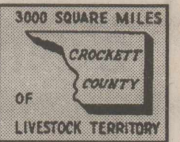


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Ozona Weather Conditions and Forecast

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
Nov. 28	59	25	-0-
Nov. 29	61	19	-0-
Nov. 30	68	27	-0-
Dec. 01	61	34	-0-
Dec. 02	72	30	-0-
Dec. 03	84	36	-0-
Dec. 04	55	36	-0-

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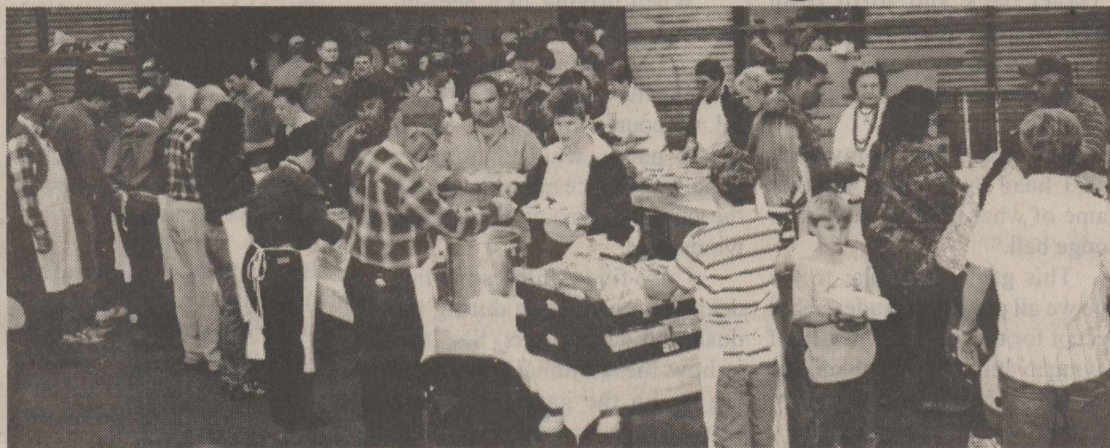
EXTENDED FORECAST	
Wednesday	Thursday
Hi 42	Hi 41
Lo 18	Lo 19
AM Drizzle	Partly Cloudy

Friday	Saturday
Hi 47	Hi 58
Lo 26	Lo 33
Mostly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy

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 The Weather Channel

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DeerFest draws big crowd



Photos by Joe Hernandez
TOP: LOCAL VOLUNTEERS quickly serve the large crowd of hungry patrons during the 18th annual Crockett County DeerFest held Dec. 3 at the Fair Park Convention Center.
RIGHT: WAYNE CHISM, of Llano, won the Grand Prize of a 2005 Polaris Ranger 4x4 Multi-Purpose Vehicle. The prize was valued at \$10,000. Chism is the owner of Chism Handmade Boots in Llano. The DeerFest Association also gave away \$25,000 in Cabela's Gift Certificates, as well as many other prizes. For more on the event, see page 5.



Rick Bachman honored as Coach of the Year



Submitted photo
COACH RICK BACHMAN (left) was honored as the Class 2A Coach of the Year by the Texas Tennis Coaches Association this past weekend at their annual banquet in New Braunfels.

Award credited to the 'success of the kids'
 By **JENNIFER HOLMSLEY**
 Rick Bachman is known in Ozona for a variety of talents. He is known as an awesome 6th grade reading teacher. He is known to be an avid arrowhead hunter. He is especially known as skateboarder extraordinaire. Most recently, he is known as "Coach of the Year."
 The Texas Tennis Coaches Association, at their annual con-
 Please see **AWARD**, page 5

Santa welcomes children of all ages at Lights of Love ceremony



Photos by Melissa Perner
LEFT: (top to bottom) Ms. Del's Little Schoolhouse, Ozona Community Center, Ozona Fifth-Graders and Ozona Primary School Students perform at the Nov. 30 Lights of Love ceremony. **TOP:** Santa visits the children of Ozona and hears Christmas wishes.



Fred Deaton announces candidacy for County Judge

Fred Deaton announces his desire to serve the citizens of Crockett County as he files for the position of office to be elected as the Crockett County Judge.
 Deaton resides as a life long citizen of Crockett County with his wife Mary Anne. Their children include: Jessica and William Truitt and the grandchildren, Trinity and Calvary, of San Antonio; Jana and Jared Smith and one grandson, Gus, of Liberty Hill; Kristen Shurley, of Dallas; and Kayla and Travis Davidson, with one grandchild to be announced, of Ozona.
 As a businessperson, Fred owned and operated a family business for 29 years; Ozona Butane, Deaton Mechanical and the family ranch. He has been employed by Duke Energy and is currently employed by Harrison Interest, Ltd.

Please see **DEATON**, page 8

Museum style show has successful turnout

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

A rainbow of colors filled the Crockett County Museum during the annual Wool and Mohair Style Show on Dec. 3.

Models twirled in the latest styles of Dolores' Unique Designs by Camp Wood resident Dolores Vernor.

This was Vernor's eighth year to do the style show at the museum.

"Mohair lasts forever. For me, mohair is great," Vernor said. "It's always a pleasure to come and do the show for the people of Ozona."

A variety of coats, dresses, shawls and hats were modeled by local models, as well as friends and relatives of Vernor.

Billie Morris was the lucky winner of the navy blue mohair coat that was up for grabs in the big drawing of the day.

Morris also won a pair of mohair socks during the many door prize drawings throughout the show.

Other door prize winners were: Lisa Branch, a necklace; Dorothy Friend, a scarf; Louise Taliaferro, a scarf; Robbi Harris, a pair of gloves; Jimmie Jacoby, a pair of socks; Maxine Beeskow, a scarf; Peggy Dickerson, a pair of socks and Katherine Russell, a shawl.

"We sold more tickets this year than we have ever sold," said Museum Director Patsy White.

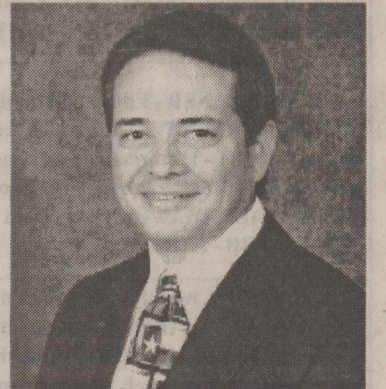
After the show, many of the ladies tried on and even purchased some of Vernor's beautiful creations.

Vernor said she is always open to doing more style shows and promoting the use of mohair.

For more information on Dolores' Unique Designs, call (830) 597-4152 or visit www.campwood.com/Dolores.



Photos by Melissa Perner
BILLIE MORRIS shows off the navy blue coat she won at the Dec. 3 Wool and Mohair Style Show at the Crockett County Museum.

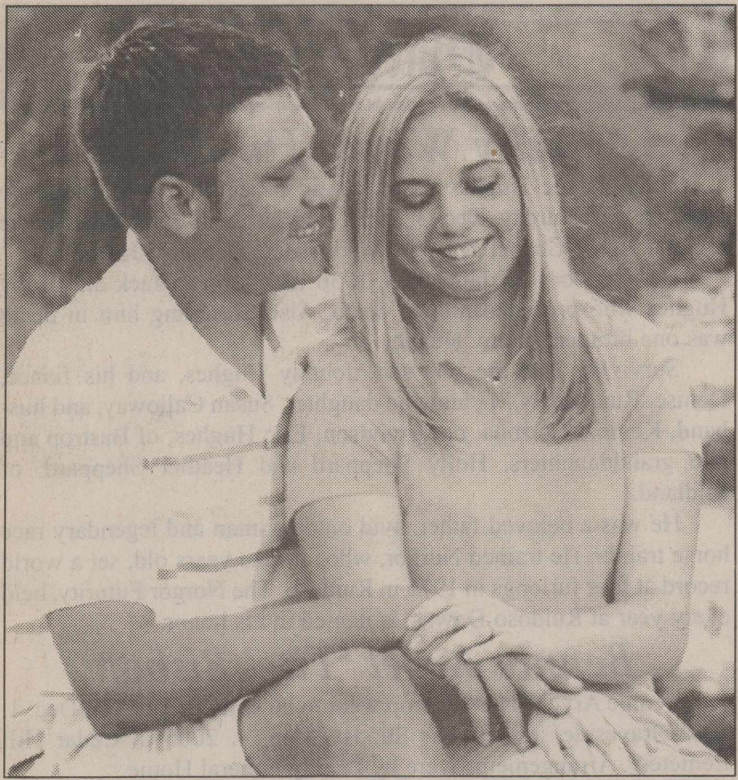


Albert Valadez to seek election as District Judge

Fort Stockton attorney Albert Valadez has announced his intention to seek election as judge of the 112th District Court. Incumbent Judge Brock Jones has announced his intent to retire and not seek re-election in the upcoming elections.

