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Mmm...that's tasty



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

OZONA PARENTS and STUDENTS sampled some of the new food being served this year in Crockett County CCSD's cafeterias during an open house night on Aug. 30. CCCSD is contracting with Walker Quality Services. A 17-member OHS Youth Advisory Council has also been formed to give students' a voice about what is being served in the cafeteria. Those serving on Aug. 31 were: Darla Ortiz, Rita Vasquez, Kelle West, Susan Webb, Mari Longoria, Ludy Vargas, Mela Flores, Albert Owens and Chelle Fike.

Last day to file: today is the deadline in school board race

Today (Sept. 7) is the last day to file for the Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees election.

Three people have filed so far for the special election to fill the vacant At Large position.

Local attorney Orlando De Hoyos, DCP Midstream employee Chad Poindexter and rancher and former CCCSD employee David McWilliams are the contenders in the race that will be decided Nov. 8.

Persons interested in filing can do so at the CCCSD Administration Building at 797 Avenue D.

According to the Texas Secretary of State's Office, a prospective school board candidate must be a United States citizen, at least 18

years of age and must be a registered voter.

Candidates must also have established at least six months of residency in the school district before the filing deadline and must have been Texas residents for 12 months before the filing deadline.

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 8. Early voting will be Monday, Oct. 24 to Friday, Nov. 4.

The deadline to register to vote in the November election is Oct. 11.

The first day to apply for a ballot by mail is Sept. 9.

For more information, call the school district at 392-5501.

For more information on voting or voter registration, call 392-2674.

School board approves final budget items

The Crockett County CCSD School Board approved several end of the budget year items during a special meeting on Aug. 31.

The board unanimously approved 12 amendments to the 2010-2011 budget.

Most of the amendments dealt with district property renovations and the funding from the Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB).

Also unanimously approved was the Governmental Accounting Standard Board Statement 54, along

with adopting a resolution for the GASB 54, which deals with the reporting of the district's fund balance and committing around \$2.7 million for QSCB improvements.

The board will hold a special meeting and facility workshop at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 14.

Their regular board meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Sept. 21.

Both meetings will be in the Administration Building at 797 Avenue D.

Lions fall to Braves in season opener

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The Ozona Lions opened the 2011 with a tough battle against the Iraan Braves.

After a back and forth first half, the Braves, led by running back Drew Fellows, would seal the 28-14 victory.

"Friday night it was obvious that we were not at the level of physical conditioning that we should have been. That's my fault. We should have made conditioning a higher priority in practice. We told the kids at half that we wanted to be in a position to win the game in the fourth quarter, but we simply didn't come out to play in the third quarter," said Ozona Coach Ray Brown.

Iraan would hit first, with Austin Ramirez catching a 28-yard pass from Zeth Hernandez. Fellows kick would put Iraan on the board 7-0.

Fellows would then score next on an 8-yard run, but Ozona's Blake Morrow would block extra-point attempt to make it 13-0.



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BLAKE MORROW blocks an Iraan kick Friday night at Lion Stadium. Ozona lost 28-14 at Lion Stadium. They will take on Stanton Friday in Stanton.

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Drought scrambles Texas water utilities' finances

BY KATE GALBRAITH
TEXAS TRIBUNE

Many of the effects of the worst one-year drought in recorded Texas history are obvious: brown lawns, shriveled crops, wildfires and even cracked building foundations.

Less obvious is the impact on the finances of water utilities around the state. A number of cities are making more money than usual from selling water this year, even as they gradually tighten usage restrictions, because people are using more water to compensate for the lack of rain. But some small West Texas towns that have already implemented severe water restrictions are seeing a sharp drop in revenue — just at a time when they



KATHLEEN PHILLIPS | TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

TRINITY RIVER in Fort Worth shows signs of this year's drought.

need to replace breaking pipes and seek expensive new supplies.

"Revenue is way down just because we're restricting everybody's usage," said John Jacobs, the mayor of Robert Lee, a town north of San Angelo that has banned outdoor watering because its reservoir is nearly emp-

ty. He estimates that revenues are down about 40 percent this year.

In Llano, another town that has banned outdoor watering, revenues may be down about 10 percent this year, estimates Finley deGraffenried, the city manager. However, he

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7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT STANTON

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New law effects property tax homestead exemptions

SUBMITTED BY RHONDA SHAW
CROCKETT COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR
AND CHIEF APPRAISER

Beginning this month, individuals seeking to apply for a homestead exemption in Texas will need to comply with a new application process.

The recent session of the Texas Legislature imposed rigorous new standards of mandatory disclosure for those property owners who apply for anyone of several kinds of homestead exemptions starting Sept. 1.

In order to receive a homestead exemption for property tax purposes, applicants must now provide a copy of their Texas driver's license or Texas state-issued identification card and a copy of their vehicle registration receipt with their application for a homestead exemption.

Moreover, the addresses shown on each of the documents must be the same as the address for which the homestead exemption is sought, according to Crockett County Chief Appraiser Rhonda Shaw.

Those who do not own a vehicle will be required to submit a notarized affidavit certifying that fact and provide a copy of a current bill received from a utility company.

The address on the utility bill must be the same as the address on the application for a homestead exemption.

"The Legislature has closed loopholes in disclosure that allowed some citizens to obtain homestead exemptions on more than one property," Shaw said. "The Legislature has also authorized county appraisal districts to gain access to the database of the Texas Department of Public Safety so that differences in addresses reported for driver's license and property tax reasons can be audited electronically."

The new requirement that takes effect on September 1 is required for anyone of the several ways property owners can qualify for a residential property homestead. These include the following:

- General residential exemption
- Over-65 exemption
- Disability exemption
- 100 disabled veterans exemption
- Extension of exemption for a surviving spouse
- Exemption for manufactured (mobile) home

Each of the programs cited above have additional requirements for qualification.

However, the common standard is that all such applicants must provide the additional documentation as noted before regarding driver's license, Texas issued identification card, motor vehicle registration, and utility billing receipt.

