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'I Solemnly Swear'

*Elected
officials
take oath*

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Local, state and federal elected officials were sworn into office last week at the start of the new year.

In Ozona, Crockett County officials took their oaths on Jan. 1 and 2 at the courthouse annex.

Friends and family turned out to see County Judge Fred Deaton swear in Robert "Bob" Rodriguez as the new sheriff.

Also, Commissioners Randy Branch and Frank Tambunga, Constable Raymond P. "Bear" Borrego, County Attorney Jody Upham and County Tax Assessor-Collector Rhonda Shaw also took their oaths from Deaton.

Also, Deaton sworn in sheriff deputies and jailers.

Laurie English, 112th District Attorney, received her oath of office from 112th Judicial District Judge Pete Gomez at a ceremony in Big Lake.

On the federal level, Crockett County has a new



ROBERT "BOB" RODRIGUEZ took his oath of office on Jan. 1 as the new Crockett County Sheriff from County Judge Fred Deaton. Rodriguez is the first Hispanic sheriff in Crockett County. More photos, page 3.

Congressman.

Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, was sworn into office on Jan. 3 in Washington, D.C.

Gallego represents District 23 which covers a territory from El Paso to San Antonio.

Gallego's son, Nicolas, joined him on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives during the ceremony. His wife, Maria Elena, and his mother, Elena, watched from the House Gallery.

"The people of the 23rd district have placed in me a

great deal of trust," Gallego said in a press release. "Having the privilege to represent them is only temporary and dependent on excellent service. In an institution full of partisan bickering, I look forward to serving as a voice of reason and proving that members of Congress can still work towards the common good. I will never forget that the voter sent me here to fight for them, and the huge responsibility that comes with this privilege."

Gallego has been ap-

pointed to serve on the House Armed Services Committee and the Agriculture Committee.

U.S. Senators John Cornyn and newly elected Ted Cruz, both Republicans, also took their oaths of office in Washington.

"It is humbling to now have the responsibility of representing 27 million Texans," he said. "The entire day has been magical. I have to admit that any time someone addresses me as senator, I find myself turn-

ing my head trying to figure out who on Earth they're talking to."

Both Cruz and Gallego were named to the Houston Chronicle's list of 13 congressional freshmen to watch.

The article stated that Cruz is expected to be a leading advocate of "constitutional conservatism," and that Gallego is personable and hard-working, colleagues have high hopes that he will become a coalition-builder on Capitol Hill.

Relay For Life needs volunteers

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is looking for committee members to be a part of the 2013 Relay For Life Of Crockett County.

The first volunteer committee meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 14, at the Civic Center meeting room.

The Committee Meeting is from 5:30-6 p.m. The team meeting will be from 6:05-6:35 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to organize and recruit teams, seek community support and underwriting, coordinate the survivor dinner, coordinate logistics, find refreshments and prizes, and plan entertainment.

Relay For Life events are held overnight as individuals and teams camp out at an athletic track, with the goal of keeping at least one team member on the track at all times throughout the evening.

Teams do most of their fund-raising prior to the event, but some teams also hold creative fund-raisers at their camp sites during Relay.

Relay brings together friends, families, businesses, hospitals, schools, faith-based groups, people from all walks of life all aimed at celebrating the lives of those who have had cancer, remembering those lost, and fighting back against the disease.

The 2012 Crockett County Relay For Life raised more than \$50,000 for the American Cancer Society.

Anyone that would like to join the Relay For Life in Crockett County as a volunteer or team participant, call the American Cancer Society at (325) 944-2500, or visit www.relayforlife.org/crockettctx.

Snowball Fight



MIKE MEDINA (left) braces as Jose Perez throws a snowball. Friday morning was perfect for snowball fights and building snowmen as Crockett County received up to 2.5 inches of wet powder. More photos, page 3.

Lions named All-West Texas

Two Ozona Lions were named to the San Angelo Standard-Times Class 1A All-West Texas Football Team.

At defensive lineman, Jerrod duBois was a menace to opposing offenses, registering 46 tackles, six sacks and five caused fumbles for the Lions.

The six-foot five-inch, 205 pound senior was also named to the All-District Team at tight end and defensive end and also to the Academic All-State Team.

As a defensive back, Alex Borrego kept the Lions' opponents on their toes by chalking up 41 tackles, four interceptions, five pass breakups and four caused fumbles.

The 5-foot 11-inch, 165 pound senior was also named to the All-District Team at tailback and defensive back.

The All-West Texas Team is selected by the San Angelo Standard-Times Sports Staff.



OZONA LIONS Jerrod duBois (left) and Alex Borrego (right) were named to the San Angelo Standard-Times All-West Texas Team for Class 1A.

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OHS LIONS AND LADY LIONS VS. MILES
FRIDAY AT THE OHS DAVIDSON GYM

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OHS teacher defends position on concealed handgun issue

Dear Editor,

I have read the citizen commentary under the Ozona Stockman status update about my speaking in favor of authorizing and training teachers to be able to carry a firearm on a school campus for the protection of our students and faculty. I want to respond to some of the things that I've seen posted by citizens in CCCSD and in doing so, I would also like to remind you that I do not represent the district with this opinion. The thoughts and remarks below are solely representation

of my personal beliefs, as a citizen of this county.

One citizen stated that he'd rather have "well trained guards" in the school. Another stated that "The idea of having armed guards sound better than armed teachers." Numerous other citizens made similar comments.

If CCCSD opted to go the route of a school resource officer I believe that they would pay a minimum of \$30,000 for the services of that individual. For that price, you could train and certify approximately 30-35 teachers to be prepared to han-

dle any threats that appear on a campus.

So let's analyze that. Thirty-five trained teachers throughout the district that are spread out, or one school resource officer? I'm inclined to believe in the old saying "strength in numbers."

Jessica Phelps stated that: "[steps on soapbox] Personally, I don't think this is the answer. Teacher's aren't and won't be trained like police officers. The only clear option I see is to put law enforcement in schools.

