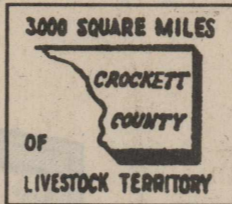


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Sleeping Mrs. Jewel Bailey rescued from the flames.....

New Year's fire damages Bailey Home



MRS. JEWEL BAILEY'S CAR was partially burned when fire broke through into the garage early Saturday morning. Photo by Scotty Moore



THE WOOD SHINGLE ROOF of Mrs. Jewel Bailey's home at 1001 Henderson Drive was destroyed by fire in the early hours of Jan. 1. Photo by Scotty Moore

A fire at the home of Jewel Bailey early Jan. 1 is believed to have been started by fireworks according to Fire Marshal Steve Kenley. "It was fireworks; it had to be," stated Kenley. The first report of fire was called to 911 at 2:09 a.m. according to Kenley, and three other calls came in soon after.

Neighbor Ted Spence and Crockett County Deputies Lyndon English and Tyler Roy rescued the sleeping Mrs. Bailey. "They could feel the heat from the fire on the backs of their necks when they came out of the house with Mrs. Bailey," said Kenley. She and her rescuers were uninjured.

Spence first saw the fire on the west side of the roof, and the blaze quickly spread along the wooden shingles. "A wood shingle roof is not on a deck of any kind and spreads just as fast underneath as on top," Kenley explained. Fire trucks were at the scene

within two to three minutes, and the nozzle of the deck gun on the new truck was used to knock back the fire enough to allow use of handlines from ladders. The department used more ladders on this fire than they have ever used, Kenley said. The worst damage, heat wise,

was back in the hall and garage. Mrs. Bailey's car did catch fire and was pulled from the garage after the blaze in that area was extinguished. Kenley said Monday that approximately 80% of the sheetrock in the house was still up. Two bedrooms and the dining room were not reached by fire. "It's a team effort," said Kenley of the department's work. "Everybody

was conscious of water usage and not doing any more damage." Three pumper trucks, one booster and a manned vehicle were at the scene along with 23 firemen. Mrs. Bailey's grandson, John L. Henderson, quoted his grandmother, who is 92, as commenting "I've been through worse than this; the flood got one of my houses."

52nd Annual Junior Livestock Show Jan. 6-8

The arrival of the new year brings the Crockett County Junior Livestock Show, which is set for Thursday, Friday and concluding on Saturday. Thursday afternoon starts the action with the rabbit show at 1:00 p.m. Thirty-five exhibitors will show their fancy and commercial rabbits in hopes for a winner. The judge for this year's rabbit show will be Carol Hooks from Moody. Ms. Hooks should have her hands full. The Crockett County rabbit project members are good at what they do and are very competitive. Mrs. Sara Hignight serves as rabbit project leader and superintendent.

On Friday morning, all exhibitors must have their animals in the 4-H Barn by 8:00 so the weigh-in can begin at 9:00. After the completion of weigh-in, classes will be divided for all species.

On Friday evening at 7:00, the

market swine show will begin. This is a change from the original 6:00 p.m. to accommodate basketball schedules. This year 16 exhibitors will show more than 20 swine entries. The meat goat show will follow the swine show somewhere around 8:00. This has been changed from 7:00 p.m. Twenty-nine exhibitors will show approximately 100 head of meat goats during the meat goat show.

Competition will continue on Saturday morning at 8:00 with the market lamb show. Forty-three exhibitors will show more than 100 head of finewool and finewool-cross market lambs during the market lamb show, which is said to be among the toughest in terms of quality and competi-

tion. Following the market lamb show, there will be a Pee Wee Show for any youngster too young to show in 4-H. A lamb or goat will be provided, along with assistance, for each participant. Each participant will receive a silver dollar compliments of Crockett National Bank. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate. The barbecue lunch will begin at noon followed by the awards presentation at 1:00 p.m. and the premium sale at 2:00. "We would like to invite everyone to come and enjoy the show and support these outstanding youth," said Miles Dabovich, County Extension Agent.

Filing ends for primary election

Local candidates filing for places on the March 14 Democratic Primary Election ballot include: Bill Mason, County Attorney; Tom Stokes, Tax Assessor-Collector; Shane Fenton and Roy Glenn Sutton, Sheriff; Frank Tambunga, Commissioner, Pct. 1; Freddie Nicks, Commissioner, Pct. 3;

Harvey Hill and Raymond P. Borrego, Constable, Pct. 1.

No local candidates filed for a place on the Republican Primary ballot.

February 14 is the last day to register to vote in the March Primary.



YANCI YARBROUGH, MISS TEXAS 1999

Miss Texas comes to Ozona

Yanci Yarbrough, Miss Texas 1999, will be visiting Ozona High School, Middle School and Intermediate School on Wednesday, Jan. 19. She will speak to students about her platform, "Keys to a Drug-Free America." Yanci is an experienced motivational speaker and travels daily on a statewide speaking tour to promote her drug prevention platform. She also speaks about volunteerism, time management, corporate team

building, and personal profiling. The tentative plan for Yanci's visit is for her to speak to the high school students at 11:00 a.m., middle school at 1:00 p.m. and intermediate school at 2:00 p.m. The Extension Service would like to say thank you to the following sponsors who are making Yanci's visit possible: Comfort Inn of Ozona, Hitchin' Post Steakhouse, El Chato's Restaurant and Sutton County Steak House.

Rehab Telethon coming Jan. 8

A boat, travel trailer and weekend get-aways. Baseball, golf and auto racing passes. Handsewn quilts, artwork and furniture. Whatever your passion or pastime, chances are good it'll be up for bid during West Texas Rehabilitation Center's Rehab 2000 Telethon Saturday, Jan. 8.

Scheduled on the World Wide Web as well as statewide television, including San Angelo and Abilene stations, the auction is a popular segment of the annual Telethon. The show will feature country singer/musician Ricky Skaggs and a host of television stars

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Rep. Turner kicks off re-election campaign

State Representative Bob Turner was in Ozona in December as part of a 17-county sweep to announce his candidacy for re-election.

Saying that public education and public safety were his top priorities in the last session of the Legislature, Turner said he was proud to have supported pay raises for teachers and DPS troopers.

"We faced a terrible situation with both our public school teachers and Department of Public Safety troopers," Turner said. "Poorly paid teachers were leaving education for better-paying jobs, while potential DPS troopers were applying to large, urban police departments that paid better than the states. Something had to be done."

Turner made his comments as part of his 4-day, 16 town campaign kick-off throughout his sprawling district.

With Texas teachers earning \$6,000.00 less than the national average, Turner said retaining teachers and attracting new ones had become a severe problem, which was why he supported a \$3,000.00 pay raise for every school teacher, librarian, nurse and counselor in Texas. "Now, we'll have a better chance of retaining our best teachers and attracting new ones to the profession," he said. "In the end, this is the best thing we could do for Texas school children."

Turner also voted for expanded reading programs, new programs to increase parental involvement and technology improvements.

As chairman of the House Committee on Public Safety, Turner said he saw firsthand the problem with trooper recruitment. "Over the last nine years, applications to become a trooper dropped more than 50 percent, from 3,500 to 1,500," Turner said. "Instead of applying with the DPS, good candidates were applying to large police departments where they could earn, on average, \$8,000.00

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The Weather

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
Dec. 27	63	23	-0-
Dec. 28	56	24	-0-
Dec. 29	72	30	-0-
Dec. 30	72	30	-0-
Jan. 1	71	30	-0-
Jan. 2	74	44	-0-
Jan. 3	74	44	-0-

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Fri.	Sat.
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lo 29	lo 38
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ROB WHITESIDES (L.) accepts a check for \$684.84 on behalf of the Lions Club from Ron Houston, manager of Duckwalls Variety Store. Duckwalls donated the funds to benefit the Lions Club's community projects.

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AUSTIN — Congress Avenue and portions of bisecting streets were blocked off last week as crews set up for the capital city New Year's Eve party for an anticipated 200,000 revelers.

Meanwhile, Readiness 2000, a coalition of 31 state agencies, prepared to watch and wait in the Department of Public Safety's emergency management center in Austin.

Over the last two years, state officials found nearly all computers "Y2K ready" at 199 state agencies, including 30 agencies identified as critical to health, safety or the economy.

Don Rogers, a spokesman for Readiness 2000, told *The Dallas Morning News* his group encourages Texas residents to have enough water and other supplies on hand to last three days.

Notification Law Starts Jan. 1

The new parental-notification abortion law, sponsored in the 1999 state legislative session by Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, goes into effect Jan. 1.

The law requires an unmarried woman 17 or younger to notify a parent that she intends to have an abortion. Also, she will be asked to produce proof of her age.

If a parent has not signed an affidavit, a physician must send a registered letter to a parent's address, then wait 48 hours before performing the abortion.

Under the law, parents need not approve. They only must be told an abortion is to occur.

The Texas Department of Health reported in 1997 that 5,523 minors had abortions.

Lawmakers estimate that 200 young women a year, even in light of the law, will refuse to tell a parent, *The Dallas Morning News* reported last week.

AG Targets 'Bidi' Sellers

Texas will take enforcement action against Internet merchants ac-

cused of selling a tobacco product known as "bidis" to minors.

Attorney General John Cornyn said the sale of the small, brown, hand-rolled cigarettes is an illegal and predatory business practice that "must come to an end."

Offices of 16 other state attorneys general are doing the same.

As part of its enforcement action, Texas is sending warning letters to online companies found selling bidis to children.

Citing Federal Food and Drug Administration's regulations and the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, the letter requires violators to sign a cease-and-desist agreement to avoid legal action.

Other Highlights

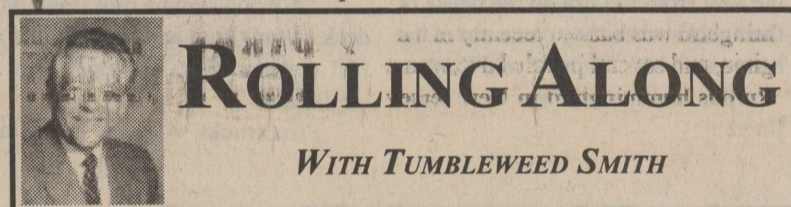
■ The Texas Department of Public Safety reported 23 people died on Texas roads over the 54-hour holiday weekend reporting period. The DPS predicted 32 highway deaths would occur over the report-

ing period covering New Year's weekend.

