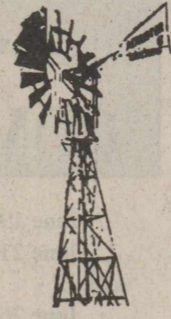
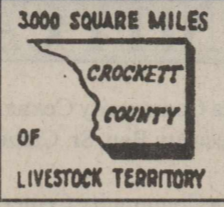


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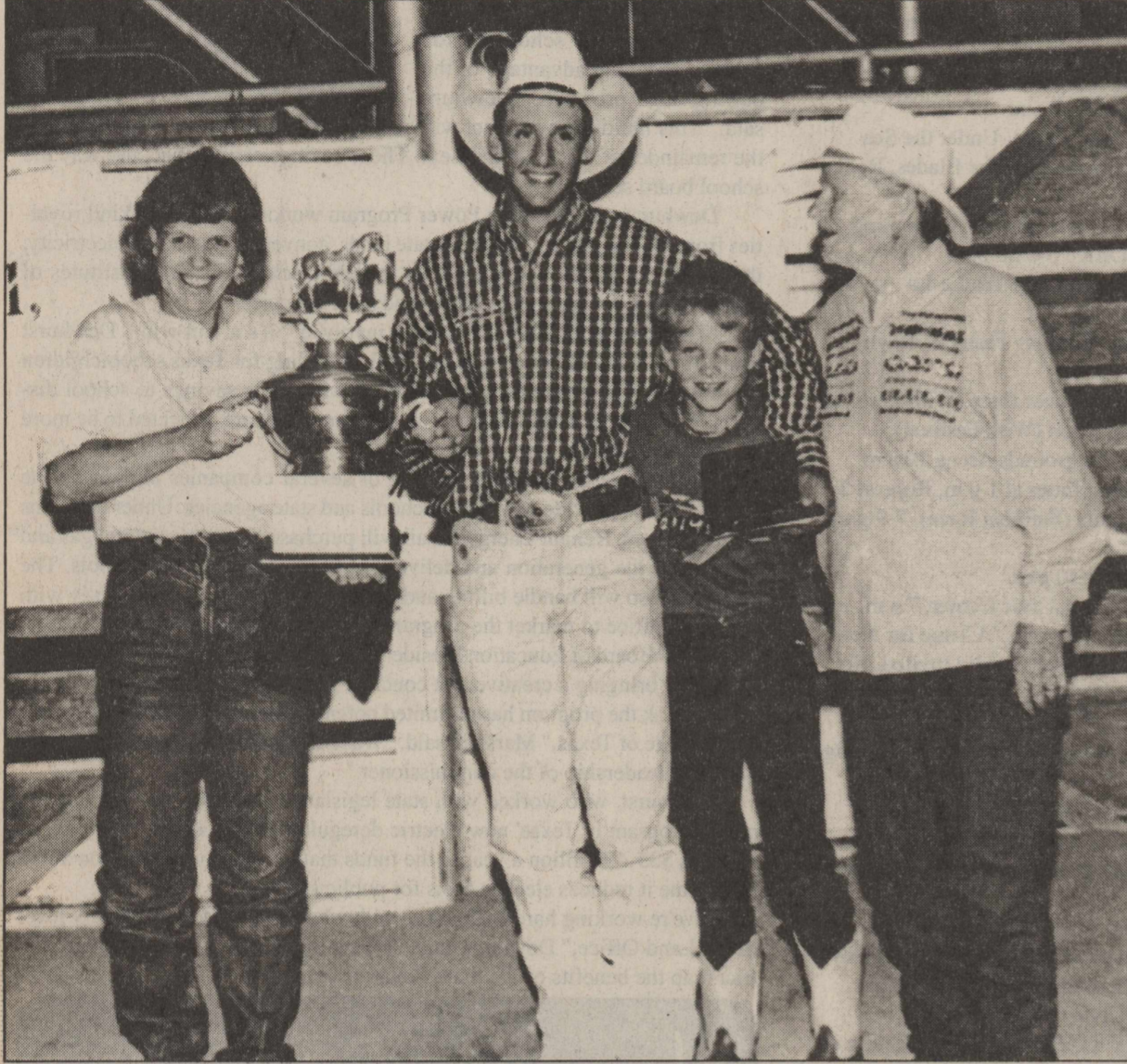
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WORLD CHAMPION GOAT ROPER KINNEY HARRELL (center), nephew to Karl Kinney Kothman, made his victory a family affair as he holds the Karl Kothman memorial trophy along with his mom Marsha Harrell. Making the memorial presentation is Karl Kothman's mother, Litane Kothman (r.) and Harrell's niece Ginny White.

Photo by Stephen Zuberbueller

Harrell takes championship title

Winner of the 2000 World Championship Goat Roping, Kinney Harrell, an 18-year-old from Brady, took home \$1,983.38 for his efforts here last weekend. He was also the recipient of a saddle donated by Ozona National Bank and the Karl Kothman memorial trophy awarded annually since 1986 as a tribute to his late uncle. Kothman was the winner of the first World Championship Goat Roping, which was held in San Angelo in 1985.

Litane Kothman, mother of Karl Kothman and grandmother of Kinney Harrell, said the original plan had been to retire the revolving trophy after 10 years, "but they all really seem to enjoy winning it." She was especially happy to see her grandson receive the award this year. "I was so happy I cried," said Mrs. Kothman. Kinney has competed in goat ropings since he was five.

Harrell won the average with 82.53, took first in the second and third gos, was second in the fourth and third in the fifth go of the open competition.

Frank Gutierrez of Del Rio was second in the average with 95.35 and earning \$932.28 total.

Finishing out the six places in the open average were: 3 Reagan Bundw of Christoval, 95.38; 4 Glyn Hutto of Eldorado, 95.52; 5 Hayse Worthington of Ozona, 99.67; and 6 Shane Coo-

per of Ozona, 101.88.

There were 46 entries in the open.

Gary Vannoy of Ozona was winner of the average in the senior division in 105.34 earning a total of \$522.50 in prize money. Vannoy also received the saddle given by Fort Dodge Pharmaceutical. He was first in the first go, and second in the fifth and sixth gos.

Second place went to Cecil Keith of Wimberley with 154.22. Keith did not win any of the gos, so therefore received only the average pay out of \$188.10 for second place.

Hymie Gilstrap of Eldorado was third in the average with 181.91.

The senior division had 10 entries.

Blane Cordes of Menard was winner of the average in the C-roping (novice) with 67.59 to take home \$643.90. Cordes also received the Ruben Whitehead memorial buckle. He was second in the first, third and fourth gos.

Ryder Hohman of Rocksprings averaged 71.13 for \$408.90 with Will Burrus of Stephenville third with 76.58. Fourth place went to Ryan Bean of Ozona with 82.41.

There were 27 entries in the C-roping.

Winning the women's division was Tanna Gutierrez of Del Rio with 63.08 and \$664.02. Tanna took the top

spot in the first, third and fourth gos and was second in the second go.

Second place went to Cheryl Audas of San Angelo with 74.24 and \$419.43. Third was Mecca McMullan of Iran with an average of 105.40.

In the women's division, there were 12 entrants.

Winning the junior division, Will Burrus of Stephenville was first on seven head in 133.47 for a total of \$678.75. He was awarded the Shawn McMullan Memorial saddle. Burrus placed first in the first and seventh gos and was second in the second, third and fourth gos.

Second place winner Clay Hale of Ozona averaged 189.80 for total prize money of \$323.99. Hayse Worthington of Ozona was third with 130.66 on six head.

The junior division had nine entries.

A hard luck prize, a \$100.00 gift certificate, was donated for the last place person in each division by Cody May of San Angelo.

Big Bad Billy Goat Bustin' winners were Will M. Black and Ed Hale. They each received a cash prize of \$500.00.

This year's World Championship Goat Roping was presented by the Crockett County Roping Association, Ozona Chamber of Commerce and Texas Goat Roping Association.

Trustees review TAAS results

By Ted Cotton
Asst. Superintendent

In their regular monthly meeting that was held on Thursday, June 15, members of the Ozona School Board approved a resolution requesting the Texas Association of School Boards' support for legislation changing the Texas Education Code 11.052 (f) dealing with school trustee elections.

Superintendent of Schools Larry Taylor explained that there are over 150 Texas school districts currently electing all or some portion of their trustees from single-member districts. All of these districts are required by state statute to complete the redistricting process in the narrow window of time between the publishing of the 2000 national census data in the early summer of 2001 and their 2002 trustee elections.

"Under the provisions of TEC 11.052 (f), all of the trustees run for office at the first election after each redistricting. This Texas Education Code needs to be changed so that single-member district elections can

be phased in rather than all school trustees having to run for office at the same time. This needs to be changed because experience has shown us that having all trustee positions up at the same election can adversely impact valuable continuity on a school board and between the leadership team of the board of trustees and the superintendent. This is especially important because right after the election, the school district budget is being developed," Taylor said.

The resolution approved by the board will be voted on during the TASB Delegate Assembly which will be held in Houston on Saturday, Sept. 23. In a related item, the trustees approved Veronica Tijerina as the board's official delegate and Laurie Hale as the alternate delegate to the TASB Delegate Assembly.

The board reviewed and discussed another good year in regard to the 1999-2000 Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) local results for grades three through eight and ten. At the third grade level, 89% of the students passed reading and 94% passed mathematics, while fourth grade results were 88% passing reading, 86% passing math, and 84% passing writing. 77% of Ozona Intermediate School students in the fifth grade passed reading and 95% passed math.

In Ozona Middle School, 85% of the sixth grade passed reading and 98% passed math. In the seventh grade, all students (100%) passed reading and all students (100%) passed math. At the eighth grade level, 97% of the students passed reading, 100% passed math and 94% passed writing. Also in the eighth grade, 97% passed science and 86% passed social studies. The eighth grade is the only grade in which five TAAS tests are given.

At Ozona High School, 84% of the tenth grade students passed reading, 93% passed mathematics and 86% passed writing.

Superintendent Taylor presented a report on the 1999-2000 school year student enrollment and attendance. For the 1999-2000 school year, the district's average daily student membership was 881.872 students in enrollment and the district's average daily attendance was 852.211. Taylor compared the 1999-2000 school year district average daily attendance to the 1998-99 school year district average daily attendance of 922, which revealed a loss of approximately 70 students in daily attendance between this year and the last school year. The 1997-98 school year average daily membership was 958.

Taylor told the trustees that the district has already had to make one adjustment to the recapture of money under the Robin Hood plan for school finance, due to the loss of enrollment, and that it will probably have to make another monetary adjustment in August because the district will owe the state more money.

The board reviewed and discussed bids received for school gasoline products for the 2000-01 school year, and it approved a bid from Griffin Fuels of Eldorado for the gas products. The members approved all bids received for athletic supplies for the 2000-01 school year with the exception of a bid from Athletic World, and due to a decision that no new band instruments will be purchased during the 2000-01 school year, this agenda item was not considered by the board.

