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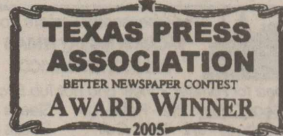
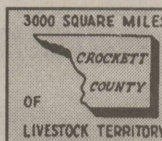
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Ozona Weather Conditions and Forecast

Date	Hi	Lo	Rain
Dec. 05	50	23	-0-
Dec. 06	57	21	-0-
Dec. 07	43	25	-0-
Dec. 08	36	14	-0-
Dec. 09	52	10	-0-
Dec. 10	68	21	-0-
Dec. 11	61	27	-0-

(Readings are for a 24 hour period beginning at 8 a.m.)

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EXTENDED FORECAST	
Wednesday	Thursday
Hi 65	Hi 55
Lo 28	Lo 31
Sunny	Mostly Sunny
Friday	Saturday
Hi 48	Hi 49
Lo 30	Lo 29
Few Showers	Light Rain/Sleet

Forecast information provided by The Weather Channel

For complete weather data for Crockett County
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A dream come true

Local woman visits the Holy Land, fulfills lifelong desire

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

Throughout her life, Rita Rios has experienced many battles.

Like most people, she has dealt with ups and downs, praise and disappointments, but no matter what direction her life was going she kept the dream of one day traveling across the ocean to see the Holy Land.

On Oct. 31, 2005, Rios landed in Tel Aviv, making her dream a reality.

"It felt like a dream and even now it still feels surreal," she said. "I just can't believe I was there, the Holy Land. Where Jesus, the Son of God, himself, walked, talked, cried, went out on boats, slept...I got to do the same."

Traveling with a group on one of the John Hagee Ministries Pilgrim Tours, Rios was placed on the Gold Bus. This bus was mostly occupied by handicapped people in wheelchairs, but that didn't let these travelers slow them down.

"I thought the neatest part of the whole tour was our bus," she said. "We all just had this desire to be there, and we ended up doing more than the other buses did."

The 11-day trip took Rios to many of the historical and Biblical spots of the country, including the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, being Baptized in the Jordan River, Mount Carmel, the Mount of Olives, Mount Zion, floating in the Dead Sea, the Western Wall and the Garden Tomb where Jesus was resurrected.

Rios said that the whole time she was there, she never felt any fear even on the day they walked down Via Dolorosa, the way that Jesus went to Calvary wearing the crown of thorns and dragging the cross of crucifixion.

"You have to remember this is a Muslim occupied country," she said. "We had to walk with men but I felt very safe."

Rios also said she was fascinated with the architecture of the country and how the houses looked like "rocks or stair steps" built on top of each other.

In order for Rios to take the trip, she knew she would have to save her money. She started last April, prayed about it and figured out that she could have the money by August.

By the first week of June, she had her money.

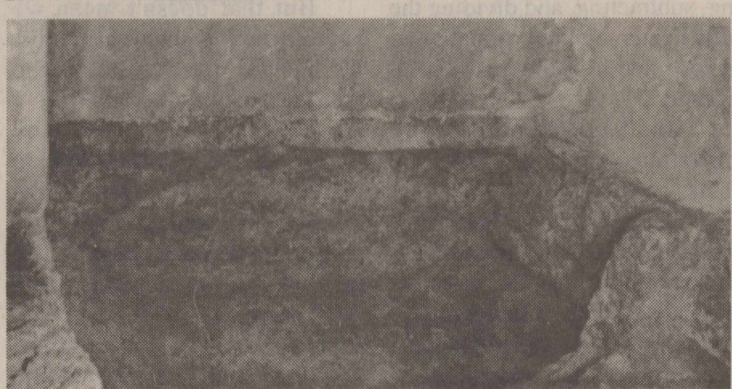
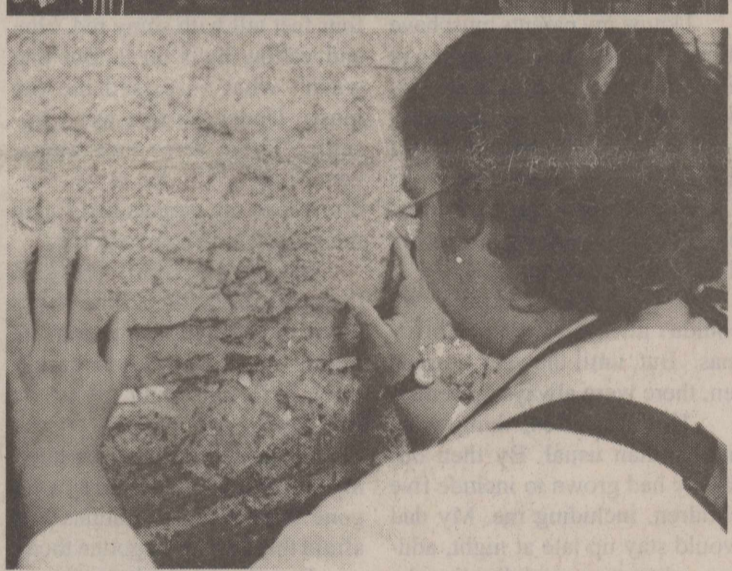
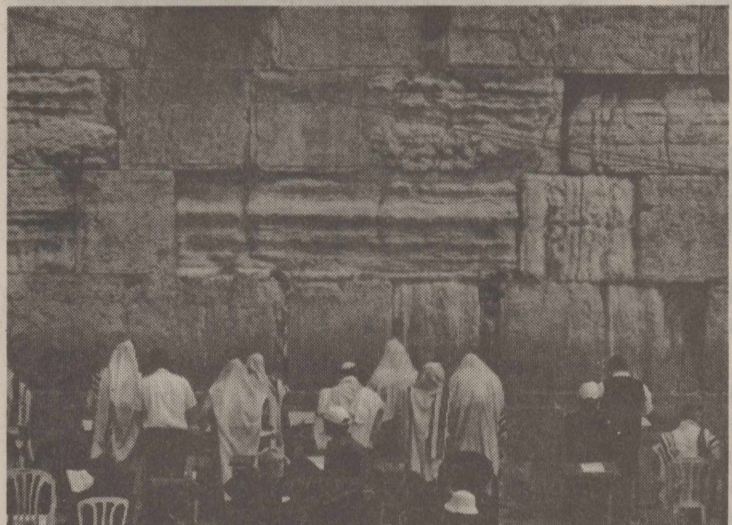
"People who did not know me would pass through and I would be talking to them, and then they would say 'here's something for you' and it was

money," she said. "I know that without the many friends and family members, prayers, monetary gifts and other support, my dream might have been prolonged."

Rios said she has started sav-

ing her money again so she can go back in 2008.

"Toda (thank you) to all of you. Words cannot express my gratitude. May the Lord Bless you all," Rios said.



Photos courtesy of Rita Rios

SIGHTS OF ISRAEL (from top to bottom): Ozona resident Rita Rios waits in line to be Baptized in the Jordan River. The Western Wall, also known as the Kotel or the Wailing Wall. Rios praying at the Western Wall. Inside the Garden Tomb where Jesus was resurrected.

Commissioners reinstate burn ban, adopt order on fireworks

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

The Crockett County Commissioners voted to reinstate the burn ban during Monday's monthly meeting. The ban will be in affect for 30 days.

The commissioners also adopted an order prohibiting certain fireworks in Crockett County. The order states that "no person may sell, detonate, ignite, or in any way use fireworks as 'skyrockets with sticks' and 'missiles with fins' in any portion of the unincorporated area of Crockett County.

The order does not prohibit: common fireworks, small in size that are considered "consumer fireworks" that are less than 4 gms propellant, and casings less than

the 5/8-inch x 3 1/2-inch overall length, or large fireworks that are devices designed primarily to produce visible or audible effects by combustion, deflagration or detonation, commonly known as "display fireworks."

Violators of the ban could face the charge of a Class C Misdemeanor which is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

The ban comes at the recommendation of the Texas Forest Service due to the amount of dry grasses, weeds and other vegetation that is dead and dormant from hard freezes and drought conditions.

A fire burned more than 400 acres north of San Angelo on Dec. 3 destroying four structures. The fire spread rapidly due to the dry conditions.

Commissioners also authorized bids on the new swimming pool.

The Commissioners approved dates for the 2006 Commissioners' Court meetings to be held every second Monday of the month.

County Holidays approved for 2006 will be - President's Day Feb. 20; Good Friday April 14; Memorial Day May 29; Fourth of July July 4; Labor Day Sept. 4; Thanksgiving Day Nov. 23-24; Christmas Dec. 25-26 and New Year's Dec. 29 and Jan. 1.

Other items approved:

- Deferred compensation plan.
- Resolution of Appreciation for Anadelia Fierro, Beatrice Vargas, Inez Ortiz, Domingo Perez and Cecilia Longoria.

