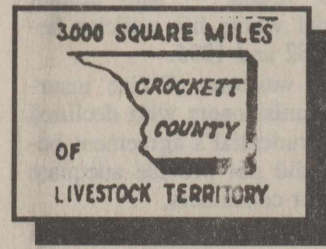


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49th Annual 4-H Junior Livestock Show Jan. 9-11

The 49th Annual Crockett County Livestock Show begins Thursday, Jan. 9. Approximately 90 local youth will be exhibiting market lambs, meat goats, market swine and rabbits.

The livestock show schedule starts Jan. 9 with the rabbit show at 5:30 p.m. On Friday, Jan. 10, the market swine show is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., and the meat goat show will begin at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday morn-

ing, Jan. 11, the first year feeder show begins at 8 a.m. followed by the market lamb show at 8:15 a.m.

A barbecue lunch will be served at noon with the awards presentation following at 1:30 p.m. The premium sale at 2 p.m. will finish the day.

This annual event is made possible by generous donations from more than 100 local and area donors who

help provide award buckles, trophies and premium sale money for the exhibitors. The 4-H Adult Leaders' Association will sponsor a concession stand during the stock show.

"On behalf of the Crockett County 4-H youth, we thank these donors for their continued support and hope to see you all at the show," said Miles Dabovich, County Agent-Ag.

Parents Of Headstarters Learn Of Special Program

Children have the right to be safe, strong and free, parents of Headstart students were told during a special program in December. In Ozona to outline the Safe, Strong & Free program offered by Assault Victim Services of the Concho Valley, Inc., a United Way Agency, was Gayla Bradford. Ms. Bradford is a coordinator of education and prevention programs for Assault Victim Services.

Child assault prevention programs have been taught in the San Angelo pre-kindergarten, Headstart and elementary schools for 11 years and the Safe, Strong & Free program is in its second year in Mertzon. In addition to the child assault prevention project (CAPP), AVS has a Teen CAPP program, PRECAPP for children ages 2 1/2 to 5 years and a speakers' bureau is available to any interested group or organization.

Explaining the CAPP program to parents is the first step in a school. They are told that the program is not sexually explicit; the words sex and assault are not used. Children are instructed about good touches, bad touches and secret touches. Denial of permission slips are sent out to parents a week before the program is to be presented. If they do not wish their children to see the program, the children do not attend.

"We can't be with our children 24-hours a day," said Ms. Bradford. Statistics show that one in three girls will be sexually assaulted by age 18 and one in four to six boys. "Possibly there are a lot more boys, but boys are just now beginning to come forth and talk about assault," she said.

Safe, Strong & Free teaches that children have the right to be safe and feel safe, where ever they are or who ever they are with. The right to be safe means children have the right to ask for help when they need it.

Children have the right to be strong. Being strong "inside" means that children have the right to say no to anyone or anything that may hurt them. When children keep their right to be strong, they are also keeping their right to be safe.

Children have the right to be free. The right to be free means that children have the right to feel good about themselves. Children keep that good feeling about themselves when they know that they have the right to have choices.

The program teaches children that they have the right to "yell and tell" in order to be safe, strong and free. They are told that they have a "no touching zone", the area covered by a bathing suit. Children are also told that if a touch makes them feel bad, sad, mad or confused, it is not a good touch.

Ms. Bradford has worked with Assault Victim Services four years. AVS helps any victim of violent crime, but her department is education. "I love working with kids. It is hard when you get a disclosure, but helping children is a very rewarding job. I'm very lucky and happy in getting to do

it."

AVS has a 24-hour crisis hotline for any victim at any age. Anyone in a crisis situation or who is the victim or an unwanted touch may call 658-8888. In addition to the hotline, AVS provides individual support at no cost to survivors of violent crime and their significant others as long as necessary. There are support groups for survivors of recent sexual assault, childhood sexual abuse and secondary victims of homicide. Also part of AVS are long-term therapy at no cost to the client, information and referrals for additional services such as shelter, legal aid, medical treatment, etc. AVS provides an escort for victims to medical, law enforcement and legal

agencies and assists victims in submitting victim impact statements and the crime victims compensation forms. AVS will work with victims as long as necessary providing support, understanding, assistance, and the assurance of fair treatment.

Introduction of the Safe, Strong & Free program to Ozona parents of Headstart children was very readily received according to Ms. Bradford. "All parents who were there wanted their child to see the program." Ms. Bradford said on the average, 85% of parents are willing to have their children see the program.

Safe, Strong & Free will be presented in Ozona Headstart during January.

Economic Disaster Loans Available From SBA

Crockett County businesses depending on farmers and ranchers can now apply for low interest economic injury disaster loans from the U. S. Small Business Administration. These loans are available to help businesses meet normal operating expenses that cannot be met due the effects of a disaster.

Drought which occurred Oct. 1, 1995, through May 29, 1996, and continuing; freeze which occurred April 5, 1996; and drought, freeze, high winds, freezing temperatures, sleet and snow which occurred June 1, 1995, through June 11, 1996, and continuing caused many farmers and ranchers to experience reduced income which may have had an adverse economic effect on businesses depending upon these producers.

Businesses affected by drought which occurred Oct. 1, 1995, through

May 29, 1996, and continuing have until June 23, 1997 to apply. Those businesses affected by freeze which occurred April 5, 1996, also have until June 23, 1997, to apply.

The loan can help a business meet installments on long-term debt, accounts payable and overhead expenses that would have been met had the disaster not occurred. Refinancing of long-term debt, however, is not eligible under this program.

The loan is designed for those businesses with substantial disaster-related needs and is intended to supplement monies the business owner can provide from other sources.

To obtain an application or receive additional information, interested business owners may call the SBA toll-free at 1-800-366-6303 or TDD 817-267-4688 for the hearing impaired.

County Shows Sales Tax Increase

Crockett County registered increased sales in both the all industries and retail trade categories for the second quarter of 1996. This information was released in a December report from John Sharp, comptroller of public accounts.

The county's gross sales for all industries in the second quarter of 1996 totaled \$12,165,954, up 11.3% from the \$10,928,196 recorded in 1995. Statistics show 129 reporting outlets for the 1996 second quarter and 151 outlets in 1995.

Percent of change in the retail trade division was a 7.5% increase. The 74 reporting outlets for the second quarter of 1996 posted gross sales of \$6,730,294. In 1995 there were 89 outlets with \$6,265,543 in second quarter sales.

Statistics on area counties follow. Crane - 62 outlets in 1996 with \$10,624,580 in gross sales, up 92.5 percent from 71 outlets with \$5,518,151 in 1995.

Irion - 20 outlets in 1996 with \$840,686 in gross sales, up 4.2 percent

from 28 outlets with \$806,715 in 1995. Reagan - 55 outlets in 1996 with \$7,835,160 in gross sales, up 2.3 percent from 53 outlets with \$7,657,314 in 1995.

Schleicher - 31 outlets in 1996 with \$1,929,250 in gross sales, at no percentage of change from 36 outlets reporting \$1,928,372 in 1995.

Sutton - 74 outlets with \$6,546,027 in gross sales, up 2.9 percent from 77 outlets with \$6,359,622 in 1995.

Terrell - 29 outlets in 1996 with \$1,075,005 in gross sales, down 3.4 percent from 25 outlets with \$1,112,997 in 1995.

Tom Green - 1,424 outlets with \$236,014,015 in gross sales, down 1.0 percent from 1,539 outlets with \$238,461,298 in 1995.

Upton - 67 outlets in 1996 with \$3,703,421, up 4.8 percent from 77 outlets with \$3,533,158 in 1995.

Val Verde - 486 outlets in 1996 with \$79,858,214, up 17.3 percent from 533 outlets and \$68,099,463 in 1995.



OZONA'S AMBER TARR reaches up to block the ball away from Midland High's Bianca Lane in last Saturday's third place game of the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic held in Midland. Tarr let the Ladies in scoring with 18 points to defeat the Lady Dawgs 47-31 and helped get Ozona's 17th win with one loss. photo by Neal Ulmer

Emergency Farm/Ranch Loan Applications Being Accepted

Crockett County is among those Texas counties recently named by Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman as eligible for loans to cover part of actual physical and/or production losses resulting from drought, freeze, high winds, freezing temperatures, sleet and snow which occurred from June 1, 1995, through June 11, 1996, and continuing.

Applications for these loans are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency office in San Angelo according to FSA Farm Credit manager Fred J. Greenway.

Greenway said farmers/ranchers may be eligible for loans of up to 80 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue in business, whichever is less. For farmers/ranchers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer/rancher must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of physical and/or production loss to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Greenway said. Farmers/ranchers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to figure in proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until June 24, 1997, but farmers/ranchers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing and possibly over into the new farming season," Greenway said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. It is au-

thorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers/ranchers who work at and rely on farming/ranching for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers/ranchers who are U. S. citizens and to farming/ranching partnerships, corporations or cooperatives in which U. S. citizens hold a majority interest.

The FSA office in San Angelo, located at 3514 Devonian Drive in Suite B, is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

S.S. Benefit Increase For 1997

Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits will increase 2.9 percent, beginning with the payments that Social Security beneficiaries receive Jan. 3 and SSI recipients receive on Dec. 31.

The automatic cost-of-living adjustment is made annually. For Social Security beneficiaries, the average monthly benefit amount for all retired workers will rise from \$724 to \$745.

The maximum federal SSI monthly payments to an individual will rise from \$470 to \$484. For a couple, the maximum federal SSI payment will rise from \$705 to \$726.

The Weather

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
Dec. 23	72	25	-0-
Dec. 24	69	27	-0-
Dec. 25	--	no report --	
Dec. 26	75	22	-0-
Dec. 27	70	28	-0-
Dec. 28	72	28	-0-
Dec. 29	74	29	-0-

(Readings are for a 24 hour period beginning at 8 a.m.)
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Sanchez Service Held Monday

Feliz B. Sanchez, age 84, of Ozona died Friday, Dec. 27, 1996, in a San Angelo hospital.

Funeral service was at 2 p.m. Monday in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements were by Preddy Funeral Home.

Mrs. Sanchez was born Dec. 25, 1912, in Ozona. She was a member of the Catholic Church and a lifetime resident of Ozona.

Survivors include two daughters: Leinor Badillo Sanchez of Selma, CA, and Lupe DeLaGarza of Ozona; two sons, Albino Sanchez and Danny "Cobra" Sanchez, both of Ozona; one sister, Isabel Ramirez of Ozona; 19 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Saturday Service For Lupe Fierro

Lupe "Loops" Fierro, age 28, of San Angelo died Wednesday, Dec. 25, 1996, in an automobile accident near San Angelo.

Funeral service was at 10 a.m. Saturday in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements were by Preddy Funeral Home.

Mr. Fierro was born Jan. 26, 1968, in Ozona. He was a construction worker and a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include two sisters, Sharon Fierro of San Angelo and Shawnee Fierro of Virginia City, NV; nieces and nephews, Beto Diaz Jr., Pat Bohannon, Richard Knoch, Elaine Martinez, Ryan Knoch, Mark Martinez, Robert Knoch; a great-niece, Megan Bohannon, and a host of friends.

Norma Howell Service In Lubbock

Norma Jewel Howell, 59, of Ozona died Friday, Dec. 27, 1996, in Methodist Hospital in Lubbock.

Graveside service was at 2 p.m. Monday in Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery in Lubbock with Rev. Jim Brown officiating.

Survivors include: her husband, Oran K. Howell of Ozona; two daughters, Rhonda Mansker of Lubbock and Dana Burk of New Braunfels; a son, Lelton K. Howell of Lubbock; a sister, Patricia Ann Middleton of Harrah, OK; her mother and stepfather, Opal and Leonard Harris; and three grandsons.