The members approved the resignations of Gerry and Dianna Webb, teachers in Ozona High School, and they approved the employment of Dan Webb and Cindy Webb as teachers in OHS for next year. Mr. Webb will teach chemistry and physics, and Mrs. Webb will teach high school mathematics. They will move to Ozona from Paint Rock ISD where they are presently teaching.

The meeting was adjourned following an affirmative vote to set the date and time for the board's regular July meeting on July 13 at 7:00 p.m.



DIANA ELLISON signed to play basketball for the Lady Bulldogs at Clarendon Junior College. She is pictured with her mother and brother Beatriz and Tony Valencia.

Photo by Susan Calloway

Helping Hands to host open house

Helping Hands will host an open house for the new Senior Citizens' Building June 27 from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. There will be a ribbon cutting at 2:00 p.m. and dedication of the building at that time.

Refreshments will be served to all as they tour the building.

"The citizens of Ozona need to come see what their money has built for each and every one of us to enjoy," said Janet Hill-McDaniel.

"The permanent plaques will not arrive in time for the opening, but substitutes will be in place.

"Please join us on this special day."

Heavy rain falls over weekend

South and southwest Crockett County received seven inches and more of rain through the weekend.

"There is nothing left of Scott Canyon Road but a kind of trail between cedar bushes," Eddie Moore, county road superintendent, said Monday afternoon. Moore estimated that six or seven miles of road will have to be completely rebuilt.

Jake Miller reported 3.5 to 4.5 for the weekend with 7.5 to 8 inches for his son, Pierce Miller farther west.

"My rain gauge was running over," said Chris Beckham, who lives in southern Crockett County. Six plus inches definitely fell on the Clegg Ranch. "It was a quick little flash flood," said Chris.

Rainfall amounts ranged from four to six inches on Brock and Camille Jones' ranch in the southeast part of the county, and in the Pandale area, Larry Arledge also had four to six inches.

Other reports to the south include Bill Carson with 3.5 inches and Bill Armstrong with 2.57.

Elsewhere, Graham Childress had 1.8 and Penn Baggett 2.5. In Ozona, 1.8 was recorded at the weather station at Ozona Butane.

Draws ran, making it necessary to close County Roads 107, 303, 407, 409 and 412. State highways closed included 1973, 2083 and 163 South. TX 163 was closed due to flooding in

Val Verde County.

Eddie Moore reported water damage on 305 (Liveoak Road) and 306 (Deer Canyon Road). Crews began repairs Monday.

Receiving minor water damage but remaining passable were County Roads 408, 410 and 411.

"Draw crossings were washed out and had lots of debris on the roadway," said Moore. "Road crews were out over the weekend clearing roads so traffic could go over them. Lots of debris at draw crossings had to be cleared from the roads."

Additional rain fell across the county Tuesday morning. Amounts were not available.

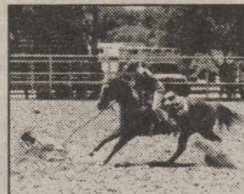
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Goat ropers compete for the World Title

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Weather today - High -- 87, Low -- 68

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Ozona Chamber of Commerce COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 19-23 - Ozona Community Center Camp Buggie
June 21 - Social Security Rep. Sr. Citizens' Bldg., 10-11:30 a.m.

June 26-30 - Ozona Community Center Camp Outer Space
June 26 - Small Business Seminar w/ASU-SBDC: Advertising for Rural Business, Chamber Office 6-8:30 p.m.
June 27 - Ozona Senior Center and Helping Hands Open House & Ribbon Cutting 2-6; Ribbon Cutting 2 p.m.
June 29 - Cub Scout Pack 153 Cookout, Rodeo Park, 7-9 p.m.
July - Friends of the Library Summer Childrens' Programs, Each Monday Morning
July 10 - Chamber Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
July 10-14 - Ozona Lions Tennis Camp, 9 a.m. - Noon
July 17-21 - Ozona Community Center Camp Under the Sea
July 20 - Cub Scout Pack 153 Ice Cream & Roller Blades, Rodeo Park 7-9 p.m.
July 24 - Small Business Seminar w/ASU-SBDC: Accounting Basics For Small Business, Chamber Office 6-8:30 p.m.
July 24-28 - Ozona Community Center Camp Tra La-La
Aug. 4-5 - Ozona Lions Club Jr. Rodeo
Aug. 5 - 8th Annual David Crockett Birthday Festival, Town Square, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Aug. 5 - Friends of the Library Lawnmower Race (With Festival)
Aug. 5 - David Crockett Trail Ride, Noon (With Festival)
Aug. 5 - Cowboy Church Service, Fairgrounds Arena 10 a.m.
Aug. 6 - Jay Miller Memorial Roping Enter at 1 p.m., Rope at 2
Aug. 10 - Cub Scout Pack 153 Regatta (Sailboat Race), 7-9 p.m.
Location TBA
Aug. 14 - Chamber Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Aug. 17 - WTRC "Dust in Denim" Skits, Civic Center, 7 p.m.
Aug. 20 - Methodist Church Special Program "A Time for New Beginnings"/Guest Preacher Dr. Robert Shelton. Public Invited. No Charge. Worship 11 a.m., Dinner Noon, Evening Worship 7 p.m., Dessert 8 p.m.
Aug. 21 - Methodist Church Hamburger Supper 6 p.m.; Evening Worship 7 p.m.
Aug. 28 - Small Business Seminar w/ ASU-SBDC: Excellent Customer Service For Rural Businesses, Chamber Office 6-8:30 p.m.
Sept. 1 - Southwest Boer Goat Breeders Summer Classic Sale, Convention Center 7 p.m.
Sept. 11 - Chamber Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.
Sept. 19-21 - TX Rural Development Council & Concho Valley RC&D Area Inc. Economic Development Project/Resource Team
Sept. 21 - Town Meeting, Ozona Civic Center, 7 p.m.
Sept. 25 - Small Business Seminar w/ASU-SBDC: Marketing on the Internet, Chamber Office 6-8:30 p.m.
Sept. 30 - Ft. Lancaster Annual Living History Special Event 9-4
Oct. 9 - Chamber Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Oct. 14 - Pioneer Heritage Day, Crockett County Museum
Oct. 23 - Small Business Seminar w/ASU-SBDC: The Business Plan: A Roadmap to Success, Chamber Office 6-8:30 p.m.
Nov. 11 - Arts & Crafts Guild Crafts Fair, 10 a.m.
Nov. 11 - Ft. Lancaster Civil War Living History Day 9-4
Nov. 13 - Chamber Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
Dec. 1 - Christmas Lighting Ceremony by Ozona Woman's League
Dec. 2 - 13th Annual DeerFest Wild Game Dinner, Fair Park Convention Center, 6:30 p.m.
Dec. 10 - Friends of the Library Christmas Tour of Homes
Dec. 11 - Chamber Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Dewhurst announces approval of state power program contract by Houston Independent School District Board of Education

AUSTIN--Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst today announced unanimous approval by the Houston Independent School District Board of Education to participate in the new State Power Program with the Texas General Land Office and Houston-based Reliant Energy Retail. HISD is the first school district to participate in the innovative program, which will boost earnings from state lands for public education and lower electricity costs for Texas schools.

"I applaud the school board's wisdom in taking advantage of this cutting-edge program," Dewhurst said. "This multi-year contract will save the district about \$5.8 million over the remainder of this year and next. Those savings can be used any way the school board sees fit."

Dewhurst said the State Power Program works by taking in-kind royalties from oil and gas produced on state lands, converting them into electricity, then selling it at below market rates to public school districts, institutes of higher learning, local governments and state agencies.

"This program benefits everyone involved - it's a win-win," Dewhurst said. "It will not only increase Land Office funding for Texas schoolchildren by more than 30 percent a year, it will provide huge savings to school districts. The savings in Reliant's service territory alone are projected to be more than \$25 million this year and next."

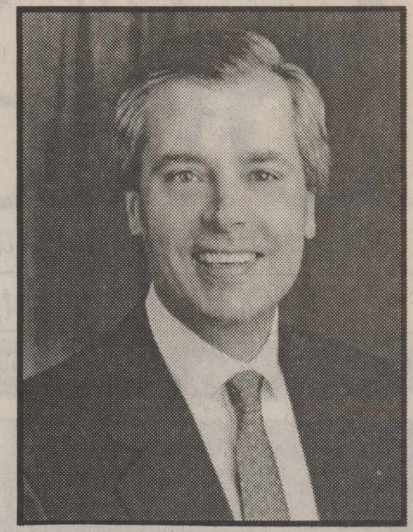
Reliant Energy Retail is the first of several companies chosen by the Land Office to provide services to schools and state agencies. Under the terms of the contract, Reliant Energy Retail will purchase the state's natural gas and arrange for the generation and delivery of power to the public schools. The company also will handle billing and customer service and work jointly with the Land Office to market the program to school administrators.

HISD Board of Education President Lawrence Marshall praised the Land Office for bringing a creative, yet concrete proposal to the table.

"I think the program has unlimited potential for school districts throughout the state of Texas," Marshall said. "We're thrilled to be a part of it, and we value the leadership of the commissioner."

Dewhurst, who worked with state legislators last session to include the power program in Texas' new electric deregulation law, said it could add as much as \$35-40 million a year to the funds that help finance education at the same time it reduces electric costs for public schools.

"We're working hard to do more with what we've got, and at every level of the Land Office," Dewhurst said. "I want to see every eligible school district reap the benefits of the State Power Program."



News items taken from the files of The Ozona Stockman

JULY 1, 1971

News Reel
Mrs. J. P. Pogue is making satisfactory recovery in Shannon Hospital in San Angelo after undergoing surgery last week.

News Reel
Funeral services for Elmer D. (Ponce) Graves, 57, were held Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the First Baptist Church with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery under the direction of Janes Funeral Home.

News Reel
Superintendent of Schools L. B. T. Sikes announced this week that the fall term of school would begin Aug. 23, with teachers reporting in Aug. 16 for a pre-school workshop.

News Reel
Mrs. G. A. Morgan of Greeley CO, is here visiting her aunt, Mrs. Joe Pierce.

News Reel
Mr. and Mrs. Claud Leath returned this week from visiting friends and relatives in Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas.

News Reel

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News Reel
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Pogue are the parents of a daughter born in a San Angelo hospital Saturday. The baby, named Margot, weighed 8 pounds.

News Reel
Harold B. Keeton and Pascal Northcutt, both Ozonans, have been enlisted in the U.S. Navy.

News Reel
Max Epler of Ozona is stationed in Camp Allen in Norfolk, VA, with the U.S. Navy Seabees.

News Reel
Three University of Texas students from Ozona, Jim Dudley, W. B. Robertson and Jeff Fussell, were included on the university honor roll.

News Reel
Jo Nell Coose, Nan Tandy and Barbara White left Tuesday to attend the Methodist Young People's assembly in Kerrville.

News Reel
Miss Jean Drake, daughter of Mrs. Bruce Drake, who is employed with Forrest Engineering in Gainesville, is expected home Friday for the holidays.