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Christians need to stand up for their religion

Dear Editor,

Where do I begin? I guess I'll just jump into the subject that is the most important that a lot of us take for granted here in the good old US of A. Freedom of religion. Article 1 of the Bill of Rights; Congress Shall Make No Law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right to peaceably assemble, and to petition the Govern-

ment for a redress of grievances.

Before we delve into this very far we need to clarify a few things. First, of all our "Founding Fathers" were from a time that was ruled by a tyrannical King. These men knew from history every society in the past, yes every one, was eventually taken over by corrupt people that wanted control of the masses and in general the world if they could and one of the main ways was through controlling religion. The one thing they

did understand is they wanted to be free, and Christianity and the individual, personal relationship with God; Jesus, is the only true freedom.

You are in charge of yourself, and you alone are answerable to God. You may be asking yourself well why he is telling me this; I know all of this. Well apparently you don't. If you did then why are you allowing the Schools to take God out of everything, prayer out of schools and so on? Look at

PLEASE SEE RELIGION, PAGE 6

The Fiscal Cliff from this rancher's perspective

Like many of you I learned the importance of financial responsibility at an early age. You simply don't spend money you don't have. The money you do have you work for. If you're lucky, you might save some of that money for a rainy day or leave it for your kids once you're gone.

The lessons I was taught at home, at school and at church were all the same. Be good stewards of what God gave you, whether it's your land, your home or your finances.

Thomas Jefferson himself said, "Never spend your money before you have it." I guess some Washington politicians have forgotten these lessons, or perhaps they were never taught them in the first place.

Let's take, for example, the recent fiscal cliff debate.

As you well know, Congress voted to avert the "fiscal cliff". They did this by shielding 99% of taxpayers from a scheduled tax increase, while raising taxes on higher earners making more than \$450,000.

The tax package stopped incredibly high tax increases for most Americans.

It also included new permanent amounts for the death tax. Estates worth \$5 million or less per person (\$10 million per couple) will be exempt from the death tax. Estates worth more than that will pay a 40 percent tax on anything over the exemption level. As an added benefit, these levels are indexed for inflation and also include a stepped-up basis.

This isn't perfect. We would have liked to see the death tax go away forever. But it is better than the alternative, which would have been a 55 percent tax on anything over a \$1 million per person (\$2 million per couple) exemption level. These levels would have crushed small ranching families.

The package also extends the 2008 Farm Bill until September 2013. Again, this isn't perfect. This short-term fix gives extreme animal activist groups more opportunities to target the livestock industry, and while we have been successful holding them off in the past; we will have to continue to work hard to keep them from harming the cattle industry in the next farm bill.

Ranchers would have much rather seen a fiscally responsible 5-year farm bill signed into law. A 5-year



CATTLEMAN'S COLUMN

JOE PARKER JR.

bill would have provided more predictability for important conservation and research programs that help ranchers produce better beef for consumers while protecting our natural resources.

Looking at all of this you could say there were some good things that Congress did through this legislation. Certainly keeping taxes from skyrocketing to unachievable levels and allowing more ranchers to pass on their land are both good things. But let's look at what else they did.

They also added \$4 trillion to the federal deficit over 10 years through a number of tax exemptions and long-term unemployment benefit extensions without offering any offsetting spending cuts. Many reports suggest that federal spending was decreased by only \$1 for every \$40 of new revenue generated.

As a rancher and a banker this just doesn't add up. Unless, of course, you're charging the additional \$4 trillion to a national credit card that's debt limit is already maxed out at \$16 trillion.

Even though Congress did address some of the tax issues, they missed a golden opportunity to take a responsible approach to start getting our country out of debt.

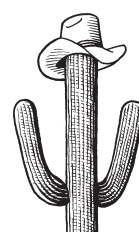
Congress has said they will address spending cuts soon when they face yet another fiscal debate, this time over whether they should raise the debt limit and what to do about the automatic spending cuts scheduled to take effect.

Republicans have said they will cut spending. Democrats, including the President, have pledged to raise the debt limit and continue "investing" in government programs. Clearly the two have different ideas.

If they want my advice, I'd invite them out to the ranch, cook them a steak, and show them some simple ranch arithmetic.

JOE PARKER JR. is a third generation rancher from Clay County, Texas. He is president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. He is also chairman of the board and president of the First National Bank of Byers.

The Cheap Test



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

My friends and family think I'm notoriously tight but I prefer to think of myself as a sub-optimal spender. While it may be true that there are moths in my coin purse, my checkbook is rusted shut and whenever I open my wallet George Washington blinks in the sunlight, I don't see myself as being that different than many of my tightwad friends. Here's a test to see if you are in my league when it comes to being cheap.

1) At your last branding you A) asked everyone to bring a dish and their own booze, B) served chicken and a vegetarian lasagna made with inexpensive tofu, C) sold your neighbor's beef at a concession stand.

2) Your ranch truck A) is an Army surplus truck without windows, fenders or hood, B) is so old it doesn't have seat belts, C) is a horse.

3) When you dine in a restaurant with friends you A) drink water, share an appetizer with your wife and then argue about your fair share of the bill, B) duck into the restroom, crawl through the window and go home just before the waitress delivers the check to your table, C) what's a restaurant?

4) The watch you currently have on your wrist is A) a Timex, B) fake Rolex, C) a fake of a fake Rolex.

5) Whenever you're running a little short of funds you A) dig in other people's couches for loose change when

no one is watching, B) consign your wife's family heirlooms to Benny's Pawn Shop and Hair Salon, C) go wading for lucky pennies in the church fountain.

6) You enjoy the holiday season because A) the homeless shelter serves a great Christmas dinner, B) you can regift the presents people give you for Christmas throughout the year, C) after Halloween you can gather up enough toilet paper hanging from trees and cars to last your family the entire year.

7) Your squeeze chute is A) older than Methuselah and held together by rust and cobwebs, B) not worth its weight in scrap metal, C) a gate swung up against a fence.

8) You acquire your range bulls by A) purchasing them for beef price in the slaughter run at the auction market, B) taking a pair fence pliers you bought at an estate auction for one dollar and cutting your fences, thereby letting your cows get bred by your neighbor's \$5,000 purebred bulls, C) leaving every tenth male a bull when you work your calves at branding.

