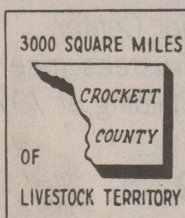


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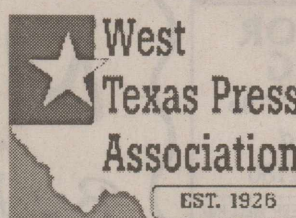
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## FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

**Wednesday**

High 82 Low 54  
Partly Cloudy

**Thursday**

High 76 Low 52  
Partly Cloudy

**Friday**

High 76 Low 53  
Partly Cloudy

**Saturday**

High 75 Low 55  
Partly Cloudy

**Sunday**

High 72 Low 55  
Partly Cloudy

Forecast information provided by the National Weather Service in San Angelo

## Local jury awards \$12.9 million to plane crash victim in civil suit

By **MELISSA PERNER**  
Editor and Publisher

A Crockett County District Jury awarded \$12.9 million to the victim of a 2001 Ozona plane crash.

The unanimous verdict came at 12:30 a.m. on Oct. 11 at the end of a two week trial at the Crockett County Courthouse. District Judge Brock Jones presided over the trial.

Janet Lyn Grimmitt, 35, of Richmond, Va., sued the owners, Sheila Arthur and David Magiera, of Irving, Texas and the pilot, John Willison, of Euless, Texas.

According to court documents, the jury found Willison 100 percent negligent. Arthur and Magiera were not in the plane when it crashed.

The amount for damages was: \$1 million for past physical pain and mental anguish; \$2 million for future physical pain and mental anguish; \$150,000

past disfigurement; \$250,000 for future disfigurement; \$3 million for past physical impairment; \$5 million for future physical impairment; \$285,000 for past medical expenses and \$1.3 million for future medical expenses. These amounts totaled: \$12,985,000.

The original suit filed sought total damages of around \$20 million.

"This is essentially what we asked for, and is a conservative amount for what she's been through," said Charles Houssiere, Grimmitt's attorney with the Houston firm of Houssiere, Durant and Houssiere. "She (Grimmitt) is permanently disabled and in great pain. She is her only soul support."

Houssiere also said he wanted to thank the people of Ozona for their time spent on the case and their hospitality.

Rick De Hoyos of the San Angelo firm Ratliff, Edwards

and De Hoyos were co-council on the case.

Grimmitt filed the suit originally with Dennis Clark Otts, another passenger in the plane.

The suit was in reference to a plane crash that occurred in Ozona on Oct. 19, 2001. The plane crashed in the parking lot between the old Hillcrest Restaurant and Miller Firestone store.

According to court documents, the plane, a Piper PA-30 multi-engine, left Lajitas Airport and was en route to Fort Worth Meachum International Airport.

While the plane approached the Ozona Municipal Airport to refuel, the left engine lost power followed by the right engine.

The plane then struck power lines and crashed.

The original petition filed in 2002 had Grimmitt and Otts vs. Crockett County as well as Charles McCleary and McCleary Aircraft.

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## LIONS STOP OWLS

*Defense contains*

*Reagan County*

By **MELISSA PERNER**  
Editor and Publisher

**BIG LAKE** - Reagan County has been a team known for making second half comebacks.

In their first three games, the Owls won or lost by less than two points. In their fourth game, Reagan County made a comeback that almost got them a win over Iraan.

Entering district play Friday night, the Ozona Lions defense decided the second half comeback was over for the Owls.

Ozona defeated Reagan County 31-17, which started off the Lions with a district victory.

"All season long we have scored most of our points in the second and third quarters and been very cold in the first and last quarters," said Coach Benny Granger. "Last Friday night we scored 14 in the first, 14 in the fourth, while only scoring 3 in the second and third combined. It's odd how things work like



Photo by Joe Hernandez

**CALEB MITCHEL** looks to run around Ethan Furr of the Reagan County Owls during Friday night's game in Big Lake. Mitchel was one of three leading rushers for Ozona with 117 yards and two touchdowns in the 31-17 district win. The Lions are now 4-2, 1-0 in district and will face Crane this week in Crane.

the third quarter, Ozona would remain scoreless and turn the ball over three times.

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## Important Election Dates County attorney candidates Q&A

- OCT. 23** - first day of early voting.
- OCT. 31** - last day to apply for a ballot by mail.
- NOV. 3** - last day of early voting.
- NOV. 7** - Election Day.

### Where to vote

- EARLY VOTING** - 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex
- ELECTION DAY** - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Precinct 1** - Courthouse
- Precinct 2** - Senior Citizens Building
- Precinct 3** - Civic Center
- Precinct 4** - Ozona Primary School

### Other races on the ballot

**GOVERNOR** - Rick Perry, Republican (I); Chris Bell, Democrat; Carole Keeton Strayhorn, Independent and Kinky Friedman, Independent.

**STATE SENATOR** - Carlos Uresti, Democrat and Dick Bowen, Republican.

**U.S. CONGRESSMAN** - Henry Bonilla, Republican (I); Democrats - Rick Bolaños, Ciro Rodriguez, Lukin Gilliland Jr., Albert Uresti, August "Augie" Beltran and Adrian DeLeon and Craig T. Stephens, Independent.

*Editor's note: The following is a Q&A article from Crockett County Attorney Candidate Jody K. Upham.*

**Q: WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION, EDUCATION AND FAMILY?**

**A:** I am an attorney operating my own private practice.

I was valedictorian of Sabinal High School in Sabinal, Texas. I then graduated magna cum laude from Texas A&M University in College Station with a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's degree in finance. I later graduated from the University of Texas School of Law in Austin with my Doctor of Jurisprudence.

I am married to Ozona-native Casey Upham, and we have one child, Audrey, who is three months old.

**Q: WHAT QUALIFIES YOU FOR THE POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR?**

**A:** I am dedicated to serving the Ozona community by ethically representing Crockett County. My dedication to the community has been displayed in my work with the Ozona Community Center and the Ozona Woman's League, two non-profit organizations each devoted to providing service to the greater community.