Valadez' career as an attorney spans the length of 22 years. He began his legal career in Houston, Texas in 1983 where his practice

Please see **VALADEZ**, page 8



Vordick-Hall to marry in March

Ms. Sally Hall and Mr. David Hall, of Houston, would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Kristin Dene'e Hall to Mr. Travis Michael Vordick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Vordick, of Ozona.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Texas State University in San Marcos and is employed as a nurse.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Texas State Technical College in Waco and is Assistant Superintendent for Barton Creek Palmer Golf Course.

The couple plans to marry on March 11, 2006 at the House on the Hill in Austin.

Library Open House Sunday

BY LOUISE P. LEDOUX
Crockett County
Public Librarian

Get in the Christmas Spirit at an Open House with refreshments at the Crockett County Public Library on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 11, from 2-5 p.m.

We will not be having a Tour of Homes this year, but we urge everyone to visit the Public Library, 1201 Avenue G, for Christmas refreshments and beautiful door prizes from

Baskets & More. We have many new books on display for holiday reading. Come check out the Art Exhibit from the Fort Stockton Art Group, and enjoy all the Library Christmas decorations joyfully arranged by the Friends of the Library volunteers.

Mark your calendars now and spend a magical afternoon at the Crockett County Public Library Open House on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 2-5 p.m.

Flu shot drive-thru clinic Thursday

The Family Health Center of Ozona will receive 370 more doses of flu vaccine today.

A drive-thru flu shot clinic will take place from 9 a.m.-5

p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8 at the Crockett County EMS Building.

For more information, call the center at 392-3788.



Photo by Melissa Perner
DESTINEE LOVE, granddaughter of JoAnn Babbitt, struts her stuff during the Wool and Mohair Style Show on Dec. 3 at the Crockett County Museum.

Happy Birthday

Dec. 7 - Kenny Sessom, Rachel Mendoza, Kaleta Shepperson, Martin Childress and Jose Aguilar

Dec. 8 - Joe Brandon Ortiz, Jimmy Tambunga and Ella Clegg

Dec. 9 - Artemio Hernandez Sr., Cade Clark, Jeremiah Armando Ramirez, Shelbie Darr, Terry Adams and Margaret Coates

Dec. 10 - Laura Stapper

Dec. 11 - Dallas Goff and Melissa Trevino

Dec. 12 - Lillian Tijerina, Robert Barrera and Felicitia Ramirez

Dec. 13 - Matias Gandar, Mike Harris, Billy Reagor, Jose Luis Sarabia and Valysa Hartman

To add a name to the birthday list, call 392-2551

It's a boy

The biggest, most handsome, future trophy hunter ever born, made his appearance at 2:37 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 21 at San Angelo Community Hospital.

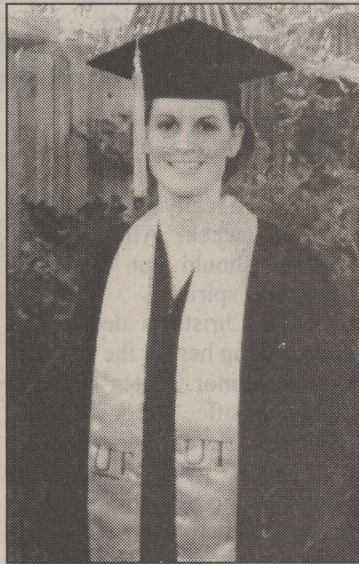
His weight was 8 pounds, 11 ounces and his height is 20 1/4 inches tall.

His name is Canyon Ray Moran and his proud parents are Jason and Gina Moran of Robert Lee.

Helping make him welcome were his maternal grandparents, Rex and Dorothy Putman of Robert Lee and paternal grandparents, Joe and Tina Moran of Ozona.

Numerous aunts, uncles and cousins came to make him welcome also.

Canyon Ray is reported to be home and doing very well.



Bryson to graduate with nursing degree

Bobbie Jean Bryson will graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the University of Texas at Austin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10 at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Auditorium.

She graduates with a 3.31 grade point average.

Bryson is a 1998 graduate of Ozona High School.

Bryson will take the state examination for her RN license in January or February.

She plans on returning to West Texas and working in the field of geriatric oncology.

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The story is set in 1941 at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in North Carolina, Reverend Oglethorpe, the fervent young minister has once again enlisted the help of the Sanders Family in his efforts to bring his tiny congregation into the modern world.

With the backdrop of the joyous Christmas season, tempered by America's inevitable involvement in World War II, the family witnesses and shares songs that relate to their trials of faith.

Between charming glimpses into the lives of this remarkable family you already

know and love, you will be entertained with numerous old-time favorite Christmas carols along with enchanting medleys, haunting ballads, and rollicking bluegrass spirituals.

So, tell you friends and neighbors, buy you tickets early, and get ready to clap, stomp, laugh, cry and sing along with the Sanders this holiday season.

Members of the cast are Ozona musician Sandy Stokes, Sonora couple Carl and Terry Weaver, Eldorado performers: Maela Edmonson, Jim Chancellor, Marcus and Melissa Murr, Director Luann Shipman, Leonard Wideman, Jim Martin, Sherry Belk and Kathy Mankin.

Tickets will be on sale from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call Kathy Mankin at (325) 853-3125 to reserve your tickets or other information.

Performance dates: Dec. 9, 10, 11 and 16, 17 and 18. Tickets must be prepaid.

The Ozona Stockman Deadline is Monday at NOON

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AWARD: Bachman has coached in Ozona for 11 years

vention in New Braunfels, recognized Ozona High School tennis coach Rick Bachman as this year's Coach of the Year for Class 2A. Texas Tennis Coaches Association president Randy Stewart presented Bachman with this honor at the T Bar M tennis resort on Dec. 2, at the TTCA's Awards Banquet and Hall of Fame Inductions ceremony.

"I would have to say that I am both greatly honored and also quite humbled by this entire experience. It was extremely intimidating to get up and speak in front of the 'greats of the game' whom I have looked up to and admired for 50 many years. There are so many other people responsible for my receiving this award, and who should be recognized for everything they have done. I truly feel this achievement is a direct result of the success our kids have had over the years, and I attribute that to their work ethic and desire to improve," Bachman said.

This year more than 450 tennis coaches from all over the state attended the three-day convention, which is held at The John Newcombe Tennis Ranch and T Bar M. Attending the banquet as Bachman's guests were his wife

Debbi, and parents Francis and Becky Bachman of San Angelo.

"I was really excited that my parents were able to attend. They taught me the game at a very young age, but more importantly they taught me how to conduct myself both on and off the court," Bachman said.

The guest speaker this year was Dr. Allen Fox, who played his collegiate tennis at UCLA and also played on the pro tour. He is probably best known for the 15 great years he coached a fantastic program at Pepperdine University in California.

Bachman played tennis as a youngster in San Angelo at Lee Junior High and Central High School where he graduated in 1971. Prior to entering the Navy in 1971, he played the #5 singles and #3 doubles spots on the Lone Star Conference Championship men's team at Angelo State University as a freshman. This is the 12th year he has been actively coaching tennis in the Ozona school system, and he began his coaching career in 1979 at Alice High School in Alice, Texas, where he was the head tennis coach of a 5A tennis program.

In the past 11 years in Ozona,

Bachman has taken five separate doubles teams and two singles players to the UIL State Tournament in Austin. His players have been very successful at the state tournament, bringing home three silver medals and three bronze medals. His teams have finished the past two seasons as the Regional Runners-up and the State Runners-up in team tennis, losing only to the Regional and State champion Mason. His OHS tennis players have also been Region I Champions four times, silver medalists three times and bronze medalists two times.

About his experience in Ozona, Bachman said, "I have been so fortunate in Ozona to be able to work with some of the greatest kids that have passed through our school system. We have also had great parental support, fabulous junior high coaches who have developed these players and an awesome booster club that has provided many things that give our kids pride in what they are trying to accomplish. Tom and Corina Diehl have also played a great role in the development of our program, as they are at the courts almost every evening, and they are fantastic about playing with everyone

who comes out to play. I also feel fortunate to be located in a very competitive area for tennis, and I know that this has really helped our program become stronger over the years as we have played annually in some of the toughest tournaments we can find. We also play as many tournaments as the UIL will allow, and I feel this has also been one of the main reasons we have been able to compete with some of the stronger programs in this area and even the state. Tennis is a very difficult game to master and it takes many hours of practice and as much match play as you can possibly get to develop the strategies needed to become successful. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of acquiring as much match play as possible at the junior high, JV and varsity levels. I am positive this is the best way to create winning tennis players. I am also very proud of the fact that we do not turn away anyone in our tennis program. It is a lifetime sport that one can enjoy for as long as they so desire, and the game has also provided several of our kids the opportunity to go on and play at the collegiate level."