9) For your silver wedding anniversary you A) took the wife to McDonalds where you enjoyed free crackers and tomato soup by mixing two free cups of hot water with some ketchup packages. B) spent the evening quietly at home, had the wife prepare a big meal and you sat in your easy chair and swatted flies with the new fly swatter you got her as a silver anniversary gift, C) presented her with a fancy broach and a huge rock in the middle, which was actually the big kidney stone you passed this year.

10) Your wife has been begging ever since she gave birth to your tenth child for a new house that doesn't leak, and she constantly complains that your satellite dish has more square footage than your home, so you finally agreed to A) move your mobile home under the hay shed so its tin roof wouldn't leak so bad, B) put some curtains in the tack room and move her in there, C) get a smaller satellite dish.

Answers: If you answered A to most of the questions you should be ashamed of yourself, squandering money like that. If you answered B to most questions you are responsible and quite possibly could have enough money left at the end of your life to pay for two months in a below average convalescent center. If you answered C to ALL questions, Congratulations, you just might be as big a skinflint as I am.

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Texas Legislature enters 83rd session

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — After passage of the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 by Congress on Jan. 1, "98 percent of Americans and 97 percent of small businesses will not see their income taxes go up," President Obama said.

The act, signed by the president on Jan. 2, extends unemployment benefits for 2 million Americans who are looking for work, makes no cuts to Social Security and Medicare and expands Medicaid benefits. But the Act postpones Congressional action on budget "sequestration" for two months, leaving question marks over the accounting and social intricacies of how much to cut or tweak entitlements and how much revenue to raise. So, the short- and long-term impacts on states remain unclear.

Dynamics of decisions made at the federal level add to the complexity of

deliberations state lawmakers enter Jan. 8, when the 83rd session of the Texas Legislature convenes. Systemic state budget deficits in recent years have left Texas unable to avoid shortfalls. In 2011, Texas resorted to using federal "stimulus" dollars to overcome a \$6 billion deficit. In 2012, sales tax revenues flowed in at healthier rates, and the state comptroller soon will release her biennial revenue estimate, giving lawmakers some idea of how much cash they will have to meet the needs of Texas.

Thirsty constituents, cattle, crops, industry are sure to be addressed this session. Widespread and chronic lack of water pose problems looking for legislative solutions. And yes, Gov. Rick Perry on Dec. 28 extended his drought emergency proclamation of

July 5, 2011, to a majority of Texas' 254 counties.

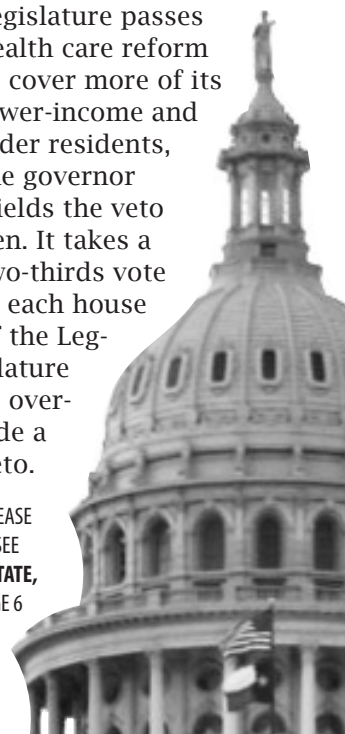
Those multi-billion dollar cutbacks on education in the 82nd session of the Legislature will be addressed, and so will Medicaid. If Texas refuses to meet the required match to receive federal Medicaid funds by rejecting the Medicaid expansion, the Lone Star State could lose billions of federal dollars.

To that, Gov. Perry stated in a newspaper editorial published in July: "We have no interest in following the federal directive to expand our Medicaid ranks by over a million (people), and we are also rejecting calls to establish a so-called 'state' insurance exchange designed and ruled by federal guidelines, many of which have yet to be written. Neither of these is the proper role of the federal

government and both represent brazen intrusions into the affairs of states."

Even if the Texas Legislature passes health care reform to cover more of its lower-income and older residents, the governor wields the veto pen. It takes a two-thirds vote in each house of the Legislature to override a veto.

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MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN; BIG LAKE WILDCAT: SUBMITTED PHOTOS

ELECTED OFFICIALS took their oaths of office last week. They included Crockett County Commissioners Randy Branch and Frank Tambunga, Crockett County Constable Raymond P. "Bear" Borrego, 112th District Attorney Laurie English, Crockett County Attorney Jody Upham, Crockett County Tax Assessor-Collector Rhonda Shaw, Crockett County Deputies and Jailers, U.S. Rep. Pete Gallego and U.S. Senators Ted Cruz and John Cornyn.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Wednesday, Jan. 9**
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Thursday, Jan. 10**
- Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Balance Exercise, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. at the Care Center.
- Friday, Jan. 11**
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Crafts, 10 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - OHS Lions and Lady Lions vs. Miles, 4 p.m. at the Davidson Gym.
- Saturday, Jan. 12**
- OHS UIL Academic Meet at Ozona High School.
- Monday, Jan. 14**
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Crockett County Commissioners' Court, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.
 - Crafts, 10 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Ladies' Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - OMS Lions and Lady Lions vs. Winters, 5 p.m. at Winters.
 - Relay For Life Committee Meeting, 5:30-6 p.m.; Team Meeting 6:05-6:35 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- Tuesday, Jan. 15**
- Balancing exercise, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Levis and Lace Square Dance lessons, 7-9 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - OHS Lions and Lady Lions vs. Irion County, 4 p.m. at the Davidson Gym.
- Wednesday, Jan. 16**
- 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