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District Court

Melinda Sanchez Galindo pled guilty to a charge of possession of a controlled substance in Judge Brock Jones' 112th District Court June 14. She was fined \$2,000.00 plus court costs of \$175.50, ordered to pay \$140.00 restitution and placed on seven years of community supervision.

The Weather

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
June 12	82	68	.75
June 13	77	67	.005
June 14	87	71	-0-
June 15	88	72	-0-
June 16	90	73	-0-
June 17	89	64	1.8
June 18	77	68	-0-

(Readings are for a 24 hour period beginning at 8 a.m.)
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EXTENDED FORECAST
Wednesday Hi 87 Lo 68 partly cloudy
Thursday Hi 89 Lo 69 partly cloudy
Friday Hi 91 Lo 70 partly cloudy
Saturday Hi 93 Lo 68 iso-thunder

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HIGHS IN THE MID 90S.

For complete weather data log on to:
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Ozona Volunteer Fire Department REPORT

2000-73 June 1, 2000
0857 - 168 TX 163 South. Apt. 18 report of smoke in apartment. Was a water heater problem. No fire. Chief, one truck, man hours 1.44

2000-74 June 15, 2000
1648 - Vehicle fire on IH-10 mile marker 334. Sheffield Fire Department provided mutual aid with two units. Chief, one truck. Man hours 21.28.

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Political Announcements

The following candidates have authorized The Ozona Stockman to announce their intentions to file as candidates for posts in the Nov. 7, 2000 general election.

Crockett Co. Constable
Raymond P. Borrego
Pol. adv. pd. for by Raymond P. Borrego, P.O. Box 1051, Ozona, TX 76943

Crockett Co. Sheriff
Shane Fenton
Pol. adv. pd. for by Shane Fenton, P.O. Box 271, Ozona, TX 76943

State Representative
Robert (Bob) Turner
Pol. adv. pd. for by Committee to elect Bob Turner, 1907 12th St., Brownwood, TX 76801

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THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Get ready, set, go to the new building

By Janet Hill-McDaniel

We are now ready to start having fun in the new Senior Citizens' Building. For those that may not know where to find us, we are located at 1 Highway 163 North across from Crockett National Bank. If you want to join us for lunch, you need to call 392-5026 before 8:30 a.m. to reserve a plate. Price per meal is \$4.00 for those under 60 and \$2.50 for those 60 and over. We would be delighted to have you. Those who have already joined us have certainly enjoyed the beauty of the new facility. We have game tables set up, but you can bring your friends and your own games. The guys have been enjoying the pool table, but I'm sure we have some ladies who can show them a thing or two about the game.

We will be starting exercise classes as well as crafting soon, so call and get your name on the list. You are welcome to come use the exercise room any time. If you need a place to have a meeting, come talk to me about getting on the calendar along with some groups already on it. The Social Security representative is scheduled for his monthly visits to help you with his services. Our Green Thumb worker, Helen Stokes, will be glad to get you a cup of coffee and show you around the building any time after 9:00 a.m. Monday through Friday, so drop by just to say "Hi" or stay and visit awhile. Please feel free to offer your suggestions as to things we can arrange to have at the building and help us get going to a great future for the citizens of Ozona.

E-mail sent to The Ozona Stockman from Ken Cherry, liaison to The Texas Mutual UFO Network

My name is Pat Cherry, Liaison to the Texas MUFON State Director. The Mutual UFO Network, Inc. is one of the largest investigative UFO organizations worldwide. The following is part of an e-mail received in May which was forwarded to us from MUFON International headquarters, based in Seguin, TX. Have you heard anything about such lights? The sighting was recent, but the date is unknown at this time. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

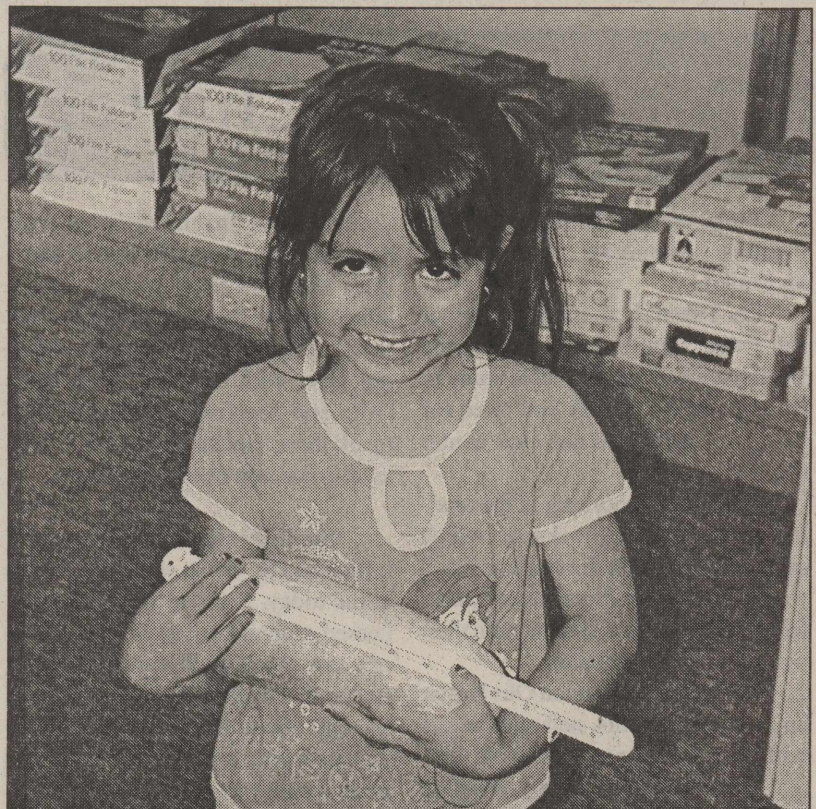
I am writing about something rather unusual that occurred as my husband and I drove through West Texas on a long-distance car trip. We were about sixty miles outside of Ozona at one-thirty a.m. when I noticed a strange bluish light illuminating the nearby hills. These lights were unlike any I have ever seen before. They seemed to change shape and move around, growing larger and smaller. They were bright enough to light up a large portion of landscape. The sky was clear and there was no moon.

Because of a poor connection to the battery, at this time we lost electrical power and were forced to pull over to the side of the road. When we got out to check the engine, I noticed that the lights had vanished and it was extremely dark. We were able to start up the truck without any further problems and continue home without incident.

Naturally I have heard many times of the famous "Marfa Lights" and assume that is what we witnessed, but the strange coincidence of the electrical failure to our vehicle made me relate this story to several people, who all mentioned aliens as a probable cause. So far, there has been no "missing time", strange bodily marks, or implants, so I am not too worried!

A more detailed account follows:

Although I admit to a somewhat frisky sense of humor, I really did see these unusual lights while returning to San Antonio with my husband on a car trip. We were in West Texas at about 1:30 a.m. on Friday, May 5. Driving along IH-10 at approximately 75 miles an hour. The location was between Fort Stockton and Sheffield. That night there was a new moon, so it was quite dark. I happened to be leaning a little out the open window, looking at the stars. The sky was very clear and there was a slight wind. There was almost no traffic on the



ELISA TAMBUNGA holds a nearly four pound cucumber grown in the garden of her parents Maria and Emilio Tambunga. The vegetable was discovered hidden in with cantelopes. Photo by Scotty Moore

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Meals on Wheels Menu

- Wednesday, June 21
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 - Friday, June 23
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Business Tips: Advertising Your Business

Advertising is one form of promotion for your business. There are other forms such as publicity, sales promotion, and personal selling. Advertising is often confusing for small business people trying to find the best way to promote their business. Many times they feel the best way to advertise is to spread their precious dollars out to all forms of advertising media, believing they will get maximum coverage. Small businesses need to focus their limited dollars on reaching the target customers they have defined. Here are some tips to help you devise an advertising strategy. Define your target market or markets. All promotion or marketing efforts should begin with a clear picture of your typical customers and their unique needs and wants. There are many ways to describe your typical customer. Demographics, such as age, income and education, are a common way of describing them. Lifestyle descriptions such as culture, social class and attitudes are another way of coming up with a description of a group or groups of customers you can be successful with by satisfying their needs and wants. Decide what you want to accomplish. Most small businesses want to accomplish increased sales and profits with their advertising. Remember you can have short-term goals and long-term goals with your advertising.

Increasing sales is a good short-term goal. Increasing market share, increasing awareness, and building an image for your business can be seen as long-term goals. Design your message and choose the media. Once you have defined your target market(s) and decided on goals for your advertising, you can get your message across to your targeted customers by designing your message and choosing the media that will most effectively get your message across to them and that fits the product or service you are providing. Newspaper, radio, television, and other forms of media along with advertising agencies all have professionals that can help you design your message and guide you in using your advertising dollars wisely. We can also provide assistance here at the Small Business Development Center. The most difficult part of an advertising strategy is to determine the effectiveness of your advertising. It is difficult because there are so many other variables that can affect your business. Your advertising professional can help you design your advertising in a way that you can more effectively gauge its success. Business Tips is provided by Dave Erickson, business development specialist at Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center.

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Obituaries

June 18 service for Mrs. Pauline Vargas

Pauline Morin Vargas, age 65, of Ozona died Thursday, June 15, 2000, in Ozona. Funeral service was June 18 in the Assembly of God Church with burial in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements were by Freddy Funeral Home.

Mrs. Vargas was born Jan. 20, 1935, in Juno. She was a lifetime resident of Ozona and a member of the Assembly of God.

Survivors include four daughters: Carmen Robledo of San Angelo, JoAnn Mendez, Lisa Tobar and Rosie Gonzales, all of Ozona; two sons, Cheo Vargas of Ozona and Edward Vargas of Austin; two sisters, Estella Martinez of Arizona and Eva Tambunga of Austin; 14 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

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Care Center Chatter

Bingo winners for last week were Francis Flanagan and Laura McMullan.

On Tuesday afternoon, Brother Bill Fuller, Randy Carter and Glenda Henderson had Baptist Bible study in the main lobby. Thank you three for being so faithful to our care center residents.

Wednesday morning is the reading of The Ozona Stockman, which our residents look forward to each week. Thank you, Scotty and Linda, for furnishing our residents with their weekly Ozona Stockman.

Wednesday afternoon Otis Nester entertained residents, staff and visitors with his great music. Thank you, Otis.

Volunteers for beauty shop on Thursday morning were Zoe Green, Barbara Howell, Alena Faye Hokit and Belinda Koerth. Thank you, ladies.

Our lady residents look forward to Thursday morning beauty shop and the visits. We need more volunteers for beauty shop Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m.

What a feeling you have within yourself when you volunteer.

Friday afternoon our Father's Day and residents birthday party was in the main lobby. Hosts for the party were

Commissioner Freddie Nicks and wife Pat with Freddie's vanilla bundt cakes; Dave Nelson, Connie Nelson, LVN's father-in-law, brought a lemon cryer creek cake for the celebration. Helping serve with the party were Rosa Ortiz and Josefina Dominguez. We thank these special people for volunteering for care center residents.