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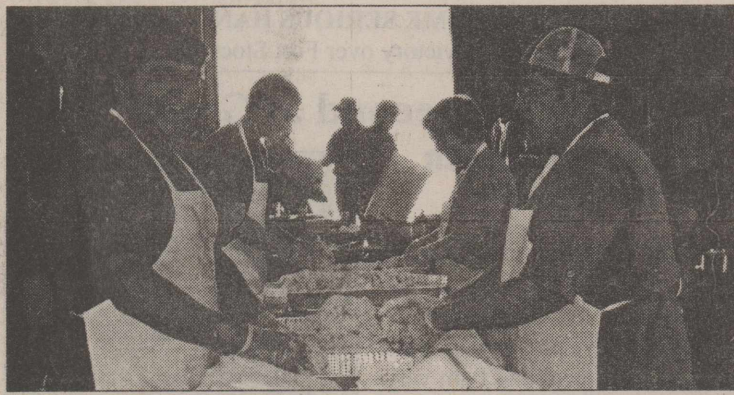
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Varsity Lions take second in Coahoma Tournament Team to compete in Ozona Tourney this weekend

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Varsity Lions took second place in the Coahoma Tournament this past weekend.

Senior Matt McGuire and junior Levi Vargas were both named to the All Tournament Team.

"We had a very solid tournament. We are becoming better adjusted to our defensive style of basketball, but we have a long ways to go in our quest to be the team we want to become," said Coach Lenny Morrow.

In the first round, the Lions defeated Stanton 34-32. Scoring for the Lions was: McGuire 10; Vargas 8; Nick Perez 4; Justin Galan 4; Zane Coates 2 and Ca-

leb Mitchel 2.
Score by quarters:
Ozona - 7 11 6 10 - 34
Stanton - 7 11 4 10 - 32
In the semi-finals, the Lions defeated the Odessa JV team 41-38 in overtime.

"We played a very athletic team and matched up with them well," Morrow said. "We missed a lot of open shots but we made big defensive plays to win the game for us."

Scoring for the Lions was: McGuire 21; Vargas 9; Galan 4; Coates 3; Drew Clayton 2 and Jimmy Tebbetts 2.

Score by quarters:
Ozona - 10 14 11 11 5 - 41
Odessa JV - 11 9 9 7 2 - 38

The Lions fell to Midland Classical, 45-55. Scoring for the Lions: McGuire 10; Vargas 12;

Galan 9; Tate Collis 4; Tebbetts 4; Jack Rodriguez 3; Nick Perez 2 and Mitchel 1. Also playing was: Clayton, Robert DeHoyos, Coates and Daniel Cruz.

Score by quarters:
Ozona - 10 13 9 13 - 45
Midland Classical - 16 18 10 11 - 55

The Lions also defeated Fort Stockton, 48-42, on Nov. 29.

Scoring for the Lions was: Vargas 23; McGuire 15; Perez 4; Collis 2; Galan 2 and Clayton 2.

"We played great defensive in the fourth quarter and won the game with hustle," Morrow said.

Score by quarters:
Ozona - 11 12 14 11 - 48
Fort Stockton - 14 12 13 3 - 42

The Lions are now 4-2. They will compete in the Ozona Tournament Thursday-Saturday.

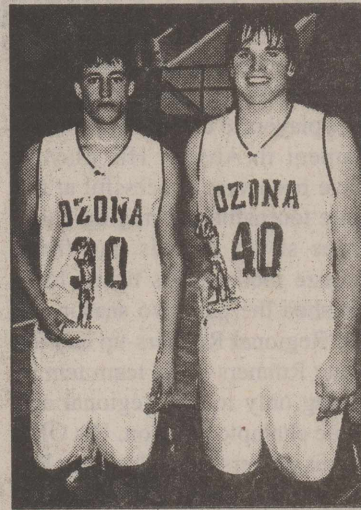


Photo by Kyle Webb
LEVI VARGAS (left) and **MATT MCGUIRE** were named to the All Tournament Team during the Coahoma Tournament this past weekend.

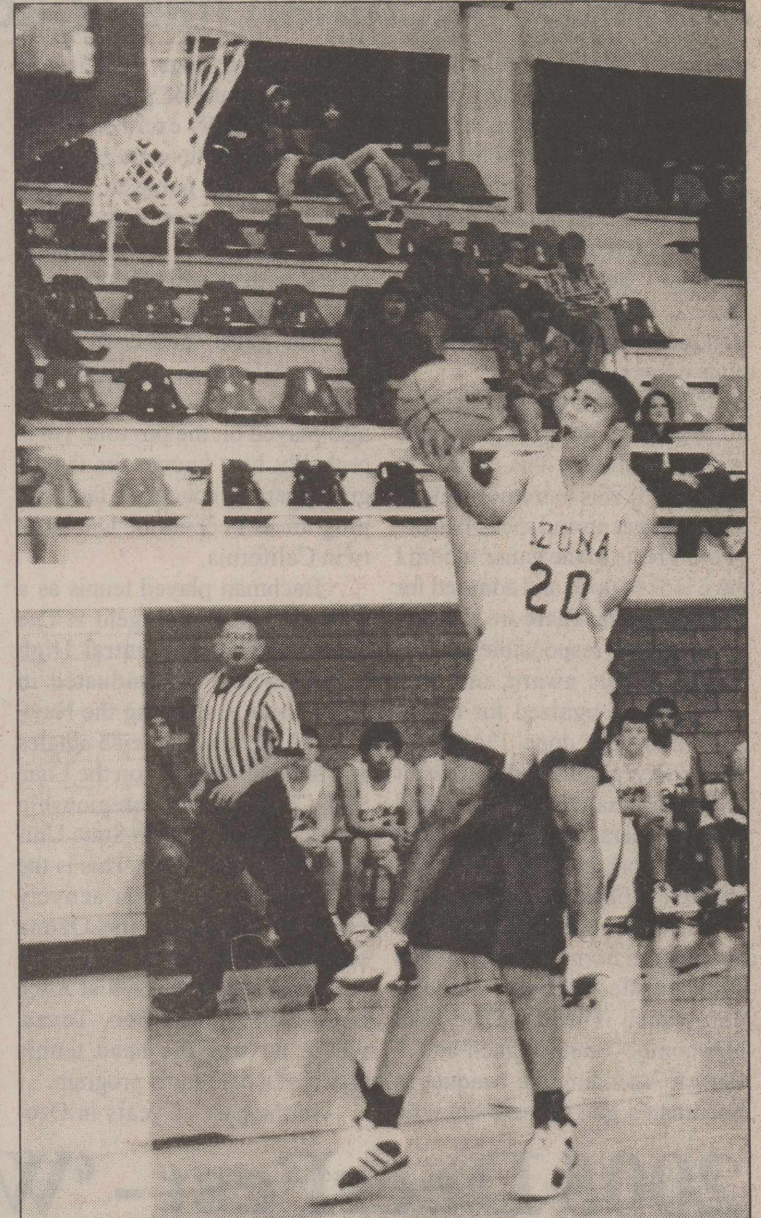
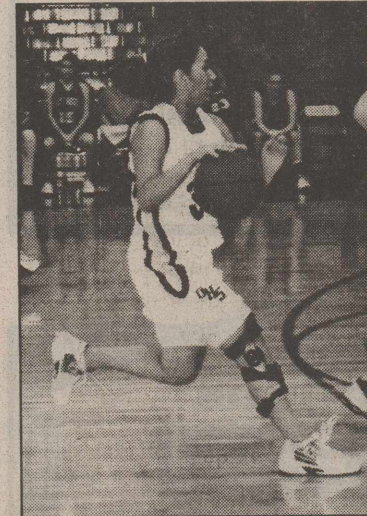


Photo by Melissa Perner
NICK PEREZ GETS SOME SERIOUS HANG TIME in the varsity Lions exciting 48-42 victory over Fort Stockton.



Photos by Joe Hernandez
LEFT: ALYSHA LARA drives the ball down the court during the Varsity Lady Lions game against McCamey on Nov. 29. **TOP: FRESHMAN FANS** cheer on fellow classmate Alysha Lara during the game. Lara, who was recently moved up to the varsity team, made a three-point shot against McCamey.

