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Marines used to Iraq likely to see a different kind of warfare

Editor's Note: The following article and photo are reprinted with permission from the San Diego Union-Tribune and feature 2003 Ozona High School graduate Sgt. Jacob Tambunga. Tambunga is the son of Melissa Ybarra and the grandson of Armando Ybarra and Elena Ybarra. The article was originally published on Feb. 14. Tambunga was also featured in a New York Times article in July 2009.

BY JEANETTE STEELE
UNION-TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER

Sgt. Jacob Tambunga looked forward to flexing his traditional combat skills in Afghanistan last year, after having completed two tours in Iraq where the battles had shifted to guerrilla-style action.

He got what he wanted. In fact, the 25-year-old squad leader with the 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment was surprised by the organized nature of the Taliban fighters he encountered.

"The most memorable thing was seeing the difference in the style of fighting" between insurgents in Iraq and Afghanistan, said Tambunga, who hails from Ozona, Texas. "(The Taliban) had an established rank structure. They had more fighters who were dedicated to the cause."

The Marine Corps had participated in the 2001 invasion of Afghanistan, then got reassigned to the Iraq war starting in 2003. Tambunga's battalion was one of the early Marine units that returned to Afghanistan last year.



MARINE SGT. JACOB TAMBUNGA has spent time in the Middle East, most recently in Afghanistan, during his deployments with the First Marines.

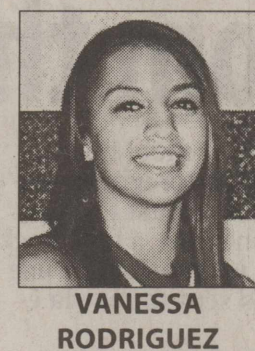
His platoon tried to fulfill its overarching mission: secure the Nawa district of southern Afghanistan's Helmand province, an agricultural region known as the Taliban's stronghold.

Right away, the platoon encountered enemy fighters and battles erupted. It was a ploy to draw out the Taliban so the 800-Marine battalion could swoop in and attack, Tambunga said. Soon, the Marines largely con-

trolled the district. They spread out, each platoon taking a quadrant. Tambunga's unit first lived in a mud-floored home "rented" from a woman who had left the area.

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Rodriguez named to All-West Texas 2A Team



VANESSA RODRIGUEZ

OHS Senior Vanessa Rodriguez has been named to the Class 2A All-West Texas Girls Basketball Team.

The 5-foot, 7-inch tall Lady Lion was a solid scorer and rebounder this season, according to the San Angelo Standard-Times, which selects the All-West Texas Team.

Rodriguez averaged 13 points and nine rebounds per contest along with contributing two seals for Ozona.

The Lady Lions finished third in district play this year making the playoffs for the first time since 2002.

"I am very proud of her and it goes to show what hard work and determination will get you. She has been a pleasure to coach and her desire to do her best in practice and in games has paid off," said Coach John Jackson. "She is a special athlete and has meant a lot to our program over the last four years. She deserves all the recognition she receives."

Rodriguez was also named to the First Team All-District 4-2A Team.

Teacher contracts on the agenda for tonight's school board meeting

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees will discuss teacher contracts during tonight's (March 24) regular meeting.

The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

On the agenda, the board will meet in executive/closed session to consider professional contracts for the 2010-2011 School Year, consider termination of probationary teacher contracts and consider professional resignations.

The board will then reconvene in open session to approve professional contracts for the 2010-2011 School Year, approve termination of probationary teacher contracts and approve professional resignations.

Other items on the agenda:

- Presentation by Chevron Corporation.
- Reports: Transporta-

- tion - vehicle mileage; Maintenance - school housing; Principals; Athletic Director; Financial - bills and board report, quarterly investment report for December-February and FY9 Audit Update; Superintendent - enrollment, attendance and construction update.

Consider options for disposal of surplus district vehicles.

Consider approval of Technology Plan.

Consider options for portable building purchase.

Consider contract with AVID Center.

Consider agreement with CSCOPE Curriculum Management system.

Consider resolutions related to investment accounts.

ESC XV Board of Directors Ballot 2010.

Board policy TASB Localized Update 87.

For more information, call the Administration Office at 392-5501 ext. 5700 or visit www.ozonaschools.net.

Sunday's Wellness Center fund-raiser to feature former state champion Lady Lions

Members of the former OHS State Championship Lady Lions Basketball Teams are requested to play once again at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 28, at the Davidson Gym.

The event will be a fund-raiser for the Crockett County Health and Wellness Center.

Admission is \$5 per person.

Teams can sign up to play the girls. Teams can consist of all ages and be co-ed. Cost is \$50 per team.

Coordinator Tina Bean said five teams have signed up to play the Lady Lions.

"We are hoping all the girls will be able to be here," Bean said.

Players from 1994-1998 are invited to come.

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COURTESY PHOTOS! CAMERAS TWO AND THE CROCKETT COUNTY MUSEUM
STATE CHAMPION LADY LIONS: 1994-1995 Team (top) and the 1995-1996 team. Members of these teams will strut their stuff again Sunday in the Wellness Center fund-raiser event.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to Rodriguez does not paint a positive picture of socialized health care

Editor's note: The following letter was sent to Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez, D-San Antonio, on March 17.

Dear Sir,

Like many people in this country I am an immigrant. The country I come from is not much different from this one in its external appearance or in its daily routines, but there is a difference Sir. The country I came from is socialistic at its base and as such does not have all the liberties and freedoms which this one so generously and justly offers. My old country has a prohib-

itive rate of taxation, rules and regulations that work against, not for the common man and a political system which does not involve the citizen to any noteworthy degree. The government instead of the people directly appoints our school administrators, police chiefs, judges, and all manner of those who work for the citizenry. Where I come from is not the worst place on earth and it too is a country of immigrants, people from all over this planet would chose it over their current homeland, but it is not America Sir.

America is thee country where personal liberties and freedoms outshine all others on this earth, America is thee land where people are free to succeed or fail without government restrictions and prohibitions, America is thee land where race, creed or religion have no bearing on a persons advantages and everyone can reach any height of success. In short, America was formed on the precept of individual freedom and choice. I was taken aback when I recently saw campaign signs for the position of local judge in my

new community and it made me proud beyond words to be a part of this great country. Where else do we the people have the opportunity to effect such change within our governments or societies? This question is rhetorical, as we all should know the answer, there is nowhere else. Not in any corner of this earth can this simple act of determining our leaders and administrators be as effective and just as it is here in America. We the people have the right, no, the obligation to make choices for ourselves without government

intervention. I digress from my "preamble," I wanted to make the point that America, this amazing country, is like no other, and I speak as someone who has experienced the alternative. I shall now get to the heart of my letter. The socialist "utopia" I come from is Canada and the cornerstone of its political position is socialized medicine. Many people who admire but have never experienced socialized medicine would think again after waiting months in pain to see a doctor or specialist, I have been one

of these people and I am here to tell you that it is a cruel and inhumane thing. I personally have friends and family on both sides of the American/Canadian border and have watched some of them wait inexorably for pain-alleviating surgery or potentially life-saving procedures in Canada while those in America wait only weeks for the exact same procedure. I have met people who have died while waiting for life-saving surgery while those in America with the same "afflictions receive

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Teacher contract from the 1920s

As the school board meets tonight to discuss annual teacher contracts, a look back at what teacher's use to sign was sent to me via e-mail.



WHAT'S ON MY MIND
MELISSA PERNER

- Teacher Contract from the 1920s - Miss _____ agrees:
1. Not to get married. This contract becomes null and void immediately if the teacher marries.
 2. Not to keep company with men.
 3. To be home between the hours of 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless in attendance at a school function.
 4. Not to loiter downtown in ice-cream parlors.
 5. Not to leave town at any time without the permission of the Chairman of the Trustees.
 6. Not to smoke cigarettes. This contract becomes null and void immediately if the teacher is found smoking.
 7. Not to drink beer, wine, or whiskey. This contract becomes null and void immediately if the teacher is found drinking beer, wine, or whiskey.
 8. Not to ride in a carriage or automobile with any man except her brother or father.
 9. Not to dress in bright colors.
 10. Not to dye her hair.
 11. Not to wear less than two petticoats.
 12. Not to wear dresses shorter than two inches above the ankles.
 13. To keep the schoolroom clean:
 - a. To sweep the classroom floor at least once daily.
 - b. To scrub the classroom floor at least once weekly with soap and hot water.
 - c. To clean the blackboard at least once daily.
 - d. To start the fire at 7 a.m. so that the room will be warm by 8 a.m. when the children arrive.
 14. Not to wear face powder, mascara, or to paint the lips.

