lions placed ninth with a total of 437 points.

Monahans won the tournament with 344, Pecos, 362 and Fort Stockton, 381.

Whitney King shot a 96, Cheyenne Taylor had a 116, Cristi Guynes had 105, Britni Buchanan shot 120 and Lyndsie Crawford shot 129.

# 7th girls track competes at Big Lake

The seventh-grade girls competed in the Reagan County Invitational track meet on March 5.

Results are:

800-meter run - Stacey Silvia, third, 3 minutes and .03 seconds.

100-meter dash - Jasmine Moran, third, 14.58. Also finishing were Alysha Lara, 15.64 and Kara Bird, 16.27.

400-meter dash - Silvia, second, 1:15.0 and Samantha Torres, fifth, 1:23.0. Also finishing was Sarah Lott, 1:35.0.

200-meter dash - Desiree Galan finsished at 36.64.

1,600-meter relay - Cristina Rodriguez, Silvia and Moran, fifth.

Shot put - Alysha Lara, fourth, 21 feet, 9 inches and Silvia, sixth, 21-0.

Also participating were Iris Vergara and Kelsey Haire.

# JV boys finish in fifth at Cactus Relays

**By BECKY BARRERA**
*Stockman Sportswriter*

The Ozona JV Track Team traveled to Iraan on March 20 to compete in the Cactus Relays.

The team finished fifth with a total of 64 points.

Results are:

Shot put - Freddy Fierro, third, 37 feet, .5 inches.

Discus - Matthew Payne, fourth, 103-8.

Pole Vault - Michael Maldonado, second, 11-0.

3,200-meter run - Levi English, first, 11 minutes, 42.11 seconds.

400-meter relay - R. DeHoyos, Maldonado, John Tom Tijerinia and J. Rodriguez, fifth.

800-meter dash - Tate Collis, second.

100-meter dash - Harvey Santos and Roman Tambunga, sixth.

200-meter dash - Levi English, second and Tambunga, fifth.


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**WEBELOS FROM BOY SCOUT TROOP 153** raise the flag on the Lexington in Corpus Christi during a spring break trip.

# Junior high boys place first at Reagan County Relays

**By BECKY BARRERA**
*Stockman Sportswriter*

The Ozona Boys Junior High Track Team traveled to Big Lake March 5 to compete in the Reagan County Relays.

The team placed first overall with 182 points.

Results are:

Long jump - Daniel Gonzales and Nathan Knox, tied for fifth.

Triple jump - Matthew Garza, first and Johnny Garza, sixth.

High jump - Wade King, first and Daniel Gonzales, sixth.

Shot put - Steven Silva, first.

Discus - Chris Lara, second and Silva, third.

2,400-meter run - Ethan English, second.

400-meter relay - Garza, Fabian Onate, Ben Flores and Josh Smith, first.

800-meter run - King, second.

110-meter hurdles - Matthew Komechak, first and Jesse Ramos, second.

100-meter dash - Garza, first and Flores, sixth.

800-meter relay - Flores, Smith, Komechak and Silva, second.

400-meter dash - Onate, second, Wilson White, fifth and Gonzales, sixth.

300-meter hurdles - Komechak, first and Ramos, fifth.

200-meter dash - Silva, sixth.

1,600-meter run - English, second.

# Varsity girls compete in Abilene

**By BECKY BARRERA**
*Stockman Sportswriter*

The Varsity Girls Track Team traveled to Abilene on March 19-20 to compete in the All-American Classic.

Results are:

Shot put - Vicky Yruegas, 14th, 24 feet, 11 inches.

Discus - Yruegas, 14th, 60-5.

Triple jump - Casey Cervantez, seventh, 30-9.

100-meter hurdles - Kayla Parks, ninth, 18.94 seconds; Megan McDaniel, 12th, 19.30 and Peyton Fenton, 15th, 19.93.

100-meter dash - Cervantez, third, 13.32 and Malorie Moran, 11th, 14.05.

200-meter dash - Heather Ybarra, 12th, 30.15.

300-meter hurdles - Parks, ninth, 56.73; McDaniel, 10th, 57.15 and Jamie Moore, 15th, 60.67.

400-meter run - Becky Tambunga, 14th, 1:11.06.

800-meter run - Britney Ramos, fourth, 2:39.00 and Candace Gandar, 12th, 2:55.62.

1,600-meter run - Ramos, first, 5:52.45.

