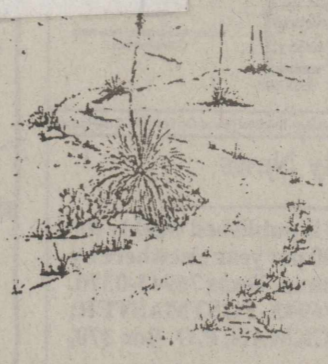


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COUNTY EQUIPMENT AND EMPLOYEES BUSY tearing down an old house and cleaning the lot on Monterrey Street Friday of last week. Stockman photo

No Names, No Records, No Taxes?

Cleaning Of Lots Questioned

Commissioners' court ended Monday with an admonishment by Judge Kathryn Mayfield regarding use of county equipment on private property. The judge said she had received numerous complaints since county equipment was seen cleaning lots last week on Monterrey Street and removing two trees from a lot at another location.

"People can bring an injunction against commissioners for using county equipment on private property," she warned.

Commissioners voted in February to institute a procedure to comply with the Litter Abatement Act they adopted in 1990 and to set fees to be assessed by the county. At the February meeting, County Attorney Orlando DeHoyos gave the court names of private contractors interested in doing the work and provided a list of charges used in San Angelo as guidelines for county cleanup rates. Commissioners say they do not want to be in the lot cleaning business and intentionally set

their prices high to encourage the use of private contractors.

Under the procedure, after approval in commissioners' court, DeHoyos is to send a letter to the owner asking that the property be cleaned up and then send a followup letter if necessary. Owners are given adequate time to have the offending property cleaned. If they do not do so, the county can then step in, clean the property and send the owner a bill.

A release of liability had been obtained in connection with the Monterrey Street project according to Commissioner Rudy Martinez who said he was told by the county attorney that it was all right to proceed with the work.

Eddie Moore, county road superintendent, said he had been instructed by the commissioner and DeHoyos to do the work.

DeHoyos said Tuesday that he

had examined records in the tax assessor's office and there is no recorded owner for the property in the county deed records. "These are two lots that basically don't even show up on the tax records. As far as the county (property records) is concerned, those lots are non-existent."

The county attorney also said he had checked school surveys and the lots do not show up there, either.

"We're not on private property because there is no private property owner." The Litter Abatement Act does not apply in this case according to DeHoyos.

The county does have an easement and a release of liability from the adjacent property owner in order to go on the lots in question to correct a drainage problem. The individual will probably assert ownership by adverse possession at some point, DeHoyos said.

Bids Accepted For Hospital/Care Center Roofs

Long-needed replacement of the hospital and care center roofs moved nearer to reality Monday when commissioners accepted a bid from Lydick-Cooks roofing company of Midland. Their bid was the lowest

of five received which ranged to \$229,000.

An additional \$10 per square foot will be charged for replacement of any damaged decking. A representative from the roofing material manufacturer

company estimated 100 square feet of decking would possibly be in need of replacement. The architect's fee will be 20% of the project cost.

Commissioners budgeted \$200,000 for new roofs for the hospi-

tal, care center and clinic, which are to be paid from funds obtained by certificates of obligation.

The project will require approximately 50 working days and could begin in 15 to 20 days.

The court moved toward additional improvements in the county by voting to apply, in cooperation with the water district, for Community Development Block grants. Grants for sewer, drainage and street improvements south of the interstate will be sought for the water district and county by the firm of Gary R. Traylor and Associates of Lubbock.

Doug Meador, water department superintendent, said he had worked through this firm in Matador and his department had received every grant it went for.

The engineering firm of Hibbs, Oller and Todd, Inc. will also be retained in connection with the grant project.

Commissioners voted to declare this an exception to the bidding process.

Glen Thornton of San Antonio met with the court to discuss a subdivision of approximately 20,038 acres located in Crockett and Val Verde Counties.

The property, 85% of which is in Crockett County, will be divided into nine tracts and sold during a no minimum, no reserve auction May 6 in San Antonio. The tracts will range in size from 1,074 acres to approximately 5,000 acres, Thompson said. Owner WRJ, Inc. of Lubbock will also have land in Uvalde and Edwards Counties in the sale, Thompson said.

Commissioners voted to approve Thompson's request for an exception to the plat filing regulation of the Local Government Code, Section 232.001.

During a financial report for February by Sandy Stokes, county auditor, he said projections for the hospital and care center budgets indicate the hospital will end the 1993 fiscal year \$75,000 over budget and the care center \$50,000 over.

Stokes also commented that motel occupancy tax money for Crockett County was at its highest ever during the last quarter of 1992 with \$18,000

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School Board Filing Ends

Wednesday, March 17, is the final day to file for a place on the school trustee ballot. Applications are available at the office of county judge Kathryn Mayfield this week due to spring break. They will be available at the school administration building again beginning March 15.

Those who had filed as of March 9 were: George Ybarra, Roylan Sullivan and Becky Childress. Two places are open on the board.

One Good Donation Needs Another

Geniece Childress, director of Crockett County Museum, was elated last week as she talked about a recent donation received by the museum - a 14 foot Samson windmill.

Donated by Steve Kenley, the windmill will be placed near Emerald House once a tower is obtained.

"We need a tower, preferably wooden," said Mrs. Childress. She hopes that someone in the community will come forth and donate a tower which has been in use rather than

having to construct a replica.

Another new addition to the museum is a video/VCR which Mrs. Childress said should be in use this week. A stand is still needed for the equipment which will be used for educational videos and tourist information.

In addition to the 30 minute video on the history of Crockett County and the one hour centennial pageant video, Mrs. Childress has plans for videos on agriculture, birds and homes in the county.

Sutton Exhibits Grand Champion

The first time was the charm for a junior exhibitor who took home grand champion honors Feb. 27 during the Junior Angora Goat Show at the 1993 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Stefny Sutton won grand champion buck with her yearling she calls Big Guy.

Judge Dr. Joe David Ross of Sonora praised Stefny's buck for his excellent body composition and trueness to breed character.

Stefny, a 16-year-old junior at Ozona High School, was excited about her win. "I've never won before and it's great. I love it!" she said.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Sutton, she is a member of Crockett County 4-H. Her involvement in Angora goats is included in her 4-H sewing project as well. She not only raises goats to produce mohair, Stefny also uses mohair fabric for her sewing.



STEFNY SUTTON PROUDLY HOLDS HER CHAMPION BUCK after the Junior Angora Goat Show at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo on February 27.



BOUND FOR THE STATE CROSS-EXAMINATION DEBATE TOURNAMENT are: (l. to r.) Frances Curry, coach, and OHS students Lisa Herring and Hollie Williams. They will compete on March 15 and 16 in Austin.

Five Qualify For State Free-throw Contest

Lindsay Flanagan, Amber Tarr, Lori Tambunga, Randal Borrego and John Sanchez will represent Ozona at the Knights of Columbus state free-throw contest March 20-21 in Austin. This is the second trip to state for Lori, Randal and Lindsay.

These five won their divisions March 7 in Wall at regional and diocese contest. Teams from Ozona, San

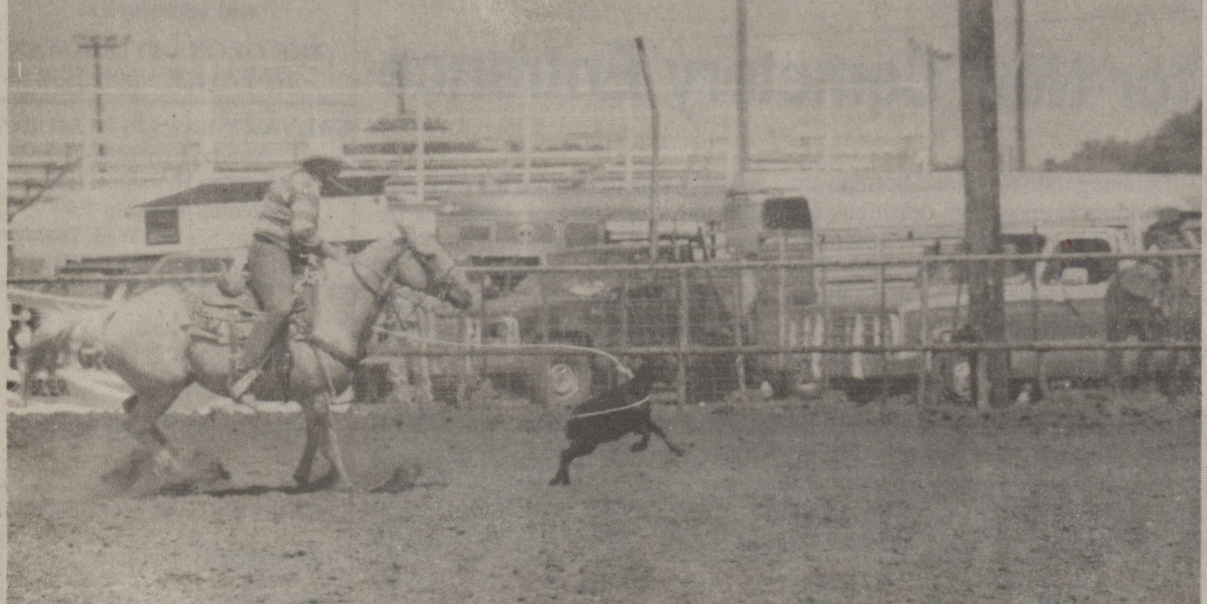
Angelo, Wall and Sonora competed in the regional contest. Teams from Ozona, Ballinger, Midland, Abilene and Winters were among those in the diocese competition.

Randal Borrego won the 12-year-old boys' division with 21 of 25 throws, said Coach Rudy Martinez. "The contest was fun. We had a lot of sup-

port from Ozona," Martinez said.

John will represent Ozona in the 13-year-old division, Lindsay the 11-year, Amber the 13 and Lori the 14-year-old division.

Others competing from Ozona in Wall were Paul Sanchez and Amy Ramos, 10-year-old division; Bobby Cervantez, 11; Autumn McWilliams, 12; and John Elizondo, 14.