For those seeking homestead exemption status on a manufactured home, the applicant must also provide documentation as noted below:

-Statement of ownership and location issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

-A copy of the purchase contract or payment receipt that the applicant is the purchaser of the manufactured home, OR, a sworn affidavit that:

- a. The applicant is the owner of the manufactured home
 - b. The seller of the manufactured home did not provide the applicant with a purchase contract, and
 - c. The applicant could not locate the seller after making a good faith effort
- Applications dated and submitted to CCAD by August 31, 2011 will be processed under the pre-Sept. 1 guidelines.

For more information, call Shaw at 392-2674.

Ranch Marketing Workshop Tuesday

A Ranch Marketing Workshop will be held Tuesday, Sept. 13, at the Fair Park Convention Center in Ozona.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m.

- Topics include:
- "Livestock Market Outlook: Current trends and expectations for cattle, sheep, and goats" by Rick Machen, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist from Uvalde.
 - "Disaster Assistance Program through the Farm Services Agency/Economics of Managing Livestock during Drought" by Bill Thompson, AgriLife Extension economist from San Angelo.
 - "Theft Awareness" by

Jack Andrews, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association from Brady.

"Drought Recovery on Rangelands" by Alyson McDonald, AgriLife Extension range program specialist from Fort Stockton.

"Crockett County and Sutton County created this workshop to address the current drought focus on the minds of our area's producers," said AgriLife Extension Agents Chase McPhaul, of Ozona, and Pascual Hernandez, of Sonora.

Cost is \$10 and includes three continuing education hours and lunch.

For more information, or to RSVP by Friday, Sept. 9, call (325) 392-2721.

Texas Tuition Promise Fund enrollment is open

The annual enrollment period for the Texas Tuition Promise Fund, the state's prepaid college tuition program runs through Feb. 29, 2012. For parents who are concerned about squeezing college savings into a tight family budget, the Texas Tuition Promise Fund may be the answer.

"This program helps ease parents' worries about rising college costs by letting them prepay all or part of their children's undergraduate tuition and required fees at Texas public colleges or universities at today's prices," said Texas Comptroller Susan Combs.

Families enrolled in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund purchase prepaid "units" that can later be used toward undergraduate tuition and required fees at schools ranging from Texas public community colleges to four-year, in-state universities. Prices are based on 2011-12 academic year costs for the state's public colleges.

-Type I units, priced for tuition and required fees for the most expensive public four-year school in Texas, cost \$111.68 per unit.

-Type II units, based on the weighted average cost of tuition and required fees across all Texas public four-year schools, cost \$79.70 per unit.

-Type III units, priced at the weighted average cost

of tuition and required fees across all Texas public two-year schools, cost \$20.54 each.

Under the plan, 100 units equal one academic year consisting of 30 semester hours of tuition and required fees at the Texas public school that most closely matches the pricing base. Families can prepay for up to six years (600 Type I units or the equivalent amount of Type II and III units) of undergraduate tuition and required fees. The plan's payment options include lump sum payments, installment payments that include 8 percent interest or a pay-as-you-go plan that allows parents to gradually add more units when the family budget allows. Payments start as low as \$15 after an account is established by paying a one-time fee of \$25 and purchasing at least one unit.

"With its flexibility and affordable payment plans, the Texas Tuition Promise Fund helps families achieve their education savings goal - whether it is a four-year college degree or a community college training program to gain the technical skills needed for good, well-paying jobs," Combs said.

For more information, visit www.TexasTuition-PromiseFund.com or call (800) 445-GRAD (4723), Option 5.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Sept. 7

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crockett County Civic Center Board meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Thursday, Sept. 8

- OMS Lions vs. Stanton, 5 p.m. at Stanton.
- JV Lions vs. Stanton, 6 p.m. at Lion Stadium.
- Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. at the EMS Building.

Friday, Sept. 9

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Varsity Lions vs. Stanton, 7:30 p.m. at Stanton.

Saturday, Sept. 10

- OHS and OMS Cross-Country teams at Water Valley.
- Levis and Lace Square Dance, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Monday, Sept. 12

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crockett County Commissioners' Court meeting, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.
- Ladies Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Tuesday, Sept. 13

- Helping Hands Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Band Practice, 7-9 p.m. at the OHS Band Hall.

Wednesday, Sept. 14

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- CCCSD School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Happy Birthday

Sept. 7 - Natividad Hernandez Sr., Jeffery Gillitt, Carson Childress, Glenn Crowder and Juan Garcia

Sept. 8 - Jesslynn Kay Fierro and Murray Logan

Sept. 9 - Grizz Medina, Bethany Martinez, Estella Ramos, Dominique Perez and Jennifer Gandar

Sept. 10 - Tony Stewart, Angela Branch, Myra Dominguez and Kimberlee De La Garza

Sept. 11 - Gina Hochreiter, Leland Mendoza, Wendy Justiss, Gene Hood, Julia Ramirez, Patricia Canales, Anais Venegas, Lazaro Rodriguez, Carly

Wilha, Bob Falkner, Mike Worley, Johnito Rodriguez, Madison Childress, Anthony Gutierrez, Adriel Zamarripa, Rogelio Estrada, David Sewell and Nathan Knox

Sept. 12 - Lacey Magness, Alex Borrego Sr., Nicole Kendrick, Shirley Alisch, Marvin Anderson, Eloy Gonzales and Anna Hernandez

Sept. 13 - Rigo Treto Jr., Tommy Longoria, Toby Ortiz, Jamie Knox, Lalo Longoria Jr., Andrea Borrego, Parrish Aiguier, Amado Carrizales, Bryan S. Castro and Juanita Duran

Small Fashions & Gifts

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SEPT. 7-14

WEDDING GIFT SELECTIONS:
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HELPING HANDS NEWS

The menu for Helping Hands for the week of Sept. 7-14.
We are in need of more volunteers to help deliver meals.
If you are interested in helping, call 392-5023 or come by the kitchen at the Senior Center.
Today (Sept. 7)
-Chicken strips,

mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese, roll, peach cobbler.
Thursday
-Soft tacos with cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, pinto beans, corn, fruit cocktail.
Friday
-Fish, green beans, oven roasted potatoes, cornbread, sliced strawberries.
Monday

-Barbecue beef sandwich, baked French fries, coleslaw, peaches with whipped topping.
Tuesday
-Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, wheat roll, cantaloupe cubes.
Wednesday
-Beef tips with gravy, rice, mixed vegetables, banana pudding.