■ Texas' share of a \$900 million federal funding package to aid the homeless will be \$46 million. The money will provide medical treatment, job training and shelter.

■ Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst announced he is returning almost \$600,000 in unspent 1999 funding to the state of Texas, making the Texas General Land Office one of the few state agencies to spend less than it was budgeted by the Legislature in 1999, he said.

■ A car chase ended on the evening of Dec. 28 at the iron gates at the rear driveway of the Governor's Mansion. Police pulled a 54-year-old male suspect and a woman from their late-model BMW and arrested them. Gov. George W. Bush was out of state at the time.



Kangaroos on the South Plains

Bon and Cindy Burgess have a place in Lubbock called Feathers and Friends Farm. They raise kangaroos. When Cindy met me at the door to their home, she was carrying a small kangaroo in her arms. "We treat them like babies," she said. "This is Gwendolyn. She's eight months old. I give her a bottle four times a day. They love to be loved on. She hops, but prefers to be carried."

A kangaroo is about one inch long at birth. They develop in their mother's pouch and get fur on them at six months. "They start sticking their heads out then," says Cindy. "That's when we take it out of the mother's pouch and bring it in the house where we start it on the bottle. We keep it on the bottle for about three months."

The kangaroos make great pets. Cindy says some people put diapers on them and keep the kangaroos in the house all their lives. The couple raise animals you don't usually see on the Texas plains. "We have llamas, alpacas, wallaroos, kangaroos, muntjacs, swans, pea fowl, miniature donkeys, some birds in the house and a couple of dogs," says Bon. "We love the animals."

This started out as our retirement, and now it's turned into our business." Bon was a car dealer most of his adult life. He sold his dealership four years ago. "Cindy read a newspaper article about alpacas and as we began to look into the alpaca industry, we observed llamas and wallaroos and kangaroos and one day a friend came by and sold us some swans and muntjacs and our business just sort of developed. We have 150 animals now, most of them are for sale. We have our favorites that we won't sell. Cindy doesn't like to sell any of them."

Muntjacs and wallaroos are perhaps some of the most unusual animals to Texans. A muntjac is a miniature deer from Southeast Asia. At maturity they are twelve to fourteen inches tall. "They look like a small white tail deer," says Bon. "We like to watch them."

They can be trained to a litter box and make good pets. They're extremely friendly." Wallaroos are similar to kangaroos in appearance, but they're smaller. Bon had no agricultural background whatsoever. "We had a steep learning curve, but it's possible, do-able and it's fun as you go along. We've had some success with it." They have some world champion llamas and alpacas which have earned ribbons, plaques and trophies at stock shows all over the country. "We have had lots of help from a bunch of nice people," says Cindy. "If I have a problem I pick up the phone and call somebody. People in this industry are very helpful to each other."

The animals have adapted to Lubbock's climate just fine. Bon and Cindy shear the llamas and alpacas for their fiber. Shearing makes them cooler and more comfortable. "It's not what I would have planned for myself, but it just had a way of happening and I'm glad it did," says Bon. "It's been a fun ride."

News Reel

News items taken from the files of *The Ozona Stockman* published 29 and 58 years ago

NEWS REEL
Jan. 14, 1971

News Reel
Glenn Burns recently moved here from Rankin to assume his new duties as local manager for West Texas Utilities Co.

News Reel
A newly conceived management contract with Medical Diversified for the operation of the Crockett County Hospital was approved unanimously by the four County Commissioners over the opposition of County Judge Troy Williams, sitting Monday as head of the court for the first time following his election to the office in November.

News Reel
Coach Charles Spieker's Ozona Lions won the consolation trophy last weekend at the annual Big Lake basketball tournament by defeating Brady 50-42 in the consolation playoff Saturday night.

News Reel
A. O. Fields, director of the Ozona Chapter of the 1971 March of Dimes Campaign, announced that the Ozona Woman's League would be in charge of this year's drive.

News Reel
Mrs. Mike Talley and daughter, Tiffany, spent the weekend visiting Mrs. George Montgomery, Mrs. Talley's grandmother.

News Reel
Mrs. J. M. Baggett spent last week in California visiting her brother who is ill.

News Reel
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Sutton are the parents of a son born Friday, Jan. 8, at 2 a.m. in a San Angelo hospital. He weighed 6 pounds and 2 ounces, and has been named Cody Matley.

News Reel
Mrs. Fred Hagelstein and daughter, Peggy, left Tuesday for Dallas and a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Rick Hagelstein and their new daughter.

News Reel
Mrs. Brock Jones is in Houston visiting with relatives this week.

News Reel
Mrs. Joe Pierce was taken to Shannon Hospital Friday after becoming ill at her home here. She is reported recovering satisfactorily.

News Reel
Mrs. O. D. West was rushed to Shannon Hospital in San Angelo after suffering a broken leg in a fall near her home here Saturday.

News Reel
Major and Mrs. Terry Gries and children are settled in their new home in Denison. The children, George, Brian and Thomas, finished the first semester of school here and left for their new home during the recent holidays.

NEWS REEL
JAN. 15, 1942

News Reel
Crockett County's 1942 political pot began to boil this week when R. E. McWilliams and Frank James both announced their candidacy for sheriff.

News Reel
Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Bower are the parents of a baby girl born Thursday in a San Angelo hospital. She has been named Joan.

News Reel
Ozona's Woman's Club met Tuesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. B. B. Ingham. Topic of the program was "Federation and Defense."

News Reel
Mr. and Mrs. Hurst Meinecke are the parents of twin boys born in a San Angelo hospital Monday morning. The boys weighed around 7 pounds each.

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WIC scores big on customer satisfaction

Vice President Gore and Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman announced that the WIC Program, the nation's premier public health nutrition program, scored second out of 30 high impact government programs in customer satisfaction.

"WIC customer satisfaction levels compare favorably with the satisfied customers of L.L. Bean, Mercedes and Nordstrom's," said Douglas A. Greenaway, National Association of WIC Directors (NAWD) executive director.

It's a boy!

Veronica Vasquez would like to announce the birth of her son, Marc Anthony. He arrived at Shannon Women's and Children's Hospital in San Angelo on Dec. 10, 1999, at 1:55 p.m. Marc Anthony weighed six pounds, 11 1/2 ounces and was 18 1/4 inches long.

Welcoming him home were grandparents Juan and Elvira Vasquez and Uncle Anthony of Ozona. Marc Anthony was also welcomed by great-grandmother Josepha Ruiz of Rocksprings as well as many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Learn to square dance—no partner needed

Levis and Lace Square Dance Club will start lessons Jan. 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Comfort Inn. The first two lessons are free and you do not have to have a partner to come join the fun of learning to square dance.

After learning, you will be able to square dance anywhere in the world.

The next club dance is Jan. 8 at 8:00 p.m. at the civic center with Roy Lombard from Del Rio calling. Come by and visit and see just how much fun square dancing is.

The survey used the American Customer Satisfaction Index, developed by the University of Michigan Business School and used by more than 200 US private companies to measure the quality of their goods and services.

In this first government-wide customer satisfaction survey, released by the Vice President and Secretary Glickman, WIC received a customer satisfaction index rating of 83, 10 points higher than the national average. Participants rated the clarity of WIC's eligibility process at 87, timeliness and adequacy of food benefits at 85, and the usefulness of information at 83. Any score over 80 is considered high.

The Permian Basin WIC Program, administered by the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Odessa, serves approximately 13,000 women and children in 16 West Texas counties. "The WIC employees at TTUHSC are very proud to work for

a program that makes such good use of its tax dollars," said Judy Harden, TTUHSC-Odessa WIC director. "The TTUHSC WIC Program helps families stay healthy by providing them with information and healthy foods. We genuinely care about our clients and work hard to make our clinics a place where people feel comfortable. The high consumer ratings are a testament to the dedication and hard work of WIC employees," Harden said.

WIC provides nutritious supplemental foods, nutrition and breastfeeding education and counseling, and critical referrals to other health care and public assistance programs. The WIC Program also supports nearly 7.4 million at-risk, low-income pregnant women, new mothers, infants and children up to age 5. Approximately one out of every two infants born in this country, along with their mothers, are served by the WIC Program.

ADMITTING HE WASN'T TOO WORRIED about Y2K, and its hype and hoopla of disaster and doom, Rick Bird offered a new idea to the delight of all who visited the Village Drug Store Friday, New Year's Eve. He promised a "Really BIG Bash" for Y3K, the year of 3000! His poster boasted "Dancing to the ROOTY TOOTS, All you can eat Chicken Fried Steak and Lobster, at the Ozona Hotel." He urged everyone to make their reservations right away as the big event would be limited to 5,000. He already has 53 seats reserved for the affair, at which he envisions cooking the meal and serving his guests. The whimsical party speculation added a welcome light note to a day with a universal undercurrent of uncertainty. Len Hillman is pictured adding his name to the distinguished party guest list of reservations, as Rick details the plans for the fanciful gala.

Submitted Photo

Hummingbirds rely on feeders during winter

AUSTIN, Texas — The arrival of a cold front in the fall often triggers a number of phone calls to Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW) asking when should hummingbird feeders be taken down. The simple answer is — don't.

Many Texans may be surprised to learn that hummingbirds will be found in Texas every month of the year. "Hummingbirds frequently overwinter in Texas," says Mark Klym, TPW's Texas Hummingbird Roundup coordinator. "Last year our observers recorded 90 individuals from seven species in 22 different counties in Texas."

According to Klym, wintering hummingbirds are found as far north as Dallas, as far west as El Paso and throughout the central and coastal counties. "Wintering birds were reported by 17 percent of our observers representing 45 percent of those that left feeders up all winter last year," he noted. "Your odds of seeing a winter hummingbird are quite good if you keep your feeders up. This year we are already getting reports of birds we associate with the winter season from many parts of the state."