- Jan. 9** - Janette Lozano, Debbie Puckett and Barbaree Fierro
- Jan. 10** - Tiger Lewis, Zeke Gonzalez, Willie Payne Jr., Cipriano Perez, Cody Hunicutt, Nereyda Vega, Gabrielle Gutierrez, Will Hoover, Ismael Villarreal and Nikolas Santiago
- Jan. 11** - Shane Albers, Sean Davis, Melissa Oviedo Samarripa, Michael Esparza, Penny Stewart, Lydia Fierro and Alicia Lopez
- Jan. 12** - Kevin Webb, Mario F. Mendoza, Maria Antonia Quiroz, Heidi Williams and Alan Bloebaum
- Jan. 13** - Mark Valadez
- Jan. 14** - Michael Molina Jr., Brenda Ortiz, Laurie English, Carmen Sutton, Sharon Williams, Raymond Adcock and Martha Rocha
- Jan. 15** - Esther Williams, Jessica Phelps, Justin Ray Yeager, Samuel Perez and Diana Rodriguez

CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Crockett County 4-H competes at Odessa Stock Show

Crockett County 4-H had several youth participate in the Odessa Stock Show this past weekend. Brenna Hale was name Champion for Junior Showmanship. She also placed fourth and seventh in fine wool lambs. Timothy Malonado also placed fifth and sixth and Ethan Criswell placed 14th and 23rd place in fine wool lambs. Also participating in the show were Alex and Adam Hopper. The next show will be the Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show held in Ker-ville on Jan. 16-19.

HELPING HANDS NEWS

Helping Hands is in need of volunteers to deliver meals and accepting applications for cooks. Pick up applications at Helping Hands. If you have a few minutes, call 392-5026 and help deliver meals.

JANUARY 9

- Chili with beans, garden salad, ranch dressing, wheat bread, banana pudding and milk.

JANUARY 10

- Chicken spaghetti, green beans, whole wheat bread,

chunky fruit medley and milk.

JANUARY 11

- Turkey pot pie, fruited cole slaw, whole wheat bread, apricots and milk.

JANUARY 14

- Meatballs with gravy, green beans, dinner roll, cole-slaw, hot spiced peaches and milk.

JANUARY 15

- Chicken and noodles, peas and carrots, wheat bread, fresh fruit, oatmeal cookie and milk.

Card of Thanks
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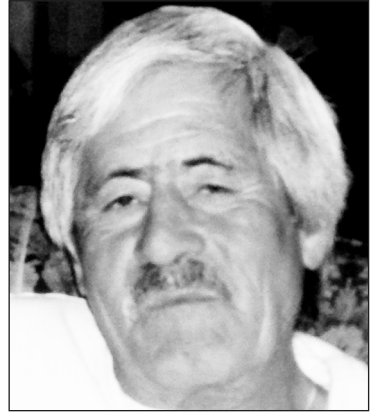
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OBITUARIES

Isaias 'Chayo' Flores

Isaias "Chayo" Flores, 65, died Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2013 at his residence. Funeral service was Friday, Jan. 4, 2013 at Templo Siloe Assembly of God with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements by Preddy Funeral Home.

Survivors include, his wife, Jesusita Tobar Flores of Ozona; daughter, Vicki Villarreal of Ozona; stepdaughter, Melissa Chipman Guerrero of San Antonio; son, Everson Lee Flores of San Angelo, stepsons, Tommy Chipman of San Angelo and Stevie Chipman of Ozona; six sisters, Eva Ramirez and Belia "Betty" Flores both of Ozona, Mary Ramirez of Fort Worth, Aquillia LoSoya of Del



Rio, Mariana Lopez and Lupe Mendoza both of Mexico; Two brothers, Jose Flores of Ozona and Reyes Guevarra of Mexico and four grandchildren.

Patsy 'Pat' Sue Findley Sinclair

After a long battle with Parkinson's, Patsy "Pat" Sue Findley Sinclair, 80, of Brownwood passed away from this life on Thursday, January 3, 2013, at the CARE Nursing Home. Funeral Services were held Monday, January 7, 2013, at Bangs First United Methodist Church with Ricky McClatchy and Michael Redmond officiating. Assisting as pallbearers were Robert Tambunga, Will Hoover, Jeff Findley, Scott Findley, Jeb Edwards and Jack Sinclair. Burial will follow at Bangs Cemetery.

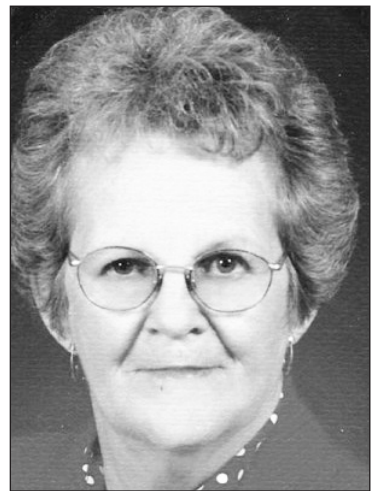
Pat was born on March 30, 1932, to C.D. and Velma Findley in Richland Springs, Texas. She married C.H. Sinclair in Bangs, Texas, in October of 1951. They were married for 51 years.

Pat devoted her life to her family. She was a wonderful "oldest" sister to her brothers and sisters. She will be remembered as a loving and devoted mother, wife, and grandmother who will be greatly missed.

Pat was a teacher in the public schools for 30 years. She taught at various grade levels, but her last 17 years in education were spent teaching first grade in Ozona, Texas.

She loved teaching which was a family tradition passed to her, and she passed it on to her children and grandchildren.

Pat is survived by her three children, Jan Wilson and husband Richard of Midland, Texas, Kim Horton and husband



Danny of Brownwood, and Kelly Sinclair and wife Cheryl of Belen, New Mexico; grandchildren, Jason and Johna Swopes, Zeno and Jeana Witten, Clint and Tammie Beck, Kade and Ethan Horton, and Cody, Ben and Jacob Sinclair; great grandchildren, Josh and Jenna Swopes, and Jaiden Clary; sisters, Sammie McClatchy and husband Garner, and Joy Jacobs; brothers, Ray Findley and wife Jean and John Harper and wife Donna and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pat was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, C.H. Sinclair; parents, C.D. and Velma Findley; sister, Vickie Findley, and brother, Donnie Findley.

In lieu of flowers a donation may be made to your charity of choice. Condolences may be left for the family at www.davismorrisfuneralhome.com.