• End of the year budget amendments.

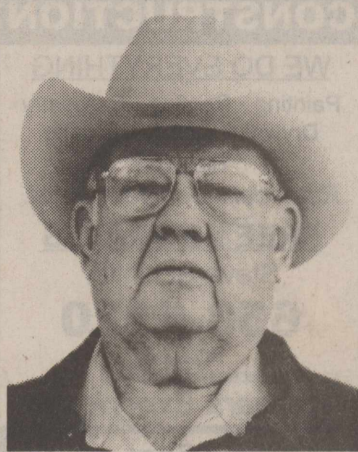
Hearne files for re-election

James M. (Jim) Hearne has filed for re-election as Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1, Crockett County in the Democratic Primary, in March 2006.

I have held this office for 15 years and ask the citizens of Crockett County to support me with your vote.

I have resided in Ozona for 37 years. My wife, Mary Jo, and I have 4 grown children, who graduated from High School here. James, lives in Crosby, N.D., Robert, lives in Eagle Pass, Texas, Jo Anne, lives in Mansfield, Texas and Sandra, lives in San Angelo, Texas.

I take pride in Ozona and Crockett County. I treat every person who has business with my court with courtesy and fairness.



I thank you for your past support and ask for your vote in the March Primary.

Sincerely, James M. Hearne
 Political advertisement paid for by James M. (Jim) Hearne, P.O. Box 354, Ozona, Texas 76943

Santa Claus to be at the gazebo Friday for pictures



Santa Claus will be on hand at 3 p.m. Friday at the gazebo in the town square for pictures.

He will also hear all Christmas wishes from every boy and girl.

Remember, he knows who has been naughty and nice!

The event is sponsored by the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department.

Ozona school bands to host Christmas concert Thursday night

The Ozona school bands will perform their annual Christmas concert at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Fair Park Convention Center.

The concert will feature the Ozona Middle School and the Ozona High School bands.

The sixth grade band will be performing "Jingle Bells" and "Up on the Housetop."

The seventh grade band will perform "African Noel," "Frosty

the Snowman" and "Christmas in the Kitchen."

The eighth grade band will perform "Christmas for Clarinets," "Christmas Magic" and "A Christmas Canon."

The high school band will perform "Holiday Swing Along," "Carol of the Bells/Green sleeves," "Pachelbel's Christmas" and "Themes from The Nutcracker."

FOUNTAIN OF ICE

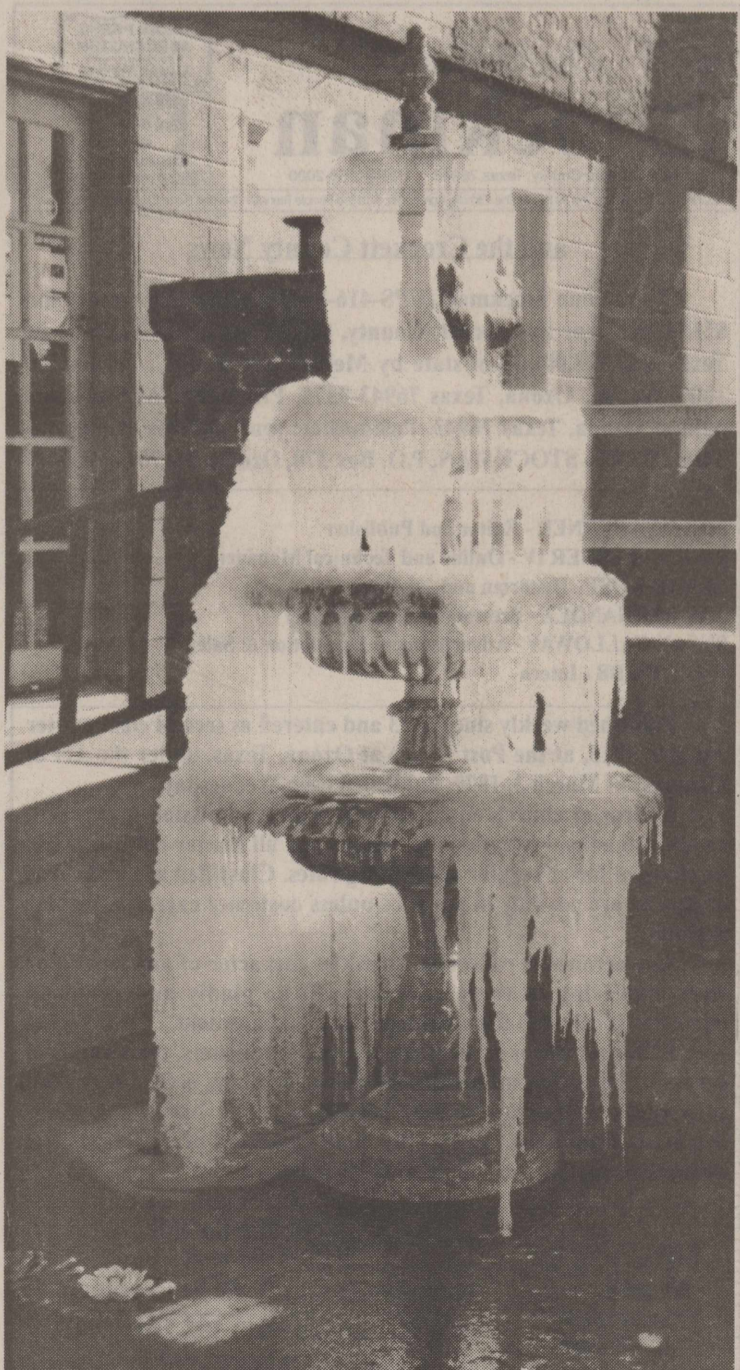


Photo by Joe Hernandez

FROZEN FOUNTAIN outside Pepe's Cafe. The temperatures dropped to around 14 degrees on Dec. 8, with the high reaching only 36.

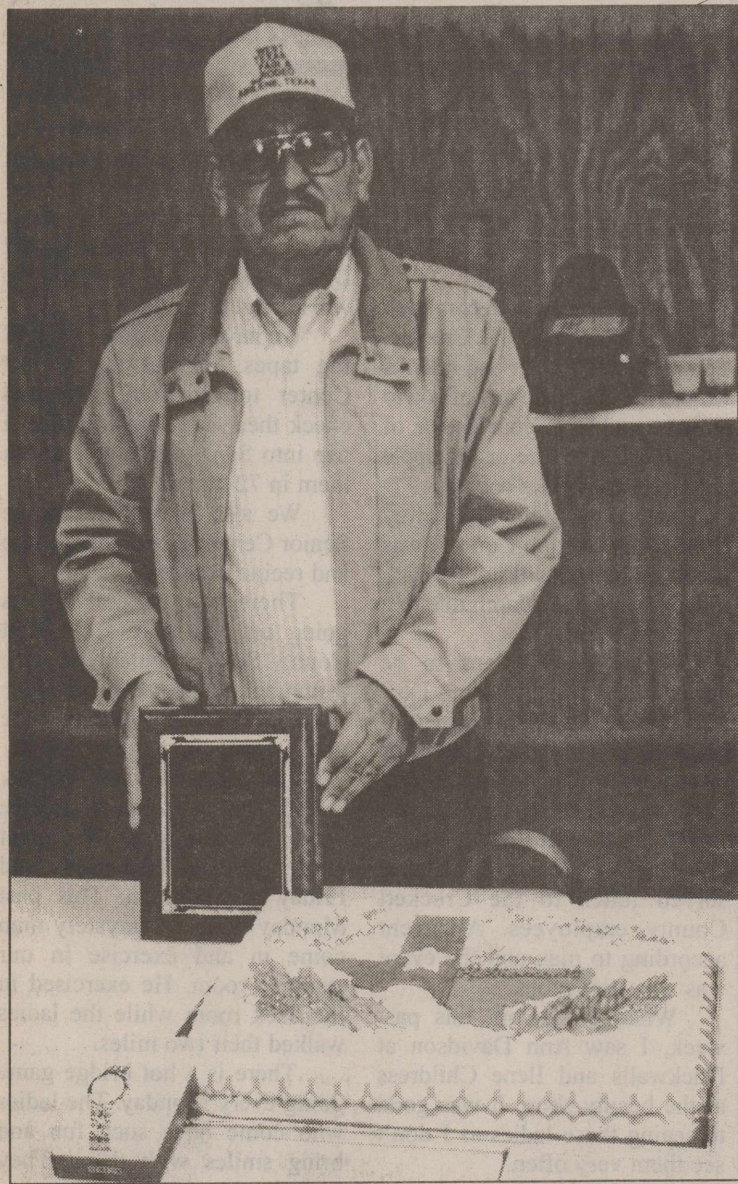


Photo by Joe Hernandez

RAMON SANCHEZ retired from the Crockett County Road Department on Friday after 21 years of service. He was presented with a plaque and a watch, along with a lunch at the Fair Park Convention Center.