By far the most common winter hummingbird is the Rufous hummingbird, a bird noted for its aggressive behavior at feeders. These migrants from the northwest are looking for a reliable source of food to replace energy they used on a long migration, according to Klym. In fact, both experts highly recommend that hummingbird fans augment their hummingbird feeders with plantings of native wildflowers, such as salvias, lantanas and native honeysuckles.

Cliff Shackelford, a TPW ornithologist, explains some of the concern. "People often ask if by leaving

their feeders up they might disrupt the birds' normal migration pattern and thus endanger the bird. A number of factors influence migration, and simply maintaining a food supply is not going to confuse the birds. People have reported putting feeders back up when birds began feeding at their flowering plants in late fall and early winter."

"We are still learning a lot about hummingbird behavior and migration," Klym says. "Hummingbirds are showing up considerably to the north of Texas. Texas is not too far north for winter hummingbirds. A Rufous hummingbird was banded recently in Virginia, and several people have seen a Rufous hummingbird in New Jersey lately."

Proper care of feeders over the winter is not terribly demanding. "If we are expecting extremely cold weather, you should ensure the feeder remains unfrozen by bringing it in for the night or providing a source of heat for it," Klym explained. Feeders still need to be cleaned and changed regularly. Since the birds have less shelter at this time of the year, feeders should not be placed where predators can easily approach them, Klym said. For more information on hummingbirds or the Texas Hummingbird Roundup, contact Texas Hummingbird Roundup, Texas Parks and Wildlife, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin, TX 78744 or Mark.klym@tpwd.state.tx.us, (512) 389-4644.

Mouth-watering advice

Sometimes a dry mouth cannot be quenched with drinks alone.

If you drink enough water but your mouth still feels dry, Dr. Philippe Zimmern says there may be a better solution for dryness caused by hot weather and some medications and foods.

"Instead of drinking a lot more, rinse your mouth more often," says Zimmern, associate professor of urology at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. "Use an invigorating rinse, swirl it around in your mouth, then spit it out."

Zimmern, director of the Clinical Center for Bladder and Incontinence Treatment at UT Southwestern, says using menthol sprays or sucking ice cubes, mints or lemon candy can make the mouth feel refreshed.

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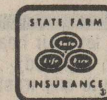
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Piano dedication at First Baptist Church

The ministerial staff and membership of First Baptist Church, Ozona will dedicate to the Lord's service a new Kawai baby grand piano donated to the church by Mrs. Lucille Littleton in memory of her husband, Lowell, Sunday evening, Jan. 30, at 6:00 p.m. All current and past pianists and organists will be special guests for this occasion. "Most of these musicians have given much of their life to the service of God through their musical

talent and are invited to share their gifts on the keyboard with those in attendance as we dedicate our new instrument," said Randy Carter, minister of music.

"Some individuals have moved, and we have lost contact with them. If you have a current address on any of the following people, please contact First Baptist Church at 915-392-5555: Mrs. Troy (Mary) Dale, wife of Rev. Troy Dale; Lounell Beall George,

and Jeannine Thompson Booher

"This will be a special evening of praise and dedication. As always, all are welcome to attend as we worship our Lord Jesus Christ," said Carter.

Family and Community Education lunch Jan. 13

This month's Family and Community Education luncheon will be held Thursday, Jan. 13, in the Crockett County Extension Office conference room. Current members and interested individuals are invited to attend. All you need to bring is a salad or any other dish you would like to share with the group. Lunch will begin at noon, and be followed by a scrapbook workshop.

"Even if you are unable to attend the workshop, we would love to have your company for lunch," said Jennifer Marshall, Extension Agent.

Debbie Brownlow of Eldorado will conduct the workshop. She will demonstrate and help participants safely and creatively preserve their family photographs.

Please RSVP to the Crockett County Extension Office by Tuesday, Jan. 11, if you would like to attend the workshop. Bring five to eight photos to the workshop. A \$10.00 donation would be appreciated to cover the cost. This is a great opportunity to create a scrapbook page with this year's Christmas photos.

Census testing underway

Testing for prospective census takers will be held in Ozona every Thursday. Tests will be given at 2:00 p.m. at the Crockett County Courthouse Annex and at 6:00 p.m. in the Crockett County Public Library.

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled (distressed, agitated). You believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely on God; believe in and adhere to and trust in rely also on Me.
 "In My Father's house there are many dwelling places (homes). If it were not so, I would have told you: for I am going away to prepare a place for you.
 "And when (if) I go and make ready a place for you, I will come back again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.
 John 14: 1-3
 (Amplified Version)*

Obituaries

Demp Jones laid to rest Dec. 31 in Cedar Hill

William Dempster Jones, pioneer Crockett County ranchman and well known registered Rambouillet sheep breeder, went to be with his Lord and Savior at 11:15 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1999, in Angelo Community Medical Center in San Angelo.

Funeral service was at 11:00 a.m. Friday at Ozona United Methodist Church with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements were by Freddy Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 6, 1909, in Ozona to William and Malvina Jones. His father came to Texas from England and settled in the ranching business.

He was educated in San Angelo, going on to Tulane and Oklahoma University, but always remaining an avid Texas Longhorn. After attending college, he and his brother came back to the ranch where he continued ranching the rest of his life.

He enjoyed playing golf with family and friends for many years. He was involved in raising registered Rambouillet sheep, winning many honors.

Demp was allergic to wool, but that never hindered his love for sheep. He was known as the "masked bandit" to all stock show kids because of his bandana.

He was president of the Ozona school board in which he helped start girls' basketball and followed them for years until his health would not allow. He was a member of Ozona United Methodist Church, serving on many committees. He also was a director of O. B. Trap, chairman of Ranchers Protective Association, a charter member of the Ozona Country Club and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Esther Kate Pierce; two daughters, Pam Acton and husband, Earl, and Shelley Conner and husband, T.C.; four grandchildren, Marty Acton, Bobbie Renfro and husband, Billy Dell, Tommy Conner and Robin Conner; two great-grandchildren, Aaron and Kelbie Renfro; and two nieces, Jan Van Shoubrouek and husband, Fred, and Clara Dobson and

husband, Fred.

Demp was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Jones; three daughters, Alec, Tammie and Robin; a brother, Ralph Jones; a sister, Mallie Ransom; and a nephew, Jack Ransom Jr.

He will always be affectionately remembered as Daddy, Nemp and Demp.

Memorials may be made to a charity of choice.

Pallbearers were: Trey Van Shoubrouek, Ralph Van Shoubrouek,

Joe Boy Pierce, Willie Pierce, Sooner Williams, Erby Chandler, Will M. Black, Fred Chandler, Pierce Miller and John Ransom.

The honorary pallbearers were: Eugene Miller, Jess Marley, Fred Van Shoubrouek, Fred Dobson, Raleigh Conner, Bill Childress, Kenneth Mauldin, Pete Jacoby, Byron Stuart, Gene Williams, Jesus Sanchez, Joe Sanchez, Gilbert Sanchez, Demp Dobson, Charlie Boy Davidson, Taylor Deaton, Tom Mitchell and Joey Pierce.

Jack McDaniel service Jan. 4

Jack Edwyn McDaniel passed away Dec. 31, 1999, at his home in Ozona.

Funeral service was held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4, in First Baptist Church in Ozona with Rev. Bill Fuller officiating. Graveside service was held in Fort Chadbourne Cemetery on Hwy. 277 north of Bronte. Arrangements were by Freddy Funeral Home.

Jack was born Dec. 3, 1945, in San Angelo to James Edsel and Lone Laswell McDaniel. He graduate from Bronte High School and attended Texas Tech. He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy and was retired from Texas New Mexico Pipeline after 29 years. Jack married Janet Hill in Ozona on May 29, 1993.

Survivors include his wife, Janet Hill McDaniel, and his beloved Shada of the home; two daughters, Stacie Carrasco and husband Robert of Crane

and Janet Magness and husband Billy of Blackwell; his son, James Ed McDaniel and wife Zandra of Crane; three stepchildren, Jerrilyn Ward and husband Gus of Sonora, Mikel Hill and wife Kirsti of San Antonio and Jeff Hill and his wife Lorie of Midland; his mother, Ione McDaniel Craig of Early; a sister, Jeanette Glenn of Early; his stepfather, Lee Craig of Blackwell; four grandchildren and five step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Edsel McDaniel.

Memorials may be made to Ozona Meals on Wheels or Hospice of San Angelo.

Pallbearers were: Kelly Glenn, Ron Julian, Mike Miller, Raymond Borrego, Gus Ward, Kenneth Abbott, Nolan Crenwelge, Gerald Parker, Turner Lee and Steve Kelton. Honorary pallbearers were his Tex-Mex coworkers.

Jan. 3 rites for Marie Walker

On Dec. 30, 1999, Marie Walker took the hand of her Best Friend and Lord and let Him lead her home.

Funeral service was held at 10:00 a.m. Monday, Jan. 3, at Faith Lutheran Church with Rev. Charles Huffman officiating. Burial followed in Cedar Hill Cemetery with arrangements by Freddy Funeral Home. Mrs. Walker died Dec. 30.

Alice Marie Rhodes was born Feb. 3, 1924, in Grand Junction, CO, the second child of Bob and Edna Rhodes. Her 6-year-old sister thought she looked like Alice in Wonderland and so insisted she be named Alice. As she grew, she came to prefer being called Marie.

On Feb. 21, 1945, Marie married Harvey J. Walker in Denver. They lived, loved and laughed together for the next 36 years in Denver, Los Alamos, NM and finally in Ozona. He preceded her in death on June 8, 1981.

Although she was mother to only

one child, Marie instinctively understood small children's minds and hearts. Her chief career was as a homemaker, but she taught little ones in Sunday school for many years, and her daughter's friends always felt welcome in her home. She was a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Ozona where she remained active until failing health prevented her.

She is survived by a daughter Kathleen Rushing, a granddaughter, Rachel Cyphers, and great granddaughter, Brooke Cyphers, all of San Angelo; a nephew, David Briggs of Boulder, CO; dear friends, Al and Billie Rose Bailey, Charles and Betty Huffman and Marlene and Herman Thomas, all of Ozona.

