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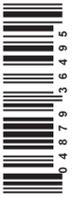
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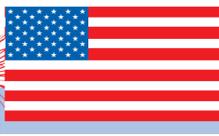
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Fourth of July events continue with ice cream, fireworks



WASHER PITCHING, food booths and games filled the town square Saturday for the Fourth of July Festival. More Independence Day activities are planned for today (July 4) including fireworks around 9 p.m. at the north baseball fields.



The Ozona Stockman, Crockett County offices, local banks, the U.S. Post Office, federal and state offices will all be closed today (July 4) for the Fourth of July.

The Knights of Columbus will have an Old-Fashioned Fourth of July Ice Cream Treat at the Swimming Pool Park at 7 p.m. tonight, July 4.

A community Fourth of July Parade will follow at 8:45 p.m. to lead everyone to the Fireworks Show at the north end of town.

"Anyone curious to see how you can make money just go up in smoke, all you have to do is donate for the fireworks used for our show. An account is opened at Ozona National Bank for fireworks donations. The more we can raise, the bigger the show," Tambunga said.

For more information, call Tambunga at 392-2827.

Supreme Court 'Obamacare' ruling sparks local opinion

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

More on the ruling, page 2

Ozona citizens were vocal last week on the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to uphold the entire Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare."

In a landmark ruling with wide-ranging implications, the Supreme Court today upheld the so-called individual mandate requiring Americans to buy health insurance or pay a penalty, the key part of President Obama's signature health care law.

The court ruled 5 to 4 that the mandate is unconstitutional under the Constitution's commerce clause, but it can stay as part of Congress's power under a taxing clause. The court said that the government will be allowed to tax people for not having health insurance.

The aim is to extend coverage to more than 30 million people who now are uninsured.

People gave their opinions loud and strong on The Ozona Stockman's Facebook page with many disagreeing with the court's decision.

Linda Conner said her single-parent daughter is barely making it.

"Now she is being told she has to buy insurance. I hope they can see that low-income families need a pay raise as well," Conner said.

"It is not the government's choice, it is ours," added Diane Allsup.

Christie Pena said she felt like "tax" is just a semantic for the meaning of "fine."

"Forcing Americans to purchase anything is going against our freedom. I'm all for a healthy nation, but when speaking specifically of making people do something that's not freedom it's dictatorship," Pena said. "I feel like this is a huge blow to our freedom to make our own decisions."

Maria Ortiz said she disagrees with because she can't afford health insurance.

"I don't feel that we should be fined for something that we can't afford. There are other people like me that fall through the cracks because we don't qualify for any kind of help yet we work and pay taxes just like everybody else," Ortiz said.

"I want to know how this will be upheld with states being able to opt out of Medicare without retaliation of losing funds from the feds," added Dan Harrison.

Lisa Branch said she felt that "we have lost our freedom." "If you think the money that people are 'taxed' for not having health care will go into the health care system, you are kidding yourself," Branch said.

Kendra Webb said she is terrified to think that within time Americans could see the branches of government completely overlap, leaving the executive branch to act more like an autocracy and the rest of the government behaving more like the socialists of a generation ago.

"The Supreme Court basically gave Congress the power to impose anything they want on us so long as it's hidden behind the word 'tax,'" Webb said.

Dianne Lott said she has spent the last 10 years without health insurance. Her wages were too high to qualify for Medicaid, but not enough to buy health insurance.

Due to this, she said she has gone without medicine for years because she couldn't afford the doctor or the prescriptions.

"This may not be the best way to go about things but something had to change."

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Use caution this Fourth of July

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

With hot, dry conditions once again on the rise, state agencies and the National Weather Service are urging people to be cautious and careful for the Fourth of July holiday.

Texas Forest Service officials are reminding residents to exercise caution outdoors and remember that just one spark can cause a devastating wildfire.

About 90 percent of wildfires in Texas are human-caused, which means they can be prevented. As residents enjoy building a campfire, shooting off celebratory fireworks in approved areas or cooking on the grill,

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Help prevent wildfires

- Check for and obey burn bans and fireworks restrictions.
- If outdoor burning is allowed, create a firebreak (down to bare dirt) around an outdoor fire before igniting the materials to be burned.
- Keep water nearby just in case a fire starts. It doesn't take much of a spark or burning ember to ignite dry, fine-textured fuels like grass and weeds.
- Read and follow label instructions on how to properly discharge fireworks.
- Only use fireworks with close adult supervision.
- Use fireworks only in areas clear of dead, dry grass and weeds.
- Avoid using fireworks, particularly aerial varieties, around buildings. Winds can carry hot fireworks onto roofs where leaves or other flammable debris may have accumulated.

-Texas Forest Service

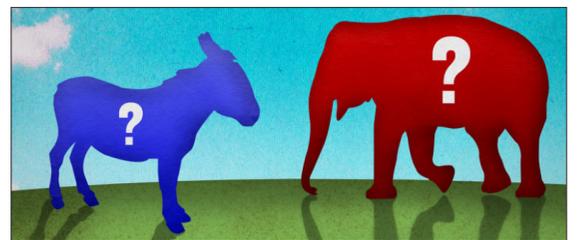
Some political players take a pass on primary

BY ROSS RAMSEY
TEXAS TRIBUNE

Sometimes, even people in politics aren't interested in elections.

In 13 of the state's 254 counties, not a single Democrat voted in the presidential race in the May primaries. That includes five counties with party chairmen, meaning the volunteer contact point for all Democratic activity there — the drum major for the Democrats — didn't vote in the Democratic primary.

This isn't one-sided. The state Republican Party makes promotional hay of the fact that it has chairmen in each of the state's counties. But there are five counties in Texas where



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nobody voted in that party's primary, which means the local leaders skipped the 2012 election. Three of those five party chairs are listed by their party at phone numbers that are no longer in service. Even in a state as red as Texas, you can find places that are politically inhospitable to Republicans.

Michael Yearly, Repub-

lican Party chairman in Zavala County, said his county didn't turn in any votes because of "low interest." They were interested on the other side of the fence, where nearly 3,000 Democrats were busy casting ballots. Asked if he had voted in the Republican primary, he said, simply, "No." He

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stockman deserves Texas Press awards

Dear Editor,

Congratulation to Melissa Perner and crew for being honored by the Texas Press Association.