THE 1993 WORLD CHAMPION GOAT ROPING COMPETITION will be held in Ozona on June 25 and 26. Pictured is the 1992 World Champion Johnny Bounds of Eldorado

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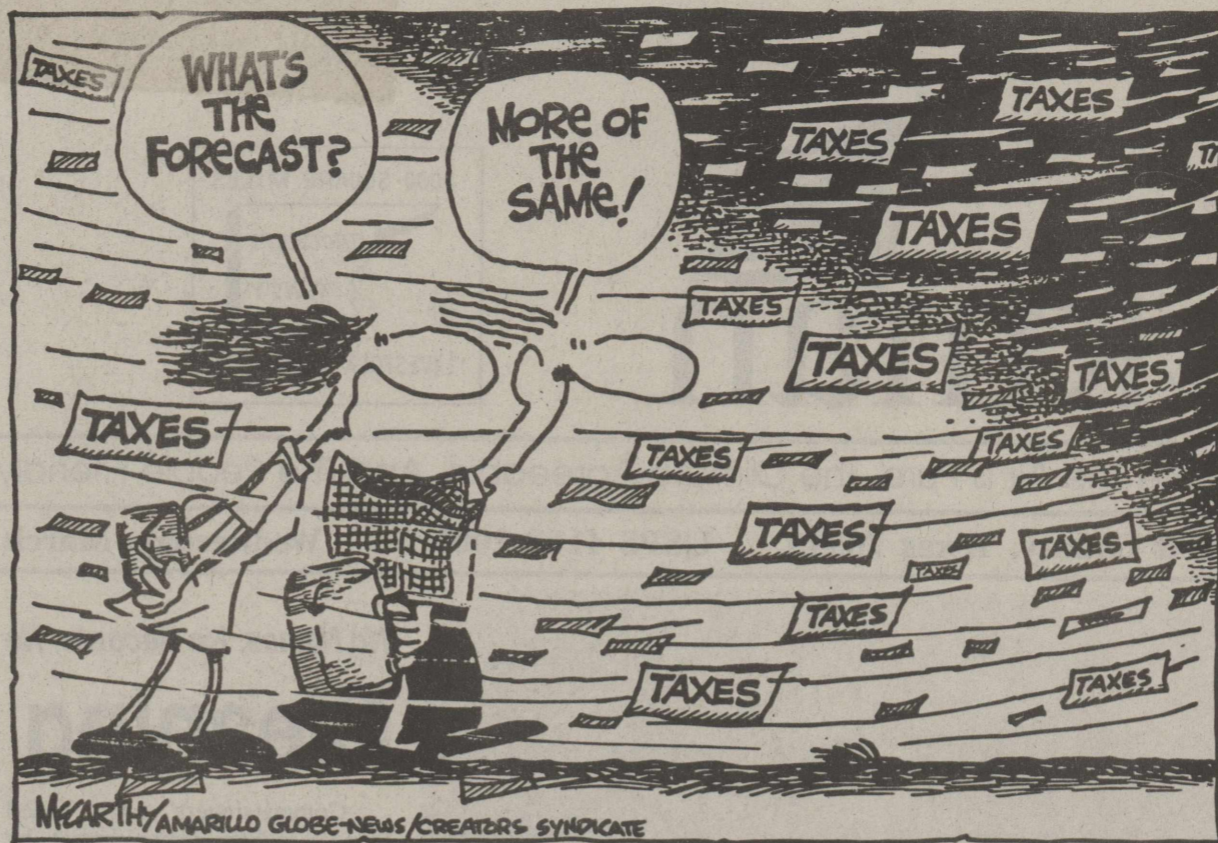
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THE NEWSREEL

A rerun of "The Ozona Story" as gleaned from the files of The Ozona Stockman

SUE SPOONTS IDENTIFIED THE photo of the 1941-42 Ozona High School Marching Band. They are: (bottom row, l. to r.) Mr. Pingelton, Totsy Everett, NoNell Coose, Dick McDonald, Ruth Townsen, Pricilla Baker, Lottie Lee Owens, Sammy Sue Beasley, Dilly Meineke, Doris Busby, Joe Perry, Billy McWilliams, Max Word and Mary Faye Lucas. Second row: (l. to r.) Tom Ed Montgomery, Joy Coates, Elizabeth Gray, Susie Hokit, Dorothy Capps, Red McWilliams and Basil Dunlap. Third row: (l. to r.) Adell Keaton, Jim Ad Harvik, Charles McDonald. Top row: Cap West, Lerven McLaughlin, Bud Cox, Florence Luther and Billy Hannah.

Public Notices

NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST AND STATEMENT OF INTENT

Notice is hereby given that SOUTHWEST TEXAS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (the "Utility") intends to change rates for electric utility service effective March 12, 1993, or as soon thereafter as may be permitted by law. Based upon a test year ending June 30, 1992, the increase requested over test year revenues is \$569,706 or 5.9%. Based on an adjusted test year, the revenue increase requested is \$655,726 or 6.9%. The Cooperative has not had a general rate increase since 1984. The changes are applicable to all areas, all customer classes, and all customers served by the Utility.

The Utility intends to change its service rules and regulations including rules relating to obtaining service, line extension and line extension charges, the provision of electric service, service fees, and dis-

continuance of service.

Implementation of the proposed changes is subject to approval by the appropriate regulatory authority. A statement of intent including the proposed revisions of tariff and schedules and a statement specifying in detail each proposed change is available at the general office of the Utility located at 101 East Gillis Street, Eldorado, Texas 76936.

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Air Force Promotes Borrego

Naomie O. Borrego has been promoted in the U. S. Air Force to the rank of senior airman.

specialist, is the daughter of Inez O. and Senovio P. Ortiz of Ozona. She is a 1989 graduate of Ozona High School.



IT'S FLAG POLE PAINTING TIME AGAIN. This flag pole skimmer scooted on up the flag pole on the square with paint bucket in hand last week. Each year the Crockett County Water District has the pole serviced with a new coat of paint. Stockman photo

NEWS REEL MARCH 5, 1964

News Reel
Funeral services were held in San Angelo Monday for Guy Franklin Davis, former Ozonan, son of a pioneer Ozona couple, the late Mr. and Mrs. George F. Davis.

News Reel
Texas Attorney General Wagoner Carr's office having definitely ruled against approval of county bonds for the purpose of constructing public buildings on privately owned leased land, a new location was being sought this week for the proposed new Ozona civic center should voters approve a bond issue for its construction at an election soon.

News Reel
Two Ozona girls, Mitzie Friend and Lellee Mitchell, members of the Crockett County 4-H Club exhibiting livestock at the San Angelo fat stock show this week, will appear on TV at 6:30 tonight (Thursday) on the KCTV television program, Livestock Parade.

News Reel
Funeral services were held in Shreveport, La., last week for the mother of Ozonan Huey Ingram.

News Reel
Damage estimated at several hundred dollars resulted from a fire which gutted the carpenter shop and paint storage room at the construction site of the new gasoline plant south of Ozona late Tuesday.

News Reel
Evidencing solid backing from the community, the Ozona Chamber of Commerce celebrated its first birthday with a membership meetings in which the purpose and busy year of activity was revealed in committee and officer reports.

News Reel
Texas Hereford Association members at their annual business meeting in Fort Worth elected V. I. Pierce to one of their vice-president slots for the ensuing year.

News Reel
Mrs. Bill Littleton of Abilene is a guest this week in the home of her mother, Mrs. B. B. Ingham.

News Reel
Mrs. Sherman Taylor entertained last week with a bridge party honoring Mrs. W. J. Grimmer of Winfield, Iowa, former Ozonan.

News Reel
The Ozona High school girls' volleyball team split a pair of matches over the past week, losing to Ft. Stockton and then downing Iraan on the home court Tuesday night.

News Reel
Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Harrell and Cynthia and Mrs. B. B. Ingham, Sr., attended the opera in San Antonio last week.

News Reel
Jim Burton, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Burton of Ozona, and a 1958 graduate of Ozona High School, has been awarded a three-year scholarship to Yale University at New Haven, Conn. it was announced last week.

News Reel
John Hobaugh, Ozona teacher, has been in Clinic Hospital in San Angelo since last Saturday.

News Reel
Charles W. Wooten is back on the job at Wooten Motor Company after attending a spectacular mass drive-away of new Corvairs at Arlington, sponsored by the Dallas Zone of Chevrolet Motor Co.

NEWS REEL MARCH 7, 1935

News Reel
Max Eppler was named valedictorian and Vicky Pierce salutatorian of the 1935 senior class after a compilation of grades by members of the faculty.

News Reel
Dr. Sellers Moore, physician and surgeon, has established offices in Ozona for the practice of medicine and surgery. Dr. Moore comes from San Antonio.

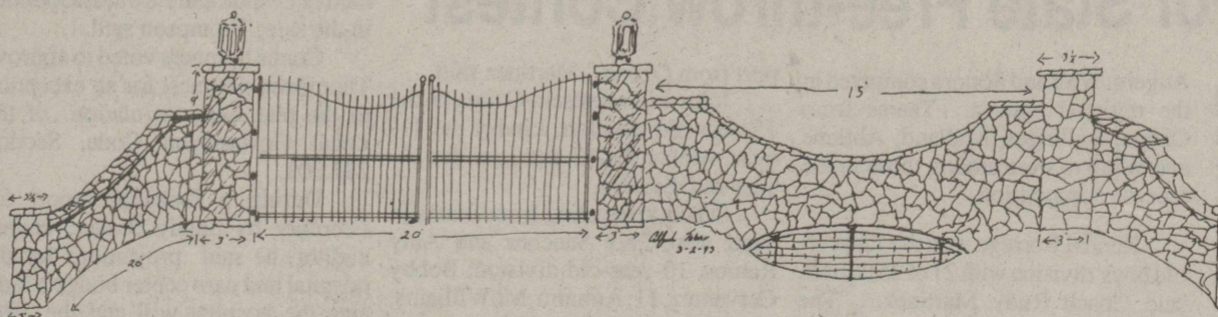
News Reel
Humble Oil and Refining Co. has plugged and abandoned its proposed Ordovician test on the ranch of Mrs. S. E. Couch west of Ozona.

News Reel
Sam E. Friend, a brother of the late J. W. Friend of Ozona, died at this home in Las Cruces, N. M. at the age of 81.

News Reel
All officers of the Hotel Ozona Corporation were re-elected at the annual meeting of stockholders Monday. Wayne West, who was named to succeed Jones Miller as president last March, was elected for a full term. Directors re-named were Wayne West, Ralph Watson, Joe T. Davidson, J. W. Owens, Paul Perner, Joe Pierce and J. A. Harvick.

News Reel
Appointment as postmaster at Juno was received recently by Mrs. R. G. Nance, who has been acting postmaster there since October when her husband took over the store in which the office is located.

News Reel
The beautiful new Roy Henderson home was given finishing touches this week and pronounced completed by Architect H. L. McBride of San Angelo.



Plans Drawn for New Cemetery Entrance

A new gate and rock entryway for Lima Cemetery has been the dream of Alfredo Tobar for some time. That dream may soon come true now that rock for the project has been donated by Art Roane.

Tobar, Rudy Martinez, Frank

Tambunga and Raymond Borrego are working to encourage donations for labor and other materials necessary to construct the wall and gate. The men are taking pledges of financial support at this time.

Commissioners voted Monday to

approve construction of the rock wall and the acceptance of donations for the project. Tambunga said the exact amount of money needed will be known once they receive estimates from contractors interested in the work.

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Snips, Quips, and Lifts

by Lottie Lee Baker

Duty makes us do things well, but love makes us do them beautifully.

A great many church members are traveling in the salvation train, but too many of them are traveling in the sleeper.

A class reunion is a gathering where you come to the conclusion that most of the people your age seem to be a lot older than you are.

The clothes that make a woman break a man.

It may be true that life begins at forty, but everything else begins to fall out, to wear out and to spread out.

The only thing that you can wear that is never out of style, is a smile.

The best way to forget all about your troubles is to wear a pair of tight shoes.

Those who go to college and never get out are called professors.

Many a little squirt thinks he is a fountain of wisdom.

It's difficult if not impossible to have faith in God if a man has too much faith in himself.

Jumping to conclusions is about the only exercise some people get.

Confidence is the feeling you have before you fully understand the situation.

The best things in life are free, of course, but isn't it a pity that the next best things are so expensive.

Crime doesn't pay but it sure costs.

We never knew that real extravagance was until we had this planned economy.

What the world wants is not advice but example. Any fool can talk.

A LIFT FOR THE WEEK
You can preach a better sermon with your life than with your lips.