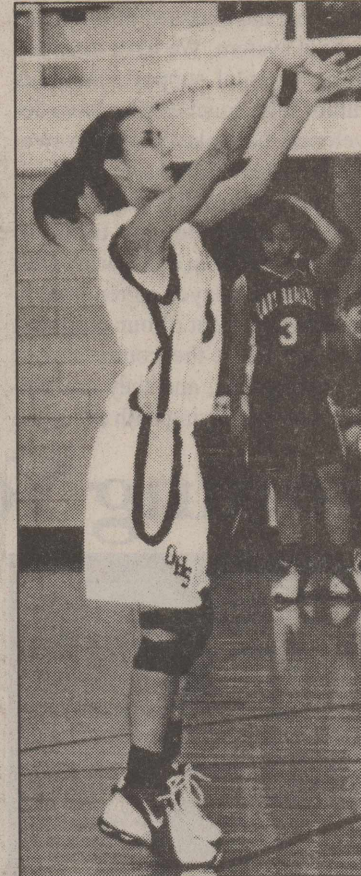


Photo by Joe Hernandez
MEGAN MCDANIEL was named to the All Tournament Team during the Coahoma Tournament this past weekend.

Lady Lions compete in Coahoma Tournament Team to compete in Ozona Tourney this weekend

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Varsity Lady Lions competed in the Coahoma Tournament this past weekend.

The Lady Lions won their first game during the tournament, beating Pecos 33-30 in the second round.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Megan McDaniel 17; Alysha Lara 6; Malorie Moran 5; Celia Rivera 2; Frankie Skinner 2 and Tori Miller 1. McDaniel was also named to the All Tournament Team.

Also playing was: Kasey Gray, Allie Bean and Sara Dorrough.

Score by quarters:
Ozona - 11 10 3 9 - 33;

Pecos - 4 8 13 5 - 30.
In the first round of the tournament, the Lady Lions took on Midland Classical again. This time, Ozona only lost by seven points, 24-31.

"We played a great defensive game, but struggled at times on offense," said Coach Glen Gleghorn. "We were much improved from the first time we played Midland."

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: McDaniel 12; Moran 3; Skinner 2; Rivera 3; Lara 2 and Dorrough 2. Also playing was: Gray, Bean and Miller.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 3 5 7 9 - 24; Midland Classical - 4 2 10 15 - 31.

In the third round, the Lady Lions lost 19-30 to Stanton.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Dorrough 11; McDaniel 7 and Skinner 1. Also playing was: Gray, Rivera, Bean, Miller and Lara.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 3 2 4 10 - 19; Stanton - 12 6 2 7 - 30.

Ozona lost 23-51 against McCamey on Nov. 29.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Rivera 7; McDaniel 5; Skinner 4; Gray 4 and Lara 3. Also playing was: Moran, Dorrough, Miller, Bean and Gray.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 9 5 4 5 - 23; McCamey - 4 19 18 10 - 51.

The Lady Lions are now 1-8. They will compete in the Ozona Tournament Thursday-Saturday.



Photo by Joe Hernandez
ADRIENNE BENDELE drives the ball down the court on Nov. 29. Bendele scored six points against the Lady Badgers.

JV Lady Lions fall to McCamey

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The JV Lady Lions fell to the McCamey Lady Badgers, 17-27, on Nov. 29.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Adrienne Bendele 6; Alexa Cervantez 5; Farran Wilson 4 and Morgan Glosson 2. Also playing was: Cristi Guynes, Melissa Miller; Stacey Silva and Anna Hernandez.

Score by quarters:
Ozona - 8 4 3 2 - 17
McCamey - 7 9 5 6 - 27

The Lady Lions are 1-4. They will compete in the Ozona Tournament Thursday-Saturday.

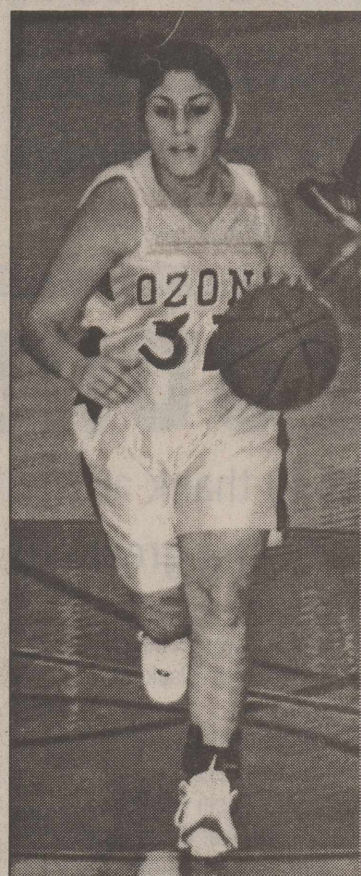


Photo by Joe Hernandez
ALEXA CERVANTEZ moves the ball down the court on Nov. 29 against McCamey. Cervantez scored five points for JV Lady Lions.

JV Lions take second at Grape Creek

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The JV Lions took second place this past weekend at the Grape Creek JV Tournament.

"The boys played very well in the tournament and I am very proud of the effort," said Coach JayBen Alls. "It was very exciting and I figure the boys surprised even themselves."

In the first game, the Lions defeated Sterling City 60-20. Scoring for the Lions was: John Tom Tijerina 2; Josh Santos 9; Abel Villereal 4; Justin Maldonado 10; Matt Turland 15; Rocky Munoz 11; Matthew Garza 6 and Rylee Ramos 3. Also playing was: Matthew Bullard, Josh Smith and Alan Lozano.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 9 19 21 11 - 60; Sterling City - 6 6 0 8 - 20.

In the second game, the Lions defeated Grape Creek 49-41. Scoring for the Lions was: Santos 9; Maldonado 4; Bullard 4; Turland 14; Munoz 9; Garza 6 and Ramos 3. Also playing was: Tijerina, Villereal, Smith and Lozano.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 12 16 10 11 - 49; Grape Creek - 8 12 7 14 - 41.

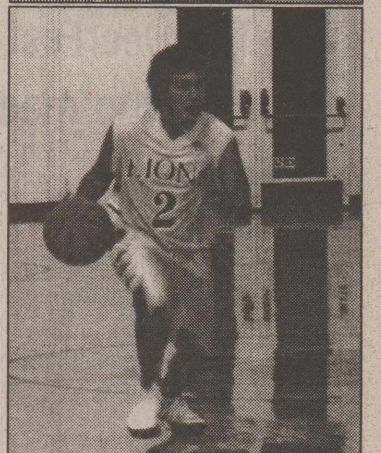
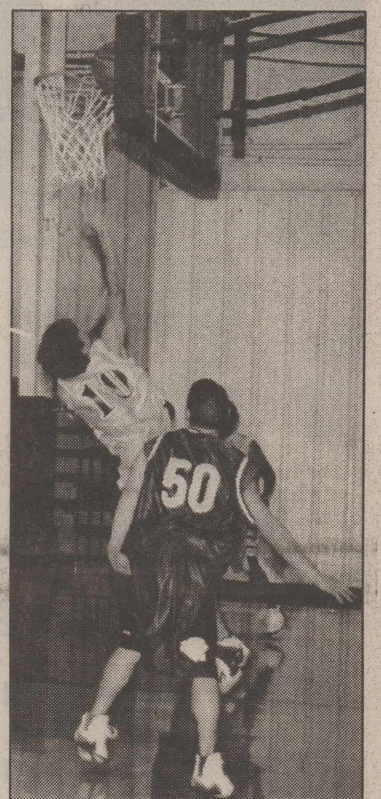
In the third game, the Lions defeated Coahoma 45-39. Scoring for the Lions was: Santos 4; Maldonado 15; Turland 2; Munoz 10 and Garza 14. Also playing was: Tijerina, Villereal, Bullard, Smith, Ramos and Lozano.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 10 14 8 13 - 45; Coahoma - 13 8 10 8 - 39.

In the championship game, the Lions lost 26-40 to Ballinger. Scoring for the Lions was: Santos 3; Maldonado 2; Turland 7; Munoz 6; Garza 2; Bullard 2; Ramos 2 and Lozano 2. Also playing was: Tijerina, Villereal and Smith.

Score by quarters: 16 0 2 8 - 26; Coahoma - 19 4 4 13 - 40.

The Lions lost to Fort Stockton, 58-66, on Nov. 29. Scoring for the Lions was: San-



Photos by Melissa Perner
TOP: JUSTIN MALDONADO gets two points for the JV Lions against Fort Stockton on Nov. 29. Maldonado scored 18 points against the Panthers. **ABOVE: ROCKY MUNOZ** moves the ball down the court for the Lions against Fort Stockton.

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Seventh Grade Lady Lions stomp Eagles

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions ran all over the Eldorado Lady Eagles for a 33-9 victory on Nov. 28.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Jennifer Allison 6; Chelsea Moore 2 and Kristen Mendoza 12; Makayla Badillo 7; Rae Lynn Arredondo 2; Rebecca Ramos 2 and Brenda Venegas 2. Also playing was: Melanie Miller, Gaby Rodriguez and Britni Mitchel.