400-meter relay - Moran, Cervantez, Tashina Lewis and Ybarra, fourth.

800-meter relay - Moran, Cervantez, Lewis and Ybarra, sixth.

## Ozona Youth Baseball Schedule

Teams:

| Major League | Minor League |
|---|---|
| 1. Lilly's | 1. Maria's |
| 2. J. Cleo | 2. DeHoyos |
| 3. DQ | 3. Lilly's |
| 4. Shots | 4. National |

**T-Ball**

| | |
|---|---|
| 1. Mike's | 2. Village |
| 3. Lilly's | 4. Triple C |

Tuesday, April 6 — 1-2 & 3-4
Thursday, April 8 — 4-1 & 2-3
Tuesday, April 13 — 2-4 & 3-1
Thursday, April 15 — 2-1 & 4-3
Tuesday, April 20 — 1-4 & 3-2
Thursday, April 22 — 1-3 & 2-4
Saturday, May 1 — 1-3 & 2-4
Tuesday, May 4 — 3-4 & 2-1
Thursday, May 6 — 4-1 & 2-3
Tuesday, May 11 — 1-3 & 2-4
Thursday, May 13 — 2-1 & 4-3
Tuesday, May 18 — 3-2 & 1-4

***1st Game: 6:00 p.m.***
***2nd Game - 7:30 p.m.***

## Head Start pre-registration April 1-2

Ozona Head Start will conduct pre-registration from 2-5 p.m. April 1-2 for children 3, 4 and 5 years of age at the Head Start Center, 1310 Avenue G.

Parents or guardians will need to bring proof of income: four consecutive check stubs or W-2 forms; from 2003 the child's shot record; child's Social Security card and birth certificate.

Child must be 3 years of age before September 1.

For information, call 392-3429 or Rebecca Benson at (325) 656-2678

# Pre-K and kindergarten registration April 1

Pre-registration for the 2004-2005 Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes will be held April 1 at the primary school library. Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students can register from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.

To be eligible to attend pre-kindergarten, a student must be unable to speak and comprehend the English language, eligible to participate in the National Free or Reduced-Price Lunch Program or is homeless. The child must be 4-years-old on or before Sept. 1, 2004.

Parents must have their child's birth certificate, shot record and Social Security Card in order to register the child. If the child speaks Spanish, testing will be done to see if he or she qualifies for Pre-Kindergarten; therefore you will need to bring the child with you to registration. Parents enrolling their child for Pre-Kindergarten must bring a copy of their recent check stub. Income will be verified prior to the first day of school.

Kindergarten students must be 5-years-old on or before Sept. 1, 2004.

Parents will also need to bring their child's birth certificate, shot record and Social Security Card to registration. A copy of these documents will be made, and the originals will be returned to you. This is required by law 25.002 of the Texas Education Code.

As of Aug. 1, 1999, all children born on or after Sept. 2, 1992 are required to have the following immunizations to begin school: Hepatitis A immunization, 4-year-old booster immunization and if your child has not had the Chicken Pox, the Varicella immunization is required.

Jueves, 1 de abril 2004, se pre-matriculará pre-kínder y kínder en la biblioteca de la escuela primaria. Estudiantes de pre-kínder y kínder podrán matricular desde las 9 a.m. hasta las 12 p.m. y las 1 p.m. hasta las 4 p.m. Para ser elegible asistir a pre-kínder, se requiere que al estudiante le falte el idioma inglés, ser elegible a participar en el programa nacional de comidas gratis o comidas a precio reducidos or ser sin hogar. El niño tiene que tener 4 años antes del primero de septiembre 2004. Padres necesitan traer el certificado de nacimiento de sus niños, el comprobante de vacunas y el numero de seguro social. Si, su niño habla espanol, se le tomará una prueba para ver si su niño califica para pre-kínder; por lo tanto necesita traer su niño con Ud. a pre-matricular. Tambien necesita traer una copia reciente de su cheiue.

Estudiantes de kínder tendrãn tener 5 años en o antes del primero de septiembre 2004. Padres necesitan traer el certificado de nacimiento de sus niños, el comprobante de vacunas y numero de seguro social.

Desde del primero de augosto, 1999, se requiere que los niños nacidos en o despues del 2 de septiembre 1992, tengan las siguientes vacunas para empezar escuela: Hepatitis A, la vacuna de 4 años, y si su niño no ha tenido Varicela, la vacuna de varicela es requierido.