Santiago Moya Rodriguez

Santiago Moya Rodriguez, "Chago," brother, father, grandfather, a man of immense knowledge son of Martin and Juanita Rodriguez, passed away Dec.14, 2012 in San Antonio, Texas.

Born in Ozona on June 11, 1930, he was a child of the depression and was well tempered early for his path in life. Santiago was the oldest of four brothers and three sisters and the first in the family to graduate from high school and college, thus becoming an exemplary model for his siblings, all of which followed in his footsteps and obtained a higher education and professional careers. While in high school, he did janitorial work at Ozona National Bank in the morning and worked on two yards after school. In 1949, he graduated from high school and enrolled at South West Texas State Teachers College in San Marcos, Texas from where he was drafted, during his first year, into the Korean conflict. He served in the infantry and as a medic. He served his time and was honorable discharged and received the Korean Service Medal.

After returning he enrolled at Sul Ross State University where he obtained his B.A. and did his graduate work. Santiago was a social worker, math teacher, manager of a halfway house and his favorite job, hanging out with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Dolores Garcia Rodriguez, his parents Martin and Juanita, brothers Antonio and Jesus, sisters Felicita, Paulita and Alicia and one granddaughter Ava. He is survived by one brother, Roberto (Teresita), son Martin (Mary), daughters Diane (Hugo), Yvonne (Rick), Yvette, Susie (Shawn) and grandchildren, Rebecca, Rachel, R.J. (Rick) and James. Santiago was buried next to his wife Dolores at Mission North cemetery on Dec. 26, 2012.

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Schedule of happenings

Exercise	MONDAY 8 a.m.	Exercise	8 a.m.
Crafts	10 a.m.	Lunch	11:45 a.m.
Lunch	11:45 a.m.	Mexican Train	1:30 p.m.
Bridge	1:30 p.m.	THURSDAY	
	TUESDAY	Quilting	9:30 a.m.
Lunch	11:45 a.m.	Lunch	11:45 a.m.
Balance Exercise 2	p.m.	Balance Exercise 2	p.m.
Levis and Lace Square Dance		FRIDAY	
Lessons 7-9 p.m.		Exercise	8 a.m.
WEDNESDAY		Crafts	10 a.m.
		Lunch	11:45 a.m.

Card of Thanks

The Tobar, Villarreal, Chipman, Ramirez and Flores families offer thanks to all who expressed kindness with calls, visits, flowers, food, words of encouragement and prayers. A special thank you to Everson and Jasmine. Jasmine your caring experience aided us in a difficult time. Warm gratitude to daughter Vicky and husband Victor for the love and support. Thanks to our daughter Melissa, husband Jesse and children; to our son Tommy and his children for their love and support. Much thanks to Camille Hernandez and family. You were a presence in Chayos' life that will always be treasured. Eva Ramirez you were the pillar of strength throughout especially in his last moments of his life. A sincere appreciation to Joe Galan from Norwalk, California. Joe has always been a true solid friend since youth. Chayo and Joe shared a very special bond. Thank you Joe for being at his side till the very end. Another lifelong treasured friend was Juan Flores. Thank you John for sharing special moments with him. Thank you Pastor Ruth Posadas for prayers and wonderful service. Thank you for being there in his final days and last moments. Gracias to Templo Siloe for the delicious meal after the service and the choir as it was a last minute change. Much obliged to the pallbearers whom also shared a special friendship with Chayo. God bless you all.

A FRESH START

Now is a good time of year to look over our schedules and evaluate them. We do not have to follow the old and can start anew if need be. God needs to be in our lives but sadly, many people leave God totally out of the picture and this can lead to sorrowful consequences. This Christmas season it really came home to me about how much time my wife and I spend in Church and as my old grandmother used to say, "That is all I have". It is not just being in Church but it is also where friends are and we do things with them in and out of Church. Yes, there are the prayer meetings, Bible studies, preparing food for the needy, meals for college students once a month, church dinners and other events but this is where we go to worship God. Not just at the Church but also a quiet time of bible study and prayer at home is essential. My new life is so different from the old because the old was a life without God or Christ. My new life started with me accepting Jesus Christ many years ago, (John 3:16, Romans 5:8). There is so much joy, love and peace in my life, marriage and family, (John 15:11, Romans 14:17). God has truly blessed. God has this life for all who come to Him, (Matthew 11:28). See you in Church next Sunday.

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 Jean Reardon 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: 9 a.m. in Sheffield; 11 a.m. in Ozona Every Second Sunday of the Month: Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Ozona; 11 a.m. in Sheffield Tues. - Sat. Mass: 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>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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Lions pounce Eagles, get third district win

The Ozona Lions picked up their third district win, 51-31, over TLC Academy on Jan. 4.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 11 15 12 13- 51; TLCA - 7 7 8 9 - 31.

Scoring: Jerrod duBois 21; Alex Borrego 11; Glen Tinney 7; Tyler Galindo 6; Jayton Rodriguez 2; Brandon DeHoyos 2 and Noah Tambunga 2.

Over the holiday break,

the Lions competed in the Reagan County Tournament.

Ozona lost to TLCA, 59-34, in the guarantee game. Tinney was high-point scorer with 9.

The Lions lost to Forsan 51-47. High-point was duBois with 15. Ozona also lost to Ballinger 71-57. duBois was high-point scorer with 23.

The Lions are 8-8 overall and 3-0 in district play.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

BRANDON DEHOYOS LOOKS TO PASS THE BALL TO A TEAMMATE in the varsity Lions 51-31 win over TLC on Jan. 4.



LEESA MARSHALL | SUBMITTED PHOTO

JENNA MARSHALL donated her hair to Locks of Love last week. Jenna is a fourth-grader at Ozona Elementary School. She is the daughter of Leesa and Jerry Marshall.



CHRIS CANTU | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

LAUREN MILES SCORED THREE POINTS in the JV Lady Lions victory over Winters on Dec. 21.

Lady Lions get second district win

The Ozona Lady Lions picked up their second district win, 51-12, over TLC Academy on Jan. 4.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 14 19 14 4 - 51; TLCA - 6 2 3 1 - 12.