JODY K. UPHAM

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*Editor's note: The following is a Q&A article from Crockett County Attorney Candidate Steve Taliaferro*

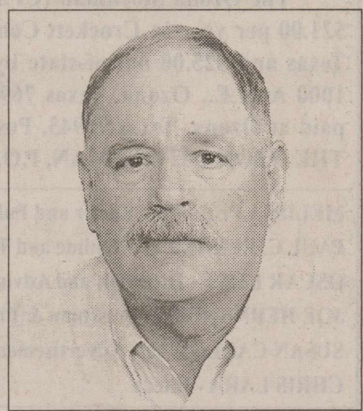
**Q: WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION, EDUCATION AND FAMILY?**

**A:** I am a practicing attorney, currently the Crockett County Attorney. I grew up in Ozona and graduated from high school here in 1966. I graduated from Texas Tech University with a Bachelor of Science degree and from the University of Arkansas Law School with a Juris Doctorate. My grandparents were in business in Ozona for many years and also had ranching interest in Northwest Arkansas and Southwest Missouri. My mother taught in the Ozona School system for over 30 years and still maintains rental property in Ozona.

**Q: WHAT QUALIFIES YOU FOR THE POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR?**

**A:** I have been a practicing attorney for 24 years. I served as the Winkler County Attorney for 7 1/2 years and as a special assistant prosecutor for 1 year. I am licensed to practice law in Texas and Missouri.

I have prosecuted and defended hundreds of criminal



STEVE TALIAFERRO

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## BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

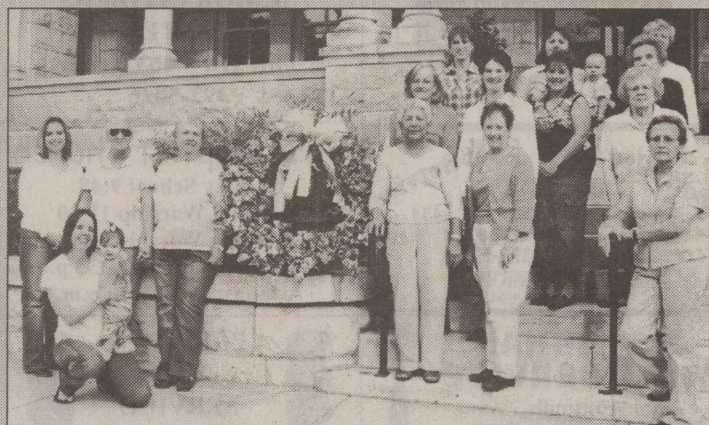


Photo by Melissa Perner

**THE HANGING OF THE BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WREATH** took place Oct. 11 in front of the Crockett County Courthouse. Those pictured are: Kayla Davidson and Mia; Abbie Hubbard, Cheryl Sheppard and Betty Harrell; Elvira Martinez, American Cancer Society Representative Elizabeth Upham and Blanca Castro and Veva Vargas; Wesley Nurse E.A. Wadsworth R.N., Jody Upham, Leigh Ann Dannheim and Louise Taliaferro and Vicki Childress, Connie Crenwelge and Emma and Linda Moore.

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the American Cancer Society is a leader in the fight against cancer, and has called for the citizens of Ozona, Crockett County, Texas, to join with them in the celebration of those ten million Americans who are surviving a cancer diagnosis; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of October, designated as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, will bring together cancer patients, survivors, friends and families in a visible demonstration of hope in cancer control and the spread of awareness of the importance of early detection in the saving of lives in the fight against breast cancer.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, John R. Jones, by virtue of the authority vested in me as County Judge of Crockett County, do hereby proclaim October as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" throughout Ozona and Crockett County and urge all citizens to join with their neighbors and friends in this fight to survive.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 11th day of October, 2006.

## School board to meet tonight

The Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees will meet at 6:30 p.m. tonight, Oct. 18, at the Administration Building.

- Items on the agenda:
- Update on the progress being made in the selection process for a committee to study district facilities improvement needs.
  - Update on the transactions and finalization process regarding the sale of school owned property on Monterey Street.
  - Approval to accept bids for the sale of school owned property (vacant lot) located in Lima Addition Lot B1, Block 1 of Monterey Street.
  - Reports from maintenance and transportation; principals and directors; technology and superintendent.

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# What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

## Football in Alaska can teach all of us a lesson

Imagine playing your first football game on a field made of gravel, the fans are wearing parkas covered with fur and there's a possibility that the sighting of a polar bear could delay the game.

This is high school football in a town called Barrow, Alaska. Located 330 miles north of the Arctic Circle, it is the northern most place in the United States. The town of 4,600 people started a high school football team this year to help give its young people something to do.

According to two articles and a video documentary published by ESPN, the town is plagued with their young people using drugs and not finishing school. The high school has a 52 percent dropout rate, mainly the boys.

The school conducted a survey last year and asked the students what they wanted new at their school. The votes came back high for a football team.

A football team that would give teenagers something to do and give them an incentive to stay in school, this is what was created in a town where the average temperature in August is 31 degrees.

The team lost their first two games, but managed to win their third and celebrated by jumping into the Arctic Ocean.

As I was reading these two articles, I could image these kids playing their hearts out to try and win these games for their town. I could also image the fans getting to watch this sport in person for the first time.

The town, made up mainly of native Inupiat Eskimo, does not have any roads in or out. You have to fly in. The cost of living is expensive due to the lack resources. However, people survive in what they call "the frozen tundra"

because this is what they know.

Like other small towns in America, these students wanted a chance to spend their Fridays and Saturdays on the football field. They wanted a chance to be like everyone else.

As I saw the said images of their town, one that is not that much bigger than Ozona, I thought about how much we all take for granted living here. We complain about living 80 miles away from the nearest Wal-Mart, but we have the advantage of getting into nice cars, pickups and SUVs and travel to the shopping destination.

We complain about the miserable heat during the summer, but we have green grass and fresh flowers that bring joy and beauty.

We complain about how our young people have nothing to do, but we have a youth center, churches with youth programs and a school system with numerous extra-curricular activities.

Like any change, there are those in Alaska who are not in favor of the football team due to the numerous costs they have to endure in flying opposing teams in, flying the home team out and paying for overnight and meal costs.

Will football save this little town from the drug problems?

It may not solve all their problems, but for a few teenagers it has given them an alternative to staying clean and staying in school.

As I was reading these articles, I was thankful for what we have here in our town and I wish everyone, including our young people, would read about the students in Barrow, Alaska and how they should be thankful to be where they are.