Pallbearers were Al Bailey, Herman Thomas, Pat Houston-Logan, Lance Luther, Michael Squier and Pam Brown. The family requests memorials be sent to Faith Lutheran Church in Ozona or a favorite charity.

Card of Thanks

Dear Scotty and Linda

Thanks for always listening and understanding. I appreciate your newspaper and always enjoy reading it. It has taken me two weeks to write this because I really didn't know where to begin. I just want you to know that my purse was found and I am so happy to end the nightmare. This whole town prayed for a happy ending and that is exactly what happened. Exactly one week after I forgot my purse on the back end of my truck and drove off. Mr. Frank Tambunga and a group of scouts found it. They immediately notified the sheriff's office and my purse was returned to me. I'd like to thank Deputy Tyler Roy for his immediate attention to the matter, my two sons for all their help, and my wonderful husband for being so loving and understanding, and our wonderful neighbors, Rick and Hazel Storms who walked this hill several times shaking the bushes on both sides of the street looking for my purse. If I forgot to mention names of others who might have looked also, please forgive me. Thanks to everyone who prayed for me. God is so good. Everything but my money was in it. I pray that my money was put to good use. We celebrated the real reason and will continue to serve the Lord at this house. God Bless this wonderful community.

Tina Moran

Millennium Challenge Number Two

by Dr. Dennis Prutov
 Here is another millennium challenge. The Bible exhorts, "Discipline yourself for the purpose of Godliness," (1 Timothy 4:7). Does this seem strange? It shouldn't. The word discipline in our English Bibles is the word from which we derive "gymnasium" and "gymnastics". Gymnasts must do their routines over and over again. The same goes for those involved in skating, skiing, tennis, golf, or active in team sports like football or basketball.

Practice, practice, practice. That's the name of the game.

Christianity is no different. Discipline yourself. Do you have a problem getting into the Bible? Work at it. Set aside a time each day and get in the habit of reading your Bible. It takes discipline. The same goes for prayer. Practice prayer. Discipline yourself and pray regularly. Keep a written prayer list and check off God's answers to your prayers. Does a bad habit often trip you? Discipline yourself. "Flee youthful

lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace" (2 Timothy 2:22). Turn away from the temptation. Work on forming new habits. Discipline yourself.

Here is the catch. You don't do this alone. Christianity differs from pep talks from coaches and exhortations from teachers. The Bible says the gospel is "the power of God" (Romans 1:16). Think about it. Christianity is the power of God at work in you to enable you to discipline yourself.

First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Rev. Bill Fuller Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.	Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.	Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Rev. Nancy Mossman Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.
Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cenisa St. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m.	Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Rev. Charles Huffman Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 9 am.	Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 526 Santa Rosa St. - Rev. Sergio Arellano Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Tues. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.
Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.	Church of God of Prophecy 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Lupe Domoniquez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 4:30 p.m. Tues. & Thurs: 6 p.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Rev. Henry Laenen Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. M. W. F. - 8:30 a.m.
Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Rev. Daniel C. Fleming Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.	Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida 601 Ave. I Pastor Francisco Rojas Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 7 p.m.	Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Hector De La Cruz Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 5 p.m. Thur. Service: 7:30 p.m.
Harvest Time Christian Center 604 11th St. Rev. Mike Davis Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7 p.m.	Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Sunday Bible Study: 9:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. Worship: 10:45 a.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 a.m.	Attend the Church of Your Choice This Sunday

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Rachel Ramirez promoted

Rachel Ramirez, daughter of Carlos and Beatrice Ramirez and granddaughter of Lily Ramirez of Ozona, was promoted to sergeant on Nov. 1, 1999. Sgt. Ramirez attended the promotion board on July 1, 1999, in Hanau, Germany, where she became battalion soldier of the month. Out of a maximum of 200 points, she scored a 198 in the promotion board.

She made her cutoff score on Sept. 1, 1999, and attended primary leadership development course on the second of October, 1999. The course was 30 days long, and it consisted of a physical fitness test, drill and ceremony test, map reading and land navigation test, three leadership tests and a three day field exercise. Sgt. Ramirez was also evaluated on giving classes to other soldiers. She graduated seventh out of 75 soldiers, made the commandant's list and her instructors recognized her as a superior leader.



RACHEL RAMIREZ

Sgt. Ramirez is a 1996 graduate of Sonora High School and is now stationed in West Point, New York.

*TURNER (Continued from page 1) . . .

That's why Turner led the fight to provide troopers with their first significant pay raise since 1990. "Now, the DPS is competitive with the large police departments, which means we should have plenty of dedicated and well-trained troopers patrolling the highways in rural Texas," he said.

Next, Turner said he will focus on the re-drawing of the lines for legislative districts. "If the urban and suburban areas get their way, more state representative districts will be con-

trolled by urban areas than now," he said. "It could mean that rural Texans would have five fewer state representatives, which would mean the problems facing rural Texas would get far less attention at the Capitol than they do today.

"I intend to fight for rural Texans and make sure their issues - such as water, agriculture, rural health care and property rights - are dealt with in Austin," he said.

Pol. Adv. Pd. for by Committee to elect Bob Turner, 1907 12th St., Brownwood, TX 76801.

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live from the Abilene Civic Center. Major underwriters for this 30th fundraising telethon are West Texas Utilities Co. and American Airlines.

More than 200 items valued at \$200.00 or more are donated by San Angelo, Abilene and West Texas area businesses and individuals to the telethon auction and will be up for bid by toll-free telephone or via internet access during the show.

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Working while retired? You can earn more in 2000

Social Security beneficiaries who will be working during 2000 should note that they can earn more money and still receive their full benefit amount, according to Fredi Franki, manager of the San Angelo Social Security office.

Beneficiaries between the ages of 65 and 69 can earn up to \$17,000 a year without having any benefits withheld. For every \$3 that a beneficiary earns over this limit, \$1 is with-

held from his or her benefit. In 1999 the limit was \$15,500.

Beneficiaries under age 65 can earn up to \$10,080 a year without having any benefits withheld. For every \$2 a beneficiary under age 65 earns over this amount, \$1 is withheld from their benefits. In 1999, the earnings limit was \$9,600 a year.

People age 70 or older who continue to work do not have benefits withheld no matter how much they earn.

Ozona Chamber of Commerce COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Jan. 6 - Welcome Reception For New Physical Therapist, Crockett Room, 4:30-6 p.m.
- Jan. 6 - Care Center, Health Services Board, EMS Bldg., 7 p.m.
- Jan. 6-8 - Crockett County 4-H Livestock Show
- Jan. 10 - Commissioners' Court, Annex Bldg., 9 a.m.
- Jan. 11-13 - Texas Sheep Dog Association Winter Olympics, Double T Ranch on Airport Rd., Daylight to Dark
- Jan. 12 - School Board Meeting, Administration Bldg., 7 p.m.
- Jan. 19 - Social Security Rep., Courthouse Annex, 10-11:30
- Jan. 19 - Special School Board Meeting (Training Session), 5:30 p.m.
- Jan. 24 - Diabetic Support Group, Methodist Church, 6 p.m.
- Jan. 29 - Cub Scout Pack #153 Pinewood Derby, High School P.E. Gym, 1 p.m.
- Feb. 1 - Black History Program By Robert Broene, Museum, 7 p.m.
- Feb. 14 - Last Day to Register to Vote in March Primary
- Feb. 16 - Social Security Rep, Courthouse Annex, 10-11:30 a.m.
- Feb. 22 - Cub Scout Pack #153 Bue & Gold Banquet, Civic Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Feb. 28 - First Day of Early Voting
- March 14 - Primary Election
- March 15 - Social Security Rep, Courthouse Annex, 10-11:30 a.m.
- March 20 - Chamber Banquet, Reception 6:30 p.m., Dinner 7
- April 1 - Vintage Style Show, Museum, 11 a.m.
- April 20 - Garden Club Flower Show, Civic Center
- June 16-17 - World Championship Goat Roping
- June 17 - Goat Ropers Ball
- Aug. 5 - 8th Annual David Crockett Birthday Festival, Town Square, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Oct. 14 - Pioneer Heritage Day, Crockett County Museum

To add your event to The Ozona Stockman Community Calendar, call 392-2551 or contact Ozona Chamber of Commerce at 392-3737.

Better Business Bureau offers New Year's resolutions

The Better Business Bureau of the Permian Basin is dedicated to helping consumers avoid the problems associated with questionable business practices, and unwarranted claims in advertising. To that end, the Bureau has released the following list to encourage Basin residents to avoid the scams and schemes that steal the dreams of millions of Americans, annually.

*Don't do business with strangers selling products at your home without first checking their reliability report. Call the BBB first.

*Never order by mail from firms whose reliability report you have not, or cannot check. Call your BBB.

*Do not sign a contract without checking with your attorney and/or the Better Business Bureau. Call your BBB.

*Don't trust repairs on your home to someone who miraculously appears at your front door, claiming to have some "extra supplies" and an unbelievable low price. Call your BBB.

*Never pay cash in advance for supplies to someone you do not know, or cannot check out carefully. Call your BBB.

Don't get involved with "make money at home" schemes, franchise

offers, real estate deals or free vacations without first checking them out carefully. Call your BBB.

*Do not fall for lines like "You've won a contest!" or "You have been selected..." Call your BBB.

Do not become a victim of "bait and switch" advertising! Never believe "too good to be true" claims. Call your BBB.

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English receives doctorate

Laurie English was one of 29 early graduates of the Texas Tech Law School Class of 2000 Dec. 18, 1999, in Lubbock. Bill Mason of Ozona performed the hooding of Mrs. English during the ceremony in which she received her Doctor of Jurisprudence.

Mrs. English, who worked for Mason five and one-half years, received a bachelor of arts in English and government from Angelo State University in the fall of 1997.

She plans to return to Ozona to practice law starting in early June. She will take her bar exam in February.

The Fort Stockton native is the daughter of Larry and Nancy Lay. She and her husband, Lyndon English, are the parents of two sons, Logan, 15, and Layne, 13.



LAURIE ENGLISH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan. 5 - Randy Wilson, J. D. Borrego, Simon Longoria, John Baker, Tania Sanchez, Rogelio Sanchez Jr., Barbara Contreras, Ronnie Tippie, Ramiro Mendoza, Al Cardenas Jr.