"Smiling is infectious; you catch it like the flu. When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling, too! I passed around the corner, and someone saw my grin. When he smiled, I realized, I'd passed it on to him! I thought about that smile, then I realized its worth, a single smile, just like mine, could travel 'round the earth!"

"So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected. Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected." -Anonymous

Jan St. Clair
Activity Director

Fireworks season also wildfire season

Firefighters are bracing themselves for a possible surge in wildland fires, as fuel conditions are critical over parts of the state. The combination of dry, dormant vegetation and careless use of fireworks could spark potentially disastrous wildfires over the Fourth of July holiday, according to Bobby Young, head of the Texas Forest Service Forest Resource Protection department in Lufkin.

"Dry weather across much of the state has sent grass and other vegetation into dormancy. No longer able to take up moisture from the ground, this vegetation will quickly become flammable during even short periods of dry, windy weather," said Young. "It doesn't take long for dormant vegetation, particularly grasses, to become a fire hazard: and with more vegetation now available as fuel, wildfires that do arise could prove more difficult and dangerous for firefighters to control."

Crockett County is one of 17 in the state with fireworks restrictions established as of June 14. Other counties restricting fireworks are: Andrews, Blanco, Ector, El Paso,

Jones, Martin, Midland, Mitchell, Nueces, Oldham, Presidio, Shackelford, Taylor, Tom Green, Webb and Winkler.

In Crockett County, aerial fireworks are banned through action by commissioners' court.

Young indicated that limitations on fireworks within city limits sometimes prompt people too simply go outside of town to shoot off their fireworks - all too often without any concern about wildfire danger. This can result in wildfires for rural volunteer fire departments to battle.

The use of fireworks should be restricted to safe areas, away from grass and brush - bare ground is best. Fireworks also must be kept away from homes and other structures with untreated wood roofs. As always, children should be supervised by their elders and have water on hand to quickly extinguish any fire that may occur.

The Texas Forest Service asks that everyone help make this July 4th holiday safer and more enjoyable by practicing good fire safety both indoors and outdoors.

Social Security earnings test eliminated

Social Security beneficiaries who have reached full retirement age (currently age 65) can now receive their full benefits regardless of how much they earn. Recent legislation eliminates the earnings limit beginning with the month an individual reaches his or her full retirement age. The new law is effective Jan. 1, 2000.

"Beneficiaries who are 65 years young should be allowed to contribute their energy, talent and experience to the workplace without being penalized for doing so," said Fredi Franki,

Social Security manager in San Angelo.

Eligible beneficiaries will receive any retroactive payments (averaging about \$3,500.00) in May and regular monthly benefits beginning in June. Everything will be automatic, so seniors won't need to contact Social Security.

"We are working hard to ensure that Social Security beneficiaries who are affected by the new law will have money in their pockets quickly," continued Franki.

The earnings test will still apply to beneficiaries younger than full retirement age.

Social Security is undertaking an extensive public information campaign to let the public know about the new legislation, including notices to affected beneficiaries, materials for advocacy groups and updates on its website, www.ssa.gov, and in their publications.

Is America Really Religious?

The religious behavior and thinking of Americans has taken a confusing turn in the last 10 years. There is a clear development along the lines of decline of perspective and purpose for modern religious America. Religious activity is still considered socially necessary for most Americans. Religion is an important part of America's religious life. The issue is that though religion is believed to be important, it is not "essential" to personal peace and contentment.

"The evidence continues to increase in the surveys that indicate the non-essentiality of religious conviction in most Americans. A large number of people are emphasizing their non-confidence in religious institutions. In fact, they feel that belonging to a religious group is not necessary. They reject the idea of Bible authority and Christianity as the only meaningful religion in life.

The "modern" church is much to be scrutinized for its role in the decline of religious commitment in our society. She is not exempt from the

causes of moral ignorance and decline. The church is responsible for the "spiritual" cultivation of its members and the "moral" influence of her contemporaries. America needs more than a Christian "ethic". She needs spiritually minded Christians. The modern Christian has taken on the garbs of the secular culture. Separation of church and state has now become separation of church (spirituality) and golf, separation of church and work, separation of church and friendships. Wherever we are, whatever we do socially, we do not "dare" speak of spiritual issues. We wouldn't imagine talking about religion or spiritual things in public secular conversations and environments. No, Sir! Don't do that!

We've become schizophrenic by changing mentalities according to the place and time we happen to be at. Religious "equals" the church environment. Reality "equals" everywhere else. These must never be mixed for the sake of personal peace and prosperity. "What would so and so think if he or she caught us allowing our

religious principles and language to invade our social secular life?"

I believe the point is obvious to you by now, my dear reader. The question each one of us is faced with is "Have I withdrawn into that state of non-spirituality?" "Has my thinking become secularized?" "What about my convictions? And what of commitment?" "Could it be my head and my heart are out of harmony on these issues?"

Dear reader, I'm asking you to take a serious moment and consider the matter. Check your spiritual pulse. Take your soul's temperature. What are the symptoms? Do we have a cure? I believe we do not. And I know God does. The final question is very searching and personal. "Am I really religious?"

Until next time, may God richly bless you.

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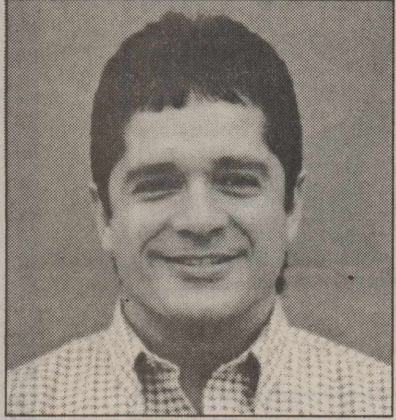
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Two Ozona employees from the San Angelo District of the Texas Department of Transportation were recently awarded Service Awards.

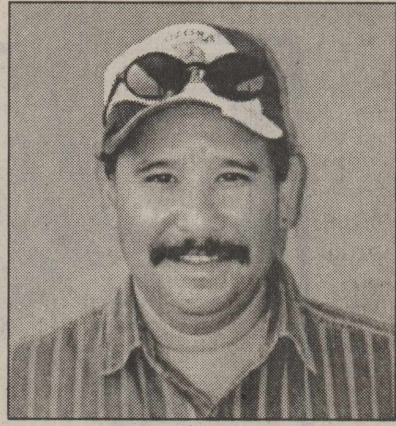
Both Supervisor Hector De Hoyos, Jr. and Crew Chief Jimmy Tambunga were recognized for 20 years of service.



Hector DeHoyos, Jr.

San Angelo District employees from the Ozona County Maintenance Section were recently honored at the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Safety Awards Banquet in Sonora.

Employees who have safety records with at least 15 for "safe operations" or "no injuries" were



Jimmy Tambunga

awarded certificates.

Individuals who were presented safe operations certificates for the following number of years include Ricardo Dominquez, 26; Jimmy Tambunga, 18; Rosy Longoria, Jr., 16, and Hector DeHoyos, 15.

Longoria also received an award for a 16-year "no-injury award."

Other employees with less than 15 years who were treated to the banquet meal by the San Angelo District were Andres Borrego, Lupe Gonzales, Candelario Landin, Joe Lara, Michael Lara, Richard Meil, John Morrow, Romeo Perez, Jr., and Dale Tomlinson.



RICARDO DOMINQUEZ from the Ozona Maintenance Section receives a Safe Operator's Award from District Engineer Walter G. McCulloch at the annual TxDOT Safety Awards Banquet in Sonora. Submitted Photo



ROSY LONGORIA, JR. from the Ozona Maintenance Section receives a Safe Operator's Award at the annual TxDOT Safety Awards Banquet in Sonora from District Engineer Walter G. McCulloch. Submitted Photo

Cactus Classic Meat Goat Show begins tradition

This year's Cactus Classic Meat Goat Show hosted by the Crockett County 4-H Club June 17-18 could be the first of many say adult leaders who worked with the project. Planned as a fundraiser for the local 4-H Club, the Junior Meat Goat Show circuit sanctioned event included three shows involving a total of 509 entries and

separate showmanship competition.

The open show was for youths age 18 or under, and participants did not have to be a 4-H member or a member of the meat goat association. The same goats could be entered in each show; they were required to have tipped horns and be shorn 3/8" or less.

People came from as far away as Vidor, Ranger, Stephenville, Hutto and Artesia, NM, as well as area towns to be part of the competition.

Prizes included money, monogrammed duffle bags and cooler bags made by Honey's Impressions. Awards were given for grand and reserve champions in each of the three shows.

The first show, which began on Saturday morning, included 164 entries in six classes. Selected for grand champion honors was a 101 pound meat goat exhibited by Dustin Vick of San Angelo. Reserve champion was Tye Fowler's 88 pound animal. Fowler is from Andrews.

Local exhibitors among the entries in this show included: Allie Bean, LuCinda Birkenfeld, Adrienne Bendele, Lana Stewart, Erica Birkenfeld and Jake Stewart.

Judge for this show was Jeff Ripley, County Extension Agent from San Angelo.

Vance Christi of Howard County Junior College in Big Spring judged the second show, which was held Saturday afternoon. This show included 174 entries in seven classes.

Laci Cornett of McCamey won grand champion with her 81 pound animal. Reserve champion went to

Allie Bean of Ozona with an 81 pound goat.

Additional Crockett County youths in this show were: Jake Stewart, LuCinda Birkenfeld, Adrienne Bendele and Lana Stewart.

Allie won grand champion in the third show, which was held Sunday morning. She exhibited an 84 pound animal. Reserve champion was a 65 pound goat exhibited by Colt Brandeberger of Junction.

Other Crockett County youths participating in this show were: Jake Stewart, LuCinda Birkenfeld, Adrienne Bendele, Erica Birkenfeld and Lana Stewart.

There were 172 entries in six classes. Judge was Preston Faris, County Extension Agent for Sutton County.

Showmanship awards were given in three divisions in the Cactus Classic, seniors, juniors and peewees. Lana Stewart placed fourth out of 14 entries in the senior division.

Those youths participating who are 4-H Club members or members of the association earn points toward awards at the end of the circuit each year. Points from major stockshows count, with the circuit starting with the San Angelo stock show. Awards are presented at an end of year banquet.

Big Lake Blowout Meat Goat Jackpot June 24

The Big Lake Blowout, a JMGSC showmanship show, is scheduled for June 24 at the Reagan County 4-H Center. Entry deadline is June 20. Entry fee is \$20.00 per goat per show. Late entries are accepted, but will be \$25.00, cash only. Buckles will be presented for champion and reserve champion, as well as for pee wee showmanship. Junior and senior showmanship will receive a cash prize. Grand champion is guaranteed \$300.00. Reserve grand champion is guaranteed \$200.00. Money will be paid for up to eight places per class. Goats must be uniformly shorn with 3/8" hair or less above hocks. Minimum weight is 30 pounds. Horns must be tipped. Rules will be enforced.

Blowout #1 showmanship show judge will be Marvin Ensor. This is

for 9 and under, junior and senior showmanship and begins at 9:30 a.m. Show time follows showmanship. Official scales open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Blowout #2 showmanship show judge will be Billy Reagor. Nine and under, junior and senior showmanship begin after Blowout #1, but not before 2:00 p.m. Show time follows showmanship. Official scales open from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. for new goats only.