You deserve the honors. I agree with the judges' flattering comments concerning the lengths you went to by keeping our communi-

ty informed with your 2011 wildfire coverage.

You truly are a vital part of this town, not because of the awards, but because you care and your efforts shows it.

Keep up the great work .

Art Roane
Ozona, Texas

Pareto Principle can help small businesses

Sometimes work can get hectic. It can get overwhelming to the point that you can't remember what you've done, what you haven't done, and what still needs to be done. In these types of situations priorities can become your best friend. That is when the 80/20 rule can come in handy.

The 80/20 rule, or the Pareto Principle, says that 80 percent of your effects come from 20 percent of your resources. Basically, 20 percent of your work is getting results, the other 80 percent of

work is still important, but it is attributing to only 20 percent of your results. How can this help you?

The 80/20 rule, according to Robert Koch in his book "Living the 80/20 Way," has many applications in the entrepreneurial and business world. Additional claims



BUSINESS TIPS

JESSICA LAMBERT

state you gain 80 percent of your profits from 20 percent of your customers, 80 percent of your sales come from 20 percent of your products, and 80 percent of your sales are made by 20 percent of your sales staff. When you are able to see this rule in your business, you can begin to find opportunities to focus on which resources are providing the most results, the most profit, the most customer satisfaction, etc.

The advisors at the ASU-SB-DC can help you take that next

step. Advising services are at absolutely no cost to you.

Whether business is booming or business is slow, the 80/20 rule can help with efforts and resources that produce the most results. Once you know the 20 percent of your resources that produce 80 percent of your results, you can begin to cut the fluff and help your business grow.

"Business Tips" was written by Jessica Lambert, business development training coordinator and certified training coordinator, of Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. Contact her at jessica.lambert@angelo.edu.

Celebrate Freedom

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security."

- Introduction and Preamble to the Declaration of Independence



WHAT'S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

a declaration of war with Britain.

These people knew that once signatures were scrolled on to this document, they were declaring war for their freedom.

Since that day in 1776, Americans have been continuing their battle to keep their freedom. Whether it was against each other, or overseas, our brave men and women have given of themselves to keep the freedoms in "The Declaration of Independence."

The freedoms that we all have to speak our mind, read newspapers, worship in churches of our choosing and to keep firearms in our house.

Freedoms that enable us to live each day without our government controlling what we think, feel, read or what career we choose.

Freedoms that allow us to write letters to the editor, speak out against our government and not worry about the consequences knowing that we have this right.

As we celebrate our nation's birthday, we must also pause to remember those abroad and at home who have given of themselves to serve our great country and protect our freedoms.

The freedoms of "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" are the ones that our service men and women still project today.

God Bless America and thank you to all who have kept and are keeping her free.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. Celebrate Freedom this Fourth of July.

Say 'Cheese'



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

Many people got upset over the report that the Environmental Protection Agency is using drones to spy on feedlots in Nebraska and Iowa, but it wasn't true. It was just a rumor. The EPA vehemently denied it and said, no, they are not using drones to spy on feedlots; they are using airplanes to spy on feedlots. Doesn't that make you feel better?

The EPA says they were just trying to protect people and I know I certainly feel safer knowing that our tax dollars are being used to spy on steers in North Platte.

The EPA has the same means of aerial reconnaissance available as our military: drones, airplanes and satellites. But while our military uses them to spy on terrorists in Afghanistan, the EPA is looking for them in feedlots. But I don't know of a single steer who has ever hijacked an airplane, set off an explosive device at a cattleman's confab, or built a shoe bomb. Or, in their case, a hoof bomb. In fact, I don't think a bovine has ever committed a single terrorist act in this country, unless you believe all the poppycock about cattle blowing up the world with the greenhouse gases they emit. Believe me, I know cows, and they aren't the type to be suicide bombers.

Come to find out, the EPA has been flying such spy missions for over a decade to determine if feedlots are in compliance with environmental laws in "impaired watersheds." Whatever that is. According to the Air Force, any incriminating evidence found

against what they call "US persons" during such spy flights can be shared with other government agencies and the cops. The EPA also says that "the EPA has never taken an enforcement action solely on the basis of these overflights?" So why do it?

I find such spy flights disturbing because I HATE having my picture taken. That's why most readers think I'm 30 years younger than I really am; because I haven't had a new photo taken for my column in three decades. I'm really older than dirt!

I'm uncomfortable living in a world where eyes are everywhere. I can't enjoy shopping because I know there are hidden cameras in the ceiling and I'm afraid they'll catch me scratching myself, or showing my "bad side."

Which is pretty much every side of me. Mind you, I'm not doing anything illegal, I just don't want my embarrassing moments captured for posterity on a security camera. I want my sights unseen. That's one reason why I've become a hermit, hiding in the house so I won't be caught on camera. I hope the big bald spot on the top of my head fries their cameras!

The trouble I have with all this "eye in the sky" stuff is the same problem I have in spelling the name of the town where I've lived for 35 years. The small town is called Los Osos. Oh sure, I know all the letters just fine, but with all the O's and S's in a row sometimes I get carried away and don't know when to stop.

Neither will our government.

One minute the EPA is spying on steers in North Platte and the next thing you know they'll have a webcam in your television set watching you slice onions, or pet the dog in that secret spot that makes her leg jerk uncontrollably. Or they'll have an army of Peeping Toms looking through your plate glass window.

Don't forget to smile and "Say Cheese."

I'm telling you, it won't be long before the feds are using drones, which can be smaller than a baseball, to check on vegetable farmers to make sure their rows are straight, and satellite images will be used in court against a cowboy for roping a non-bovine beast. I hate the idea of knowing that some sick government geek with a joystick is watching on a bank of monitors every move we make. "Hey Joe, check out the bazooms on this nude sunbathing beauty in her backyard in Hollywood." Or "Mary, you should see this sicko with his arm up a cow's rump in Amarillo."

You just know the FBI will take that pre-checking scene out of context.

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Ruling on health law prompts responses

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Texas public officials reacted quickly to the U.S. Supreme Court's June 28 ruling on the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.

Gov. Rick Perry said the majority opinion penned by Chief Justice John Roberts would be "a stomach punch to the American economy."

Attorney General Greg Abbott said the case, in which Texas was one of 26 states that petitioned to have the law declared unconstitutional, was not about health care, "it was about the rule of law and a fight against a federal government that continues to expand."

