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Texas Legislature convenes, facing hard choices

State facing \$27 billion shortfall

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The 82nd Texas Legislature convenes in Austin this week, and while it's not as much fun as the circus — usually — it's more important and does have its share of comedy and drama.

The subject matter is practically operatic: in the 140 days of their regular session, lawmakers must face down a multibillion-dollar shortfall, having made blanket promises not to raise taxes. They need to draw redistricting maps for seats in Congress, the Legislature and the State Board of Education — their most partisan enterprise of the decade.

Expect a heated word or two over immigration legislation and border security, threats of major cuts to education and health and human services, and continuing struggles to keep up with the state's transportation and criminaljustice concerns.

Here's a look at some key issues coming up while the Legislature is in town.

BUDGET

The state will collect \$77.3 billion in general revenue during the next two-year budget cycle, Comptroller Su-



TODD WISEMAN | TEXAS TRIBUN

THE 82ND TEXAS LEGISLATIVE SESSION convened Tuesday facing a \$27 billion shortfall.

san Combs said Monday. The comptroller estimated the Rainy Day Fund will have \$9.4 billion in it at the end of the 2012-2013 biennium and that the size of the current deficit is \$4.3 billion. This leaves lawmakers with a net of \$72.2 billion to spend.

"The comptroller's revenue estimate means the state must tighten its belt, but budget cuts alone will not solve the problem. We must also consider other sources of revenue to maintain our commitment to public education, child protection, and health services for the elderly, veterans and the disabled. As lawmakers look for ways to balance the budget, we can't turn our backs on Texas'

children and its most vulnerable citizens," said State Senator Carlos Uresti, whose district covers Crockett County.

Two years ago, the Comptroller estimated the state would bring in \$76.7 billion in general revenue; the economic downturn turned that number into \$72.4 billion

into \$72.4 billion.

Lawmakers budgeted \$87 billion in general revenue spending in the current biennium; at least \$6.4 billion of that money came from federal stimulus funds which aren't available to budget-writers this time. Public and higher education and health and human services spending accounted for \$73 billion of that; without the stimulus money,

that leaves just over \$7 billion that's not in those two major categories.

The comptroller's official biennial revenue estimate sets the limit, effectively, on what lawmakers have available to spend during the twoyear period that will begin in between what's available and what's needed, but estimates of the size of that shortfall depend on the size of what's needed. For instance, the Center for Public Policy Priorities, a think tank that advocates for the poor, estimates it would cost \$99 billion over the next two years to maintain the services the state provides now;

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Road supervisor job description, position advertising approved

BY MELISSA PERNER
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

The search for a new Crockett County Road Supervisor is getting closer.

During Monday's regular commissioners' court meeting, job descriptions for a county road, building and maintenance and parks and recreation supervisor were approved.

Along with the job descriptions, advertisement for the position was also approved. Applications will be taken until Feb. 11.

Two job descriptions were approved, but the commissioners' court voted narrowly to advertise for one position for county road superintendent. The vote was 3-2 with Commissioners Randy Branch and Frank Tambunga voting against the motion.

Branch and Tambunga both said they wanted to make it two positions.

"That would help elevate some of the pressure," Branch said.

County Judge Fred Deaton said that two positions can be very conflicting. One position is all that is open and price scale needs to be determined as well, Deaton said.

Branch said the county could advertise for two positions.

"That doesn't necessarily mean we have to fill both," he said.

Commissioner Pleas Childress III said for the county to advertise it as one right now then as we go along separate it out as we need it.

"Right now we have one

opening. If we decided that is too much we can create a second position," Childress said.

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Commissioner Eligio Martinez said if the position was to be split into two, both should have equal authority. County Auditor Janie Chandler said the same person may apply for both positions.

Discussion was also made in splitting duties between the road superintendent and assistant road superintendent.

"This is going to be a tough deal to get through. We are looking at a two-month process," Deaton said.

The commissioners agreed to a starting salary around \$40,000.

Whoever is hired will replace former supervisor Eddie Moore. Moore retired at the end of December.

Currently, Ruben Mendez is acting superintendent. He is also the assistant road superintendent.

Deaton said the commissioners also need to take into fact state laws involving nepotism.

Martinez said that according to the Texas Association of Counties due to Martinez and Mendez being related, Martinez can't vote if Mendez applies for the position. Martinez's mother is

Mendez's sister.

Deaton presented the commissioners with a letter of verification to County Attorney Jody Upham that requested an unbiased opinion on this issue.

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New congressman takes oath of office

BY MELISSA PERNER

EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

Crockett County offi-

Last week, Francisco "Quico" Canseco was sworn-in to office by U.S. Speaker of the House John

cially has a new Congress-

Boehner, R-Ohio. "We worked extremely hard over the holidays to assemble a great team, and get both the DC and District offices up and running," Canseco said. "We are ready to hit the ground running for the people of the Texas 23rd Congressional District. I look forward to meeting and working with constituents about the issues that matter. We have a tremendous amount of work ahead of us to get our country back on track." The San Antonio Republican defeated Ciro D. Rodriguez in the November 2010 General Election.

During his first few days in office, Canseco became a member of the House Financial Services Committee.



CONGRESSMAN FRANCISCO "QUICO" CANSECO'S OFFICE | SUBMITTED PHOTO

CONGRESSMAN FRANCISCO "QUICO" CANSECO (middle right) surrounded by family and friends smiles after taking his oath of office from U.S. Speaker of the House John Boehner, R-Ohio, last week.

He also released a statement on the U.S. Department of Labor's announcement that the December unemployment rate was 9.4 percent, marking the 20th straight month that the unemployment rate has been above 9 percent.

"After spending the past year speaking with hundreds of Texans throughout the 23rd District of Texas, I got a very clear message get our economy back on track and create jobs," Canseco said. "We simply have not yet seen the necessary economic growth or sustained long term job creation needed to put Americans back to work."

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During the last two years, Washington Democrats are responsible for creating an environment of uncertainty for small businesses with "jobs-killing" policies like the health care reform, government bail-

outs and threats of new and higher taxes, Canseco said. "These policies have eroded the confidence of Americans to start new businesses or expand current ones to create jobs. As a former small businessman, I have no doubt that if Washington will just get out of the way and let American small businesses and job creators do what they do best, our

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Relay for Life Cancer Survivor Dinner Thursday

Crockett County cancer survivors are cordially invited to dinner at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 13, at the Civic Center. This event will be the official kickoff for the Relay for Life event that is scheduled to be held later this spring.

For more information regarding this dinner, contact one of the following chair personnel: E.A. Wadsworth at 392-3060; Pina Rivera at (432) 294-2685; or Maria Hendryx at (325) 716-3291. No RSVP is required.

"We will celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer - their strength that inspires others to continue their fight," said Maria Hendryx.

The walk, to be held in the spring, begins at 6 p.m. on a Friday evening and ends at 7 a.m. on Saturday morning.

Teams of family members, friends, coworkers, and others join together to raise funds for the American Cancer Society and make a difference in the community.

In honor of those who battle cancer 24 hours a day, team members take turns walking the track throughout the night for 12-24 hours.

A special part of every RFL event is the Luminaria Ceremony, the Ceremony of Hope. It is a time to remember those we have lost to cancer, a means to support those who currently have cancer, and a way to honor those who have fought cancer. The Luminaria Ceremony is a time to reflect and a time to find hope.

Anyone wanting information on forming a team, or about purchasing a luminaria, call Sylvia Longoria at 226-1993 or Valerie Fierro at 226-3446.

Individuals or businesses who wish to sponsor the event, call Diane Lott at 392-5639 or Shelly Childress at 392-4009 or 277-5381.

Other chair members include the following - Activities/Entertainment: Esmi and Elliott Barrera, 392-2749; Santie Perez at 226-3899, and Sammy Perez at 226-3902; Logistics: Maria Perez; Publicity: Domingo Perez; Online Chairs: Jessica Everett and Chair and Co-Chair: Maria and Houston Hendryx

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Parents want justice for daughter's death

Dear Editor,

I've lived in Ozona almost 30 years and I've never been disgusted and ashamed of this judicial system before.