For entries, contact: Robert Scott, CEA at 915-884-2335, Roy Raney at 915-884-3436 or Mark Noland at 915-884-3664.

Mail entries to Big Lake Blowout, P. O. Box 945, Big Lake, TX 76932.

Bonilla applauds USDA plan to help sheep and lamb producers

U. S. Representative Henry Bonilla, R-Texas, applauded a June 16 decision by the United States Department of Agriculture to award \$30 million in direct cash payments to U. S. sheep and lamb producers. The decision was made in response to the industry's 201 trade case against the surge of cheap lamb meat imports from Australia and New Zealand.

"Today's decision has been very anticipated," Bonilla said Friday. "Our nation's sheep and lamb farmers have been plagued with a sour market for far too many years. Today's plan will go a long way in helping bring immediate financial assistance to those who need it most," Bonilla said.

The plan will help improve the production efficiency and marketability of lamb meat. U. S. sheep and lamb producers have been burdened with poor market conditions and record low prices for the last several years.

The program will be made available to all U. S. sheep and lamb farmers at their local Farm Service Agency as early as Monday, June 19.

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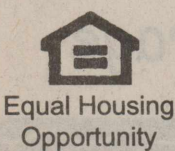
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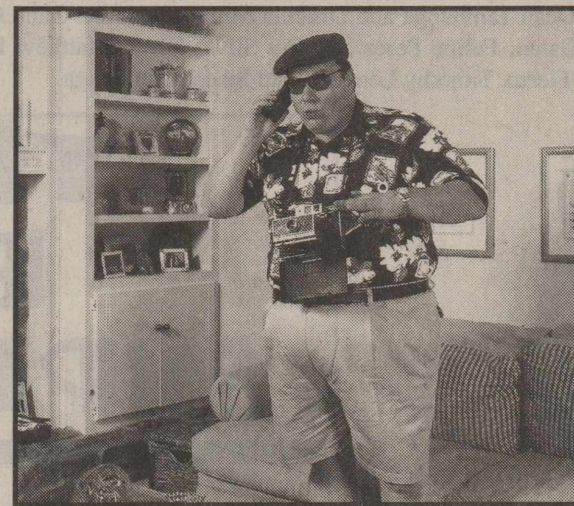
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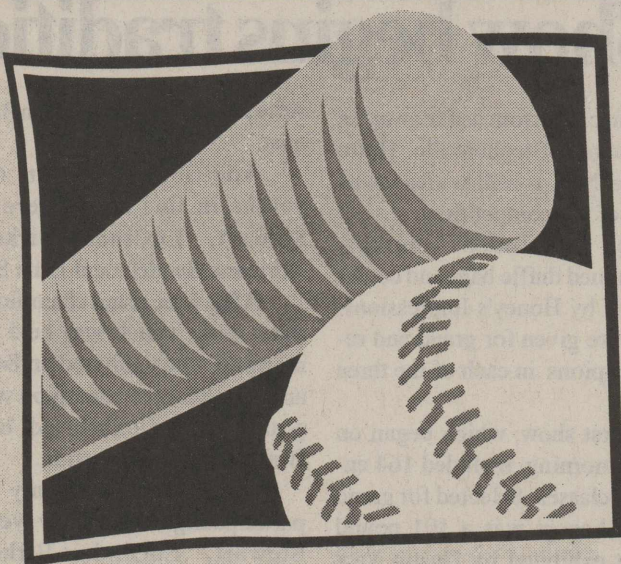
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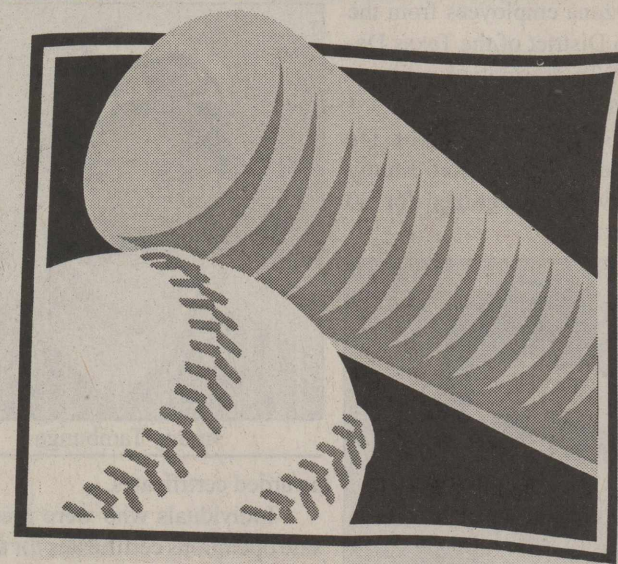
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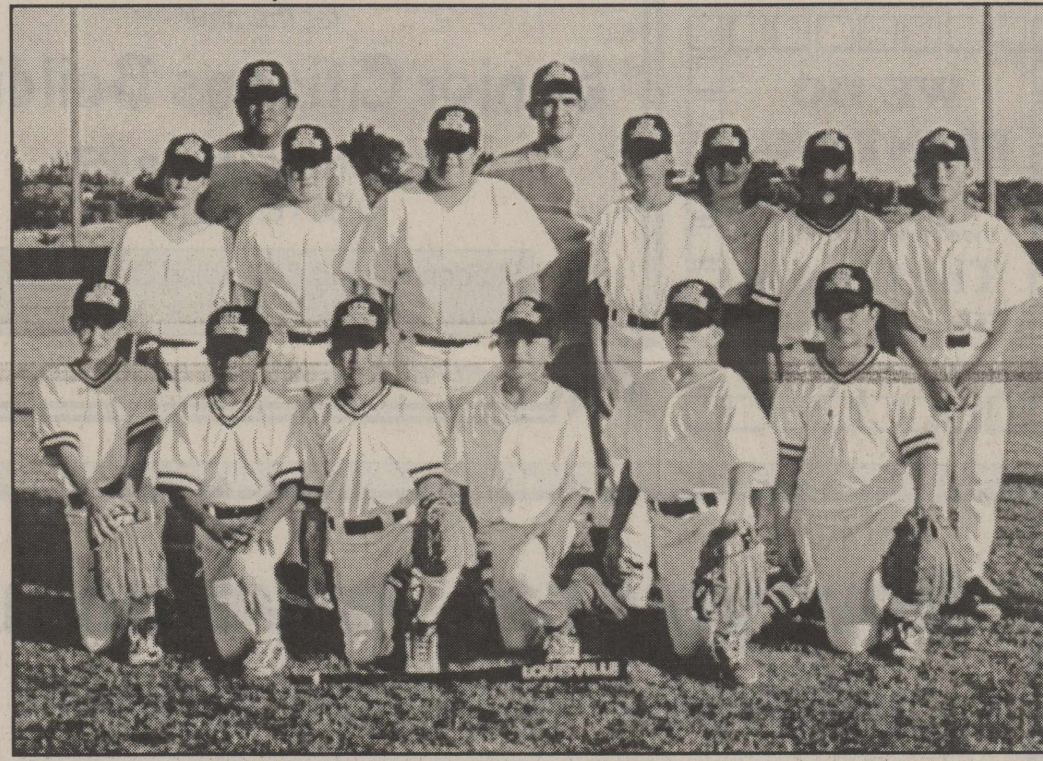
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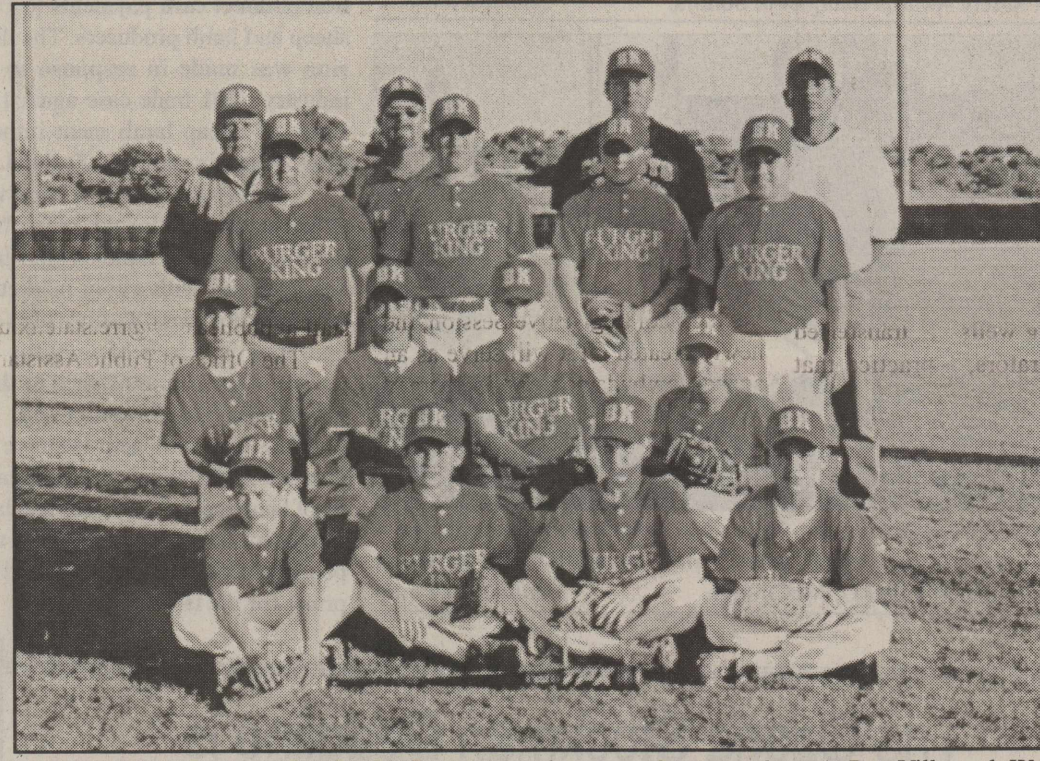
THE MORAN CONSTRUCTION MAJOR LEAGUE team members are: (back row, l. to r.) Barrett Richie, Colby Mayfield, coach Carl Mayfield, Nicolas Perez and Chas Rutherford. Middle row: Justin Weant, Dean Wadsworth, Kayla Parks, and Junior Valdez. Front row: Jordan Long, Justin Maldonado, Thomas Gray and Aaron Pearl.



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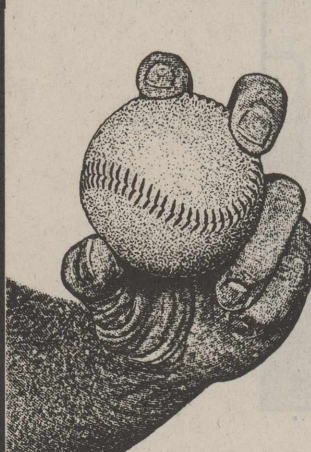


LILLY CONSTRUCTION MAJOR LEAGUE team members are: (back row, l. to r.) coaches Danny Roman, Dean Tambunga and Drucilla Mitchel. Middle: Zane Coates, Caleb Mitchel, Josh Roman, Justin Galan, Felipe Perez and Ely Silva. Front: Matthew Bullard, Louis Perez, Mark Tambunga, Eric Fierro, Timothy Longoria and Joseph Tambunga.