Seventh Grade Lady Lions "B" Team struggles against Eldorado

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions struggled against Eldorado losing 0-12 on Nov. 28.

Playing for the Lady Lions was: Roxanne Talamantez, Cris-ti Smith, Rebecca Pierce, Robyn Slayter, Ashley Lewis, Layla Perez, Jaydn Poindexter, Lean-

"They all played great. We went in to the game without a win and the girls were ready to get one. They came out fired up and never let up they all played hard from the opening tip the finale buzzer, I couldn't be proud-er," said Coach John Esparza.

Score by quarters:
Ozona 7 12 8 6 - 33
Eldorado - 0 3 2 4 - 9

The Lady Lions are now 1-2. They will face Mason at 5 p.m. Monday at the Becky Childress Memorial Gymnasium.

dra Hernandez, Alma Elizondo, Kellie Pilcher and Roccio Torres.

"These ladies played really well against a tough Eldorado team," said Coach John Esparza.

The Lady Lions will face Mason at 5 p.m. Monday at the Becky Childress Memorial Gymnasium.

Eighth Grade Lady Lions dominate Eldorado Eagles

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Eighth Grade Lady Lions dominated the Eldorado Lady Eagles in a 47-8 victory on Nov. 28.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Brandi Glosson 16; Jayci Miller 10; Vanessa Rodriguez 6; Alex Macias 6; Kelsey Childress 4; Brandyn Tebbetts 2; Myra Dominquez 2 and Shelby Ortiz 1. Also playing was: Alex Cruz.

good as a team and were very aggressive. They have been showing up on the weekends to shoot and seem to really want to play together and win. They all did a great job defensively and offensively this week," said Coach Kim Miller.

Score by quarters:
Ozona - 13 9 12 13 - 47
Eldorado - 4 0 0 4 - 8

The Lady Lions are 2-1. They will face Mason at 5 p.m. Monday at the Becky Childress Memorial Gymnasium.



Photo by Joe Hernandez

CRISTINA RODRIGUEZ moves the ball during the JV Gold Lady Lions game against Eldorado on Nov. 29.

JV Gold Lady Lions fall short to Eldorado

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The JV Gold Lady Lions fell to the Eldorado Lady Eagles, 28-40, on Nov. 29.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Ashley Anderson 14; Cristina Rodriguez 5; Melanie Wallace 5 and Desiree Galan 5. Also playing was: Karly Perez, Kendra Pratt and Sam Torres.

"These girls are really hard working girls that have had to play with seven or less players each game. We've had a lot of injuries, so the whole team

hasn't had a lot of practice time as a team and considering that, they have really come together and played rather well," said Coach Kim Miller. "These girls beat Sonora 15-6 (on Nov. 21) with Melanie Wallace scoring 10 points. Coach John Esparza I and are proud of them and expect good things the rest of the year."

Score by quarters:
Ozona - 6 2 8 13 - 28
Eldorado - 6 12 10 10 - 40

The Lady Lions are now 2-1. They will play Mason at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the Becky Childress Memorial Gymnasium.

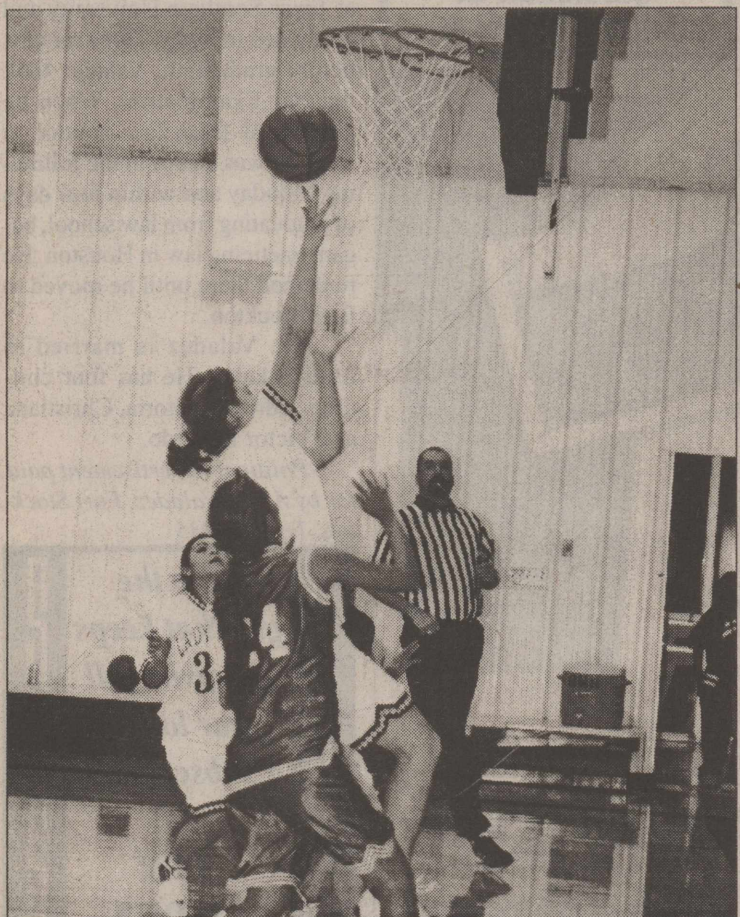
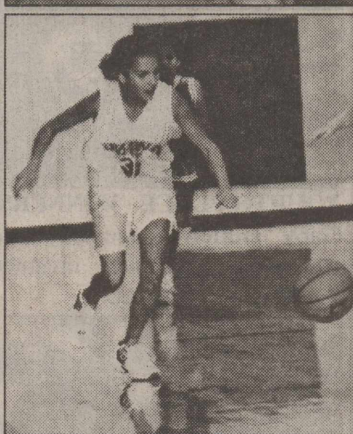


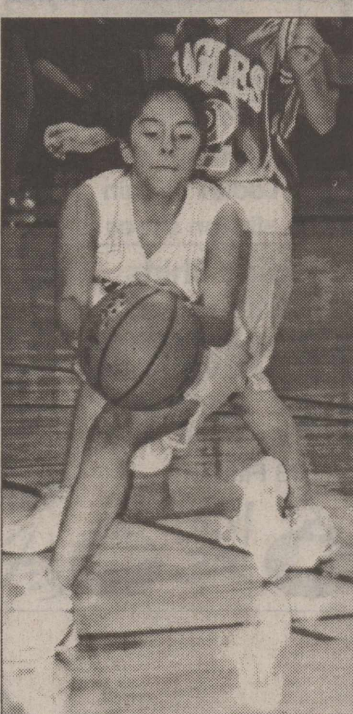
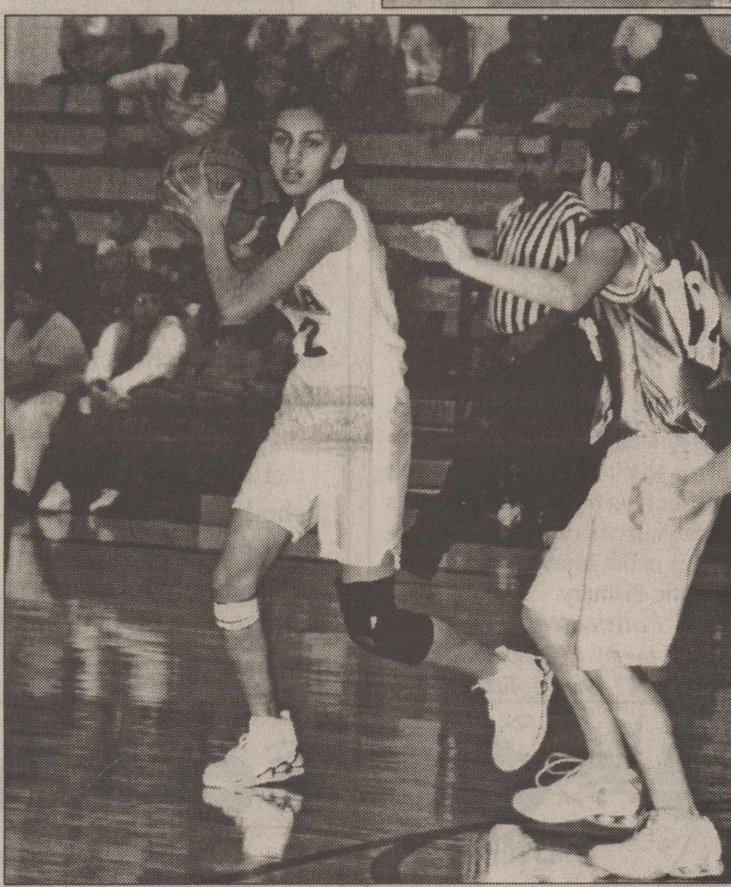
Photo by Joe Hernandez

ASHLEY ANDERSON makes a layup during the JV Gold Lady Lions game against Eldorado. Anderson scored 14 points during the Nov. 29 game.