Bobbie has been gone seven months and nothing is going to be done about it. The grand jury no billed her case. My understanding of the case is that they had enough evidence to bring

charges but they didn't.

I'll bet if it was a child of one of the so-called elite in this town, or someone in law enforcement, there would have been plenty done. Maybe it was how she died that makes these people think that her life didn't mean much, just like the other two. Well, I have news for these people. Bobbie was very much loved by her family and friends. She also had two beautiful babies that don't have a mother. The other two also had people that loved them. Their lives do mean something.

These people that are in power in Ozona don't know what it's like to lose a child this way. The pain is overwhelming and it never goes away. I hope these people experience that kind of pain.

How can anybody look at this record and not be ashamed. Three young people dead and nobody held accountable.

I even wrote to the attorney general's office in Austin. They wrote me back that they were really sorry about my daughter, but there was nothing they could do. It is an in-house problem. They told me to contact the district attorney's office or internal affairs. The district attorney's office is part of the problem and we have no internal affairs. It looks like I'm between

a rock and a hard place. One of the sad things about this, besides losing three people, is the same low lives are still selling this poison and there's a lot of people who know who they are. How many young people are we going to lose before we put a stop to it.

Maybe next election, we can get some people into office that really care about the rights of the victims and fight for what's right.

All our family wants is justice for Bobbie, Freddy and Casey, that's all.

> **Bob and Belia Darling** Ozona, Texas

82nd Legislature will reveal heart, soul of Texas

hat kind of state will Tex-According to new Census Bureau figures, our population grew by 20.6 percent over the last 10 years, to more than 25 million people.

Our economy, our attitude, our way of life — even our weather — are the envy of other states. More and more people want a piece of the action called Texas.

Growth, of course, brings change and a greater commitment to meet the needs of an expanding population.

For Texas to maintain its trajectory of success, more resources will be needed for public and higher education, more job opportunities must be created for working families, and the state must adequately provide for at-risk children, the elderly, veterans, and the physically and mentally disabled.

When lawmakers convene this week, we will face a host of challenges — an unprecedented budget shortfall of up to \$18 billion, the redrawing of political boundaries, divisive proposals on Voter ID and immigration control, and the reauthorization of state agencies responsible for transportation, environmental protection and insurance regulation.

The Texas Constitution requires a balanced budget, and some painful cuts will be required to accomplish that. But with so much at stake,

we can't rely on cuts alone. We must use the state's Rainy Day Fund, identify additional sources of revenue and make existing programs more efficient.

The budget must not be balanced on the backs of those who can least afford it.

Preventing that should demand the focus and consume the energy of this next session, but sadly, for many there will be other priorities.

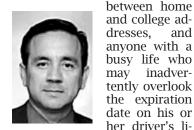
Another attempt will be made to pass a Voter ID bill, which exploits the unfounded fear so rampant in today's political discourse.

The supporters of what is better described as "voter suppression" legislation have never made their case that it would protect ballot security.

In fact, the type of voter fraud that a photo ID would try to catch rarely occurs in Texas.

The case against Voter ID is much more compelling.

This law would target elderly Texans, minorities, people who live in small towns and communities without easy access to a Texas Department of Public Safety office, students who move freely



STATE SENATOR'S **OP ED**

CARLOS I. URESTI

Supporters of Voter ID maintain that it's a tragedy for democracy when

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one ineligible person casts a vote. Indeed, that is a problem for democracy, but it is demonstrably rare, and there are already tough laws on the books to discourage it.

The real tragedy will occur if just one eligible citizen is denied his/her right to vote.

The next session will also see a misguided attempt to pass an Arizona-style immigration bill, despite the unconstitutional burden it would place on state law enforcement and its potential for discrimination against American citizens, authorized immigrants and tourists of Hispanic descent.

Any such law would also be destined to linger in the same legal limbo in which the Arizona initiative now resides, with Texas taxpayers footing the bill.

One supporter of these measures camped out in the state Capitol when early filing began in November to make sure he got to the head of the line.

When it comes time to write the budget, I hope that everyone responds with equal exuberance to the more demanding needs of education, the health and well-being of our children. and the security of our most vulnerable citizens.

Texans are proud, hardworking, resourceful, spiritual, patriotic and independent, and we understand that rights come with responsibility.

We are also compassionate and forgiving.

We know that equal opportunity is essential to personal freedom and justice, and that some of our neighbors can't make it alone.

Over the next five months, state lawmakers must craft solutions that reflect all of those values and beliefs.

That is why the next session of the Legislature is so important. The decisions we make will reveal the heart and soul of Texas.

SENATOR URESTI represents Senate District 19, which includes Crockett County. It is the largest legislative district in the nation, spanning 23 Texas counties, including Crockett County.

Off-Label Use

Country folks are very familiar with the term "off-label use." Many a sick rancher has given himself a shot with drugs intended for livestock, or used Super Glue to mend a bad cut instead of stitches. I even recall some ranchers using a chicken vaccine on their cattle, although I must warn it could make their beef taste bland.

Everywhere you look around a ranch things are being used "off-label"; working remarkably well for things they were never intended to be used for. I've used bed springs to mend a fence, a computer as a door stop and peanut butter to trap rats and raccoons. I've sat on hay bale bleachers at bull sales, used a Grandma quilt to clean off a newborn lamb and watered my stock in a bathtub. In fact, bathtubs find many off-label uses around a ranch as I've also warmed a calf or two in ours and also tanned some leather. I've used railroad ties to hold up bookshelves and fence pliers and a chainsaw as a back scratcher. (Not while it was on, mind you). I'm quite sure whoever invented television never intended it to be used for selling cattle at auction, and haven't we all seen county road signs being used for target practice?

The items used most often off-label around a ranch are baling wire, duct tape and a digging bar. Who amongst us hasn't used baling wire to hold the pickup tailgate shut or a digging bar as a backstop in a

cattle alley. Or in self defense? In my shop I have dozens of screwdrivers



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of every description but I've often used a dime or a quarter when a screwdriver wasn't handy. I clean my airbrush with Windex® and have used a Crescent wrench as a fly swatter, although not very well, mind you. I've heard of a 22 shell being used as a temporary fuse, a brand new lariat as a tow rope and a hotshot as an alarm clock when a rancher husband failed to get out of bed when his wife wanted him to.

Even the clothes we wear are used offlabel. I'm pretty sure John Stetson never meant for his hats to be used to water horses or to fan cow chips, or a bronc. I've seen gloves being used as a nipple to bottle feed a calf and surely placing boots on top of fence posts like they do in Nebraska should be considered off-label. Perhaps the article of clothing used the most for other things than what it was originally intended is the cowboy's bandana, wild rag or neckerchief. It can be used as a tourniquet, to tie the legs of a calf or, in my case, to hide the face of a real ugly person.

We also use our pickups off-label. I've used mine as a dog house, portable tack room, office, tool shed and as a poor replacement for a horse when I wanted to

herd something into the corral but was too lazy to saddle my trusty caballo. I can almost guarantee that Goodyear does not condone, nor ever intended, for its tires to be used to hold down the hay tarp or as a urinal for male dogs. But they are.

Animals are also used off-label. The AQHA surely would never approve of herding sheep or hogs while mounted on one of their kind, and I notice they don't include instructions for roping a bear or a bobcat along with registration papers. Shepherds never envisioned that one day crossbred ewes would be used as "bucking" sheep for little tykes to grab fistfuls of wool and hang on for dear life in mutton busting contests. Pig racing is an exciting off-label use for little oinkers and don't you know that Border Collies were never intended to ride herd on a bunch of kids? If cows could talk I'm quite sure they'd say that milk for human consumption should be considered an off-label use.

Some attempts at using things off-label fail. No one showed up when they tried to use an auction market in our state for a church and an auctioneer should never be invited to announce your fashion show. Cowboys make terrible irrigators and wives should NEVER be used as portable panels to plug holes in the fence. Otherwise you just might discover, like I did, that there is one other off-label use for the hot shot.

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Race for speaker, Arizona shooting, command attention

AUSTIN — During the week before the Jan. 11 start of the 82nd session of the Texas Legislature, the question of who would be the next speaker of the state House of Representatives hung heavy in the air and seemed to drown out other issues.