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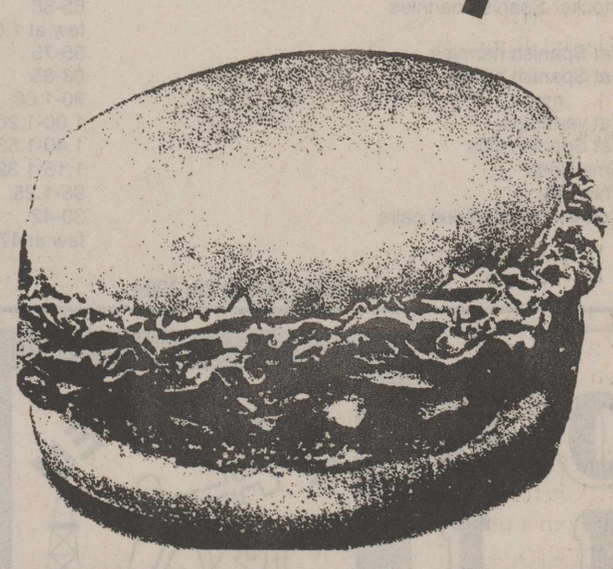
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# Crockett County Sheriff's Report

**WEEKLY NEWS REPORT**
**3-16-2004 through 3-22-2004**

**3-16-04**
• Deputy assisted a subject on Interstate-10 who had run out of gas.
• Report of loose livestock. Dispatch was unable to make contact with the land owner, no further calls.
• Deputies responded to a stabbing call on I-10. Vehicle was located and one male subject was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.
• Deputy was called to a local ranch to check on a suspicious person. Deputy located the subject who was advised not to return to the ranch.
• Report of a disturbance 400 block of Plum Street. Deputies arrived and escorted one female subject to a local motel for the night.
**3-17-04**
• While on patrol, deputy noticed a vehicle parked in the middle of the road. The male subject told the deputy that he had left his home in San Antonio in route to see his girlfriend in El Paso without his parents' knowledge. Subject was brought to the Sheriff's Office to wait for his parents.
• Report of a female subject causing a disturbance at a local restaurant. Deputy arrived at the scene and advised the subject to leave.
• Report of a female subject causing a disturbance at a local restaurant again. Caller advised the female had walked away. Deputy was unable to locate the female.
• Received a report of subjects in a motor home on I-10 that needed assistance changing a tire. Sheriff's Office called out local tire repair service.
• Deputy unlocked a vehicle at a local restaurant.
• Report of telephone harassment. Deputy warned the suspect to stop the phone calls.
• Report of telephone harassment at 100 block Swaps Street. Deputy served suspect with a criminal trespass notice and was warned to stop the phone calls.
• Report of a suspicious person walking in the area of the EMS building. Deputy located the subject who stated he needed assistance with gas. Deputy gave the subject some gas and advised him to be on his way.
**3-18-04**
• Report of an alarm at local business. Deputy arrived to find all secure.
• Deputy unlocked a vehicle at local business.
• Concerned citizen was unable to get anyone on the phone of a local business. Request deputy to check welfare. Deputy arrived and everything was fine.
• Deputy unlocked a vehicle at local convenience store.
• Report of property taken without permission from local business. Deputy located the suspects who were returning the item.
• Report of a gas drive off from local convenience store. Deputy was unable to locate the vehicle.
• Report of suspicious subjects at the rodeo grounds. Deputy located subjects who were doing nothing wrong.
**3-19-04**
• Report of an alarm at the school. Deputy arrived to find everything secure.
• Subjects request deputy for civil standby reference to child visitation.
• Report of a gas drive off from local convenience store. Deputies were unable to locate the vehicle.
• Report of a vehicle that had done damage to a gas pump at local convenience store, no injuries.
• Subject request deputy to look for juvenile that had not returned home from school.
• Report of one juvenile assaulting another juvenile, statements were taken.
• Report of a gas drive off from local convenience store. Deputy was unable to locate the vehicle.
**3-20-04**
• Report of a prowler on 100 block of Cenisa Street. Deputy located neighbor who needed medical attention and transported to clinic.
• Deputy provided courtesy transport for stranded motorist.
• Report of loose livestock at 349 mile-marker I-10. Citizen transported horses to 4-H pens for owners.
• Report of skunk on Avenue H. Deputy unable to locate.
• Deputy assisted motorist with gas.
• Loud music on Nashua Street. Deputy had music turned down.
**3-21-04**
• Locked vehicle at 361 mile-marker I-10. Deputy unlocked vehicle.
• Report of transient at 358 mile-marker I-10. Deputy unable to locate subject.
• Report of gas drive off from 1309 Avenue C. Deputy unable to locate vehicle.
• Locked vehicle on 900 block Avenue D. Deputy unlocked vehicle.
• Report of kids on go carts on 1800 block of Perez Street. Deputy checked area and kids were being supervised.
• Reckless driver on I-10. DPS contacted and vehicle not located.
• Disturbance on Bisente Street. Deputy spoke to subjects had them settle down.
**03-22-04**
• Subjects on Greyhound bus concerned about driver. Deputy attempted to catch up to bus and Sutton County notified.
• Stranded motorist on State Highway 163 north. Deputy took gas to subjects.
• Report of stolen tarps at Circle Bar Truck Stop. Deputy met with subject who did not wish to press charges.
• Report of person laying down at 340 mile-marker I-10. Deputy transported transient to county line.
• Abandoned vehicle on 1800 block Santa Anna Street. Deputy red tagged vehicle.
• Suspicious person on 1400 block Avenue E. Deputy transported transient to east county line.
• Unattended death. Deputy assisted Justice of the Peace.
• Possible rabid cat at Middle School. Deputy destroyed cat.