State Comptroller Susan Combs said the law "will place an enormous burden on Texas taxpayers and place a huge constraint on our budget."

Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Grapevine, chair of the state Senate Health and Human Services Committee, said, "The health care system is nowhere near ready for the massive influx of patients who will be forced to buy coverage, especially given our existing health care workforce shortages."

However, Gilberto Hinojosa of Brownsville, newly elected

chairman of the Texas Democratic Party, said, "Today's decision on The Affordable Health Care Act by the Supreme Court is a vindication of President Barack Obama and a slam in the faces of Republicans who offer no alternative to this country's broken health care system. A choice between bankruptcy or death is no choice at all."

Hinojosa said that since its passage, the health care law "has improved the lives of Texans of all ages and walks of life" and gave as examples young adults gaining coverage through their parents' plan, coverage for preexisting conditions, savings on prescription drugs and preventive services with no co-pays.

Republican leaders in Congress said they would call votes this month to repeal the act in its entirety. Initial reactions aside, how states and individuals adjust to the court decision will come to light as more parts of the act are scheduled to take effect periodically over the next eight years. To wit, the federal government is

to pay 100 percent of the costs for those who are newly eligible for Medicaid for 2014 through 2016. And, in 2017, the federal government's share of Medicaid payments to states will begin to decrease but will not fall to less than 90 percent.

Briefly, here is what the court ruled:

1. The act's "individual mandate" requiring most Americans to purchase health insurance exceeds Congress's authority to regulate commerce and thus is unconstitutional.

2. The act's "shared responsibility payment" or penalty on individuals who do not purchase health insurance is a tax that does not violate the Constitution. The penalty is to be assessed and collected by the Internal Revenue Service.

3. The federal government may not withdraw existing Medicaid funding from states for failure to comply with the requirements set out in the act's Medicaid expansion.

Medicaid is the program for pregnant women, children,

needy families, the blind, the elderly and the disabled, in obtaining medical care.

DPS TO INCREASE PATROLS

The Texas Department of Public Safety last week announced DWI patrols for a nine-day period from June 30 to July 8 would be increased.

"The goal of our enforcement effort is to save lives and make travelling in Texas safer for residents and visitors during the July 4th holiday," said DPS Director Steve McCraw.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 4

- Independence Day: The Ozona Stockman, U.S. Post Office, local banks and county offices closed.
- Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social, 7 p.m. at the Swimming Pool Park.
- Parade and fireworks, 8:45 p.m. starting at the Swimming Pool Park and ending at the north baseball fields.

Friday, July 6

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Monday, July 9

- 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, July 10

- Med Way blood pressures and blood sugar tests at the Senior Center.
- Concho Valley Community Action Council, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Helping Hands Board meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Wednesday, July 11

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Wow! It's Wednesday, noon at the OLPH Parish Hall.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Happy Birthday

- July 4** - Rosa Maria Arredondo, Mark Owensby, Shelbie Fierro, Manuel Longoria, Aschten S. Aguilar and Shelbie Kamarae
- July 5** - Ethan C. Tobar, Rachel Flores, Tater De Hoyos, Debra Trevino, MaKayLee De La Garza, Pam Tarr, Leandra Hernandez and Isabel Ybarra
- July 6** - James Galindo Jr., Trystian Galindo, James Wesley, James Talamantez, Ray Henderson, Kim Weddle and Morgan Capps Taylor
- July 7** - Ismael Fierro, Gabriel Arredondo, Kaelan Brianne Savala, Samantha Torres, Kristen Fleming, Daniel Anderson and Stephanie Quiroz
- July 8** - Elliott Barrera, R.J. Everett, Kayla Turland, Martin Munoz and Kelbie Renfro
- July 9** - Rick Bird and Darla Ortiz
- July 10** - Amanda Pearson, Cathy Bennett, Justice Adkins, Janet McDaniel and Regina Garcia

JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
THE SECOND ANNUAL "ORO" SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT was held June 23-24 in Ozona. The winning team (top left) was the Ozona Wolfpack. Elva Ortiz presented their trophy. Second place (middle left) went to a team from Big Lake and third place was Whut It Dew. The MVP (top) was Fernando Valdez, of Sonora. Umpires were Paul De La Garza (above left) and Butch Gonzalez. The Ortiz Family (pictured bottom left) donated all the proceeds from the tournament to the American Cancer Society.

Youth Center Calendar of Events

Students entering 7th Grade can start coming to the Youth Center during 7th and 8th grade hours on Aug. 1.

Students entering 9th Grade can start coming during high school hours on Aug. 1

High School:
 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.

7th & 8th Grade:
 Tuesday: 7-10 p.m.
 Wednesday: 2-7 p.m.
 Saturday: 7-10 p.m.
CLOSED SUNDAYS!

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COUPLES COUNSELING

WOW! It's Wednesday starts July 11

Obesity is a serious health epidemic that affects one in three Americans. It is estimated that more than 93 million Americans are obese, with that number predicted to climb to 120 million in the next five years. Obesity is due to a person taking in more calories than they burn over an extended period of time. There are more than 30 medical conditions that are associated with obesity. However, individuals af-

ected by obesity often face obstacles far beyond health risks. Emotional suffering may be one of the most painful parts of obesity. Poor nutrition and inactivity are two of the main causes of obesity.

WOW! It's Wednesday is a partnership between the OLPH Catholic Church and Ozona United Methodist Church to teach the importance of healthy food choices and physical activity to our children. Begin-

ning at noon July 11, and continuing each Wednesday through Aug. 15, the Parish Hall doors will open. Healthy lunches will be served and fun, educational games will be played until 1 p.m. Recipes will be available for parents.

All children ages 6 - 18 are invited. Parents or guardians must sign consent for each child. To pre-register or for more information, call EA Wadsworth, RN at 392-3060.

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

BY LYNN ENGLISH
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

This week will be a short week with July 4 holiday. Have a fantastic Fourth of July and be safe.

On Tuesday, July 10, Med Way will be at the Senior Center taking blood pressure and blood sugar tests. There will be no charge for these tests.

Also on Tuesday, July 10, the Concho Valley Community Action Council will be here at the Senior Center to assist those who qualify with their utility bill. This organization will be here 11 a.m.- 3 p.m.