- school your first concern?
2. Do you make daily preparation for teaching?
 3. Are you interested in the general welfare of your pupils?
 4. Are you making an effort to be acquainted with your patrons?
 5. Do you subscribe for and read an up-to-date teachers' magazine?
 6. Are you in the habit of reading a good text on Methods and School Management?
 7. Do you talk school matters with your associates and co-workers?
 8. Do you look after the sanitary conditions of your school property?
 9. Do you allow pupils to litter the school room and grounds with waste paper, apple cores, etc.?
 10. Do you allow dust to accumulate in the nooks and corners of your school room?
 11. Do you throw the ashes in a heap in front of the school house?
 12. Do you know how to build a fire and keep a school room in a comfortable condition?
 13. Do you inspire your pupils to read good books?
 14. Are you interested in rural life?
 15. Are you optimistic?
 16. Does your school have access to periodicals containing brief discussions of current events?
 17. Has your school a library?
 18. Do you show skill in the application of primary methods and devices?
 19. Are you making an attempt to instill in the minds of the pupils local pride and local patriotism?
- It's interesting to see how times have changed. Coming from a family of teachers, I admire what they must endure today.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. Good luck to all teachers.

Welcome Back



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

If you're going to rob a bank or shoot someone DO NOT do it in Illinois. Inmates in prison there have filed a lawsuit because they have been forced to eat so much soy that they contend it constitutes "cruel and unusual punishment." In 2004 the Illinois Corrections Department started substituting soy products for meat in a cost cutting measure. Now the inmates are suing prison officials for serving up such mouth-watering fare as soy-spiked sloppy Joes and soy-blend hot dogs. I swear, I think it's the best incentive yet for leading a crime-free life. The inmates say they have developed a host of medical maladies as a result of all the soy, including heart problems, arterial blockages and irritable bowel syndrome. They seem particularly upset about the fact that the soy-based diet has increased the level of flatulence. And when you live in such close quarters that's a very big deal! In a related matter, I recently read that vegetarians are more apt to consider suicide than are meat-eaters. I completely understand. If you had to give up filet mignon for twice baked asparagus you'd be depressed and feel like killing yourself too. This is all good news for meat producers and I think it could be the start of a backlash against vegetarian terrorists like PETA. People are getting just a tad tired of having vegetarianism forced down their throat. Yuck! I recently got a taste of the soy and bro-

coli backlash at a dinner party we attended. Everyone brought a dish, just like the good old-time pot lucks, only before serving their food the donor (I won't call them cooks) announced their dish, shared the ingredients, how they cooked it, blah, blah, blah. Then everyone got so excited they gave them a standing ovation as if they'd just performed some major miracle. Since when did cooking become this magical and mysterious process? My recently departed mother, who was one of the best cooks of all time, performed greater miracles every time she lit up her gas oven and never even got as much as a thank you, much less a standing O. There was a big difference however between my mom's food and that brought to the dinner party: my mom's food was actually eaten! Do you remember as a child when there was something you didn't like on your plate, and all the tricks you used to try to make your mom think you deserved dessert? Like the napkin drop I perfected. After much practice I was able to drop a paper napkin from my mouth so that it covered every last lima bean on my plate.

Interestingly, at the party I saw the same tricks being pulled. One guy hid his heap portion of fresh pea mint hash under the skin of his organic baked potato with such skill that it might even have fooled my mom. There were three vegetarians at the dinner party, a much higher percentage than exist in the general population. They pouted every time a dish was announced that might appeal to us flesh-eating barbarians. My wife and I introduced our dish as follows: "We brought beef. It came from a steer. His name was Harold. We barbecued it. You cook it on one side and then you turn it over. Then you eat it." And did they ever! The amazing thing was the vegetarians even ate the beef. "I thought you didn't believe in eating anything that once had a face?" I asked one of the veg heads. "I have recently transitioned to become a Flexitarian," she replied. "That sounds like a political party or a new religion," I said of the new species. "Does this mean you are no longer a vegetarian?" "Oh no, I am still a vegetarian," she said, "but I allow myself to eat meat if it was raised in a sustainable manner." I know some inmates in Illinois who would sure like to become Flexitarians. Or, as I prefer to think of them... recovering vegetarian born-again carnivores.

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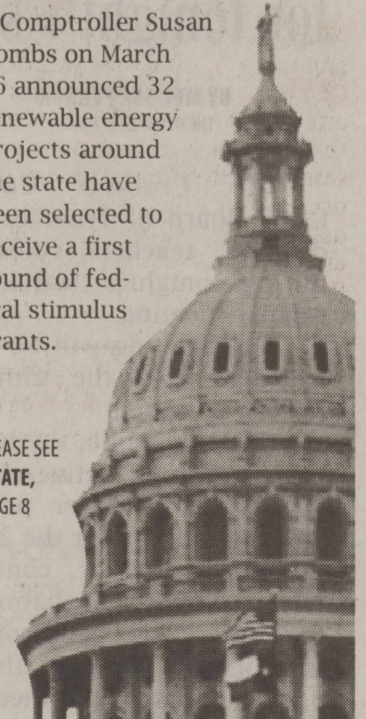
Governor orders increase of border security measures

AUSTIN — Governor Rick Perry on March 16 ordered the activation of what he called a "spillover violence contingency plan" to address recent fatal attacks on American citizens in Mexico. The plan increases surveillance, intelligence sharing and ground, air and maritime patrols. U.S. consular officials Lesley Enriquez and Arthur Redelfs, both of El Paso and stationed in Ciudad Juarez, were murdered in that city on March 13. Perry had penned a letter to U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano the day before the murders, asking for the federal government to use unmanned "predator drone" aircraft and 1,000 additional soldiers for missions on Texas-Mexico border. Perry wrote that 65 percent of the border the U.S. shares with Mexico is in Texas, noting a disparity in federal resources allotted to Texas for border protection. Napolitano responded that the federal government already maintains sufficient surveillance and interdiction capabilities

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along the U.S. - Mexico border as a whole. Since January 2008, a reported 4,700 homicides have been committed across the border from El Paso in Ciudad Juarez, making it one of the most violent cities in the world, the governor's office stated. COURT SENTENCES YFZ RANCH MAN A Tom Green County jury in San Angelo on March 19 sentenced Merrill Leroy Jessop of the Yearning for Zion Ranch to 75 years in prison for sexually assaulting a child and of committing bigamy. Jessop also was ordered to pay a \$10,000 fine. Jessop, 35, is one of several YFZ ranch residents indicted for sexual assault of a child, bigamy or other charges according to the Texas Attorney General's Office. The ranch, four miles north-east of Eldorado in Schleicher County, is owned by the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a polygamist sect. In April 2008, state, local and

federal agents raided the ranch and removed 440 children. The state Department of Family and Protective Services released the children from state care following an order by the Texas Supreme Court in late May 2008 and a state district court order issued a few days later. STUDY CHARTS TEXAS DURING RECESSION The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas on March 16 published a detailed study of how Texas fared in 2009 while the national and world economies slumped. "After outperforming the nation the previous four years, the state experienced steep declines in economic activity last year that nearly matched the U.S. freefall," according to the report. "Texas lost 338,600 jobs in 2009, and the state's unemployment rate rose to its highest level in 22 years. The Dallas Fed's Texas Business-Cycle Index — a barometer of the state's economic health — plunged 4.6 percent from December 2008 to December 2009." But, the report says the state economy is on a steadier course now, with activity growing in several sectors and improvement likely in 2010 and beyond. ENERGY PROJECTS TO RECEIVE GRANTS Comptroller Susan Combs on March 16 announced 32 renewable energy projects around the state have been selected to receive a first round of federal stimulus grants. PLEASE SEE STATE, PAGE 8



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Animal Agriculture Alliance talks animal welfare at PERC

Editor's note: The following article is being reprinted with permission from the Sheep Industry News.