Photos by Joe Hernandez

TOP: MELANIE MILLER runs for the ball for the Seventh Grade Lady Lions against Eldorado on Nov. 29. ABOVE: REBECCA RAMOS chases after the ball. Ramos scored two points for the Lady Lions. RIGHT: CHELSEA MOORE scores a layup for the Lady Lions. Moore had two points in the 33-9 win over Eldorado.



Photos by Joe Hernandez

TOP: VANESSA RODRIGUEZ moves the ball for the Eighth Grade Lady Lions against Eldorado on Nov. 29. ABOVE: SHELBY ORTIZ grabs the ball for Ozona. RIGHT: JAYCI MILLER scores a layup for the Lady Lions. Miller had 10 points in the 47-8 win over Eldorado.

Seventh Grade Lions lose close match to Eldorado

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Lions fought hard but fell short in the Nov. 28 game to Eldorado. The Lions lost by two points, 25-27.

Scoring for the Lions was: Russel Komechak 8; Abey Lara 5; Jose Aguilar 5; Trey Fierro 3; Eric Talamantez 2 and Kyle Dean 2. Also playing was: Stefan Wilson and Andrew Hamilton.

"We had one of those games where the shots just didn't fall. We played well, but unfortunately none of our shots

went in the basket. We made a run in the fourth quarter to get their lead down to two, but we never could get over that final mountain," said Coach Levi Box. "I was proud of the guy's effort. We played as a team, and I am proud of that. The ball will eventually start going in if we continue to practice and play hard. I think that we might have been a little rusty after the Thanksgiving Break."

Score by quarters:
Ozona - 3 8 2 12 - 25
Eldorado - 4 12 6 5 - 27

The Lions are now 1-2. They will take on Mason at 5 p.m. at Mason.

Eighth Grade Lions pounce Eldorado Eagles

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Eighth Grade Lions pounced the Eldorado Eagles for a 25-18 win on Nov. 28.

Scoring for the Lions was: Dylan Castillo 10; Bailey Badillo 4; Nathan DeHoyos 4; Matthew Fay 4; Jaron Vasquez 2 and Kurtlan Reyes 1. Also playing was: Kyle Sewell, Josh Ramos, Jordan Martinez and Markaus Galindo.

"This was a big win for our guys as they really didn't play as well as they are capable of offensively, but they re-

ally played exceptionally well defensively. We were able to take an early lead by out hustling our opponent, and then finished very strong by making things happen defensively. I was extremely impressed with their pressure we were able to place on the Eagles, and I felt this was the difference in the game," said Coach Rick Bachman.

Score by quarters:
Ozona - 4 6 7 8 - 25
Eldorado - 0 6 4 8 - 18.

The Lions are 2-1. They will take on Mason at 5 p.m. Monday in Mason.

Middle School Lions 'B' Team defeats Eldorado

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Middle School Lions "B" Team defeated the Eldorado Eagles, 12-6 on Nov. 28.

Scoring for the combined seventh and eighth grade Lions was: Austin Whitten 5; K.C. Carson 3; Lane White 2 and Jayce Logan 2. Also playing was: David Perez, Nick Leonard, Richard Borrego, Sean Davis, Austin Suddreth and Caden Rutherford.

"These young men did another fine job taking care of business on the basketball court. We struggled a little early in the game, but came on late to secure the win," said Coach Rick Bachman. "Coach Levi Box and I are really pleased with the progress these kids are making; they are improving their offensive and defensive skills daily."

The Lions are 2-1. They will face Mason at 5 p.m. Monday in Mason.

JV Gold Lions compete in Eldorado Tournament

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The JV Gold Lions competed in the Eldorado Tournament this past weekend.

In the first game, the Lions lost 26-36 to the Christoval JV team.

Scoring for the Lions was: Josh Smith 3; Tommy Longoria 6; Johnny Flores 5; Steven Silva 10 and Fabian Onate 2. Also playing was: Devon Diehl, Nathan Knox, Daniel Gonzales and Jordan DeHoyos.

"The kids played great, but we just didn't make some key shots down the stretch," said Coach Justin Holloway.

Score by quarters:
Ozona - 2 9 7 8 - 26
Christoval - 6 10 7 13 - 36

In the second game, the Lions lost 39-41 to the Sonora JV. Scoring for the Lions was:

Longoria 6; Gonzales 14; Flores 6; Silva 8 and Onate 5. Also playing was: Diehl, Knox, Smith and DeHoyos.

"We came out very flat and got behind early, but we fought back and had a shot to win the final seconds," Holloway said.

Score by quarters:
Ozona - 2 8 11 18 - 39
Sonora - 10 6 12 13 - 41

The Lions won their final game, 37-35, over the Water Valley JV.

Scoring for the Lions was: Smith 1; Longoria 4; Gonzales 7; Flores 6; Silva 13 and Onate 4.

"We finally won a close game and played with great effort and patience against a tough zone defensive team," Holloway said.

The JV Gold Lions are now 3-2 overall. They will play Mason at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 12 in Mason.

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Calendar of Events**

**Dec. 7 - High School Movie Night,
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**Dec. 12 - High School Pizza Night,
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**Dec. 13 - Middle School Pizza Night,
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**Dec. 14 - High School Movie Night,
7-10 p.m.**

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REGULAR

Dec. 7 - Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, French Fries, Cookie
Dec. 8 - PIZZA: Nachos, Baby Carrots, Applesauce
Dec. 9 - Christmas Dinner
Dec. 12 - Chicken Spaghetti, Veg. Salad, Peas, Rolls
Dec. 13 - Tacos, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Ranch Style Beans
Dec. 14 - Chickburger, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Tator Tots, Cookie
Dec. 15 - Corn Dogs, Mac & Cheese, Broccoli, Pineapple
Dec. 16 - Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Chips, Peaches

FAST FOOD

Dec. 7 - Chickburger, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, French Fries, Cookie
Dec. 8 - Corn Dog, Nachos, Baby Carrots, Applesauce
Dec. 9 - Christmas Dinner
Dec. 12 - Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Veg. Salad, Peas, Rolls
Dec. 13 - Soft Tacos, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Ranch Style Beans
Dec. 14 - Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Tator Tots
Dec. 15 - No Fast Food
Dec. 16 - No Fast Food

BREAKFAST

Each meal is served with milk, juice, muffin, toast and jelly. You may have your of one of the following items each day.

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Dec. 9 - Beef & Bean Burrito or Cold Cereal
Dec. 12 - Beef & Burrito or Cold Cereal
Dec. 13 - Sausage & Egg Burrito or Cold Cereal

4-H gingerbread house wins first place at Fort Concho

For the past four weeks, members of the Crockett County 4-H Food and Nutrition program have been hard at work planning, baking, assembling and decorating "Santa's Farm," an entry into the annual "Christmas at Fort Concho" gingerbread house contest.

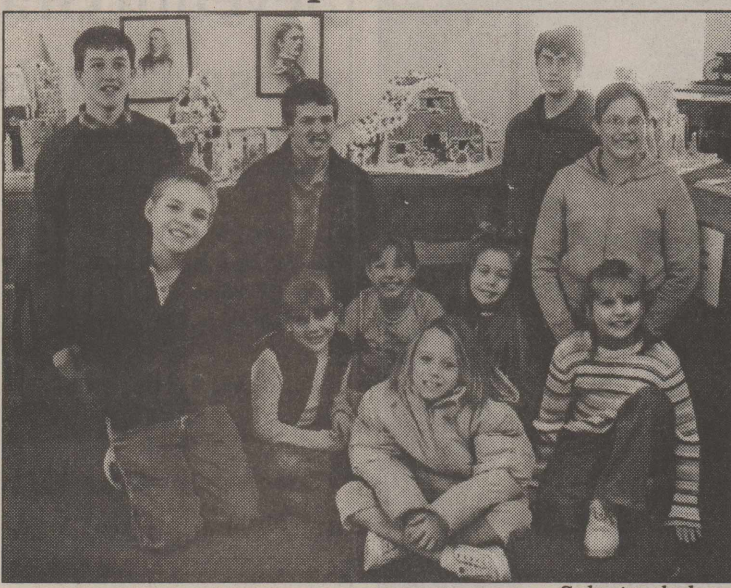
On Thursday, Dec. 1, several members traveled to San Angelo for the judging of the contest.

The Crockett County 4-H program's entry, "Santa's Farm," was awarded first place in the group category.