## Community Calendar

- Wednesday, Oct. 18**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
  - Afternoon movie, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
  - Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building at 797 Avenue D.
- Thursday, Oct. 19**
- AA meeting, 5:30 a.m. at the courthouse annex.
  - Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
  - Ozona Middle School Lions vs. Crane, starting at 5 p.m. in Crane.
  - Ozona JV Lions vs. Crane, 6 p.m. at Lion Stadium.
- Friday, Oct. 20**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
  - Ozona Varsity Lions vs. Crane, 7:30 p.m. at Crane.
- Saturday, Oct. 21**
- Ozona YMCA Pee Wee and Heavyweight Football at Lion Stadium.
  - Photos at the Pumpkin Patch, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Ozona Community Center.
- Sunday, Oct. 22**
- Crockett County 4-H Food Show, 2 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- Monday, Oct. 23**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
  - Ozona Cross Country teams at Wall meet in Wall.
  - Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
  - AA meetings, 8 p.m. at the Lutheran Church on 802 First St.
- Tuesday, Oct. 24**
- Senior Bingo Social, 6:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Wednesday, Oct. 25**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

## It's the Pitts

by Lee Pitts

## Sins of the Cowboy

Recently I saw an ad for a ranch manager that specifically stated, "No drinkers, team ropers or rodeo contestants need apply."

I thought such discrimination was illegal these days but I see ads like this all the time. I think some ranchers are being a bit unreasonable in trying to find a competent person who can do things that not one hundredth of one percent of the people in the world can do: like pull a calf or break a horse. And on top of that they want them to be saints. Some owners are even more persnickety: they don't want any smokers or cowboy poets either. And they want these angels for less than minimum wage!

Whenever I read a help wanted ad like that it reminds me of some down-on-their-luck cowboys I met one night at the Pow Wow in Tucumcari. They'd been deeply engaged in one of the cowboy sins for hours when they told me the tale of a green cowboy who blew in from Arizona along with the tumbleweeds, and landed himself a job on one of the big spreads in the Land of Enchantment.

Only his job wasn't all that enchanting. He was expected to live in an old line-camp for 12 months a year where he was lonelier than a preacher on pay day.

The nearest town, if you could call it that, was two hours away and civilization was another world away. The young cowboy had grown up on a ranch so he had the necessary cowboy skills but he was not what you'd call worldly. Truth be told, he was greener than a 400 pound drouthed out yearling.

For weeks at a time his only interaction with people was when he'd be out riding fence and run into the grizzled old timer who lived in the adjoining cow camp. He was a contrary codger whose legs were warped, along with his outlook on life. One day the old geezer rode up to the young man's cabin on a lathered horse. "The cow boss is making the rounds," he told the young cowboy. "You'd best bury any whiskey along with any other bad habits you got. There's no drinking or gambling allowed on this outfit."

The young man was hardly what you'd call degenerate but he did enjoy the occasional game of solitaire and every so often he'd take a snort. But he thanked the old timer and solemnly buried his booze along with his cards and put his Bible in a prominent place. Then he waited for the cow boss to visit. But he never came.

Of course, he'd been the subject of a practical joke. To his credit the young man kept a cork on his temper but vowed some day to get even. When he learned that the cow boss really would be making the rounds he got in the decrepit truck he used to spread cake and drove into town where he bought three bottles of whiskey, dice, cards and some Playboy Magazines.

Then he went over to the old timer's camp and waited until he left for the day. Next, he went into his cabin and seeded enough evidence that would have hung the Mayor's mother. When he was done the place smell like a brewery, girls magazines were spread everywhere and a deck of cards was on the table.

Later when he dropped back by instead of finding the old geezer gathering his belongings he found him with the cow boss rolling dice, drinking booze, singing like coyotes and perusing the magazines. When they saw the young cowboy the cow boss asked, "Care for a drink? Oh, I forgot, you're a teetotaler. Har, har," the two roared.

It would have been a good joke had the no-nonsense ranch owner not dropped by shortly thereafter and fired all three men. And that's why they were in the Pow Wow, larrupin' up liquor like only a fired cowboy can. The grizzled old timer complained, "He expected us to stretch barbed wire, calve out heifers, ride rank horses and live like a monk in a line shack filled with bugs and varmints."

"Yeah," added the cow boss. "If I'd have known I'd have to live such a clean life to pursue my life's work I might as well have become a priest."

"It sure would have paid better," chimed in the young cowpoke.

## 'Business Tips'

BY DAVE ERICKSON

### Workplace identity theft

Identify theft is one of the country's fastest growing crimes and is a concern for most people. A 2003 survey conducted by the Identity Theft Resource Center found that victims of identity theft spent an average of 607 hours and \$1495 in out of pocket expenses to resolve the thefts.

Before long most businesses will have a role in preventing identify theft. A recently enacted federal law requires the Federal Trade Commission to regulate the proper disposal of consumer information gathered by businesses and impose fines and penalties on businesses that fail to properly dispose of consumer information they gather on their customers and employees.

The 2003 Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act (FACTA) has a provision requiring businesses to properly dispose of consumer information gathered for business purposes or risk fines and penalties. The Federal Trade Commission has set a deadline of June 1, 2005 to comply with this regulation. FACTA is an amendment of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, which is the federal law governing consumer reports.

What is proper disposal? The Act states that proper disposal of hard copy documents means ensuring the burning, pulverizing, or shredding of any papers containing consumer information so the information cannot be read or reconstructed.

Some businesses contract out third party firms to handle their document destruction. Keep in mind this does not relieve the business of responsibility for the document destruction. If a third party firm handles the disposal of your business records, you must use "due diligence" to ensure the firm complies with FACTA.

Proper destruction of electronic consumer information is also covered under the Act. In this case a business must monitor policies that require your employees to destroy or erase electronic media containing consumer information so the information cannot be read or reconstructed.