Helping Hands Menu

Monday, March 14
Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Spinach, Rolls, Fruit Cup, Beverage

Tuesday, March 15
Meat Loaf, Macaroni and Cheese, Glazed Carrots, Muffins, Vanilla Pudding, Beverage

Wednesday, March 16
Dorito Casserole, Pickled Beets, Jello with Fruit, Bread, Beverage

Thursday, March 18
Baked Chicken with Rice, Broccoli Cuts, Rolls, Pink Panther Dessert, Beverage

Friday, March 19
Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Lettuce and Tomato, Pound Cake, Beverage

Country Club Bridge News

Gwin Jamerson was hostess for five tables of bridge at Ozona Country Club on March 4.
High score for the afternoon was won by Mary Lou Lilly with Dorothy Friend as second high. Bingo went to Eileen Childress and Ellen Sewell.
Other players were: Emma Adams, Marolyn Bean, Jane Black, Louise Bunger, Rachel Childress, Peggy Hagle, Sophie Kyle, Mary Jo Mason, Jean North, Willa Perry, Celia West, Ruth White, Jonesy Williams, Liz Williams and Winnie Williams.
Dorothy Montgomery was a luncheon guest.

Woman's Forum Meets In Crockett Room

The Ozona Woman's Forum met Tuesday, March 2, in the Crockett Room of the Ozona National Bank. The hostesses for the meeting were Benny Gail Hunnicutt and Joyce Maness.

The pledge to the Texas Flag was led by Luetta Kost.

Roll call was answered by telling "What to do or not to do when packing a suitcase for traveling."

Blanche Walker read a form about sex and violence on T.V. and passed out petitions to be mailed by members.

Jewel Bailey announced Katharine Russell was voted Outstanding Club Woman from the Heart of Texas District. She will be honored March 20 in Ballinger at the district convention.

Following the business meeting Madeline Stokes introduced Louise Apple who told about her trip to Russia and the Far East. Ms. Apple is a former member of the forum who now lives in San Angelo and loves to travel.

President Katharine Russell adjourned the meeting with 31 members present.

Ozona Girls Eligible For Miss Concho Valley Teen Title

Teen contestants in the Miss 1993 Concho Valley Teen contest may be from as far as the Concho Valley reaches, "including your area" according to Carla Agnew, director with the Miss San Angelo 1993 and Miss Concho Valley 1993 pageants. The pageants will be held at the City Auditorium in San Angelo April 17.

Ages for the Miss Teen contest must be from 13 to 18 years of age. Deadline for entry is April 2 at 5 p.m. at the KIXY studios on Sherwood Way. Entry fee is \$50 if entered before March 20 and \$75 after that date. First, second, third and fourth place runners-up will be eligible to go to the Miss Texas Teen Pageant at their own expense later this year. The winner will receive an all expense paid trip to the state pageant.

Contestants will be judged in three categories including evening gown (short gown for teens), swimsuit (or aerobic attire for teens) and interview competition.

For more information, contact Carla Agnew with Guyrex Productions from 6-9 p.m. at 944-7883 Monday through Friday or weekends 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. or KIXY Radio Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Social Security Representative To Visit

Garland Greg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his March visit to Ozona. He will be in the Conference Room on the 2nd floor of the courthouse annex on Wednesday, March 17, between 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the

Social Security Administration may contact him at this time.

Brent Moore of Waco, son of Nancy and Ralph Moore of Ozona, received calls from all over the world after being pictured on a national television story about the Branch Davidian cult. Moore is the manager of Chelsea Street Pub and Grill in Waco where cult leader David Koresh was seen four to six weeks ago.



JANET HILL ACCEPTS A CHECK in behalf of Helping Hands from Tim Brewer representing the Ministerial Alliance. The money donated is part of the proceeds from the Crop Walk held in November.

Remember Our Deadline: 5 p.m. on Monday

Girl Scout Week Celebrated March 7-13

On March 12, 1912, Juliette Low and two other women met with 18 girls to form the first Girl Scout troop in the United States. Girl Scouts celebrate the birthday of this first Girl Scout meeting for an entire week. The week in which March 12 falls is recognized as Girl Scout Week. To celebrate this special time, girls wear

their Girl Scout pin and uniform during the week, and participate in activities within the troops and Service Units. Troops within El Camino Girl Scout Council will set up displays about the history of Girl Scouting in school libraries.

El Camino Girl Scout Council covers 18 counties and 33,000 square miles, with a total membership of over 2200. El Camino serves 180 troops, with 88 troops in San Angelo. The Council office is located in San Angelo.

Museum Memorials

Crockett County Museum has received a memorial from Vada Pridemore for Jim Dudley.

REMEMBER OUR DEADLINE: Monday at 5 p.m.

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MRS. HENDERSON'S SECOND GRADE CLASS constructed projects for the Ozona Primary School open house. They fashioned models of their favorite fairy tales.



MRS. COTTON'S SECOND GRADE CLASS in Ozona Primary School made projects after studying a unit on fairy tales

Primary School Second Graders Study Fairy Tales

The second graders of Mrs. Jeanine Henderson, Mrs. Virginia Cotton, Miss Ellen Lipsey, and Mrs. Glenda Winkley have just completed a whole language fairy tale unit incorporating enrichment, higher level thinking, logic and problem solving techniques, and gifted and talented activities to motivate their students. Some of the activities included graphing the student's favorite fairy tales, writing their own math word problems, practicing the sequencing of events in the stories, summarizing the main ideas of a story by writing and designing book jackets, writing fact and opinion newspapers, and writing letters and addressing envelopes to fairy tale characters. This enrichment

unit seemed to motivate all the students to do their very best work.

Each second grade class completed different culminating activities. The parents of all the second grade classes were able to view the fairy tale activities and projects during Ozona Primary School's Open House March 3. The teachers would like to thank all the parents for their assistance in helping their children with the projects and in making this unit a success.

Pictured are the students of Mrs. Cotton and Mrs. Henderson with their fairy tale projects.

The students in Mrs. Cotton's class are: Erik Bachman, G.L. Bunger, Logan English, Lalo Garza, Jimmy

Guerrero, Steven Lozano, Brandon Marmolejo, Michelle Necessary, Crystal Ojeda, Laura Reyes, Vanessa Rivera, Rogelio Sanchez, Saul Sandate, Regan Shaw, Ruth Surez, Kim Swearingen, Olga Talamentez, Jacob Tambunga, Paige Tambunga, Lindsay Wilson, and Lana Sanchez.

The students in Mrs. Henderson's class are: Ashley DeHoyos, Tres DeLaGarza, Kolby Fenton, Erika Fierro, Grace Galvan, Ashley Gonzales, Matt Maness, Kerry Marshall, Patricia Martinez, Quay Ogelsby, Dianna Perez, Joe Perez, Ricky Perez, Amenda Poindexter, Jaclyn Rodriguez, Donny Sertain, Holly Sheppard, Wilson Stokes, Johnny Tambunga and Kenna Tobar.

Unimmunized Children At Risk: A Moral Stop Light

by David R. Smith, M.D. Texas Commissioner of Health

Texas leads the nation in cases of vaccine-preventable diseases. This sad fact should come as no surprise, since immunization levels for preschool children in this state are less than 50 percent. That means that one out of every two young children in Texas is at high risk of serious, sometimes life-threatening diseases such as measles and whooping cough.

Within the past 5 years, 3,717 Texas children under 5 years old have developed measles, and 12 have died from complications of this totally preventable disease. Needless whooping cough outbreaks also have occurred.

In addition to causing unnecessary, senseless suffering and death, preventable diseases are economic burdens on our already over-burdened health care delivery system. For example, during a 1990 measles outbreak in Dallas, 238 children and adults were hospitalized at a total cost of \$3.4 million. Vaccine for the same 238 people would have cost less than \$3,700.

For years we have been aware of the problem, but as a society, we have ignored the blinking yellow warning lights—the reports and statistics that told us that fewer and fewer preschool

children were adequately immunized.

Now the lights are no longer yellow. The warning signals have been replaced with the piercing red of a moral stop light. Can we morally continue to ignore needless sickness among our children? I think not. It's time to slam on the brakes.

Proposals now pending in the state legislature will expand the Texas Department of Health's existing immunization efforts, making immunity from childhood diseases the birthright of every boy and girl born in this state. It will mandate early childhood immunizations and create mechanisms to overcome barriers that leave so many of our children vulnerable to disease.

For example, this legislation will allow public health clinics to open earlier and stay open later to accommodate the schedules of working parents. It will make hospitals and

physicians responsible for reviewing children's immunization histories and administering any needed vaccinations of referring them of an appropriate immunization clinic.

This legislation also mandates that all health insurance policies cover 100 percent of the cost of all requisite childhood immunizations, exclusive of the policy deductible.

With these changes, we will be investing in prevention and in the healthy future of all our children. And we will, in the long run, actually be saving money because we know that for every dollar spent on immunizations, approximately \$14 dollars in health care expenses are saved.

These proposals offer Texas the chance to take the national lead in health care reform, beginning logically with the children. It's a sound, sensible start, both morally and economically.

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March 26	Junction (tentative)	4:00 Home
	Dbl. Hdr.	6:00
April 2	Ft. Stockton	4:30 Away
	Dbl. Hdr.	6:30
April 6	Big Lake	7:00 Away
April 8	Del Rio	5:00 Away
	Dbl. Hdr.	7:00
April 20	Big Lake	7:00 Home
April 27	Coahoma (Dist.)	4:30 Away
May 3	Wall (Dist.)	4:30 Home
May 11	Coahoma (Dist.)	4:30 Home
May 14	Wall (Dist.)	4:30 Away