"Santa's Farm" is a representation of Crockett County's 4-H program. The entire display, with the exception of the base that it rests upon, was constructed out of edible materials.

The main structure, a barn, was made from 11 large pieces of homemade gingerbread. The barn features a loft, a rope ladder, bales of hay, shutters on the windows, a gate and much more.

Throughout the display are decorated 4-H "people" and 4-H "animals". Also included are corrals, a garden, inches of snow and icicles and even a special



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MEMBERS OF THE CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H are all smiles after winning first place at Fort Concho this past weekend with their gingerbread house "Santa's Farm." The house will be on display at Ozona National Bank throughout December.

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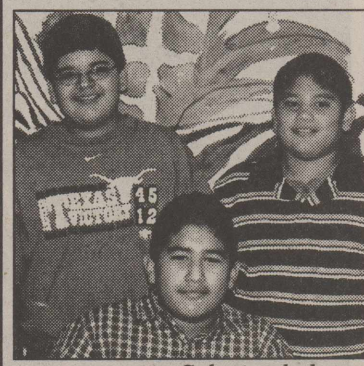
Members participating in this project were:

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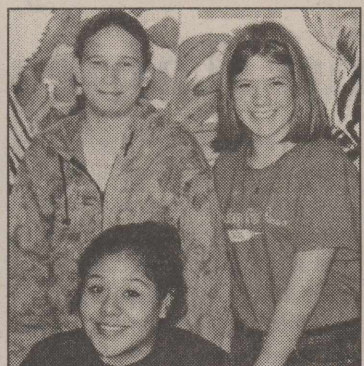
"Santa's Farm" was on display during "Christmas at Fort Concho" last weekend and will be on display at Ozona National Bank throughout the month of December. Everyone is invited to come and see this beautiful gingerbread creation.

2005 Invention Convention Winners

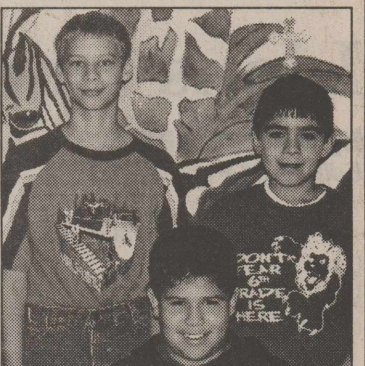


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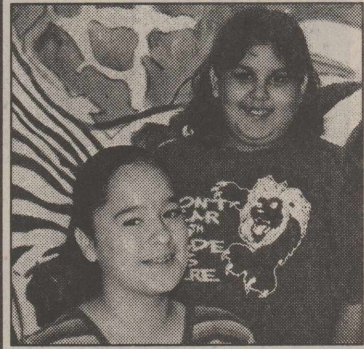
FIRST PLACE WINNERS: (left to right) Michael Medina, Erik Carrazales and Martin Moran invented "The Stringy Thingy."



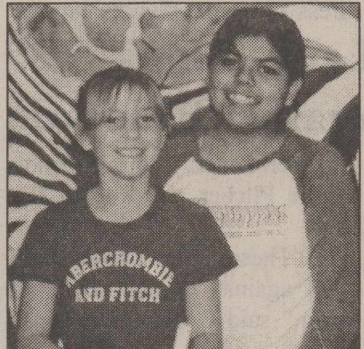
SECOND PLACE WINNERS: Daizy Trujillo (seated), Johnna Pullig (left) and Emalee Hamilton invented "No Handle Candle Sniffer."



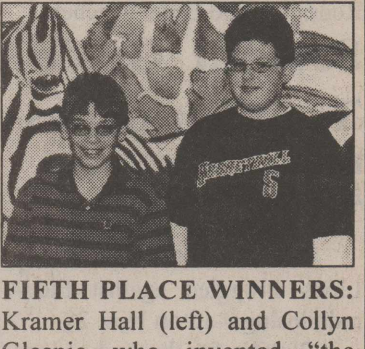
THIRD PLACE WINNERS: Austin Perez (seated), Kent Fluth (left) and Steven Rubio invented "Clean Sweep."



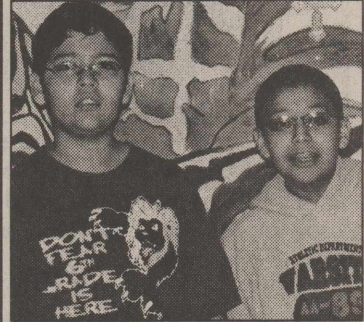
FOURTH PLACE WINNERS: Gaby Gutierrez (seated) and Christina Fierro who invented the "Fashion Magnet."



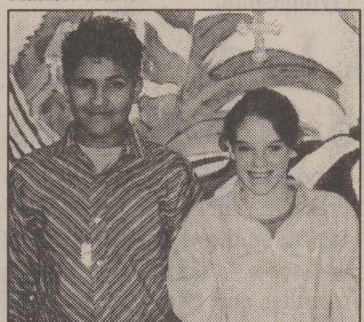
FIFTH PLACE WINNERS: Kelbie Renfroe (left) and Jennifer Venegas invented "the Ranch Hand."



FIFTH PLACE WINNERS: Kramer Hall (left) and Collyn Glaspie who invented "the C.A.M."



FIFTH PLACE WINNERS: Anthony Avila (left) and Josh Martinez who invented the "Trash Master 2012."



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VALADEZ: Candidate graduated from Angelo State

included criminal defense, family law, personal injury, workers compensation and civil litigation. He moved to Fort Stockton in 1986 and served as Assistant District Attorney for the 112 District for eight years. In 1992 he was elected District Attorney for the 83rd District and was re-elected in 1996. In 2000 he did not seek reelection and returned to private practice.

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Albert Valadez was born in San Angelo where he graduated from Central High School in 1975. He attended Angelo State University but transferred and graduated from the University of Houston with a Bachelor of Arts in History in 1980. He attended law school at Texas Southern University and graduated in 1983. Three months before graduation, Valadez took the Bar Examination. When he graduated from law school in May, he was sworn in the following Monday and within four days of graduating from law school, began practicing law in Houston. He remained there until he moved to Fort Stockton.

Mr. Valadez is married to Lulu Valadez. He has four children, Adrian, Victoria, Christiana and Victor Eduardo.

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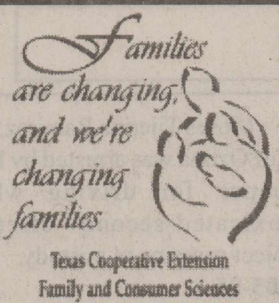
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Tracy's Tidbits

By Tracy Hildreth, CEA-FCS



The facts about stroke

Stroke is the third leading cause of death in the United States after heart disease and cancer. It is a major cause of physical and mental disabilities in older adults.

A stroke happens when blood cannot flow to a part of the brain. When the brain does not get the oxygen and nutrients it needs from the blood, its cells are damaged or begin to die. If brain cells are only damaged, they sometimes can be repaired. But brain cells that have died cannot be brought back to life. This means that the brain may stop sending signals to other parts of the body that control things like speaking, thinking and walking.

There are two major types of strokes: ischemic and hemorrhagic. Ischemic stroke is the most common kind and is caused by blood clots or the narrowing of a blood vessel leading to the brain. The clot keeps blood from flowing into other regions of the brain and prevents needed oxygen and nutrients from reaching brain cells in these regions. Hemorrhagic stroke happens when a broken blood vessel causes bleeding in the brain. This break also stops oxygen and nutrients from reaching brain cells.

Many people are familiar with the term "mini-stroke." A "mini-stroke" is technically called a Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA). TIAs may occur when blockage of the blood vessel has not reached 100 percent. Though not as immediately harmful as a regular stroke, a TIA is still a medical emergency. The effects of the TIA may be fleeting but eventually may lead to a major, debilitating stroke.

Signs and symptoms of a stroke include but are not limited to:

- * Sudden numbness or weakness in the face, arm or leg - especially on one side of the body

- * Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding

- * Sudden problems seeing in one eye or both eyes

- * Sudden dizziness, loss of balance or trouble walking

The warning signs of a stroke may last only a few minutes and then go away. Always pay attention to any stroke symptoms, even if they are fleeting. If you suspect someone may be having a stroke, the National Stroke Association recommends you act F.A.S.T.:

- FACE - Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?

- ARMS - Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

- SPEECH - Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence (e.g. "It's sunny today."). Are the words slurred? Can the person repeat the sentence correctly?

- TIME - If the person shows any of these symptoms, time is important. Call 9-1-1 immediately!

Recovery from a stroke is most successful if treatment begins within the first three hours after symptoms appear. A drug that may help break down the clot, known as t-PA, can greatly lower the damage caused by a stroke; but, only patients with ischemic stroke, caused by a clot, are candidates for this treatment. A health provider will diagnose stroke based on the patient's symptoms, medical history and medical tests that look closely at the brain to see the type and location of the stroke.