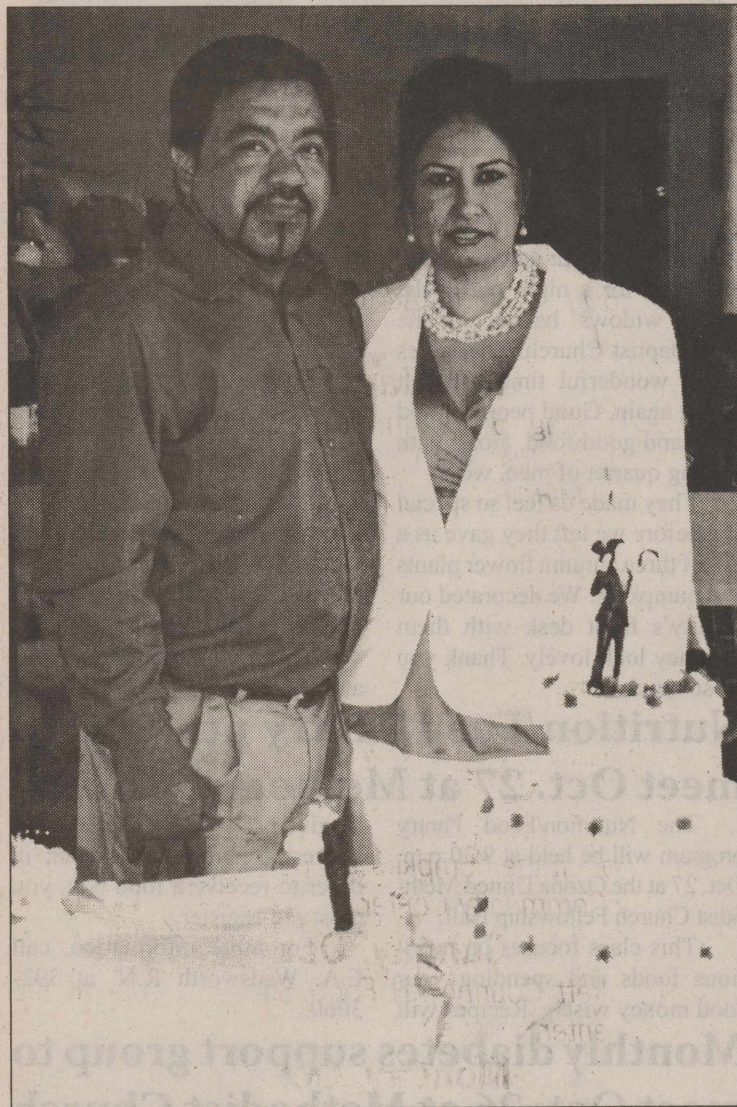
One important note, the Act does not state when the information should be destroyed or it does not address how the information should be stored or handled. In regards to retention, a business should refer to state and federal requirements which discuss document retention of employment information.

This is a good time to remind businesses about their responsibility to protect their employees from the growing threat of identity theft from the workplace. Take time to evaluate how you store and handle your employee files and other sensitive employee information.

*Business Tips is provided by Dave Erickson, Director and Certified Business Advisor IV at Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. For more information on the topic of this Business Tips article, contact him at David.Erickson@angelo.edu.*

## Letters to the Editor

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**Silva-Hernandez united in marriage**

Marilu Silva and Jose Luis Hernandez were united in marriage on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2006 at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Natividad Hernandez Sr. with Justice of the Peace James Hearne performing the ceremony.

Family and close friends also attended the ceremony. The bride is a resident of Del Rio and works at the SAS Shoe Factory. She is the daughter of Petra Hernandez and the late Rafael Silva.

The groom is a resident of Ozona and works at The Ozona Stockman. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Natividad Hernandez Sr.

The couple will be taking a future wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nevada. The couple will live in Ozona.

**Happy Birthday**

- Oct. 18 - Benny Sanchez
- Oct. 19 - Austin Martinez
- Oct. 20 - Jaron Vasquez, Brenna Adcock and Jomie B. Tebbetts Jr.
- Oct. 21 - Lionel Martinez and Alexis Flores
- Oct. 22 - Peggy Cook, LaDawn Adcock, Wesley Bean and Teri Duncan
- Oct. 23 - Maria Perez, Pam Maresch, Jack Gillit, Felix Venegas Jr. and Barbara Nicks
- Oct. 24 - Asa Bullard and Josh Roman

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**Ozona Woman's League News**

By **MELISSA PERNER**  
Ozona Woman's League

Members of the Ozona Woman's League met on Oct. 10 for a regular meeting at the Crockett County Museum.

The members discussed the Oct. 6 homecoming barbecue dinner. Treasurer Jody Upham gave a break down of expenses and income, resulting in around \$1,600 raised.

League members would like to thank everyone in Ozona and Marfa for donating and participating in our annual event.

The group also talked about taking pictures at the Ozona Community Center's Pumpkin Patch.

Photos will be taken from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 20 at the

Pumpkin Patch.

Fliers will be distributed around town as well as advertising in The Stockman and on the Cable TV station.

The group also decided to wear pink in support of the Breast Cancer Awareness for the Oct. 24 meeting. That meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Vicki Childress and will feature a program about Breast Cancer Awareness.

After the meeting, several members toward the museum with Camille Dammon and Roberta Schoenhals as their tour guides.

Those attending the meeting were: Jody Upham, Connie Crenwelge, Pam Crenwelge, Melissa Hokit, Leigh Ann Dannheim, Susie Bishop, Kayla Davidson, Melissa Perner, Shauna Yeager, Melinda Moran, Haley Forehand, Abbie Hubbard, Vicki Childress and Camille Dammon.

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**Come visit The Pumpkin Patch!**

The Ozona Community Center is again sponsoring the Pumpkin Patch for the families of Ozona to enjoy as a fundraiser.

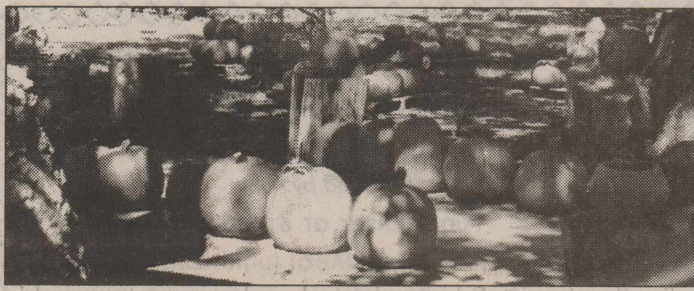
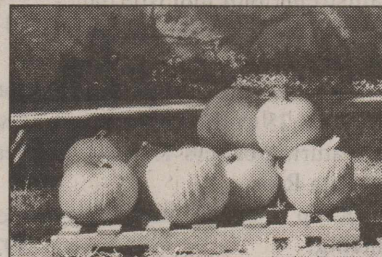
The pumpkin patch will be open from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays through Oct. 31.

Organizations are invited and encouraged to host their own fund-raising events in the patch.

The Crockett County Public Library will again by hosting "Story Time" in the Pumpkin Patch for the primary school students.

A new feature this year will be "Photos in the Patch" hosted by Ozona Woman's League from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 21.

Come spend some fun time with your children in the Pumpkin Patch!



**THANK YOU NOTES**  
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**Halloween Carnival Time**

The Ozona Community Center is sponsoring the annual Halloween Carnival Oct. 31 on the town square.