By BECKY TALLEY

SHEEP INDUSTRY NEWS ASSOCIATE EDITOR

March 1 - "The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) has one agenda: to eliminate animal use for any purpose, and right now agriculture is No. 1 on their agenda."

This was the message attendees of the Production, Education and Research Council (PERC) meeting received from Animal Agriculture Alliance Executive Vice President Kay Johnson-Smith at the 2010 annual convention.

Johnson-Smith spoke to the council on animal rights activism and animal agriculture's position in the conflict.

"Connect, educate and protect is how we see our mission," she said about the work of the Animal Agriculture Alliance, an organization formed in response to the animal rights movement. The American Sheep Industry Association is represented on the board of directors of the organization.

According to Johnson-Smith some of the key goals that animal activists are focusing on for 2010 are: establishing a new position in

the White House called the Animal Protection Liaison, which would supersede the authority of the U.S. Department of Agriculture; establish national animal welfare standards; regulate transportation of all animals; establish federal farm animal anti-cruelty laws; establish the Farm Animal Stewardship Purchasing Act, which would require all government food purchases to come from animals that are certified as humanely raised (although with no reference to what certification program would be required); and repeal the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act, which was passed to extend protection for animal handlers, producers, etc. from direct damages and threats.

HSUS, and other animal activist groups, were able to get 121 new animal protection laws passed in 2009, a significant increase over 2008. Johnson-Smith related that this has happened through undercover work, ballot initiatives and targeting of states with smaller agriculture economies which have enacted welfare laws with pressure from animal rights groups to avoid initiative action.

"Look for that in your states. You never know when it will pop up next," she said, adding that while HSUS will

claim to be working for animal welfare, they will incrementally break down the animal industries with the ultimate goal to eradicate them.

Many of the animal rights groups have been able to wield influence because of the millions of dollars of funding they pull in, often, in the case of HSUS, getting donations from dog and cat owners who believe they function to save these types of pets. In actuality, HSUS spent less than one-half of a percent on contributions to the hands on care of animals in shelters.

Producers, said Johnson-Smith, need to be their own best advocate. Telling their stories is the best way to help the general public understand that ranchers are the best welfare providers for their animals. She encourages all to get involved in their community and utilize social networking sites, such as Facebook, to show pictures and tell stories of their family, their lifestyle and their welfare practices.

"It is important that you are talking to your customers and to policy makers so they know your commitment to caring for your animals," she related. For more information on the Animal Agriculture Alliance, visit www.animalagriculture.org.

LIBRARY NEWS

By LOUISE LEDOUX
CROCKETT COUNTY LIBRARIAN

"In an Internet Age, Libraries still draw a Crowd." - Shown by a survey from the Pew Internet and American Life Project. This survey found that more than half of Americans had visited a library in the past year. It was young people, people aged 18 to 30, who were pushing to get through the door first, despite the advance of personal computers and the Internet. That was also the group most determined to make a return trip: 40 percent of young adults, as opposed to only 20 percent of older folks, said they'd be coming back soon to the library."

"It is true the survey showed that many of the crowd say they come to libraries for the computers, CDs, DVDs, and electronic media, not the books. But, it doesn't really matter what gets you there that counts, it's what you leave with." - Guest essayist Julia Keller of the Chicago Tribune writing on *The Road Ahead for Public Libraries in the Modern Era*.

NEW PUBLIC COMPUTERS

CCPL is excited to announce that we will be purchasing new public computers from NewQuest IT Solutions with the 2010 Loan Star Libraries Grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. We will also be upgrading our operating system to Windows 7, and will finish converting all monitors to flat screens.

During the installation we will have an interruption in computer service. We apologize for any inconvenience during this process, and we appreciate your patience. It will be worth it with faster connection time, better Internet use, and more dependable access with the new public computers. Come check it out - Next Week!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 24

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lenten Luncheon Series, noon at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- Cheerleading or Mascot Tryouts Parent/Guardian Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the OHS Auditorium.
- Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Thursday, March 25

- OHS UIL Academic Team at the District Meet in Sonora.
- Answers on Aging, 10-11 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Barbecue Brisket Plates benefitting Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, 11 a.m. at Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida.
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting, 5:05 p.m. at the Visitor Center.
- Bingo, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Friday, March 26

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Tennis Teams in the Ozona Invitational at the tennis courts.
- Lady Lions Softball vs. Kermit, 5 p.m. at the softball field.
- JV and Varsity Lions Baseball vs. Kermit, 5 p.m. at the baseball fields.

Saturday, March 27

- OMS Tennis Tournament, 8 a.m. at the tennis courts.
- OHS UIL Academic Team at the District Meet in Sonora.
- OHS Track Teams at the Bandera Bulldog Relays.
- TurkeyFest, 6:30 p.m. at the Fair Park Convention Center.

Sunday, March 28

- Palm Sunday
- Wellness Center Fund-raiser featuring the former State Champion Lady Lions, 2 p.m. at the Davidson Gym.
- Cheerleading/Mascot Clinic for Tryout Preparation, 4-6 p.m. at the Davidson Gym.

Monday, March 29

- Lions and Lady Lions Golf Teams at Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Senior Meeting, 6 p.m. at the library.
- OMS PTO Meeting, 6 p.m. at the middle school.
- Athletic Booster Club meeting, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Tuesday, March 30

- OMS Track Teams at the Owl Relays in Big Lake.
- Lady Lions Softball vs. Reagan County, 5 p.m. at Big Lake.
- JV and Varsity Lions Baseball vs. Reagan County, 5 p.m. at Big Lake.

Wednesday, March 31

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lenten Luncheon Series, noon at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

TEXAS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS INC. NEWS

By CHARLOTTE HARRELL

TEXAS FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS INC.

The Twentieth Century Study Club of Midland hosted the 50th Western District Spring convention at the First United Methodist Church in Midland Saturday, March 20. Thirty-two members, representing nine of the district's twelve clubs, participated in the convention.

Kerry Kay Cook, President of the Twentieth Century Study Club of Midland installed the 2010-2012 TFWC Western District Officers: Maridell Fryar of Midland, President; Cynthia Scott of Big Spring, President-elect; Shirley Bagley of Monahans, First vice president; Melanie Spratt-Anderson of McCamey, Second vice president; Harriett Berlin of Odessa, Trustee TFWC Historical Foundation; and Sherry Phillips of McCamey, TFWC Western District Scholarship representative.

The Honorable Karen Lewis, Attorney at Law of the Texas Attorney General's Office, spoke to the convention about her work, which involves collecting child-support money for custodial parents. She works under the supervision of Attorney General Greg Abbott who is a wholehearted advocate for children, senior citizens and those who need the protection of the law to thwart abuses of all kinds.

The TFWC Western District Alma Van Sickle scholarship in the amount of \$500 was awarded to Chanci N. Saenz of Alpine who will attend Sul Ross State University in the fall. This very deserving young woman is working to become an occupational therapist upon graduation. Ms. Saenz was valedictorian of her graduating class and was President of the GFWC Juniors of Alpine in 2009.

Members enjoyed a fine arts and crafts exhibit, consisting mainly of photography. A silver cross necklace by James Avery and a beautiful oil painting by member Joyce Morton were raffled to raise funds for the Western District.

Reports were given by all the GFWC-TFWC department chairmen. Of local interest, the Ozona Woman's League won second place in the Fund Raising category for their excellent breakfast with Santa event. In the International Affairs Department, Charlotte Harrell reported on two United Nations programs given by the GFWC Woman's Club of Alpine and the Twentieth Century Study

Club of Midland. As TFWC Western District Alma Van Sickle Scholarship chairman, Charlotte Harrell also announced the winner of that scholarship and reported on the status of the scholarship fund.

The Twentieth Century Study Club hosted a beautiful convention, with lunch catered by the First United Methodist Church chef. Lovely door prizes were received by almost everyone present. Members who arrived in Midland Friday evening were treated to a delicious dinner at the home of Kerry Kay Cook.

The 51st Fall Board Meeting will be held at the Odessa Regional Medical Center next October.