**ARREST REPORT**
**3-16-04 to 3-22-04**

**3-16-04**
• Frank Manuel Flores, 43, of Whittier Calif. was arrested by sheriff's deputies on the charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Subject remains in Crockett County Jail with a $20,000 bond.
**3-20-04**
• Joseph Simms, 45, of Mareno Calif. was arrested by DPS Trooper on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces. Subject posted bond and was released.
**3-22-04**
• Lino Dominguez, 24, of El Paso was arrested by sheriff's deputy on traffic warrants. Subject paid fines and was released.
• Brandon Keith Jobe, 17, of Ozona was arrested by sheriff's deputy on a Crockett County Warrant for assault causes bodily injury. Subject remains in jail.

**OFFENSE REPORTS**
**3-16-04 to 3-22-04**

**3-16-04**
• Sheriff's deputy filed a report of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon on a subject who was riding in a vehicle on Interstate-10. Two male subjects had gotten into an argument that escalated into a stabbing. Victim was taken to San Angelo hospital, and suspect was arrested.
**3-22-04**
• Sheriff's deputy filed an abandoned vehicle report. Abandoned vehicle on 1800 block of Santa Anna Street was red tagged, and impounded by local wrecker.
• Sheriff's deputy filed a report of an unattended death. Deputy assisted Justice of the Peace.

# Sheriff's department offering free gun locks

The Crockett County Sheriff's Office will continue their participation in "Project Child Safe." This is the nation's largest firearm safety education program.

The gun locks are provided at no cost through a United States Department of Justice grant that is managed by the National Shooting Sports Foundation. This year, $50 million will be spent this year with America's law enforcement agencies to make the gun locks available.

Anyone interested in participating in the program and using the gun locks to help protect the safety of our children, come by the Crockett County Sheriff's Office. The gun locks will be provided at not cost, as long as they last.

For information, visit www.projectchildsafe.org.

# Bonilla questions FDA on the nation's food safety

WASHINGTON D.C. - Since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, people across the nation have been asking questions about the nation's food supply. U.S. Representative Henry Bonilla, R-San Antonio, recently chaired two pivotal hearings to address the future and safety of America's food supply.

"People throughout my district are asking: 'What are you doing to keep food safe? Should I be scared?' They deserve straight-forward, honest answers," Bonilla said. "And that's why we're here today. To gain a better understanding of what's going on and how we can keep things safe."

Bonilla and other members of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee questioned Food and Drug Administration Deputy Commissioner Lester Crawford. Bonilla also questioned Under Secretary of Food Safety Elsa Murano. Both officials answered questions on topics ranging from imported meat to food surveillance to bioterrorism. Bonilla is chairman of the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, which oversee all of the nation's agriculture funding.

"The job of inspectors, researchers and auditors at the Department of Agriculture and Food and Drug Administration is extremely important. I hope they realize how much we all appreciate their work," Bonilla said. "I am pleased that Mr. Crawford took time out of his busy day to talk with us and answer some of our important questions."