Scoring: Kodi Glosson 19 points, 4 steals; Cynthia Garcia 14 points, 6 steals, 4 rebounds; Vivian Medina 8 points, 3 steals; Daisy Guerra 4 points, 3 steals; Amy Quiroz 4 points, 9 rebounds; Lexi Poindexter 2 points, 10 rebounds, 3 steals; Bethany Martinez 2 steals; Brianna Cervantez 1 rebound; Kyann Hernandez 2 rebounds; Madison Childress 2 rebounds and McKenna Moses 2 rebounds.

The Lady Lions also competed in the Reagan County Tournament over the holiday break.

Ozona lost to Ballinger 42-28.

Scoring: Garcia 9 points, 5 rebounds, 5 steals; Glosson 8 points, 2 rebounds, 3 steals; Poindexter 5 points, 4 rebounds, 2 steals; Cervantez 4 points and 4 rebounds; Sierra Stokes 2 points and 1 rebound; Quiroz 1 rebound and 2 steals; Martinez 2 rebounds; Guerra 1 rebound and 1 steal and Medina 2 rebounds.

The Lady Lions lost to McCamey 50-23 in their second tournament game.

Scoring: Medina 8 points, 5 rebounds and 1 steal; Poindexter 6 points, 8 rebounds and 3 steals; Stokes 3 points and 2 rebounds; Cervantez 2 points, 3 rebounds and 4 steals; Garcia 2 points, 8 rebounds and 5 steals; Guerra 1 point and 1 rebound and Quiroz 1 point and 2 rebounds.

In their final tournament game, Ozona defeated TLCA 51-12.

Scoring: Garcia 14 points, 8 rebounds, 6 steals; Poindexter 8 points, 8 rebounds, 3 steals; Glosson 7 points, 2 rebounds, 4 steals; Medina 6 points, 5 rebounds, 1 steal; Cervantez 3 points, 3 rebounds, 4 steals; Quiroz 2 points and 2 rebounds; Guerra 1 rebound and Stokes 2 rebounds.

Ozona lost to Winters, 40-38, in overtime on Dec. 21.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 12 10 9 5 2 - 38; Winters - 10 7 11 11 4 -40.

Scoring: Garcia 14 points, 10 rebounds, 6 steals; Poindexter 10 points, 2 rebounds, 6 steals; Glosson 10 points, 5 rebounds, 5 steals; Medina 2 points, 3 rebounds, 3 steals; Guerra 2 points, 2 rebounds, 1 steal; Quiroz 5 rebounds and 2 steals and Cervantez 2 rebounds and 3 steals.

Ozona is 2-2 in district play.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

McKENNA MOSES FIGHTS FOR A TIE BALL in the varsity Lady Lions 51-12 win over TLC Academy on Jan. 4.



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JV Lady Lions take out Winters

The JV Lady Lions defeated Winters 32-4 on Dec. 21.

Scoring: Madison Childress 7; McKenna Moses 2; Bri Sanchez 2; Estefania Torralba 4; Marissa Held 2; Lauren Miles 3 and Elva Gallardo 12.

The Lady Lions lost to Eldorado 29-28 on Dec. 18.

Scoring: Childress 14; Moses 4; Espinosa 2; Sanchez 4 and Rodriguez 4.

Ozona defeated Rocksprings 35-7 on Dec. 14.

Scoring: Childress 6; Moses 16; Espinosa 2; Sanchez 4; Torralba 4; Kim Borrego 1 and Miles 2.

The JV Lady Lions are 9-8 overall.



CHRIS CANTU | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

MEAGAN ESPINOSA GUARDS A LADY BLIZZARD in the JV Lady Lions 32-4 win over Winters. on Dec. 21.

Youth Center Calendar of Events

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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.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

DECEMBER 22
-8:11 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident U.S. Highway 190 and State Highway 163, one vehicle, worked traffic. three units, nine firefighters. Time in service 42 minutes.
DECEMBER 23
-3:55 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident State Highways 137 and 163, one vehicle off roadway. Used jaws to remove a victim, assisted with landing zone for AirMed 1. Three units, five firefighters. Time in service 2 hours, 36 minutes.
-9:25 a.m. - Rig Accident off of US 190 Highway, fatality, assisted EMS on scene. Three units, seven firefighters. Time in service 2 hours, 26 minutes.
DECEMBER 24
-3:15 p.m. - Dumpster fire at 16th St. and Endino. Two units, five firefighters. Time in service 40 minutes.
DECEMBER 25
-8:24 p.m. - Structure fire 1200 block Pecan St. Mattress fire extinguished. Four units, 14 firefighters. Time in service 1 hour, 2 minutes.
DECEMBER 26
-5:05 p.m. - Vehicle fire I-10 mile-marker 327. Three units. Time in service 1 hour, 2 minutes.
DECEMBER 27
-10:18 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident 12 miles south on State Highway 163. Traffic control until released. Three units, 5 firefighters. Time in

service 1 hour, 24 minutes.
DECEMBER 30
-11:06 a.m. - Dumpster Fire at 1900 block of Santa Anna. Four units, seven firefighters. Time in service 29 minutes.
JANUARY 1
-6:12 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident 25 miles north on State Highway 163, one vehicle rollover. Three units, seven firefighters. Time in service 1 hour, 1 minute.
-8:53 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident 300 block of Avenue E, two vehicles. Five units, 12 firefighters. Time in service 1 hour, 34 minutes.
JANUARY 3
-5:18 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident, one vehicle rollover at I-10 mile-marker 340. Four units, nine firefighters. Time in service 1 hour, 5 minutes.
-Grass fire one mile east of FM 2083, not located. Two units, five firefighters. Time in service 38 minutes.
JANUARY 5
-2:45 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident at mile-marker 376 on I-10. One vehicle hit object in roadway. Three units, eight firefighters. Time in service 42 minutes.
-4:47 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident at I-10 mile-marker 368. Assist EMS at scene and set landing zone. Four units, 11 firefighters. Time in service 31 minutes.