At 5:30 p.m. Helping Hands Board will meet at the Senior Center Tuesday, July 10. All members are

urged to attend.

It is with deep regret that we learned that Margaret Coates passed away Thursday, June 28.

Margaret will be missed by all who knew her. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her family and many friends. We do know that she is with her beloved Bud.

The bridge game will be played on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. Those who attend have the best time playing bridge and they appreciate using the Senior Center.

Also the Levis and Lace have changed their regular square dances to every second and fourth Saturdays at 2-4 p.m.

Tuesdays have been set aside for any of you who would like to play domi-

nos. You can play in late am or early afternoon. If you would like to set up a game call Lynn English at 392-9094.

On Wednesdays a group meets to play Mexican Train. These players get competitive and have fun playing.

We have our regular activities; bridge, pool, canasta, domino games and puzzles. We also have a collection of books, magazines, a Wii game and two computers that are on the internet for seniors to use. We also have a projector with stand and a screen and have a wonderful keyboard.

Activities sponsored by the Crockett County Senior Center Board are for adults 50 years old and older.

HELPING HANDS NEWS

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toes, bread or roll and milk.

- JULY 6**
- Beef fajitas, spicy pinto beans, lettuce tomato salad, flour tortilla, chocolate pudding and milk and salsa.
- JULY 9**
- Baked ham, candied sweet potatoes, green peas with red pepper, whole

wheat bread, peach cobbler and milk.

- JULY 10**
- Turkey salad sandwich, coleslaw, banana, oatmeal cookie and milk.
- JULY 11**
- Beef pasta bake, vegetable medley, garden salad with diet dressing, garlic bread, melon and milk.

OBITUARIES

Margaret Howard Coates

Margaret "Maw" Howard Coates age 91 of Ozona was called home to be with her Lord and Savior and to reunite with her dearest husband D. F. "Bud" Coates on Thursday night 28 June 2012.

"Maw" was born 9 December 1920 in Howe, Oklahoma to Hugh and Margaret Miller Howard. She was the last born of ten children; only five which lived past childhood.

"Maw" spent almost 68 years of her life in Ozona. She worked in various capacities and positions: as insurance agent, teller at Ozona National Bank, secretary for Ozona Oil Company, and her last position as secretary for the Lord at the First Baptist Church in Ozona for 30 years.

During World War II, she met the love of her life, D.F. "Bud" Coates. They were married on 11 December 1943, in Quartzite, Arizona. They were married for 51 years until Bud's passing in 1995.

"Maw" was an extremely active member for the First Baptist Church. She served as church secretary, Sunday School director, Sunday School teacher, a member of numerous church committees and faithfully served all committed obligations for the Castle Gap Association. She also helped with numerous community activities.

"Maw" is preceded in death by her beloved husband D.F. "Bud" Coates, parents Hugh and Margaret Howard, brothers and sisters: Gladys, Bella, Jane, Sarah, James, George, Charlie, and the twins and two great-grandchildren Macy Bachtel and Marcus Bachtel.

She is survived by two daughters, Diana Faye Schreffler and "son"-in-law, Willie of Wills Point and Cora Kaye Worthington and "son"-in-law Vance of Ozona. Grandchildren: Shari Denise/Greg Ganske of Jacksonville, Dennis Wade Schreffler of Frisco, Shea Anne/Charles "Chuck" Allen of Wills Point, Sara Rhea/Kevin Bachtel of Edgewood, Fleet Ray/Kim Worthington of Eddy, Tess Lynn/Jamie Woodwick of Lubbock, Howard Hayse/Courtney Worthington of Morgans Mill. Great Grandchildren: Hunter Ganske, Kalyn Ganske, Addison Schreffler, Cord Schreffler, Joshua Schreffler, Nathan Thomas, Mady Bachtel, Kadin Worthington, Delaney Worthington, Jay Will Woodwick, Bradin Woodwick, and Kason Woodwick.

Pallbearers will be grandsons and grandson-in-laws. Honorary pallbearers are the Deacons of First Baptist Church.

Funeral service was Monday, July 2, 2012 at the Ozona First Baptist Church with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery.



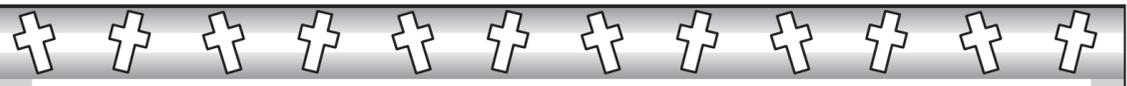
NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE PERMIAN BASIN SQUARE & ROUND DANCE ASSOCIATION were installed at a business meeting and inauguration dance held at the Ozona Senior Center on June 23. Officers pictured are co-presidents elect Barry Stoute and Martha Hammett of Odessa, past president Danny Monzingo of Big Lake, president John and Nora Geen of San Angelo and secretary-treasurers Ed and Ann Ewbank of Midland. Absent from photo, vice president Bill Murphy of San Angelo and Tammi Monzingo. The Permian Basin Association represents square and round dancers in over 12 counties from Ector to Runnels and Crockett.

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The drought has taken it toll and it is a sad sight to see. In driving through some of those stricken areas you can see where many trees and small bushes have already died. Yet there other trees right beside them that are green and still alive. It has a lot to do with the root system of the tree and if they have found moisture. Seeing those trees reminds me of something in the Bible. Many people falsely believe that just because you are a Christian if you become a Christian you will not have problems, trials or difficulties. Actually the Bible teaches just the opposite and it tells us of a totally different perspective about trials and tribulations. One, it says we are going to have them, (James 1:2). Second, some people will encounter many more difficulties than others. In many Countries and the number is growing in the world where it is very difficult to become a Christian and you may lose every earthly possession, family and even your life if you accept Christ, (John 16:33, Acts 20:19, 1 Thessalonians 1:6). One strange thing, the Bible tells us to consider it a great joy or be happy in our difficulties or tribulations, (Romans 5:3). We are told to preserve or stand firm in our troubles and when we do this it proves our faith, (Romans 8:35-39 & 12:12, 1 Peter 1:3-9). See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

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.	Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.	Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Jean Reardon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
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Texas law enforcement launches No-Refusal July 4

AUSTIN—Texas law enforcement won't be taking no for an answer this Fourth of July, particularly from motorists driving drunk and refusing to cooperate when stopped.