Fun begins at 5:30 p.m. and will last until 8 p.m. Booths are available for \$10 each and can be reserved by call 392-3060

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- Created the Homemaker IRA which provides equal retirement savings opportunities for stay-at-home spouses.
- Successfully passed the Interstate Stalking and Prevention Act of 1996.
- Increased the gas-tax reimbursement rate for Texas from \$.78 to \$.91.
- Early co-sponsor of the elimination of the Death Tax.
- Successfully led the fight and passed legislation allowing Texas taxpayers to deduct sales/local taxes on their federal income tax returns. This saved Texans approximately \$700 million.
- Established the El Camino Real de los Tejas as only the second national historic trail Texas.
- Secured over \$20 million of reimbursements to Texas to rebuild, recover and educate displaced individuals from the Hurricanes Rita and Katrina.
- As Chairman of the Science and Space Subcommittee, prevented deep cuts into NASA's manned space exploration program and authorized appropriations to NASA through 2010.
- Successfully passed an amendment that banned tolls on existing federal highways.
- Secured authorization for the new 1-69 trade corridor from Laredo through East Texas.
- Led the fight to ensure Texas did not lose unused Children's Health Insurance Plan funding, which meant Texas saved more than \$700 million.
- Secured \$1.3 billion in state aid in the 2003 Tax Relief Bill to help Texas' budget crisis.

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# Celebrate Chamber of Commerce Week

By SHANON BIGGERSTAFF  
Chamber Executive Director

As declared by Governor Rick Perry, Oct. 16-20 is Chamber of Commerce Week in Texas. During this week, all citizens should pause and reflect on the many contributions made to their community through the efforts of their local Chamber of Commerce.

During Chamber Week, communities from across the state will pass proclamations that honor their Chambers for the many contributions they make to their towns. Each Chamber and community has unique challenges. Chambers work to educate and support the community and local businesses. Economic and community development, creating jobs, implementing beautification programs, increasing revenue, campaigning for improved streets and highways, and stimulating industrial, commercial, and agricultural growth are just a few areas in which a Chamber works.

With the guidance of local residents and businesses, there is a long history of accomplishment as a result of the support and involvement of the Chamber.

Just this year the Ozona Chamber of Commerce:

- Opened a new Visitor Center in January and has seen an increase of 85 percent (3,595 visitors) in their walk-in traffic.
- Citizens may now renew their Driver's License at the Visitor Center Conference Center each Wednesday.

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Together we work to build a better Texas, to improve your quality of life, to meet the needs of local business through expansion and creation of new jobs, and to keep abreast of current legislative issues.

• The Chamber attended a public hearing in Austin in support of the Texas Motorized Trails Coalition and their efforts to develop an off-road vehicle recreation park in Crockett County to increase tourism revenue.

• The Chamber raised \$8,000 at their annual banquet and fund raiser, monies used to develop and fund programs and services for their members and the community.

• The Chamber organized and hosted, with the assistance of the Ozona Airport, a women's Air Race Classic and brought over \$6,000 in revenue to the community.

• The Chamber is working with twenty-two other counties (Texas Pecos Trail) to promote and preserve the region's culture and heritage and to generate revenue for the region.

• The Chamber hosted a luncheon and invited the Small Business Development Center and Workforce Solutions to talk with local businesses about the services available to improve their operations.

• The Chamber is working with the ASU Communication, Drama, & Journalism Department to provide brochures for local businesses to promote their products and services.

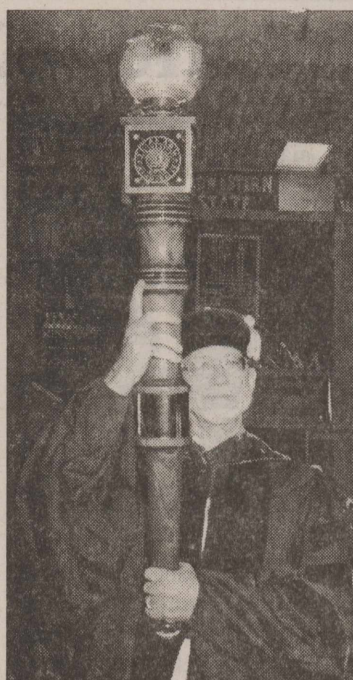
• The Chamber assists the Deerfest Association each year in promoting their event.

• The Davy Crockett Festival, a former Chamber event, is now organized by the Ozona Community Center and Knights of Columbus. This festival will now be their fund raising activity.

• The Chamber will host this year a Hunter's Appreciation Drawing. An effort to 1) show appreciation to Hunters for the economic impact they bring to Crockett County, 2) bring them into the new Visitor Center to provide additional information about the community.

• Finally, this year the Chamber will participate in the Christmas Home of Tours.

Let's express our appreciation through a simple thank you to the leaders, volunteers, and staff of the Ozona Chamber of Commerce.



Submitted photos

**DR. THOMAS A. FIELDS**, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.O. Fields, of Ozona, and a 1961 graduate of Ozona High School, is shown lifting the official Texas A&M University-Kingsville Mace at a recent graduation exercise. Dr. Fields, president of the faculty senate, was on the task force to rewrite the constitution of the university and was elected the first president under that new constitution.



Photo by Paul C. Perner IV

**DIANE MYERS** gets ready to be given her annual flu shot. The Family Health Center of Ozona distributed 354 doses on Oct. 11 during the drive-thru clinic. More doses were also distributed on Oct. 16.

## Volunteer fire department receives donation from Devon

MIDLAND - Volunteer fire departments in 19 West Texas communities, including the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department, have each received a \$750 check as part of a \$14,250 donation from Devon Energy Corporation.

Devon has donated the money to these fire departments to pay for supplies and equipment that do not come out of a specific funding source.

"A good fire department is indispensable," said Cecil Thurmond, Devon Ambassador and Midland Office Superintendent. "The volunteer fire departments throughout west Texas provide vital services and make a big

commitment to our communities. This fire season we have seen the tremendous dedication these volunteers make and these donations are one way Devon says thank you to them."

Devon has a history of supporting local emergency responders in areas where it has oil and gas operations.

"Safety is important to everyone," said Thurmond. "We support the volunteers of the first responder program and appreciate their efforts to help ensure the safety of their communities."

Devon is one of the world's leading independent oil and gas companies.

## Mardi Gras Pep Rally Friday

The Ozona High School cheerleaders want to invite everyone to join them for the Mardi Gras pep rally at 2:05 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20 at the Davidson Gym.

After the pep rally join the cheerleaders at the field house to send the Lions off to Crane! Bring your spirit signs and be ready to make a lot of noise! GO BIG LIONS! BEAT CRANE!