She was preceded in death by her father, Guy Ellis.

Melton Service In New Mexico

Former Ozona resident N. E. "Noble" Melton, father of Bill Melton of Clovis, NM, died during Christmas. The funeral was Friday, Dec. 27, 1996, in Clovis.

Mr. Melton is survived by his wife of 75 years and one daughter of Illinois; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

"Noble" opened a Ford dealership in Ozona.

He was preceded in death by one son, Newell.

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

AUSTIN — There was room under the Christmas tree for property tax relief, but there was no way to squeeze a fully formed plan through the chimney.

Scurrying Capitol elves drafted a proposal that would cut school property taxes by about \$3 billion a year — buy left some important questions unanswered. Such as, how can the cuts:

- Be made permanent?
- Be kept from creeping higher? (Gov. George W. Bush has said he will reject any bill that does not promise taxes won't creep back up, either through hiking tax rates or higher property tax appraisals.)
- Be made so as to not disrupt school funding formulas?
- Be made without picking a political fight with business interests?

"We're looking at all these issues. There are still a lot of things to figure out," state Rep. Tom Craddick, chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, told the *Austin American-Statesman*.

Though Craddick thinks there is a way to shift more of the \$10 billion school property tax burden from property owners to the state government, there is no consensus on whether cuts can be made without making a mess of the painstakingly devised school funding formulas.

Rep. Paul Sadler, chairman of the House Public Education

Committee, told the *American-Statesman* it's impossible to shift the burden without affecting school funding formulas.

"It's an exercise in futility because you are looking for short-term answers to fix long-term problems," he said.

Bomer Opposes Settlement
Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer last week filed a formal objection to a proposed nationwide class-action settlement of consumer complaints against the Prudential Insurance Company of America for unfair life insurance sales practices.

A settlement could affect 10 million Americans — including 300,000 Texans — who bought Prudential whole life policies between 1982 and 1995.

Bomer was one of five insurance commissioners who declined to join Prudential's agreement because it did not provide adequate redress for consumers.

He said the proposed settlement places an almost impossible burden on consumers who want compensation beyond the token "basic claim relief" that the class-action attorneys worked out with Prudential.

"These consumers have been shortchanged once; they should not be shortchanged again," he said.

Bomer also urged the New Jersey federal court to enforce a Texas Department of Insurance subpoena for Prudential's records of Texas agents who have been targets of at least three sales-related complaints. Prudential has refused to honor the subpoena.

The Department of Insurance had sought the information because it could be useful to consumers who need evidence of misrepresentation for use in the "alternative dispute resolution" process, in which they would seek relief through an out-of-court claim settlement.

The class action suit accuses Prudential of "churning", and misrepresentation in the sale of cash-value life insurance products. Churning occurs when an agent persuades a consumer to borrow against an ex-

isting policy to pay the premium on a new one.

Names of Nursing Homes Secret
The Texas Attorney General's Office has ruled that state officials can keep secret the names of 10 publicly financed Texas nursing homes that spent \$614,374 on such items as a Cadillac, baseball tickets and jobs for relatives who did no work.

The names had been sought by the media and other groups through the Texas Public Information Act.

The attorney general said the names are not open to the public because the documents that name the facilities are the state auditor's working papers.

"It's not mandatory that (the state auditor) withhold that information, but there is a legal exception that they may use," explained Ron Dusek, spokesman for Attorney General Morales.

A spokesperson for the state auditor's office said the names will not be released.

Final Exam Exemptions Drop
More Texas students were hitting the books for final exams last week because of a new state policy that has prompted school districts to quit exempting students from finals.

The new policy by Education Commissioner Mike Moses ended all funding for students who are not at school because of exemptions from final exams.

In the past, school districts would let students with good grades skip finals and still receive the same amount of money. School funding in Texas is based on student attendance.

The policy became effective this semester and is now affecting students for the first time.

"You can no longer get paid for kids being absent," Dr. Moses told the *Dallas Morning News*. "I have this personal feeling that if you exempt kids from final exams all the way through high school, they may have trouble when they wind up at a state university and have to take a semester exam for the first time," he said.

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"SHEFFIELD CORNER"

by Billie Malone

Editor's Note:
 The Ozona Stockman welcomes Billie Malone and the "Sheffield Corner". Sheffield area residents are asked to contact Billie to include their news in "The Corner".

A Christmas lighting contest was held in Sheffield in December. It was a "Light-Up Sheffield" effort, along with a "Light-Up Iraan" project. Heading the Sheffield light work force was Justice of the Peace Don Pitts. He and his volunteers decorated trees in the park with beautiful tiny white lights, along with a Christmas scene in front of the West Side Community Building.

There were lights everywhere. There was hardly a house in town, unless it was vacant, that didn't have decorations as well. I am told that next year more of the business district on Hwy. 290 will have lights and decorations.

At present I am not able to give you the names of the contest winners. I will have that in the next paper, I hope.

Riley and Marianne Malone and son Bryant of Alpine were guests over the Christmas holidays of her parents, Glen and Susan Willeford. Mr. and Mrs. Don Malone of Iraan and daughter Suann joined them in Sheffield on Christmas Day.

Herbie and Dian Noelke spent Christmas with Dian's family in San Angelo. Colt Noelke is home visiting until school resumes in January.

Max and Sue Malone and son Michael had as their guests on Christmas Day her father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. John Ketzler of Dryden and Sanderson. Other guests included Max's brother, Jack Willeford Jr., and his wife, Tammie, and daughter Rachel of Denton. Joining the group on the Margaret Allison Ranch were Max and Jack's mother, Billie Malone, and niece, Jessica McCary.

There was a Christmas party given for the cadets at the Sheffield Boot Camp Sunday night. At a later date I will give details on the party, as well

Happy Birthday

Jan. 1 - Cody Porras, Maria De-LaRosa, Danny DeLeon, Romie Arredondo, Lisa Ortiz, Jesus Castillo, Matt Miller, Jason Tumlinson, Mary Huckabee

Jan. 2 - Eric Bachman, Becky Ybarra, Butch Gonzalez, Jamie Lee Moore, Marcia Moran, Jessie Alvarez, Victor Villarreal Jr., Cuatro Jones, Martin Rocha, Gloria Wilson

Jan. 3 - Michael Ybarra, James Caldera, Jose Carrizales, Tony Valencia, Anita Vasquez, Chago Ybarra Jr., Joseph Matthew Galindo

Jan. 4 - Willie Tooke, Joe Moran, Douglas Bean, Gene Lilly, Bill Crowder, Ramon Ybarra, Timothy Longoria, Vince Huffman, Jean Jolley, Nancy Floyd

Jan. 5 - Randy Wilson, J. D. Borrego, Les Moore, Simon Longoria, John Baker, Tania Sanchez, Rogelio Sanchez Jr., Barbara Contreras

Tina Caldera, Bryan Mendez, Santa Rios, Richard Cardona, Rey Rivera, Victor DeLaGarza, Christian Rey Perez, Reyes Cisneros, Tara Fatout

Jan. 7 - Rhonda Shaw, Tyson Vordick, Juanita Delgado, Johnny Tambunga Jr., Rebecca Aranki, Virginia Alvarez, Rita Rodriguez, Cristina Castellanos, Ann McMullan, Trinity Truitt, Calvary Truitt

Jodi Wilson
 bride-elect of
 Steve Marshall

Kelly Porter
 bride-elect of
 Dustin Glidewell

Mrs. Robert Gentry
 nee
 Carolyn
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has made selections at
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as the Texas Youth Council being housed in the former Sheffield Elementary building.

On a recent trip to Lubbock, we stayed at the same hotel in which the queen of Jordan, Queen Noor, wife of King Hussein of Jordan, was quartered. Formerly Lisa Halaby of the United States, Queen Noor was there to address current graduates of Texas Tech University. It isn't every day that someone from West Texas is party to viewing a queen and her entourage. We don't normally encounter bodyguards, as well as security guards, every time we walk out of our doors.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kutzler of Dryden and Sanderson were visitors last week at the Gage Hotel in Marathon. Mrs. Ketzler's aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Foley, of Alpine was honored at a party there given by her sons and daughter. Host were: Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Foley, Ryan and Kathleen of Denver, CO; Mr. and Mrs. Pat Foley and Calvin of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. John Maracudo of Moscow, Russia. Mrs. Ketzler and her husband were joined by her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Andrews of Midland, and a daughter, Mrs. Tom Daniel and sons Zane and Clay of Sanderson.

Last, but not least, a word about high school football in Class AA in Texas. The state championship went to the Iraan Braves with a score of 14-7 after a hard-fought and exciting game with the Indians of Groveton. The play-off games that led to the final game were thrilling as well.

The Iraan High School football team, as well as all of the coaches and fans, are grateful for Ozona's support on the road that led to Pennington Field in Bedford last Saturday night. We especially appreciate Ozona's radio station, KYXX, for airing the games. Without these broadcasts, many who couldn't go to see the Braves play would have been left out.

On Sunday evening, the Braves and their coaches, managers and trainers were given a rousing "welcome home" to Iraan by numerous fans.

It's A Girl

Sergio and Patricia Hernandez of Ozona are the parents of a daughter born Friday, Dec. 27, 1996. Sabrina Faz arrived at Columbia Hospital in San Angelo at 3:39 p.m. weighing seven pounds, two ounces. She was 18 and one-half inches long at birth.

Helping welcome the little girl are maternal grandparents, Alfredo and Elvira Faz of Mexico and paternal grandparents Petra and Saul Hernandez, also of Mexico.



Oliver-Cameron Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cameron would like to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Kathryn Bunger, to Mr. James Todd Oliver of Fort Worth.

He is the son of Mrs. Andrew Todd Oliver and the late Dr. Todd Oliver.

Katy is the granddaughter of Mrs. George Louis Bunger Sr. and the late George Bunger, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Roy Henderson.

James is the grandson of Mrs. Dorothy Pipes Wehman of Pleasanton and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Peterson of

Round Rock. The bride-elect earned a bachelor of science degree from Texas A&M University, and was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. She is employed by the Hurst-Euleless-Bedford Independent School District.

The prospective bridegroom earned a bachelor of science degree from Texas A&M University and is employed by National Finance Credit Corporation of Texas.

They plan to marry Feb. 8 at Ozona Methodist Church.

Shannon Health System Flu Vaccines Strong

Anyone who received flu shots from Shannon Health System received safe vaccines of adequate strength according to a news release from Shannon.

Parke Davis recently recalled

several batches of its flu vaccines because they were not potent enough. Shannon did not use any Parke Davis flu vaccines. All branches of the Shannon Health System used products made by Wyeth.

Lone Star Events

Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 — Special event: **Midwinter Tales, Institute of Texan Cultures, San Antonio.** This four-week series will be of special interest to 5th and 6th graders or anyone fascinated about exploring a new culture through the art of storytelling. Professional storytellers will share enchanting, cultural tales about Native American and Hispanic influences in Texas. The program fee is part of the regular admission charge of \$4 for adults; \$2 for children, 3-12

years-old, and seniors, 65 years and older; and \$10 for school groups. For more information, contact Mary Grace Ketter at The University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures, 801 South Bowie St., San Antonio, TX 78205. 210/458-2291.

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Out and Around
 with Eddy Hall



Juan and Dorothy Perez and children, Panchito and Stephanie, of Arlington are here visiting Inez and Senovio Ortiz and family for the New Year and to celebrate the 22nd birthday of Dorothy's nephew, Joe Mendoza Jr. on Dec. 31.

This will be my last column of *Out and Around*. I want to thank each of you who were so kind to let me share your world with our readers. Your positive response and comments made my six months with *The Ozona Stockman* a memory I will not forget.