Pecos trail region board meeting Sept. 15 in Pecos

The Texas Pecos Trail Region bi-monthly board meeting, networking lunch, and educational experience will be held on Sept. 15th, 10 a.m., in Pecos at the West of the Pecos Museum, 120 E. Dot Stafford (First Street). The public is welcome to attend.
Local Historian Alberto Alvarez will be the educational speaker. Welcome by Pecos Mayor Venetta Seals. Debra Thomas, Pecos Main Street Director, serves on the board of the Pecos Trail Region.
Lunch will be served at

noon and is provided by the Friends of the West of the Pecos Museum.
Cost is \$10 per person and will be collected at the door.
The Texas Pecos Trail Region encompasses 22 West Texas counties in the Trans-Pecos area: Andrews, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Edwards, Glasscock, Kimble, Kinney, Loving, Martin, Maverick, Midland, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Sterling, Sutton, Terrell, Upton, Val Verde, Ward, and Winkler.
The Texas Heritage Trails Program is the Tex-

as Historical Commission's award-winning tourism initiative designed to help Texas communities promote tourism, revitalize local economies and foster community leadership through historic preservation.
RSVP by Friday, Sept. 9, to Scott Jordan, Executive Director, at info@texaspecostrail.com or (325) 387-3900. If staying the night before, call Best Western Swiss Chalet at (432) 447-9477 by Sept. 12 to reserve a blocked room for Pecos Trail.

DEATH NOTICES

Ernesto Martinez Jr.

Ernesto Martinez, Jr., 52, died Saturday, Sept. 3, 2011 in an Odessa hospital.
Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. today, Sept. 7, 2011 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements by Preddy Funeral Home.
Survivors include his mother, Elvira Martinez of Ozona; three daughters, Devon Morris of Los Lunas, N.M., Leann Archuleta of Los Lunas, N.M. and Margarita "Maci" Martinez of Ozona; two sons, Ernesto Steven Villarreal of Ozona and Ernesto Martinez III of Faribault, M.N., three sisters, Mary Jane Flores of Lubbock, Mary Frances Sedeno of San Angelo and Linda Kay Vasquez of Ozona.
He was preceded in death by a sister Teresa Gonzales

OBITUARIES

Byron C. 'Mustard' Williams

Byron C. "Mustard" Williams passed away suddenly August 28, 2011 out in Crockett County, where he had spent all of his life.
Born the youngest son of Charles L. and Bertie Fussell Williams, he came into this world on Nov. 2, 1924, only one day following his own father's death. He joined his widowed mother, 4 older brothers and one sister.
Life was hard at times during the depression years that followed, but never dull, with so many siblings and friends to keep him company, and in and out of trouble, as he grew up in Ozona.
Mustard loved sports, and would run track with the older high school boys. Their coach, Ted White, declared that he "wasn't any bigger than a mustard seed"....and the monkier stuck to him for the remainder of his life. Following high school graduation in 1942, he attended Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas, as well as Texas A&M.
Being the youngest son, with all of his 4 older brothers already in various branches of the service during World War II, they would not draft him--but Mustard would have none of that and enlisted in the US Navy, serving in the South Pacific during the war. After his enlistment, his mother was honored as a 5-Star Mother, and all 5 brothers returned to Ozona after the war to continue their lives.
On July 12, 1947, he married Mary Elizabeth "Liz" Gray, in Ozona. She preceded him in death on their wedding anniversary, July 12, 2009.

After various business ventures in Crockett County, Mustard began his oil and gas career in 1951, in Midland, Texas. He spent over 30 years driving back and forth from Midland to take care of business, and the road must have gotten long at times! He had many business associates in Midland and spent many a night auctioneering at the Four-Man golf tournaments at Ranchland Hills and other country clubs in Midland over the years.
He would often take business associates deer hunting and fishing in Ozona during the early and middle years of oil and gas wheeling and dealing. His family knew many of these associates, and some became very good friends over time.
He loved fishing, hunting and the like. Many happy years were spent with his family on their Devil's River lease, along with many often very cold deer hunting trips!

Traveling was a favorite pastime after he retired from the oil and gas business. Mustard and Liz would travel all over the United States in one of the several motorhomes they had over the years. Mustard was an excellent driver, and never had an accident in the motorhome in over 30 years of traveling. He steered out of more than one blowout without overturning.
Music was also a favorite, and he played guitar. He enjoyed many jam sessions over the years, and passed his love of music on to his children. He had an extensive Jimmie Rodgers record collection, and never tired of listening to the old music of his childhood.
He was also preceded in death by his parents and all of his older brothers--Charles Williams and his wife Jonesy, Gene Williams and his wife Toots, Jack Williams and his wife Winnie, Joe Williams and his brother-in-law Joe Clayton.
He is survived by two daughters--Connie Burrus, of Mountain City, Texas, and Cathy Williams of Farmington, N.M.
Also surviving him are his older sister, Mary Clayton, his sister-in-law Jeanne Williams, and several nieces and nephews.
Funeral service was Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011 at the Ozona United Methodist Church with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements by Preddy Funeral Home.

Way Off Broadway auditions for 'Dust and Denim'

The Way Off Broadway Players of Eldorado will be holding tryouts for the fall production of "Dust and Denim - A Salute to West Texas". Auditions will be held on Thursday, Sept. 15, from 5-8 p.m. at the Tom

Ratliff Civic Theater, 109 SW Main St. in Eldorado.
"Dust and Denim" is a variety musical production with a host of characters singing lyrics appropriate for West Texas set to familiar tunes that many folks will recognize. The songs tell the story of our West Texas culture and way of life in fun and humorous way.

The play requires a variety of characters including the following: Dorothy; a Texas style Cowardly Lion, Scarecrow, and Tin Man; a cowgirl Good Witch; Munchkins; farm couples; cowboys & ranchers; wait-

resses; a veterinarian; truck drivers or large equipment operator; business owners; coaches; cheerleaders (old and young); young college couples; Women's Club and Beautification Club members.
If you live in the area and are interested in participating, we encourage you to attend the auditions. Elementary school age children to adults are welcomed. Singing is required, and there may be a little dancing too, but professional knowledge of music is not necessary just the willingness to participate in this fun event.