The normal procedure is for the 150-member House to choose a speaker on day one, right after roll call is taken, the oath of office administered, and House rules adopted. Nominations are made from the House floor, followed by seconds; a vote is taken and a speaker is elected.

But last week, the 101-member Republican caucus, despite objections by Democrats, moved toward conducting a non-binding "straw vote" for speaker on Monday, Jan. 10, ostensibly to get the matter settled a day early.

In the race for powerful post, Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, a major force in pushing for the straw vote, meant to put himself up against the moderate, consensus-building incumbent Speaker Joe Straus of San Anto**STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS** By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

nio and the younger conservative Ken Paxton of McKinney. The Straus and Paxton camps

both claimed enough votes to win. At any rate, the matter was pending at the press deadline for this column. So, more about it will follow next week.

SHOOTING OVERSHADOWS **ALL ELSE**

The matter of who would be speaker largely faded from public attention on Saturday, Jan. 8, when news of a shooting in Tucson, Ariz., seized the nation.

A gunman, apparently acting on his own, shot and grievously wounded U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, who was meeting with constituents in a "Congress on Your Corner" event at a shopping center in Tucson.

The suspect, identified as Jared Lee Loughner, 22, reportedly shot Giffords in the head at close range with a 9 mm pistol. He also fired at others in the crowd, including U.S. District Judge John Roll, 63, who died in the shooting. Also among

the dead were Giffords' staff member Gabe Zimmerman, 30, and a 9-year-old girl, Christina Taylor Green. Six people were killed and 13 others wounded in the shooting.

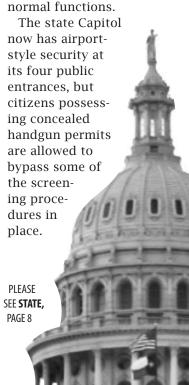
The suspect was taken into custody and is being processed by Arizona and federal authorities.

Republican Party of Texas state chairman Steve Munistieri issued a statement of condolence to Rep. Giffords, her family, and to the families of the other shooting victims. He offered a prayer for the speedy recovery of all who were injured or wounded and he condemned the shooter's act "and any act of violence toward those who serve in elected office."

SECURITY ISSUES AGAIN IN SPOTLIGHT

The Jan. 8 shooting again raises the matter of safety for public officials, their staff, and ordinary citizens at public gatherings and in government buildings.

Last year, the Texas state Capitol received bomb phoned-in threats and a gunman fired random shots on the Capitol's south steps. In 2008, an arsonist targeted the Governor's Mansion, rendering the building unusable for its



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Sanchez graduates from Texas Tech University

Christen Sanchez graduated Cum Laude from Texas Tech University Dec. 18 with a bachelor of science degree and a minor in Spanish.

Christen has applied to Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Schools.

Christen was a member of ChiO Sorority at Tech. She volunteered at several physical therapy clinics and hospitals as part of her required volunteer hours for PT School.

She is now working at Physical Therapy Inc. for children part time.

Christen is the daughter of Steve and Melissa Sanchez and the granddaughter of the late Rosa and Manuel Fierro as well

BY MELISSA PERNER

OZONA WOMAN'S I FAGUE

of Amy Conner on Jan. 4 for

a short business meeting

ner, Breanne Hale and Andie

burn went over the financial

report of Breakfast with San-

ta and Bazaar, which were

mittee Chairman Kayla Da-

vidson gave a report on this

year's upcoming telethon.

The West Texas Rehab Tele-

thon will be held Saturday,

Jan. 22. Members will be tak-

ing donation calls from 5-7

p.m. that night at Crockett

how to make donation calls.

BY SCOTT JORDAN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TEXAS PECOS TRAIL

Region Board of Directors

bi-monthly meeting, annu-

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tional experience will be held

on Jan. 20, 10 a.m., in Sono-

ra (home office for the Tex-

as Pecos Trail Region) at St.

John's Episcopal Church. The

public is welcome to attend.

noon. Cost of lunch is \$10

and will be collected at the

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Board Member Ann Kay will

talk about working with Tx-

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Service in San Angelo is

looking for a volunteer to

take weather observations

in the Ozona area.

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For the educational pro-

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OZONA WOMAN'S LEAGUE NEWS



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Christen's great-grandparents are Lucia Sanchez and Jose and Teresa Sanchez.

Members will also be mak-

ing calls before the telethon,

2011-2012 Committees and

ask members to sign up or

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Public invited to Texas Pecos Trail

Regional Board Meeting Jan. 20

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ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY

BIG BEND - There was word last week that the informal border crossing at Boquillas, Coah., across from Big Bend National Park, closed since May, 2002,

US Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Alan Bersin met with news media representatives at Rio Grande Village Visitor Center on Ian. 6.

Bersin announced a scheduled opening date of April 2012. Construction on facilities at the crossing, near the park's eastern edge and within sight of the Mexican town of Boquillas del Carmen, will begin this

sin was briefed by CBP and National Park Service personnel on the proposed Class B port of entry at Boquillas.

The US government closed ports of entry at Boquillas and others including Lajitas, Redford and Santa Elena, in 1996.

mained unofficially opened until May, 2002, when it was totally closed.

The closings and the one upriver at La Linda in 1997 left the areas with no border crossings between Presidio/Ojinaga and Del Rio/Acuña, a distance

rest of Mexico by the lack of decent roads, survived primarily from the tourists who came across the river by rowboat, ate tacos and drank cerveza in the tiny café and bought arts and crafts made by the natives.

Dorothy Marquart of Sanderson said she and her late husband Daniel Ray Marquart startea taking supplies to Boquillas residents more than 15 years

came to an end with the closing of the border.

Marquart said they and others took food, clothing, household items, bedding, water and Christmas presents for

could continue in the new year. Boquillas residents would meet them at the river with a rowboat so they could cross the

Boquillas artisans fashioned numerous crafts items which US residents bought to help support the town.

Once approved, the crossing point will facilitate travel be-tween Big Bend National Park in Texas and the Mexican Protected Areas in the del Car-

has been working for a number of years for a joint international park on both sides of the Rio Grande, known in Mexico as the Rio Bravo.

The plans got a boost in the summer of 2009 when Interior Secretary Ken Salazar met with

Castro bride-elect of E.L. (Bubs) Huffman LeighAnn Staggs bride-elect of Chris Fierro have made selections at



vira to discuss the project dur-

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was reached, a letter of intent

was signed to pursue the mat-

curity Secretary Janet Napoli-

tano agreed with the joint park

idea and Presidents Barack

Obama and Felipe Calderon

said make it happen," Brooks

Wellman told the News Leader

he was hopeful the crossing can

the Border Patrol and Homeland

Security," he said. "We don't see

anything serious [in the way of

a terrorist threat] coming over

as being "very interested" in the

anything with an international

park because you can't go back

and forth across the river," he

"It was largely because of the secretary's [Salazar] person-al interest," Wellman said. "We

have had really good support from Interior and the Park Ser-

provide a legal way to get across

the border without having to go

He said the crossing would

"It will be a technological

vice for doing this.'

to Del Rio or Presidio.

solution," he said.

Wellman credited Salazar

"It will be tough to try to do

"The commissioner [Bersin]

Park Superintendent Bill

"We work real closely with

Although no agreement

Brooks said Homeland Se-

Summit in Guadalajara.

also signed off on it.

ter further.

said.

be re-opened.

on a rowboat."

crossing.

BORDER CROSSING - The Rio Grande - or Rio Bravo on the Mexican side - forms the international boundary between the US and Mexico. It has also carved the iconic Santa Elena Canyon in Big Bend National Park, a popular rafting venue. The informal crossing at Boquillas downstream from Santa Elena may soon again be opened.

Boquillas crossing looking to re-open

THE TERRELL COUNTY NEWS LEADER

may re-open next spring.

While visiting the park, Ber-

The Boquillas crossing re-

of more than 300 highway

The tiny village of Boquillas, virtually cut off from the

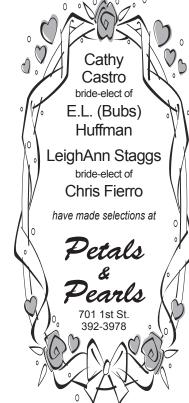
That act of benevolence

She was hopeful the charity

men mountain range in Mexico.