Destiny calls, but I will not forget you, the merchants and your employees for the warmth and graciousness

you showed me.

I have to give a special thanks to my employers, Scotty and Linda Moore, who had the patience and love to train me. My employers and co-workers, Jon Moran, Susan Calloway and Neal Ulmer, made me look forward to going to work each day. Oscar and Luetta Kost and the rest of them became part of my family, and I will miss the daily influence of all these fine people.

I will definitely stay in touch with them as I begin a new job in Ozona with people I already know and admire, also.

Wishing you all the best! Farewell!

Eddy

Goff Earns Masters At SRSU

Drawing from the popular children's author Dr. Seuss, Texas Representative Patricia Gray told Sul Ross State University graduates, "You can steer yourself anywhere you wish. You will be the one who decides where you go."

Gray was the keynote speaker at Sul Ross fall commencement exercises in the Graves-Pierce Complex Dec. 14.

The Galveston resident told the graduates, "We cannot let the things we cannot do keep us from doing the things we can do. Sometimes we can't take large steps, but we must take the small steps."

The university conferred degrees and certificates on 179 graduates. From Ozona was LaDawn Goff, earning a master of education, diagnostician.

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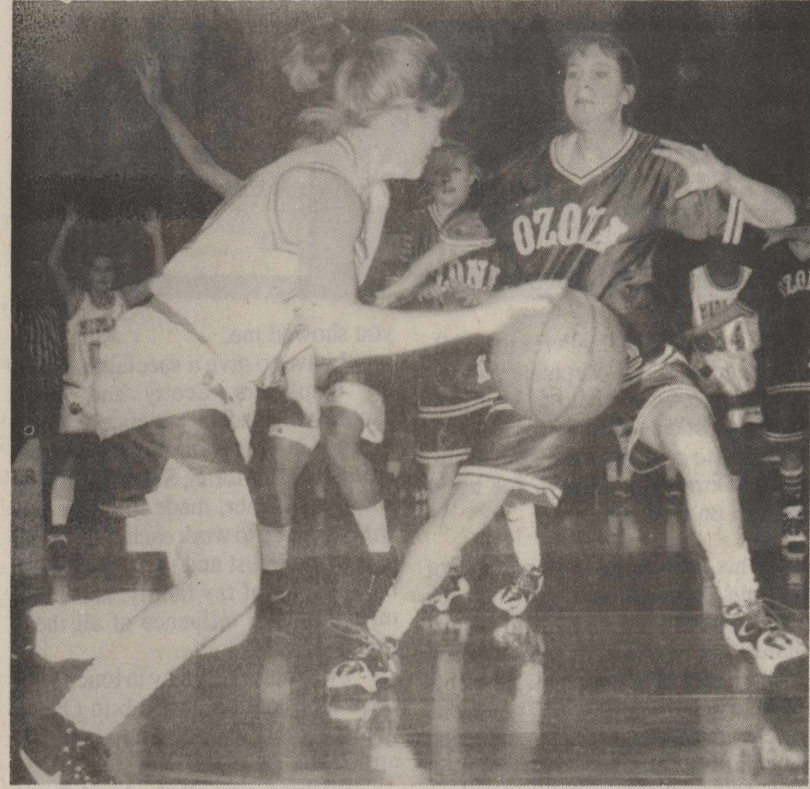
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OZONA'S AMY LAUGHLIN gives a ferocious look and guards a Midland High Lady Dawg in the third place game of the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic in Midland. The Lady Lions defeated the Lady Dawgs 47-31 for a third place trophy last Saturday afternoon.

photo by Neal Ulmer

Mobile Mammography Unit Now Serving Ozona

Shannon Clinic's new mobile mammography unit begun making on-site visits throughout the Concho Valley. Family Health Center of Ozona will host the unit's first visit to Crockett County Thursday, Jan. 9.

Further dates will be announced as they are scheduled with the local clinic. The mobile unit is a first for San Angelo and one of only a few available regionally.

According to David Trevino, radiology manager at Shannon Clinic, until now, Lubbock and San Antonio were the closest cities to operate mobile mammography units.

"It'll be a lot easier for women to put off the screenings because of the inconvenience of having to leave their home towns to get the test done.

The mobile program has begun working with Shannon's regional clinics to schedule dates for screenings. Once a schedule is established, doctors will be able to set up appointments with their patients for screenings.

A clerk and technologist will travel to each remote site and set up the unit in an exam room. The clerk greets patients and handles paperwork, and the technologist conducts the screenings.

The process takes about 25 minutes. Images from the mobile screenings will be processed and interpreted

at Shannon Clinic and the results mailed to patients about two or three days later.

If an abnormality is detected, patients will be called immediately. Jo Millican, mammography coordinator for Shannon Clinic, handles scheduling. "It's important to be flexible even when the patient load is high — especially for a procedure many women are apprehensive about," she said.

"If a patient is hesitant to go for a screening, they're less likely to delay or to cancel the appointment if they can get their exam right away."

Although women should get an initial mammogram by age 40, it's especially crucial for older women to have regular screenings because the risk of developing breast cancer increases with age.

Women between ages 40 to 49 should get mammography every two years, and women over age 50 should have annual screenings.

"Early detection is a key factor in successful treatment of breast cancer, so it's not a good idea to postpone a checkup," Millican said.

Why do some women tend to put off having a mammogram? "Many hear that screenings are painful. They can be uncomfortable but usually not painful," Millican said.

Card of Thanks

We wish to give our love and gratitude to each and everyone for your prayers and support given to us in our time of grief in the loss of our loved one "Ricky" Thank you for the many flowers and food brought to us.
To Our Lady of Perpetual Health and Father Gallagher, The Knights of Columbus for traffic control and also to the Guadalupeans for the food after the service.
A very special thanks to numerous family and friends that have come by and shared their wonderful memories and love of Ricky with us.
He shall always live within our hearts. God bless each and everyone.

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The Newsreel

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

NEWS REEL
DEC. 28, 1967

News Reel

Ozona's Gary Sutton was picked for the offensive team in the Class 1A All-State Team as selected by the Ft. Worth Star Telegram. Larry Kilgore received honorable mention as a line-backer. Both boys are senior students at Ozona High School and four-year lettermen on the Ozona Lions football team.

News Reel

Twelve boys and two adults from Boys' Ranch arrived two days ahead of schedule for the planned weekend deer hunt at the James Baggett ranch south of town.

News Reel

U. S. (Rusty) Smith, who is serving his fourteenth year as county commissioner from precinct 3, this week announced that he will be a candidate for re-election.

News Reel

Mr. and Mrs. Evert White spent the Christmas holidays with their daughter and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Moughon and children in Gilmer.

News Reel

Visitors in the home of Mrs. George Montgomery during the holidays included her grandchildren and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Talley of San Angelo, John Robert Shepperson of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Chalk of Houston.

News Reel

Mrs. Gem Stokes and children, Jay and Sheri, of San Angelo were holiday visitors in the home of Mrs. Stokes' mother, Mrs. Lovella Dudley.

News Reel

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Bryant of Fort Worth spent the holiday weekend here with their daughter and her family, the Beecher Montgomerys.

News Reel

Mr. and Mrs. Giles Madray and daughter, Meredith, of Dallas spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Madrays' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tom Davidson, and her grandmother, Mrs. Joe Davidson.

News Reel

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Jones returned to their home in Ft. Worth early this week after spending Christmas with their daughter and her family, the Vic Montgomerys.

News Reel

Mrs. B. B. Ingham, Sr., spent last week in Abilene visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Littleton.

News Reel

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Childress and family of Sutherland Springs spent the holidays with Mr. Childress' mother Mrs. Lee Childress.

News Reel

Mr. and Mrs. John Zimmermann of Austin, spent the holidays with Mrs. Zimmermann's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Kirby, here.

News Reel

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. T. Sikes and daughter, Betsy, are visiting relatives in Taylor and Leonard during the holidays.

NEWS REEL
DEC. 29, 1938

News Reel

Mr. and Mrs. Jones Miller, pioneer Crockett County ranch couple, will observe their 61st wedding anniversary next Sunday.

News Reel

Mrs. Floyd Henderson was taken to a San Angelo hospital Christmas day for treatment of an infection which developed from a minor wound on her hand.

News Reel

Mr. and Mrs. Miller Robison spent Christmas here visiting with relatives. They are ranching in Terrell County near Sanderson.

News Reel

Mrs. Walter Kyle is in Alpine this week visiting her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Broadfoot.

News Reel

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Jones and children were here the first of the week for a holiday visit with friends and relatives. Former Ozona residents, they are now ranching near Alpine.

Meals On Wheels Menu

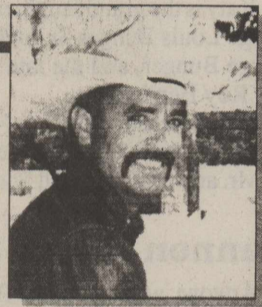
Monday, Jan. 6 . . . Smothered Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Spinach, Bread and Dessert.

Tuesday, Jan. 7 . . . Hamburgers with Cheese, Potato Chips, Lettuce and Tomatoes and Sliced Pickles and Dessert.

Wednesday, Jan. 8 . . . Dorito Casserole, Green Salad, Buttered Corn and Dessert.

Thursday, Jan. 9 . . . German Sausage, Pinto Beans, Potato Salad, Corn Bread and Dessert.

Friday, Jan. 10 . . . Chicken Noodle Soup, Pears with Cheese, Corn Bread and Dessert.



PASTOR'S CORNER

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Many call it "The Original Sin." That is, the sin that was committed way back in the Garden of Eden by Adam and Eve. What most folks fail to realize is the fact that the "Original Sin" still affects every person today. The death, suffering and horror in the world can be traced back to that one act of disobedience in the Garden. The Bible never tells us what type of fruit that they partook of because the point wasn't the fruit; the point was that God had told them not to eat of it. But they did, and from that one sin, all the sin that is in the world today has grown. I'm not here to blame Adam and Eve, because I don't know if I would have done any better. The point that should never be overlooked is that one seemingly tiny act of sin can grow out of control. My friend, the old saying "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." is true. It is easier to put out a little campfire than it is to stop a forest fire. What we see in Adam and Eve's sin is a testimony of unchecked sin; today it is all grown up. Let's endeavor to not sin, then let's deal with it quickly and at all cost keep it from growing out of control. Remember, God is a forgiving God and we need only ask and we're forgiven. For the sin, you can thank the Devil who tricked Adam and Eve. For the forgiveness, you can thank Jesus Christ who came with the truth.



The Possibility Of Real Change

With the new year upon us and new year's resolutions hanging in the balance, we wonder about real conviction to make changes. Is it possible for me to get unhooked from a drug habit or an adulterous lifestyle?

What about AIDS? Both these habits could kill me. The reason most folks get hooked stems from a rejection of God. That's right, a rejection of God.

When we turn our backs on God, we rebuff His warning systems. We override our consciences. We engage in self justification. We convince ourselves evil is good and good is evil. "Safe sex" is a good example.

We want the activity without the consequences. God says, "You shall

not commit adultery" (Exodus 2:14). Abstinence is evil. It is associated with God. We want to avoid unwanted pregnancies and AIDS.

We suspend students for carrying aspirin and giving a friend an Advil. At the same time we distribute condoms in the school dispensary. We need to return to God.

This means forgiveness through Jesus Christ and the new life which follows. This new life is empowered by God. The person who returns knows the meaning of Philippians 2:13, "God is at work in you both to will and to work for His good pleasure."

Here is the possibility for lasting change. It is the power of God to follow God's commandments.

First Baptist Church

Rev. Bill Fuller
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.

Ozona Church of Christ

Mr. Johnnie Perkins
Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.