BURGER KING MAJOR LEAGUE team members are: (front row, l. to r.): Ray Villarreal, Wes Smith, Matt Turland and Sam Peña. Second row: Roman Tambunga, Jack Rodriguez, Stephen Gillit and Justin Rodriguez. Third row: Freddy Fierro, Rylee Ramos, A.J. Montanez and Nicholas Perez. Back row: coaches Charlie Ramos, Romeo Perez, B.T. Turland and Alfred Rodriguez.

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THE WTU SENIOR LEAGUE TEAM is currently in first place and 9-2 for the season. Team members are: (front row, l. to r.) Aaron Espino, Kristopher Gray, Simon Garza and J.T. "Fury" Lara. Middle row: Josh Long, Romeo Perez, Luis Cruz, Jaqob Tambunga and Jake Stewart. Back row: coach Pandi Garza, Koby Fenton, coach Brooks Long, Robert Ogle, Jr., coach Eddie Stewart, Brad Mayfield and Quay Oglesby. Photo by Scotty Moore.

Senator Williams' well plugging proposal passes; receives unanimous support

The Texas Railroad Commission on June 6 passed a measure introduced by Chairman Michael L. Williams that for the first time in Texas' history dramatically overhauls how the State addresses the economic and environmental challenge of abandoned oil and gas wells.

Williams called the measure "a tough plan that strengthens our role as stewards of our State's natural resources. It's fair, balanced and what's best for Texas." Commissioners Charles Matthews and Tony Garza each voted in favor of Williams' proposal.

At the core of Williams' plan is a requirement that financial assurance, such as a bond or letter of credit, be in place for a well entering its third year of inactivity. Additionally, Williams' plan requires financial assurance when low-producing wells are transferred between operators, a practice that Williams believes is a red flag that a well may be becoming ripe for plugging. Financial assurance for inactive wells currently is not required in Texas.

The measure also mandates that yearly fluid level testing be conducted to indicate whether a well is environmentally sound. "We'll now be able to closely monitor a well as it nears the end of its productive life to make certain the State isn't forced to plug that well down the road," said Williams.

Williams, who serves as the Commission's regulatory reform point person, hailed the collaborative process that resulted in the product, stating that he was "extremely grateful to the many Texans who dedicated their time and energy to this issue. I wholeheartedly believe this sort of exchange of ideas is the only way to make truly fair and informed decisions."

Commissioner Tony Gara, who Williams credited with "doing a great service by helping to bring the issue to the forefront," attached a friendly amendment to Williams' plan that calls for full implementation of the measure following final adoption of the rule. That process is expected to take approximately 60 to 90 days.

Williams' plan requires a bond or letter of credit when an inactive well is transferred to an option 3, 4 or 5 operator.

A bond or letter of credit is also required when a "minimally producing active well" is transferred, e.g. less than 10 barrels well per month for three consecutive months or less than 100 mcf well per month for three consecutive months.

Beginning with the issuance of the first W1-X and continuing as long as the well is inactive, the operator must conduct yearly fluid level tests on all inactive wells or conduct a mechanical test every five years.

Operators can obtain up to two W1-X plugging extensions on an en-

vironmentally sound well. Thereafter, operators must provide a bond or letter of credit and conduct a fluid level test during each year of inactivity.

Wells already under two or more one-year extensions must be bonded immediately

Railroad Commission establishes office of public assistance

Chairman Michael L. Williams, Commissioner Charles R. Matthews and Commissioner Tony Garza announced that the Railroad Commission of Texas is among the first state agencies to formally establish an Office of Public Assistance (OPA).

As part of SB 1563 passed during the 76th Legislative Session, the newly created OPA will serve as an agency ombudsman and is charged with assisting with inquiries from the general public, other environmental agencies and representatives from industry or their organizations in a knowledgeable, courteous and expedient manner.

"Customer service has always been a priority at the Railroad Commission, Commissioner Williams said. "The Office of Public Assistance simply provides Texans with another tool to ensure accessibility and responsiveness." It's no secret that anyone calling the Railroad Commission for information gets a response in a timely fashion" Matthews said. "The Office of Public Assistance is just another resource for the public to contact us for information."

Williams, Matthews and Garza named Bobby Heidi to carry out the day-to-day responsibilities of the Office of Public Assistance. Heidi, a 29-year veteran of the oil and gas industry, has been with the Railroad Commission for the past three years. Most recently, Heidi had served as head of the Commission's Texas Experimental Research and Recovery Activity (TERRA) program.

"The experience and knowledge Bobby Heidi brings to this position truly benefits those seeking assistance from the Railroad Commission," Garza added. "The establishment of the Office of Public Assistance confirms this agency's ongoing commitment to being accessible to the public we serve."

A toll-free telephone number and public e-mail address have been set up to ease the accessibility to information and assistance by the OPA

Utilities merger completed

American Electric Power and Central and South West Corp. completed their merger June 15, creating a national leader in electricity generation, trading and distribution. CSW is the parent corporation of West Texas Utilities Company.

The Securities and Exchange Commission approved the merger June 14.

"Although the approval process was a lengthy one because of the involvement of many state and federal agencies, this merger was well worth the wait," said E. Linn Draper Jr., AEP's chairman, president and chief executive officer, who noted the companies announced their intention to merge on Dec. 22, 1997. "Completion of the merger solidifies AEP's position as an industry leader and positions us to succeed in the new energy marketplace."

The merged company will retain the American Electric Power name and will continue trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the "AEP" stock symbol. Under terms of the merger, each share of CSW stock will be converted to 0.6 shares of AEP stock.

The merger of two of the nation's lowest-cost utilities creates an energy company with:

*combined 1999 revenues of ap-

proximately \$12.5 billion

*combined 1999 electricity sales of almost 200 million megawatt hours

*total assets of more than \$35 billion in the United States, Australia, Brazil, China, Mexico and the United Kingdom

*an energy trading operation that ranked second in U.S. electricity volume and in the top 20 in natural gas in 1999 and is expanding its operations outside the U.S.

*more than 4.8 million customers in 11 states

*more than 4 million customers outside the U.S.

*more than 38,000 megawatts of low-cost generating capacity in the U.S.

*more than 38,000 miles of transmission lines

*more than 186,000 miles of distribution lines.

Efficiencies gained through the merger will result in at least \$2 billion in savings over 10 years. All AEP and CSW customers benefit from the merger either through agreements with individual states signed by the companies or through generic industry restructuring rulemakings in the states.



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Wardens warn of low water and lower legal limit for BWI

AUSTIN - As boaters prepare for the summer season, game wardens are warning of low water conditions throughout the state as well as strict enforcement of boating-while-intoxicated laws under the new minimum 0.08 percent blood-alcohol content law.

On lakes, rivers and bays throughout the state, game wardens, along with local law enforcement agencies, are patrolling busy waterways and will continue throughout the summer.

The key messages game wardens deliver to boaters are:

- *Always wear a life jacket
- *Avoid alcohol
- *Be especially careful on personal watercraft
- *Maintain a proper lookout at all times (required by law)
- *Maintain a safe speed as weather, water, boat congestion and traffic conditions dictate (required by law).

Legislation went into effect Sept. 1, 1999, which lowered the blood-alcohol content from 0.10 to 0.08 for boat operators as well as automobile drivers. Any boat operator who appears to be under the influence or who

has a blood alcohol content of 0.08 or greater may be arrested. Boating-while-intoxicated violations carry penalties similar to driving-while-intoxicated violations.

There will be no grace period for enforcing this new water safety regulation, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife's Law enforcement director, Jim Robertson.

"It seems that many boaters are becoming aware that drinking while boating is just as dangerous as drinking while driving," said Robertson. "Nearly all accidents and fatalities can be avoided if people simply use common sense, are courteous on the water, wear their life jackets and avoid alcohol."

Despite recent rains in various parts of the state, some lake levels remain as much as 15 to 30-feet below normal. Boaters are reminded to be cautious when operating on lakes with low water levels.

Tips for boaters operating on lakes with low water levels include: be familiar with the body of water, watch closely for submerged objects such as tree stumps, rocks, islands and sandbars, and avoid operating at night.

Water-skiers, wake-boarders and persons towed in inner-tubes should be extremely careful on lakes in which the water level is low, according to TPW's boating law administrator Carlos Vaca. Those being towed in inner-tubes are particularly vulnerable to being injured by submerged objects because they are not able to maneuver the tubes.

For information on boating safety courses, call Texas Parks and Wildlife at (800) 792-1112 or visit the department's Web site located at www.tpwd.state.tx.us.

Persons born on or after Sept. 1, 1984, must complete an approved boater education course before operating alone boats of 10 horsepower or more or sailboats over 14-feet in length.

BOATING-WHILE-INTOXICATED FACTS

As of Sept. 1, 1999, any boat operator who either appears to be under the influence and/or has a blood alcohol content of 0.08 or greater may be arrested for boating while intoxicated.

BWI offenders face similar pen-

alties to driving-while-intoxicated offenders. The first offense is a class B misdemeanor and may result in a jail sentence of 180 days, a \$2,000.00 fine, or both.

Texas game wardens are responsible for recreational boating safety. In addition to checking boats for equipment required under the Texas Water Safety Act and monitoring boating activities to ensure safe operation, wardens make a special effort to enforce the boating-while-intoxicated statute passed in 1989.

In 1999, game wardens made 167 boating while intoxicated arrests.

Why Boaters Should Avoid Alcohol

Half of all boating accidents are alcohol-related.

The effects of alcohol may be increased while boating. The sun, wind and water pounding against a boat create added stresses.

Alcohol not only impairs the operator's ability, passengers who drink may lose their balance and fall overboard. Most injuries result from falling overboard.

If a person who has been drinking alcohol falls into the water, disorientation may cause the person to swim in the wrong direction during the first crucial seconds and could result in a drowning.

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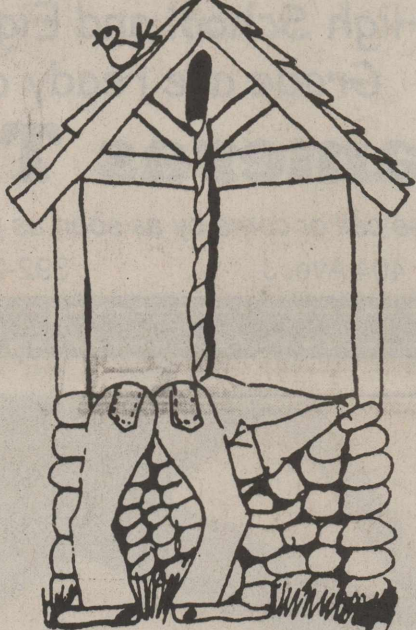
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Editor's Note: The following article from a Canadian newspaper is making the rounds of U.S. papers. When the article was originally printed in Canada is unknown by this editor.