Brooks said the Park Service

his Mexican counterpart Juan El-



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Jan. 12

• Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center. • Dominoes, 1:30 p.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.

Thursday, Jan. 13

• Relay for Life Cancer Survivor Dinner, 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Friday, Jan. 14

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- · Lions and Lady Lions vs. Sonora, 5 p.m. at Sonora.

Monday, Jan. 17

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OMS Lions vs. Sonora, 5:30 p.m. at Sonora. • OMS Lady Lions vs. Sonora, 4 p.m. at the OMS Gym.

Tuesday, Jan. 18

- Ozona Woman's Forum meeting at the Senior Center.
- Lions and Lady Lions vs. Brady, 5 p.m. at Brady.

Wednesday, Jan. 19

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Dominoes, 1:30 p.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center.
- CCCCSD Board of Trustees workshop, 5:30 p.m., and regular meeting, 6:30 p.m., at the Administration Building.
- Crockett County DeerFest Annual Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center Conference Room.

Happy Birthday

Jan. 12 - Kevin Webb. Mario F. Mendoza, Maria Antonia Quiroz, Heidi Williams and Alan Bloebaum

Jan. 13 - Mark Valadez Jan. 14 - Michael Molina

Jr., Brenda Ortiz, Laurie English, Carmen Sutton, Sharon Williams, Raymond Adcock and Martha Rocha

Jan. 15 - Esther Williams, Jessica Phelps, Justin Ray Yeager, Samuel Perez and Diana Rodriguez

Jan. 16 - Jane Chandler, Miranda Villarreal, Richard Jackson and Vivian Medina

Jan. 17 - O'Rion Bilano, Maria Camarillo, Amenda Poindexter, Irma Fernandez, Leticia Payne, Irmalena Ortiz, Isabel Aguilar, Michelle Camarillo, Mark Hernandez, Kay Shaffer, Donna Sanders and Gary Vannoy

Jan. 18 - Katy Jones, Chuck Morris, Ofilia Harris, Lane White, Mariah Cordova and Devin Adcock

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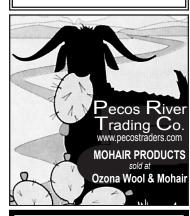
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Please mail it to: Shelly Childress, **Memorials Chairman** P.O. Box 1008 Ozona, TX 76943 Feel free to call: 325-392-4009



Ozona Lodge #747 A.F. & A.M. Regular meeting on 1st Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

If you want someone to agree with you in prayer, send your prayer requests to: The Prayer Box P.O. Box 733 Ozona, TX 76943.

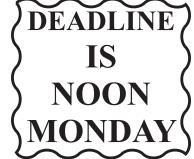


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I invite you to come fellowship with us at Temploe Siloe Assembly of God Church.

We would love to have you! Every Sunday - 9:45 a.m.

Transportation is available Call me: Vickie De La Garza 325-226-3843



OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

BY LYNN ENGLISH SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

It is a fair day today but by tomorrow there will be a new cold front in place here in Crockett County so button up your coat and stay warm.

Thank you so much for the 2011 calendars. We still need more so please bring in your surplus calendars.

Gloria Wilson brought by here at the senior center two boxes of books and music cds. We sure do thank you

for this generous donation. We do not know when Community Action from San Angelo will be back here at the senior center. Community Action is the organization that comes

to assist those who qualify with their utility bills. The reason Community Action is unsure as to when they can return is that they have not received their budget for this year.

We welcome the new Helping Hands Director, Melinda Malone. Malone is qualified for this job and is so good with people. Welcome aboard Malone.

The Woman's Forum will be meeting here at Senior Center Tuesday, Jan.18. All members are urged to attend.

Those of you would like to play dominoes are welcome to come and play any morning or afternoon that you would like. I'm hearing that there is a group planning to play but I haven't heard any

more from them.

The bridge ladies will be playing on Monday's at 1:30 pm. These ladies have a great time playing their favorite game.

We have our regular activities: bridge, bingo, home health, pool, canasta and puzzles. We also have a collection of books, magazines and two computers that are on the internet for seniors to use.

We also have a projector with stand and a screen and have added a wonderful key board. Also for your enjoyment we have a Wii game and five different stimulating games. Come by and try out this game.

Our activities are for adults only.

> **JAN. 17** · Chicken spaghetti, green

· Beef tips, rice, vegeta-

· Pork chops, dressing,

· Chili beans, salad, corn-

· Baked fish, cole slaw,

· Sauerkraut and sau-

· Steak fingers, sliced po-

· Baked chicken thigh, mac-

beans and tapioca pudding. JAN. 18

JAN. 19

sweet potatoes, peas and

JAN. 20

JAN. 21

JAN. 24

sage, pinto beans, cornbread

JAN. 25

tato casserole, California veg-

etable blend, orange zephyr.

JAN. 26

aroni and cheese, Scandinavian

JAN. 27

vegetables and Apple Betty.

bles and yellow cake.

bread and peach crisp.

fries, roll and dessert.

and fruit salad.

Husband Delight.

and dessert.

OBITUARIES

Priscilla Shields

Priscilla Shields, 65 of Lake Sumner, N.M. died Monday, Jan. 3, 2011 at Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque follow-

Priscilla was born April 23, 1945 in San Angelo to the home of L.M. "Shorty" Spurgers and the former Ella Louise Casbeer. She was reared in Ozona and graduated from Ozona High School.

She married Ron Shields on Jan. 18, 1963 in Ozona. They traveled while Ron served in the U.S. Armed Services. They made New Mexico their home and lived in Socorro, N.M. where their children were born. They later moved to Ramah, N.M. where Priscilla worked as a distributor of the Gallup Independent Newspaper for 14 years. Following their retirement Priscilla and Ron made Lake Sumner, N.M. their

She was a member of the Alpha 1 Organization, and a staunch member of the National Organization of Women.

Priscilla enjoyed crocheting, fishing, camping and gen-

erally loved the outdoors. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, greatgrandmother, sister and friend.

She will be missed by her husband of 47 years Ron Shields of Lake Sumner; a son Whelan Shields of Bosque Farms; daughter Rhonda Gutierrez and husband Richard of Santa Rosa; grandchildren Christopher Shields of Albuquerque; Jamie Holden, Anissa Gutierrez and Rochelle Gutierrez all of Santa Rosa; a great-grandchild Xavier Tenorio of Santa Rosa; one sister Tommye Reeves of San Antonio along with

many other relatives, friends and good neighbors. Funeral Services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10, 2011 from the Chavez Funeral Home Chapel in Fort Sumner. Burial will follow at Fort Sumner Cemetery. Members of

the Lake Sumner Fire Department will serve as pallbearers. All arrangements are under the direction of Chavez Funeral Home, 830 N. Fifth Street; Fort Sumner, N.M. 88119. (575) 355-2311

To place an online tribute or sign the guest book please visit www.chavezfuneralhome.com

George Earl Tillery

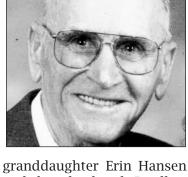
George Earl Tillery, age 83, passed away Jan. 4, 2011 at the Pecos Nursing Home in Pecos, Texas. George was born in Oklahoma to E. E. and Minnie Adams Tillery, whom are both deceased, and had as a special dad Lowell McCaleb.

His dad Lowell Mc-Caleb, mother, sister and himself moved to Ozona in 1937 where he attended school. He joined the U.S. Navy during world war two. After the war he moved to Pecos, working for Gulf Oil. In 1958 he went to work at Brown Pipe and Supply. He worked there until his retirement in 1989.

George and Doris Alexander Tillery were married in December 1950.

He has been a long time devoted elder at the First Christian Church.

George is survived by his wife Doris, a son Douglas Tillery and wife Phyllis of Aubrey, Texas, a grandson Bradson and wife Kara, and their children Hayden, Ben, Emma and Ellie, of College Station, Texas, also a



and her husband Bradley, of Plano, Texas, his sisters Lavern Tillery Casbeer of Eldorado, Texas, Wanda Mc-Caleb Knudson of Meridian, Texas, Helen McCaleb Smith of Phoenix, Ariz., his brother Donald McCaleb and wife Pa tricia of Bellaire, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Christian Church, Special Fund, PO Box 1862, Pecos, Texas or the charity of your choice.