## Thank you from the booster club

The Ozona High School Booster Club would like to thank David and Cynthia Vargas for painting the new wooden lions. Thanks also goes to John L. Henderson and Brooks Long for putting them up. We appreciate their time and efforts to support the Lions.

The booster club would like to thank the Ozona National Bank for working the concession stand during the varsity game against Wall. Their continued support is appreciated.

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## USDA's EQUIP deadline set for Dec. 16

By LORI VALADEZ  
USDA Public Affairs Specialist

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas has set a Dec. 15 sign-up deadline for the 2007 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

"The funds allocated for EQIP will help farmers and ranchers improve natural resources on private working lands in Texas," said Dr. Larry Butler, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. "The program provides cost-share and incentives payments to producers applying approved conservation

measures that help solve natural resource problems."

Natural resource concerns are established in each county by local work groups, who identify the most important natural resource issues in the area. Through EQIP, NRCS also funds projects that address special statewide resource concerns recommended by the Texas State Technical Committee.

The 2007 statewide resource concerns are animal waste, invasive species, plant condition, water quality, water quantity, and wildlife emphasis areas.

Immediately following the

end of the sign-up period, all applications will be ranked. Producers with an approved application will work with an NRCS conservation planner to develop a contract and a plan and will begin implementing conservation practices next spring.

For more information, call the Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District Office at (325) 392-2301 ext. 101.

Additional information, including ranking criteria, eligible practices, and cost-share rates for all programs, can also be found on the Texas NRCS Web Site at [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/).

## USDA Rural Development introduces guaranteed underwriting system pilot

By GAYLE LEDYARD  
USDA Public Affairs Specialist

TEMPLE - Lenders will soon have the ability to underwrite USDA Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loans using the new Guaranteed Underwriting System (GUS).

GUS was developed by USDA Rural Development to automate a manual underwriting process, which considers loan applications for approval.

A unique GUS feature is that it determines a borrower's income and a property's eligibility for the Single Family Housing Guaranteed Loan Program.

"The Guaranteed Rural Housing Program not only provides decent and affordable housing, but is an important

component of USDA's economic development efforts," said Bryan Daniel, Texas State Director of USDA Rural Development. "The availability of affordable housing is often a key element in whether a business decides to locate or remain in a rural community."

GUS will enable participating lenders to receive faster loan decisions, streamlined documentation requirements, better quality loans, more consistency in program delivery, and will fulfill legal requirements under the Government Paperwork Elimination Act and the Freedom to E-File Act.

USDA Rural Development began a national market test of GUS on Aug. 1, with eight lenders.

In Texas, Allied Home Mortgage Capital Corporation piloted

the program under the direction of David Hail, Vice President. Additional lenders will be added to the market test later this year in preparation for full GUS implementation in January 2007.

Guaranteed Loans are made to qualifying low- and moderate-income families to purchase homes in rural areas. The loans are made by mortgage lenders, such as banks, credit unions and mortgage companies.

For more information, call the USDA Rural Development office at (325) 392-2301 ext. 4 or visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/officeinfo.htm>.

Allied Mortgage Capital Corporation can be reached at 2602 Ridge Road, Suite 200, Rockwall, Texas 75087, (972) 772-5140, or at [www.alliedmtgcapital.com](http://www.alliedmtgcapital.com).

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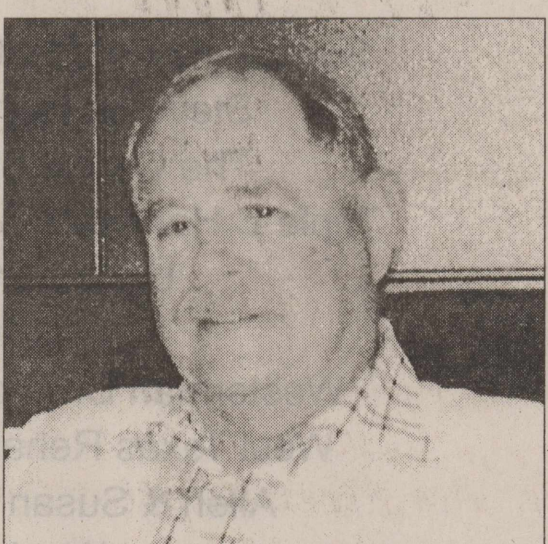
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## USTA Junior Tennis Team wins sectional meet

By MELISSA PERNER  
Editor and Publisher

Ozona's USTA Junior Tennis Team won the Sectional Championships after defeating Fort Stockton and Pecos on Oct. 8 in Fort Stockton.

"The team played great. You have to consider the fact that we are playing 3A schools. Not only were we able to keep up, but we also defeated these players," said Corina Diehl. "Getting down to the last matches, it was very close score between all three teams."

Ozona defeated Fort Stockton 36-22 and Pecos 30-25.

Helping to defeat Fort Stockton was the mixed doubles team of Russel Komechak and Puja Bhakta, who won their match 8-2 over Rascon/Duforat of Fort Stockton.

The last match was deciding match between Ozona and Pecos. Pecos was ahead 24-22 going into the final singles match between Julia Henderson and Ikeler of Pecos.

"The kids had been keeping close tabs on the score. Julia knew what she had to do going into her last match," said Corina Diehl. "Julia said that she had never had to concentrate as hard as she did on the match. Not only did she have to concentrate on her match, but she also had to



Photo by Cindy Komechak

**THE OZONA USTA TENNIS TEAM** are the Sectional Champions, and will compete in regionals on Oct. 28. Those pictured are: (back row, left to right) Julia Henderson, Puja Bhakta and Diane Hernandez. Front row (left to right) Russel Komechak, Coach Corina Diehl and Devon Diehl. Not pictured are Justin Maldonado and Coach Tom Diehl.

make sure that she kept her opponents points low enough to where we wouldn't have to play a tie-breaker."

Henderson ended up defeating Ikeler 8-1, giving Ozona the win. Henderson also won her previous match, 8-0, over Duforat of Fort Stockton.

In the boys' singles, Devon Diehl defeated Salamanca, of Fort Stockton, 8-4. He lost his second match 8-0 to Ornelas of Pecos.

In boys' doubles, Devon Diehl and Komechak lost to

Marquez and Salamanca of Fort Stockton, 8-6, but won 8-3 over Zamarripa and Munoz of Pecos.

In girls' doubles, Henderson and Diane Hernandez lost 8-6 to Subia and Duforat of Fort Stockton, but won 8-5 over Ikeler and Munoz 8-5.