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NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

The United States congress passed a bipartisan bill in 2001 called, "No Child Left Behind" and it was quickly signed by then President George W Bush. Today it is often referred to as the NCLB and the purpose of the bill was to try and ensure that all the children in the United States of America were being challenged to a higher standard of education and that no child was neglected or that every child was given the same opportunity of an excellent education. In thinking about children and learning wouldn't it be wonderful if all the Children in America came to know Jesus Christ as Personal Lord and Savior, (John 1:12). It is probably not going to happen for several reasons. One big reason, they are not being taught about God in the Home, (Deuteronomy 11:19). Another is that many parents do not know God, (Deuteronomy 4:10, Psalm 78:8 & 9). Children are a special gift from God, (Psalm 127:3) and parents, especially fathers are to ensure that children are taught or instructed about God, (Psalm 78:3-7). We are told not to hinder children from learning about God, (Mark 10:14). Do we take our children to Church and Sunday School with us on Sunday because there is a warning if we do not teach them they may never come to know God, (Proverbs 22:6). See you in Church Next Sunday. Oh, by the way do not forget to take the kids. Brother J

<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor Chris Johnson Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Ron Shott Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Pastor Ruth & Gerson Posadas Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War Pastor Juan Avila Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6:00 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Martes: 6:00 p.m. Jueves: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Nilo Nalugon Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. Tues. - Fri.: 6 p.m.</p>
<p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</p>	<p>Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Refugi Vega Sunday School: 4 p.m. Sunday Worship: 5 p.m. Tues & Thur. Service: 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Carlos Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>		<p>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.</p>

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Nutrition/Food Pantry program Sept. 16

The Nutrition/Food Pantry program will be held Friday, Sept. 16, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
Recipes will be given. The class is open to all interested persons. However, in order to receive a food box, you must pre-register.
For more information, call E.A. Wadsworth, RN at 392-3060.

TRYOUTS ANNOUNCED
for
"DUST AND DENIM"
A Tribute To West Texas

Presented this fall by
The Way Off Broadway Players
Eldorado, Texas

Auditions will be held at the Tom Ratliff Civic Theater, 109 SW Main, Eldorado
Thursday, Sept. 15, 2011
5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Anyone in the area interested in participating in this humorous musical production is welcomed to come. Elementary age thru adult -- See article for list of characters



A TREE fell at the home of Matilda Ortiz, 308 Avenue O, on Aug. 29 after winds and a small storm blew through Ozona. Fortunately, no one was injured.

Gallego will challenge Canseco for congressional seat

BY ROSS RAMSEY
TEXAS TRIBUNE

State Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, says he is filing papers this week to run for the congressional seat now held by Republican Francisco "Quico" Canseco of San Antonio.

Canseco, who upset San Antonio Democrat Ciro Rodriguez in the November 2010 elections, didn't get much of a safety margin in the latest redistricting maps. CD-23 is Republican on paper, but it's attractive to Democrats who think they can bring in enough voters — especially in a presidential election year — to hold Canseco to one term.

Gallego first won election to the Texas House in 1990 and has chaired various committees and also been part of the Democratic leadership, doing time as head of the House Democratic and the Mexican American Legislative Caucuses. That's made him known to state and national Democrats who might be willing to help him in a congressional contest.

The district runs from San Antonio west to El Paso and includes all but five of the Texas counties that border Mexico. Crockett County is included in this district.

San Antonio lawyer Manuel Peleaz, a Democrat, decided this week not to run for that congressional seat. He says he got lots



STATE REP. PETE GALLEGO, D-Alpine, during State Affairs Committee Hearing on March 14, 2011.

of encouragement at home from others in San Antonio but that Gallego has locked down most of the important supporters west of Bexar County.

That sets up as a "cage

match," as he put it, between Gallego and Rodriguez, and with others, including John Bustamante, son of a former congressman, who announced as a Democratic candidate last month.

LIBRARY NEWS

By Louise P. Ledoux | Crockett County Librarian



SANDRA CHILDRESS (right), pictured with Crockett County Librarian Louise Ledoux, is the Digital Artist of the Month at the Crockett County Public Library. The exhibit features West Texas Birds Amazing pictures of birds seen all together due to the drought and special need for water.

Changes to Texas Cattle Trichomoniasis Regulations

BY BONNIE RAMIREZ
TEXAS ANIMAL HEALTH COMMISSION

AUSTIN - The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) recently adopted changes to its cattle Trichomoniasis (Trich) rules.

Trich is a venereal disease of cattle caused by protozoa that can cause abortions and infertility, subsequently causing economic losses for the producer.

The cattle program is managed primarily through required testing of breeding bulls for the disease prior to change of ownership or entry into a herd. Interested producers, veterinarians and stakeholders provided suggestions to the TAHC over the previous year to help improve the Trich program.

A TAHC Trich working group met in May to review the submitted suggestions and provided recommendations for the TAHC to consider. The working group suggestions that were accepted and recently passed by the TAHC went into effect on Aug. 14.

The following is an overview of rule changes:

1. Texas will no longer accept "virgin" bulls for entry from other states. All breeding bulls 12 months of age and older must have a negative Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) Trich test prior to entry.

2. Texas will no longer accept a negative culture test(s) for entry of breeding bulls into the state. Only PCR tests will be accepted.

3. Untested out-of-state bulls are now allowed entry into Texas if consigned directly to Trich certified feedyard facilities, and accompanied by a permit issued by an accredited veterinarian from the state of origin.

4. A "Control Herd Plan" option has been created that allows large cattle operations up to three years to eradicate Trich from their herd. The enrolled herds are allowed to test once per year (preferably prior to breeding season) instead of two or more times as normally required, but in exchange they must consult with a veterinarian and enter into a plan designed to remove the disease from the herd. In the interim, all bulls leaving the herd must be sold for slaughter or feed-

ing for slaughter only until their quarantine is released.

5. The TAHC will now allow an approved laboratory to "pool" individually submitted samples (up to 5 samples) for PCR testing, to count as one of the two tests normally required to release a herd from quarantine. Pooled samples will still not be allowed for change of ownership testing however. This change was designed as a cost saving measure for producers, and must be approved in advance by TAHC regional management in consultation with the owner or veterinarian.