Jan. 6 - Tina Caldera, Bryan Mendez, Santa Rios, Richard Cardona, Rey Rivera, Victor De La Garza, Christian Rey Perez, Reyes Cisneros, Tara Fatout, Keshia Dean

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, Isabel Aguilar, Laura Pierce, Cody Sutton, Jennifer Marquez

Jan. 8 - Penny Ramirez, Frankie Talamantez, Jose Hernandez, Susan Bilano, Griselda Manriquez, Al Bailey, H. O. Hoover, Kevin Villarreal

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Lady Lions compete in Caprock Tournament

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The Ozona Lady Lions played their first game of the ABC Caprock 41st Annual Holiday Basketball Tour-

namment Dec. 28 at Lubbock's Monterey High School against the Crawford Lady Pirates. The Lady Lions went into the tournament undefeated with a 15-0 record.

In the first quarter, the Lady Pi-

rates pulled ahead of the Lady Lions 10-6. In the second quarter, however, the Lady Lions fought back, overpowering the Lady Pirates and scoring 20 points to the Lady Pirates' 10. Ozona led the game at halftime 26-20.

Diana Ellison led the Lady Lions in scoring 11 points and one 3-pointer. Kellie Osborn scored five points with one at the buzzer, ending the first half. Kelli Anne Goble scored four points and one 3-pointer.

After the half, the Lady Pirates stormed back, leading the Lady Lions in the third quarter by a mere three points. Ellison again led the Lady Lions in the third with five points followed by Goble and Osborn with four points each.

In the fourth quarter, both teams scored 10 points. With 52.9 seconds remaining in the game, the Lady Lions were behind four points, 49-45.

Michelle Gann sank a 2-pointer with 34.5 remaining on the clock, moving the Lady Lions within three points to tie the game. The Lady Lions missed their final 3-point attempt, and the Lady Pirates won 50-47.

Lady Lion Diana Ellison had an awesome game with a total of 24 points, one 3-pointer and shot three of three free throws.

Score By Quarters:
Ozona 6 20 11 10 47
Crawford 10 10 20 10 50

Scoring for Ozona were: Ellison 24, Goble 11, Osborn 8, Gann 2 and Kristi Avila 2; 3-pointers: Osborn 2, Goble 1, Ellison 1. The Lady Lions made seven of nine free throws. Season Record 15-1.

The Lady Lions took on the Goldthwaite Lady Eagles Dec. 29 at noon at Estacado High School. They took charge in the first quarter, outscoring the Lady Eagles 19-8. Kellie Anne Goble sank two 3-pointers and made a total of 10 points in the first quarter. Also scoring in the first quarter were: Terri Duncan 4, Michelle Gann 2, Codi Richardson 2 and Kristi Avila 1.

Both teams scored 14 points in the second quarter to continue the Ozona lead. Kristi Avila and Diana Ellison each had six points and Gann had two in the second quarter for a half-time score of Lady Lions 33, Lady Eagles 22.

The Lady Lions continued with a 12-point lead at the end of the third quarter. Ellison scored six for Ozona, Goble five and Millie Wadsworth two.

In the final quarter, the Lady Lions finished the Lady Eagles, winning the game 65 to 53. Top scorer for the Lady Lions was Kellie Anne Goble with 20 points and two 3-pointers followed closely by Diana Ellison with 15 points.

Score by Quarters
Ozona 19 14 13 19 65
Goldthwaite 8 14 12 19 53

Scorers: Goble 20, Ellison 15, Gann 7, Avila 7, Terri Duncan 6, Osborn 4, Wadsworth 4, Codi Richardson 2; 3-pointers: Goble 2, Gann 1; Season Record 16-1.

The Lady Lions took on the

Odesa Lady Bronchos in their third and final game at the tournament. The Lady Bronchos are a 5A school.

The Odesa team dominated the Lady Lions throughout the game. In the first quarter, the Lady Lions were down by five. Diana Ellison scored seven and Kelli Osborn had two points in the first quarter.

The Lady Bronchos again outscored the Lady Lions in the second quarter by 20 points. Score at half-time was Lady Bronchos 37, Lady Lions 17.

In the third quarter, Kristi Avila made six of eight free throws and Goble made two of two free throws.

In the fourth quarter, Ammie Perez made four points with Codi Richardson scoring one of two free throws.

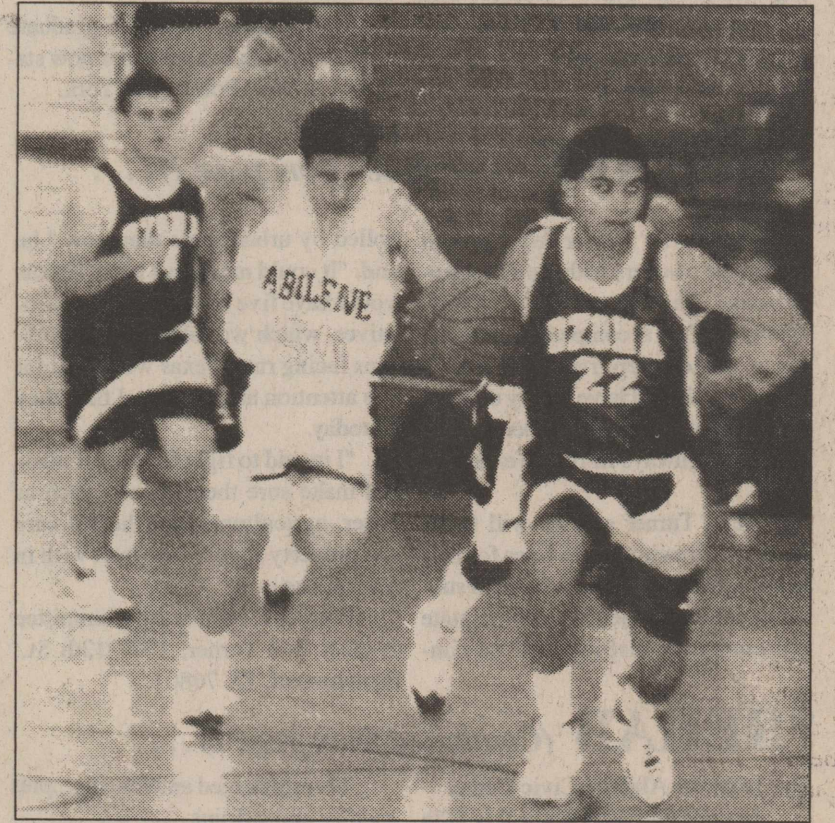
The final score was Lady Bronchos 71, Lady Lions 30. The Lady Bronchos bucked the Lady Lions and their chance to move further in the tournament.

Score by Quarter
Odesa 14 23 15 19 71
Ozona 9 8 8 5 30

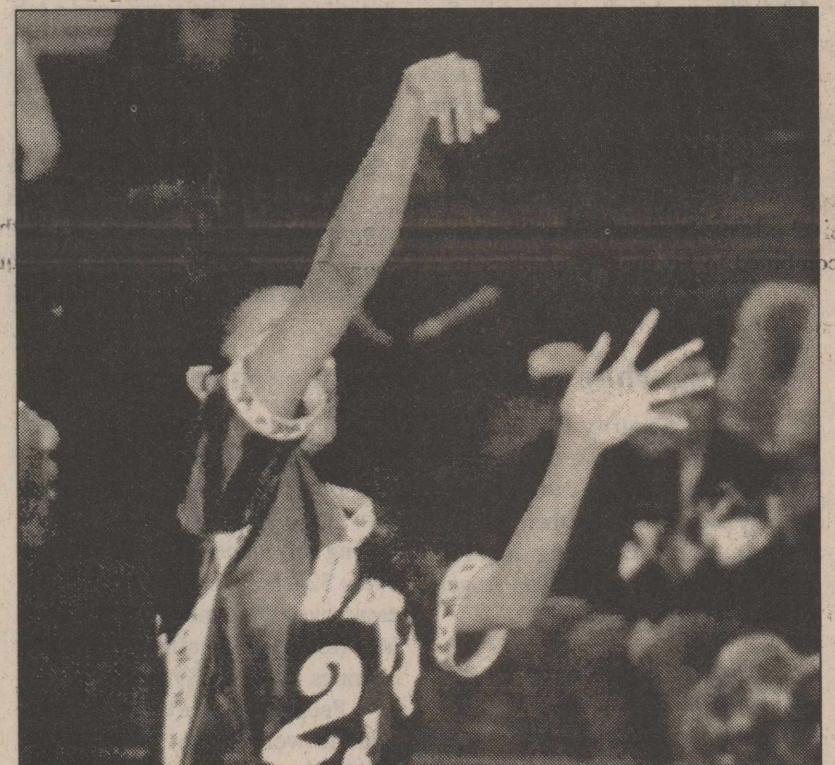
Scorers: Avila 8, Ellison 7, Perez 5, Goble 5, Osborn 4, Richardson 1; 3-pointers: Ellison 1, Goble 1; Season Record 16-2.



THE OZONA LADY LIONS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM are: (bottom row) manager Scarlett Taylor, manager Kendra Webb, coach Dale Mayfield, manager Romelia Galindo and coach Dickie Faught. Second row: coach Deborah Ramon, Kayla Turland, Terri Duncan, Penny Weddle and Ammie Perez. Third row: Kristi Avila and Millie Wadsworth and Kelli Osborn. Top row: Kelli Anne Goble, Codi Richardson, Michelle Gann and Dianna Ellison
Photo by Cameras Two



RANDELL BORREGO (#22) maneuvers the ball down the court as Lance Unger (l.) moves up in the Ozona Lions bout with the Abilene Eagles in the Caprock Tourney.
Photo by Michelle Holtz



KRISTI AVILA takes a shot as the Lady Lions competed in the Caprock Tournament Dec. 28-30 in Lubbock.
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Lions play in Caprock Tourney

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

Ozona Lions began play in the Caprock Tournament at Lubbock Dec. 28 against the Trinity Christian Lions of Lubbock Coronado. This team was last year's private school TAPS state champion.