Ozona United Methodist Church

Rev. James Carter
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Rev. Norvell Allen
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

Rev. Charles Huffman,
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 9 a.m.

Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church

Rev. Sergio Arrellano
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m., 7 p.m.

Templo Bautista Jerusalem

Pastor Miguel Arjon
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.

Church of God of Prophecy

Pastor Lupe Domaniquez
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 4:30 p.m.
Tues. & Thurs.: 6:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Rev. Bill DuBuisson
Rev. Ray Gallagher
Mass: 11:15, Sun., 7 p.m.,
Sat., 8:30 a.m.
M.W.T.F.

Calvary Baptist Church

Rev. Daniel C. Fleming
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.

Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida

Pastor Alec Rivera
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Wed. service: 7:00 p.m.

Apostolic Church

Rev. Filiberto Prieto
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 5 p.m.
Tue. & Thur. Service: 7:30 p.m.

Harvest Time Christian Center

Rev. Lewis A. Franklin
Sun. Christian Ed.: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Praise & Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Wed.: Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

Iglesia de Cristo

Sr. Manuel Suchil
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
Worship: 10:50 a.m. & 5 p.m.
Wed.: Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.
Sat.: Teen Bible Class: 7 p.m.

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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

WEEK ENDING 12-30-96 A. M.

ARRESTS:

12-23-96...Rocky Anthony Gamez, age 17, of Beeville was arrested on warrants from Nueces County on a charge of theft along with being charged with speeding and no driver's license. He was picked up on 12-26-96 and transported to Nueces County.

12-23-96...Pablo Fernandez Ibarra, age 26, of San Angelo, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication. He was released 12-24-96 after paying a fine in J.P. Court.

12-27-96...Russell Corsetti, age 20, of San Antonio was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana under two ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia and warrants for theft from Bexar County. He was released after posting bond on 12-28-96.

12-28-96...Michael David Graham, age 17, of Ozona was arrested on a charge of no driver's license. He was released on Dec. 28 after paying a fine in J.P. Court.

INCIDENTS

12-23-96...A report of criminal mischief to a sign on Sheffield Road. A sign had been hit by a vehicle and damaged.

12-23-96...A report of a dog bite on Ave. O.

12-27-96...A report was taken on a dog that was either missing or stolen around the 22nd of December on Santa Rosa Street. The dog was a Chihuahua.

12-28-96...A disorderly conduct report was taken on Marianna Street. The complainant reported an incident of window peeping that occurred on 12-20-96.

Calls received by sheriff's department from 8 a.m. 12-23-96 to 8 a.m. 12-30-96.

12-23-96
A criminal mischief report on Sheffield Road.
A locked vehicle on Encino Street. Unlocked the vehicle.
A stranded motorist needing a ride from Texaco #2 back to his vehicle at the Sheffield cutoff. Gave the motorist a ride.

A report of a dog bite on Ave. H.
A locked vehicle at Village Shopping Center. Unlocked the vehicle.
A report of a gas drive off from Shot's #4. The person came back and paid for the gas.
A report of an intoxicated person causing a disturbance. Arrested person on charge of public intoxication.

12-24-96
Assisted on truck wreck on highway 290.
A report of a motorist out of gas at the 352 mile marker. Took gas to motorist.
A locked vehicle at the Days Inn. Unlocked the vehicle.
A report of a stranded motorist out of gas at the east county line. Took gas to motorist.
A locked vehicle at T&C. Unable to unlock the vehicle.
A report of a stranded motorist at the 357 mile marker. Contacted a wrecker for the motorist.
A report of a stranded motorist three miles east of the truck stop. No one around the vehicle. Assist EMS at the Pit Stop with an injured person.
A report of a traffic accident 28 miles south of Ozona on 1973. Assisted EMS and DPS with accident.

12-25-96
A report of an intoxicated person at the Pit Stop. Checked and released.
A locked vehicle at the Pit Stop. Unlocked the vehicle.
A civil matter on Willow Street.
A welfare at Shot's #2. Motorist did not have enough money to cover the amount of gas pumped.

A locked vehicle at T.J. Video. Unlocked vehicle.
A possible fight on Vitela Street. No fight upon arrival.
A report of a jeep being taken from the owner from T&C. Unable to locate vehicle.

12-26-96
Locked vehicle on Piedra Street. Unlocked the vehicle.
A welfare at the jail. Gas to motorist.
A report of a gas drive off from Shot's #2. The person came back and paid.

12-27-96
Assist EMS at Crockett Heights.
A meet complainant on 11th Street in reference to a bad check.
A report of a stolen dog on Santa Rosa Street.
A report of kids throwing rocks at each other. Deputy talked to kids involved.
A welfare request. Gave gas.
A gas drive off at the Pit Stop. Unable to locate vehicle.
A locked vehicle on Ave. G. Unlocked the vehicle.
A report of a peeping tom on Marianna Street.
A stranded motorist two miles west. Assisted motorist.
Assisted DPS and EMS with an accident two and a half miles east on I-10.
Assisted a motorist walking into town on Highway 163 north. Gave motorist ride to vehicle. Assisted with funeral escort.
A report of a domestic dispute four miles east on Hwy. 290. Talked to male and female involved.

A gas drive off from Shot's #4. Unable to locate vehicle.
A report of a fire at the south baseball field. The grass had been set on fire by juveniles with firecrackers.

A disorderly conduct complaint on Marianna Street.

12-29-96
A gas drive off from Shot's #4. Unable to locate the vehicle.
A report of a family disturbance on Willow Street.
A locked vehicle on Monterey Street. Unlocked the vehicle.
A report of harassment on Ave. G. Matter settled.
A report from Fort Stockton on 911 of a person having chest pains at the 334 mile marker. Unable to locate vehicle. Vehicle later showed up at the Family Health Clinic.
A loose horse found on Ave. G. The horse brought to the S.O. and placed in the exercise pen.

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An alarm at Ozona High School. Checked and found teachers in the building.

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Program Offers Information On Foster And Adoptive Parenting

There will be a meeting in San Angelo Jan. 7 to present information on becoming a foster or adoptive parent. This meeting should answer basic questions about the foster/adopt program offered through the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

Your attendance at this meeting at Tree of Life Church located at 126

S. Jackson is important if you plan to attend the model approach to partnerships in parenting classes. These classes will begin Jan. 21 with the meeting place to be announced at the information meeting on Jan. 7.

You may call Beverly Hutchins or Maggie Sawyer at 915 597-0751 if you have any questions about the meeting schedule.



Cafeteria Menu

Jan. 6... Pizza, Nachos, Veg. Salad, Applesauce and Milk
Jan. 7... Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Corn, Peach Slices, Rolls and Milk
Jan. 8... Chick Burger, Salad, French Fries, Cookie and Milk
Jan. 9... Soft Tacos, Lettuce & Tomato, Refried Beans, Apple Crisp and Milk
Jan. 10... Roast Beef, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls and Milk

Fast Food Menu

Jan. 6... Corn Dog, Nachos, Veg. Salad, Applesauce and Milk
Jan. 7... Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Tator Tots, Peach Slices and Milk
Jan. 8... Hamburger, Salad, French Fries, Cookie and Milk
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All Muscle Cramps Are Not The Same

HOUSTON - Muscle cramps during exercise are often the first sign of an enzyme deficiency that can ultimately cause kidney failure.

"People often ignore this problem by attributing the muscle cramps to a lack of conditioning," said Dr. Yadollah Harati, a professor of neurology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. "These cramps should not be confused with normal muscle cramps that occur when we are at rest or after exercise."

Pain occurs in the exercised muscle usually five to 20 minutes into exercise, Harati says, and is often severe enough to cause a person to slow down or to stop completely.

These cramps are the first indication that the muscle is not converting glycogen, the sugar stored in muscles, into lactate, the sugar needed for strenuous muscle activity. The condition is one of several forms of glycogen storage disease.

"Many different enzymes work in the conversion of glycogen to lactate," Harati said. "If any one is deficient, the muscle does not produce

lactate and cannot provide the energy needed to move. Why this causes pain still remains a mystery."

Ignoring the condition can lead to muscle breakdown and severe kidney problems.

"If exercise is continued, the muscle breaks down and releases the meat of the muscle, myoglobin, into the bloodstream," Harati said. "As the body tries to rid itself of myoglobin, the large molecules can clog the kidney and eventually cause kidney failure."

Persons experiencing severe muscle breakdown often have colored urine. The injury also is reflected in elevated blood levels of the muscle enzyme creatine phosphokinase, of CPK.

Since people attribute the problem to weakness and tend to minimize exercise, diagnosis is often delayed.

"We diagnose the problem by using a special forearm exercise test and muscle biopsy," Harati said. The exercise test involves measurement of lactate in the blood before and after exercise under controlled conditions. The muscle biopsy, Harati says, reveals enzyme deficiencies when evaluated using specialized techniques.

Although there is no cure, patients can lead a normal life by exercising within their limits, avoiding

occupations that involve strenuous activity and modifying their diet.

"Decreasing carbohydrates and including more proteins, like meat or fish, provides an alternate source of energy," he said.

Enzyme deficiencies are usually hereditary, so early knowledge of the condition enables persons to watch for signs in relatives.

"There is no need for this condition to become life threatening," Harati said. "The sooner people realize the seriousness of muscle cramps during exercise, the better."

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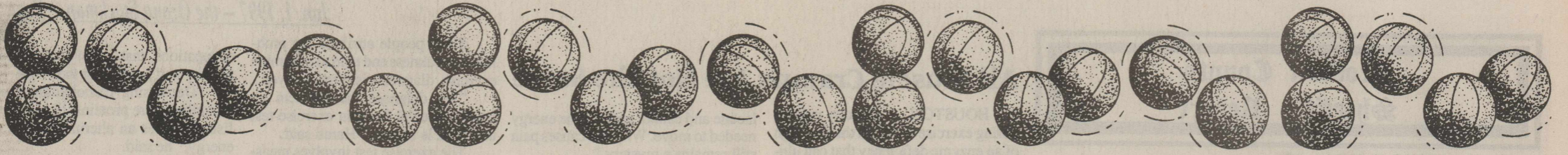
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EIGHTH GRADE MEMBERS OF THE OZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR 1996-97 ARE: back row, from left, Chris O'Brien, Josh Tambunga, Dustin Faught, Juan Garcia, Leon Garcia, Rob Madris, Chad Flanagan, Gerald Avila, Stephen Tarr, Chase Adams and Jeffrey Mendez; front row, Ray Ramos, Jimmy Nowell, Joe Tobar, Gerardo Elizando and Jed Roane. photo by Sandra Childress