Toys for Tots brisket plate fund-raiser Sunday

The Crockett County Veterans will not be collecting on Saturday, Dec. 17. Instead there will be a fund-raiser at the town square at noon Sunday, Dec. 18.

We will be selling a brisket plate, with trimmings for \$5 per plate or we will trade a toy for a plate. We will be there until we sell out or till 3 p.m. We appreciate everyone's support and encourage everyone to come by and buy a plate or bring a toy.

"We have been doing pretty good so far we have collected on or about 300 toys and \$574.83 in money donations. This is good, but we are down to our last

weekend before Christmas. Our goal is to collect about 400 toys and \$1,000 in money donations," said Frank Tambunga, chairperson. "We need the money donation because we use this money to buy something for older children, most of the toys we have collected are good for the younger ones. We also use the money to buy food for the families and if we have any money left over it goes to the Local Salvation Army to help people through out the year. We have so far 18 families that have applied for assistance with about 41 children. We expect more before the end of the week."

Happy Birthday

Dec. 13 - Cookie Worthington

Dec. 14 - Johnna Pullig, Jeanie Thompson, Dusty Wilson, Harvey Fierro, Sara Estrada, Alexa Cervantez and Kylan Burleson

Dec. 15 - Rick Hunnicutt, Trey Fierro, Merle Welty and Luetta Kost

Dec. 16 - Carl Thurman, Anna Marie Fierro, Janina Savala, Manuel Gutierrez Sr., Markaus Galindo and Alex Macias

Dec. 17 - Jolene Hernandez, Kelli Anne Goble, Helen Owensby, Zachary Talamantez, Aidan Fierro and Jordan Martinez

Dec. 18 - Celia West and Hope Ellington

Dec. 19 - Sean Austin Fuentes, Terri Price, Jodie Baggett and Thomas Talamantez

Dec. 20 - Rebecca Flores, Christine Lindsey, Jacinda Villarreal, C.O. Walker, Lesly Rodriguez and Blanca Garza

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



Photos by Joe Hernandez

PEOPLE LINED UP Thursday morning around the block to take advantage of the drive-thru flu shot clinic at the Crockett County EMS Building. Shots were given out to 360 people from 9 a.m. until about 10 minutes until five. For more information about flu shots, call the Family Health Center of Ozona at 392-3788.

Red Hat Society News

The Scarlet Bonnets will be meeting for their Christmas Party at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15 at the Hitchin' Post Steakhouse.

Everyone bring your tea cup and an extra one if you have it. Hope to see everyone there.

For more information please contact Diane Gleghorn 392-9105 or Julia Holmes 392-3896.

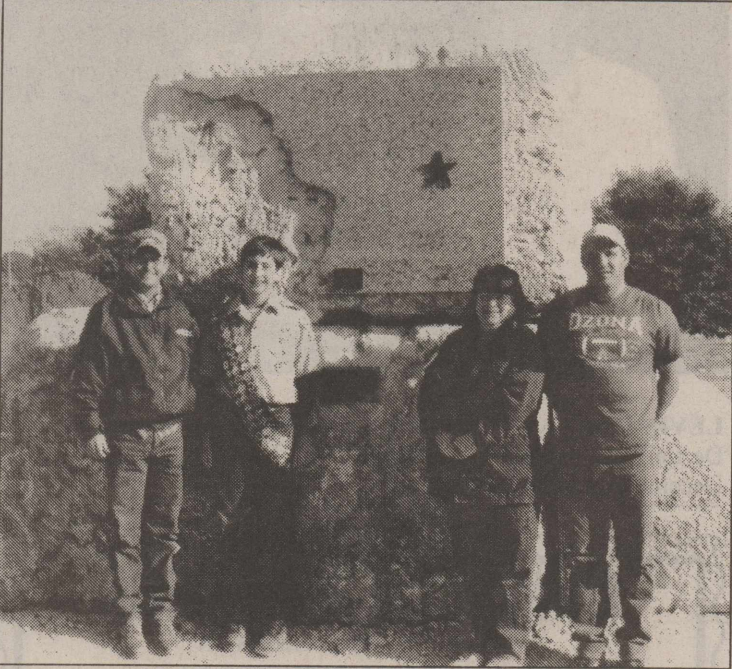


Photo by Frieda Zuberbueler

TRAVIS ZUBERBUELER (second from left) completed his Eagle Scout project outside the new Visitors Center. Standing with Travis are (left to right) his father Stephen and scout leaders Linda and Melvin Conner.

Stockman Deadline is Monday at NOON



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SPECIAL PERFORMANCES BY:
Ozona Primary Choir Classes
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 First Grade - 10:30 a.m.
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Lighting up the holidays.

As you begin using decorative lighting in and around your home this holiday season, AEP Texas reminds you to keep safety in mind. Check light strings for frayed cords, and use only UL-approved lights and extension cords. Remember not to overload circuits, and remind children not to touch lights or outlets. And on behalf of all of us here at AEP Texas, please enjoy a safe, bright holiday season with your family and friends. **AEP Texas is there, always working for you.**

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DEADLINE IS MONDAY AT NOON

Christ Jesus, was divine by nature, He did not set store upon equality with God, but emptied Himself by taking the nature of a bond servant: born in human guise and appearing in human form, He humbly stooped in His obedience even to die, and to die upon the cross. Therefore God raised Him high and conferred on Him a name above all names. Philippians 2:6-9



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Care Center Chatter

By JAN ST. CLAIR TICE
Activity Director

Thanks goes to Marsha Tomlinson for her music and singing for our residents. Marsha also filled in for Baptist Bible Study on Tuesday afternoon, everyone enjoyed the afternoon.
Our Thursday morning is booked from 9:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m. with children's Christmas Carols. Come and join the holiday season with us all.
Our residents Family Christmas party will be at 1 p.m. Dec. 19 in the main lobby. Don't forget to bring a gift for your loved one to put under the Christmas Tree. Our Family Christmas party is the largest event of the year and all our residents enjoy time with family and friends. Everyone is more than welcome to come to the facility.
The Templo Siloe Church came by for a visit presenting gifts and candies to our residents informed about happenings.
Volunteers E.A. Wadsworth R.N., Audrey Glynn, Carol Adcock, Marsha Tomlinson, Rachel Ybarra, John Collis and the Ozona Church of Christ. Thank you all your very much appreciated by everyone you touch here at the facility.
The next two weeks will be very busy with Christmas approaching. Come by and check us out were looking a lot like Christmas. Judy Reagor, we all missed you this past week.

We want your news at THE OZONA STOCKMAN
Call 392-2551

Levis & Lace News

By TINA JARVIS
Levis and Lace Square Dancer

On Monday, club members Leroy and Carol Adcock, Raul De La Rosa, Nell Wester, JoAnn Babbitt, Renee Padier, Jim Couch, Lucy Hinde and Tina Jarvis and our student had a lesson. Mildred was our guest tonight.
Next lesson will be at 8 p.m. tonight, Dec. 14, at the Senior Center. We will perform at 7 p.m. at the Care Center.
Saturday night we hosted the Westerner's meeting. Tom Harrison and his wife Debbie are presidents of the Westerner's. Tom is also a caller from Abilene. At the meeting we discussed the President's Dance schedule for January 2007 in Abilene. I was voted secretary for this event. The city of Abilene will promote and will sponsor this event and we all look forward to working on and attending this event.
Club members Leroy and Carol Adcock, Nell Wester, JoAnn Babbitt, Jim Couch,

Renee Padier, Lucy Hinde, Dale Bebee, Raul and Maria De La Rosa attended our dance on Saturday night. It was an open mike dance, any caller that wished to was given time to call. Tom Harrison from Abilene and John Geen from San Angelo and myself called. We had almost three squares to keep busy and enjoyed calling mainstream, plus and of course we each called a Christmas song. Birthdays celebrated at this dance were for Nell Wester, Dec. 1, Maria De La Rosa, Jan. 1 and Myra Nester, Dec. 31. Myra was not able to attend due to illness but we wish her all the best. Our ever faithful honorary member, Mildred Couch joined us. Our student was talked into dancing with us and he did very well. Concho Squares from San Angelo came to retrieve their banner and we are always so glad to see them. Fun, Food and fellowship were abundant tonight!
Keep it square and happy dancing!



Submitted Photo
LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCE CLUB MEMBERS Maria De La Rosa, Nell Wester, (r.) and Myra Nester (not pictured) have December birthdays.