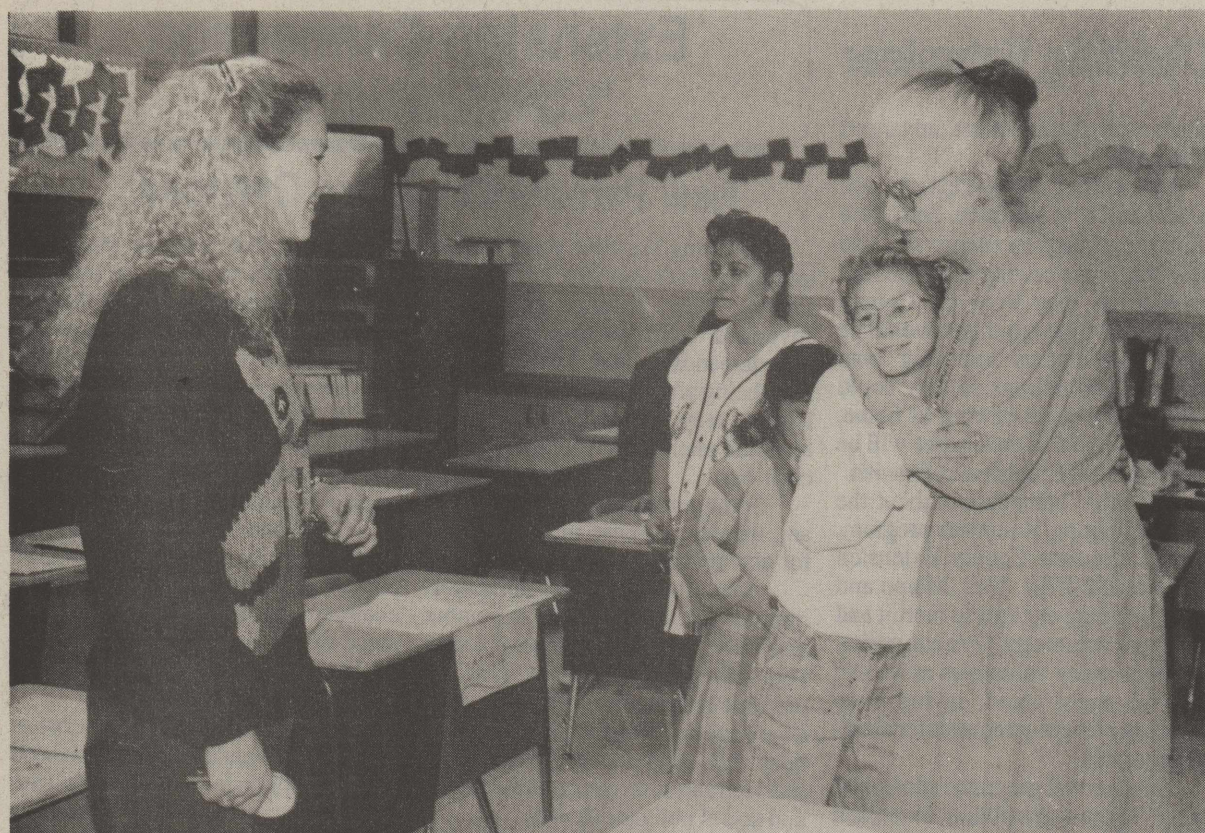


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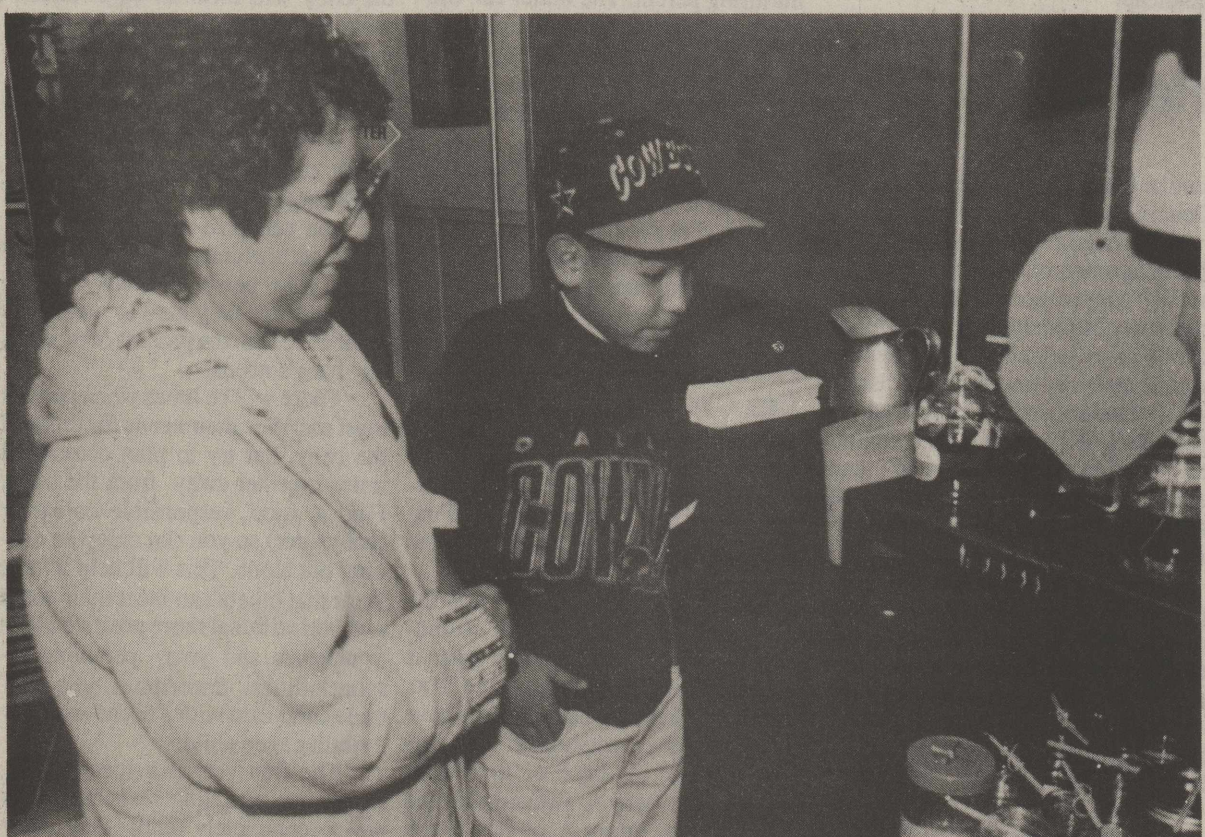
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MRS. GREENE GIVES SUMMER BROWNE A BIG HUG at the Intermediate School open house held last Tuesday. Summer's mom, Ronda Stuart, is anxious to see what her fourth grader has been learning.



PETER RODRIGUEZ SHOWS HIS MOM, ELENA LOPEZ, the sugar crystals his fifth grade class is growing. The two were attending open house at Ozona Intermediate School last Tuesday.

Ozona High School 4th Six Weeks Honor Roll

The following students made the Honor Roll for the 4th Six Weeks of the 1992-93 school year. Band, P.E., athletics, photography and office aide do not count toward the six weeks' average. A student must have a 90 or better academic average to be on the Honor Roll and must not have any grade below an 80.

SENIORS: Aaron Carroll, Kristal Cervantez, Julie Chidress, Jennifer Davidson, Jennifer Jones, Mi-

chael Kenison, C.J. McKinney, Sylvia Pena-Alfaro, Davina Rodgers, Justin Southern, Melanie Tomlinson, Billy Tramel, Chad Upham, Whitney Vannoy, Hollie Williams and Myra Wilson

JUNIORS: Robert Bryson, Chris Cornett, Adrienne Dickerson, Jennifer Evans, Joel Fuller, April Graham, Heather Hill, Ryan Morris, Steffy Sutton and Gary Thompson

SOPHOMORES: Hiram Carrizales, Mary Castillo, Travis Davidson,

Dora Garcia, Kelli Gentry, Heather Hall, Doug Meador, Gloria Pena-Alfaro, Sandra Sanchez, JoLynn Vannoy, John Vasquez, Clay Westmoreland and Mickey White

FRESHMEN: Yesenia Alvarez, Nancy Arrott, David Browne, Cristina Cervantez, Ray Fierro, Jessica Fuller, Lynn Haire, Lance Jamerson, David Martinez, Erica Moran, Emily Stuart, Vanessa Tobar, Casey Upham and Tara Wilkins

Electric Cooperative Announces Youth Tour Plans

Area teenagers have a chance to be in Washington, DC, in June for a first-hand glimpse of the political process. The Government-in-Action Youth Tour program is sponsored locally by Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative. Youths 14 to 18 years of age can earn an expense-paid trip to the nation's capitol by winning the youth tour contest competition.

Each contestant will be required to submit an essay not to exceed 750 words on the subject: "Electricity: A Powerful Choice". Persons living in the following school districts are eligible: Schleicher, Sutton, Reagan, Menard, Crockett Counties and Iraan-Sheffield School District.

Local winners will join other co-op-sponsored youngsters for the June 10-22 adventure. Being a youth tour

participant in Washington, DC, is special. The Texans will visit their respective congressman. A wreath will be placed at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. A special tour of the White House and a possible meeting with the President are scheduled.

Other tour highlights include visits to Mt. Vernon, the National

Archives - home of the original Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, the Smithsonian Institute, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, the FBI Building and many other famous monuments and memorials.

For more details about the youth tour program, contact Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative, Box 677, Eldorado, TX, 76936 at 915-853-2544.

OJHS Tennis Teams Duel Iraan and Reagan County

by Don Stark

On Monday, March 1, the OJHS seventh and eighth grade tennis teams traveled to Big Lake to participate in a dual tennis meet with teams from Iraan and Reagan County.

Eighth grade singles winners were Shelly Sullivan 6-4, Glenna Ross 6-0, 6-2 and Jason Stuart 6-2.

Eighth grade doubles winners were Tonya Petty/Megan Mitchell 7-5, 7-6.

In seventh grade singles play, winners were Bobbie Bryson 6-0, 6-

0, Connie Cowen 7-5, Kristy Pridemore 6-2, and Rob Nelson 6-2.

In seventh grade doubles play, Ricky Hamon/Jamie Ramos won 6-4, and Rob Hamon/Bryon Beasley were winners 6-2.

Other OJHS players at the meet were Christina Marshall, Michelle Marshall, Charlie Branch, Matt Brewer, David Arredondo, Eric Shelton, Jason Hightnight, Jim Westbrook, Christina White, Camilla Williams, Neryeda Lugo, Billy Harris, Frankie Ramos, Sal Ramos, David Martinez, and Gabriel Garza.

Ozona Lions Sweep Sanderson Relays

The Ozona High School boys made two in a row with a victory at the Rio Grande Relays in Sanderson March 6. They scored 181 points to outdistance district foe Iraan with 148.5. Sanderson was third with 106 followed by Marfa 52.5, Fort Davis 41, Grandfalls 39, Presidio 13, Marathon 10 and Comstock 5.

Behind the winning efforts of three relay teams, the Ozona boys outdistanced the rest of the field. They won the 400m relay, the sprint medley relay and the 1600m relay.

Ozona was also helped by winning efforts in the 110m hurdles and 300m hurdles by Aaron Carroll and the 3200m and 1600m runs by John Ramirez and Bryan Valadez. John and Bryan finished first and second in both races.

"We might not have won very many races, but our depth points really made this track meet fun to watch," said Coach Pete Maldonado.

Other point getters were: 5 Adam Carroll, discus; 6 Justin Moran, discus; 7 Justin Moran, shot; 2 Chris Sanchez, triple jump; 3 Jesse Garza, triple jump; 5 Owen Powell, long jump; 5 Michael Mitchell, 800m; 5 Robert Bryson, 110 high hurdles; 3 Joel Fuller, 100m dash; 4 Leroy Martinez, 100m dash; 2 Owen Powell, 400m dash; 4 David Browne, 400m dash; 6 Keith Miller, 400m dash; 2 Anthony Sanchez, 300 intermediate hurdles; 3 Leroy Martinez, 200m dash; 4 Joel Fuller, 200m dash.

Ozona will be at the West Texas Relays at Odessa March 12-13 with a partial team due to spring break.

Urias National Award Winner In Leadership Service

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Anthony C. Urias has been named a United States National Award winner in Leadership Service.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes less than 10% of all American high school students. Anthony, who attends Fort Stockton High School was nominated for this National Award by the United States Achievement Academy. Anthony Urias will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, published nationally.

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ACU Student From Ozona Named To Honor Roll

ABILENE- Stacie Winkley daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Winkley of Ozona, was one of 782 student at Abilene Christian University named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall 1992 semester.

To make the Honor Roll, a student must complete at least 12 semester hours for grades and earn 3.45 or higher grade point average.

ACU is a private arts college that offers 116 baccalaureate programs, 39 master's programs and one doctoral program through its five undergraduate college. Graduate School and School of Nursing. It is one of the largest private universities in the Southwest and is the largest of the 22 colleges affiliated with the churches of Christ.