The USTA team tennis will be competing for the regional championships on Oct. 28. The winning team will then compete for the state championship at John Newcomb's Tennis Ranch at New Braunfels.



Photo by Joe Hernandez

**DENA PORTER and HER KINDERGARTEN CLASS** let a butterfly go outside the primary school. The class has been studying butterflies and how they are formed from a caterpillar.



Photo by Joe Hernandez

**STUDENTS AT MARTA DE LA GARZA'S HOUSE** perfected their pumpkin carving skills on Oct. 9 to get ready for Halloween later this month.

## Eighth Grade Lions get third straight shutout against Reagan County Owls

By MELISSA PERNER  
Editor and Publisher

The Ozona Eighth Grade Lions got their third straight shutout Thursday night defeating the Reagan County Owls 14-0.

Josh Gonzales started the

scoring with a 36-yard touchdown run late in the second quarter to give the Lions a 6-0 lead after the 2-point conversion failed.

Gonzales would score again from 2 yards out, with Chris Ren-

for the two-point conversion.

The young Lions played great defense all night long, only allowing five first downs the entire game, said Coach John Esparza.

"We played great defense again this week. Defense is something this group of guys pride themselves on. They do not like to get scored on, much less give up first downs," Esparza said. "It is fun watching them play defense because the fly all over the field and a different person seems to make a play."

This week, the defensive line which consist of Kyle Dean, Andrew Sanchez, Russell Komechak, and Jose Aguilera were the ones that come up big, they were in the back field all night causing problems for the Owl offense and force several key turn overs, Esparza said.

Others contributing to the Lions victory were Austin Suddreth, Trey Fierro, Alonso Quiroz, Joe Borrego, Stefan Wilson, Anthony Gonzales and David Perez.

The Lions are now 3-1-1. Ozona will face the Crane Golden Cranes at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in Crane.

E-mail the Stockman at  
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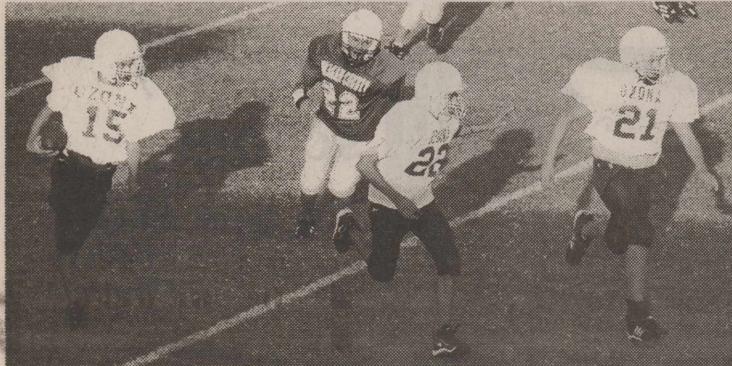
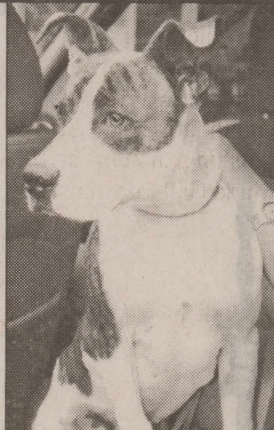


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**SEVENTH GRADER OLLIE MENDEZ (15)** runs the ball as Aron Aguilera (22) and Mark Gallardo (21) move up to clear the way.

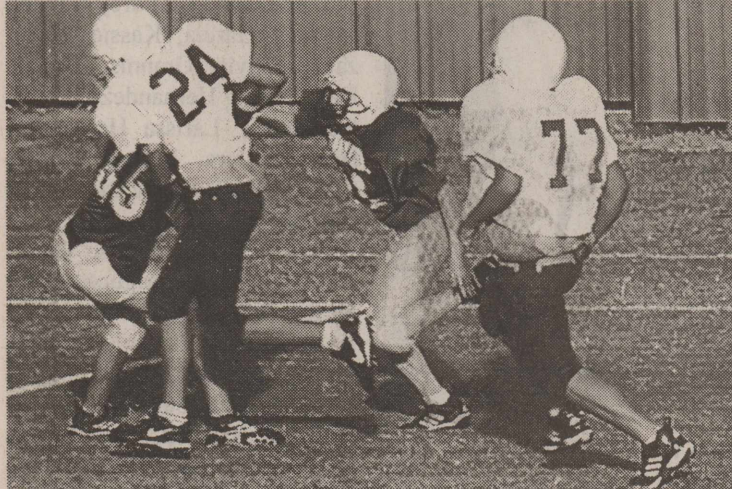


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**ADRIEL ZAMARRIPA (24)** tackles the ball carrier as Jose Lozano moves in to assist in the seventh grade Lions 29-6 win over Big Lake.

## 7th Grade Lions pounce Owls

By MELISSA PERNER  
Editor and Publisher

The Seventh Grade Lions defeated the Reagan County Owls 28-6 Thursday night in Big Lake.

Quarterback Alejandro Mendez had 103 yards rushing with one touchdown for 37 yards and a passing touchdown of 25 yards. He also added a two-point conversion.

Aron Aguilera had 97 yards rushing and two touchdowns. The first touchdown was pass for 37 yards and the second was 42 yards.

Adriel Zamarripa had one receiving touchdown of 25 yards with a total of 54 yards.

Mark Gallardo added a two-point conversion.

"I am very proud of the way we kept our composure and came back from being down 6-0 forcing three turnovers and converting them into scores," said Coach Brandon Marino. "We played very well on both sides of the ball and answered Reagan County's score with a score of our own."

The Lions are 3-0 overall and 1-0 in district play.

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Oct. 19 - YOUTH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED DURING FOOTBALL GAME. IT WILL BE OPEN AFTER THE GAME.

Oct. 20 - YOUTH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED DURING FOOTBALL GAME.

Oct. 21 - Middle School DANCE, 7-10 p.m.

Oct. 23 - High School Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

Oct. 25 - Katalyst Ministries, 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 26 - YOUTH CENTER WILL BE CLOSED DURING FOOTBALL GAME. IT WILL BE OPEN AFTER THE GAME.