Happy Birthday

March 24 - Alfred Enriquez, Vicki Stokes, Zachary Wright, Angela Moore and Austin Borrego

March 25 - Cynthia Hokit, Rita Vasquez, Albert Talamantez Sr., Taylor Newton, Alex Hopper and Emilio Tambunga

March 26 - Michael Joel Vargas Jr., Pife Borrego, Juan Molina Jr., Steve Hubbard, Jose I. Dominguez Jr., Albert Trevino, Chape Leal, Melvin Parker, Enrique Delgado and Vanessa Tobar

March 27 - Cynthia Castillo and Justin Rodriguez

March 28 - Roky Vega, Leonel Rodriguez Jr., Wendy Wilson, Debbie Arrott, Charlie Branch, Amber McClanahan, Romeo Perez III, Veroinca Talamantez and Donavon Santiago

March 29 - Edna Tambuna, Diane Phillips and Maria Jose

March 30 - Fernando M. Galvan, Doug Meador Jr., Sydney Fierro, Bill Seale, Allan Stover and Stephanie Borrego



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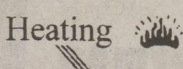
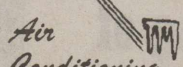
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OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

BY JOANN COUCH
CROCKETT COUNTY SENIOR CENTER

We had a nice turnout for the Jam Session Saturday night. We danced and listened to some good, country music. Refreshments were enjoyed, along with catching up on visiting with good friends. Band members from Ozona were Jamie Knox, who organizes the group, Benny Logan and Jayce Logan. From Big Lake were H. Ritchie, Richard Warriner and Jimmy O'Briant. Thanks Jamie for getting the group together. We look forward to having another Jam Session soon. At 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 25, we will have a hot-dog supper along with a night of Bingo. We look forward to seeing everyone there.



JAMIE KNOX (right) performs during the Saturday night Jam Session at the Senior Center. On drums is his grandson Jayce Logan.

LEVIS & LACE SQUARE DANCE NEWS

Annual festival set for April 9 and 10

BY TINA JARVIS AND CAROL ADCOCK
LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCERS

On Friday, Levis and Lace Square Dance Club traveled to San Angelo to dance with the Promenade Squares Club. John Geen, the club caller, called a plus level dance with some work shop of the difficult moves. He played waltzes, and line dances in between squares for interested dancers. For traveling with at full square of Levis and Lace dancers, they secured Promenade Squares traveling banner. The club members who attended were Tina Jarvis, Carol Adcock, Tracye Young, Nell Wester, JoAnn Couch, Jim Couch, Raul DeLaRosa, Tammi Monzingo, Danny Monzingo and Julia Peek (Carol Adcock's granddaughter). The Levis and Lace Square Dance Club will host their 24th annual Anniversary Dance Festival April 9-10 at the Crockett County Civic Center.



LEVIS and LACE SQUARE DANCERS traveled to San Angelo Friday night to dance with the Promenade Squares Club.

Friday's dance will be from 8-10:30 p.m. with soup and crackers afterwards. Saturday's events start at 2:30 p.m. with a workshop, followed by barbecue dinner at 5:30 p.m. and dance from 8 to 10:30 p.m. Callers will be Bill Prichard from Eagle Pass and guests. Line dancing between tips. Mainstream with announced plus. Sweet Memories jewelry will be on hand Saturday. Cost is \$30 per couple for both days or \$15 singles both days. For more information, call Carol Adcock at 392-2912.

DEATH NOTICES

Ouida Van Shoubrouek Boutte

Ouida Van Shoubrouek Boutte died March 20, 2010. She was born in Victoria, Texas in 1932 to Fred B. and Rena Foster Van Shoubrouek. She is survived by her husband, Joseph Carroll Boutte of Nacogdoches; son Brian Boutte and wife Sandy of Dallas; daughter Stacey and husband Peter Purcell of Houston; brother Fred B. Van Shoubrouek and wife Jan of Ozona; grandchildren Todd, Kelsey and Reid Boutte and Kayla and Garrett Purcell and niece and nephews Fred (Trey) Van Shoubrouek III, Sandy Glover and Ralph Jones Van Shoubrouek.

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- MARCH 26**
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- MARCH 29**
 - Pepper steak with gravy, mushroom rice, green beans, roll and dessert.
- MARCH 30**
 - Beef vegetable stew, salad, corn bread and dessert.
- MARCH 31**
 - Baked chicken, corn, spinach, roll and dessert.

Answers on Aging Thursday

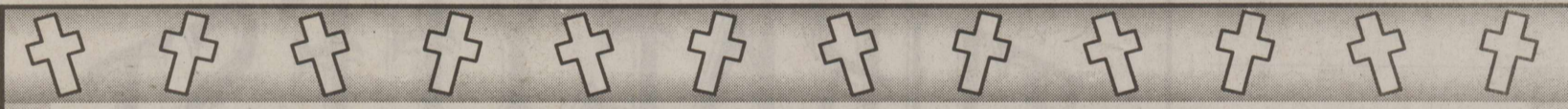
The Area Agency on Aging (assistance), Caregiver Support (Respite Care), Foster Grandparent Program (Mentoring Children), Ombudsman Program (Advocates for Long-Term Care Residents), Senior Companion Program (Companions for the Elderly), and 2-1-1 Texas of the Concho Valley (Information and Referral for health and human services). A wide variety of printed information regarding each program and related information will also be available. Feel free to stop by and visit with the Area Agency on Aging staff when we visit your community. We look forward to speaking with you. For more information, call Toni P. Gutierrez, Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley at (325) 223-5704 or toll-free at 1-877-944-9666 or just by dialing 211.

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LAST SUPPER WITH MOTHER

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<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor Chris Johnson Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m. Awana: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Ron Shott Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Wed. Worship - 5 p.m.-Meal, 5:30 p.m.-Study</p>
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<p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War Pastor Juan Avila Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6:00 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Martes: 6:00 p.m. Jueves: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Felix Okeke Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. Tues. - Fri.: 6 p.m.</p>
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OZONA WOMAN'S FORUM NEWS

BY CHARLOTTE HARRELL
OZONA WOMAN'S FORUM

Auctioneers Sandy Beebe and Jean Odom outdid themselves at the Woman's Forum meeting held Tuesday, March 16, 2010, as they cajoled the members and guests to buy, buy, and buy some more! Yes, 19 members and 2 guests opened their wallets and spent over \$1,500 to buy the tempting foods and other items donated by the members themselves. The funds will be used to award deserving Ozona High School seniors scholarships. Before the auction began, hostesses Beth Hoover, Betty Huffman and Dianne Phillips served delicious refreshments. Then, Beth Hoover led the members in the Club Collect and the Pledge to the U.S. flag. President Nell Wester conducted the business meeting, and she was pleased to welcome guests Eileen Childress and Billie Morris. Shirley Kirby reminded members to support the Wellness Center project by attending the March 28 fund-raiser. Members present were Marolyn Bean, Sandy Beebe, Norma Carson, Jimmie Cloutd, Marilyn Cox, Janie Everett, Charlotte Harrell, Beth Hoover, Virginia Hubbard, Betty Huffman, Shirley Kirby, Jean Odom, Diane Phillips, Janet Pullen, Mary Sellers, Ann Shaw, Kathleen Shott, Celia West and Nell Wester.

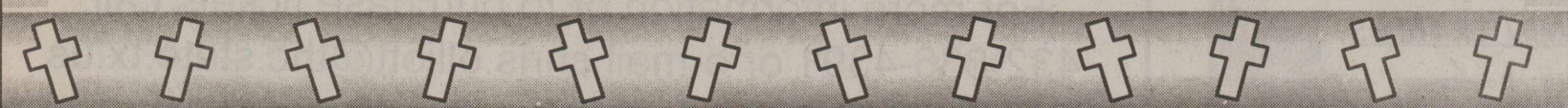
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Rodriguez votes in favor of health care, Abbott to file suit against the bill

FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN - Texas will join other states in a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of federal health care legislation as soon as President Barack Obama signs the bill, Attorney General Greg Abbott said, according to an article from the Associated Press.

"To protect all Texans' constitutional rights, preserve the constitutional framework intended by our nation's founders, and defend our state from further infringement by the federal government, the State of Texas and other states will legally challenge the federal health care legislation," Abbott said in a written statement late Sunday night after the U.S. House of Representatives approved the measure.

The legislation is headed to Obama to sign, which happened Tuesday.