Bonilla used the hearings as an opportunity to question the safety of our nation's food supply. Bonilla asked that the deputy commissioner and undersecretary comment on funding for "Food Defense" and BSE (commonly referred to as "Mad Cow Disease") prevention. Bonilla was assured that the administration is facing these challenges head-on. They have laid out a detailed blueprint of priorities and feels certain they are on the road to success.

"It is essential we have the funding necessary to protect our nation's food supply from threats such as bioterrorism and disease," Bonilla said. "The United States is already several steps ahead of other countries, but we must continue to strengthen and safeguard our system."

Bonilla had the opportunity to hold a private meetings with both officials prior to the hearing. The meetings addressed issues of importance to the consumers of the 23rd District.

"I could not be happier with the answers given by the deputy commissioner and Undersecretary. They are doing a fantastic job in a very difficult role," Bonilla said. "I look forward to continuing a long and prosperous relationship with Dr. Crawford and Dr. Murano ."

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## Junction Stockyards Market Report

**Sheep and Goats**

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Junction Stockyards sold 1,844 head of sheep and goats.Spanish and boar cross kids are steady. Stocker nannies 5-10 higher. Muttons and billies steady. Lambs steady. Ewe and bucks steady. Angora nannies 1-3 higher. Angora kids steady.

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| #1 spring lambs 50-70 lbs. | 1.30-1.38 |
| #1 spring lambs 70-90 lbs. | 1.28-1.38 |
| #1 old crop lambs 50-70 lbs. | 1.10-1.14 |
| #1 old crop lambs 70-90 lbs. | 92-1.05 |
| Fat ews | 38-46 |
| Thin ews | 35-45 |
| Bucks | 35-42 |
| Baby tooth ewes | no test |
| Solid mouth ewes | no test |
| Ewe & lamb pairs | no test |
| Baby tooth Angora stocker nannies | no test |
| Solid mouth Angora stocker nannies | no test |
| Stocker Angora muttons | 50-62 |
| Angora kids | no test |
| Angora kids-shorn | 1.25-1.37 |
| Angora small kids | 1.05-1.15 |
| Weighing Angoras-shorn (thin) | 42-55 |
| Weighing Angoras-shorn (fat) nannies | 45-52 |
| muttons | 45-58 |
| Stocker Spanish nannies | 65-85 |
| | few at 1.02 |
| Fat Spanish nannies | 55-75 |
| Fat Spanish billies | 68-85 |
| mutt | 90-1.08 |
| Fat yearlings | 1.00-1.20 |
| Fat Spanish kids | 1.40-1.53 |
| Small kids | 1.15-1.32 |
| Thin kids | 95-1.25 |
| Spanish nanny & kid pairs | 30-42 |
| | few at 47 |

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**As of March 19, 2004**

***Crockett County***

| OPERATOR | PTD | LEASE | CONTRACTOR/RIG | ACTIVITY-DEPTH |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Anadarko | 11200' | C.C. Montgomery #7012d | Patterson Drilling/A 471 | Drlg Ahead |
| Endeavor Energy Res | 10500' | Dudley A#1 H | Big Dog Drilling | Drlg Ahead 11554' |
| New Chevron/Midland | 9500' | C.E. Davidson Jr Nct-1 #12 | Nabors Drilling (O) 353 | Drlg Ahead |
| New Approach Operating | 9000' | Approach Bailey #401 | Nabors Drilling (O) 347 | Moving On |
| Encore Operating LP | 8300' | Jones Ranch A#1927 | Adobe Drilling Bronco | Drlg Ahead 40' |
| New EOG Resources/Mid | 7200' | Todd 44wx #1 | Patterson Uti/Tmbr 614 | Rigging Up |
| New Devon Energy/OKC | 7000' | Helbing 18 #4 | Patterson Drilling/A 42 | Drlg Ahead |
| Bluegrass Energy | 6200' | Eagle Draw #801 | Rod Ric Corporation 4 | Drlg Ahead |