Officers, judges and district attorneys will be doubling down on law enforcement in conjunction with a "No Refusal" campaign launched just in time for the holiday festivities. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that the July 4th holiday ranks No. 1 nationally for alcohol-related fatal crashes. In 2011, Texas saw 308 alcohol-related crashes during the holiday.

The Texas Department of Transportation's (TxDOT) outreach program puts a new face on the agency's "Faces of Drunk Driving" campaign—a statewide initiative that garnered national and international attention with the story of Jacqui Saburido, the young woman whose face was burned beyond recognition after being hit by a drunk driver.

This year's campaign highlights Sean Carter who suffered a massive brain injury when a car he was riding in spun out of control and slammed into a tree. Both Sean and the driver were legally drunk.

"July Fourth is the dead-

liest holiday of the year for alcohol-related crashes in the United States," said Carol Rawson, TxDOT's Traffic Operations Division director. "Texans need to hear Sean's powerful story and know that law enforcement will be out in force. It's important to make the right choices. Stay safe and enjoy the holiday. If a celebration involves alcohol, don't drive."

"No Refusal" means just that. Motorists suspected of driving while intoxicated must provide a breath or blood sample to law enforcement. Should they refuse to comply, law enforcement officials can take the suspect to jail, where a judge then signs an expedited search warrant that calls for a mandatory blood sample to be taken by a qualified health-care professional. Those found to be legally intoxicated (i.e., with a blood or breath alcohol content of .08 or higher) are arrested and prosecuted.

"This is not new to Texas," said Montgomery County Assistant District Attorney Warren Diepraam. "Officials have seen a significant drop in DWI activity in areas of the state where these programs have been used. In Montgomery County, we have seen a big drop in intoxication manslaughter

charges since we started our no-refusal program."

Still, more than 1,000 Texans are killed each year as a result of impaired drivers, and Texas is frequently ranked as the nation's deadliest for impaired driving deaths. In 2011, Texas saw 24,151 alcohol-related crashes, resulting in the loss of 1,038 lives.

To drive home this message, TxDOT has updated its "Faces of Drunk Driving" website with a new story that illustrates the human impact of drunk driving. Sean Carter was a 22-year-old college junior, out having drinks with friends. Sean knew he was in no condition to drive home, but neither was the friend who gave him a ride. The driver walked away from the same crash that left Sean in a wheelchair and unable to talk. Sean now uses a computer to speak.

"Don't drink and drive, and please don't make my mistake of riding with someone who has been drinking," Carter said. "If I knew then that the decisions I would make on that night a few years ago would affect the rest of my life, putting me here in this wheelchair unable to walk or talk, you can bet I would not have done what I did."

For more information, visit www.facesofdrunkdriving.com.



It's a girl

Savannah LeighAnn Dalton was born June 25, 2012 in San Angelo. She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

Proud parents are: Penny and Ryan Dalton. Very proud sister is McKenzie Dalton.

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they're asked to take a few safety precautions to ensure their homes and families are protected.

Texas Forest Service Wildland Urban Interface and Prevention Coordinator Justice Jones said that while drought conditions have improved for much of the state, wildfire potential still exists — especially in areas where consecutive days of hot temperatures have dried out the vegetation.

"We don't want to discourage anyone from enjoying the holiday; we just want to remind people that Texas is still prone to wildfire danger," Jones said. "We're still seeing almost daily local activity in some parts of the state."

Last week, Ozona firefighters responded a small grass fire north of town.

"Everything is drying up. People need to be very careful with the fireworks and keep a water hose around in case a fire starts," said Ozona Fire Chief Bob Falkner.

Crockett County is currently not under a burn ban, but sales of aerial fireworks, such as bottle rockets, "sky-rockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins" are restricted.

Keeping water handy, following instructions, cre-

ating firebreaks and using fireworks only under close adult supervision are some tips to preventing wildfires. The state is backsliding into drought pretty quickly, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service expert.

"The area north of Waco, up through the (Dallas/Fort Worth) metroplex and a bit east of there, is in probably as good of shape as anywhere," said Dr. Travis Miller, AgriLife Extension program leader and associate head of the Texas A&M University soil and crop sciences department. "Go a little south of there, into the Williamson County/Georgetown area — and it's pretty darned dry."

Many counties south of that area haven't seen a rain

since about May 7, Miller said. Crockett County hasn't received any significant rainfall in over a month.

"The southern Panhandle is particularly dry. There are some areas that have had some pretty good rains — and hail, but overall it's dry," he said.

Last week, temperatures in Ozona and across the state soared into the triple digits.

The National Weather Service in San Angelo states that Fourth of July and the rest of the week should be in double digits in the upper 90s.

At this time last year, the NWS in San Angelo said Ozona had already had 10 days of triple-digit temperatures. So far, this year, the town has had six.

ACROSS

- ag service that became FSA in '94
- TXism: "cough ___" (pay)
- back of the neck
- use a keyboard
- TXism: "at ___" (impulsive)
- and reel
- TX is the best state
- Austin university
- TXism: "___ off the handle" (raged)
- TX A.J. Foyt, et al. biceps
- Gov. Bush's desired job in 2000 (abbr.)
- Pearsall is the seat of this county
- this Costner travels across TX in '85 film "Fandango" (init.)
- fruit producers in TX Hill Country (2 wds.)
- take the skin off a TX ruby red
- Tse-tung
- Padre Island National _____
- Wise Co. Antique Auto Swap _____
- ex-Cowboy Kenneth aka "The Shark"
- TXism for "smart" (4 wds.)
- TXism: "___ on the back burner" (delay)
- Dr Pepper began at Old Corner Drug Store in Waco

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DOWN

- TXism: "if it ___ ain't a cow in Texas!"
- TXism: "his axles ___" (active)
- prairie drinking glass: ___ hand
- word with limit or bump
- TXism: "that chaps my hide!"
- Washington's "folding money"
- TX Perot is a south-___
- 17th governor of TX: ___ Roberts
- black-footed ___ is now extinct in TX
- TXism: "skinny as ___"
- in Hamilton Co. on hwy. 281
- king topper in poker
- ex-Spurs coach "Tark the Shark"
- "___ ___ bird"
- TX-born composer Joplin, et al.
- first female gov.: "___ Ferguson"
- "___ and downs"
- to emit forcefully
- "___ to fame"
- TX teacher offering
- seat of Ward Co.
- rock band ___ Roses played at TX Willie's Farm Aid IV
- TX oilman Jack Grimm searched for ___ Ark
- "The North Texas Skeptics" doubt the ___ normal
- Amarillo TV station
- TXism: "___ was slow, but she was old" (hurry up)
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Ozona teacher inspires career

....Former Ozonan gives thanks to his mentor Fred Jones

My name is Santiago Sanchez. I was born in Del Rio, Texas and the son of Hipolito and Eva Sanchez. I was raised and started school in Ozona. Some of the folks in Ozona nowadays might remember me as Jimmy Sanchez. My father worked for Charlie Davidson III, prior to the family moving to Iowa.