A memorial service was held at the First Christian Church, Jan. 8, with the Rev. Ernie Waggoner officiating. Services are under the direction of Pecos Funeral Home.

HELPING HANDS HIGHLIGHTS

Helping Hands for the Elderly Inc. welcomes the New Year

We are excited about serving Ozona in the New Year of 2011. We appreciate our clients, our volunteers and all in the community who support the organization.

The Board of Directors met on Ian. 4 with President Myron Maersch, Secretary Irene Gonzales and Treasurer Dianne J. Phillips officiating.

Other members present were Betty Bullard, Barbara Nicks, who joins this year, Weldon Nicks, Roberta Schoenhals and Allan Stover. New members are welcome, as are new volunteers.

The board is pleased to announce an addition to the staff with the hiring of Melinda K. Malone as executive director. Melinda has 20-plus vears management experience in for-profit corporations, managing budgets exceeding \$5 million annually. She is the daughter of Barbara Malone and the late Sonny Malone.

Other changes in staff consist of Bertha Rivera transitioning to the position of culinary director. Our other staff members are Amanda Munoz, dessert chef, Walter Harger, kitchen assistant.



MELINDA K. MALONE Executive Director

and, on leave, Lupe Martinez.

We are here to serve the community. Anyone interested in the program, or for more information, call Malone at 392-5026. We are located in the Senior Center Building at 2 State Highway 163 north in Ozona.

MEALS ON WHEELS MENU JAN. 12

Chicken Soapa Casse-

· Roast beef, baby baked

role, salad and chocolate cake. **JAN. 13**

potatoes, gravy, vegetables and cookies. JAN. 14

tomatoes, pickles, tater tots

· Cheeseburger, lettuce,

· Pork roast, potatoes, vegetables and cake. JAN. 28

· Submarine sandwich, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fruit and dessert.

CLEANING THE BLACKBOARDS

Back in my grade school days you were told to clean the blackboards if you didn't do your work or obey the teacher. Every time you did something wrong (breaking the rules) our teacher would write your name in the upper right hand corner of the blackboard. Mine was usually up there for talking and I had to stay in at recess and clean the blackboards. Cleaning those blackboards is somewhat like sinning. Every time we break God's rules or fail to obey Him it is recorded in books in Heaven (Revelation 20:12). The only way I could get the blackboards clean was with a special cleanser. Just as the only way we can get forgiveness from our sins (removed from the books in heaven) is by the blood of Jesus, (Matthew 26:28). Usually before we cleaned the blackboards the teacher had a little talk with us. She would review the events of the day and point out what we did wrong and we had to acknowledge what we did. This is somewhat similar to what the Bible calls confession (acknowledging or admitting) of sin. In 1John 1:7-10 it says that we must confess or admit to our specific sins before we can get forgiveness from them. It was so nice to see a clean fresh blackboard with no names (especially mine) on it.

Brother J

See you in Church on Sunday.

First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D
Pastor Chris Johnson Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 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.

Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War Pastor Juan Avila Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church

Wed. Service: 6 p.m.

601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 7 p.m.

New Beginnings Church

701 9th Street **Pastor Carlos Cantu** Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 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.

Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St.

Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.

Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia

102 Man O' War St. Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6:00 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Martes: 6:00 p.m.

Jueves: 6:00 p.m.

Attend the Church of your choice

Ozona United **Methodist Church**

12 - 11th St. **Pastor Ron Shott** Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Wed. Worship - 5 p.m.-Meal, 5:30 p.m.-Study

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.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Fr. Nilo Nalugon Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. Tues. - Fri.: 6 p.m.

Apostolic Church Rev. Refugi Vega

Sunday School: 4 p.m. Sunday Worship: 5 p.m. Tues & Thur. Service: 7:00 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.

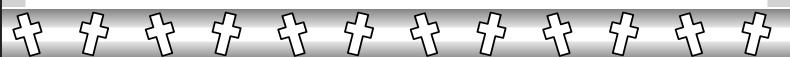
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Nutrition/Food ly. Recipes will be given.

The class is open to all held Thursday, Jan. 27, be- interested persons. Howginning at 9:30 a.m. in the ever, in order to receive a Ozona United Methodist food box, you must pre-

For more information, nutritious foods and spend- call E.A. Wadsworth, RN at

Card of Thanks:

Steve & Melissa Sanchez family would like to thank the friends and family of Rosa Fierro who were there for us during this difficult time. Special thanks to my Tia Nana, Elsa, & Elda, you are amazing people and I love you. We would also like to thank Hospice of Midland and the Crockett County Care Center for her time there. Special thanks to the Pal Bearers James, Chon, Eric, Blas, Albino, Jeff & Tony as well as everyone who brought food and flowers. We would also like to thank Fr. Nilo, Our Lady of Perpetual Help choir, and the Guadalupanas for the meal after the services and thanks to Juanita Delgado for helping us with the rosary

Steve, Melissa, Christen & Brandon



Thomas Cruz San Francisco Trip **Fund-raiser** Sunday, Jan. 16, Knights of Columbus Hall

Menudo Breakfast: 8 – 10 a.m. \$5 Colita Lunch Plate: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. \$5 Bingo: 3 p.m.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

Crockett County Abstract Co. chosen as December Business of the Month

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF
CHAMBER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce has selected the Crockett County Abstract Company as our December Business of the Month.

We interviewed Shannon Hunnicutt, and following is a history of the business.

What do we do? We maintain the integrity of the most valuable asset most people will ever own.

What does that mean? As an abstract company, we maintain land records and make them available as a resource for others. If someone wants to lease property for oil and gas exploration, wind generation, livestock grazing, etc..., then our records help determine who has the right to lease the property to them, and what restrictions, if any, apply. If you want to buy a house, our records help determine if there are defects in title. As a title agent for First American Title Insurance and Alliant National Title Insurance, we search, review and insure title to land to help protect home buyers and mortgage lenders, to determine if the property is insurable, then we notify the buyer. We communicate with attorneys, surveyors, tax authorities, lien holders, and others, to help cure title defects, to get the deal done and make the title insurable. We act as the central clearing house for activities related to closing the real estate transaction, preparing documents to be signed to transfer ownership. We coordinate and handle the closing and provide the parties with copies of relevant documents, as well as make arrangements for proper payment and distribution of funds. After all that, then

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title policy is your assurance that the home you are buying is protected from covered title problems. According to the American Land Title Association, a nationwide survey found that in 25 percent of real estate transactions, there are defects in the title that are unknown to the parties involved. If no research is done prior to closing, and no title policy issued, then the buyer risks losing the right to own or enjoy the use of the property.

The roots of Crockett County Abstract Company go back to the 1920s when local attorney and District County Clerk, Tom Nolen, initiated and built the first abstract plant in Crockett County. Soon after, the business was incorporated under the name Nolen Land & Abstract Company, with Judge Davidson, Houston Smith, and N.W. Graham as stockholders. Coralie Kittle Meinecke came to work for Mr. Graham in 1934.

In 1955, the business was sold to Dick Henderson, John Childress, Byron Williams and Charles Williams, with Coralie retained as Manager. Her son, Bud Meinecke, joined the firm in 1956, when he also became a partner in the Meinecke Insurance Agency. In 1958, Coralie became the first woman to serve on the board of the Texas Land

Title Association, where she served first as Regional Vice-President in 1958-59, then as Director in 1960-61. Coralie died in 1963, leaving Bud to run the business.

Soon after, he was joined by his sister, Daphne (Dilly) Meinecke Dockery. In February of 1982, the business moved from the Crockett County Courthouse, across the hall from the County Clerk's office, to its current location on Ave. E.

In 1988, the business sold again, this time to June Bunger Cameron. Dilly and Bud continued to run the abstract office until she retired in 1994. Shannon Dockery Hunnicutt joined her uncle Bud in 1996.