In the first quarter, the Lions pounced on Trinity quickly, led by Dustin Faught's seven points and Ryan Bean's four points off the bench. Trinity played a very up tempo game and let many 3-pointers fly in the first quarter to only make one. The Lions ended the first quarter leading 20-14 over Trinity.

In the second quarter, Trinity came roaring back, scoring 27 points to the Lions' 14. However, the Lions continued to fight back to go in at the half down seven points, 41-34.

After halftime, Trinity came out firing 3-pointers. They finished the third quarter having scored six 3-pointers. The Lions scored 18 points on Bobby Cervantez' six points, but ended the quarter 74-52.

In the fourth quarter, Cole Wadsworth led the Lions by scoring four points. However, Trinity continued to push the ball up the floor to down the Lions 91-64. The Lions fell to 5-6 for the season.

Scoring by quarters:
Trinity 14 27 33 7 91
Ozona 20 14 18 12 64

Scoring: Juan Garcia 4, Ken Sessom 3, Ross Crawford 6, Dustin Faught 17, Cole Wadsworth 6, Lance Unger 8, Bobby Cervantez 14, Ryan Bean 6; 3-pointers: Ken Sessom 1, Dustin Faught 2, Bobby Cervantez 2.

In Game 2 Wednesday, the Lions played the Lubbock Christian Eagles at Lubbock High School. The Lions came out in the first quarter with aggressive defense to hold the Eagles to just four points. Ross Crawford finished the quarter with four points as the Lions led the Eagles 14-4.

In the second quarter, the Lions continued to press the Eagles defensively. Juan Garcia and Ken Sessom combined to hit three 3-pointers to lead the Lions in scoring. Ozona ended the half leading the Eagles 30 to 11.

Ozona came out firing in the third

quarter as six different Lions scored to give the team a 44-20 lead at the end of the third quarter, Bobby Cervantez scored four points to lead the Lions in scoring for the quarter.

The Lions continued to push the Eagles offensively. Ken Sessom finished the fourth quarter scoring five points. Overall, the Lions' defense held the Eagles in single digit scoring for each of the four quarters. The Lions beat the Eagles 57-29 to move to 6-6 for the season.

Scoring by Quarters:
Ozona 14 14 14 13 57
Lubbock 4 7 9 9 29

Scoring: Juan Garcia 8, Ken Sessom 10, Ross Crawford 8, Seth Webster 2, Randall Borrego 2, Dustin Faught 10, Cole Wadsworth 2, Lance Unger 7, Bobby Cervantez 4, Ryan Bean 4; 3-pointers: Juan Garcia 2, Ken Sessom 2

After playing a noon game at Lubbock High School, the Lions traveled to Coronado to try advancing in the consolation bracket by taking on the Class 5A Abilene High Eagles.

The Lions came out clicking in the first quarter led by five points scored by Juan Garcia. The Lions held the Eagles to just four field goals for the quarter, ending the period leading 14-13.

In the second quarter, Dustin Faught scored 10 of the Lions' 14 points. However, the Lions were unable to stop the Eagles. The half ended Eagles 40, Lions 28.

The second half saw the Eagles increase their lead over the Lions, outscoring the Ozona team 14-7 to lead 54-35 going into the final quarter.

In the fourth, Cole Wadsworth scored five of the Lions' nine points. Again the Eagles proved too much for Ozona. The final score was Abilene High 73, Ozona 44. The Lions fell to 6-7 for the season.

Ozona will play host to the Lake View Chiefs January 4.

Scoring by Quarters:
Abilene 13 27 14 19 73
Ozona 14 14 7 9 44

Scoring: Juan Garcia 6, Ken Sessom 7, Ross Crawford 2, Seth Webster 2, Randall Borrego 2, Dustin Faught 13, Cole Wadsworth 5, Lance Unger 2, Bobby Cervantez 4; 3-pointers: Juan Garcia 1.

January is School Board Recognition Month

January is School Board Recognition Month, with the goal of building awareness of the vital role an elected board of education plays in our society.

The Crockett County Consolidated Common School District is joining other districts throughout the state to recognize the important contributions trustees make to their schools and communities.

"Texans benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 7,000 men and women across the state. These public servants are elected to serve by local citizens and receive no compensation for their tireless efforts. These men and women are the local school board members of Texas," said Larry Taylor, Superintendent, Crockett County Consolidated Common School District.

Ozona coach, players on All-West Texas Team

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

Ozona Lion Head Coach Steve Taylor was named Co-Coach of the Year, Class 2A for the 1999 Standard-Times All-West Texas Football Team Dec. 28.

Though not many people believed in the Ozona Lions' football program after their 1-9 season last year, Taylor was brought in after a one-year retirement.

From the beginning, Taylor and his new staff brought to Ozona confidence and a winning tradition with many years of playoff experience and wins.

At the beginning of two-a-days, Taylor said, "We will stress defense first to keep the opponents' offense off of the field."

Taylor believes that the key to winning is mental toughness and the ability to overcome negative situations. He also said it is important that the Lions be able to play all four quarters to be successful. Most of all, the players had to learn how to win again.

After the Lions won their first game of the season against the Grape Creek Eagles, Taylor said, "We have some good news and some better news. The good news is we're 1-0. The even better news is we can get a whole lot better. We (coaches) are really proud of and proud for these young men."

For the first time in the last four years of Ozona Lions' football, the community saw each one of the players stand tall and proud with a smile for the job they had done as the band played the Lions' fight song.

The Lions finished their regular season 7-3, moving on to the state

"These people unselfishly contribute their time and talents toward the advancement of public education," Taylor said. "They represent a continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision making in education."

"Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation to our school board members, we recognize the contributions reflect a year-round commitment," Taylor said. "They are hardworking individuals who are dedicated to the continuing success of our schools and students."

The men and women serving Crockett County CCSD and their years of service are: George Ybarra, 17th year; David Bean, 12th year; Elliott Barrera, 11th year; Wade Richardson, 8th year; Dr. Marcus Sims, 8th year; Veronica Tijerina, 6th year and Billy Cunningham, 1st year.

playoffs for the first time in four years. The Lions, led by head coach Steve Taylor, reached the state quarterfinals by beating the Post Antelopes. They were defeated 35-16 in the quarterfinals by the Canadian Wildcats.

After the Lions' loss, Taylor said, "Our kids never gave up, and I couldn't be any prouder of them. We (coaches) have coached some good teams, but no team we've had has played with more hearts and guts than these guys. To go from 1-9 to the quarterfinals is unbelievable."

The players and the Ozona community will never forget the 1999 football season as Coach Steve Taylor and his coaches led the Lions to the playoffs and helped put Ozona Lion football back on the map and established something for the younger players to shoot for. Taylor led his team to finish 9-4 and place second in Class 2A football.

Also named to the 1999 Standard-Times Class 2A All-West Texas Football Team are three Ozona players. They are: Quarterback-Defensive Back Ross Crawford, 5'11", 175 pound senior; Wide Receiver Dustin Faught, 6'2", 165 pound junior; and Defensive Lineman Ray Ramos, 5'8", 170 pound junior.

Crawford led the Lions to the state quarterfinals from behind center, passing for 1,402 yards and 16 touchdowns while running for 106 yards and 11 scores. He also picked off two passes.

Faught caught 38 passes for 668 yards and found the end zone 12 times this season.

Ramos finished with 108 tackles, 13 sacks, five fumble recoveries and one touchdown. He had 32 tackles for losses for a defense who had three shutouts to close the season.

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on Jan. 5!



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OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM
STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Texas leads the nation when it comes to improving public education. Texas stays on the leading edge of education reform and academic excellence by giving local school districts the freedom to innovate and the power to design programs to meet their communities' needs. Although the State Board of Education and the Texas Education Agency provide leadership and guidelines, the ultimate responsibility for fulfilling the public trust lies with more than 1,000 local school districts in Texas. More than 7,000 publicly elected school board members make decisions that affect the education of almost four million young Texans.

These men and women, the largest group of publicly elected officials in Texas, define policy, prepare budgets and oversee local schools in accordance with the will of the people. School boards provide local control over education where it counts—at a point closest to the parent and the child. They work to ensure academic excellence and accountability for students, teachers and administrators. They also confront challenges and problems that would have been unimaginable a generation ago: staying abreast of changing technology, addressing growing concerns over school safety, and ensuring that schools produce measurable results in academic achievement.

Board members are there to listen to parents, teachers, and residents, and to ensure that all children are given the chance to achieve their highest potential. In Texas, school board members deserve special recognition, for they receive no compensation other than the satisfaction of rendering an indispensable public service.

The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB), created in 1949, has designated January 2000 as "School Board Recognition Month" to increase public awareness of the vital role these boards play. I urge all Texans young and old to recognize and honor the dedication and diligence of school board members. I also encourage local residents to take full advantage of the opportunities afforded by the Texas Education Code to participate in the dialogue that is the foundation of local control over our schools.

Therefore, I, George W. Bush, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim January 2000,

SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.



In official recognition whereof, I hereby fix my signature this 21st day of October, 1999.

George W. Bush
Governor of Texas

Faught, Crawford selected to Super Team

By Michelle Holtz
STOCKMAN SPORTSWRITER

The 1999 San Angelo Standard-Times All-West Texas Football Super Team was announced Dec. 31.

The two Ozona Lions making the super team were wide receiver Dustin Faught and quarterback-defensive back Ross Crawford.

Faught, a 6'2", 165 pound junior, caught 38 passes for 668 yards and

found the end zone 123 times this season.

Crawford, a 5'11", 175 pound senior, led the Lions to the state quarterfinals from behind center, passing for 1,402 yards and 16 touchdowns while running for 106 yards and 11 scores. He also picked off two passes as a defender.