Ozona Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH
Senior Center Director

Last week's temperature really gave all of us a deep chill. When it turns cold out here in West Texas it is real cold.
The Christmas decorations are all in place and the Crockett County Senior Center and it looks wonderful. We invite any of you to drop by and have your choice of hot chocolate, coffee or hot apple cider with Christmas cookies.
The Concho Valley Community Action Council was here Dec. 6 and will not be back until February or March due to a funding shortage.
Leslie Harris plans to be here at 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 15 to offer information concerning prescription drug plans and to sign you up for the plan that suits your needs. These plans are for Medicare part D.
On Dec. 7, Helping Hands served lunch to the Crockett County employees. All went according to plan and the event was very enjoyable.
When I was out this past week, I saw Ann Davidson at Duckwalls and Ilene Childress at the beauty shop. It was good to see these ladies as I don't see them very often.
I heard through the grapevine that Merle Welty is having a birthday Thursday, Dec. 15. Merle, from all of us here at the Senior Center, we wish you a very happy birthday and many more. We also found out that Merle's sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Fred

Patterson will be here visiting him this week from Atlanta, Geo.
Today will be our Pot Luck lunch at noon.
If anyone would like transportation to the Senior Center, call Lynn English at 392-9094 and we will arrange a ride for you.
We have the defensive driving tapes here at the Senior Center to rent out. You can check them out here and save a trip into San Angelo and return them in 72 hours.
We also have here at the Senior Center, a book, magazine and recipe exchange.
There are several things going on here at the Crockett County Senior Center. We have a number of games or you are welcome to bring your favorite game with you.
Our exercise class, "Walk Two Miles" is growing and we want you to join us. We meet every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. This past Monday we had a mystery man come in and exercise in our exercise room. He exercised in the back room while the ladies walked their two miles.
There is a hot bridge game going every Monday. The ladies who come have such fun and bring smiles with them. They sure cheer up my Mondays.
If you are a pool player we have a good pool table in the back room. There also a puzzle going at all times and the coffee pot is always on.
Our activities are for those 50 years of age or older (we are flexible). God bless all of you.



Submitted Photo
CONCHO SQUARES retrieved their banner at the Levis and Lace square dance held on Saturday, Dec. 10.

BROADWAY & MAIN

Happy Holidays from the Wacky Women

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The Gift

Last week my wife and I went to town to do a little Christmas shopping. While we in the store I found a lot of little gifts for friends and family. I really enjoy giving little gifts that my love ones enjoy. While I was in the store I noticed an older woman with a young girl maybe eight or nine years old, shopping.
They were poorly dressed and their clothes were not real clean. I passed them several times as I strolled up and down the isles and it looked like they were looking for something special. As my wife and I left the store with our basket full I noticed that the lady and the little girl were leaving too. There was only one little gift in their basket and I think it was for the little girl.
I watched them as they left the parking lot and started across a vacant field because they didn't have a car. I saw that the lady loved the little girl very much and she probably spent most of what she had on the gift. I was reminded of how much God loves us and the special gift He gave to us. The thing most precious to Him, (Romans 5:8 & 8:32) His only begotten son, (John 3:16). With that gift came the forgiveness of sins, a new relationship to God and a new future, (Romans 6:22,23).
See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

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Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everybody who visited or called during my stay in the hospital and we would like to thank everyone who helped in the fundraiser. Thank you for your continious prayer on my recovery.
Thank you,
Santiago and Ysabel Ybarra and Family

The family of Lisa and Jay Pool would like to extend their sincerest appreciation for the loving support received during the recent loss of her father.

First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Rev. John Collis Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.	Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.	Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Rev. John Fluth Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O War Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 7 p.m.	Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Worship: 9 a.m.	Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Dan & Ann Rios Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.
Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.	Church of God of Prophecy 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Mario De La Mora Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 4:30 p.m. Tues. & Fri: 6:00 p.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Serafin Avenida Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. M. W. F. - 8:30 a.m. Thurs.: 7 p.m.
Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Rev. Daniel C. Fleming Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.	Attend the Church of Your Choice This Sunday	
New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Jesse Cardona Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Tuesday Worship: 7 p.m.	Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6 p.m.	

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Card of Thanks

To the Citizens of Ozona, Texas - Our Home Town: We wish to extend our sincerest gratitude to all of you, as a community, for the kindness and help you have given to our Mother, Lee DeHoyos, in the years since our Father, Carlos DeHoyos passed away. In our absence, your support has allowed our Mother to maintain her independence in her hometown where she wished to remain, and for this we are eternally indebted to you all. As our Mother leaves Ozona to be closer to her family in East Texas, we welcome you, her Ozona Family, to keep in contact with her: Lee C. DeHoyos, 500 N. Danville Rd. Apt. 5, Kilgore, TX 75662 Phone: 903-984-7151
Thank you, and may God bless you all.
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USDA-NRCS accepting EQIP applications for 2006

Farmers and ranchers can start applying for the Farm Bill conservation programs through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). USDA cost-share funds have been released earlier this year to give farmers and ranchers more time to make sound decisions in regard to applying conservation practices before the growing season begins.

Eligible producers may apply for cost share assistance on conservation practices that will address the identified resource concern identified by the Local Work Group (LWG). Practices are implemented through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). EQIP offers cost share assistance to agricultural pro-

ducers to implement on-farm conservation practices. The NRCS determines eligible land and eligible practices.

The Ozona USDA NRCS office will be accepting EQIP applications for 2006. The deadline is Feb. 17, 2006. Applications received on or before Feb. 17 will be ranked and funded from the initial allocation to Crockett County. Last year EQIP funding in Crockett County totaled \$201,822 for county based funds and \$51,166 for Salt Cedar spraying.

EQIP was established to assist landowners with applying conservation plans to treat major resource issues. In Crockett County, these include brush management for invasive species, cross fencing and

water development.

Eligible conservation practices include brush management (prickly pear, cedar and mesquite), cross fencing, livestock pipelines, storage tanks, troughs and wells.

NRCS, through the invitation of the local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, is the federal government's principal agency for conserving natural resources on private lands, while encouraging voluntary efforts to protect soil, water and wildlife on private lands. NRCS offers its services free of charge.

Those interested in signing an EQIP application should visit the USDA Service Center office in Ozona or call (325) 392-3702, ext. 3, or visit www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

Bonilla's request approved, more border patrol agents added in Texas

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Less than three months ago, Congressman Henry Bonilla (R-TX) led the Texas delegation in declaring a state of emergency on the Texas/Mexico border. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has responded to Bonilla's call for action and today announced the assignment of an additional 452 Border Patrol agents on the contentious border.

"I've been saying for a long time that we need to focus on the Texas/Mexico border; I'm glad to see that the Department of Homeland Security is finally listening to my calls for action," said Bonilla. "The men and women of our Border Patrol are our first line of defense. These agents keep our borders safe and strong. We cannot - and should not - underestimate their importance."

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff has projected an increase of 452 agents in Texas, including 493 additional agents in the El Paso Sector* (*this sector includes El Paso County and New Mexico),

25 additional agents in the Marfa sector, 70 additional agents in the Del Rio Sector, 55 additional agents in the Laredo Sector and 62 additional agents in the Rio Grande Valley Sector.

The increase in staffing was authorized through the 2006 Appropriations Bill and the 2005 Emergency War Supplemental Act. The projected manpower will be permanently assigned to the Texas-Mexico border and the DHS goal should be reached by October 2006.

Joined by 26 members of the Texas Congressional Delegation, Bonilla sent a letter to President George W. Bush declaring a "State of Emergency" on the Texas-Mexico border. The letter addressed "Other than Mexicans" (OTMs) who are making a mockery of the immigration system; illegal drugs crossing the border; and border violence. Bonilla stated that these issues pose a serious threat to the border and one of his recommendations was adding Border Patrol agents to increase safety and security.

Bonilla also questioned Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff in Congressional hearings regarding a systematic lack of departmental responsiveness to emergency situations, including security the nation's borders.

"Mr. Secretary, are you aware that there is currently an invasion of illegal immigrants along the South West border? And would you agree that the government's lack of attention to this is an embarrassment to our nation and a mockery to federal law?" said Bonilla when questioning DHS Secretary Michael Chertoff. "I just hope that you'll do all you can to change this because its an emergency situation that needs action."

Co-chair of the Congressional Border Caucus, Bonilla has been striving for several years to create stronger security along the Texas/Mexico border. In addition to serving as Co-chair of the Congressional Border Caucus, Bonilla is a Vice-Chair of the U.S./Mexico Caucus.

Madla files for re-election, fully intends to win fourth Senate term

AUSTIN - State Senator Frank Madla (D-San Antonio) announced Dec. 12 that he has officially filed for re-election to Texas Senate District 19, a seat that he has held for three terms, and fully intends to win a fourth.

Madla's re-election announcement was hailed by his colleagues in the Senate, who touted his legislative accomplishments and his integrity, and emphasized that, as a senior senator, Madla's ability to advocate for his constituents would far outweigh that of any challenger.