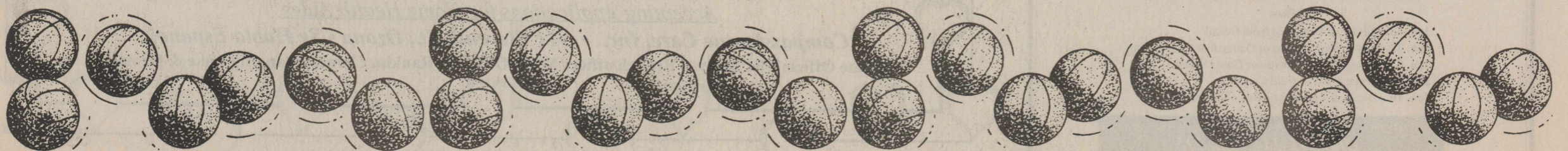
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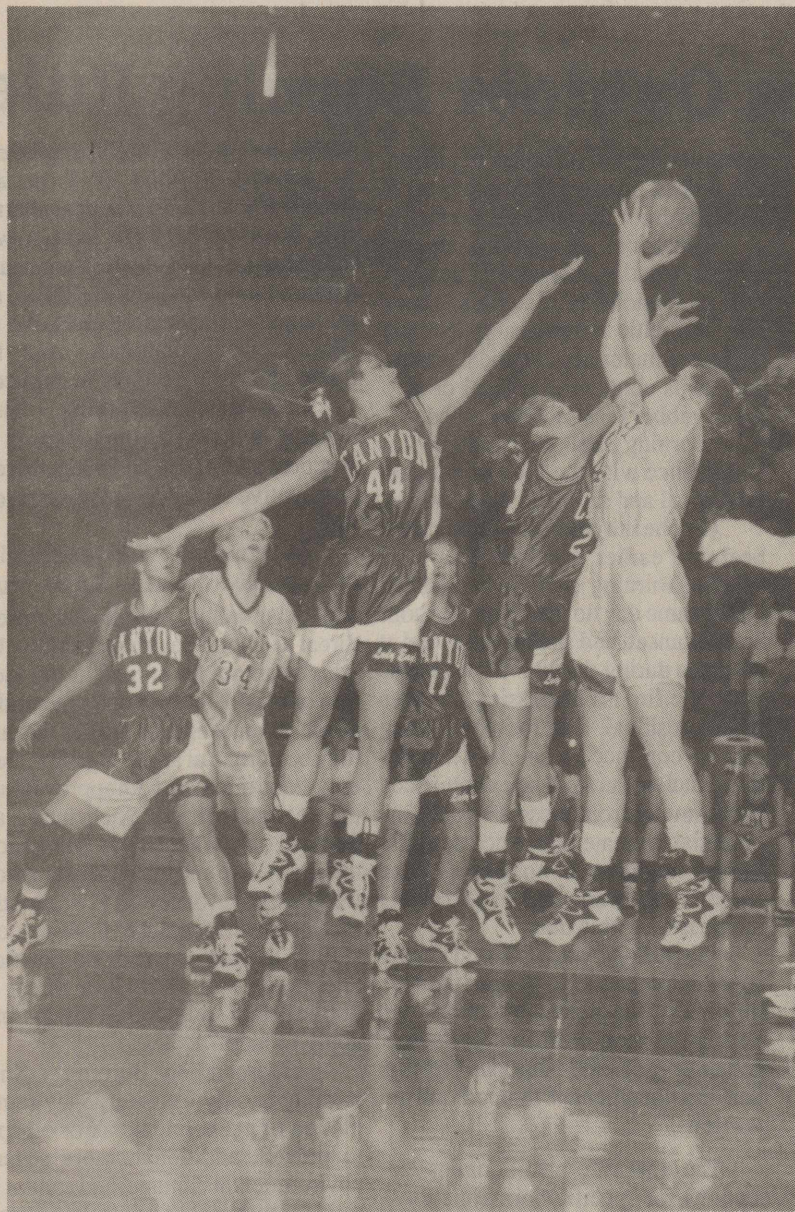
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LADY LION SHELLY SULLIVAN goes up for a jump shot as Canyon High's Brooke Moore #44 and another Lady Eagle defend. The Lady Lions lost 56-36 to the third ranked team in the nation, the Lady Eagles, in the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic held in Midland Dec. 26-28.

photo by Neal Ulmer

Why Baby Boomers Can Count On Social Security

Are you a baby boomer? If you were born between 1946 and 1964, you are considered to be a member of the most written about age group in the history of the nation.

It's a group whose huge size has stressed the social institutions of the country from kindergarten through college, the job market, and even the stock market.

Much has been written about how retiring baby boomers will cause the Social Security trust funds to run out of money. In 2008, 76 million baby boomers will start to retire.

Right now the ratio of workers paying into the trust funds to beneficiaries drain from the trust funds is five to one. Around the year 2030, it will be less than three to one.

When the youngest boomers reach retirement age around 2029, the trust funds will need additional funding to pay benefits on time.

So if you are between 32 and 50 today and expect to retire sometime in the next century, should you include Social Security in your retirement plans? The answer is yes.

There is widespread public support among Americans that Social Security must be preserved and protected for the future generations.

And the early warning provided by the Board of Trustees gives us time to make the adjustments necessary to assure the continuation of benefits.

Social Security Commissioner Shirley S. Charter makes a similar point in a recent speech:

"There is no crisis in Social Security. Many people don't believe in the future of Social Security because they think the program is going broke. That simply is not true.

In 1995 alone, the Old Age, Survivors and Disability Trust Fund took in \$400 billion in income and paid out \$340 billion. That added more than \$60 billion to a trust fund balance that stood at nearly \$500 billion at the end of the year.

By law, this money in the trust fund is invested in U.S. Treasury securities, the safest investment you can make. Just as you want your bank to invest your savings, Social Security invests its funds.

In 1995, Social Security's investments in the United States securities earned \$35 billion in interest alone. The

trust funds are managed and accounted for by a board of trustees which provides an annual report to Congress.

The trustees, in their most recent report, said that the trust funds will continue to grow for the next 23 years, until 2019. At that point, we will have to begin drawing on trust funds assets.

If there are no changes in the program whatsoever, in 2029, 33 years from now, there will no longer be assets remaining in the trust fund, so we will have to rely solely on income to pay benefits.

At that point, we will still be able to fund about 77 percent of total expenditures. This timetable tells us that, yes, we do have to take action to ensure our long-range solvency, but — with a current annual surplus in the tens of billions — no, we do not have an immediate crisis on our hands.

The real crisis will occur if we act in haste. ... I cannot stress enough that we must not rush into debating these ideas without first putting into place a solid framework —

Democratic and Republican, executive and legislative, that will be able to fairly represent all views and understand all concerns."

Garland Gregg, representative for the San Angelo Social Security Office, has scheduled his Dec. visit to Ozona. He will be at the conference room, courthouse Annex in Ozona on Wednesday, Dec. 18, from 1:00 to 2:30.

Anyone who wants to file a claim for benefits, get information, or transact other business with the Social Security administration may contact him at the time.

Lone Star Events

Jan. 3, 4 and 8-11 — Sand Hills Hereford and Quarter Horse Show, Odessa. Odessa welcomes you and your family to ring in the new year at the Sand Hills Hereford and Quarter Horse Show. The lamb, steer and hereford show will also take place January 2-4. The whole town will be bustling with rodeo fever beginning at the end of December and rolling into the first 12 days of January. The Tex-Mex barrel race, a rodeo dance and team roping are just a few of the exciting activities that will take place at Odessa's Ector County Coliseum and Fair Grounds. For more information, contact Gerri McAdams, P.O. Box 14227, Odessa, TX 79768. 915/366-3951.

Jan. 17-20 — Kerr County District Junior Livestock Show, Kerrville. Bring the whole family to a great youth-oriented show for 4-H and FFA members. With more than 2,000 entrants from a 32-county area, this show is the fifth largest in Texas. The competitors will show their prize livestock for trophies and cash prizes at the Hill Country Youth Exhibit Center, Highway 27 East. The county competition gets underway January 18, with the district competition scheduled for Friday, January 19. The public auction of the livestock begins Saturday, January 21 at 1:00 p.m. For more information, contact Laurinda Boyd, Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show Association, 5001 San Antonio Highway, Kerrville, TX 78028. 210/257-6568.

Jan. 18-19 — Gem and Mineral Show, Fredericksburg. Attention all rock fans! The Fredericksburg Rockhounds are holding their 28th Annual Gem and Mineral Show at Lady Bird Johnson Park, three miles south of Fredericksburg on Highway 16. The doors open Saturday at 10 a.m. and close at 6 p.m. Sunday hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dealer booths will exhibit a magnificent array of beautiful treasures that you can gaze at for purchase or pleasure. The show will offer fantastic displays and amazing demonstrations for you, and all of the gems in your life, to enjoy. For more information, contact Jerry Foster, c/o Sticks and Stones, 413 E. Main, Fredericksburg, TX 78624. 210/997-6187.

Jan. 20-26 — The 11th Maybe Annual Miller Lite River Bottom Festival and Mud Parade, San Antonio.

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Ear Infections Can Cause More Serious Problems

About 25 million times a year, young children become fussy, their fevers exceed 102 degrees, their appetites diminish, they wake at night and they tug at their ears.

They are suffering from otitis media, or an ear infection, which can cause much more serious problems if not treated.

"If the infection spreads to the brain, it can cause meningitis," says Dr. Micheal Biavati, an assistant professor of otorhinolaryngology at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas who specializes in children's ear, nose, and throat problems.

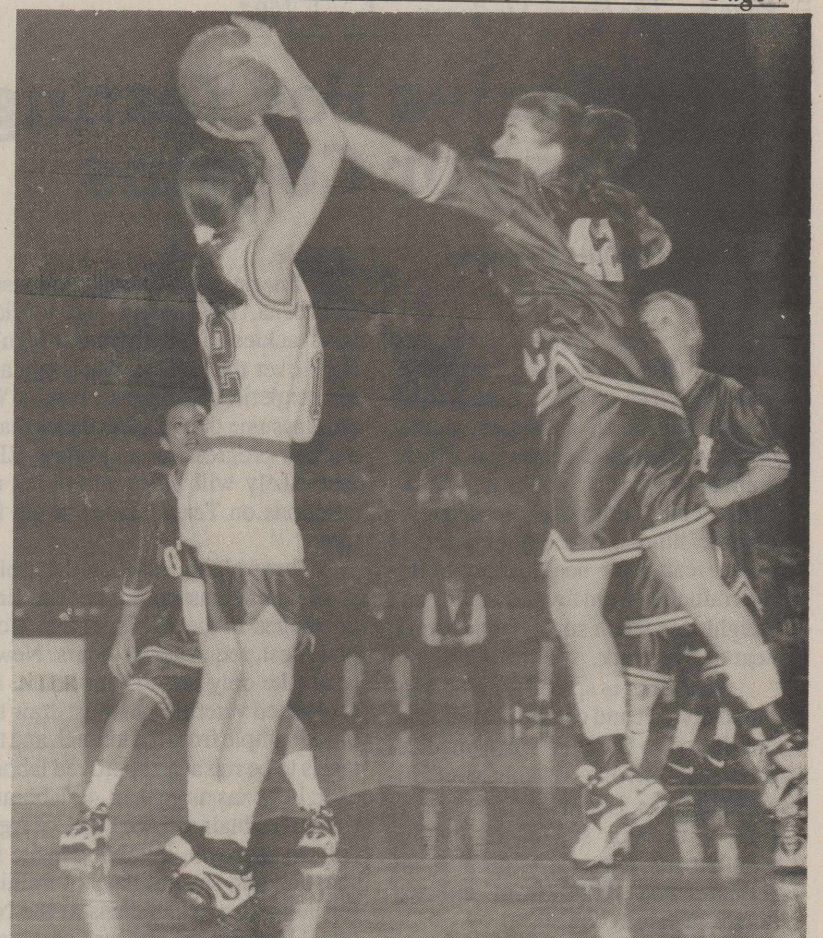
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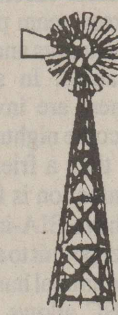
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OZONA'S SHELLY SULLIVAN reaches up to try to knock the ball away as a Midland High Lady Dawg attempts to shoot. Sullivan's teammates Leslie Avila (left) and Amber McWilliams (right) look on. The Ladies defeated the Lady Dawgs 47-31 for the third place trophy in Saturday afternoon's game at the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic in Midland.