Today, with a combined 96 years of title experience, Bud and Shannon, along with Bitsy Durham McKinney, strive to maintain the tradition of excellent service that so many land owners, oil and gas professionals, and real estate professionals have come to expect from Crockett County Abstract Company.

The Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize the Crockett County Abstract Company for the valuable asset they are to our community, and their efforts to provide a quality service to their customers, and the residents of Crockett County.

COURT: Burn ban reinstated for another month from page 1

"We shouldn't make a decision on hiring anybody until we get the opinion, but we do need to get the ball rolling on advertising for the position," Martinez.

Deaton said the opinion, which is needed for all the commissioners' understanding, is expected before the Feb. 14 regular meeting.

"The further we delay, it's not fair for Ruben because of all the projects we have," Tambunga said.

ROAD PROJECTS

Speed humps for several streets around town were discussed. Mendez said the county has some in stock, but have not placed them yet.

Areas discussed included around the Civic Center area, parts of Monterey Street, Del Rio Street, Willow Drive and Man O War Street.

Martinez said that Del Rio, Willow and Man O War streets are "drag strips" in that people drive vehicles at a faster speed down these streets.

Tambunga said after placing them around the Civic Center, he wanted to see how they worked and possibly place them on Santa Rosa St.

Martinez suggested trying

a couple on Del Rio to begin with. Tambunga also suggested to Martinez in getting stop signs or speed limit signs for those streets as well.

The commissioners asked Mendez to put the humps out and look into possibly ordering more.

The commissioners discussed drainage problems at 1903 Mulberry Drive and 2002

½ Santa Rosa St.
Also discussed was repairing cattle guards on County

Road 406.

The commissioners discussed several options to the problems and asked Mendez to start looking into the situation.

CEMETERY WATERING

The commissioners and Mendez discussed a plan to extend watering and paving at the cemetery

They approved contacting Roberts Construction to look at installing water lines and backflow prevention devices.

The item will remain on the agenda until the project is complete.

DOOR-TO-DOOR SCAM RESOLUTION

The commissioners approved a resolution supporting that the Crockett County Sheriff's Office would protect citizens from persons or organizations using deceptive business practices and scam artists soliciting door to door in Crockett County.

Sheriff Roy Glenn Sutton requested several line item budget changes to be placed on the February agenda. These items include transportation of prisoner for out of state and LEOSA for officer training program

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED:

· Close Fifth Street Alley from Avenue E to Avenue D. · To reappoint existing Historical Commission Mem-

· Coy Tambunga, Janet Pullen and Elma Buckner as members of the Senior Center Board.

· Paving bid from Lilly Construction Inc. for \$3,200.

· Reinstating of the county wide burn ban for another 30

Commissioners meetings to be held second Monday of each month in the courthouse annex with the secondary place being the main court-

house for 2011. Invite SKG Engineering to present a cost estimate on designing an addition to the court records vault in the courthouse

· Holiday Schedule for 2011 and 2010: President's Day, Feb. 21; Good Friday; Memorial Day, May 30; Fourth of July, July 4; Labor Day, Sept. 5; Veterans Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving, Nov. 24 and 25; Christmas, Dec. 23 and Dec. 26 and New Year's Day, Jan. 2.

· Closing of the alley between Plum Street and Terrace Drive and surveying Avenue N. Advertising for bids on Johnson's Draw Watershed Principal Spill Conduit Repair for dam sites 2,4 and 7.

· Line item change to budget and take out \$3,800 from Emergency Fund and move to Historical Commission.





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THE SEVENTH GRADE LIONS won the Ozona Middle School Boys Basketball Tournament Saturday.



THE EIGHTH GRADE "A" LIONS also won the Ozona Middle School Boys Basketball Tournament Saturday.

Eighth Grade Lions win Ozona Tournament

The Ozona Middle School hosted their annual basketball tournament on Jan. 8.

The Eighth Grade Lions took to the court against the Eldorado Eagles.

The Lions came out roaring with a 15 point first quarter and held the Eagles to only two points. The Lions led at halftime 24-6 and continued their hard playing to finish off the Eagles by a final score of 48-18.

The Ozona Lions were led by Jayton Rodriquez with 16 points. Daniel Lombrana dished in 12 points while Fernando Sifuentes scored 10 points to finish in double figures. Chase De Hoyos scored 7 points, Ricky Porras scored 2 points and Dylan Perez closed out the scoring with 1

The Eighth Grade B team was also in the tournament and their first game was against TLC out of San Angelo.

The B team played solid defense in the first half and found themselves only down by a score of 10-5.

The TLC Eagles would heat up in the third period scoring 13 points while holding the Lions scoreless to take a 23-6 lead going into the fi-

The Lions would score 9 points in the fourth quarter but the Eagles held on to win 32-14.

Scoring for the Lions were Rigo Rodriguez with 6 points, Juan Rodriguez and Bryce Gutierrez with 2 points each, Ryan Porras with 3 points, and Kino Rodriguez with 1

With the loss, the Lions "B" team would now face the Eldorado Eagles in the third place game. The B team could not slow down the high-flying Eagles and trailed by a score of 31-11 at the end of the first half.

The Eagles led the Lions 39-16 going into the the fourth quarter but the Lions would not roll over and matched the Eagles point for point in the fourth but fell by a score of 46-23.

The Lions were led in scoring by Ryan Porras with 12 points. Juan Rodriguez chipped in 4 points while Emero Rodriguez scored 3 points. Jon-Luke Rodriguez and Rigo Rodriguez closed out the scoring with 2 points

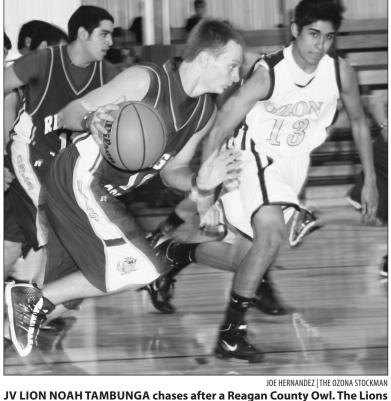
The Eighth Grade A Team went up against TLC in the Championship Game.

Playing tough defense, the Lions held TLC to only 2 points in the first period and led 6-2. In the second quarter, the Lions would again score 6 points and hold TLC to only 4 points to lead by a score of 12-6 at the end of two quarters of play.

The third quarter of action saw the Lions scoring 6 points again while TLC matched their scoring with 6 points of their own keeping the game close at the end of 3 periods of play. Entering the fourth quarter, the Lions would heat up and score 13 points while holding the opponent to only 1 point. The final score would be Lions-31 and TLC-13 enabling the Lions to take the Championship Trophy.

Scoring for the Lions were: Jayton Rodriquez-10 points, Daniel Lombrana-6, Chase Dehoyas-5, Zack Taylor and Fernando Sifuentes with 4 points, and Dylan Perez with 2 points.

Also contributing to the first place finish by the Lions were Ricky Porras and Nate Valdes. The Lions A Team now sport a 9-1 record for the



lost to the Owls 46-22 but defeated Alpine 42-34.

JV Lions **bust Bucks**

The JV Lions defeated Alpine Friday, 42-34.

Score by quarters: Ozona -15 8 8 11 - 42; Alpine - 12 3 9

9 - 34. Scoring: Tres Perez 9; Cris Taylor 7; Noah Tambunga 7; Tyler Galindo 6; Brandon De Hoyos 4; Jon David De Hoyos 4; Tristan Alvarez 2; Michael Ybarra 1 and Blake Morrow 1. Also playing: Jeffery Sanchez and Erik Rodriguez

The JV Lions lost to Reagan County, 46-22, on Jan. 4. Score by quarters: Ozona – 2 6 12 4 – 22; Reagan County – 18 7 3 18 - 46.

Scoring: Galindo 11; Perez 5; Ybarra 4 and Taylor 2. Also playing: Morrow, J. De Hoyos, B. De Hoyos, Sanchez, A.J. Ramos, Michael Vargas, Emilio Mendez and Tambunga.

The JV Lions are 6-7.

Lady Lions fall to Grape Creek

The Lady Lions lost their first district game to Grape Creek 42-29 on Jan. 7.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 2 7 14 - 29; Grape Creek 9 6 18 9 - 42.