If reelected, Madla said he would continue the work he has already begun, in concert with the citizens and communities within his district, drawing on his seniority, legislative experience, and understanding of critical issues in matters vitally important to his constituents. Among the issues he plans to address during his next term, Madla cited the improved quality and increased funding of K-12 public schools; affordable health care for citizens in both urban and rural areas; and ensuring an abundant water supply while protecting landowners' rights.

"Representing the people of Senate District 19 has been an honor and a privilege," said Madla. "If they reelect me to represent them in the Texas Senate, I pledge to work harder than ever before in my 33 years of public service to be worthy of their trust and confidence."

Concern citizens speak out about keeping postal employee

Editor's note: The following was written by Alfredo Tobar who is circulating a petition to keep Ray Martinez at the Ozona Post Office.

To Whom It May Concern,

We the people of Ozona are very concerned about Ray Martinez leaving our community. He is the transferring to another post office, for the reason that he is not making it with the hours that he gets here.

I just wanted to let you all know that we the people of Ozona hate to see him leave. He is the best person have had in our Ozona Post Office here. He

is very courteous, polite, smiley and always helping people or willing to help in any way possible when we need it. Whether is to fill out money orders or to send money, carry boxes for the elderly and especially to those who do not speak or understand English.

You can do a survey here in Ozona about him and I can bet you that you will not find a person who can talk bad about him.

So we are asking to please make him a full-timer so that we can keep him here where he belongs.

Sincerely,
Ozona People

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Card of Thanks
The flu shot clinic on December 8th was a great success, and I would like to say "Thank you" to the following people for all their help. To the EMS for the use of their building, and to the Crockett County Road Department for setting up our driveways. To Harold Shaw for seeing to it that we had heat, and to Richard Storms and Elliot Barrera for their assistance as well. To Dee Keilers and Junior Bilano in helping us get everything in order and set up, and for being our "gophers." Above all, I want to thank our staff, Marilee Saegert, Judy Farris, Jackie Necessary, Elena Alvarez and Connie Arredondo for braving the cold for nine hours so that we could provide the vaccine in an efficient manner to the community. Our customers were great, and we all had a good time. I hope that everyone who desired to get the vaccine was able to do so before we ran out. We look forward to doing it again next year, and hopefully at a much earlier date!
Susan Bilano
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State gearing up for possible winter wildfire siege

State fire control leaders continue to gear up for what could be a long winter wildfire siege for the state's firefighters.

Additional in-state and out-of-state personnel and equipment resources, including six dozers and seven engines from Wisconsin, have been ordered and mobilized to strategic areas to bolster the state's firefighting arsenal. Critically dry fuels (vegetation) exist across much of the state, a fact evidenced by several large wildfires that have already occurred. With no significant change in the weather pattern in sight, fire control leaders are planning for the worst but hoping for the best.

Grasses, weeds and other vegetation in much of the state lie dead and dormant from a combination of drought and hard freezes, according to Mike Dunivan, fire behavior analyst with the Texas Forest Service. Areas hit by hard frosts earlier in the year are where the lion's share of the known large fires occurred, but essentially all of the state is now at risk, due to the presence of the dead vegetation, said Dunivan.

"Vegetation is critically dry in much of the state," said Dunivan. "Add winds and low humidity during the afternoon prime burning period, and you have a recipe for fast-spreading, dangerous wildfires. Most of the large wildfires that already occurred statewide resulted from this deadly combination of wildfire ingredients."

The fire analyst noted that the Texas Forest Service sent an advisory to fire departments in Texas warning of the possibility of dangerous fire behavior during periods of dry, windy weather and the need for diligent use of fire safety practices and pro-

ective gear. Already this year, two volunteer firefighters suffered serious burns upon being overrun by wildfires, and another firefighter lost his life in an accident when the fire tanker he was driving rolled over.

"Now that most summer grasses and weeds have gone dormant, any wildfires that arise will have more fuel available to stoke the flames. Also, wherever dead grass, weeds and other fine-textured fuels are present, even short periods of dry, windy weather can cause a rapid escalation in wildfire risk and difficulty of control," Dunivan declared.

Unless the weather cooperates and brings significant moisture statewide and/or the public exercises greater safety with all outdoor fire use, firefighters fear that additional wildfires are like-

ly. Many wildfires result from careless burning of household trash, leaves and brush piles.

The following are suggestions from the Texas Forest Service.

- * Obey outdoor burning bans.
- * Postpone all outdoor fires during periods of dry, windy weather.
- * When outdoor fires are permitted, establish wide control lines down to bare soil before igniting your fire, and stay with your fire until it is cold to the touch.
- * Dispose of smoking materials properly, either in an ash-tray or crushed out in bare dirt.
- * Avoid using welding or grinding equipment in or near dry grass and weeds.
- * Avoid driving or parking in tall grass and weeds that could be ignited by the pollution control equipment on your vehicle.

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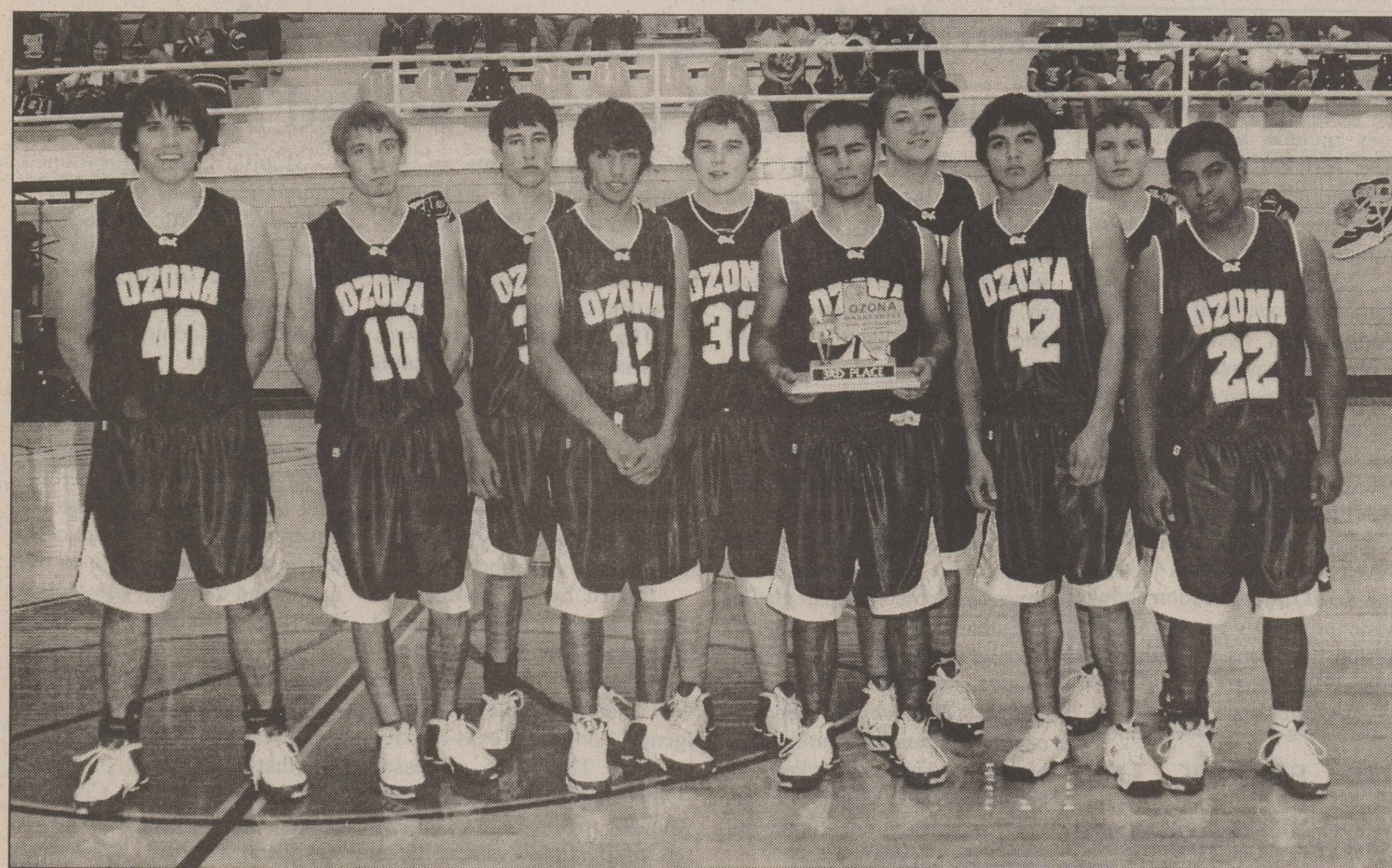


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THE OZONA LIONS PLACED THIRD IN THE OZONA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT THIS PAST WEEKEND. Team members pictured are: (l. to r.) Matt McGuire, Tate Collis, Levi Vargas, Justin Galan, Drew Clayton, Jack Rodriguez, Jimmy Tebbetts, Daniel Cruz, Caleb Mitchel, and Robert DeHoyos.