There are many different ways to help people recover from a stroke. Drugs and physical therapy work to improve balance, coordination and other deficits from the stroke such as speech and language problems. Occupational therapy can make it easier to do things like bathing and cooking. Many therapies start in the hospital and continue

at home. Progress is different for each person - some people recover fully soon after a stroke, others take months or even years. Sometimes the damage is so serious that therapy cannot help at all.

Talk to your health provider about what you can do to lower your risk of stroke. Even if you are in perfect health, you may have some serious risks:

- * Control your blood pressure. Have your blood pressure checked often. Treating high blood pressure lowers the risk of both stroke and heart disease.

- * Stop smoking. Smoking is linked to increased risk for stroke. Quitting smoking at any age lowers the risk for stroke as well as for a lot of other serious diseases.

- * Exercise regularly. Activities such as brisk walking, riding a bicycle and yard work may lower the risk of both stroke and heart disease. Exercise may make the heart stronger and improve blood flow. Before any major change in your exercise routine, be sure to check with your health provider.

- * Eat healthy foods. Eat foods that are low in fats, cholesterol and saturated fatty acids. Include a variety of fruits and vegetables in your daily diet.

- * Control your diabetes. Untreated diabetes can damage blood vessels and lead to a build up of fatty deposits in the arteries. This narrows arteries and blocks normal blood flow.

Stroke affects many different people in many different ways. It is an especially serious condition among women and African-Americans! However, the National Stroke Association estimates that up to 80 percent of strokes are preventable.

For more information, contact your County Extension Agent or visit the National Stroke Association's Web site at <http://www.info.stroke.org>

Wildfire threat continues as fires strike across the state

BY MAHLON HAMMETTER
Texas Forest Service

Wind-driven wildfires scorched over 17,000 acres and claimed several homes in Texas over a five-day period spanning the Thanksgiving holiday, and the wildfire threat isn't over. Fire weather forecasters predict dry weather this week for most of the state, with particularly dangerous conditions expected to occur on Wednesday.

"West of Interstate 35 remains at very high to extreme risk of wildfires, but elevated risk also extends to the western side of the piney woods region in north-east Texas," said Tom Spencer, state fire risk assessment coordinator with the Texas Forest Service. "Grasses and weeds across the northwestern two-thirds of the state are now dormant and fire-prone. This vegetation has the potential to fuel very dangerous, fast-moving wildfires any time dry, windy conditions occur and an ignition source is present. Large fires that occurred in Montague, Wilbarger, Parker, Eastland and Wise counties over the weekend attest to the fire threat that exists."

From November 23-27, state

and federal firefighters assisted local firefighting resources on 61 fires that scorched an estimated 16,929 acres. One of these fires, in Montague County, claimed six homes, five vehicles and a travel trailer and was still uncontrolled Monday morning. The largest fire during the period started Sunday in Wilbarger County. It had burned an estimated 10,000 acres and also remained uncontrolled as of Monday morning. Firefighters blame a propane popgun, of the type used to scare off crows, for igniting a blaze on which a Lee County firefighter received burns on his hands, arms and face.

Local fire departments battled numerous other blazes during the period, according to the Texas Forest Service, but accurate totals on fire numbers and acreage burned weren't readily available. Many of the wildfires across the state resulted from escaped debris burning, according to TFS regional fire coordinators.

Winds associated with the frontal passage fanned fires out of control through already fire-prone, freeze-dried grasses and weeds in north and north central Texas. Only southeast Texas

counties received significant precipitation over the weekend, said Spencer.

Strict compliance with bans on outdoor burning and post-ponement of campfires and household trash and brush pile burning during dry, windy conditions are strongly recommended, says Gary Bennett, chief law enforcement officer with the Texas Forest Service.

Violation of an outdoor burning ban is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a possible fine of up to \$500, said Bennett. He also indicated that a burn ban doesn't have to be in effect for a person to be charged with a burning violation.

"Carelessly allowing your fire to escape and burn onto a neighbor's property is also a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a fine up to \$500, and arson is a felony offense," stated Bennett. "Arson is punishable by a prison term from two to 99 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000."

Using proper outdoor fire safety practices can prevent unwelcome surprises like wildfires, senseless destruction and criminal violations.

Congressman Bonilla plays crucial role in getting funding approved for West Texas

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The final numbers are in: The West Texas agriculture industry will receive more than \$21.5 million in federal funding for the 2006 fiscal year. This news comes after President George W. Bush officially approved the Agriculture spending legislation.

"Sheep and goat ranching is a way of life in Texas. The region relies heavily on the sheep and goat industry, which is why today's funding announcement will make such a tremendous impact on our area. I'm thankful to Congressman Bonilla for his steadfast support of Texas and the work he has done to secure this funding," said Glen Fisher, American Sheep Institute Secretary-Treasurer and Sonora resident.

Using his role as Chairman of the Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee, Bonilla was able to secure \$21.5 million for projects in West Texas.

"I've always said that the Agriculture Subcommittee touches lives on a daily basis. This is living proof that what we

do makes a difference for the people of Texas," said Chairman Bonilla.

Bonilla was able to secure \$18.6 million in funding for scrapie eradication. With today's funding, the U.S. hopes to be declared scrapie-free by 2017. Becoming scrapie-free will have a significant positive economic impact to the livestock, meat and feed industries.

Bonilla also secured \$1.25 million in funding for the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center; \$150,000 in funding for dairy and meat goat research; and \$300,000 in funding for wool research. Bonilla hopes this funding for sheep research will increase the profitability of the sheep, goat and camelid industries in the United States and Texas.

Additionally, Bonilla has secured \$1 million in funding to correct degradation of rangelands. Rangelands cover 70 percent of the land surface in the southwestern United States. Today's funding will allow the Joe Skeen Institute for Rangeland Restoration to inte-

grate new information technologies to meet the targeted, emerging and associated natural resources.

Bonilla today announced that he has secured \$2.4 million for the West Texas Telecommunications Project. This funding will support increased trials and use of new technologies by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) in West Texas. Today's funding announcement brings the total funding to \$9.3 million over the last four years.

"This is always an exciting time of year. I've dedicated several months to securing funding for my district. But my job is never complete until the president has signed the legislation and made the funding law," said Bonilla. "This is a great day for the people of West Texas and I'm proud to make this terrific announcement."

Bonilla has represented the people of West Texas since his first election to Congress in 1992. Since then he has worked hard to provide his constituents with the funding necessary to improve their lives and work.

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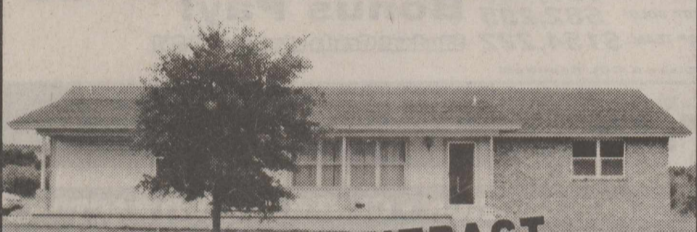
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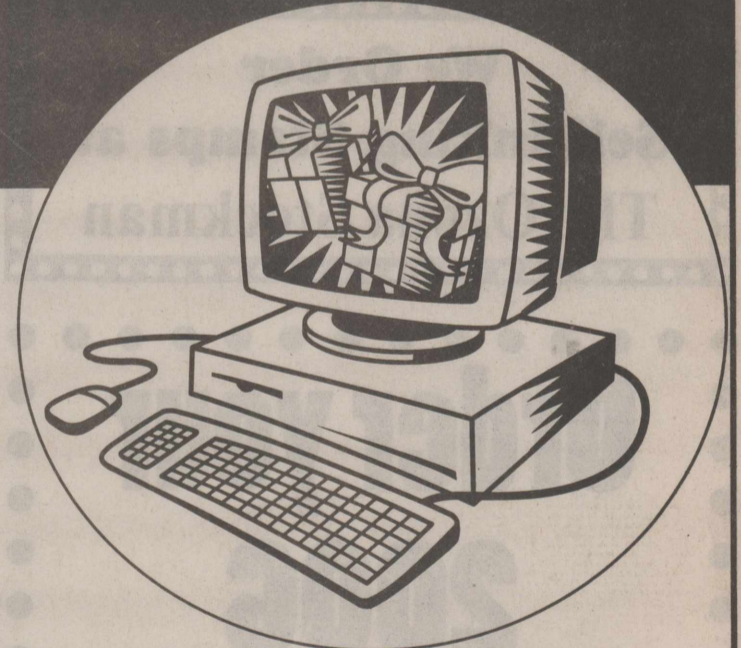


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