When I first went to school, I did not know how to speak English. So right off the bat, I fell behind in my reading and writing skills, with no fault to the Ozona education system. By the time I reached 5th grade, I was incredibly lucky to have Fred Jones as my 5th grade teacher.

In my opinion, he was my angel. He took the time to illustrate subjects that we had in class, on the blackboard. If the class subject was George Washington, he would illustrate on the blackboard - George Washington crossing the Delaware.

I was incredibly inspired by his artistic abilities. He taught classes for art after school, and I took his classes. He not only was a great art teacher, he was incredible in communicating to the stu-

dents. I remember when I was a junior in high school, when he delivered the painting of the Lion - which is the Mascot for the Ozona football team - which now hangs in the entryway to the high school gym.

I am now 55 years old, and I would like to share with Ozona, what a great teacher did for me.

Thanks to his great abilities in communicating, and the great inspiration that he was to me as a young boy, and today as a grown man.

I am donating 50 limited edition prints to the first 50 people that stop at the newspaper office and ask for one. They will be available to be picked on Friday. The painting is titled "Let Us Not Forget" This painting was created after the 911 incident. You can view my work at www.signaturesantiago.com.

Thank you to the Ozona school system and to Fred Jones.

Santiago "Jimmy" Sanchez



...a big thank you to my Mom & Dad, and to a great teacher and school system.

SUBMITTED PHOTO
SANTIAGO SANCHEZ (right) is pictured with former Ozona teacher Fred Jones

Iowa has been his home for many years, but Santiago "Jimmy" Sanchez has fond memories of growing up in Ozona. He wants to give his thanks to the person that gave him so much.

When he struggled with traditional academics, his fifth grade teacher, Fred Jones, inspired him to use drawing as a form of expression. Natural talent and creative passion led him to a successful artistic design career. "It was a form of expression to him - a way to communicate and to get recognition he didn't get in the academic world," Jones said. "He grasped it all and ran with it - all I gave him were the basic tools."

In 2007, at the age of 50, he made the decision to devote the rest of his life to his great passion of painting and to enriching the lives of others through his work. When you purchase one of his prints, you have his guarantee that he will give you the very best of his essence. It will be something that endures for present and future generations to enjoy.

"Every painting that I do is done out of love for my work. I look at every artistic opportunity as a chance to express my love for art. Within that expression, I try to capture the very best of my abilities. There is no size that can intimidate me, and there is nothing that you can think or dream that I cannot produce," says Sanchez. All of his works begin with his own free hand sketches and he never uses projectors in the process, no matter the size. Some of his largest paintings are 25 feet high by 60 feet long, and 16 feet high by 140 feet long.

Santiago was commissioned to redecorate the Osaka Japanese Steakhouse in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He traveled to Japan with Osaka's owner, Michael Kong, to soak up the culture for artistic inspiration. Santiago's creations grace the walls of other companies and businesses, too. Tanning shops, manufacturing companies and auto dealerships, banks and even grain silos bear his distinctive paintings. His subjects range from military themes to hot rod cars, animals, birds and ocean life to seascapes and outer space.

Some of his works have sold for as much as \$100,000 and have been shipped as far away as Africa, Europe, the United Arab Emirates, Mexico and China as well as all over the United States.

In addition to creating original works, Sanchez also works from songs, blueprints, photographs, written information, thoughts or concepts and even descriptions of a dream.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Santiago "Jimmy" Sanchez works on a piece of art at Intolerance in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.



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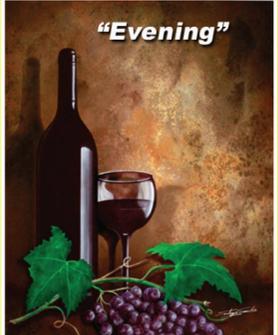
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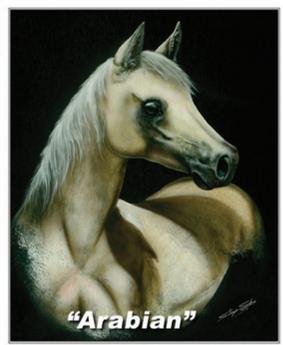
"Only for You"



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"Prayer"



"Arabian"



"Tuskegee Airmen" Original is hanging in the African American Museum



Airbrush at FUSION in Cedar Rapids, Iowa



Custom Painting at InTOLERANCE in Cedar Rapids, Iowa



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No one else has offered any better solutions. All people want to do is attack. If you've ever been without, had no place to turn and suffered, not because you didn't want to pay your fair share, but because there was nothing fair about the system, you might feel differently," Lott said.

State and national officials in both parties were also vocal about the court's ruling.

State Sen. Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio, issued a statement in favor of the ruling.

"The Supreme Court ruling is great news for working Americans who have struggled to provide health care for their families. By laying the constitutionality question to rest, the high court has cleared the way for this historic law to be fully implemented. It is a great day for the rule of law and the future of health care in America," Uresti said.

Ciro D. Rodriguez, Democratic candidate for U.S. Representative in the 23rd district, which includes Crockett County, voted in favor of the Affordable Care Act when he was in Congress.

Rodriguez is in a July 31 primary runoff with State Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, to face current U.S. Rep. Francisco "Quico" Canseco, R-San Antonio, in the November General Election.

"For the last two years, Congress has been deadlocked as the Republican majority has refused to deal with the important issues facing the American people, preferring to bicker over the past rather than finding solutions for the future. Congressman Francisco Canseco has made it clear that he stands with his special interest friends, and that he is willing to place their profits over the health of the working families in this district. While today's ruling by the Supreme Court severely undermines the Republican argument against the Affordable Healthcare Act, I expect the fight is not over. If Francisco Canseco is allowed to return to Congress, we know that the destruction of this law will be a priority for him," Rodriguez said.