Questions about the new regulations may be directed to TAHC regional staff - Region 6 (Lampasas, Texas), phone: (512) 556-6277, Region Director: Dr. Pete Fincher.

For more information about Trich visit http://www.tahc.state.tx.us/animal_health/trich/trich.html

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Complete information regarding the marker application process can be found on the THC's website at www.thc.state.tx.us.

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- "sawbones" professional assn.
- "Angel" Fawcett
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- small RR vehicle propelled by sweat
- TXism: "a shy dog don't _____ biscuits"
- TXism: "big enough to _____ elephant"
- "days of _____"
- in McLennan Co. on hwy. 6
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- Lt. _____ S. Grant fought at the Battle of Palo Alto
- Juliff, TX song: "Diddy _____ Diddy, ain't no town, ain't no city . . ."
- Observatory near Fort Davis
- TXism: "put a pencil _____"
- infamous Fort Worth Cullen (init.)
- TXism: "loud enough _____ the dead"
- TX Buddy Holly tune: "Not _____"
- TXism: "I got the hang _____"
- vision corrector?
- sound of Springs in Motley County
- TXism: "_____ like ants out of a burning stump"
- minerals
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- "Desperate" TXn Longoria
- slang for "excellent"
- this TXn started "Family Stone" grp.

DOWN

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- TXism: "green around the gills"
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- in Corpus Christi: "Boar's _____ Festival"
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- "Cowpokes" TX artist Ace (init.)
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- ex-Cowboy RB Tommie ('89-'94)
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- TXism: "joined his _____ the dirt" (fell)
- TXism for "not" shiny ride? (3 wds.)
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- TXism: "heavy as the front _____ John Deere"
- last name, 10-down
- fly high
- King Cole
- Alaska (abbr.)
- "_____ the night before Christmas"
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OZONA LION QUARTERBACK ALEJANDRO MENDEZ LOOKS DOWN THE LINE before taking a snap in the Ozona Lions season opener against the Iraan Braves in Lion Stadium on Sept. 2.

LIONS: from page 1

Still in the first quarter, the Lions offense would click and senior Mark Gallardo would find the end zone for Ozona's first touchdown. Gallardo's kick would be good to make the score 13-7.

In the second quarter, Gallardo would get his second touchdown and extra-point to give Ozona the one-point lead at 14-13.

Sophomore Alex Borrego was also a top player for the Lions rushing for 82 yards on 11 carries and catching the ball five times for 32 yards.

"We had some bright spots offensively with a 9-play, 73-yard drive and an 11-play, 93 yard drive that both ended in touchdowns. I was proud of the kids for coming back with those drives and getting back into the game after falling behind by 13 early," Brown said.

Iraan would dominate the rest of the game with Ramirez scoring again just before halftime and Fellows getting his second touchdown in the third quarter.

The Lions will face another tough team this week against Stanton. The Buffaloes have defeated Grape Creek and Reagan County in their first two games.

"Stanton will provide another big challenge. They were a playoff team last year and have started off the year 2-0," Brown said.

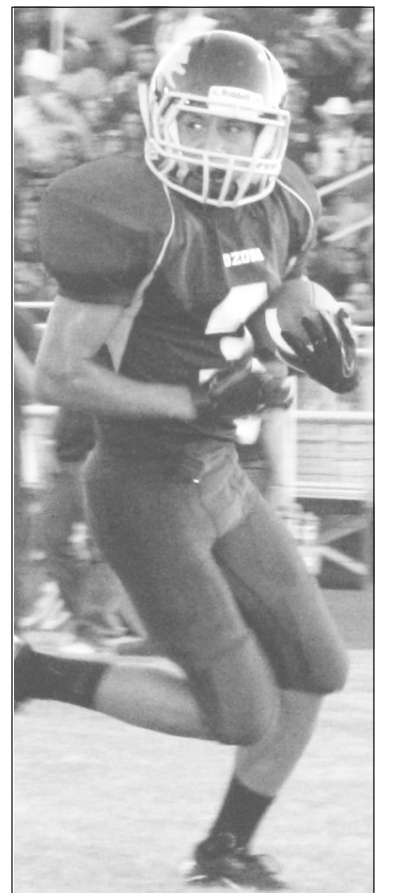
Kickoff is 7:30 p.m. Friday in Stanton.



CUATRO JONES (l.) AND BRANDON DE HOYOS SANDWICH an Iraan Brave in the Lions Sept. 2 game.



ALEX BORREGO RUNS THE BALL FOR THE OZONA LIONS while being flanked by Brandon De Hoyos (l.) and Anthony Avila (r.).



LUIS SOTO scored a first quarter touchdown for the Ozona Lions in their Sept. game against Iraan.



CHRIS CANTU AND BETHANY MARTINEZ play the xylophone for the Lions band at half time.

JV Lions fall in season opener against Braves

Iraan JV 12, Ozona JV 8 - The Braves scored on the first play of the game, but the Lions responded with a bruising running attack, capped off by a touchdown run from Daniel Lombrana. Daniel Gonzales scampered in with the two-point conversion to put Ozona on top going into the half. Ryan Porras had two key catches to extend drives. Tristan Alvarez led the Lion offense from the quarterback position, while Hazael Damian and Fernando Sifuentes turned in sterling performances on the line.

OHS Band Student of the Week



Yeni Rodriguez

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THE OZONA BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM PLACED FOURTH IN THE SONORA CROSS COUNTRY MEET ON SEPT. 3. THEY ARE: (l. to r.) Bryce Gutierrez, Saul Vargas, Josiah Jurado, Luis Soto, Ryan Porras and Erik Carrizales.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
THE OZONA GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM PLACED FIFTH IN THE SONORA CROSS COUNTRY MEET ON SEPT. 3. THEY ARE: (l. to r.) Jackie Dutchover, Lazarae Rodriguez, Lexi Poindexter, Nicole Higgins, Sierra Stokes, Marissa Held and Alex Rodriguez.



MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
LADY LION KODI GLOSSON was presented a certificate and ring last week for being named to the 2010-2011 Texas Girls Coaches' Association All State Softball Team.