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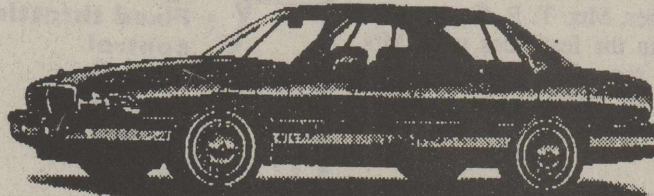
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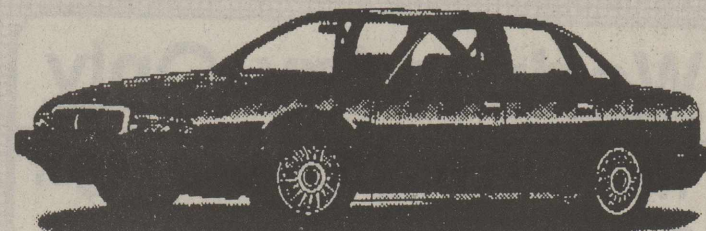
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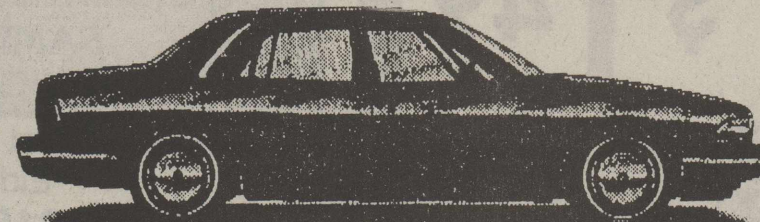
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SHARING IS CARING. Steffy Sutton, a Crockett County senior 4-H Club member, presents adult bibs to Care Center resident Mrs. Lillian Hubbard and activity director JoAnn Marshall. Sutton made several of the attractive bibs as part of the community service activities in her 4-H clothing project.

JoLynn Vannoy Completes State 4-H Recreation Training

What's tons of fun and a great opportunity for both education and development of leadership skills? JoLynn Vannoy of Ozona would tell you it's the State 4-H Recreation Team training, held last weekend in Brownwood at the Texas 4-H Center.

JoLynn, along with Monica Garza and County Extension Agent Kathryn Burch, both of Stanton, completed the training as a team from District 6. The trio hopes to recruit other teens to serve on the team. In June, District 6 and 7 will hold a leadership retreat at Sul Ross State University in Alpine, and the team will be helping plan and carry out recreation at this event, as well as others.

JoLynn, Monica and Ms. Burch enjoyed interacting with teams of adults and 4-H members from across the state. From opening ceremony to closing vespers, everything was fun, uplifting and abounding with smiles. Workshops were led by teens and covered subjects such as how to lead songs, party planning and games. There were quiet games (which the participants found weren't so quiet!), active games and folk games.

Crockett County 4-H Shooting Club Report

By Nancy Harris

This report is for the meeting held March 1st. This is the first meeting we have had where the shooters got to shoot a second round and I am afraid after looking at the targets that the excitement took its toll. First round top shooters being Thomas Sertain and Kyle Richardson and second round top shooters were Thomas Sertain and Chet Stuart. Those at the meeting were Chet Stuart, Robert Fierro, Hayse Worthington, Kyle Richardson, Thomas Sertain, Casey Petty, Shane Albers, Kimberly Nowell, and Jessica Bragg. Congratulations go to our top shooters and a better luck next time to our other young shooters.

JoAnn Campbell and sons Taylor and Sydney of Big Spring were here last week visiting her parents, Mary Jo and Jim Hearne.

Linda and Scotty Moore and son Scott of Austin were in Rankin Saturday to celebrate the 88th birthday of her mother, Mrs. T. B. Crow. Also joining in the festivities were Mrs. Crow's son and daughter-in-law, Travis and Bernice Crow of San Angelo.

Moran Is New Master Clothing Volunteer

Tina Moran is well-equipped to share her knowledge of clothing construction after completing a four-day Extension Master Clothing Volunteer training in Midland.

Mrs. Moran and County Extension Agent-Home Economics Tedra Ulmer, who also completed the training, are planning a series of clothing construction lessons for those who would like to be able to sew for their families and learn skills which could help them find a job or start a home sewing business.

Mrs. Moran, a long-time volunteer 4-H leader and member of the county's Extension Home Economics Committee, was excited about the possibilities for teaching Crockett County residents useful skills. She noted that home sewers can save money by constructing even simple garments, especially for children.

The classes will feature basic sewing skills, including caring for a sewing machine, purchasing patterns, fabric and notions, preparing to sew, and making simple items such as children's shorts and shirts, women's quilted vests, and simple skirts. Later

classes will feature more advanced techniques.

Mrs. Ulmer said the classes will be advertised in advance, and there will be no charge to attend; she also noted that some sewing machines are available on loan from the County Extension Office but that it would be best if participants had their own machines and notions so they could immediately begin sewing at home. She also noted that the classes will be taught in both English and Spanish.

For more information about the Master Clothing Volunteer program, call the Crockett County Extension Office at 392-2721. Mrs. Moran and Mrs. Ulmer are anxious to recruit and train more volunteers. "We can probably use as many volunteers as we can get," the agent noted, saying there have been numerous requests for clothing programs.

Educational programs sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages, regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, national origin or handicap.

ASCS News - Quarterly Ag Survey

AUSTIN...Early in March, the Texas Agriculture Statistics Service will begin contacting farm and ranch operators on the March 1 Quarterly Agricultural Survey. Data collected from this report will be used to forecast the acreage of crops that Texas farmers and ranchers have planted or "intend" to plant for 1993. The survey will also be used to determine the number of hogs and pigs on hand and the quantity of grain and soybeans stored on farms.

Approximately 3,300 farmers and ranchers have been randomly selected to represent Texas agriculture. "This means that information will not only represent the selected producer, but other farmers and ranchers who have

similar operations," State Statistician, Dennis Findley said.

"To obtain an accurate picture of Texas agriculture, we depend on voluntary cooperation of farmers and ranchers. Information from individual farmers is strictly confidential and protected by law from any disclosure," Findley added. Individual reports will be combined with similar reports from other producers and expanded to form State estimates. The survey results will be published in April.

Eligibility for participation in all programs administered by ASCS is established under law without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, disability, marital status, national origin.

Community Service Big Part Of 4-H Projects

In the clothing project, a 20-foot-long fabric snake was created three years ago for use with child safety seat programs. The snake, which was green and very long, was used with the "Big Green Snake" video for young children which encourages them to buckle up when they get in an automobile.

For the 1993 clothing project, 4-H member Steffy Sutton has already made several adult bibs for use at the care center, and the clothing group plans a used clothing drive at the annual health fair in April. The clothing will be cleaned, cleaned and repaired as necessary, and given to Crockett County residents who can use it.

For more information about community service projects and 4-H involvement, contact the Crockett County Extension Office at 392-2721.

Helping others through service to their community is a big part of what 4-H members do in the clothing and nutrition projects, according to County Extension Agent Tedra Ulmer.

"4-H members aren't always recognized for all the good works they do," said Ulmer, who noted that the youth are usually recognized for accomplishments in contests and project work.

Most people, says the agent, would be surprised at the good deeds done each year by the 4-H members in the community. For example, hundreds of pounds of food has been raised in the past several years by annual food drives for Helping Hands at the 4-H Banquet. 4-H members also built the garden at the care center several years ago, and plans are being made to replant it again this year.

Extension Connection

By Tedra Ulmer, County Extension Agent
Texas Agricultural Extension Service

New Parents Can Avoid Overload

Parenting the first year is often traumatic if it's the first baby in the family. New parents experience "overload" from new responsibilities, new demands on their schedules, and from being afraid of making mistakes. Parents may not realize how much time and attention the infant requires each day.

Some guidelines will lessen stress and increase a sense of competence for new parents:

-Make the baby's needs your most important priority. Try to remember that these first days and weeks with your infant will soon pass. This is a one-time opportunity with your infant; a very special time for parents and the baby. Let other routine responsibilities such as house care, gourmet meals and social obligations wait.

-Find a way to sleep. The new mother especially must get adequate rest to regain her strength and be a nurturing parent. The father can usually take over for nighttime interruptions in sleep schedules, but he too should guard his need for sleep. Effective parenting requires rested, happy parents.

-Buy a baby book that will help you read about what is normal behavior and what to expect. It's reassuring to know that you have a source to go to if something unexpected happens: *Toddlers and Parents*, by Dr. T. Berry Brazelton; *Maternity Source Book* by Lesco; Dr. Spock's *Baby and Child Care* (1985 edition); *Best Practical Parenting Tips* by Vicki Lansky. Parenting newsletters from your county Extension office such as "Parent Express", "Parenting the First Year" also will be helpful for the new parent.

-Use common sense. Feed the baby only what your doctor recommends; offering ice cream or colas is not a healthy practice at any time. Too, don't overdress the baby. Babies have a much higher metabolism than parents. Check the back of the baby's neck. If the baby is sweating behind the neck, the infant is too hot. If you are comfortable, the baby may be too warm.

-See that your baby gets needed rest. Allow for quiet, uninterrupted rest for your baby. Infants require 15 to 18 hours of sleep a day during the first month or two. This will require that you plan your activities around the infant's sleep time. Don't assume that baby can "sleep when I do". While you will guide the infant's sleep habits over time, remember that babies need sleep at their own choosing during the first few weeks and months. Understanding and providing for a baby's sleep needs is an important parent responsibility.

-Provide visual stimulation and nurturing. Babies get bored just like

anyone else. Place colorful and interesting pictures or items for them to look at. Provide soft music for them to listen to. Talk and sing to babies often. Carry them around with you even if they are not crying. Include babies in your activities. Infant seats are handy to hold the baby in safe places while you are preparing a meal, reading a book or vacuuming.

-Hold and play with the baby as much as possible, but don't be afraid to put the baby down. Expect the baby to entertain and pacify himself or herself some of the time. You will learn to distinguish between cries from anger and cries from a need.

-When in doubt, call the doctor. Doctors are wonderful when you need extra reassurance about routine care or questions about illness. Find a doctor who will respond to your phone calls.

-Share parenting responsibilities. If both parents take care of basic needs, the baby will form an equal attachment to them. This will make things easier later on if the baby expects the nearest parent, rather than a particular parent to meet his or her needs.

-Prioritize the couple relationship. While attending to the baby's needs, don't forget that the most important gift you can give to your baby is a stable, secure family relationship. Talk about your personal needs to each other, and try very hard to meet each other's needs in the process of meeting the baby's needs.

There will be times when parents must sacrifice their needs for those of the baby, but try to plan occasional times together away from the baby. Find a good, responsible caregiver (babysitter) so you can enjoy an evening out alone. This will help infants learn that others can meet their needs and you will feel more positive about yourselves and your parenting responsibilities. Sometimes you can trade child care with a friend who has a similar aged child.

The first year is a special challenge, but parenting responsibilities never completely end; they only change as children grow and change. Giving infants the time and attention they need during the first year helps parents get to know their children as individuals with unique characteristics and needs. Also, doing this most important job well gives parents great enjoyment and satisfaction. It's worth it.

For more information on parenting and child development, contact the Crockett County Extension Office at 392-2721. Educational programs and information provided by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are available to all persons regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, national origin or handicap.