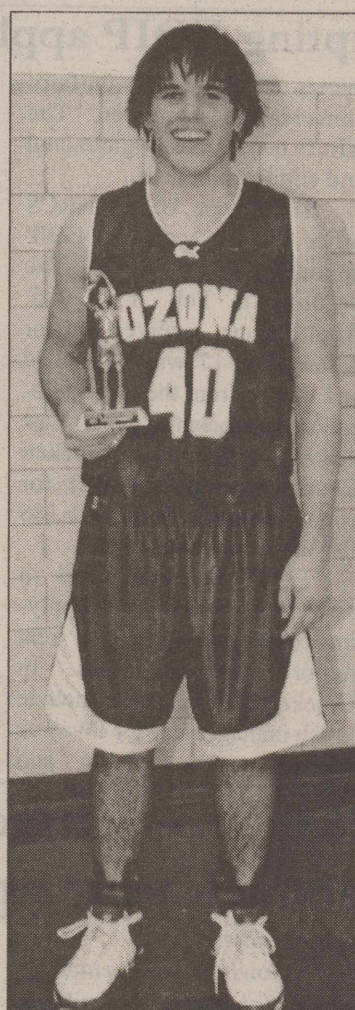


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MATT MCGUIRE was selected for the All-Tournament Team at the Ozona Basketball Tournament.

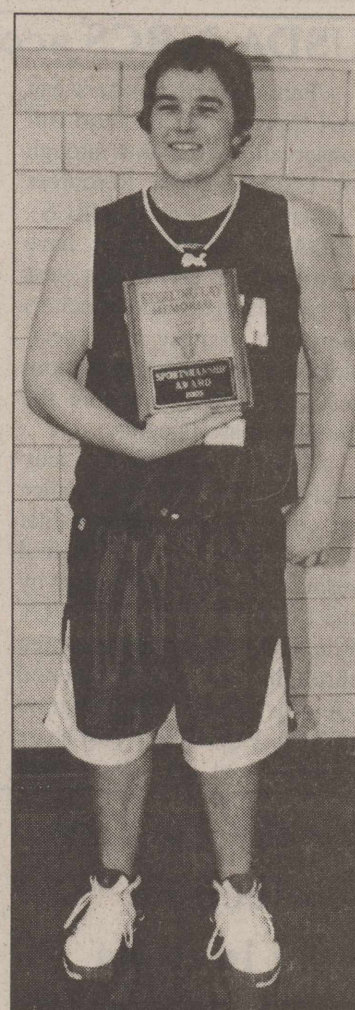


Photo by Joe Hernandez

DREW CLAYTON was selected to receive the Sterling Lay Sportsmanship Award at the Ozona Basketball Tournament.

Lions win third in Ozona Tourney

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

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

Matt McGuire was named to the All Tournament Team. Drew Clayton received the Sterling-Lay Sportsmanship Award.

"We are playing hard but we haven't found a good groove on offense," said Coach Lenny Morrow. "When we do, we'll be a good ball team."

In the first game, Ozona defeated McCamey 37-31. Scoring for the Lions was: McGuire 14; Levi Vargas 12; Caleb Mitchel 5; Justin Galan 2; Nick Perez 2 and Jimmy Tebbetts 2.

In the second game, the Lions defeated Irion County 47-33. Scoring for the Lions was: Vargas 18; McGuire 12; Perez 7; Tate Collis 3; Galan 2; Zane Coates 2; Robert DeHoyos 2 and Mitchel 1.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 3 11 25 8 - 47; Irion County - 3 4

9 17 - 33.

In the semi-finals, the Lions lost to Crane 37-48. Scoring for the Lions was: McGuire 13; Galan 10; Vargas 6; Mitchel 3; Clayton 3 and Tebbetts 2.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 11 11 6 9 - 37; Crane - 6 11 18 13 - 48.

In the third place game, the Lions defeated McCamey 31-26. Scoring for the Lions was: McGuire 16; Tebbetts 2; Vargas 5; Perez 4; Collis 2 and Galan 2.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 7

9 9 6 - 31; McCamey - 5 9 4 8 - 26.

On Dec. 6, the Lions lost to Christoval 69-74. Scoring for the Lions was: Vargas 21; McGuire 19; Galan 12; Coates 4; Jack Rodriguez 4; Perez 3; Mitchel 2; Collis 2 and Clayton 2.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 14 21 13 21 - 69; Christoval - 14 21 16 23 - 74.

The Lions are 7-4. They will play Grape Creek at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Davidson Gymnasium.

JV Lions take second at Iraan Tourney

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The JV Lions brought home the runner-up trophy from the Iraan JV Tournament this past weekend.

In their first game, the Lions beat Irion County 38-34. Scoring for the Lions was: Josh Santos 11; Abel Villereal 4; Matt Turland 4; Rocky Munoz 8; Matthew Garza 8 and Rylee Ramos 3. Also playing was: Josh Smith and Alan Lozano.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 10 8 14 6 - 38; Irion Co. - 12

6 12 4 - 34.

In the second game, the Lions defeated Iraan 47-35. Scoring for the Lions was: Santos 16; Turland 9; Munoz 12 and Garza 10. Also playing was: Villereal, Smith, Ramos and Lozano.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 18 15 8 - 47; Iraan - 9 13 8 5 - 35.

In the championship game, the Lions fought hard but came up short, 41-43, against Reagan County in overtime. Scoring for the Lions was: Santos 8; Justin Maldonado 11; Turland 8; Garza

12 and Ramos 1. Also playing was: Smith, Villereal, Munoz and Lozano.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 10 15 8 2 - 41; Reagan Co. - 6 9 15 9 4 - 43.

"The guys played a really tough tournament and I am very proud of the effort that they put forth. The defensive game that we played during this tournament was great. I could not have asked for anything more from the guys in the championship game because we went into overtime and lost by two but the guys left

it all on the court," said Coach JayBen Alls. "We have had two good tournaments and I am looking forward to having a great record in district."

On Dec. 6, the Lions defeated Christoval 48-28. Scoring for the Lions was: Santos 12; Villereal 3; Maldonado 7; Turland 9; Munoz 7; Garza 6; Ramos 2 and Lozano 2. Also playing was: Smith.

The Lions are 7-4. They will compete in the Kermit JV Tournament this weekend and then start district play against Grape Creek at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

JV Gold Lady Lions fall to Junction

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

The JV Gold Lady Lions fell to Junction, 11-25, on Dec. 5.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Cici Perez 4; Cristina Ro-

driquez 3; Tashina Lewis 2 and Ashley Anderson 2. Also playing was: Abigail Rodriguez, Karly Perez, Sam Torres and Crystal Gonzales

Score by quarters: Ozona - 2 1 6 2 - 11; Junction - 13 4 9 8

- 25.

"The girls played real well we weren't even sure if we were going to get to play we also played against their JV. We got behind early and struggled at the start of the game. We played

great defense in the third quarter and we just could not finish it off," said Coach John Esparza.

The Lady Lions are now 1-3. They will return to play on Jan. 9 where they take on Wall.

Lady Lions compete in Ozona Tourney

By MELISSA PERNER
Editor and Publisher

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

Celia Rivera was named to the All Tournament Team.

Ozona lost their first game to Crane 37-45. Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Rivera 10; Malorie Moran 8; Megan McDaniel 7; Frankie Skinner 6; Sara Dorrough 4 and Victoria Miller 2. Also playing was: Kasey Gray, Allie Bean and Alysha Lara.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 15 5 4 13 - 37; Crane - 9 8 17 11 - 45.

In their second game, the Lady Lions lost to Fort Stockton 37-47. Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Rivera 15; Dorrough 6; Skinner 6; McDaniel 4; Gray 3 and Bean 3. Also playing was: Miller, Lara and Moran

Score by quarters: Ozona - 7 12 7 11 - 37; Fort Stockton - 12 15 8 12 - 47.

Ozona lost their third game by a close margin, 21-28, to Sonora. Scoring for the Lady Lions: Rivera 11; Dorrough 4; Skinner 2; Miller 2 and McDaniel 2. Also playing was: Gray, Bean, Moran and Lara.

Score by quarters: Ozona

- 2 6 8 5 - 21; Sonora - 5 7 6 10 - 28.

The Lady Lions played against Christoval on Dec. 6. Ozona lost by only two points, 49-51. Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Rivera 13; Moran 11; Dorrough 8; Skinner 6; Miller 5; McDaniel 3 and Lara 3. Also playing was: Gray and Bean.

Score by quarters are: Ozona - 12 14 11 12 - 49; Christoval - 16 16 8 11 - 51.