Canseco said the decision was disappointing for American families, seniors and small businesses who were looking for relief from

the burdens of "Obamacare."

"If we do not repeal it, 'Obamacare' will leave Americans with more expensive and lower quality health care, ensure that Washington - instead of patients and doctors - is firmly in charge of our health care, leave American seniors' access to health care threatened because of the over half a trillion dollars in cuts to Medicare to pay for 'Obamacare' in the law, and ensure that 'Obamacare' remains a burden upon our economy and small businesses by allowing all of the taxes, mandates, and other regulatory burdens to move forward. It's now up to the people's elected representatives in the United States Congress to carry out the will of the American people and repeal 'Obamacare' in its entirety."

Gov. Rick Perry called the ruling "a stomach punch to the American economy."

"It is a shocking disappointment to freedom-loving Americans desperate to get our country back on track. 'Obamacare' is bad for the economy, bad for health care, bad for freedom. Americans have made clear their overwhelming opposition to its convoluted, burdensome and overreaching mandates. Now that the Supreme Court has abandoned us, we citizens must take action at every level of government and demand real reform, done with respect for our Constitution and our liberty," Perry said.

Attorney General Greg Abbott, who sued the federal government over "Obamacare" on Texas' behalf, said the ruling was "ironic" since President Obama insisted this was not a tax.

"The Supreme Court rebuked a runaway federal government that tried to hijack the Constitution by imposing an unprecedented requirement forcing Americans to buy a product against their will," Abbott said.

The Court's ruling also agreed that states are individual sovereigns that cannot be commandeered by the federal government, Abbott said.

"In this instance, by forcing States to expand Medicaid, the federal government tried to hold States hostage. Our challenge to 'Obamacare' was never about healthcare or insurance, it was about the rule of law and a fight against

a federal government that continues to expand. It is time for Congress to step in and end the 'Obamacare' nightmare by repealing an unprecedented tax on all Americans," Abbott said. Branch also said she is interested in the Medicaid changes.

"There are a lot of truly disabled people who are using Medicaid. Wonder how bad it will be on them?" she said.

Texas has two big choices to make: whether to accept federal funds to expand Medicaid, and whether to roll out a consumer marketplace for comparing and purchasing insurance coverage.

While the Supreme Court found the Affordable Care Act's expansion of Medicaid constitutional, it held that states can't be penalized by the federal government if they choose not to accept federal funding and do it. Abbott said it's not yet clear whether Texas will opt out of the expansion - and the associated funding.

"That is a policy decision the policy-makers in Austin are going to have to make," he said.

Texas Health and Human Services Commissioner Tom Suehs left the door wide open for rejecting the federal funds, saying he was "pleased" that the Supreme Court gave states "more ability to push back" against the Medicaid expansion.

The Affordable Care Act requires every state to have a health insurance exchange - a kind of Orbitz for medical coverage - and says if states don't do it, they'll get a one-size-fits-all federal plan instead.

Abbott said he's unsure if and how Texas will set up an exchange, but that Texas will have to "move swiftly." "That will have to be hammered out in the coming weeks and months," he said.

Last session, efforts to lay the groundwork for a Texas health insurance exchange were rebuffed by the state's Republican leadership - even when one key House Republican crafted the legislation. Now, time is of the essence, and the Legislature doesn't meet again until January.

In the meantime, Texas could establish a state-run exchange through an executive order or via a government agency, said Kandice Sanaie, the governmental affairs manager at the Texas Association of Business (TAB). TAB, which ardently opposes the individual

mandate the Supreme Court upheld, worked with other groups last session to try to get a state-run exchange passed, Sanaie said. The bill failed to make it out of committee.

Now, Sanaie said, the political climate has changed enough that she believes it is possible the state will move to create its own insurance exchange. But Democratic state Rep. Garnet Coleman of Houston, a proponent of federal health reform, said that would require a dramatic change in Perry's stance.

Both Sanaie and Coleman said they do not believe the state can afford to wait until the next legislative session to design an insurance exchange, adding that the benefits of a successfully implemented state-run exchange would trump those of a federal one.

"We have the ability to solve problems and craft solutions that take into consideration our uniqueness as a state," Coleman said. But he said he is glad the state will be required to opt into some kind of exchange "whether or not somebody like Rick Perry said no."

The Medicaid expansion, if implemented, is targeted at poor adults - those who can't afford to buy insurance through the exchange. In a press release, Texas Hospital Association President Dan Stultz said the Medicaid expansion is essential to financially support the Affordable Care Act.

"Without the Medicaid expansion, many will remain uninsured, shifting costs to the insured and increasing uncompensated care to health care providers," he said.

In addition to their decisions about the Medicaid expansion and the health insurance exchange, Texas Republicans face another question - whether to file more litigation. Abbott said he will work with Congress to attempt to have the law repealed, and that the state will explore "all possible avenues" to further litigation against "Obamacare." But he said it is hard to tell what aspects of the law that litigation might target.

"We don't want to do ready, fire, aim," Abbott said. "Let us look at it - analyze it - before we start discussing what further legal action could be lodged."

- The Associated Press and The Texas Tribune contributed to this article.

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didn't want to talk about it, but he did say he didn't vote in the Democratic primary, either.

Wally De Los Santos, the nonvoting Democratic Party chairman in Hockley County, west of Lubbock, was downright loquacious.

"This is my first year. We were out of money, and there was nobody running," he said of the local elections. "Everybody running in those races was a Republican."

There were, of course, several statewide races that included Democrats. They didn't draw any interest in and around Levelland. The election returns produced no evidence of Democrats in Cochran County, just to the west.

"This is very Republican country where we're at," De Los Santos said. He said they nearly had a Democratic candidate for sheriff, but "his petitions were full of holes" and he didn't get on the ballot.

Lots of Texans didn't vote at all. Combined turnout for the primaries was 15.5 percent of registered voters, with almost five Republicans for every two Democrats.

Four of the five Republican shutouts were in South Texas, a region known for strong Democratic showings and anemic Republican turnouts. One was near the Oklahoma border, in sparsely populated Foard County. While nobody was voting for Republicans in those places, 9,265 were voting for Democratic presidential candidates.