THIS TOYOTA SEDAN rolled multiple times near 368 mile-marker on I-10 Saturday. One person was airlifted to San Angelo and others were transported to San Angelo by Crockett County EMS. The vehicle is registered to a Veronica Delgado, of Austin.

EMS DEPARTMENT RUNS

12/31/2012
-4:58 a.m. - 911 Call Transported Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital
1/1/2013
-12:00 a.m. - 911 Call No treatment, No Transport
-3:41 a.m. - 911 Call Transported No Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital
-3:41 a.m. - 911 Call Transported No Lights/Siren Family Health Clinic
-6:05 a.m. - 911 Call No Patient Found
-8:48 a.m. - 911 Call Transported No Lights/Siren Family Health Clinic
-9:45 a.m. - 911 Call Transported No Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital
1/2/2013
-12:00 a.m. - 911 Call No treatment, No Transport
1/5/2013
-12:00 a.m. - 911 Call Transported Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital
-4:45 p.m. - 911 Call Transported Lights/Siren Air Med I
1/6/2013
-10:53 p.m. - 911 Call Transported Family Health Clinic

GUNS: from page 2

Officers go through extensive background checks, mental health checks and training. I doubt teachers and staff will have much more than a CHL to qualify to carry these handguns. However, I understand that is also lose-lose situation. There is already such a storage of cops and a budget cut in schools so no one is going to create extra salaries. Maybe someday we'll have a country (and state) that figures out its finances and the importance of not cutting education. [steps off].
Teachers also go through extensive background checks. We are also mandated by the State of Texas to be fingerprinted. Not many jobs have a requirement as strict as that. Again, even she is able to realize the lack of financial feasibility that exists within the suggestion of placing police officers in the school.
Sandra Santiago Reyes said: "What's going to happen when a very angry student over powers a teacher carrying a gun then what, come on people don't be stupid! This is not what I pay taxes for."
The students in our classrooms would not allow that to happen, nor do I believe any would attempt this. I don't believe that the threat is our current students, but rather a rogue shooter that enters along I-10. Further, it has

not happened in Harrold ISD in the five years they've had the program. Additionally, to ease this individual's concern, the "guardian" teachers in that district are kept confidential and thus no one knows which teachers have possession of a firearm. This is the program that I have asked our school board to adopt and this is the policy suggestion that I presented to the board.
Heidi Peron Sullivan stated: "I'm almost speechless but I would like to say I think it's a horrible idea to bring guns into a classroom. Sounds like something that would happen in a third world country. I think instead of having school teachers be responsible for having a loaded weapon at all times and to be prepared to use it at a moment's notice, we could make sure our school has a lock down technology to keep our kids safe until the police can get there. I'm not comfortable sending my children to a school where there are hand guns and/or armed guards."
In terms of "lock down technology," it takes no more than a standard Google search to find that Sandy Hook Elementary had the same "protections" in place. That glass won't stop a bullet in Texas and it didn't in Connecticut either. Adam Lanza shot through the glass and allowed himself entry into the building. The district also regularly went over policies with

staff and held drills for various threats (like CCCSD). Did any of that work? Not completely.
Sara Mayfield Grannis said: "Not sure I like this one. We already have a local officer that walks through our elementary school every morning, which is cool since her kiddos are there too, an ex cop at middle school, and our sheriff is always at the high school. With all the new security features of our elementary, I think they are pretty well protected. Parents have to teach at home as well. Keep it locked up. Just my opinion. I really wouldn't be surprised if a number of our school staff is already licensed to carry a concealed weapon."
The only time I regularly see the sheriff at the high school is in the morning and afternoon, when the school zones are in effect. Other than that, he has an entire county that he has to look after and can't spend his whole day at the schools. Again, reference the above information regarding the security that Sandy Hook had, exactly the same as OES. To your other point, even if our staff is licensed to carry it is still illegal to have that weapon on the campus, according to current laws and policies, which is why I'm asking the board to make a policy change.
That should address the majority of negative opinions towards this suggested policy change.
I'll conclude with a few other things.

They had police in Connecticut, similar to the way we do in Ozona, but the response time is the problem. It only takes a few moments for an unsuspected shooter to drive up to a campus, enter the building, and open fire. After that point, dozens of lives are changed forever and when the police arrive, the shooter has (in many cases) already taken his/her own life.
Why do shooters pick schools? Because it is the easiest way to do the most damage, as the shooters pass the 'gun free zone' signs on the way in.
I hope this isn't too long-winded, but I feel as though it is very important for the people that say "no" to this to understand that an emergency binder and a locked door will not stop a shooter.
You have to have windows in school in the event of a threat of fire... so before people suggest that we get rid of windows... keep that in mind.
The only thing that I seek in pushing this issue is a better way of keeping your children safe. Whether the board and administration pursue this policy and later choose me as a "guardian" is not important. I just hope that by pushing for this it will allow for a few trusted, trained, and prepared employees, help defend our school in the event of a tragedy.
Erik Thormaehlen
Ozona, Texas

RELIGION: from page 2

the second part of the first sentence, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof. This means if you are a Christian you can pray wherever you chose. Your religion calls for you to witness, you cannot be stopped from doing that. No matter where you are or who you work for. The Constitution is the supreme law of the land is it not, our Bill of Rights are endowed by our creator are they not? I believe we have become soft and too tolerant, in these modern times. Chris-

tians are not called to change our views because of what the world or society wants. We are to hold fast to our principles and our truths. You wonder why our children don't go to church why our society is falling apart. From the time they are first put in school till they are 18 or so they are taught God stays in Church and not in school or politics.
Is that Christianity? I fail and have failed in my own life, I have been beat down, and God was there to pick me up in my life when I finally let him. I will still fail; I am not perfect and never will be.
Let me give you a few quotes to go by: "I entirely concur in the propriety of resorting to the sense in which the constitution was accepted and ratified by the nation. In that sense alone it is the legitimate constitution and if that be not the guide in expounding

it there can be no security for a consistent and stable, more than for a faithful, exercise on its powers ... what a metamorphosis would be produced in the code of law if all its ancient phraseology were to be taken in its modern sense."
-James Madison, fourth president 1809 to 1817
In other words you can't say "well times have changed and it doesn't mean that anymore or it doesn't apply to today, things are different."
Two more to sum up all I've said, "The first and fundamental rule in the interpretation of all instruments is to construe them according to the sense of the terms in the intention of the parties" and "The real object of the Amendment was not to countenance, much less to demand, Mahometanism, or Judaism, or infidelity, by prostrating Christianity; but to exclude all rivalry among Christian sects."