The Lady Lions are now 1-12. The Lady Lions will start district play against Junction on Friday at the Davidson Gymnasium.



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MEGAN MCDANIEL passes the ball for the Lady Lions at the Ozona Basketball Tournament this past weekend.

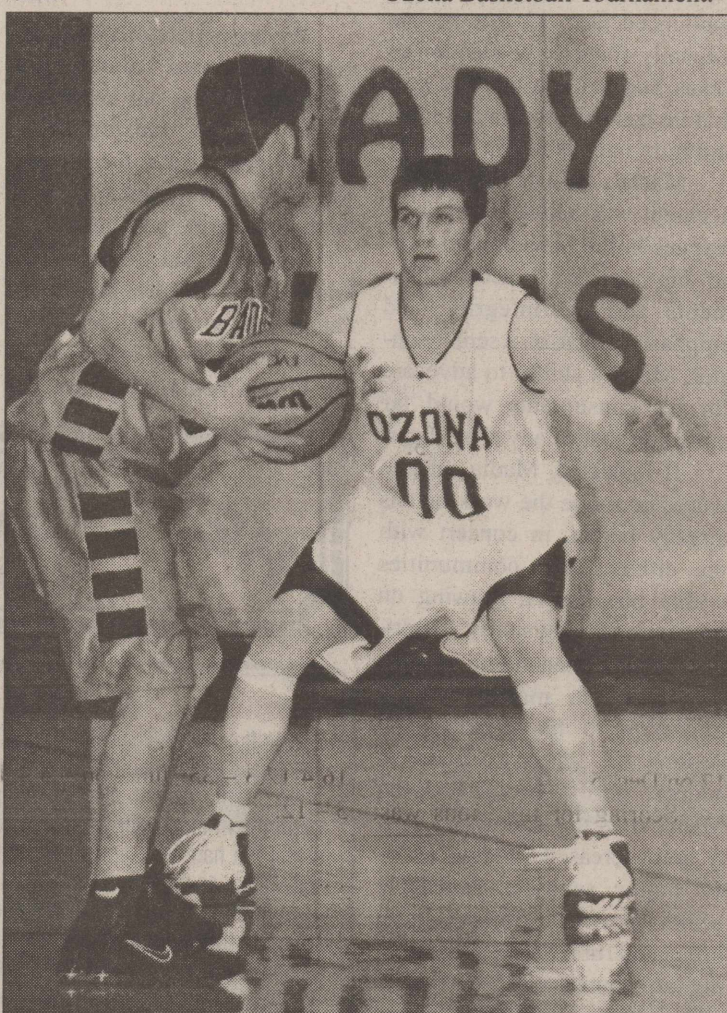


Photo by Joe Hernandez

CALEB MITCHEL puts defensive pressure on a McCamey Badger in the Lion's 31-26 victory that earned them third place in the Ozona Tournament.



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LEVI VARGAS was the high scorer with 18 points in the Lions 47-33 win over Irion County during the Ozona Basketball Tournament.

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Seventh Grade Lady Lions stomp Eagles

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions may have started slow in their Dec. 5 game against Junction, but the girls came out roaring in the end winning 34-7.

"The girls played their hearts out, they were real tough on defense, and only gave up one point in the second half that is just awesome. They have really come together and are playing great as a team," said Coach John Esparza.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Kristen Mendoza 2; Britni Mitchel 7; Melanie Miller 3; Chelsea Moore 4; Brenda Venegas 1; Jennifer Allen 2; Rebecca Ramos 2; Makayla Badillo 5; Rea Lynn Arredondo 4 and Kristen Mendoza 4. Also playing

was: Gaby Rodriguez.
Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 14 3 13 - 37; Junction - 2 4 0 1 - 7.
The Lady Lions are now 2-2. They will take a break over Christmas and return in January.

Seventh Grade Lady Lions "B" Team defeats Junction

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions "B" Team defeated Junction 5-3 on Dec. 5.

Scoring for the Lady Lions was: Mariah Gallardo 2; Leandra

Hernandez 1 and Layla Perez 2. Also playing was: Roxanne Talamantez, Cristi Smith, Rocio Torres, Rebecca Pierce, Robyn Slayter, Ashley Lewis, Jaydn Poindextor, Alma Elizondo and Kellie Pilcher.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 3 2 - 5; Junction - 2 1 - 3.
"The girls played hard and again had to play against some eighth graders but they didn't back down. This was also their first win and they were real

proud, I'm real proud as well and they seem to just get better every week," said Coach John Esparza.
The Lady Lions are 1-2-1. They will take a break for Christmas and return in January.

Eighth Grade Lady Lions dominate Eagles

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Eighth Grade Lady Lions defeated Junction, 30-24, on Dec. 5.

"These girls fought a very tough fight to win this game.

It was one of the most exciting games we've had this year and they gave everything they had. They were able to come out on top and although the game got extremely physical, we didn't have anyone foul out in Junction," said Coach Kim Miller.

Scoring for the Lady Lions: Jayci Miller 8; Alex Macias 7; Alex Cruz 6; Brandi Glosson 6; Vanessa Rodriguez 2 and Kelsey Childress 1. Also playing was: Shelby Ortiz, Brandyn Tebbets

and Myra Dominquez.
Score by quarters: Ozona - 9 4 8 9 - 30; Junction - 6 8 4 6 - 24.
The Lady Lions are now 3-1. They will take a brake and continue play in January.

Eighth Grade Lions "B" Team defeats Eagles

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Eighth Grade Lions "B" lost 4-6 to the Junction Eagles on Dec. 5.

Scoring for the Lions: Aus-

tin Whitten 2 and Lane White 2. Also playing was: K.C. Carson, Nick Hill and David Perez.
Score by quarters: Ozona - 4; Junction - 6.
"This was a hard fought battle and our guys played very

well but we just could not score enough points to win. We had some opportunities but just could not get the ball to go through the hoop. I was very proud of the effort, and I saw some good passes and heads up play which is very

encouraging. We will continue to practice hard and I am certain we will continue to improve," said Coach Rick Bachman.
The Lions are now 2-1-1. They will take a break and return to play in January.

Seventh Grade Lions lose close match to Junction

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Lions lost 20-26 in a close game against the Junction Eagles on Dec. 5.

Scoring for the Lions was:

Abey Lara 16 and Jose Aguilar 4. Also playing was: Stefan Wilson, Kyle Dean, Russell Komechak, Eric Talamantez, Andrew Hamilton and Trey Fierro.

4 9 4 - 20; Junction - 7 5 4 10 - 26.
"We did not shoot the ball very well as a team. I was very proud of the way we play. We caused a lot of turnovers on defense, but unfortunately we

were not able to take advantage of them. The guys played their hearts out," said Coach Levi Box.
The Lions are 1-3. They will take a break and be back in January.

Eighth Grade Lions pounce Eagles

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

The Eighth Grade Lions pounced the Junction Eagles 35-12 on Dec. 5.

Scoring for the Lions was: Kurtlan Reyes 14; Jordan Martinez 6; Dylan Castillo 4; Jaron Vasquez 3; Bailey Badillo 2;

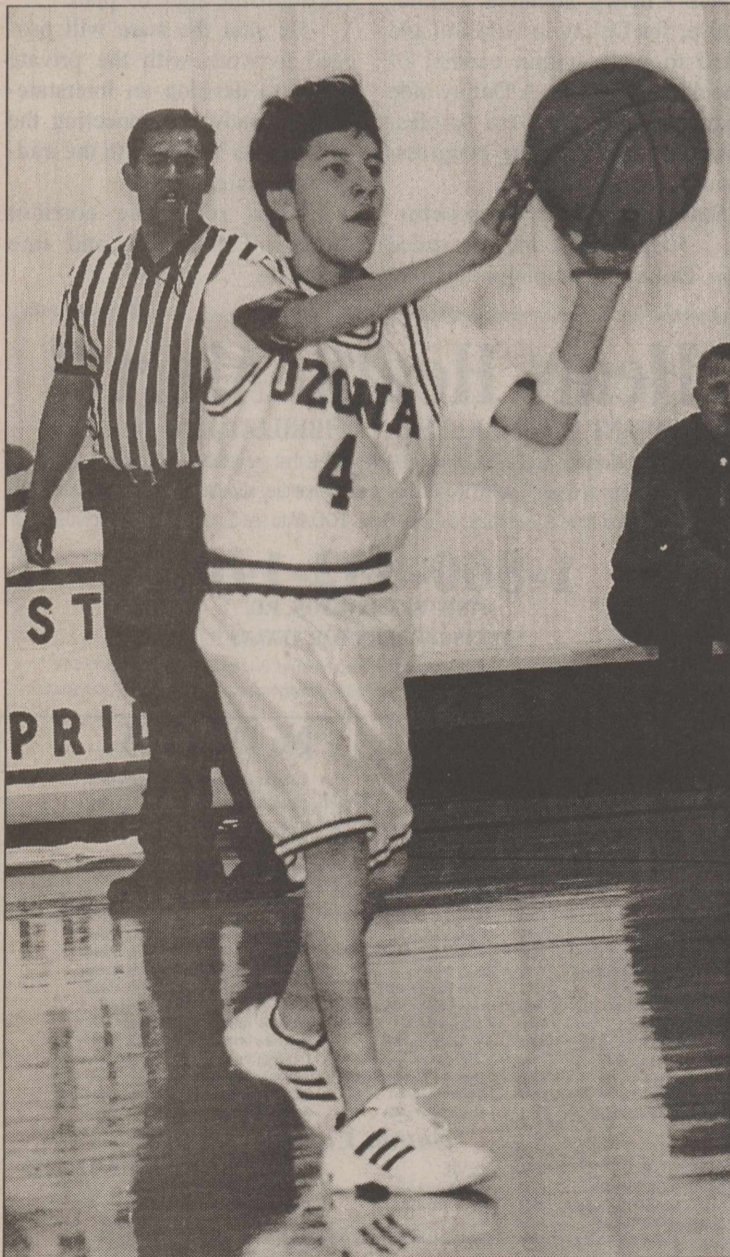
Kyle Sewell 2; Josh Ramos 2 and Nathan DeHoyos 2. Also playing was: Matthew Fay and Markaus Galindo.
Score by quarters: Ozona - 16 4 12 3 - 35; Junction - 4 4 1 3 - 12.
"We have really needed a game like this all season to work on our offense and utilize our