***Sutton County***

| OPERATOR | PTD | LEASE | CONTRACTOR/RIG | ACTIVITY-DEPTH |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Dominion OK TX E&P | 8950' | Brown-Whitehead 2 #33 | Key Energy (L) 42 | Drlg Ahead 1284' |
| New Dominion OK TX E&P | 8950' | Mayer #50 | Patterson Drilling/A 108 | Assigned |
| New Dominion OK TX E&P | 8700' | Hudspeth 1 #7 | Patterson Drilling/A 120 | Assigned |
| New Dominion OK TX E&P | 8500' | Simmons Ranch #64 | Patterson Drilling/A 122 | Assigned |
| Dominion OK TX E&P | 8450' | Mayer #506 | Patterson Drilling/A 108 | Drlg Ahead |
| New Dominion OK TX E&P | 8430' | Simmons Ranch #62 | Patterson Drilling/A 118 | Drlg Ahead |
| Dominion OK TX E&P | 8250' | Simmons Ranch #75 | Patterson Drilling/A 122 | Drlg Ahead |
| Dominion OK TX E&P | 8200' | Edwin S Mayer Jr. T #2 | Patterson Drilling/A 120 | Drlg Ahead |
| Dominion OK TX E&P | 7100' | Mack Cauthorn 130 #7 | Patterson Drilling/A 40 | Drlg Ahead |
| New Dominion OK TX E&P | 6950' | Shurley 142 #22 | Patterson Drilling/A 107 | Assigned |
| Dominion OK TX E&P | 6700' | Shurley 142 #20 | Patterson Drilling/A 107 | Drlg Ahead |
| New Dominion OK TX E&P | 6600' | Deberry Meckel Unit #13 | Patterson Drilling/A 102 | Assigned |
| Dominion OK TX E&P | 6300' | Galbreath 66 #13 | Patterson Drilling/A 105 | Drlg Ahead |
| New Dominion OK TX E&P | 6300' | Galbreath 65 #11 | Patterson Drilling/A 105 | Assigned |
| Dominion OK TX E&P | 6200' | Thomson #11 | Patterson Drilling/A 102 | Drlg Ahead |
| New Dominion OK TX E&P | | Duke Wilson 171 #15 | Patterson Drilling/A 109 | Assigned |

***Terrell County***

| OPERATOR | PTD | LEASE | CONTRACTOR/RIG | ACTIVITY-DEPTH |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Riata Energy Inc | 19000' | Mitchell #1201 | Lariat Drilling 4 | Drlg Ahead |
| Nuevo Texas Inc | 19000' | Mitchell 7 #6 | Nabors Drilling (O) 783 | Drlg Ahead |
| New Field | 15000' | Hicks #3501 | Patterson Uti/Tmbr 627 | Drlg Ahead 1304' |
| Exxonmobil Dev Co | 13200' | Banner Estate #41 H | Patterson Uti/Lv 481 | Drlg Ahead 11470' |
| Nuevo Texas Inc | 13000' | Mitchell 8 #8 | Patterson Drilling/A 36 | Drlg Ahead |
| Conocophillips/Odes | 12600' | Creek Ranch 12 #6 | Grey Wolf Drilling/M 76 | Drlg Ahead |
| New EOG Resources/Mid | 10000' | Noelke 2 #1403 H | Patterson Drilling/A 39 | Rigging Up |
| Concho Oil & Gas | 8000' | Creek Ranch State 2 #3 | Lariat Drilling 1 | Drlg Ahead |
| New Riata Energy Inc | 7000' | Brown #3202 | Lariat Drilling 2 | Drlg Ahead |
| New Tom Brown Inc/Mid | 7000' | Geaslin 198 #5 | Patterson Drilling/A 169 | Drlg Ahead |

***Val Verde County***

| OPERATOR | PTD | LEASE | CONTRACTOR/RIG | ACTIVITY-DEPT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Concho Oil & Gas | 6500' | Bunger 30 #4 | Key Energy (O) 21 | Drlg Ahead 4150' |

***Schleicher County***

| OPERATOR | PTD | LEASE | CONTRACTOR/RIG | ACTIVITY-DEPTH |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| New Pogo Producing Co | 6900' | Whitten A #7 | Heart Land Drilling 2 | Drlg Ahead |
| New Unit Petroleum/Tulsa | 4100' | Whitten C #3 | Heart Land Drilling 3 | Rigging Up |