-Justice Joseph Story, Founder of the Harvard Law School, nominated to the Supreme Court by President James Madison.
These are just a very few of the quotes by people who signed the constitution or were influenced by those signers.
There are many, many more. Stand up for your religion, the Constitution does not work when you take God out of it. While you are afraid of someone suing you for your right to freedom of religion, people are being killed, raped, and here recently by the so called "rebels" that our government is supporting in Syria, beheaded, cut to pieces and fed to dogs, all because of their Christianity.
Stop allowing this and become the Christian you know you are called to be, and help others by waking up yourself.
Slate Williams
Ozona, Texas

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19 in McLennan Co. on hwy. 6
21 Metroplex city: Grand _____
22 TXism: "green _____ money"
23 Asian deer found in TX
28 lovers' quarrel
29 Huntsville's statue of Sam Houston weighs 25 _____
30 TXism: "_____ fish in water"
31 TXism: "a fire _____" (mean man)
35 pinkish-violet color
36 TX coast still gets debris despite an intl. _____
42 Cowboys have 5 wins in this (2 wds.)
44 one-masted sailboat
46 theater seating (4 wds.)
48 TXism: "happy _____ with two tails"

DOWN
13 TX Andrew Female College awarded "Polite Literature" degree (1852-79)
14 business message
15 greed, e.g. (2 wds.)
16 rattlesnake casas
18 noted TX actor, Torn nickname for former great NY Giant LB
23 cable TV network that replaced WB equity loan abbr.
24 TXism: "_____ he can't read fast"
11 dir. to Odessa from Andrews
12 in Scurry Co. on 350

1 TX Jim Reeves hit: "He'll Have to _____" ('59)
50 Boerne's "Kid _____" fiber festival
51 Cowboys Stadium has the "Ring of _____"
52 this Alderton created Dr Pepper (init.)
53 TXism: "tight as a cinch on _____ horse"
54 gold purity measure
42 TX never had a team in this former U.S. hockey org.
57 small mouthful
58 feminine suffix
13 TX Andrew Female College awarded "Polite Literature" degree (1852-79)
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39 Rod Stewart's ex-wife from TX
40 TXism: "gone _____" (deteriorated)
41 TXism: "hold _____ horses" (calm down)
43 TX is 175 times bigger than this state (abbr.)
45 noted TX actress Prentiss (init.)
47 TXism: "could _____ work shird to a church social" (lazy)
48 Stetson is _____
55 European mountain range

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BENEFITS EXTENSION GRANTED
Pursuant to the passage of the federal Taxpayer Relief Act, the deadline for jobless Texans to qualify for emergency unemployment insurance benefits was extended to Jan. 1, 2014, the Texas Workforce Commission announced.
Those benefits extend to some 120,000 Texans who would have exhausted their unemployment benefits on Dec. 31, but not for those who already exhausted their regular state unemployment benefits, federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation, and Extended Benefits, the agency said.
Emergency unemployment benefits provide temporary income for those who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own. Benefits are federally funded, and Texas employ-

ers will not be charged for any claims paid on this extension.
SPILL SETTLEMENT IS REACHED
Transocean Deepwater Inc. defendants have agreed to pay \$1 billion in civil penalties and \$400 million in criminal fines for April 20, 2010, Gulf Coast oil spill originating from BP's Macondo well, widely known as the Deepwater Horizon oil spill.
But recovery efforts have just begun and "there remains a long road ahead to restore the Gulf," Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Commissioner Toby Baker said on Jan. 3.
Transocean is based in Zug, Switzerland. The fines are to be paid over a period of three years, per agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice.
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sion, looking back on its accomplishments in 2012, noted that its agents "investigated, assessed or cleaned up 253 abandoned oilfield sites and plugged 764 orphaned wells using fees paid by the industry into the Oil & Gas Regulation & Cleanup Fund."
WATER- USE FIGURES ARE IN
A study by the Texas Water Development Board concludes "31 percent of annual single-family residential water use in Texas is dedicated to outdoor purposes, such as lawn and garden maintenance, pools, and car washing, with the rest used indoors."
In a Dec. 17 release, the agency stated the findings are based on an analysis of monthly water use data for 259 cities, and that average outdoor water use ranged from 20 to 53 percent of total household water use, with dryer areas of the state tending to use more than wetter areas.



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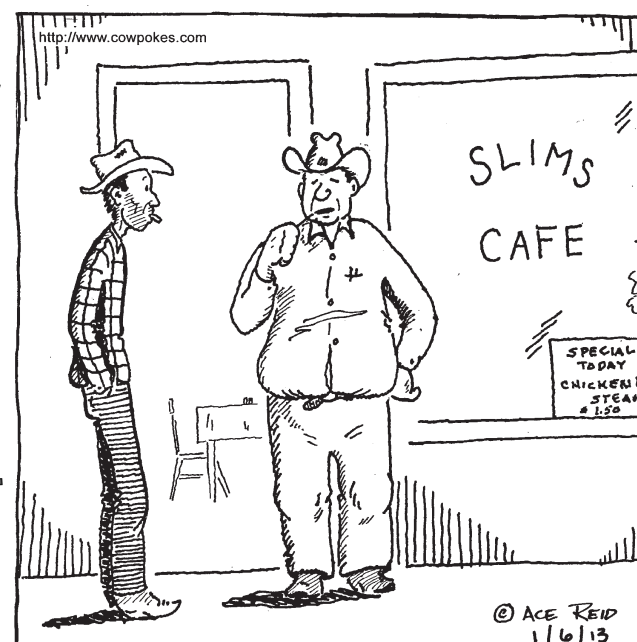
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