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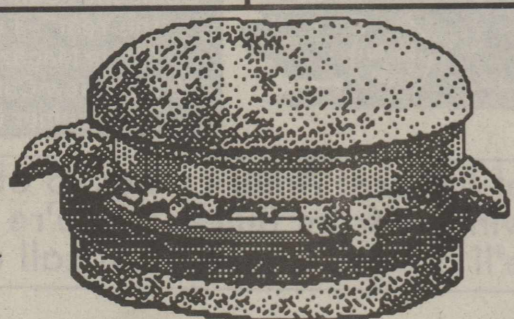
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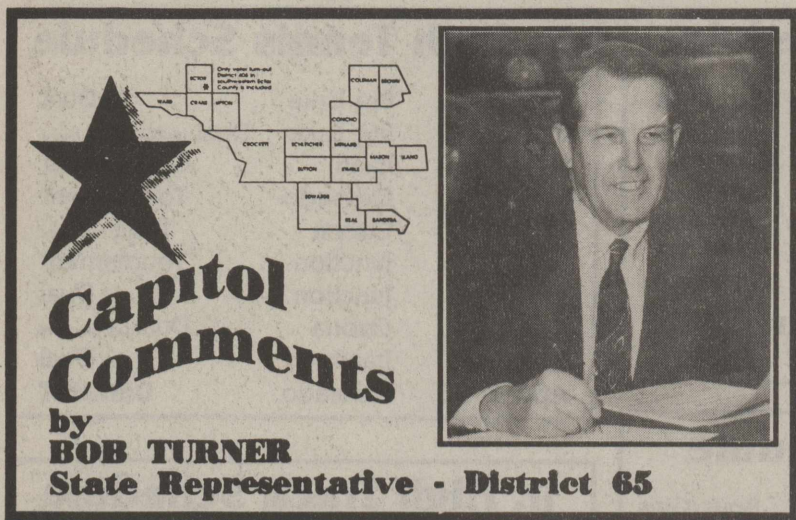
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Sex-education has become one of the hottest issues over the state and seems to have unseated school finance - prisons - water rights - tort reform and many other important subjects and topics for first place in the interest and concerns of Texas.

We are getting dozens of letters and phone calls telling me how the mandatory sex-education bill is opposed, and urging me to vote against such a bill when it comes to the House floor for discussion and debate. Some of these letters have enclosed all sorts of explicit material with the implication that this was all part of the pending legislation.

The truth of the matter is, that such a bill does not exist! Most of the information and material refers to the recommendations and plan of a national group or organization known as "Sex Information and Education Council of the United States - "SIECUS", the information that this group has distributed and is continuing to distribute has no relationship to the Texas legislation. SIECUS, as the organization is known, is not an official U.S. government entity. Actually, recommendations such as the ones presented by SIECUS, which are really wild, are totally meaningless, other than arousing people around the country unless there is legislation that would implement their agenda, which there certainly is not in the Texas Legislature. I do not intend for my comments to be misinterpreted as supporting the Adolescent Pregnancy and Parenthood Advisory Council (APPAC), but let me stress that the programs and ideas being presented by some as being the agenda of APPAC, are not, but are in actuality, the agenda of this national group known as SIECUS.

APPAC was created in 1987, by the Texas Legislature, to study the problem of teen-age pregnancies in Texas and were to report their findings back to the Legislature. Their first report was presented to the Texas Legislature in 1990, with another report due to be presented some time this year. APPAC recommended that public schools be required to teach age-appropriate sex-education, and adolescents be given comprehensive, coordinated system of health services which would include general health, maternal and child health, and confidential reproductive health care. This is interpreted as adolescents receiving reproductive health care without parental consent. First, let me say that I oppose mandating any of this to any school district, and feel that the decision to have sex-education, and how and to whom it is given, should be the decision of the local school board, who are elected by the parents of the children in the school district. I also remind you that this was simply the recommendation of an appointed advisory council, and does not constitute any sort of law or authority, this could not become a law unless it were voted on by the Legislature, which it has not been.

Even though you and I think APPAC has gone too far with their recommendations, remember that their recommendations are "Sunday School" information and suggestions compared to the recommendations of the Independent National Group, which I earlier identified as "SIECUS".

It is probable that APPAC has served its purpose, and it is debatable whether it should continue to operate or not.

The latest breeze that fanned the fire of interest in mandatory sex education was Sen. Mike Moncrief's Senate Bill 20 that requires that public schools offer what is called in the bill, "Self development and life skills education". Not knowing myself just what self development and life skills are, and after looking at SB 20, and visiting with Sen. Moncrief several times, I am convinced, that all the heated accusations - abortion clinics, etc. misses the intent of the Senator's bill. Sen. Moncrief is trying with his legislation to reduce the number of teen pregnancies, the spread of AIDS, drug abuse and irresponsible behavior. In short, he is talking about good education. Frankly, if all of our chil-

dren were receiving this kind of education at home a bill would never have to be introduced nor an APPAC mandated.

I share the opinion of Senator Teel Bivins of Amarillo, in that I oppose the state telling public schools that they must teach sex-education, or how it must be done, in their individual schools. I firmly believe that the decision should be left up to that local school. The administrators, teachers, school board, and parents of each district are in a much better position of knowing the needs of their own school district that the Legislature, or the Texas Education Agency in Austin. I am convinced that what is needed in Dallas or San Antonio school districts would not be the same needs that are perceived by the parents in Monahans, Brownwood, Llano, or Bandera school districts. Urban and rural needs differ in many vital ways. Each district has their own unique make up and needs and these can best be known by the local residents of that school district. Schools deal with your kids, and in the process they spend your tax dollars. I believe this adds to the already controversial and emotional issue of education.

That said, it is obvious that a number of teen-agers (an ever-increasing number) are becoming pregnant, and children are having babies, often with a minimum amount of pre-natal care, and these babies are often premature, underweight, and with a number of health problems. These babies are costing you and I, as the taxpayers of the state, a "ton" of money. I firmly believe that sexual abstinence should be taught. However, I am not naive enough to believe that this will solve the problem and I hope you are not either. Education on all fronts is the only answer. Something must be done to prevent, or at least reduce the number of unmarried and teen-age pregnancies in Texas.

The most frustrating thing to me, is how people are inclined to believe the false and misleading information that is being spread by the advocates of several extreme measure groups such as "SIECUS", and with the assistance of the media, as well as a large number of well-meaning individuals over the state who have been misled, and have mis-interpreted what the meaning of the legislation really is. The agenda of this national group, "SIECUS", is being misrepresented as being the agenda of APPAC and Senate Bill 20, and neither of these assumptions are true.

It is extremely vital to get the facts and get the facts straight because when it comes to the health and welfare of our children this is imperative. I hope this article has helped clear away some of the smoke, so you can actually see the flame, and better understand the reality of the issue. Please be assured that I understand the constituency concern with this issue and I will never do anything without carefully weighing your opinions and feelings in the matter. We all want what will best serve the health and future of our children.

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Texas Senate Week In Review

AUSTIN—On Monday, March 1, the Texas Senate passed CSSB 393 by Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos of Austin, which relates to financial assistance for school districts to implement programs for students who are at risk of dropping out. Among those considered "at-risk" are pregnant students and students who already have children.

The Senate met Tuesday and passed CSSB 5, the appropriations bill for the 1994-1995 biennium. The two-year \$69.6 billion appropriations bill presents a balanced state budget and does not call for any new taxes. This is the first time in state history that the Senate has finished a budget this early in the session. About \$2.2 billion of the 69.6 billion budget was made available by enacting efficiencies and implementing bookkeeping transactions suggested by State Comptroller John Sharp, Gov. Ann Richards, and the Senate staff. The Senate Finance Committee has recommended this balanced budget which would spend \$38.9 billion from general revenue related funds, an increase of 11.4% from the last biennium. However, nearly 41.1 billion in the state's disproportionate share hospital payments from the federal government is included as general revenue related funds. Excluding the aforementioned funds, the increase

from general revenue is 8.3%, the third smallest increase since 1978. State expenditures from all funds totals \$69.6 billion. General revenues from the state fund 55.2% of the total budget with the rest coming from federal funds, user fees, and other special funds.

On Wednesday, the Senate met and passed CSSB 81 by Sen. Barrientos, which provides incentives for eligible state employees to retire early, thus providing the state with a one time savings of \$298 million. Members of the Employment Retirement System of Texas may choose to retire early during the 1994-1995 biennium and receive an increase in their retirement benefit calculation rate from 2% to 2.5%.

The Senate met Thursday and passed CSSB 157 by Sen. Steve Carriker of Roby, which will allow hospitals in towns with populations of 50,000 or more to hire police officers to protect the hospital. Also Thursday, the Senate passed SB 271 by Sen. Barrientos which authorizes the Railroad Commission to implement conservation and distribution plans for alternative fuels such as propane. Currently the railroad commission cannot implement such plans once they are developed.

The Senate stands adjourned until 11:00 a.m. Monday, March 8.

Crockett County Public Library News
By Louise Ledoux

INCOME TAX FORMS

As a courtesy to our patrons we are providing federal tax forms as a public service in the library. Remember that librarians are not trained tax experts, so don't ask them for tax advice. We can help you choose the tax form that fits you best. It may save time if you are able to use one of the shorter forms. You could get a faster refund if you can file Form 1040EZ. Plain or fancy, we've got the forms you need. Don't put off 'till April the dreaded chore of reporting your taxes. Come by the library and get the forms you need.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The friends are now conducting their annual membership drive. If you haven't already renewed your membership, please send it in or come by the public library and fill out a membership form today. Basic dues are only \$5.00 and your support is badly needed by the library to purchase equipment, books and for special programs not provided by the county operating budget. The Friends are also kicking off an expansion project for the library.

The Friends are saluting their business members by featuring a different business each month on colorful bookmarks. These business bookmarks are passed out to everyone using the library and are a small way of saying thank you to our business supporters. We couldn't get by without our Friends! Join today and support your public library!

ANNUAL BOOK SALE

The Friends hold an annual book sale the first week in April. They are now taking donations of books for the sale. It's a great opportunity to clean out your over-crowded shelves and closets and support the public library at the same time. Just bring your donated books to the library or call and we will arrange for pick-up if you are unable to bring them. All types of books and materials are welcome. We take paperbacks, condensed books, records, tapes and old college textbooks! Mark your calendars! The sale this year will be the biggest ever and will kick off the Friends' fund raising campaign for the expansion of the library. Plan to support the library and get yourself some good books at the Friends Annual Book Sale.

Krueger Hotline Continues To Generate Calls

AUSTIN—U.S. Senator Bob Krueger recently said that his 1,800 number to report instances of waste and mismanagement in the federal government has now generated more than 1,300 calls.

Krueger established the toll free hot line, 1-800-856-6703, so that employees of the federal government could leave information on specific instances of waste and mismanagement. The number was originally announced by placing an ad in the Washington Post. By three o'clock on the day the ad ran, the office received nearly 200 calls. Krueger said the toll free number is an important way for people who are frontline employees to report on waste. Some of the earlier reports included:

- *More than one million dollars in salary bonuses in the Energy Department for political appointees;
 - *Unlimited carryover of annual leave for senior executive service members;
 - *One employee at NASA reported that he (or she) receives a salary in excess of \$70,000 per year and has no job description and does no work;
 - *Government checks made out to 47 different names but going to the same individual;
 - *The Social Security Administration routinely issues checks to people who have been dead for six years.
- Krueger said the phone calls have yielded several good ideas for saving tax money, but cautioned that none of the reports have been investigated yet. "We believe the overwhelming majority of these calls are from honest, hard-working employees who want to end waste and mismanagement and make government work again."