THE OZONA STOCKMAN DEADLINE IS MONDAY AT NOON!

Cross Country teams run in Sonora

The Lions and Lady Lions Cross-Country teams competed in the Sonora meet Saturday, Sept. 3.

The Lady Lions placed fifth overall with a total of 120 points and two runner in the top 15.

Alex Rodriguez was eighth with a time of 14 minutes, 10 seconds followed by Lexi Poindexter at 15th at 14:53. Also running were: Marissa Held 15:52; Nicole Higgins 17:14; Jackie Dutchover 17:30; Lazarae Rodriguez 18:45 and Sierra Stokes 19:01.

"District opponents that beat us were Wall, who won the meet with 25 points and Sonora who placed 4th with 95 points," said Coach Cris-ty Isenhower. "I thought we did a good job. We just have to close some gaps. Once some of these girls' figure out what they are capable of,

we just may surprise some people."

The Lions placed fourth out of seven teams.

Saul Vargas was third, Ryan Porras 14th and Josiah Jurado 16th. Also running were Luis Soto, Bryce Gutierrez and Erik Carrizales.

Sonora won the boys division, followed by Wall and Comstock. "Saturday went about as well as expected. Five out of our six boys played football the night before or two nights before the race. The guys have to get used to balancing the two sports and we are still very satisfied with where we are," said Coach Erik Thormaehlen. "The time between Saul and the number one runner from Wall was over a minute. In a large race, such as the regional meet, there will be about 50 runners in between

the two. In a small race like Sonora, or the district meet, results should typically favor Wall, unless our pack can get ahead of theirs. The team we really felt we can and should have beaten was Comstock. Our pack was just a little slower than it was the previous week at San Angelo but that has a lot to do with our training becoming more difficult last week and football games. The boys will adjust, they're a versatile group of kids."

2011 Ozona Lions High School and Middle School Cross Country Schedule

Date	Meet	Team
Sept. 10	Water Valley	HS Girls/MS Boys & Girls
Sept. 17	San Antonio (UTSA)	HS Boys & Girls
Sept. 17	ASU - San Angelo	MS Boys & Girls
Sept. 24	Harper	HS Boys
Oct. 1	Junction	HS Boys & Girls/MS Boys & Girls
Oct. 5	Ozona Tri-Meet	HS Boys & Girls/MS Boys & Girls
Oct. 15	Iraan	HS Boys & Girls/MS Boys & Girls
Oct. 24	District Meet (Ozona)	HS Boys & Girls/MS Boys & Girls
Nov. 5	Regional XC Meet (Lubbock)	HS Boys & Girls
Nov. 12	State XC Meet (Round Rock)	HS Boys & Girls

Youth Center Calendar

Friday, Sept. 9:
 Youth Center will be closed for football game

High School Hours:
 Monday: 7-10 p.m.
 Tuesday: 2-7 p.m.
 Wednesday: 7-10 p.m.
 Thursday: 2-10 p.m.
 Friday: 2 p.m.-midnight
 Saturday: 2-7 p.m.

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New website saves drought info-seekers from drowning in a sea of helpful facts

BY STEVE BYRNS
TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

COLLEGE STATION - The Texas AgriLife Extension Service has launched a new website called Water Education in Texas (<http://agrilife.org/drought/>), solely for the purpose of providing homeowners and producers with easy-to-find water-wise drought tips.

"We found that the longer this historical drought hangs on, the more information is generated to help Texans cope with it," said Dr. Pete Gibbs, AgriLife Extension associate director at College Station. "The trouble is, we're now drowning in a virtual sea of drought-related information. To stem the flow, AgriLife Communications has siphoned off only the most pertinent information that's been submitted by our experts. This information has been updated, then



WATER EDUCATION IN TEXAS WEBSITE offers conservation tips. See <http://agrilife.org/drought/>

further edited down to provide the public with just what they need to know."

Water Education in Texas website offers conservation tips. See <http://agrilife.org/drought/> (Texas AgriLife Ex-

tension Service photo) Gibbs said the site is easy to navigate because it has only three main categories, which are easily accessed by a single click of the mouse.

The site's categories are "Your Home," which deals with everything from leaky faucets to washing machines; "Lawn and Garden," which addresses topics including drip irrigation and watering trees, and "Agriculture and Wildlife," which offers tips on livestock, crops, fish and wildlife.

The information is offered in short, bulleted single sentences with a key word or phrase embedded within the text for those seeking more in-depth information on that particular topic, Gibbs said. The site also includes audio, video and the most current news stories from AgriLife Today.

"Our main goal is to provide the best information possible that people can actually use," Gibbs said. "You can have the best information in the world, but if your clientele can't find it or don't know it exists, it's pretty much worthless."

Texas drought could threaten endangered species

BY BETSY BLANEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LUBBOCK, Texas — Federal officials are readying plans to evacuate a small number of endangered species in Texas as a severe drought lowers water levels and threatens the survival of rare wildlife in the state's huge ecosystem.

Months with almost no rain have caused water levels to drop by half or more in many rivers, lakes and other bodies of water, including springs in the central Texas Hill Country that are the only remaining habitat for populations of small fish, amphibians and other creatures. If the water continues to drop sharply, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service officials are preparing to net up large samples from the springs to take to a hatchery for preservation.

Such evacuations have been rare in the past, with one ordered in 2000 to rescue several species of mussels in Georgia. But such emergency measures could become more frequent if the drought here continues for months or years, as many forecasters predict. Texas is home to 86 endangered and threatened species.

"We're definitely concerned," Fish and Wildlife Service biologist Tom Brandt said. "I think we have moved to another step in making sure everything is ready. We're in a planning stage right now." The evacuations would begin if water levels in two declining springs drop by more than another 50 percent, after similar reductions in recent months.

Only 9.6 inches of rain has fallen on average across Texas this year, a little more than half the normal amount. Fish are dying in lakes and rivers from lack of water and low oxygen levels. Growth of vegeta-

tion for animal habitat is down dramatically.