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Jan. 12 - Chickburger, Burger Salad, Tator Tots, Cookie
Jan. 13 - Nacho Supreme, Cheese, Ranch Style Beans, Jello
Jan. 14 - Steakfingers, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls

FAST FOOD

Jan. 10 - Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Fruit Cocktail, Tator Tots
Jan. 11 - Tacos, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Pears
Jan. 12 - Hamburger, Burger Salad, Tator Tots, Cookie
Jan. 13 - Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Burger Salad, Potato Wedges, Jello
Jan. 14 - Cheeseburgers, Burger Salad, Tator Tots, Rolls

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Jan. 10 - Beef & Bean Burrito or Cold Cereal
Jan. 11 - Sausage & Biscuit or Cream of Wheat
Jan. 12 - Sausage & Egg Burrito or Cold Cereal
Jan. 13 - French Toast or Cold Cereal
Jan. 14 - Ham & Egg Burrito or Cold Cereal

Crockett County Sheriff's Report

12/28/99 through 01/03/2000
12/28/99
 Report of a strong smell of gas on Houston Street. Deputy and NatGas employee checked out the area. Unable to locate leaks.
 Motor vehicle accident on Mitchell Black Top. Crockett County Sheriff's Office dispatched EMS and Fire Department. Deputy assisted on call.
 Deputy took information from complainant by phone and filed offense report of telephone (obscene) harassment.
 Report of loud music on Willow Street. Deputy had subjects turn music down.
 Report of a male trespassing on Avenue G. Deputy located and informed subject of complainant.
12/29/99
 Gas welfare at local convenience store on Avenue E. Deputy assisted people with fuel.
 Stranded motorist at mile marker 363. Deputy assisted the motorist with fuel.
 Report of an open door on Avenue E. Deputy secured building and had Sheriff's Office notify owner.
 Report of vehicle with HELP sign on rear windshield at mile marker 349. Deputy reported that subject had vehicle problems and mechanic had been notified.
 Report of gas drive off from convenience store on Avenue E. Deputy stopped vehicle at mile marker 372 and escorted driver back to store to pay for gas.
 Report of kids hiding at a residence on Avenue C. Deputy met with adult subject.
 Deputy met with complainant 12th Street and filed offense report of telephone (obscene) harassment.
 Report of family disturbance on Mulberry Street. Deputy arrested male subject on a charge of assault/family violence.
 Report of a male trying to get into a home on Santa Anna Street. Deputy was unable to locate anyone in the area.
 Deputy met complainant on 12th Street reference to money owed for storage on a wrecked vehicle.
12/30/99
 Deputy met with complainant on Mesquite Drive and filed offense report of telephone (obscene) harassment.
 Deputy met with complainant at Sheriff's Office in reference to someone killing pet dog with a pellet gun. Deputy took information and is investigating to identify suspects.
 Report of kids popping fireworks on Avenue D. Deputy was unable to locate anyone in the area.
12/31/99
 Report of a suspicious person on Highway 163 South. Deputy checked male subject and informed him to stay away from business.
 911 medical call to Santa Anna Street. Subject was taken to clinic by E.M.S. personnel. Deputy assisted on call.
 Deputies assisted with a funeral escort to Methodist Church, and to Cedar Hill Cemetery.
 911 medical call to Blas Street. Sheriff's Office dispatched ambulance. Subject was taken to clinic by E.M.S. Deputy assisted on call.
 Report of an unattended death of local citizen, at Avenue D. Deputy filed report.
 Deputy met complainant at Sheriff's Office in reference to another subject owing them money. Deputy took information.
 911 fire report of a grass fire by the dump ground. Sheriff's Office notified Fire Department.

Deputy escorted a hunter from Highway 163 South to clinic. Hunter had cut himself accidentally with glass.
 Report of a family disturbance on Peach Street. Deputies arrested male subject on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon.
 Report of suspicious person on Highway 163 South. Deputies checked male subject out. Everything okay.
 Report of kids shooting fireworks across I-10. Deputy was unable to locate.
 Report of a grass fire at War Admiral Street. Sheriff's Office notified Fire Department.
 Report of road hunters. Sheriff's Office notified Game Warden.
01/01/2000
 911 fire report of a house fire on 1st Street. Sheriff's Office notified Fire Department. Deputies assisted on call.
 Report of a family disturbance on Avenue C. Deputies reported male subject had left the residence.
 Report of loud music on Heraclio and Del Rio Street.
 Report of persons destroying a motorcycle on 11th Street. Deputy reported they were working on bike.
 Open door reported at County Library. Deputy secured building everything okay.
 Reports of smoke inside residence on Peach Street. Sheriff's Office notified Fire Department, who checked the residence out and found a microwave to be the cause of the smoke.
 Reports of kid popping fireworks on Avenue J. Citizen concerned houses might catch fire.
01/02/2000
 Report of a male lying in the middle of the street on 11th Street. Deputy reported it was local juvenile playing in front of his residence; everything okay. Deputy told juveniles to call it a night.
 911 report of a fire at North County Line. Sheriff's Office notified Fire Department.
 Deputy assisted DPS Trooper at mile marker 364 on a traffic stop.
01/03/2000
 Report of a vehicle accident on Santa Rosa. Sheriff's Office dispatched ambulance. E.M.S. personnel took male driver to clinic; afterwards he was arrested by D.P.S. Trooper on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
 Report of someone unknown at a residence on Highway 163 South. Deputies were unable to locate anyone in the area.
 Report of a vehicle accident on Monterey Street. No injuries. D.P.S. Trooper worked accident.
 Alarm at Ozona National Bank. Deputy secured building. Everything okay.

ARREST REPORT

12/28/1999 through 01/03/2000
12/28/99 Wright, Corbin L., age 23, from California was arrested by Sheriff's Deputy on charges of possession of marijuana under 2 oz. and possession of drug paraphernalia. Wright was released after posting bond and paying fine.
12/30/99 Cruz, Enrique L., age 38, from Ozona was arrested by Sheriff's Deputy on a charge of assault family violence. Cruz was released after paying fine.
12/30/99 Rogers, Sarah Jean, age 19, from Austin was arrested by Sheriff's Deputy on a charge of possession of marijuana under 2 oz. Rogers was released after posting bond.
12/30/99 Seymour, Michael Scott, age 22, from Austin was arrested by Sheriff's Deputy on a charge of possession of marijuana under 2 oz. Seymour was released after posting bond.

12/31/99 Douglas, Clifford, age 47, from San Antonio was arrested by D.P.S. Trooper on a charge of driving while intoxicated. Douglas was released after posting bond.
12/31/99 Hembree, Joe Floyd, age 57, from Midland was arrested by D.P.S. Trooper on a charge of driving while intoxicated. Hembree was released after posting bond.
12/31/99 Borrego, Alberto Sifuentes, age 52, from Ozona was arrested by Sheriff's Deputy on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon on family member. Borrego was released after posting bond.
01/01/00 Torrez, Olivia Sue, age 19 from Sonora was arrested by Sheriff's Deputy on a charge of public intoxication. She was released after pleading guilty in J.P. court and paying fine.
01/01/00 Thomas, Tonalaa T., age 53, from Ozona was arrested by D.P.S. Trooper on a charge of driving while intoxicated. Thomas was released after posting bond.
01/01/00 Salazar, Jesus Abel, age 19, was arrested Sheriff's Deputy on a charge of driving while intoxicated. Salazar was released after posting bond.
01/02/00 Bryan, Jennifer Ann, age 20, was arrested by Sheriff's Deputy on charges of possession of marijuana under 2 oz. and possession of drug paraphernalia. Bryan posted bond and was released.
01/01/00 Schleman, Troy Alan, age 34, was arrested by DPS Trooper

on a warrant from Nueces County on charges of failure to appear / possession of marijuana. Schleman was released after posting bond

01/03/00 Sanchez, Joseph Albert, age 21, was arrested by DPS Trooper on a charge of driving while intoxicated 2nd. Sanchez was released after posting bond.

OFFENSE REPORTS

Any information on the below offense reports will be appreciated by the Sheriff's Office.

12/28/1999 thru 01/03/2000
12/29/99 Deputy met with complainant on 12th Street and filed offense report of telephone obscene harassment. Unknown caller called complainant and made obscene comments.
12/30/99 Deputy met with complainant on Mesquite Drive and filed offense report of telephone obscene harassment. Unknown caller called complainant and made obscene comments.
12/31/99 Deputy met with complainant on Sheffield Road and filed offense report of criminal mischief. Suspect(s) did damage to a vehicle.
12/31/99 Report of a family disturbance on Peach Street. Deputies arrested male subject on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon on a family member and Deputy filed offense report. An arrest was made at scene.
01/02/00 Deputy met with complainant on Santa Rosa Street and filed offense report of stolen vehicle. Deputy located vehicle same day. Vehicle was released to owner.
01/02/00 Deputy met with complainant on Encino Street and filed offense report on burglary of vehicle. Suspect(s) took property out of a vehicle.
01/02/00 Deputy met with complainant on Avenue G and filed offense report for criminal mischief.

Rep. Bob Turner studies issues

State Representative Bob Turner (D-Voss) reports that Texas House Speaker Pete Laney has given House Committees their "To Do List" for the next year. He has directed members of the House to begin studying issues that will serve as the centerpiece for the next legislative session which will convene in January 2001 in Austin.
 Rep. Turner currently serves on the Land Resource Management Committee and chairs the Committee on Public Safety.
 Turner said, "It is wonderful to have the time and opportunity to do intensive research on issues that will affect the state in the upcoming years." As chairman of the House Public Safety committee, Rep. Turner's committee will be studying five issues, the major one being the issue surrounding the use of social security numbers to obtain a driver's license. Turner said, "The social security issue is a major concern, not only for my district, but for the whole state."
 Speaker Laney has issued over

150 interim charges to the 36 standing committees in the House. This is where a major portion of the legislative work is done every two years. Turner said, "Our hard work here will make the legislative session less hectic when January 2001 arrives."

Each of these committees are required to report to the 77th Legislature on its findings. These reports will help legislators highlight and develop solutions to the problems faced by people all across the state.

Turner stated, "Over the next several months, the House Committees will be traveling all over the state to have committee meetings to gain public input. This is another prime opportunity for the public to get involved with the process. Without the people's input, the Legislature does not know your concerns."

To find a complete list of the interim charges and other information about state government, you can go to the Texas House of Representatives website at www.house.state.tx.us.