"Cutting waste is essential if we

are to deliver vital services, and that means bringing political pressure to bear on the Congress. That's the reason for the 1-800-hotline," Krueger said. "We have to show the Congress that frontline employees know where the waste is."

"We've been getting good response on the hotline. We've been getting quite a bit of attention in Washington, both for the 800 number and for the audit bill I filed," Krueger added.

Krueger has filed a bill, S.436, that would audit the federal government and empower the executive

branch of the government to impound wasted funds.

Krueger's hotline number has also been reproduced in flier form and handed out at key subway points in Washington and at the Federal Building in Houston. Krueger said he in-

tends to keep the hotline going.

"There is national interest in the hotline. I have heard there may be more hotlines springing up soon. I absolutely encourage that kind of activity. We've got to continue to hear from the front line people," Krueger said.

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***Bids** (Continued from pg. 1)

collected. Court members voted to approve paving locations for 1993 and to authorize advertising for bids for paving rock and for gasoline. They approved specifications and authorized bidding for two new motor graders. Action on specifications for three new vehicles for the Sheriff's Department was deferred until commissioners talk with Sheriff Jim Wilson. Three vehicles are budgeted for the department in 1993, but commissioners Frank Tambunga and Rudy Martinez questioned the need for the Jeep Cherokee-types requested. Commissioners approved hiring a contractor to do rock work at the EMS building and approved the expenditure of \$3,500 for pipe for the road department.

All-American Chevrolet of San Angelo was the successful bidder on two 3/4 ton heavy duty pickups for the road department. The bid was \$12,133 per vehicle. Other bidders included Pollard Chevrolet of Big Spring, Jim Bass Ford, Toliver Brothers of Ballinger, Broncho Ford of Sonora and Sewell Ford of Odessa. Bob Falkner gave the monthly report for the fire department, and commissioners voted to approve expenditure of \$4,000 of the department's equipment budget for a Hale PTO pump for a fire truck. The court voted to approve accepting donations to construct a rock entrance at Lima Cemetery after Commissioner Frank Tambunga presented a drawing by Alfredo Tobar of the proposed entrance. The commis-

sioner was instructed to contact cemetery association secretary Leta Powell regarding the plans. Judge Mayfield reported that the county attorney is seeking to have Crockett County removed from a suit filed by Wolv Rutherford against the Texas Department of Transportation and the county in connection with a motorcycle accident in Johnson Draw last year. She also said a lawsuit is pending on a workman's compensation claim by Vikki Cooper. An agenda item to approve contracts for doctors Owensby and Sims was not acted upon as the court did not receive copies of the contracts for review until Monday afternoon. Their contracts expired Feb. 28, 1993, but "the terms of the contracts continue as long as they continue to work," Judge Mayfield said Tuesday. Reports were heard from Louise Ledoux for the library and Garland Young for the civic and youth center. A written report from Helping Hands Inc. was distributed.

Texas Oil & Gas...

GASOLINE PRICE CONTROL BILL INTRODUCED IN LEGISLATURE

By Robert L. Looney, President, Texas Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association

Legislation has been introduced which may result in higher gasoline prices for Texas motorists. HB 863 could result in as much as a three-cent per gallon price increase. That would mean that Texans could be paying an additional \$300-million per year for their gasoline. This is a price-fixing bill. It would establish gasoline price controls by setting an artificial floor price for gasoline sold at retail in Texas. This bill would set a limit on how low retailers could price their gasoline, on how low prices could go. This proposal is the result of an attempt by the Texas Oil Marketers Association (TOMA) to restrict competition in the gasoline marketplace. The bill is based on the flawed premise that there is something wrong with the gasoline marketplace in Texas and that some sort of remedial action is needed. Simply put, there is nothing wrong with the gasoline marketplace in Texas, or in the nation as a whole, that calls for new legislation. Gasoline prices today, adjusted for inflation, are the lowest they have been in 20 years. Moreover, consumers today pay a smaller percentage of their disposable income for gasoline than they did before the Arab oil embargo of the early 1970's. This benefit to consumers has come about because of vigorous competition between gasoline marketers, not because of government controls that artificially fix prices. This bill, if enacted into law, would eliminate those free market forces that have resulted in competitive gasoline prices for Texas motorists. Laws similar to HB 863 were passed in many states during the mid-1920's and 30's as part of an attack on chain retailers. The last holdovers from that experiment still are in place in a number of states and a 1985 study by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) found that such below-cost selling legislation cost consumers \$600-million in 1982 alone. A more recent study of three states with strong below-cost selling laws -- specific to gasoline marketing -- has been conducted by the American Petroleum Institute (API). It found that prices in those states were between two- and five-cents per gallon higher than prices in neighboring states. Examination of retail prices in Montana, which enacted a statute very similar to HB 863, shows that, excluding tax differences, it costs consumers about three-cents more per gallon to buy gasoline than in neighboring Wyoming. This is not the time to pass legislation to raise gasoline prices just because a few inefficient marketers do not wish to sell in a competitive marketplace. Texans do not need legislation designed to regulate how retailers may price their products. Higher motor fuel prices and less competition are not what Texans need. Texans do not want HB 863 to protect them from lower prices.

OHS Tennis Schedule

Feb. 20	Monahans	Dual
Feb. 26, 27	Ft. Stockton	
March 5, 6	Ft. Stockton	
March 12, 13	Kerrville	
March 19, 20	Sonora	
March 26, 27	Monahans	
April 3-5	Eldorado	DISTRICT
April 29, 30	Ablene	REGIONALS
May 14, 15	Austin	STATE

Jr. High Tennis Schedule

Feb. 25	Big Lake	Dual
March 1	Big Lake	Dual (w/Big Lake & Iraan)
March 6	Iraan	Tournament
March 27	Eldorado	Tournament
March 29	Ozona	Dual (w/Iraan)
April 3	Junction	Tournament
April 6	Junction	Dual
April 13	Ozona	Dual (w/Junction)
April 19	Iraan	Dual
April 2, 26	Eldorado	DISTRICT

OHS Track Schedule

Feb. 26, 27	Ft. Stockton	Boys/Girls
March 6	Sanderson	Boys/Girls
March 12, 13	Odessa	Boys
March 20	Ozona Relays	Boys/Girls/JV
March 26, 27	San Angelo	Boys
March 27		Girls
April 2	Iraan	Boys/Girls/JV
April 8	Sonora	Boys/Girls/JV
April 16	Ozona	DISTRICT
April 30, May 1	Abilene	REGIONAL
May 14, 15	Austin	STATE

Jr. High Track Schedule

March 5	Iraan	7/8 Boys/Girls
March 12	Eldorado	7/8 Boys/Girls
March 19	Ozona	7/8 Boys/Girls
March 27(?)	McCamey	7/8 Boys/Girls
April 2		7/8 Boys/Girls
April 17	Ozona	DISTRICT
		7/8 Boys/Girls

OHS Golf Schedule

Feb. 26, 27	Ft. Stockton	Boys/Girls
March 17	Ozona	Girls
March 17	Eldorado	Boys
March 22	McCamey	Girls
March 22	Ozona	Boys
March 31	Stanton	Girls
March 31	Iraan	Boys
April 6	Big Spring C. Club	Girls
April 6	Big Spring Municipal	Boys
April 12	Iraan	Girls
April 12	McCamey	Boys
April 28-30	Ablene	REGIONAL
May 13-15	Austin	STATE

OHS Baseball Schedule

Feb. 25	Greenwood	4:30 Away
March 5	Greenwood	5:00 Home
March 16	Del Rio	5:00 Home
	Dbl. Hdr.	7:00
March 26	Junction (tentative)	4:00 Home
	Dbl. Hdr.	6:00
April 2	Ft. Stockton	4:30 Away
	Dbl. Hdr.	6:30
April 6	Big Lake	7:00 Away
April 8	Del Rio	5:00 Away
	Dbl. Hdr.	7:00
April 20	Big Lake	7:00 Home
April 27	Coahoma (Dist.)	4:30 Away
May 3	Wall (Dist.)	4:30 Home
May 11	Coahoma (Dist.)	4:30 Home
May 14	Wall (Dist.)	4:30 Away

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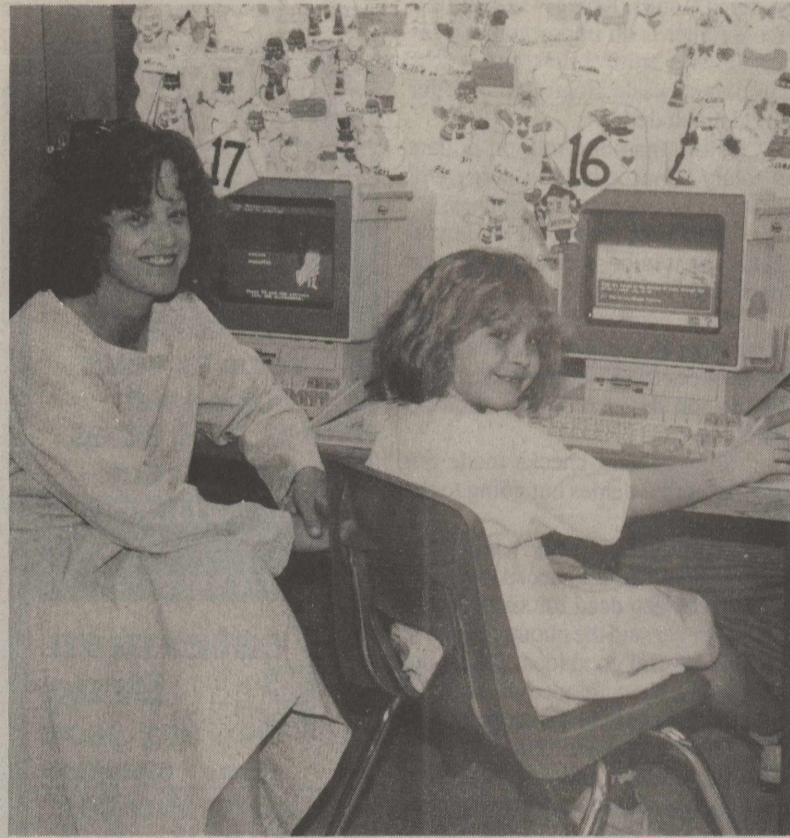
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Chamber Chatter

By Nancy Moore

The chamber board of directors is happy to announce that Ozona will host the 1993 World Championship Goat Roping. This is a great opportunity for Ozona. The roping is scheduled for June 25-26.

Can you believe March 20 is the first day of spring? Summer is just around the corner. Ozona is going to have a busy, fun-filled summer. Don't worry. Spring hasn't been forgotten. Many events have been planned.

April 22 the Texas Agricultural Extension Service will have its annual health fair. Friends of the Library will have a barbecue and book fair April 24. May 22 will be the music festival, a day to spend in the town square listening to music provided by local musicians. (If you would like to perform or know of someone, please call

or come by the chamber office.)

While relaxing and enjoying the town's talent, you may be one of the lucky people to win a free meal. During the day local restaurants will be giving gift certificates for meals in their restaurants. You will surely want to be at the town square for this event.