"Texas flora and fauna are adapted to the harsh, extreme conditions. However, this particular drought is testing the limits of native populations," said Cindy Loeffler, a water resource expert with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The lack of rainfall is intensifying competition for scarce water among wildlife, agriculture and local users. In this case, the Edwards Aquifer, which feeds the two springs that contain the vulnerable species, also provides water to almost two million people as well as for irrigation. The state has imposed new pumping restrictions on some water users and suspended the water rights of others. Federal law bars harming threatened species.

The Comal and San Marcos springs are the largest in Texas. The San Marcos Springs are on the bottom of a 16-acre lake, percolating water up through fissures in the limestone lake bottom. Comal Springs is in a secluded area of oak and cedar trees in a park in New Braunfels.

The springs contain the only remaining populations of two small fish, the fountain darter and the San Marcos gambusia; the Texas blind salamander; the San Marcos salamander; the Comal Springs riffle beetle, the Comal Springs Dryopid beetle, the Peck's cave amphipod, an invertebrate; and Texas wild-rice. In fact, the San Marcos gambusia hasn't been seen since the early 1980s and could already be extinct.

The week of Aug. 22, the spring flow at Comal Springs was measured at 165 cubic feet per second, down from its average of 300. The flow at San Marcos Springs was 93, down from an average of 180. If the flows begin to approach 50 in

Comal Springs and 75 in San Marcos Springs, wildlife agents and volunteers would collect large samples of the wildlife to add to small captive populations in tanks at the hatchery near San Marcos, which is about 30 miles from Austin.

Brandt said he couldn't project when the springs might approach the danger point, and hopes the water conservation efforts keep the springs viable until rains come. San Marcos Springs has never gone dry but Comal Springs went dry from June to November 1956, near the end of a seven-year drought that was the worst in Texas history. The current drought, which began last fall, is already the second worst.

Keeping the species alive is important, said Brandt. "They are a barometer," Brandt said. "We want to keep the habitat in as good a condition as we can and the endangered species, the health of those populations, tells us how well we're doing that."

If the drought continues unabated, "Then we're all in serious trouble and more severe steps will need to be taken," said Ken Kramer of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club, which has gone to federal court in the past to protect wildlife in the state.

The Edwards Aquifer Authority, which manages pumps of the water sources, has been directed by the Legislature to come up with conservation options for the future.

So far, lakes, streams and other waters in the north and western parts of Texas are drying up the fastest, and the plants and animals that rely on them are being watched the most closely. "We are internally at parks and wildlife having discussions, 'what other species out there might need help?'" said Loeffler

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said, the city has offset the hit it takes on water with increased revenues from selling electricity, which has been in high demand this summer due to extra air-conditioning use to combat the heat.

Elsewhere in the state, many larger cities are in a very different situation. San Marcos, San Antonio, Odessa and Lubbock are among those with revenues that are either higher than normal or higher than last year's.

Tom Taggart, director of the San Marcos utility, said that the drought tends to mean more money for the utility "until you're in the deeper-stage restrictions." He estimates that revenues are up roughly 10 percent this year, due to more watering before restrictions (now twice a week) took effect.

Water managers point out that restrictions do not necessarily reduce water use. San Marcos and San Antonio, for example, limit watering to one day a week and certain hours of the day (Austin will tighten its restrictions to a similar level next week), but there are no limits on how much people can use during their window. Hand-watering also does not get banned until things get dire, so Anne Hayden, a spokeswoman for the San Antonio Water System, said that there are "a lot of people out

there on the lawn holding the hose and watering." SAWS is nearly \$12.7 million above budget this year, she said.

If the drought continues and restrictions get much stronger, the drought may start to reduce usage, and revenues.

But even those utilities that are taking in more money now face higher costs as the drought wears on. Water pipes are bursting around the state as they shift in dry soil — Austin, for example, is seeing double its usual breakage rates, according to the Austin American-Statesman. And that's expensive: Greg Meszaros, director of the Austin Water Utility, told the Tribune earlier this year that replacing broken pipes, which must be dug up from underground, can cost \$350 per foot.

It also results in a loss of unsold water. Houston, which has particularly bad pipe-breaking problems due to its clay-like soil, can attest to this. The Houston Chronicle reported last week that usage hit an all-time high even as restrictions were put in place, with the pipe problems being a factor.

Water utilities — some of which already struggle under high debt burdens due to the amount of expensive infrastructure they must build — are also spending more to secure new supplies. In the Permian Basin, where rain has been minimal and supplies are

tight, the Colorado River Municipal Water District is spending \$142 million to build a pipeline to new groundwater supplies, which will send utility bills significantly higher in Midland, Odessa and other cities in the area. Amarillo recently agreed to spend more than \$100 million to buy groundwater from T. Boone Pickens' company.

As lake levels dwindle, cleaning costs may increase as algae and other factors diminish the quality of the water. This is the case in Robert Lee, for example, according to Jacobs, the mayor. (Lower water use may decrease some water-related expenses, like pumping costs, however.)

For ordinary Texans, the water turmoil often means one thing: higher rates. Corpus Christi is already planning a 30-cent-per-month rate rise in anticipation of stricter water restrictions cutting into revenues. In Robert Lee, "I'm afraid rates are going to be pretty high next year," Jacobs said.

Water managers are also trying to stabilize rates, to keep revenues from going up (at first, at least) in dry years as people use more water and plunging during wet years as people use less and rely more on rain. That means making people pay more no matter how much, or little, they use.

In Austin, which has essentially year-round twice-a-week watering restrictions, Austinites will pay a "water sustainability fee" for the first time next year (expected to total about \$4.40 a year for the average meter), in addition to a projected 7.7 percent rate rise. Lubbock is raising its "base rate," a fee paid by everybody so that "we don't have near the swings of our revenue," said Aubrey Spear, the city's water utility director.

Many wholesale providers of water, which sell water to cities, already do this to an extent. Fred Werkenthin, an Austin-based attorney who specializes in water and environmental law, said that wholesale water suppliers that draw from reservoirs mostly sell water on a "take or pay" basis, meaning that their customers buy a certain amount of space in the reservoir and pay for it no matter how much they end up using.

The Lower Colorado River Authority, one such wholesale supplier, charges its customer cities a "reservation rate" to secure water regardless of how much they use, and then a "usage rate" that is double.