Mohair Council announces annual meeting

The Mohair Council of America will hold its annual meeting Jan. 19 and 20 at the Holiday Inn in San Angelo. The meeting will include district caucuses, election of officers, reports from affiliate organizations, pre-

sentations from recent international trips and opportunities for discussion. Call the Council office at 1-800-583-3161 or 655-3161 to confirm your attendance.

Sales tax report shows decline

The second quarter 1999 state sales and use tax analysis report released by Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander shows a decline for most area counties. Retail sales dropped for Crane, Crockett, Irion, Reagan, Sutton Terrell and Upton Counties.
 Retail sales increases were shown for Tom Green and Val Verde Counties. When all industries were taken into account, Upton County joined these two.
 In the all industries division, Crockett County had 117 reporting outlets with gross sales of \$8,422,250.00. This was a 31.6% drop from the \$12,308,904.00 recorded by 134 reporting outlets for the same quarter in 1998.
 Retail sales for Crockett County for the second quarter of 1999 included \$5,698,315.00 reported by 65 outlets compared to 79 outlets reporting gross sales of \$7,356,776.00 for the 1998 quarter, a decline of 22.5%.
Crane County - 1999 - 53 outlets reporting gross sales of \$4,494,130.00; 1998 - 64 outlets reporting gross sales of \$5,666,313.00 for a 20.7% decline
Irion County - 1999 - 26 outlets reporting gross sales of \$568,077.00;

1998 - 25 outlets reporting gross sales of \$669,251.00 for a 15.1% decline
Reagan County - 1999 - 46 outlets reporting gross sales of \$4,221,803.00; 1998 - 55 outlets reporting gross sales of \$5,347,708.00 for a 21.1% decline
Sutton County - 1999 - 73 outlets reporting gross sales of \$5,706,929.00; 1998 - 77 outlets reporting gross sales of \$7,742,087.00 for a 26.3% decline
Terrell County - 1999 - 20 outlets reporting gross sales of \$501,556.00; 1998 - 24 outlets reporting gross sales of \$676,469.00, for a decrease of 25.9%
Tom Green County - 1999, 1330 outlets reporting gross sales of \$282,021,839.00; 1998 - 1,385 outlets reporting sales of \$253,263,418.00 for a 11.4% increase
Upton County - 1999 - 59 reporting outlets with gross sales of \$3,088,882.00; 1998 - 57 reporting gross sales of \$ 3,920,824.00 for a 21.2% decrease
Val Verde County, 1998 - 410 reporting outlets with sales of \$96,531,026.00; 1998 - 455 outlets reporting sales of \$82,405,608.00 for an increase of 17.1% for the second quarter.

WEEKLY REPORT
 Congressman
Henry Bonilla
 23rd District, Texas
 1529 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515-2021/225-4511

Resolutions to keep

Now that we have all made it safely past midnight, it's time to make some resolutions for 2000. In the spirit of this annual tradition, I propose five resolutions that our President, and my friends in Congress, should make.

First, we must eliminate the marriage penalty tax. There are many wonderful reasons to say "I do" to someone, but paying more taxes is not one of them.

The marriage penalty tax punishes married couples who both work. The federal government requires married couples to file joint income tax returns. It then turns around and taxes that couple at a higher rate than if they were not married but just living together. It's time some politicians live up to their talk of family values, and get rid of this anti-family tax.

If Uncle Sam doesn't get you coming, he'll get you going. When you die, your family could get hit with the death tax. The death tax hits farmers, ranchers and small business owners particularly hard. It makes inheriting farms or ranches that may have been passed down through the family for generations more of a burden than a legacy. Often, families have to sell off part or all of their land just to pay the taxes. A family must not only come up with the thousands of dollars that can be needed for a burial but must also scrape together additional money to turn over to Washington, all while grieving the loss of someone they love.

Both of these taxes would have been eliminated by the tax relief bill passed by Congress last year. However, the bill was not signed into law.

The third resolution we should make is to continue to stand guard over Social Security. Congress worked together with the White House last year to make sure that money for Social Security was not spent on new government programs. We must take the same stand this year.

Fourth, we must continue to strengthen our nation's military and defenses. Last year, a bill was signed into law that gave the United States Armed Forces their biggest pay raise in 18 years. The law also gives the military more resources to use for training, equipment and recruiting. We must continue this commitment to peace through strength.

Fifth, we must remember that free enterprise works best when it is just that - free. Congress must continue to work to clear red tape from the paths of hard working men and women trying to earn a living for themselves and the workers they employ.

It has become as much a tradition to make resolutions as to break them. But these are five resolutions that deserve to be kept.

Permian Basin Weekly Rig & Drilling Summary

(Districts 7C, 8, 8A & New Mexico)

Weekly Rig Count

Dec. 30, 1999
 Compiled by Hughes Christensen and Tracer Supply Inc.-San Angelo, Texas

DIST. #7C	DIST. #8	DIST. #8A	
Coke	0	Andrews	3
Concho	0	Brewster	0
Crockett	2	Crane	2
Irion	0	Culberson	0
Kimble	0	Ector	3
McCullough	1	Glasscock	2
Menard	0	Howard	4
Reagan	1	Hudspeth	0
Ruels	0	Jeff Davis	0
Schleicher	2	Loving	0
Sutton	2	Martin	3
Terrell	2	Midland	11
Tom Green	1	Mitchell	0
Upton	3	Pecos	5
Total Dist. 7C	14	Presidio	0
		Reeves	1
		Sterling	3
NEW MEXICO		Ward	3
Chaves	1	Winkler	3
Eddy	21	Total Dist. 8	43
Lea	25		
Roosevelt	0	Yoakum	2
Total NM	47	Total Dist. 8A	15

Total rotary rig count (P.B.-Texas) this week: 119

Weekly Drilling and Completion Report

Compiled by Charles Lewis Communications, Lindale, Texas
 Jan. 3, 2000

Flowing 290 barrels of oil per day on a 24/64 choke, the No. 44 Powell "56" has been completed in the East World Field, Crockett County, 16 miles south of Big Lake. E.O.B. Resources is the operator.
 Bottomed at 8,206 feet, the well will produce from the Strawn Formation, 8,012 to 8,048 feet into the hole. Flowing tubing pressure stood at 290 PSI.

A potent gas well has been completed in Crockett County's Simpson-Mann Field 40 miles southwest of Ozona.
 Designated as the No. 2 M. K. Daniel "1110", it flowed gas at the rate of 2,213,000 CF per day. It received a 4,765,000-CFD rating on open flow.
 With Altura Energy as the operator, the well bottomed at 6,128 feet and was plugged back to 5,870. It was perforated for production ranging from 5,248 to 5,426 feet.

First production data have been filed for the No. 4 Read I in the Read Ranch Field 12.3 miles southeast of Ozona.
 The well flowed 523,000 CF gas daily on a 1.25-in. choke and was evaluated at 702,000 CF on open flow.
 Bottomed at 9,400 feet, the well was perforated for Strawn formation pay, 9,090 to 9,296 feet into the wellbore.
 Primal Energy Inc. was the operator.

A new pool wildcat will seek expanded pay in Crockett County's Howard Draw Field 14 miles northwest of Ozona. Carrying authority for 2,000 feet of hole, it will be known as the No. 2 Todd "36". Location is in a 160-acre unit in the GC&SFRR Survey A-4963, with W.T.G. Exploration of Midland as the operator.

The No. 2 University "4-29" has been completed in the Ozona Field by W.T.G. Exploration.
 Located 27 miles west of Ozona, it flowed 23 barrels of oil daily on open choke. Tubing pressure amounted to 65 PSI.
 The well probed to a 6,586-ft. bottom and was perforated for production in the Canyon Sand. The production interval is 5,985 to 6,058 feet into the wellbore.

Texaco Exploration of Midland has filed for permit to drill an 8,350-ft. developmental well in the Northeast Ozona Field. It is in a 1,305-acre lease in the GC&SFRR Survey A-4390 about seven miles southeast of Ozona. It will be known as the No. 23 C.E. Davidson Jr. "B".

W. T. G. Exploration of Midland has revealed plans to conduct a recompletion for extended production life at the No. 1 University "16-33" in Crockett County's Howards Creek Field. Location is in a 320-acre drilling unit in the University Lands 16 miles west of Ozona. Originally drilled to 6,000 feet, it will seek new production in the Canyon Sand.

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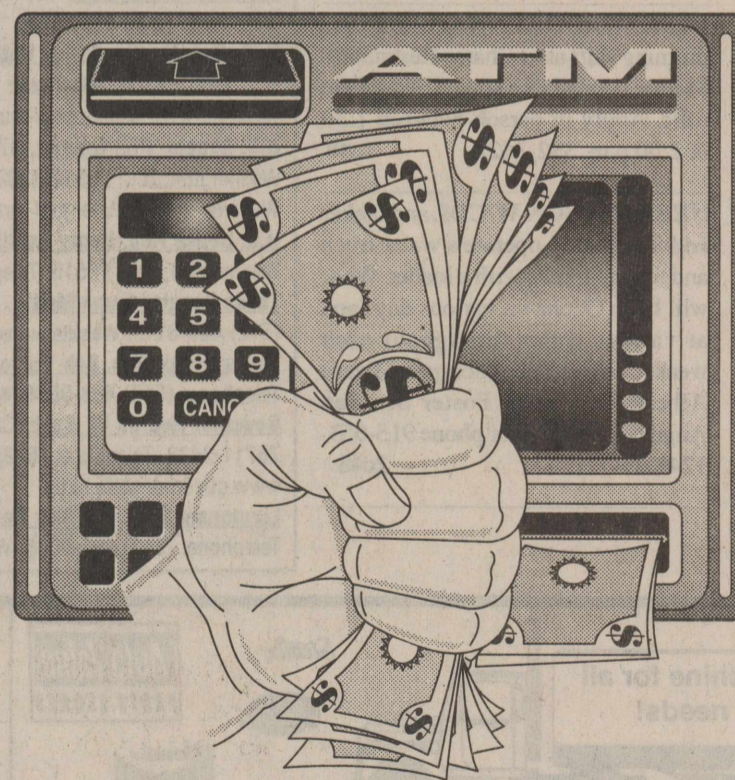


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