bench. Everyone was able to play a lot in this game and that will be very helpful down the road when we are in a close contest and need our bench to come in and maintain momentum.
Matthew Fay and Markaus Galindo both did a great job of passing the ball around and assisting others. We are mak-

ing progress every day and our shooting is getting better, but we are still not where we need to be and must continue working hard to get better," said Coach Rick Bachman.
The Lions are now 3-1. They will take some time off and return in January.

Seventh Grade Lions "B" Team loses to Junction

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher



The Seventh Grade Lions "B" Team lost 2-6 against Junction on Dec. 5.

Scoring for the Lions was: David Lee Perez 2. Also playing was: Jayce Logan, Austin Sudreth, Nick Hill and Caden Rutherford.
Score by quarters: Ozona - 2; Junction - 6.
"We good defense, but we were just not able to get the ball to go in the basket," said Coach Levi Box.
The Lions are 2-1. They will return to play in January.

Photo by Joe Hernandez
NICK HILL passes the ball in the seventh grade "B" Lions games against Junction.

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Happy 7th Birthday to Aidan on Dec. 17th
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Dec. 19 - High School Pizza Night, 7-10 p.m.
Dec. 20 - High School Movie Night, 7-10 p.m.

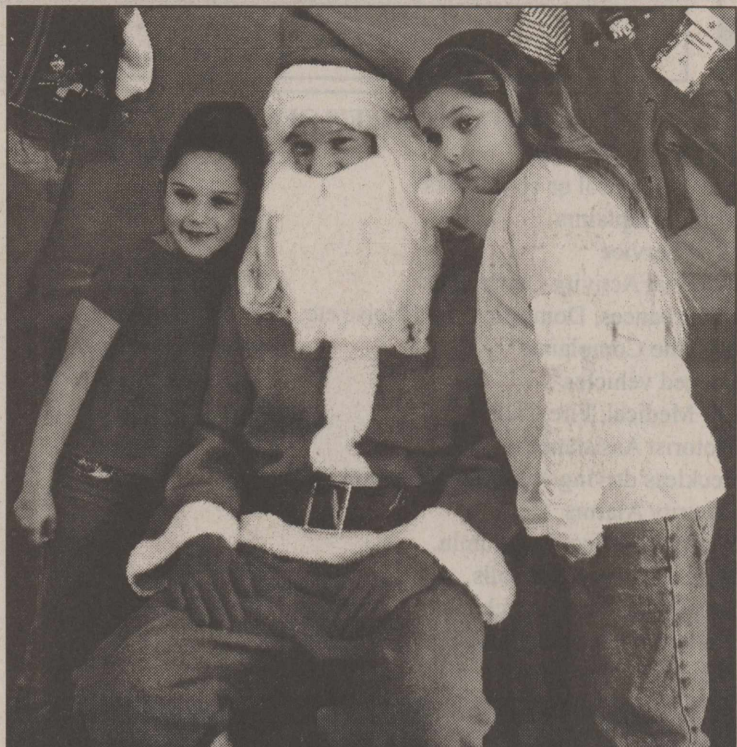


Photo by Melissa Perner
MADALYN and KRISLYNN HARRIS give Santa a hug Thursday at Small Fashions.



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GRAN JERRI LYNN PIERCE holds grandson Jayden Walker as they pose with Santa Thursday at Small Fashions.

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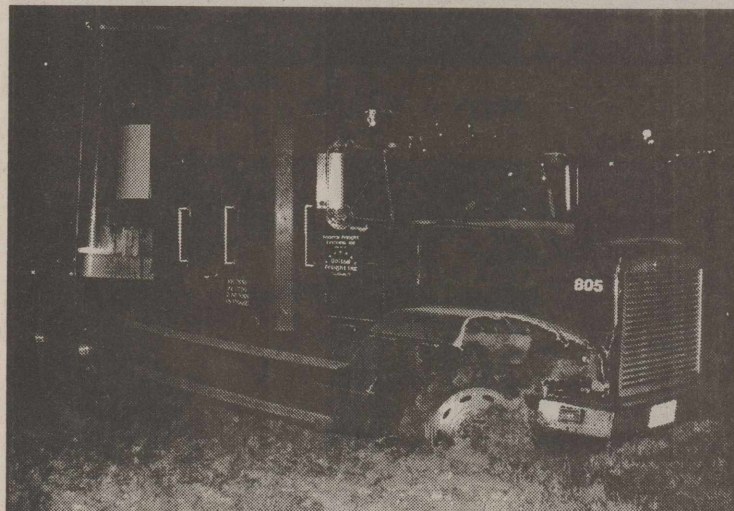


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THIS 18-WHEELER led law enforcement officials on a wild chase Saturday night. The driver, Gordan Martin of Red Water, Texas, was taken into custody by Pecos County Sheriff's Deputies after being reported for reckless driving at the 323 mile-marker on Interstate-10.

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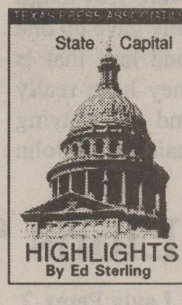
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12-08-05
• Sheriff's Office filed an abandoned vehicle report- a travel trailer was abandoned on County Road 102.

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Judge lets stand 2 charges against DeLay



AUSTIN - Senior state District Judge Pat Priest let stand felony charges of money laundering and conspiracy against former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, and dismissed other conspiracy charges also leveled by a Travis County grand jury at the Sugar Land Republican.

Charges that stuck allege DeLay and his associates moved campaign donations from Texas entities to Americans for a Republican Majority, his national fundraising committee in Washington, D.C., and the money was returned to Texas as donations to his Austin-based fundraising committee, Texans for a Republican Majority.

DeLay did not deny the campaign funds in question helped a select few Texas House Republicans in their successful 2002 races. Their votes in favor of DeLay's redistricting plan in 2003 helped the GOP pick up five U.S. congressional seats in 2004. Now, DeLay's attorney Dick DeGuerin of Houston is asking Judge Priest for a couple of things: (1) to speed up the trial date - so DeLay has a better chance of putting the issue behind him before he campaigns for reelection in the coming year - and (2) to move the trial away from Austin.

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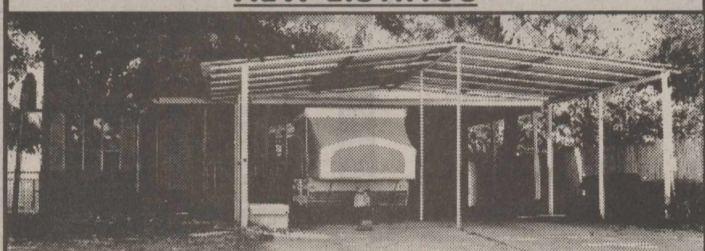
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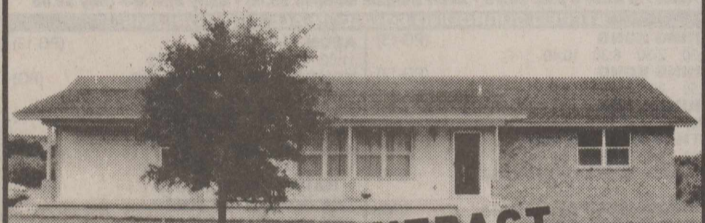
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