Scoring: Melanie Miller 9, Adrienne Sanchez 9, Kristen Mendoza 4, Natalia Ortiz 2, Stacie Quiroz 2, Alex Rodriguez 2 and Britni Mitchel 1.

The JV Lady Lions also lost to Grape Creek, 23-16.



MELANIE MILLER moves the ball against the Reagan County Lady Owls.

Lions defeat Owls, fall to Bucks

The Lions lost to Alpine. 58-33. on Ian. 7.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 13 4 4 12 - 33; Alpine - 5 25 19 9 - 58.

Scoring: Abey Lara 7; Austin Suddreth 4; Alex Borrego 5; Saul Vargas 2; Jerrod duBois 9 and Ryan Mayfield 6. Also playing: Jose Aguilar and Luis Soto.

"We played a great first quarter and actually led 12-0. Then we went into a funk and I can't explain it. We must do a better job of competing when the things aren't going our way. There is no excuse for not playing defense when you are struggling on offense," said Coach Ted Rohan. "I know we will rebound from this one. I think we are battle tested and ready for district. I would rather have an ugly record because of playing a tough non-district schedule instead of a great record playing a cupcake schedule."

The Lions won 38-31 over Reagan County on Jan. 4.

The Lions also won consolation in the Reagan County Tournament held Dec. 29-31.

In the first game, Ozona lost 43-40 to Alpine. Scoring: Lara 1; Sud-

dreth 11; A. Borrego 9; Talamantez 3 and duBois 16.

theme with Alpine," Ro-

"It was so close yet so far. That seems to be the

han said. "We should of won but could not make free throws. As a team we made 5 of 27 and lost by three. We need to work on free throws and continue to find ways to score."

In the next game, the Li ons beat Christoval 58-52.

Scoring: Aguilar 3; Lara 11; Suddreth 10; A. Borrego 12; Vargas 3; duBois 19.

"This was a much better game by the entire team. We had four players in double figures and that always helps. Christoval is a tough 1A with a proven coach. It was a good win for us," Rohan said.

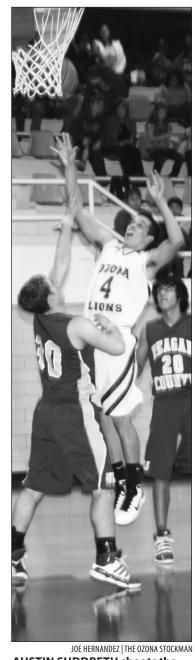
In their final game, the Lions defeated Coahoma

Scoring: Aguilar 9; Lara 11; Suddreth 12; duBois 11 and Mavfield 2.

The Lions trailed by as many as 20 in the first half. Lara made the game winning shot with 2.8 seconds to go. He was also named to the All Tournament Team.

"It was like two different halves. I was proud of the way the team responded after I challenged them at halftime. They were not ready to play this game and I was not going to let them quit. We cannot play like this against our district opponents or it will be a short season," Rohan said.

The Lions are 7-11.



AUSTIN SUDDRETH shoots the ball against the Reagan County Owls on Jan. 4. The Lions won

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they put the size of the short-fall at about \$27 billion.

The numbers are stark: cutting everything except education and health and human services — everything — would trim a fraction of the shortfall. Local school districts could be forced to raise property taxes to cover costs if the state makes deep cuts in education; municipalities might also be able to reduce cuts in services and staff by raising their own local property taxes.

Lawmakers have just a few options: raise taxes, find other revenue, use the Rainy Day Fund (expected to be at least \$8 billion), cut spending, shift costs to local governments or to the private sector, or use financial tricks.

Most of the state's officeholders campaigned on promises not to raise taxes. Raising fees for various licenses and other state services is possible, but iffy. There's talk of legalizing gambling to increase state income.

Using the Rainy Day Fund requires the approval of two-thirds of the Legislature. Financial tricks — like delaying payments until the next budget — are good for about \$3 billion. Some state leaders want to preserve some of the state's savings in case the budget after this one is grim, too.

WHO TO WATCH: Steve Ogden, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and Jim Pitts, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, the head writers of the state's spending plan. — ROSS RAMSEY

FEDERALISM/TEA PARTY

To this point, most talk about states' rights has been just that — talk. But Texas is pushing back against the federal government in substantive ways, too: There's legal action under way over environmental regulation (whether the Environmental Protection Agency or the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality should have supremacy here).

Lawmakers are talking seriously about backing out of the federal Medicaid program. Some want the federal government to give states more leeway with programs financed in part by the federal government. Texas and other states have talked about petitioning to change the 14th Amendment's provision of automatic citizenship for babies born in the United States to parents who aren't citizens.

The governor has been promoting his book, "Fed Up!," focused on what he sees as an overreaching federal government, and he will be sworn in for a new term on Jan. 18, presumably to put some of his words into action.

This is also the Tea Party's first legislative session, and the combination of people it has helped elect and its ability to spur the people inside the Capitol with phone calls and letters and social media is about to be tested.

about to be tested.

WHO TO WATCH: Representative Wayne Christian, Republican of Center, and head of the Texas Conservative Coalition; and Senator Dan Patrick, Republican of Houston, founder of the new legislative Tea Party Caucus. — ROSS RAMSEY

IMMIGRATION

Representative Debbie Riddle, a conservative Republican from Tomball, did not wait long after the midterm elections to file immigration-related legislation. Ms. Riddle camped out in the Capitol for 36 hours to be the first to file a bill that would stop the flow of state money to any local government that provided "sanctuary" — i.e., a city that does not allow its police officers to enforce federal immigration laws — to illegal immigrants.

Ms. Riddle told reporters that her willingness to spend the night in the Capitol showed she had "tenacity and fire in the belly" on the issue.

Many of her colleagues share Ms. Riddle's fervor. Several followed suit and filed bills — more than 40 — that, if passed, would significantly increase the state's involvement with immigration enforcement. The proposed legislation would, among other things, prohibit any state agency from printing signs or documents in any language other

than English, and require the police to ask people stopped without proper ID if they are in the country legally.

Last week, a coalition of civil rights groups, business leaders and law enforcement warned that the proposed legislation would create an antibusiness climate in Texas and divert strained law enforcement resources.

Whether the new measures, if passed, would survive legal scrutiny is another question. Arizona's immigration legislation is tied up in federal court, which has temporarily halted enforcement of some of its major provisions.

WHO TO WATCH: The always-colorful Ms. Riddle, of course. — JULIÁN AGUILAR

REDISTRICTING

Texas picks up four seats, for a total of 36, in the United States House of Representatives, thanks to its population growth relative to the other states, but determining the boundaries of the new districts won't be easy. Members of Congress and their staff members will be spending lots of time in Austin

Expect cajoling, jawboning, arm-twisting — whatever it takes (including the occasional lavish display of flattery) as lawmakers seek to protect their own seats and damage their opponents'. The new districts go where the people are — each must contain about 700,000 people — so it's likely that the Dallas and Houston suburbs will gain a seat each, and the Rio Grande Valley at least one.

State lawmakers must also redraw their own districts (150 in the House and 31 in the Senate), which must contain equal populations and be drawn with minority populations in mind. Though the Republicans have a supermajority in the House, it will still be tough for them to draw enough safe G.O.P.districts to protect all of their members from competitive elections in 2012. But they could also try to dilute Democrats' strength by creating more swing districts.

State lawmakers must approve the maps, as with any other legislation. If they can't agree on their own seats, the five-member Legislative Redistricting Board, composed of the lieutenant governor and other statewide elected officials, will decide. It's possible that a special session in the summer will be required to finish drawing Congressional seats. Then

come the legal challenges.

WHO TO WATCH: Attorney General Greg Abbott, who will have to defend the maps in any court challenges. — MATT STILES

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Criminal-justice advocates, both liberal and conservative, agree that the biggest cost savings would come from shuttering some of the facilities that house adult and juvenile offenders. But it's not an easy proposition to accomplish.

The Texas Youth Commission has said the only way it could slash its budget enough is to close two more facilities beyond the five it has closed since 2007. There were more than 900 empty beds in its 10 facilities in October. The commission estimates that each facility it closes would mean 230 lost jobs. In some small towns that have youth prisons, that would be a major economic blow that could create major political fallout.