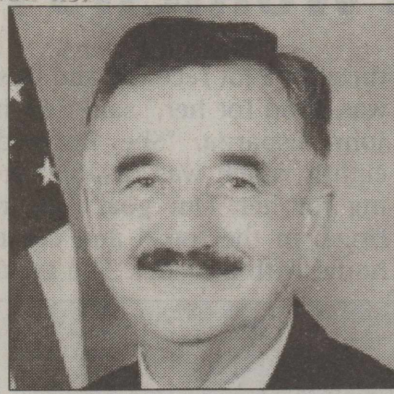
"We plan to file the moment Obama signs the bill," Abbott said in a posting on Facebook. Attorneys general for several other states indicated Monday they would join the lawsuit.

House members voted 219-212 late Sunday to approve the health care overhaul that would extend coverage to 32 million uninsured Americans. It also would significantly expand Medicaid, the federal-state health care program for the poor; place new federal regulations on the insurance industry; and allow parents to keep children up to age 26 on their family insurance plans.

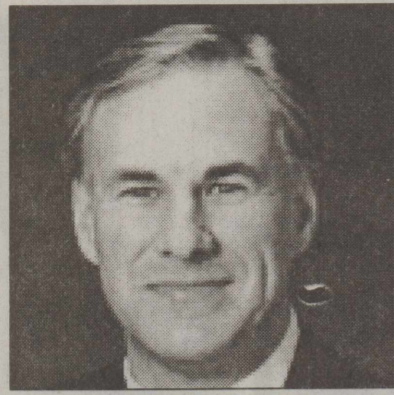
Most Americans would have to buy insurance or face penalties. There would be subsidies to help families with incomes of up to \$88,000 a year pay their premiums.

U.S. Rep. **Ciro D. Rodriguez**, D-San Antonio, voted in favor of the bill.

"I have made this decision because I can no longer conscience a system that favors insurance companies at the expense of the hard-working families I represent," Rodriguez said in a statement. "I've listened to the many constitu-



CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ



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ents who have told me they suffer under the burden of expensive premiums or can't get coverage because of pre-existing conditions. And I've heard from senior citizens who tell me they fall into the 'donut hole' and can't pay for needed medication. This isn't acceptable in today's America."

Prominent Texas Republicans, including Abbott and Gov. Rick Perry, have been outspoken against the Democratic-backed health care measure. Perry called it a "gross federal overreach."

"Unfortunately, the health care vote had more to do with expanding socialism on American soil than it does fixing our health care finance and delivery systems. The Obama health care bill undermines patient choice, personal responsibility, medical innovation and fiscal responsibility in America," Perry said in a prepared statement.

No Republican joined House Democrats in voting for the bill.

One Texas Democratic congressman, Rep. Chet Edwards of Waco, voted against the legislation.

TAMBUNGA: from page 1

The troops bedded down in one-man tents designed to keep out mosquitoes.

Their main job was to walk the sector and get to know the locals. A daily patrol took Tambunga's men around a three- to four-mile area.

Later, with the help of a civil-affairs unit, the squad completed a basic census of the territory that included photographing and listing the name of each household's family members.

These duties required considerable shoe leather. Tambunga and his Marines drove a vehicle only once — when they initially arrived in the district.

Tambunga grew to like a particular household run by a 58-year-old Afghan man he calls Haji Farruc. The homeowner told him about hating the Taliban because they had killed his son in another part of the country.

When Tambunga came by, usually solo as his squad patrolled nearby, Haji Farruc would offer him sweet chai tea and flat bread that the Marine said was similar to a Mexican tortilla. Sometimes the hospitality consisted of a meal of chicken and rice.

"It was better than MREs," Tambunga said, chuckling in reference to the prepackaged "Meal, Ready to Eat" entrees that troops typically consume when they're in the field.

Once Marine engineers

arrived, Tambunga's unit camped in compounds that included tents and cots. But the living was never easy. During spring and summer, temperatures soared well above 100 degrees and moisture from farm irrigation made the air swelter. As winter took over, it became rainy and cold.

During downtime, Tambunga and his men worked out with improvised barbells made from sandbags. They also watched movies on their iPods.

Everyone in Tambunga's squad made it home in December, but the battalion lost four men during the deployment.

Tambunga predicts that the next units to serve in Helmand province will spend more of their time helping with reconstruction and less on fighting. They'll probably provide security for civilian government workers in charge of the rebuilding efforts, he said.

But come summer, Tambunga said, Taliban fighters are expected to pour in from Pakistan after snow has cleared in the mountain passes.

The next chapter is unclear for Tambunga, who enlisted in 2003.

He plans to leave the military if he doesn't make staff sergeant in the coming promotion cycle. Until then, he is busy on the rifle range training new Marines.

And soon enough, the 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment will deploy again.

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Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2009. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2010.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2010 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 (or the next business day if a weekend) if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

Where do you file?

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:

Crockett County Appraisal District
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Ozona, TX 76943
(325) 392-2674

Or contact:

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs
Property Tax Assistance Division
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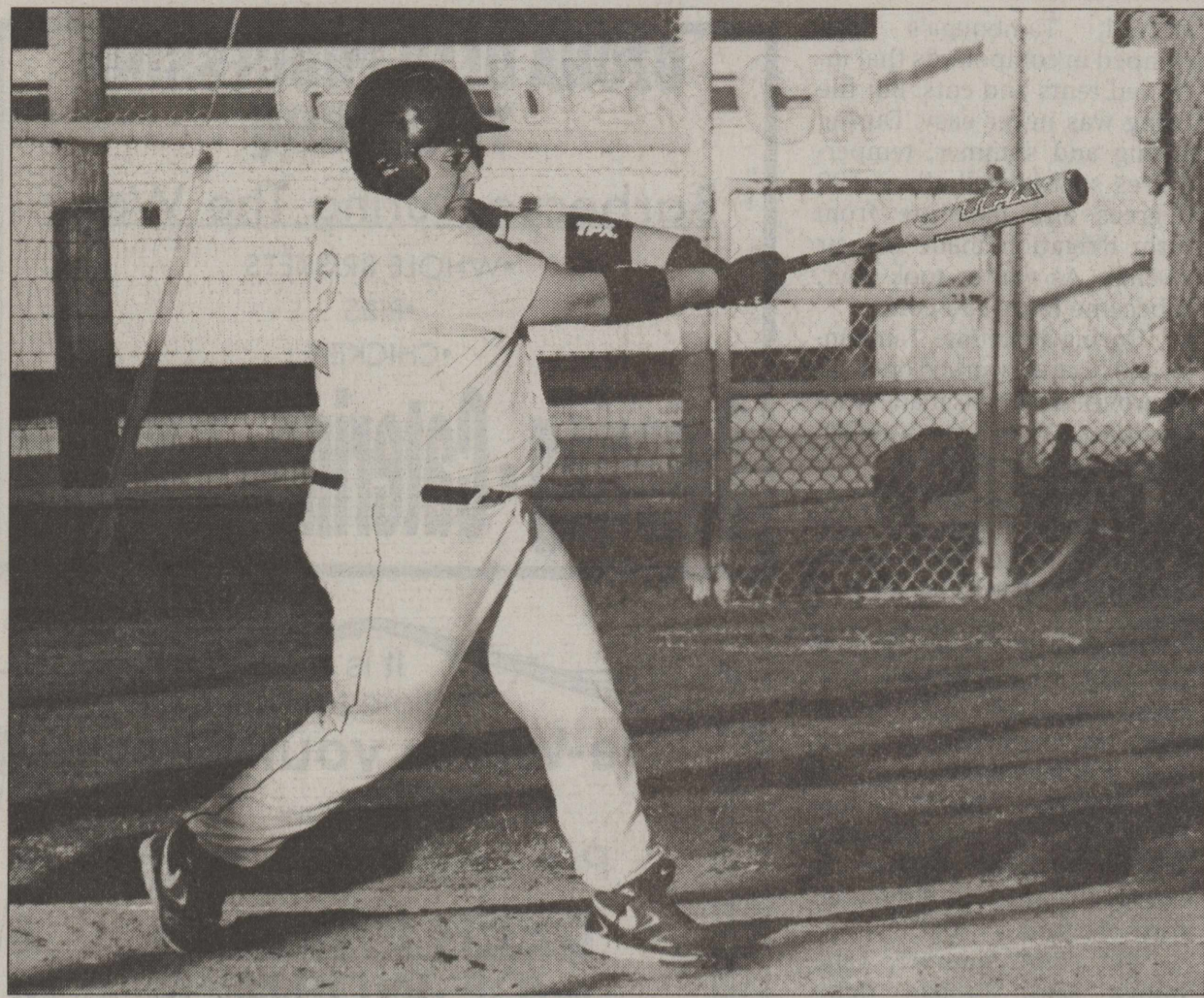
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RJ MARTINEZ takes a turn at bat for the JV Lions in their March 9 game against Crane.

JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Hamilton places eighth at Texas High School Women's Powerlifting

Emalee Hamilton finished in eighth place at the Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association State Meet Friday in Corpus Christi.

"This was a great experience for her. She has been

through a lot recently and this was good for her," said Coach John Esparza. "She finished eighth which was disappointing for her. Our goal was to finish in the top 5 and come home with a medal. The good

thing is she is only a sophomore and we will be a lot more experienced come next year. It was an awesome ride and a big congratulations goes to Emalee for her accomplishment this year."



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

EMALEE HAMILTON WORKS ON HER POWERLIFTING TECHNIQUE in this photo of a workout taken earlier this year. Hamilton finished in eighth place at the Texas High School Women's Powerlifting meet held in Corpus Christi on March 19.



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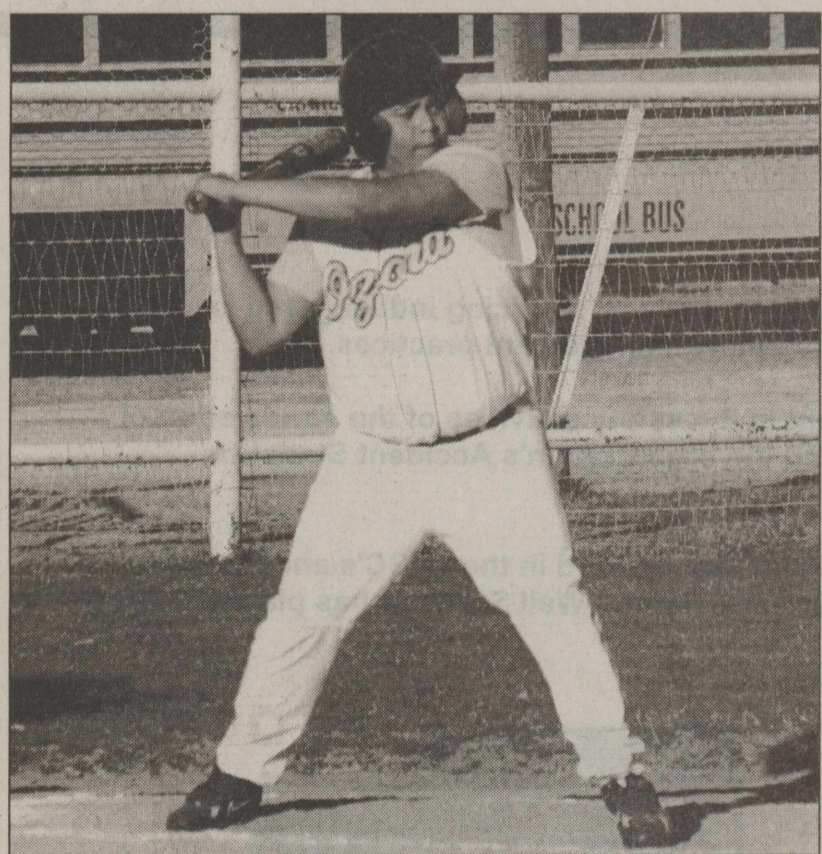
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Senior Meeting Monday

There will be a Senior Meeting at 6 p.m. Monday March 29, at the Crockett County Public Library.

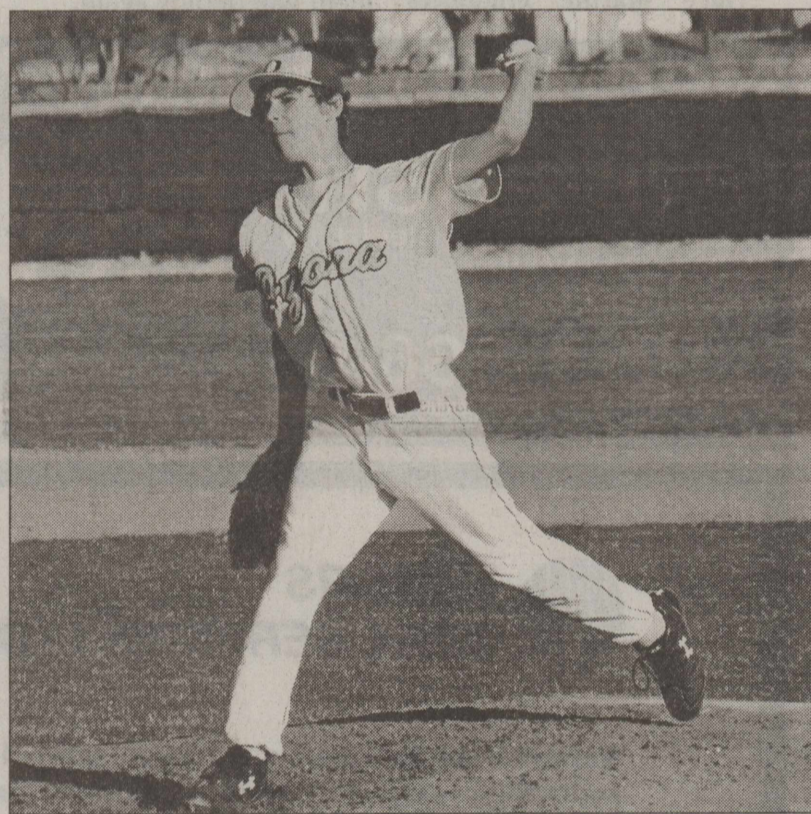
Everyone involved is encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Margaret Longoria at 392-9344.



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Lions fall short to Alpine

The Lions lost to Alpine 9-7 on March 17.

Pitching - Jaron Vasquez and Nathan De Hoyos.

Leading players - Abey Lara, 3-4, 2 RBIs and 2 runs; Andrew Sanchez, 1-3, 2 RBIs; De Hoyos, 3-4, 3 RBIs and 1 run and Johnathan Martin, 1-2 and 1 run.

"The kids started out in an early hole and came back to

play hard. To score that many runs in the last innings shows you that the kids believe in what they're doing and are believers in their team," said Coach Ray Ramos. "It was a last minute schedule change due to the weather and it was great to see the kids overcome the obstacles and play some quality baseball."

Elementary now accepting nominations for gifted and talented program

The Ozona Elementary School is now accepting nominations for its gifted and talented program for students with exceptional intellectual abilities.

Identification of gifted/talented students consists of two steps: (1) nomination and screening and (2) selection. In the nomination and screening phase, a student may be nominated for the program by his/her parent or guardian, teacher, or another person.

Once the student is nominated, he/she will be given two nationally-developed tests of higher-level thinking skills to determine the student's potential to succeed in the program, and after all data has been collected on each child, a committee of educators will review this information and determine which students

qualify for the program.

Anyone with a child attending grades Kindergarten through 5 and wishing to nominate them is asked to contact your child's teacher and request a nomination form which needs to be returned to the school by Friday, April 2. Students who were nominated in past years but did not make the program may be nominated again if parents wish to do so.

BOOSTER CLUB MEETING

The Athletic Booster Club meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 29, at the Civic Center.

Youth Center Calendar of Events

March 29 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

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FUND-RAISER: DCP Midstream donates TVs, Blu-Ray players as prizes

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There will also be a reception for the former Lady Lions at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at the Crockett Room.

There will also be door prizes given away at the event. DCP Midstream has donated two 42-inch TVs and four Blu-Ray players for the event.

Tickets are \$2 each and can be purchased now by any Wellness Center Board Member or at The Ozona Stockman.

The date of the event is also special for former player Bobbie Bryson. On March 28, 1996, Bryson was diagnosed with cancer.