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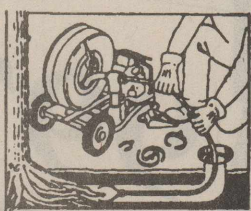
Although women should get an initial mammogram by age 40, it's especially crucial for older women to have regular screenings because the risk of developing breast cancer increases with age. Women ages 40 to 49 should get mammograms every two years, and women over age 50 should have annual screenings. Early detection is a key factor in successful treatment.



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New Rules For Testing Horses For Coggins

By Miles Dabovich
CEA-AG

The virus, Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA), usually called "Coggins" or "swamp fever", can affect any equine, such as horses, mules, donkeys, asses and zebras. Once in the animal, the virus breaks down red blood cells, bringing on death or chronic illness. Sometimes infected equine can look healthy, but suffer intermittently from fever, swelling and weight loss when subjected to stress, heat or overwork.

EIA virus is spread by blood-to-blood contact and can be passed from one horse to another when medical treatments involve reusing contaminated needles. Likewise, large horseflies, with their saw-edged cutting mouth parts, can carry droplets of contaminated blood from infected horses to "clean" ones.

Unlike a lot of diseases, researchers haven't developed a vaccine, cure or effective treatment for EIA. But owners can do a lot to protect their equine by keeping them away from infected animals, by sterilizing medical instruments, and by controlling horseflies.

Prevention tactics are the foundation for the 1997 EIA regulations. Starting Jan. 1, equine must have had a negative EIA test within the previous 12 months before being gathered with other horses for competitive, social or exhibition events. The same rules apply for selling, trading or buying a horse. Testing will help prevent the mixing of infected equine with disease-free animals. Dealers also must keep records on equine bought and sold to make it possible to track animals, if infection is found.

The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) is asking for voluntary compliance with the regulations, and enforcement of the rules with penalties will be deferred until after May 6, 1997.

This "phase-in" period for the rules will give TAHC staff more time to work with markets, owners, associations, trail rides and rodeos. The commission and staff will continue to explore options and alternatives to implement the regulations with as little interruption to accepted procedures as possible.

possible.

Other states, including Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida, have tackled EIA with similar regulations over the past several years and have experienced dramatic results. We must assume that as other states make marked progress in controlling EIA, they likely will place additional restrictions on Texas horses in the future.

Three blood tests can determine if an equine has the virus. The first, developed in the 1970s, is the "Coggins" test, requiring 24 hours. Newer tests take only one to four hours. An accredited veterinarian must draw the blood sample from the animal, and the test is to be run at an approved laboratory. In Texas more than 40 laboratories have obtained U.S. Dept. of Agriculture approval, involving a site inspection and several days of training for laboratory technicians at the National Veterinary Services Laboratory in Ames, IA.

In Texas, EIA-infected animals are identified by TAHC inspectors, and all the equine on the premise are quarantined, meaning they can't be moved off the site without a TAHC permit.

This means barrel racers can't race with those horses, team penners can't take them to penning and ranch horses can't be hauled. In stables, where several owners are involved, the situation can become nightmarish. Owners lose more than a friend and companion when infection is found.

After owners have EIA-infected animals moved under permit to a clinic, slaughter or have the animal humanely destroyed, the TAHC allows the remaining horses from the premise to move freely, provided these equine test negative for the disease 60 days later.

TAHC can control the spread of this disease and save owners a lot of heartache. But owners must do their part. Control horseflies. Don't buy an untested horse. And don't expose your equines to potentially infected animals.

To request information about EIA and regulations at no cost, call the nearest TAHC area office or the Austin TAHC headquarters at 512-719-0710.

TNRCC Modifies, Updates Outdoor Burning Rule

Since Texas began regulating outdoor burning in 1973, the Outdoor Burning Rule (ODB) has been modified as specific needs arose, causing some ambiguity and inconsistency. To address this, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission last year began a comprehensive analysis of the rule with an eye toward improving consistency and producing an updated, streamlined rule reflective of today's needs. The new rule was approved on Aug. 21 and became effective Sept. 16.

The principal underpinnings of the ODB Rule remain. Outdoor burning must not pose a nuisance; traffic hazards must be avoided; and air quality must be protected. But the new rule does have some basic conceptual changes. First, fire is explicitly recognized as a viable management tool with no practical alternative for certain types of forest, range, and ecological management, and also for risk reduction for removal of fuel overloading. Also, the rule differentiates between fire used for disposal and fire used for management.

As with the old rule, there are general requirements regulating all outdoor burning, with the exception of fire training, certain domestic waste

burning, disposal of diseased animal carcasses, and hydrocarbon burning from pipeline breaks and oil spills. These are as follows:

•Before the start of prescribed or controlled burning for forest management, the Texas Forest Service shall be notified.

•No burning is allowed within the corporate limits of a city or town unless municipal ordinances permit burning.

•Burning shall be allowed only when wind direction and other meteorological conditions are such that smoke and other pollutants will not cause adverse effects to any public road, landing strip, navigable water or off-site structure containing sensitive receptors, such as people with respiratory problems, sensitive vegetation or livestock, or anything negatively affected by smoke or heat.

If at any time the burning causes or may tend to cause smoke to flow onto or across a road or highway, it is the responsibility of the person initiating the burn to post flag-persons on affected roads.

•Burning must be conducted downwind of or at least 300 feet from any structure containing sensitive

receptors located on adjacent properties unless prior written approval is obtained from the affected occupant.

•Electrical insulation, treated lumber, plastics, non-wood construction or demolition materials, heavy oils, asphaltic materials, potentially explosive materials, chemical wastes, and items containing natural or synthetic rubber must not be burned.

•Burning shall be conducted in compliance with the following meteorological and timing considerations.

(1) The initiation of burning shall begin no earlier than one hour after sunrise. Burning shall be completed on the same day no later than one hour before sunset, and shall be attended at all times during the active burn phase when the fire is progressing. In cases where residual fires or smoldering objects continue to smoke after this time, such areas shall be extinguished if the smoke from these areas has the potential to create a nuisance or traffic hazard condition. In no case shall the extent of the burn area be allowed to increase after this time.

(2) Burning is not allowed if wind speed is predicted to be less than six miles per hour or greater than 23 mph during the burn or during periods of actual or predicted National Weather Service documented temperature inversions.

The new rule also contains exceptions for specific burn situations. The principal changes are:

•Fire Training - Written notification to the appropriate TNRCC regional office must be made, but approval is automatic if not denied within 10 working days. Dedicated high-frequency (at least weekly) training facilities must submit to the regional office an annual letter of intent to continue training, but daily notification of training is no longer necessary. For facilities with less frequent training, an annual letter is required, as is notice 24 hours prior to burn.

•Domestic Waste - Such burning is allowed if no governmental entity provides or specifically authorizes waste collection service. Domestic waste is waste generated on the site of a private residence and includes such things as kitchen garbage, untreated lumber, cardboard boxes, packaging, clothing, grass, leaves and branch trimmings. Examples of wastes not considered domestic wastes are tires, non-wood construction debris, furniture,

carpet, electrical wire and appliances.

•On-site Burning of Trees and Brush - If there is no practical alternative, it can be done for right-of-way maintenance, land clearing and maintenance along water canals if there are no negative impacts on sensitive receptors. Only materials from the immediate property may be burned.

•Crop Residue Burning - Such burning is allowed when there is no practical alternative and when there is no negative effect on sensitive receptors.

•Governmental Off-site Burning of Vegetative Matter - Trees, brush and other plant growth that pose a threat to public health and safety, but which can not be burned at the location of origin because of a potential to cause a nuisance or traffic hazard, may be burned at another governmentally-controlled site with approval from the regional office. Such burns are allowed only where there is no practical alternative and may not occur more frequently than once every two months. It is the governmental entity's responsibility to prove there is no practical alternative and there is a threat to public health and safety. This does not apply to landfill sites.

•Hydrocarbon Burning - Such burning is only for emergency remediation of a pipeline break or oil spill to prevent additional, more severe, environmental damage, and cannot be used for disposal of a petroleum product or clean-up wastes such as absorbents.

It should be noted that adherence to the ODB Rule does not absolve one of potential liability from burning, nor does it exempt one from complying with all other applicable laws, ordinances, regulations or orders.

New Cartilage-Replacement Surgery In The Works

Researchers have found a way to coax damaged cartilage into repairing itself.

The technique is part of cartilage-replacement surgery and represents the medical future for patients suffering from debilitating knee injuries.

"This operation is probably two to three years away from being performed throughout the country," said Dr. Walter Lowe, a clinical associate professor at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and one of the orthopedic surgeons participating in a long-term study of the surgery.

The procedure was pioneered by researchers in Sweden.

It involves taking cartilage cells from a healthy part of a patient's injured knee. The cells are then sent to a laboratory, where new cells are grown. Finally, the new cultured cartilage cells are injected into the injured area of the knee.

"This could revolutionize the way we treat thousands of knee injuries each year," said Lowe. "It has the potential to make an injured knee as strong as it was before the injury."

Although Swedish researchers report positive results, Lowe said many American doctors still have questions and are waiting on research in this country before performing the surgery.

Currently, the options for treating knee injuries, particularly those involving anterior cruciate ligament tears with cartilage damage, are limited. Cartilage-replacement surgery would offer new hope to the 900,000 people who experience cartilage injuries each year.

Although the surgery has primarily been studied in patients with knee injuries, Lowe said it has the potential to repair shoulder and ankle injuries as well.

Governor Proclaims January School Board Recognition Month

(AUSTIN) — Governor George W. Bush has proclaimed Jan. 1997 as School Board Recognition Month and districts across the state will use this opportunity to build awareness and understanding of the important function as elected board of education plays in their communities and schools.

"For more than 200 years, local school boards have governed and guided local schools in accordance with the will of the people. They have ensured that citizens control and are accountable for the schools in each community," he said.

"Today the school board's role is more vital than ever before. Schools face great challenges and great opportunities. Texans appreciate their local school board members who are working diligently to improve education in their districts. We encouraged them to set high standards of academics excellence for all our children," he said.

"It is important that we recognize the vision, leadership, and time that dedicated school board members give to their local districts. We must support them in their efforts to see that each child reaches his or her potential in education," he said.

"As citizen advocates, individual

board members face a complex and demanding job; yet few people fully understand the scope and far-reaching implications of board members' responsibilities," said James B. Crow, executive director of the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB).

"Texans benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by school board members. These public servants are elected to serve by local constituents and receive no compensation for their tireless efforts. We hope every community will acknowledge the thousands of trustees who make the time to care about Texas children and their futures," Crow said.

TASB is a voluntary, nonprofit organization established nearly 50 years ago to serve local Texas school districts. It includes 1,048 school districts and county school boards, 44 junior colleges, 56 tax appraisal districts, 63 cooperatives, and 20 education service centers.

School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent have a combined annual budget of \$18 billion and employ more than 450,000 people.

HAVE A SWINGING TIME!

Happy New Year & A Barreful Of Thanks!

Collett & Son Machine & Gun Shop

TIME'S RUNNING OUT...

As 1996 comes to an end, we'd like to say "Happy New Year and thanks for being our friend!"

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May 1996 bring all good things to you and yours!

1997

BRIGHT WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Hope your new year opens to rave reviews. Thank you for doing business with us.

De La Rosa Plumbing

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1997

It's a New Year on **JAN. 1ST**

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Here's hoping it's filled with wonderful days. Thanks, friends!

DAYSTOP

Wishing You The BEST OF LUCK IN '97!