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New Texas traffic, criminal laws take effect

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Below is a list of selected changes to traffic and criminal statutes. Unless otherwise listed, all laws below took effect Sept. 1, 2011. Please note that this is not a comprehensive list of all new laws passed by the Texas Legislature.

CRIMINAL LAWS

·Certain synthetic compounds deceptively labeled as "bath salts" and synthetic marijuana products (K2 or spice) have been added to Penalty Group 2 of the Texas Controlled Substances Act. (HB 2118, SB 331) Bath salts contain dangerous stimulants, and K2 mimics the effects of marijuana. Both have been sold in convenience stores and head shops, and have side effects that can be harmful and long-lasting.

·The electronic transmission or possession of visual material depicting a minor engaging in sexual conduct ("sexting") has been added as an offense in the Penal Code. The penalty can range from a Class C misdemeanor to Class A misdemeanor, depending on the circumstances. This does not apply to minors involved in a dating relationship or spouses. (SB 407)

·The possession or use of tire deflation devices, commonly known as caltrops, for any purpose other than law enforcement use or as an antique or curio is prohibited. Criminal organizations have increasingly used caltrops as they attempt to evade apprehension, resulting in damage to patrol vehicles and innocent vehicles on the road. (SB 1416)

TRAFFIC LAWS

·Tow trucks have now been added to the slow down or move over laws, which require drivers to slow down 20 miles per hour below the speed limit, or to vacate the lane closest to the stopped emergency vehicle that has emergency lights activated if the road has multiple lanes traveling in the same direction. (HB 378)

·Speed limits will now be the same during night

and day driving, and separate speed limits for trucks have been eliminated. The maximum speed limit on state highways may be raised to 75 miles per hour if approved after a finding by TxDOT that the increased speed would be reasonable and safe following an engineering and traffic investigation. (HB 1353)

·A driver may not allow a child under 18 to ride in a watercraft while it is being towed on a street or highway. This does not include watercraft being towed on a beach or in a parade. (HB 2981)

DRIVER LICENSE

·Hardship driver licenses will be suspended if the holder is convicted of two or more moving violations during a 12-month period. DPS may no longer waive the driver education requirement to issue a 60-day hardship license. (HB 90)

·Drivers subject to the Driver Responsibility Program will be able to pay the entire three-year amount of surcharges owed for a violation in advance, rather than paying across all three years. (HB 588)

·Veterans will be exempt from the fee for a personal identification certificate if they can show honorable discharge and at least 60 percent service-related disability. Disabled veterans are exempted from driver license fees under current law. (HB 1148)

·A veteran designation will be displayed on a driver license for applicants who provide proof of military service and honorable discharge. (HB 1514)

·The Sunset Commission has been charged with reviewing the current oversight structure of driver education and driver safety schools, which are currently overseen by the Texas Education Agency, and determine if another state agency should have oversight. Providers of driver education courses, including DPS for the purposes of parent taught driver education, will be able to provide certificates of completion directly to those who have completed driver education courses. (HB 2678)

·DPS will establish a deferral program for surcharges assessed under the Driver Responsibility Program to military personnel actively deployed outside the U.S. for the duration of the individual's deployment. (HB 2851)

·Voters will be required to present a driver license, personal identification certificate, military identification, election identification certificate, United States citizenship certificate passport, or concealed handgun license to participate in an election. DPS must create an election identification certificate to be issued by DPS for registered voters who do not have any of the other acceptable forms of photo identification. The election identification certificate will be distinguishable from a driver license or personal identification certificate, and will be issued free of charge to persons only if they do not hold any other acceptable form of identification, as listed in Election Code 63.0101. These forms of identification include a driver license, personal identification certificate, military identification, a United States citizenship certificate, passport, or

concealed handgun license. (SB 14)

·A four-hour driving safety course was approved for drivers under 25 years old. Drivers under 25 who are cited for a moving violation may be required to take this course. (SB 1330)

·Applicants for a driver license or identification certificate must provide proof that the applicant is lawfully present in the United States. Applicants who are not U.S. citizens, legal permanent residents, or admitted to the U.S. as refugees or asylees are considered temporary visitors. Driver license and identification certificates issued to temporary visitors expire concurrent with the end of the applicant's lawful presence, or after one year if the legal stay is indefinite. Driver license and identification certificates issued to temporary visitors are to be in the same format and contain the same information as those issued to U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents. (SB 1, 82nd 1st Called Session, effective Sept. 28, 2011)

WEAPONS

·A person may carry a handgun, knife, or club in a watercraft under the per-

son's ownership or control. The handgun, knife, or club may not be in plain view, used while engaging in criminal activity, or carried by a member of a criminal street gang. (HB 25)

·Employers may not prohibit employees with a concealed handgun license from having firearms or ammunition in their personal cars in the employer's parking lot. This does not apply to employees of public, private or charter schools, or employees of chemical manufacturers or oil and gas refiners. (SB 321)

CRIME LABS

·Crime laboratories are required to preserve biological evidence used in the investigation or prosecution of a felony for at least 40 years, or until the applicable statute of limitations has expired if there is an unapprehended actor associated with the offense. (SB 1616, effective June 17, 2011)

·Law enforcement agencies are required to submit DNA evidence in active sexual assault cases to an accredited laboratory within 30 days of receipt. Once the evidence has been analyzed, the DNA must be compared by DPS to state and feder-

al DNA databases. The bill requires law enforcement agencies to submit unanalyzed DNA evidence collected after September 1, 1996, to DPS for analysis. (SB 1636)

MISCELLANEOUS

·A new category of missing person alerts may now be issued for missing persons with intellectual disabilities. Activation of this alert includes a requirement of documentation of a qualifying intellectual disability. (HB 1075)

·DPS must create a pass for expedited access to the state Capitol building. To be eligible, an applicant must meet the criteria to apply for a concealed handgun license, with the exception of handgun proficiency requirements. (HB 2131, effective May 30, 2011)

·The Texas Fusion Center Policy Council was created to assist DPS in monitoring fusion center activities in Texas. The council is required to establish a privacy advisory group, recommend best practices for fusion centers in Texas and annually submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature regarding the council's progress. (HB 3324, effective June 17, 2011)

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