In Crockett County, 1,186 votes were cast in the Democratic Primary and 13 in the Republican Primary. County officials said this is the first time in almost 10 years the county has had a Republican Party Primary.

Both party chairmen voted in Crockett County.

All 13 ballots were cast in the Republican Primary for the presidential

race, and 741 voted in the Democratic Primary presidential race.

The Democratic shutouts were, with one exception, in West Texas and the Panhandle. It's odd to have no votes, but no surprise to find more Republicans than Democrats in that area. In total, the primary election tally in those counties was Republicans 11,652, Democrats 0.

No Democrats voted in Roberts County, northeast of Amarillo. The party there doesn't even have a chairman. Steve Hale of Miami, the Republican Party chairman, said the last elected Democrats in the county have long since switched parties or retired, and all of the local races are decided in his primary. He said the Democrats haven't had a chairman for years.

"As of right now, I think they'd be very hard-pressed for business," he said.

Local races - particularly in the less populated areas of the state - are often the main attraction for voters. A voter might actually know the candidate for district attorney. Presidential candidates, who seldom stray far from major airports, seem like TV characters in comparison. One Democratic candidate for the Texas House, Lanhon Odom of Bowie, voted in Throckmorton County's Republican primary because, he said, that's where the action was. Perhaps so, but that move disqualified him and left his party without a standard bearer in that race. You can't wear a blue jersey if you're playing on the red team.

De Los Santos wasn't a candidate, but faced a similar choice when it was time to vote. After all, there were four Republicans running for Hockley County sheriff, and one of them will get the job in January.

Did he vote in the Republican primary? "Hell, no," he said. He didn't vote at all.

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Bid Notice for Cafeteria Products
The Crockett County Consolidated Common School District will receive sealed bids for the following: Cafeteria Products including Meat Products, Canned and Frozen Goods, Grocery Staples, Bread, Milk, Paper and Chemical Products for September 1, 2012 through July 31, 2013. All bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. Friday, August 10, 2012. Any proposal received after this date will be returned unopened. Proposals received without a signature will not be accepted. Proposals will be awarded at the next regular school board meeting. Please mail or deliver your bids to: Mrs. Cynthia Hokit, Crockett County Consolidated Common School District, PO Box 400, Ozona TX 76943 Please mark your Proposal Envelope as follows: Sealed Proposals - Cafeteria Products/2012-2013. The district has the right to accept or reject any Proposal and/or Proposals to make awards as they may appear advantageous to the district and to waive all formalities in proposals.

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Public Meeting Notice

2012 and 2013 Unified Transportation Program Revision and the 2013-2016 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will host an open-house style public meeting to solicit public comments and input for revisions to the 2012 Unified Transportation Program (UTP), which covers fiscal years (FY) 2012 through 2021, revisions to the 2013 UTP, which covers FY 2013 through 2022 and the 2013-2016 Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP). The statewide public meeting will be held at 6:00 to 7:00 PM (CDT) on Thursday, July 12, 2012, at the following locations:

Abilene District
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, Texas 79601

Amarillo District
5715 Canyon Drive
Amarillo, Texas 79114

Childress District
7599 US 287
Childress, Texas 79201-9705

El Paso District
13301 Gateway West
El Paso, Texas 79928-5410

Lubbock District
135 Slaton Road
Lubbock, Texas 79404-5201

Odessa District
3901 East US Highway 80
Odessa, Texas 79761

San Angelo District
4502 Knickerbocker Road
San Angelo, Texas 76904

Unified Transportation Program

The UTP is a comprehensive ten-year plan for the development and construction of State of Texas transportation projects including roadways, aviation, public transportation, waterways and coastal waters, and rail projects and includes specific funding levels for each fiscal year. **Beginning promptly at 6:15 p.m.**, TxDOT staff will conduct a brief presentation on the purpose and revisions of the 2012 UTP and the 2013 UTP. Additional information will be available for public viewing and TxDOT representatives will be on-hand to discuss the development process and answer questions. Forms will be provided in order to receive written comments. All interested parties are encouraged to attend. For additional information, please go to http://www.txdot.gov/public_involvement/utp.htm or call the toll-free information line at (800) 687-8108. Written comments may be submitted on the UTP website at: <http://www.txdot.gov>, using search engine keyword: UTP; by email at: TPP_UTP@txdot.gov; or by mail to: TxDOT TPP Division UTP, 150 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas, 78704. Public comments will be received until 4 PM on August 20, 2012.

Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan

The STIP is a mechanism used by TxDOT and the Federal Highway Administration to fund projects for the next four years and includes all federally funded projects. This public meeting pertains specifically to the 2013-2016 STIP; TxDOT representatives will be on-hand to answer STIP related questions. The 2013-2016 STIP may be viewed online at <http://www.txdot.gov/business/governments/stips.htm> or at any TxDOT District Office no earlier than Wednesday, July 11, 2012. Locations of these offices can be found at: http://www.dot.state.tx.us/local_information/. Written comments may be submitted to Lori Morel, 118 E. Riverside Drive, Austin, Texas 78704. Persons with special communication or accommodation needs may call Joe Clark at (325) 676-6821 for assistance. Requests should be made no later than three days prior to the meeting. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate needs.

Aviso de Reunión Pública

Departamento de Transporte de Texas Revisión del Programa de Transporte Unificado 2012 y 2013, Programa de Mejora de Transporte Estatal 2013-2016

El Departamento de Transporte de Texas (TxDOT, por sus siglas en inglés) llevará a cabo una reunión pública para solicitar comentarios públicos y aportaciones para el Revisión del Programa de Transporte Unificado 2012 y 2013 (UTP, por sus siglas en inglés), y el Programa de Mejora de Transporte Estatal 2013-2016 (STIP, por sus siglas en inglés). Las reuniones públicas se celebrará el **Jueves, 12 de Julio de 2012 6:00 p.m. (CST) a 7:00 p.m.** en los siguientes lugares:

Distrito de Abilene
4250 Clack N.
Abilene Texas 79601

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5715 Canyon Drive
Amarillo Texas 79114

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7599 US 287
Childress, Texas 79201-9705

Distrito de El Paso
13301 Gateway West
El Paso, Texas 79928-5410

Distrito de Lubbock
135 Slaton Road
Lubbock Texas 79404-5201

Distrito de Odessa
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