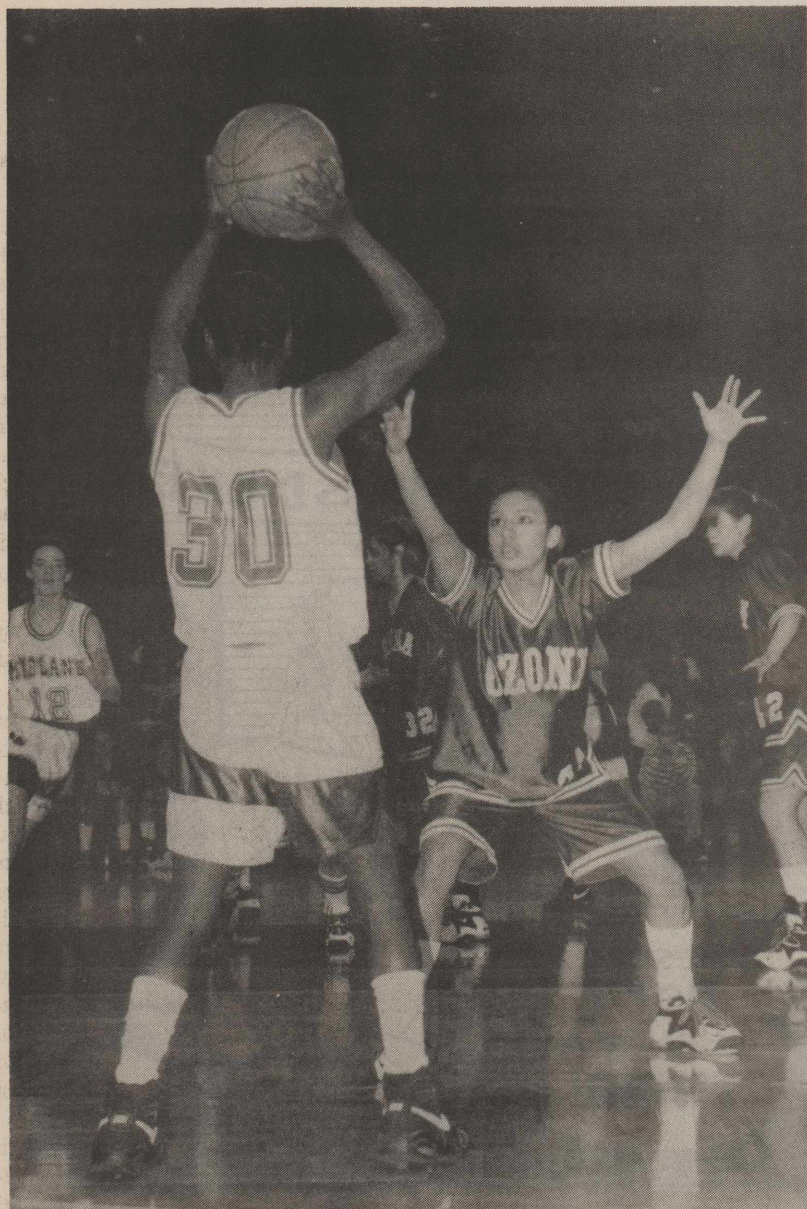
May success and prosperity be your constant companions in the next twelve months and beyond! We consider ourselves very fortunate to have such loyal patrons. Thanks to you, 1997 looks like another great year ahead!

Lillie's Beauty Salon
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Jose Luis & Lillie Garanzuay

OPEN THE YEAR WITH OUR THANKS

We're sending all of you our deep appreciation for your patronage and our best wishes for a healthy and happy new year!

Crockett Automotive



LADY LION LESLIE AVILA guards a Midland High Lady Dawg in Saturday's third place game of the Byron Johnston Holiday Classic in Midland. The Lady Lions won 47-31 over the Lady Dawgs and increased their record to 17-1. photo by Neal Ulmer

Junction Stockyards Report

Junction stockyards sold 237 head of cattle Friday, Dec. 13. Choice calves and yearlings about steady to \$1 lower. Plainer calves \$1-2 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls steady to \$2 lower. Stocker cows steady.

Choice Light Steer Calves: 60 - 72 #
 Choice Medium Steer Calves: 57 - 76 #
 Choice Heavy Steer Calves: 55 - 64 #
 Medium Quality Steer Calves: 53 - 57 #
 Choice Steer Yearlings: 55 - 62 #
 Mixed Steer & Bull Calves & Yearlings: 50 - 56 #
 Choice Light Heifer Calves: 52 - 60 #
 Choice Medium Heifer Calves: 52 - 57 #
 Choice Heavy Heifer Calves: 52 - 57 #
 Medium Quality Heifer Calves: 50 - 53 #
 Choice Heifer Yearlings: 50 - 55 #
 Mixed Heifer Calves & Yearlings: 48 - 52 #
 Commercial & Utility Cows: 27 - 31.50 #
 Canners & Cutters: 21 - 26 #
 Low Yielding Canners: 18 - 21 #
 Bulls: 37 - 40 #
 Stockers Cows: \$325.00 - \$465

Stockers Pairs: \$425.00 - \$600.00 pr.

The Stockyards sold 5784 goats and sheep Monday, Dec. 16. Lamb selling about steady. Slaughter ewes and bucks 3-5 lower. Stocker Angoras steady. Slaughter Angoras 3-4 lower. Spanish goat \$2-5 lower except Spanish billies \$2-5 higher.

Choice Spring Lambs: 95 - 108 #
 Heavy Lambs: 83 - 91 #
 Fat Ewes: 38 - 41 #
 Thin Ewes: 36 - 41 #
 Bucks: 32 - 39.50
 Choice Young Angoras: \$27.00 - \$37.00 hd.
 Medium Angoras: \$17 - \$24.00 hd.

Choice Angora Kids: 72 - 83 #
 Medium Angora Kids: 72 - 77 #
 Weighing Angoras Shorn (fat) muttons 41-50 #; nannies 37.50-46 #
 Fat Weighing Angoras Shorn: nannies: 37.00 - 46 #
 Big Fat Spanish Muttons and Billies: 70 - 85 #
 Fat Yearlings: 78 - 86 #
 Big Fat Spanish Nannies: 48 - 54.50 #
 Stocker Nannies: \$30.00 - \$44.00 hd.

Fat Kids: 83 - 94 #
 Small Kids: \$15.00 - \$25.00 hd.

Food Diary May Help Overweight Children

This New Year's resolution, a food diary, may help overweight children get a good start on learning proper food amounts.

"Most obese children 'graze,'" said Dr. William Klish, head of pediatric nutrition at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital in Houston. "The food diary is a good way for them to record exactly what they eat."

The food diary includes entries for what, when and why food is eaten, as well as specifics on amounts of food and pertinent nutritional information. It's a common behavioral modification tool used for overweight adults and can work for children, he said.

Klish adds that, for most children, a moderate diet and exercise can help control weight. he also suggests parents encourage activities such as hobbies, sports and school functions to divert a child's attention away from food.

Modifying their eating habits can also help.

"Scheduling eating and eating slowly to control weight can give them a sense of accomplishment and build self-esteem," Klish said. "They should also understand there is a difference between needing food and desiring it."

Texas Oil And Gas Production Report

NOVEMBER PERMITS TO DRILL

The Texas Railroad Commission issued a total of 1,064 original drilling permits in November compared to 889 in November, 1995. The November total included 848 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 36 to re-enter existing well bores, and 180 for re-completions.

So far in 1996, there have been 11,618 drilling permits issued compared to 10,325 recorded during the same period in 1995. Permits issued in November included 458 oil, 236 gas, oil and gas, 16 injection, and 16 other permits.

NOVEMBER OIL AND GAS COMPLETIONS

In November operators reported 303 oil, 290 gas, 32 injection and five other completions, compared to 281 oil, 335 gas and 35 injection and other completions during the same month of last year.

Total well completions for 1996 year-to-date - is 7,927 up from 7,775 recorded during the same period in 1995.

Operators reported 516 holes plugged and 102 dry holes in November, compared to 1,303 holes plugged and 52 dry holes reported the same period last year.

SEPTEMBER CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION

Texas preliminary September, 1996 crude oil production averaged 1,321,607 barrels daily, down from the 1,354,641 barrels daily averaged of September, 1995.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for September, 1996 is 39,648,209 barrels, a decrease from the 40,639,228 barrels reported during September, 1995.

Crockett County produced 261,710 barrels in September.

SEPTEMBER NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION

Texas oil and gas wells produced 454,917,591 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for September, 1996, up from the September, 1995 preliminary gas production total of 446,710,491 Mcf.

Crockett County, ranked seventh in the state, produced 11,928,953 Mcf for the period.

Texas gas production in September came from 162,574 oil, and 49,572 gas wells.

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 Happy New Year!

Family Affair

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LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH!

We really appreciate your calling on us and look forward to seeing you again next year.
 Happy New Year!

El Gallito

Ring In the New Year

As we herald in the start of another year, we'd like to chime in with our best wishes and thanks to all of you who have made our year a ringing success.

El Chato's

BEST OF LUCK IN THE NEW YEAR

Before we step into the future, we'd like to step back and say thank you to all our customers who've helped to make our year a success!

Knox Floor Covering

GOOD TIMES AHEAD!

May you enjoy every moment of 1997.
 Thank you for spending time with us this past year.

SHOT'S #2 & #4

Texas Energy Awareness Facts

The oil and gas industry in Texas has contributed millions of dollars in charitable gifts to worthy health, education, community, environmental, and cultural causes and foundations across the state.

In 1995 alone, just 17 Texas-based oil and gas companies reported giving nearly \$40 million in charitable gifts. Worthy recipients included such organizations as:

United Way, March of Dimes, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society;
 Universities of Texas and Texas A&M, Lamar University, Richland College, Texas Tech University;
 Center for Battered Women,

Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering, Junior Achievement, Habitat for Humanity;
 Texas Nature Conservancy, Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation, Wild Bird Rehabilitation Center, Gulf Coast Conservation Association;
 Houston Museum of Natural Science, Teatro Hispano De Dallas, Texas State Aquarium

It is estimated that the more than 6,000 oil and gas producers in Texas gave well over \$60 million to worthy charitable causes in 1995 alone. That figure does not include personal gifts by industry executives, employees or family members.

ANOTHER YEAR... RIGHT ON TIME!

The new year is building up steam and we'd like to express our thanks and send very best wishes your way.

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YEAR-ROUND Good Wishes

Enjoy every minute for they turn to hours. So take the time to smell the flowers. For soon those hours turn into days. And then they become yesterdays. So treat each day special and unique.

And you will have some joyful weeks. And when they become months, you'll see. They'll be filled with happy memories. To share with those whom you hold dear. As you recount a successful year!

We'd like all your memories to be happy ones. and urge you not to drink and drive this holiday season.

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[All banking facilities will be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1.]

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Landowners Keep One Eye Open

By Arthur W. Nagel, Founder
Riverside & Landowners
Protective Coalition Inc.

Do other people still desire to have a voice in how to manage your property? Yes, they do.

But, I thought all that had blown over.

Read on, Pilgrim.

On Nov. 5, Oregonians handily defeated a stream-fencing initiative.

Oregon activists' led by an anti-beef physician, put on the ballot a requirement ranchers would be required to erect fencing 100 feet from all streams to preclude livestock from trampling and polluting streams.

Oregon ranchers, seeing they would lose some grazing land, access to water in pastures, and their income and lifestyle were in jeopardy by anti-meat defeated the issue by 2 to 1.

The physician was charged weeks before the election with having killed almost a dozen head of livestock belonging to a neighbor.

Here in water deficient Texas, fencing off rivers and streams can become close to killing off your livestock. We all need to stay alert to this insidious trick.

During this past summer in Colorado, proponents of a proposed wading trespass worked to have such an initiative placed on the Nov. 5 ballot.

All rivers and streams in Colorado are classified as non-navigable. Thus streambeds are private property of the owner of the streamside land and taxed as other land.