Widespread, but only partial news coverage was given recently to a remarkable editorial broadcast from Toronto by Gordon Sinclair, Canadian television commentator. What follows is the full text of his trenchant remarks as printed in the Congressional Record:

"This Canadian thinks it is time to speak up for the Americans as the most generous and possibly the least appreciated people on all the earth. Germany, Japan and, to a lesser extent, Britain and Italy were lifted out of the debris of war by the Americans who poured in billions of dollars and forgave other billions in debts.

"None of these countries is today paying even the interest on its remaining debts to the United States. When the franc was in danger of collapsing in 1956, it was the Americans who propped it up, and their reward was to be insulted and swindled on the streets of Paris. I was there. I saw it. When earthquakes hit distant cities, it is the United States that hurries in to help. This spring, 59 American communities were flattened by tornadoes. Nobody helped.

"The Marshall Plan and the

Truman Policy pumped billions of dollars into discouraged countries.

"Now newspapers in those countries are writing about the decadent, warmongering Americans.

"I'd like to see just one of those countries that is gloating over the erosion of the United States dollar build its own airplane. Does any other country in the world have a plane to equal the Boeing Jumbo Jet, the Lockheed Tri-Star, or the Douglas DC10? If so, why don't they fly them?"

"Why do all the international lines except Russia fly American planes?"

"Why does no other land on earth even consider putting a man or woman on the moon? You talk about Japanese technocracy, and you get radios. You talk about German technocracy, and you get automobiles. You talk about American technocracy, and you find men on the moon - not once, but several times - and safely home again.

"You talk about scandals, and the Americans put theirs right in the store window for everybody to look at. Even their draft-dodgers are not pursued and hounded. They are here on our streets, and most of them, unless they are breaking Canadian laws, are getting American dollars from ma and pa at home to spend here.

"When the railways of France, Germany and India were breaking down through age, it was the Ameri-

cans who rebuilt them. When the Pennsylvania Railroad and the New York Central went broke, nobody loaned them an old caboose. Both are still broke.

"I can name you 5000 times when the Americans raced to the help of other people in trouble. Can you name me even one time when someone else raced to the Americans in trouble? I don't think there was outside help even during the San Francisco earthquake.

"Our neighbors have faced it alone, and I'm one Canadian who is damned tired of hearing them get kicked around. They will come out of this thing with their flag high. And when they do, they are entitled to thumb their nose at the lands that are gloating over their present troubles.

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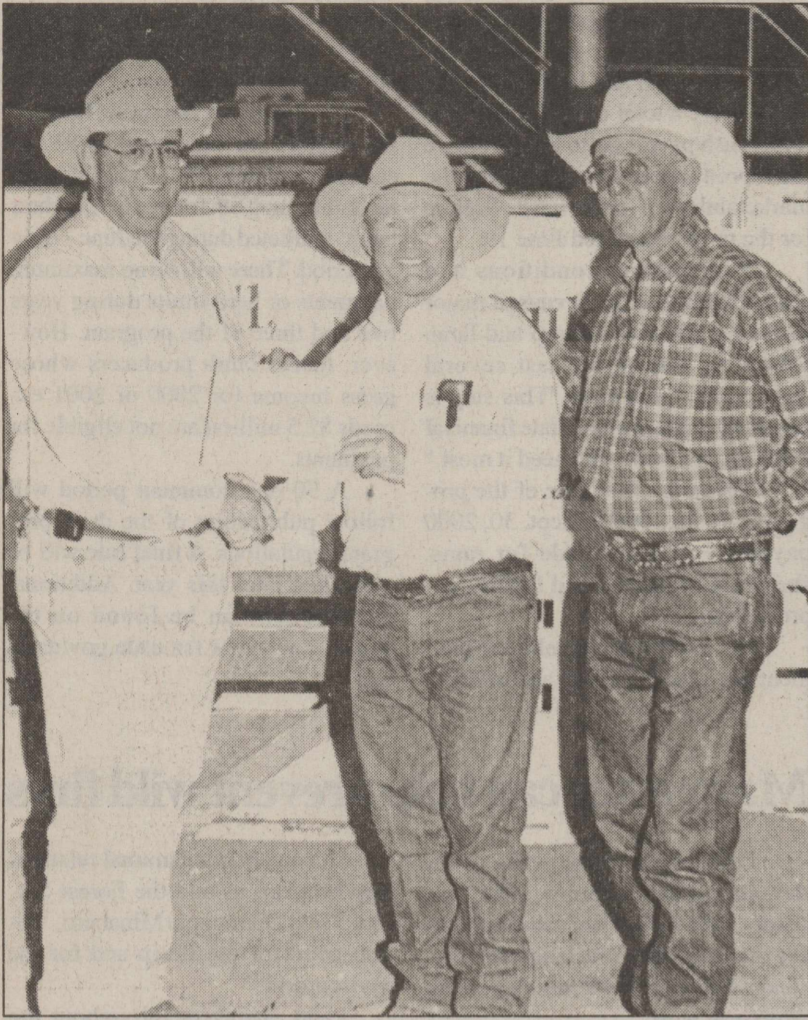
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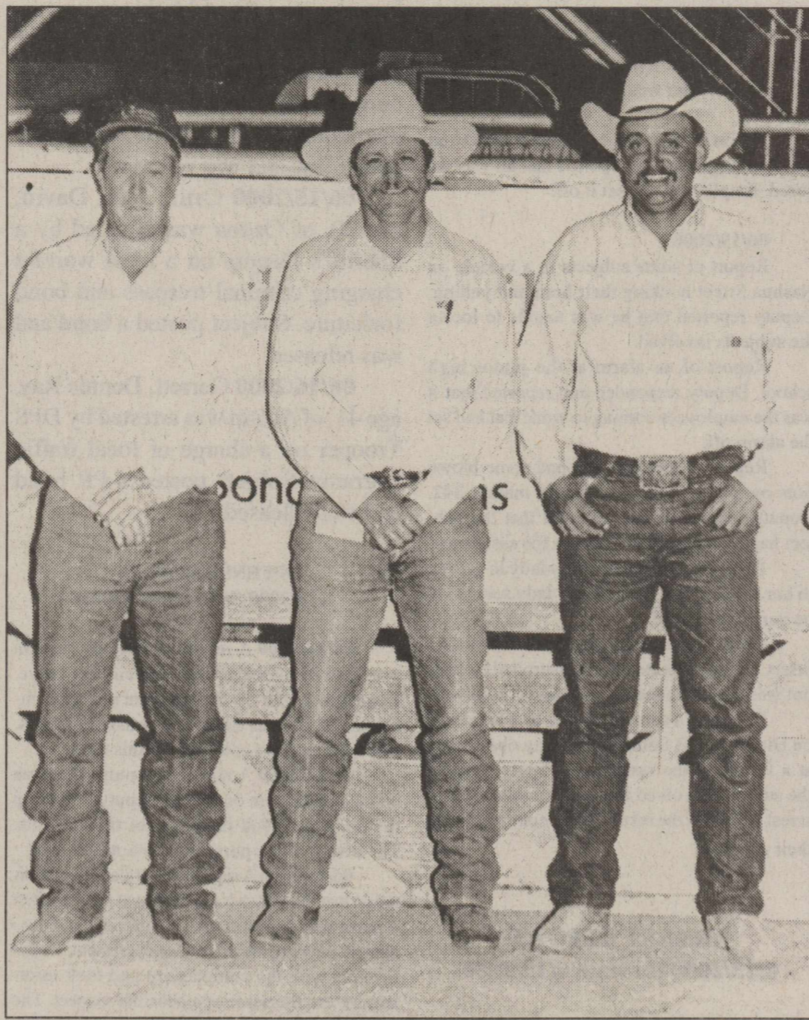
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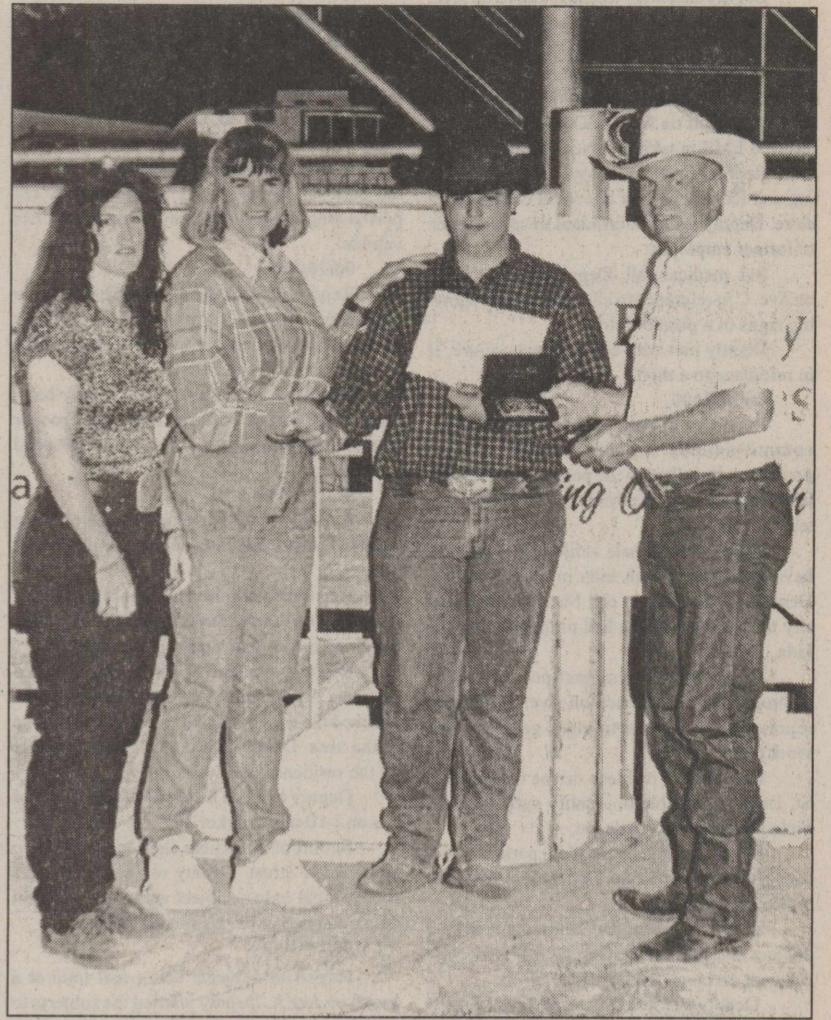
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP GOAT ROPING



JIM SKEHAN, (l.) on behalf of a major donor, Crockett National Bank, presents a saddle certificate donated by Fort Dodge Pharmaceutical to senior division winner Gary Vannoy as Texas Goat Roping president Tony Allen (r.) offers his congratulations. *Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler*