***Reagan County***

| OPERATOR | PTD | LEASE | CONTRACTOR/RIG | ACTIVITY-DEPTH |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pioneer Natural/Mid | 9500' | Aldwell K #209 | Patterson Uti/Mid 466 | Drlg Ahead 9208' |
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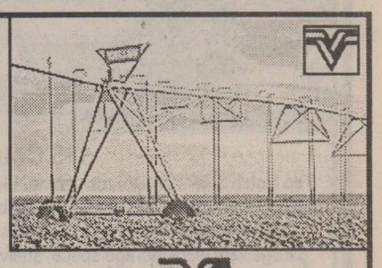
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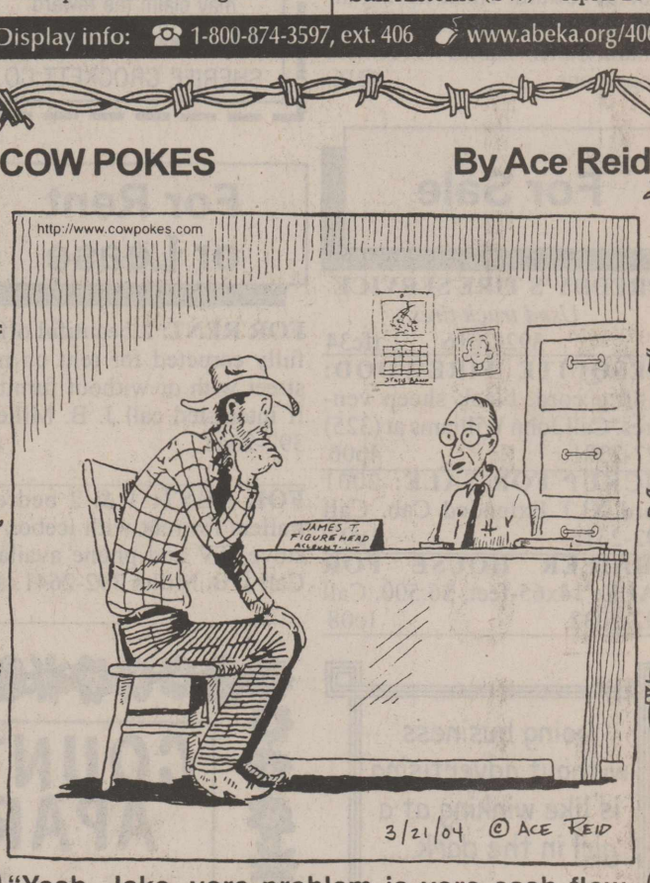
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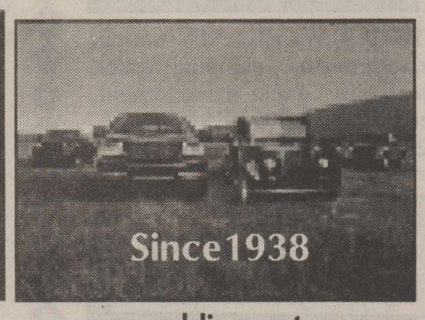



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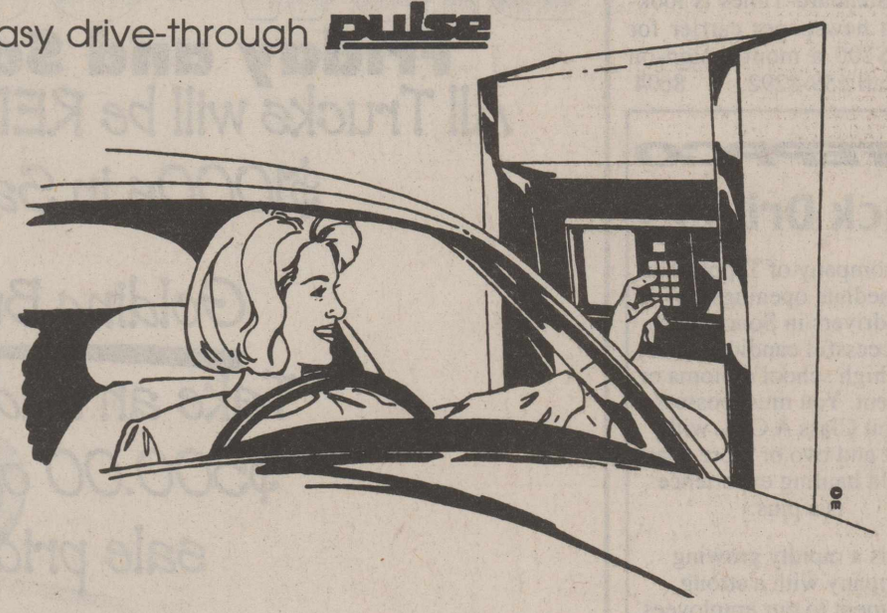
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