Years ago a law was passed that allowed persons to float or paddle (but not stop) down Colorado streams and rivers. There is a lesson here for us. Give in to a little trespassing of your private property and soon your sign "private property" becomes meaningless. This proposed initiative would have allowed persons to stop and walk or wade in streams and on land at streamside without approval of the landowner.

The proponents set out to obtain the required number of signatures on their petitions to put allowing wading trespass on the ballot.

Ranchers and other landowners went to work, too. They mounted extensive campaigns, in talks and print, to educate fellow Coloradans of the seriousness and illegal approach to violating private property by allowing wading trespassing. In addition, they highlighted the damage to stream fish habitat and sources of food. This writer aided in a small way the defeat of this initiative.

Proponents of the initiative failed to get their required number of signa-

tures. Placement on the ballot Nov. 5 was defeated. But it cost in money and time.

The issue was called "Fair Fishing Amendment". Landowners are aware the issue can come up again. They are committed to remaining united and alert to revival of the issue.

People who have ranches in southeastern Utah through several generations by leasing BLM land for grazing are as angry as disturbed hornets.

President Clinton established in September the Grand Staircase - Escalante National Monument covering 1.7 million acres of land.

The President in so doing put a big bur under their saddle in that no one, neither the Utah governor, federal or state legislators, nor local holders of grazing permits were told or consulted in this designation. Most feel it was done to gain votes from environmentalists. And as the locals say: backpackers and bicyclists are not high-dollar visitors.

A Dutch-owned mining company holds coal-leasing rights to 600,000 acres now in the monument boundaries. The area has been looking for the mining operation to be approved. It would provide 900-1000 jobs for area people.

Ranchers fear their grazing leases will be cut back in the future - thus making ranching no longer economically feasible - to them or their children.

Texas is 97% privately-owned land. So, for us it is the government talking about critical habitat areas for endangered species. Or you may have a wetland if government digs down and finds damp soil a foot below the surface. Or, save that tree, a bird may want to sit in that tree in his/her next trip through Texas.

Do rural landowners need to maintain a vigil? Yes, always. I have thought it strange that there are people who want to reduce food and fiber production which occurs only on rural land.

But now I know better. They can get what they want from HEB, Super-S or Wal Mart.

But outdoor playgrounds are not found at supermarkets. So, people "have" to use your land for recreation or, "for the public good" by preserving habitat for animals - which again is always found in rural areas.

My fellow landowners, let's keep up our vigil on protecting private property, keep being the original environmentalists, even if you must keep punching holes in your belts. Who is looking out for us? Nobody.

Texas Energy Awareness Facts

Texas is the number one oil and gas producing state in the United States. In fact, Texas produces approximately one-fourth of our nation's oil and gas.

Number of Actively Producing Wells:

1. United States (without Texas): 424,197
2. Texas: 175,532
3. Former Soviet Union: 148,990
4. Rest of the World: 143,741

Wichita Country (in North Texas) alone has more actively producing oil wells than the entire Middle East

combined. Wichita County: 7,988; Middle East: 7,790 (Abu Dhabi: 993; Iran: 730; Iraq: 820*; Kuwait: 350; Neutral Zone: 231; Qatar: 268; Saudi Arabia: 1,400).

If Texas were a nation by itself, it would rank as the 15th largest producer of oil in the world.

More than 56 billion barrels of oil have been produced in Texas since the discovery of oil in Texas (1894).

More than 341 trillion cubic feet of natural gas have been produced in Texas since 1932.

*Post Gulf War estimate

J. P. Doodles Joins Staff.

Some funny-looking faces appear in the pages of this paper - those of cartoon character J.P. Doodles and his friends. The Ozona Stockman is featuring a new editorial cartoon called J. P. DOODLES by Montana cartoonist Barry McWilliams.

"J.P. DOODLES" deals with the humorous aspects of small-town life. The main character, Doodles, explores the ins and outs of daily life and helps his readers see the lighter side of such diverse problems as local politics, potholes, tourism, cabin fever, frozen water pipes, the schools, small town gossip, hunting, and fishing, farming, and ranching.

For 15 years, Barry has been creating various predicaments for Doodles to get himself out of. Barry first became interested in drawing when he was a fifth grader, and a representative from Walt Disney Studios visiting his school.

At that point, he was determined that someday he would also draw cartoons as a profession. After graduating from high school and serving in the Army, Barry majored in English at San Francisco State. ("Studying the great poets is where I learned to write captions for cartoon," Barry says today.)

He taught school for several years in rural areas of California, Montana, Colorado, and New Mexico. During those years he also drove trucks, cooked in restaurants, worked in the woods, and broke horses.

The whole time, he was participating in and closely observing small town life and storing up knowledge that would someday appear in his cartoon.

Rural life is attractive to Barry because the people are friendlier, and more open. "It's easier to see life at work," he said. "A small town is like an extended family." In 1978, while Barry was selling advertising, a friend told him that his work was good enough to see.

It was at this point that Barry decided it was time to make his dream come true. He began drawing "J.P. DOODLES." He signed these cartoons "Barry" instead of using his surname, as other professional cartoonists do, because it fit the casual life in small towns he was drawing for.

Barry traveled around Montana three times in the winter of 1978, stopping in every town that had a newspaper. Within three months he was working for 55 papers in the state. He remained independent, handling his own accounts, and never signed with a syndicate.

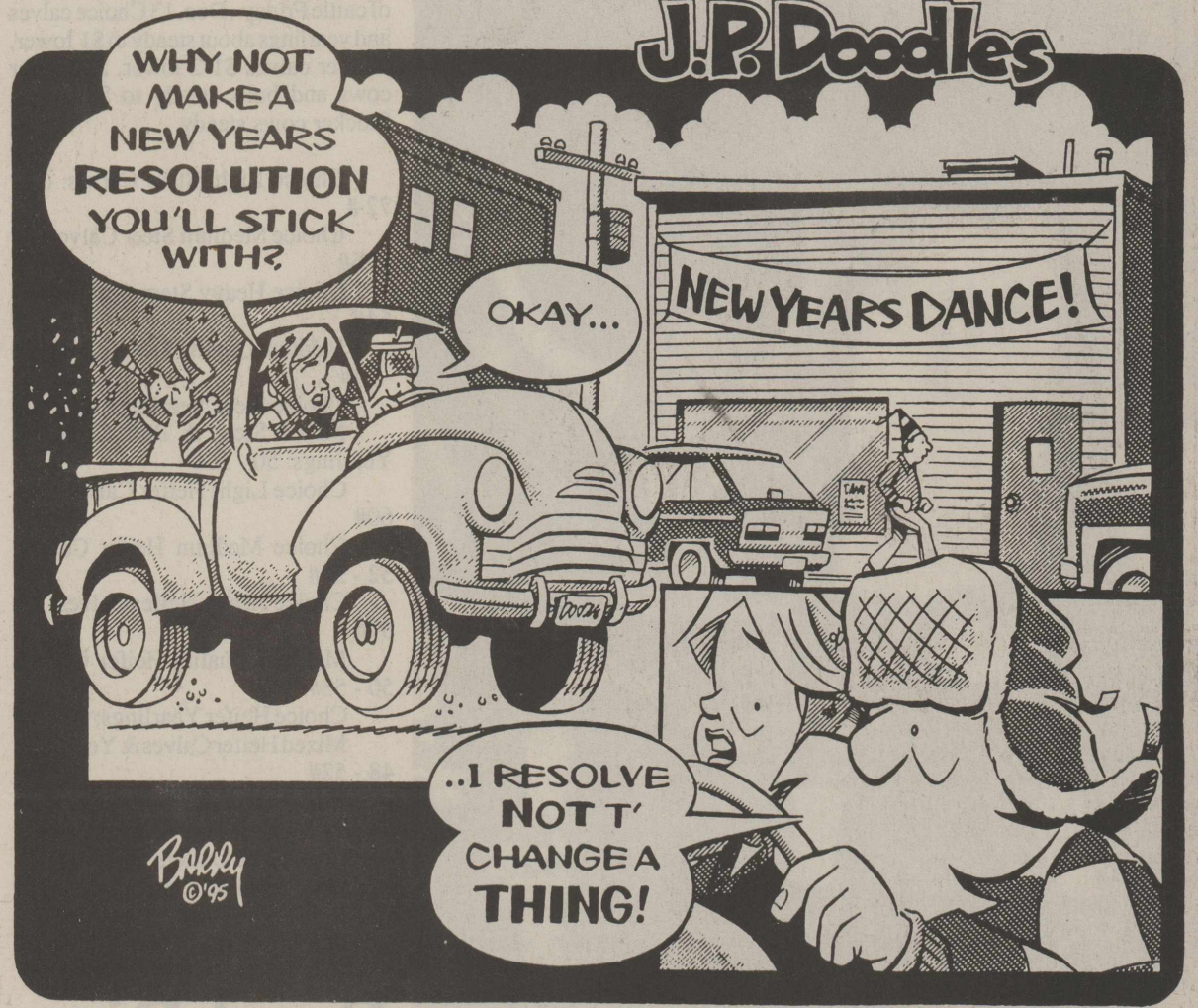
It was in this way that Barry went on to become the nation's most widely published independent cartoonist. In all, over the years, he has worked for more than 800 newspapers from California to Georgia, Montana to Texas.

Barry believes it is important for newspapers to have cartoons. "People like them. When ever they take reader surveys, cartoons are always at the top of the list of what people want."

He believes the reason cartoons are important is because they make a positive impact on a tense world. "Laughter can relieve a lot of stress," he says. "If people can laugh at their problems, it's going to make it easier to deal with them."

"I'm convinced there is a positive side to everything," he added. "This is what I want from my cartoons. Through good humor, I want to remind people constantly that, in spite of how miserable things appear, there's probably a saving grace in there somewhere, even if it's only a chuckle."

When he's not drawing cartoons, Barry frequently travels to schools around the country conducting cartoon workshops and teaching children



how to draw.

He was also the only professional cartoonist to work in the Persian Gulf during the recent war. The result was a book of cartoons and humorous tales published by Presidio Press, entitled *This ain't Hell...But you can see it from here!* The book is currently on the shelves of major bookstores coast to coast.

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New Year's Wishes

As a new year unfolds, we wish for you
Success, good times, good health,
Plus love, faith and contentment,
Enlightenment and wealth.

May all your dreams come true this year,
And may troubled times be few.
We couldn't wish for all of this
For nicer folks than you!

Ozona Butane

Crunch Your Way To Better ABS

HOUSTON - Abdominal exercising devices are all the rage, but you can get the same results working out on your living room floor.

"You're probably better off learning to do crunches - and variations of them - than you are using a device that may work one or two muscles," said Dr. John Cianca, an assistant professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

Crunches, sit-ups and most of the abdominal exercisers work primarily the rectus abdominus, the uppermost layer of muscles in the center of the body.

Although no device or movement can exercise all four layers of muscle in the abdominal group, Cianca said crunches offer the greatest versatility. "Some of the aerobic videos provide excellent instruction in crunches, crunch variations and other exercises that are tremendous for strengthening the abdomen," he said.

Strong abdominal muscles not only look good, they promote better stability of the mid-section, support and protect the spine and aid in breathing.

Thanks for the support
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TIME OUT TO SAY "THANKS!"

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Public Notices

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF CROCKETT COUNTY, TEXAS will receive sealed bids until 11:00 A.M., January 13, 1997, for the purchase of Group Health, Life Insurance, at which time bids will be opened and read at the Courthouse, Ozona, Texas.

Bids should be given or mailed to John Stokes, County Auditor, Box 989, Ozona, Texas 76943.

Specifications may be obtained from John Stokes, at the Auditor's Office.

The Commissioner's Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids submitted.

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John Stokes, County Auditor
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