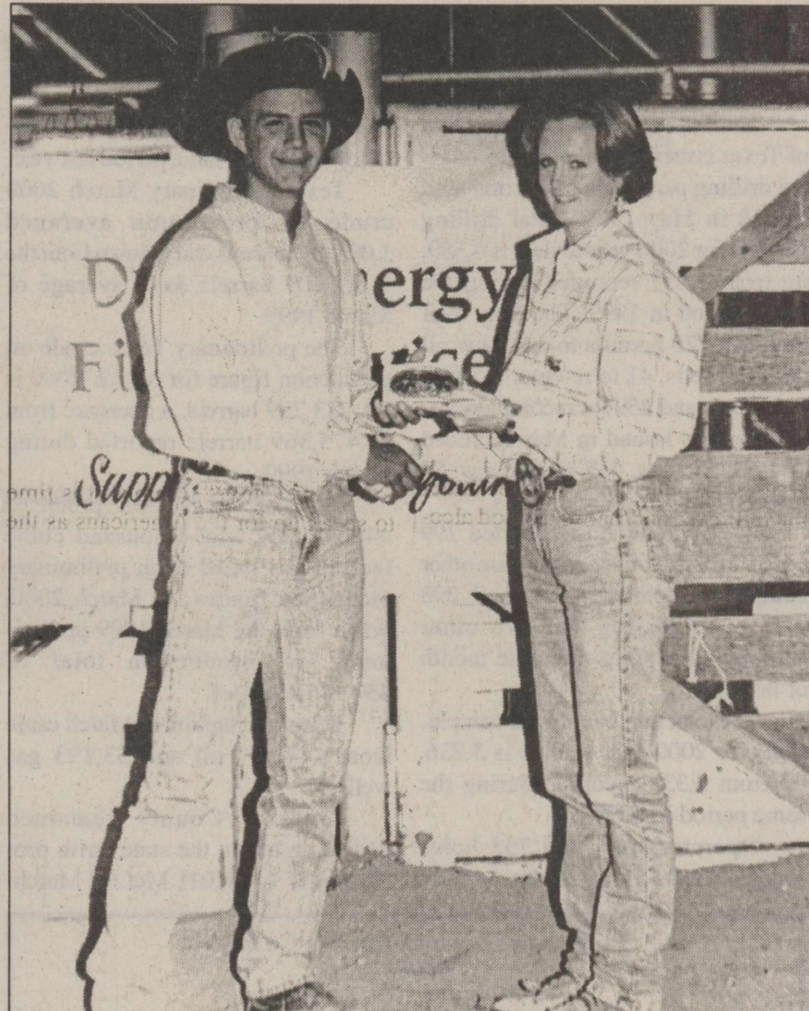
BIG BAD BILLY GOAT BUSTIN' WINNERS Ed Hale (l.) and Will M. Black (r.) are pictured with award presenter Rob Whitesides, vice-president of the Crockett County Goat Roping Association. *Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler*



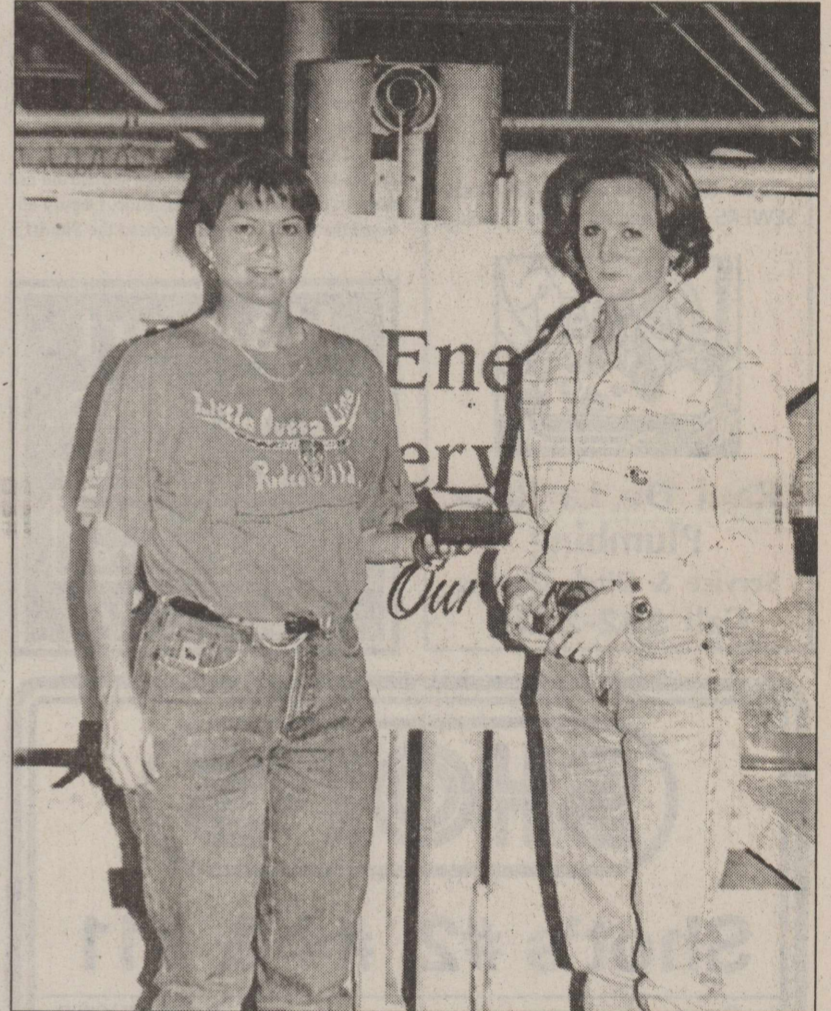
THE SHAWN McMULLAN MEMORIAL JUNIOR ROPING champion Will Burrus (second from r.) accepts his awards from (l. to r.) Mecca McMullan, Glenda McMullan and Kenny McMullan. *Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler*



ALLIE BEAN (center) took home big honors in the Cactus Classic Meat Goat Show. She won grand champion in show #3 and reserve champion in show #2. Pictured with her and the grand champion goat is breeder Erby Chandler (r.) and judge Preston Faris. *Submitted Photo*



BLANE CORDES of Menard accepts the Ruben Whitehead memorial buckle for winning the class "C" novice roping from Whitehead's granddaughter Ashlee Worley. *Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler*



TANNA GUTIERREZ (l.) is presented the buckle for winning the women's division of the World Championship Goat Roping by Ashlee Worley. *Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler*



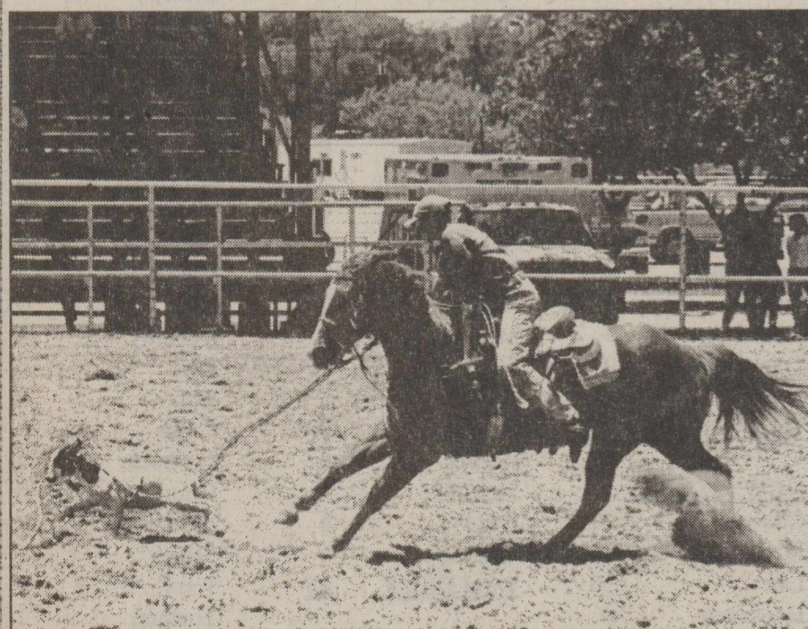
GOAT SACKERS ALLISON SKEHAN AND VICTORIA MILLER had a great time at the World Championship Goat Roping. *Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler*



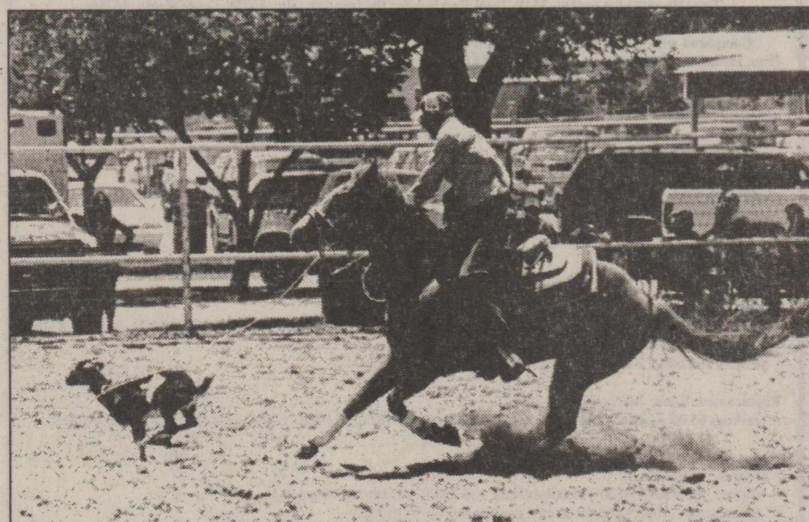
RYAN BEAN AND ROSS CRAWFORD (r.) competed in the Big Bad Billy Goat Bustin'. *Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler*



ZANE COATES, won the 2nd go of the McMullan Memorial Junior Roping. *Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler*



CLAY HALE placed second in the average of the Shawn McMullan Memorial Junior Roping. *Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler*



TONY ALLEN, president of the Texas Goat Roping Association, won the 3rd and 4th goes and was second in the 2nd go of the senior division. *Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler*



BRYAN SKEHAN took second place in the 6th go of the McMullan Memorial Junior Roping and third place in the 2nd go of the "C" roping. *Photo by Stephen Zuberbueler*

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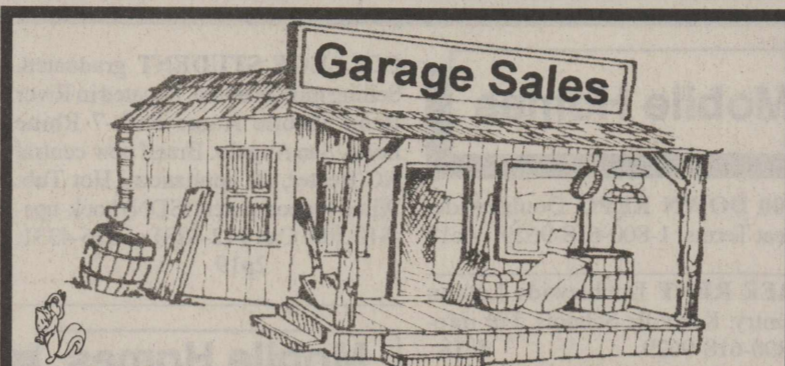
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