Bryson, who currently works at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, said she enjoys taking care of people in the West Texas areas who, 14 years later, tell her how much they enjoyed watching

the Lady Lions play.

"I have come to believe that things and events happen for a reason. Doing a fund-raiser for a wellness project and the whole cancer thing, well it's just special," Bryson said.

Former Lady Lion Amber Tarr said she also plans on making the trip.

"I'm looking forward to getting to see people," she said.

Participants and spectators are encouraged to wear their Ozona T-Shirts from that era and the Lady Lions will autograph them.

For more information, call Kristie Williams at 226-2423 or Bean at 392-3334.

The wellness center is now taking memorial donations at: P.O. Box 865, Ozona, Texas 76943.

Applications for local scholarships now available

The Friends of the Library are now accepting applications through April 30 for two \$500 scholarships for a 2010 graduating senior.

Application forms and full instructions can be picked up at the Ozona High School office or at the Crockett County Public Library.

To be eligible students must be accepted at an accredited college or university; major in an academic field related to libraries, such as, education, history, English, science and have at least a B average.

Each scholarship is for \$500 a year for four years as long as a B average is maintained.

So get those applications in to the library today!

Other scholarship applications including deadlines, available in the OHS Go Center at this time are:

- International Right of Way Association Chapter 35 - May 31.

- Ozona Woman's Forum Scholarship - April 30.

- Kurt Knapp Memorial Scholarship - April 16.

- Concho Chapter #826 Order of the Eastern Star Scholarship - April 1.

- Crockett County Youth Center Scholarship - April 1.

For more information, call Susie duBois, OHS College Readiness Coordinator, at 392-5501 ext. 5701.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt to be held April 4

This year, the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 4, at the Swimming Pool Park across from the Visitor Center.

If there is bad weather, the hunt will be in the Fair Park Convention Center.

The Easter Egg Hunt is county-wide for children up to 10 years old.

More of the plastic prizes

are in store for this year.

Anyone wanting to donate toward the hunt, may bring the eggs on that day by 1 p.m.

There will also be a Scavenger Hunt for 11-18 year-old boys and girls in teams of three.

Anyone wishing to participate can register at 1 p.m. at the Swimming Pool Park.

The events are sponsored

4-Hers participate at Houston Stock Show

Crockett County 4-Hers competed in the Houston Livestock Show held March 6-20.

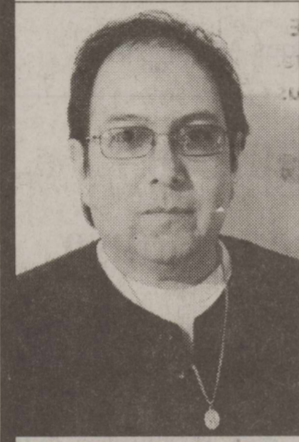
In the Junior Market Lambs, Kelbie Renfro placed third with her Light Heavy Weight Medium Wool, Lane Hale was eighth in the Light

Weight Fine Wool Cross, Murphey Black was ninth in the Heavy Weight Fine Wool Cross, Allie Black was 12th in the Light Weight Fine Wool and Kramer Hall was 17th in the Light Weight Fine Wool.

Also showing was Wes McGuire.

Eligio Martinez is voting for -

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2. Affordable family health insurance for county employees.
3. Improving drainage problems for the residents of precinct 4.



Early voting is April 5-9 at the courthouse.

April 13, 2010 at the Visitors Center.

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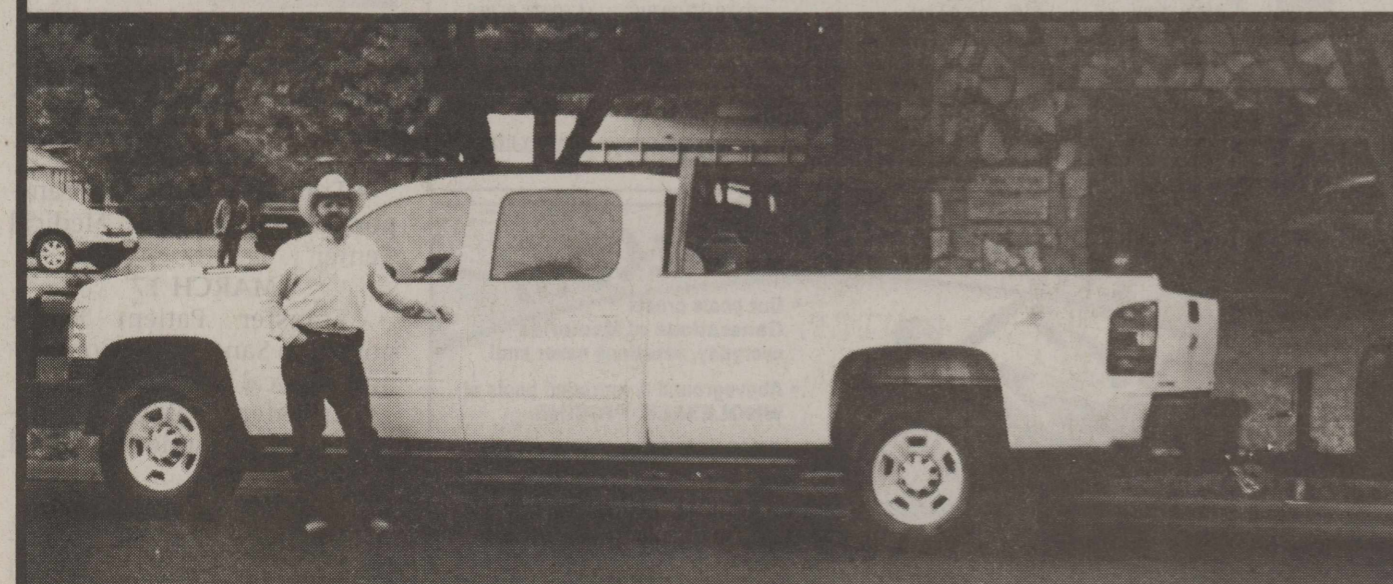
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Arrest warrants issued by Irion County

SUBMITTED BY THE CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The following named individuals have arrest warrants issued by Irion County, Texas. These warrants will not be activated for (2) two weeks from today's date, March 24, 2010, allowing this individual enough time to contact Justice of the Peace, Donna Smith, in Irion County in order to make payment arrangements for fine/fines in lieu of arrest.

The majority of these charges filed are traffic violations and class C misdemeanors and can be dealt with by paying the fine.

For any questions, contact Donna Smith, Irion County, at (325) 835-4141 or P.O. Box 678, Mertzon, Texas 76941.

List of individuals:

- Andrieto Ortiz Borrego
- Mariano G. Urbina
- David Torres
- Sam G. Smith
- Marisol Lopez Sanchez
- Lacey R. Sanchez
- Polo Sanchez Jr.
- Rocio Salinas
- Chas W. Rutherford
- Abel Rodriguez Jr.
- Felix Rivera
- Eric L. Ramirez
- Carol Lozano Ramirez

- Emilio Flores Porras
- Stephen Michael Perez
- Maria Perez
- James H. Parham
- Charles Derek Nichols
- Randy Munoz
- Molly Munoz
- Jimmy Munoz II
- Casey M. Mendoza
- Hector Castro Medina
- Jacklyn Ann McKinney
- Jerry A. McGinnis
- Eriberto Savalas Martinez
- Anna Borrego Lara
- Cynthia Lucile Hodges
- Johnathan Ray Hill
- Keith Andrew Hill
- Abel Hernandez Hernandez

- Michael David Graham
- Richard R. Gonzales
- Jesus D. Garza
- Edward Galindo
- Albert Reyes Flores
- Armando Flores Jr.
- William Dean Fierro
- Guillermo Tambunga Fierro
- Ashley L. Farris
- Jim Ramirez Etheridge
- Joanna M. Dominguez
- Maria Guadalupe Castorena
- Norma Gene Bonzo (Lohman)
- Erin Lee Barber
- Macedonio Lopez Aviles
- David Alexander Arredondo
- James Adkins Jr.

Commissioners approve additional items for courthouse, purchasing of a new copy machine

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The Crockett County Commissioners' Court met in a special called meeting Monday night to approve more items for courthouse renovation.