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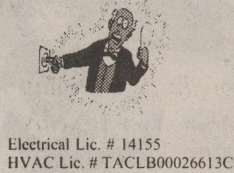
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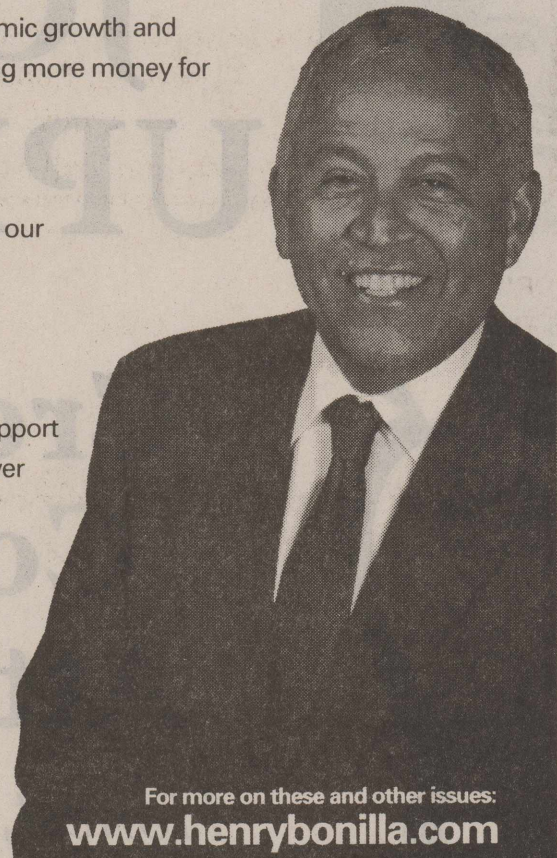
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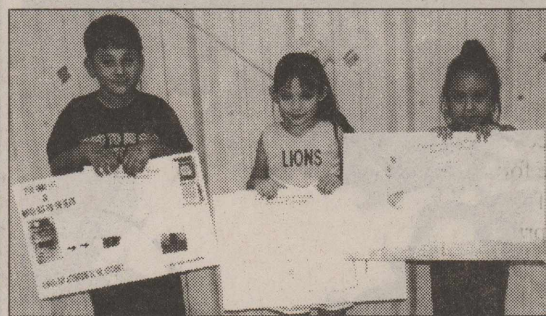


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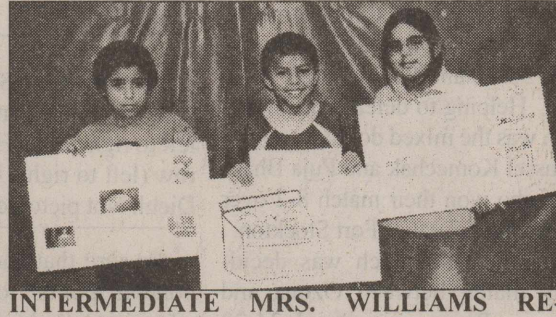
Photos by Joe Hernandez  
**PRIMARY BEST OF SCHOOL** (left to right) Thomas Cruz, third; Autumn Villarreal, second and Jennifer Rodriguez, first.



**INTERMEDIATE BEST OF SCHOOL** (left to right) Dakota Lee, third; Abby Newton, second and Jacob Barrow, first.



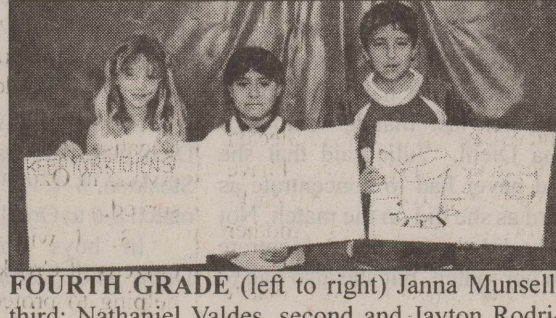
**FIRST GRADE** (left to right) Josae Coy, third; Kaelan Savala, second and Cassidy Gonzales, first.



**INTERMEDIATE MRS. WILLIAMS RESOURCE CLASS** (left to right) Juan Miguel Rodriguez, third; Ryan Porras, second and Alexis Flores, first.



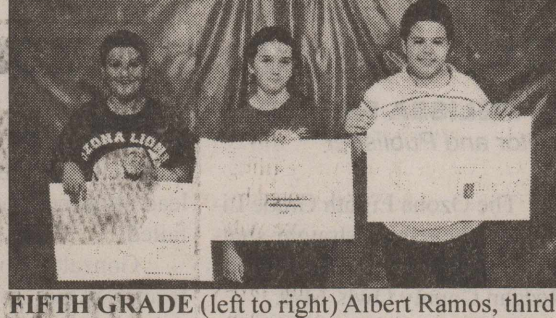
**SECOND GRADE** (left to right) Ivy Pena, first; Elizabeth Gonzales, second (not pictured) and Kristine Karels, third.



**FOURTH GRADE** (left to right) Janna Munsell, third; Nathaniel Valdes, second and Jayton Rodriguez, first.



**THIRD GRADE** (left to right) Gina Marquez, third; Lauren Miles, second and Alex Hopper, first.



**FIFTH GRADE** (left to right) Albert Ramos, third; Sierra Stokes, second and O'ron Bilano, first.



**KELBIE RENFROE** (right) won Fine Wool Breed Champion during the 2006 State Fair of Texas in Dallas.

## Primary school honor roll

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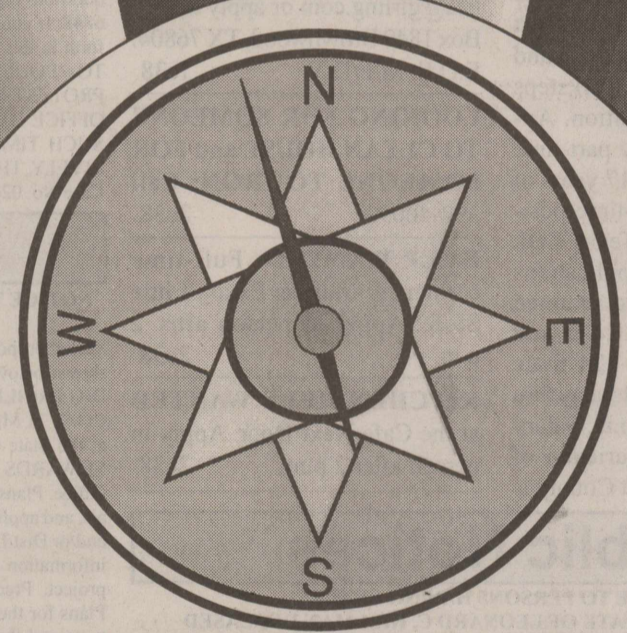
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


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