As for adult prisons, Texas has never closed one. The prisoner population, however, dropped by more than 1,000 from the 2008 fiscal year to the 2009 one. Still, the department said it needed all of the bed space it had.

Of course, the keys to keeping adults and juveniles alike out of prison in the first place, advocates of reform say, are the changes Texas made in specialty programs to provide more treatment for addicts and mentally ill offenders. Lawmakers, they say, should resist cutting those programs.

Lawmakers will also have to deal with the continuing problem of wrongful convictions and the need to debate over the use of faulty evidence.

WHO TO WATCH: Scott Henson, a very knowledgeable blogger, who writes about all things criminal justice at gritsforbreakfast.blogspot.com.—BRANDI GRISSOM

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Expect ample political bluster — and devastating cuts. The Republican majority will continue to attack the federal health care overhaul and do everything legislatively it can to resist it.

Lawmakers will also file bills and resolutions seeking federal waivers to redesign how Medicaid is administered, or they could try to drop out of the program. At an annual cost to the state of \$10 billion, Medicaid is the single biggest health-related item on the budget.

At the very least, legislators will most likely take aim at the rates at which Medicaid health care providers are reimbursed and expand Medicaid managed-care into the Rio Grande Valley and rural Texas.

Other anticipated legislation? An effort to lift Texas' ban on hospitals directly employing doctors, and a move to expand the scope of practice for nurse practitioners.

In social services, expect cuts in community-based care for people with disabilities — the state's big institutional care facilities are largely protected under a federal Justice Department settlement. Cutbacks in community-based care for the elderly are also possible. A redesign of the state's foster-care system is in the works, but law-makers will be hard-pressed to approve anything that requires more money.

WHO TO WATCH: Tom Suehs, commissioner of health and human services, is trusted on both sides of the aisle and is a straight-shooter on budget cuts and Medicaid's merits and short-comings. — EMILY RAMSHAW

EDUCATION

In a session in which any new policy proposal with a price tag is probably dead on arrival, the most significant changes in public education could come in existing programs. To ease the burden of cuts in financing, lawmakers could relax state rules and regulations that create costs that local school districts must bear on their own or with limited help from the state.

The most controversial proposal? Removing the requirement of a 22-to-1 student-to-teacher ratio in kindergarten through fourth grade. Legislators have also promised a new school finance bill overhauling the current long-contested mechanism.

Colleges and universities are particularly vulnerable. Last year, when the state reduced the current biennium budget by 5 percent, more than 40 percent of the cuts came out of higher education. Deeper cuts loom, but even as the money disappears, institutions are under pressure to improve graduation rates.

Policy makers will consider tying state money to graduation rates instead of enrollment in order to create greater incentives for improvement. They could also raise eligibility standards for the state's largest financial aid program, which could also be slashed.

WHO TO WATCH: The chair of the appropriations subcommittee on education. For now, that's Scott Hochberg, Democrat of Houston, but this is a leadership position Republicans could grab. — REEVE HAMILTON and MORGAN SMITH

ENERGY In the 2009 session, doz-

ens of bills to foster the use of solar power died. Some are being introduced again this year, and they're a priority of environmentalists.

Pro-solar action could take one of two forms: a mandate for electric companies to utilize renewable energy sources other than wind (which got its start from a mandate and has thrived) or a rebate program, specifically for solar, intended for residents and businesses. With the economic recovery still tenuous, both will face obstacles.

The Sunset Advisory Commission, which looks for waste in state agencies, will review oil and gas and electricity regulators, keeping the energy sector in the spotlight.

The hottest item may be the structure of the Railroad Commission, which oversees the oil and gas industry in Texas. Will its name be changed to something more apt — like the Texas Oil and Gas Commission? And will its structure, headed by three elected commissioners, be altered?

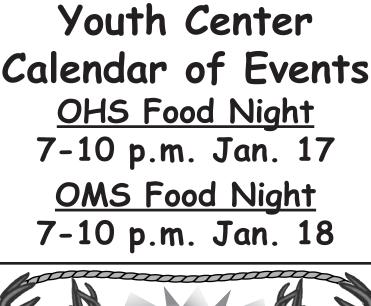
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The sunset panel's review of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the state's environmental agency, will also be closely watched.

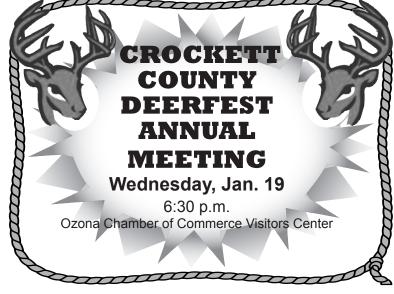
Texas lawmakers may also choose to dive into the regulatory fight between the state and the Environmental Protection Agency, with legislation that backs the state's permitting system and rebuffs the federal agency.

WHO TO WATCH: Troy Fraser, Republican of Horseshoe Bay, the new chairman of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and a solar-rebate advocate. — KATE GAL-BRAITH









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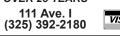
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2010 ANNUAL RUN SUMMARY

The Ozona Fire Department is a volunteer department with 37 members and is lead by a chief; two assistant chiefs; captain; lieutenant; fire marshal and training chief who are line officers for the fire fighting section of the department.

Also for department leadership a president; vicepresident; secretary and chaplain.

The station attendants who are paid are Tom and Lue Morrow and the relief is Helen Wall.

2010 Run summary:

· Grass/Wildland Fires - 64

- · Vehicle Fires 5 ·Haz-Mat Calls - 1
- ·Structure Fires 11
- ·EMS Assist calls 89 · Search/Rescue - 1
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PROGRAM YIELDS INCREASE **IN ARRESTS**

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Jan. 7 announced a special enforcement program targeting impaired drivers during the Christmas and New Year's holidays resulted in the arrest of 1,106 drivers across the state.

State troopers were out in force Dec. 21 to Jan. 1, looking for impaired or intoxicated drivers. Of those arrests, the DPS said, 442 were made by troopers whose patrols were funded through a \$2 million Texas Department of Transportation special mobilization grant that will run throughout 2011.

The extra funding will allow the DPS to have additional targeted DWI patrols during spring break, Independence Day and Labor Day in high-risk locations during the times when alcoholrelated crashes occur most frequently.

"The special grant allowed us to stay out on the road longer, and arrest more drunk drivers,' said David Baker, assistant director for the Texas Highway Patrol.

AUSTIN LAWMAKER SHARES BUDGET IDEA

Last week, state Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, disseminated his suggestion that the final, negotiated state budget be subject to public scrutiny for five days before legislators vote on it. The usual period of time ordinary Texans get to look at the proposed budget, usually more than 1,000 pages long, is 48 Watson's idea was embraced

by a range of political factions. Meanwhile, on Jan. 10, state Comptroller Susan Combs was expected to deliver a key element for the Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee to develop the state budget: a state revenue projection for fiscal 2012-2013.

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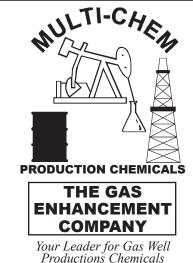
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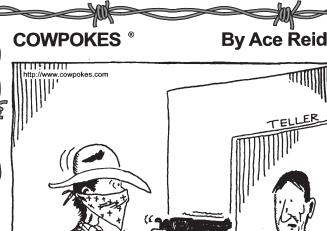
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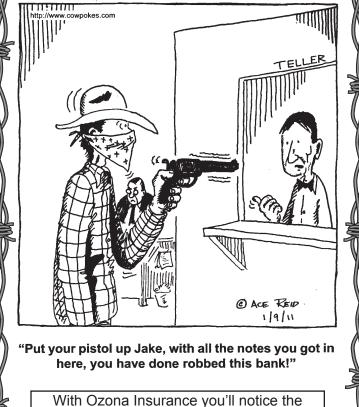
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All burns shall be reported to the Crockett County Sheriff's Office (325) 392-2661 and the Fire Chief (325) 392-2626 prior to commencing, together with the name of the landowner, location involved and expert to be on

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