With the completion of the second floor courtroom at the Crockett County Courthouse, the county has finished \$100,000 under budget.

Since the project has finished under budget, the commissioners approved the installation of a new handicapped ramp and sidewalks, which includes a concrete ramp with steel reaming and handrails, footings and new sidewalks.

They also approved wainscot in the first floor corridors and painting the walls of the first floor, as well as repairing the windows on the

second floor, which includes sanding and repainting and window sills to be repaired or replaced.

Total cost for these three items is \$35,428.

The commissioners' court also approved a \$7,542 bid from Kathy Gallarzo for two-inch wooden blinds, with warranty, for the second floor courtroom windows.

The additional items should be finished within five to six weeks.

County Judge Fred Deaton said they are planning a courthouse public open house for the end of April.

The commissioners also approved a bid from Cactus Copier in San Angelo for \$9,100 for a Canon Copier for the courthouse annex.

The next regular commissioners' court meeting will be 9 a.m. April 12 at the courthouse annex.

FOR THE RECORD: WEEKLY COURT PROCEEDINGS

BAIL BONDS

• Kelsie Ann Marie Haire, Ozona, reckless driving, class B misdemeanor, \$2,000; evading arrest with a vehicle, class A misdemeanor, \$10,000 and criminal mischief, class A misdemeanor, \$5,000.
• Jonathan Brown, Killeen, Texas, misdemeanor, \$4,000.

• Jevon Leon Woods, possession of a dangerous drug, third-degree felony, \$2,000 PR Bond.
• Charlie B. Gravell Jr., Ozona, possession of marijuana, misdemeanor, \$2,000.

The above information was obtained from the Crockett County Clerk's Office.

Cattle raisers elect board members

FORT WORTH - New directors were elected to the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Board of Directors at the 133rd Annual Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Convention.

New directors include Herff Cornelius, Jr., Wadsworth, Texas; Milton Greeson, Victoria, Texas; Clay Jones, Brady; Ron Lane, Guthrie, Texas; Joe Leathers, Guthrie and Gordon Sauer, Fredericksburg.

Crawford Edwards and Ken Leiber, both from Fort Worth and

Bill White, Stowell, Texas were elected to the executive committee.

Richard H. Bennett, San Antonio; R.A. Rob Brown, Throckmorton, Texas; Don Carter King, Jr., Canyon; Ed Small, Austin; Richard Traylor, Crystal City, Texas and Roger Welder, Victoria, Texas were elected as honorary directors.

Jack Hunt, Houston, was elected as an honorary vice president.

All members with honorary titles serve as ex officio members of the board.

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Some \$32 million in the first round of Distributed Renewable Energy Technology Program grants will go to cities, school districts, colleges, universities and other local and state government entities.

Combs said that in addition to generating electricity at those sites, the projects will reduce utility costs, cut emissions and save tax dollars.

LADY BIRD'S PRESS SECRETARY DIES
Mary Elizabeth "Liz" Sutherland Carpenter, 89, of Austin, died March 20 in an Austin hospital.

Liz Carpenter was a Washington correspondent for the Austin American-Statesman from 1942 until 1960, when she joined the staff of then-Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson. She served as a speech

writer and joined the staff of first lady, Lady Bird Johnson, as press secretary. After the Johnson presidency Carpenter remained close to the Johnson family for the rest of her life. She was an ardent feminist and a political humorist and author.

TEXAN WHO PLAYED PIONEERS DIES

Actor Fess Parker, 85, died March 18 of natural causes at his home in southern California.

A Fort Worth native who grew up near San Angelo, Parker graduated from The University of Texas at Austin in 1950 and headed for Hollywood.

His best-known Texas-themed work included the title role in the 1955 Disney film "Davy Crockett, King of the Wild Frontier" and as Jim Coates in Disney's "Old Yeller" in 1957.

LETTER: from page 2

virtually immediate care. People from my home country who have the fiscal means often come to America and payout of their pockets for health care that may take an indeterminate amount of time in Canada, if they receive the care at all before its too late. There is a tongue in cheek "joke" in Canada that states "if the United States socializes its medical system where will Canadians go for good health care?" This is more fact than joke; a recent example is the Premier (Canadian Governor) of the Canadian province of Newfoundland who per-

sonally paid for heart surgery in Florida as opposed to waiting for the surgery at home.

I could write page upon page of personal or family experiences with socialized medicine and none of them are positive but I shall not extend this already long letter into a tome of medical malfeasance. I write this letter ultimately for my first child, which is to be born later this year, a child that I want to be raised in the greatest country that has ever existed, with all the freedoms and liberties that she offers. My child does not yet have a voice and as such I must be that voice to speak for one who cannot speak, it's what America does.

I would gladly speak to any elected official on this matter at any time either by-mail, telephone, or face-to-face as I passionately believe in this cause and have seen the road down which America is headed. Thank you so much for your consideration and May God Bless America.

Robert P. Gensorek
Ozona Texas

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As of March 19, 2010
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New Approach Operating	9000	University 42-12 #1	Nabors Drilling (O) 349	Assigned
Approach Operating	9000	University 42-13 #10	Nabors Drilling (O) 349	Drig Ahead
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Approach Operating	9000	West #2107	Nabors Drilling (O) 709	Drig Ahead
New Approach Operating	9000	Cisco Terry-F- #2085	Nabors Drilling (O) 709	Assigned
New Anadarko E & P Co Lp	7500	Montgomery -2b- #8	Rings Drilling 1 Lp	Drig Ahead 633'
New Fiml Natural Res	5500	Buggett-B- #1124b	Patterson Uti/Midland 721	Drig Ahead 1025'

Reagan County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Endeavor Energy Res	12000	Ricker-24- #4	Big Dog Drilling 5	Drig Ahead 3032'
Pioneer Natural/Tr	11000	Ruby #18	Lariat Services/Ode 44	As Directd
Mariner Energy	10100	Srb-16- #1610	Big Dog Drilling 2	Drig Ahead 9720'
New Endeavor Energy Res	10000	Srb-15- #1311	Big Dog Drilling 24	Drig Ahead 768'
New Pioneer Natural/Tr	9100	Nalley #3	Big Dog Drilling 4	Drig Ahead 2257'
New Pioneer Natural/Tr	9100	Sherrod Unit #2317	Helmerich & Payne/O 352	Drig Ahead
New Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000	Sherrod Unit #1286	Patterson Uti/Midland 196	Drig Ahead 481'
New Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000	Sugg-B- #134b	Patterson Uti/Midland 39	Drig Ahead 1807'
New Pioneer Natural/Tr	9000	Von Gonten #140c	Patterson Uti/Midland 118	Drig Ahead 408'
New Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000	Sherrod Unit #2002	Patterson Uti/Midland 430	Drig Ahead 556'
New Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000	Srb-C- #13g	Patterson Uti/Midland 710	Drig Ahead 1025'
New Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000	Sugg #207f	Union Drilling Texas 285	Run Casing #720'
New Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000	Graham #186a	Union Drilling Texas 206	Moving On
New Broad Oak Energy Inc	9000	Srb-A- #11af	Union Drilling Texas 226	Drig Ahead 4124'

Schleicher County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Samson Lone Star Llc	9000	AM Murphy #5	Heart Land Drilling 10	Drig Ahead 6362'
New Telex Operating	6000	Ca-Ja-Dr- #702	Sand Dollar Drilling 21	Drig Ahead 3523'
New Hamathon Petroleum	5000	Addion- #1	Heart Land Drilling 4	Drig Ahead 955'

Sutton County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Highmount E&P Tx	8900	Mayer Ranch -35- #15	Rings Drilling 1 Lp 16	Moving On
Highmount E&P Tx	8700	Edwin S Mayer Jr- B39- #2	Patterson Uti/Midland 742	Drig Ahead 7438'
New Highmount E&P Tx	6850	Canyon Ranch-207- #27s	Patterson Uti/Midland 105	Drig Ahead 6600'

Terrell County

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Sandridge E&P Llc	14000	Owens-A- #1031a	Lariat Services/Ode	As Directd

FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

MARCH 15
• 8:47 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident, 15th Street service road I-10 entry ramp. Towed vehicle came loose, worked traffic. A unit with five firefighters. Time in service 20 minutes.

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EMPLOYMENT

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