If there are other events going on in Ozona, please let us know. We want to help promote the town's activities. The chamber provides a list of events for the Texas Department of Transportation's Texas Events Calendar, a publication which is put out quarterly. In order to have your event listed in the fall booklet, the chamber must send a schedule to Austin prior to June 1.

Remember, you are welcome to stop in the chamber office and share ideas. The coffee pot is always on.

Arredondo Named To Local Project

Irene Arredondo has joined VISTA (Volunteer in Service to America) with the Texas Department of Health to coordinate a Neighborhood Health Watch project in Ozona.

VISTA is considered the "state-side Peace Corps," according to Mrs. Arredondo. During her year as a VISTA, she will be organizing several Neighborhood Health Watch projects in the area to educate people about the health and human services available in the community.

"I will be looking for about 30 people in the community who are interested in the project," explained Mrs. Arredondo. "We will meet as a group and decide on what topics to study each month, such as diabetes, hypertension, and cataracts. I'll teach them about WIC, special health services that are available, and where they can get health screening. We will also be

learning about preventative medicine, support groups, etc. These neighbors in turn will then be able to help others in the community."

Arredondo attended a training for VISTA's in Louisiana last month, with about 20 people from Texas and four other states. Many of the VISTAs were involved in setting up food pantries, providing transportation for health clinics, helping with drugs and alcohol abuse programs, teenage pregnancy programs, illiteracy classes, daycare programs and numerous other poverty reducing projects with education the underlying course of action.

Arredondo will have an office at the Texas Department of Health clinic at 701 9th Street. She requests much needed support from the community. If you are interested in being a volunteer for the project or would like more information, contact Irene Arredondo at 392-2996.



IRENE ARREDONDO (l.) is the new VISTA Neighborhood Health Watch volunteer. Her office is in the Department of Health Clinic at 701 9th Street. She is pictured with Texas Department of Health nurse Karen Huffman.

Crockett County Sheriff's Report

Week Ending March 8, 1993 ARRESTS:

3-4...Larry Castillo, age 23, of El Paso was arrested by DPS on possession of marijuana charges. He was released 3-5-93 after posting bond.

3-5...David Aguirre, age 33, of Lytle was arrested by DPS and charged with "operating a commercial motor vehicle with a blood content over 0.04". He was released 3-5-93 after posting bond.

3-8...Samuel Ramirez Riveria, age 44, of Ozona was arrested on a warrant charging him with theft over \$20. He was released the same day after making bond.

INCIDENTS:

3-5...A report was taken from T&C Village Market of a forgery. A check that had been reported stolen on 3-1-93 had been cashed at T&C and returned. A warrant was issued for the person who passed the check. A previous warrant had also been issued for the same suspect on another check. The suspect has not been located so

that an arrest on the warrants can be made. The case will be filed in district court.

3-6...T&T Village Supermarket reported to the Sheriff's Department that a customer had attempted to hide a carton of cigarettes under his shirt, when purchasing some other items. When confronted by employees, the customer ran from the store and threw the cigarettes into the back yard of the residence while he was being chased by personnel from the store. A warrant was issued for the customer for theft over \$20. He was later arrested and made bond on the charge. The case will be filed in county court.

3-8...Don Keith Lott of Midlothian reported to the Sheriff's Department that about \$1,700 worth of deer feeders and deer stands had been taken from a hunting lease. Witnesses reported that a suspect from Paris, Texas, hunted on that lease and was seen removing the property. Efforts are being made to resolve the dispute.

Statewide Campaign To Promote School Breakfast Program

More than 3.4 million Texas schoolchildren have access to nutritious, economically priced meals under the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs. However, every school day fewer than one-fifth of those students eat breakfast at Texas schools.

A recent national study of third- to sixth-graders who ate breakfast at school showed that they had improved test scores, and reduced rates of tardiness and absenteeism.

During National School Breakfast Week March 8-12, the Child Nutrition Programs Division at the Texas Education Agency will begin a nine-week promotion effort to focus attention on the value of eating breakfast and the opportunity of purchasing an affordable and nutritious meal at school.

Posters, stickers, bookmarks, breakfast sacks and buttons featuring Earl E. Bird will be used throughout Texas schools during the campaign. Earl E. Bird is a cartoon character created to promote the school breakfast program in Texas. The activities will culminate during Texas School Breakfast Week May 3-7, which also is the week that the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills tests are administered statewide.

Gov. Ann Richards also has recognized the importance of school breakfast by declaring Monday, March 8, as Texas School Breakfast Campaign Kickoff Day and May 3-7 as Texas School Breakfast Week.

"All children deserve to have their basic needs met and to reach their full potential," Richards said. "A hungry child cannot concentrate and will not

learn effectively. The people of Texas recognize the importance of ensuring that all Texas children are encouraged to begin each day with a nutritious breakfast."

Many parents have the misconception that school breakfast is available only to those students who qualify for a free or reduced-price meal. In reality, breakfast served at school is available to all students and a bargain even for those students who pay the full price.

In most Texas schools, breakfast may be purchased for under \$1.00. Popular breakfast selections are scrambled eggs, breakfast tacos, cold cereal or pancakes. A variety of fruit juices (or fruit) and milk are also included in the price.

For more information about the Texas School Breakfast Campaign, contact the Child Nutrition Programs Division, Texas Education Agency, 1701 N. Congress Ave., Austin, Texas 78701, 512-463-8979 or the food service direction at the local school district.

Age Not Necessarily Negative Factor In Pregnancy

HOUSTON - For a woman approaching 40 and considering her first pregnancy, age is not necessarily a negative factor. Older women often have healthier pregnancies and healthier babies than their younger counterparts.

"If she's in good health, she should do fine," said Dr. Kenneth Moise, an obstetrician and gynecologist at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Times and women have changed since 1970 when fewer than 15,000 American women older than 35 became pregnant for the first time. Today, more than 50,000 women older than 35 become first time mothers each year, and doctors now consider the prime childbearing years to extend into the 30s and toward the 40s.

"A lot of couples are putting pregnancy off until their careers or fi-

nances are established," Moise said. "As long as women recognize the increased risk for genetic defects in their babies, there is no health reason for them not to pursue pregnancies."

In fact, many of these older mothers-to-be begin their pregnancies in better physical condition than do some younger women.

"Typically, a woman postponing pregnancy past her 30th birthday is better educated than a woman who gets pregnant in her late teens or early 20s," Moise said. "She takes better care of herself, exercises regularly and eats a healthier diet. She doesn't have children so she has had more time for personal health care."

The do's and do not's of pregnancy are the same for both an older and younger mother, Moise said. "Moderation is the rule of thumb."

Property Values Up Statewide

In 1992 property in Texas was appraised at a median average of 99% of its market value, as determined by the Property Tax Division of the Comptroller's Office. A median means that one-half of the properties in the state were appraised higher and one-half lower than 99%. The median 1992 ratio was between 95% and 105% in all but 20 of the 254 counties. Those 20 counties compare with 29 counties last year and 71 counties outside that range in 1989.

Median averages for Crockett and surrounding counties for 1992 were: Crockett 91%, Crane 104%, Irion 98%, Schleicher 98%, Sutton 97%, Terrell 101%, Upton 98% and Val Verde 100%.

While median ratios are useful, many taxpayers find their property valued at another level. The preliminary data indicates that the average property varied from the median ratio by 14.8%. For single-family houses, 59 out of 100 were appraised within plus or minus 10% of the average; the other 41 were over or under-valued by 10% or more.

Intracounty variations among property categories are the more critical concern of an individual taxpayer. Variations simply mean that some taxpayers paid more or less than their fair share of local government costs.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS SPECIAL ELECTION MAY 1, 1993

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ON THE BALLOT
Section 1 of Senate Joint Resolution 7 proposes a constitutional amendment that would allow the legislature to redistribute among other school districts ad valorem taxes levied and collected by a school district. The amendment would also allow the legislature to create county education districts with the taxable property of existing school districts in one or more counties combined. County education districts may levy, collect, and distribute ad valorem taxes as authorized by general law. The legislature would be allowed to set the rate of the ad valorem tax to be imposed in a school district or county education district or it may authorize the board of trustees of each school district or county education district to set the rate, provided that the rate of county education district ad valorem taxes may not exceed \$1.00 per \$100 valuation of taxable property, unless a higher rate is approved by the voters of the district. The amendment also provides that the amount of ad valorem taxes redistributed among school districts by the legislature and effectively redistributed within a county through county education districts may not exceed 2.75 percent of the sum of the state revenue appropriated for public schools and the revenue from local ad valorem taxes levied and collected for public schools. The term "state revenue" does not include revenue from ad valorem taxes, revenue for the provision of free textbooks, or contributions to a retirement system. Finally, the amendment provides that it does not affect the distribution of the available school fund under article VII, section 5, of the Texas Constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:
"The constitutional amendment allowing limited redistribution of ad valorem taxes for schools, authorizing the legislature or local districts to set a minimum tax rate in county education districts, and placing a cap on the ad valorem tax levied by county education districts."

PROPOSITION NO. 2 ON THE BALLOT
Section 2 of Senate Joint Resolution 7 proposes a constitutional amendment that would provide that, except for state educational mandates imposed in compliance with the Texas Constitution or federal law, or unless enacted by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members elected to each house of the legislature, a school district may not be required to comply with an obligation requiring expenditure of school district funds unless the obligation is fully funded. The amendment also requires the legislature to provide by law a procedure for determining whether an obligation is fully funded. In the absence of such a procedure, and at the request of a school district's board of trustees, the comptroller of public accounts shall determine whether or not an obligation is fully funded. This amendment applies only to state educational mandates enacted after December 31, 1993.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:
"The constitutional amendment exempting a school district from the obligation to comply with unfunded state educational mandates."

PROPOSITION NO. 3 ON THE BALLOT
Senate Joint Resolution 4 proposes an amendment to article VII, section 5(b), of the constitution, which currently authorizes the legislature to provide for using the permanent school fund to guarantee bonds issued by school districts and certain education-related revenue bonds issued by the state. The amendment would repeal the provision authorizing

the use of the permanent school fund to guarantee state revenue bonds, but would permit the legislature to provide by law for the issuance of general obligation bonds or revenue bonds of the state for the purpose of making loans to, or purchasing bonds of, school districts for the purpose of acquisition, construction, or improvement of instructional facilities, including all furnishings. The amendment also provides that the state, pursuant to general law, may forgive the payment of principal and interest on all or part of a loan made to a school district under the amendment to partially finance an instructional facility. The cap of \$750 million on the amount of bonds that could be issued under article VII, section 5(b), as amended, would be retained. The amendment would repeal the current provision of the constitution permitting the legislature to authorize bonds in excess of \$750 million by two-thirds record vote of both houses of the legislature. While any of the general obligation bonds issued under the amendment or any of the interest on those bonds is outstanding and unpaid, there would be appropriated out of the first money coming into the state treasury in each fiscal year, not otherwise appropriated by the constitution, the amount sufficient to pay the principal and interest on the bonds that matured or became due that fiscal year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows:
"The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of \$750 million in state general obligation or revenue bonds to assist school districts in partially financing facilities, authorizing the state to forgive payments of loans made to a school district for partially financing facilities, and repealing the authorization for \$750 million in state revenue bonds guaranteed by the permanent school fund."

Este es el informe explicatorio sobre la enmienda propuesta a la constitucion que aparecera en la boleta el dia 1 de mayo de 1993. Si usted no ha recibido una copia del informe en español, podra obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/8683 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, Texas 78711

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