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PUC okays new transmission lines to serve West Texas wind farms \$5 billion project extends through Schleicher County

The Texas Public Utility Commission (PUC) okayed a plan on Thursday, January 29, 2009, that will allow thirteen utility companies to build transmission lines connecting a number of far flung wind farms in West Texas into the state's power grid.

The plan will nearly triple the carrying capacity of the existing transmission infrastructure and will cost a whopping \$5 billion.

Of particular interest to residents of Schleicher County is a stretch of line to be built by the LCRA (Lower Colorado River Authority), connecting wind farms near McCamey and Odessa to the power grid in the Texas Hill Country. Although no specific routes have been approved, the broad outlines specified under the latest plan known as CREZ (Competitive Renewable Energy Zones) call for lines to be built into and through Schleicher County.

The plans make it more likely that the proposed wind farm in northwest Schleicher County will be built. The Langford Wind Project is a proposed wind farm in northwest Schleicher and southern Irion and Tom Green counties.

Schleicher County ISD recently approved a Chapter 313 Property Value Limitation Agreement with Padoma Energy, the planned operator of the Langford project. As part of the agreement, the company's taxable values are capped but the local school district receives up front payments that more than compensate for the reduced tax revenue.

Falling oil prices and a slowing national economy have led to speculation that many West Texas wind farms might never be brought online while others, like the Langford Project, still on the drawing boards, would be delayed, if not cancelled outright. But, last week's vote by the PUC seems to have breathed new life into the sagging wind energy business.

"The commission is determined to see to it that transmission infrastructure keeps up with developments in turbine generation," PUC spokesman Terry Hadley said.

Hadley noted that the current transmission grid can handle 8,000 megawatts of electricity. The planned additions will increase capacity to more than 26,000 megawatts, or enough to service the state's anticipated wind powered electricity for another decade, if not more.

LCRA was approved to construct \$750 million worth of

transmission lines stretching from wind farms near Odessa and McCamey to a site near the proposed Langford Project in northwest Schleicher County. There the line would fork with the north branch extending north of San Angelo to near Lake Spence at Robert Lee. The other branch would extend southeast to near Comfort before turning north toward Fredericksburg and then to a site near Lampasas where it would join a proposed line from Gail and Snyder to Lampasas that will be built by Oncor.

Another branch of the LCRA system would connect the line north of San Angelo to the Oncor line near Ivie Reservoir south of Brownwood.

Oncor's portion of the \$5 billion project comes in at \$1.34 billion. The company is also adding lines from in and around the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex northwest to near Wichita Falls and westward to a site near Albany in Shackelford County.

Lone Star Energy will build a line eastward from near Snyder to East/Central Texas near Corsicana.

Cross Texas and Sharyland will construct lines in the Texas Panhandle, connecting with lines built by ETT in the Childress/Wichita Falls/Abilene area.

Cross Texas' portion of the project comes in at \$390 million while Sharyland's will spend and estimated \$394 million. ETT's tab will come in at \$789 million.

WETT Energy is slated to build lines in Glasscock, Sterling, Coke, Howard, Borden, Martin and Midland counties. The price tag for that project is estimated at \$402 million.

PUC spokesman Terry Hadley explained that six other companies will be building smaller parts of the overall plan totaling approximately \$300 million.



Texas Public Utility Commission
Competitive Renewable Energy Zones - Transmission Optimization Study

Series of accidents keep emergency workers busy

Several automobile accidents kept Schleicher County law enforcement and emergency service volunteers busy in recent days. None of them involved serious injury.

Officers responded to a report of an accident two-miles north of town on at 11:50 p.m. on Wednesday, January 28.

Ruth E. Fischer, 36, told investigators that she fell asleep as she drove southbound on U.S. 277. She reportedly over-corrected as she tried to regain control of the 1997

Ford pickup she was driving. The vehicle, owned by Abram Jeffs of Eldorado, crossed the northbound lane and careened down the barrow ditch where it struck several trees and rocks.

Ms. Fischer reportedly regained control of the pickup and drove down the ditch for about 200 yards before driving back onto the roadway and stopping in the northbound lane.

Deputy Chris Martinez investigated the accident. The Schleicher County EMS

ambulance was dispatched to the scene but the driver refused medical aid.

On Friday, January 30 a compact car was side-swiped by an 18 wheeler at the stop light in front of the Sheriff Office. Officers located the tractor-trailer rig, owned by Lacy Trucking of San Angelo.

DPS Trooper Van Zandt was called into investigate. His report was not available at press time.

Bryan M. Mata, 20, of Sonora was arrested Sunday, February, 1, 2009, and charged with Driving While Intoxicated after he wrecked his 2006 Ford pickup some five miles south of Eldorado on Hwy. 277

Deputy Chris Martinez reports that Mata was driving southbound in the early morning hours on Sunday when he lost control of the vehicle and across the northbound lane and crashed through a wire fence and into some trees on the East side of the roadway where the pickup became stuck.

The deputy reported no one was injured in the accident. Mata was transported to the Schleicher County Law Enforcement Center where he was booked into jail. He was later released on a \$1,000 surety bond.

Text messages urged child bride to 'stay angry' and 'keep crying' Child's lawyer wants to be released from case

A series of text messages sent to 14-year-old Merriane Jessop told her to "Please stay angry" and "We need you to keep crying, pout, sleep in," according to a CASA Special Advocate Report filed last week by the Children's Advocacy Center in San Angelo.

A copy of the report obtained by the *Eldorado Success* indicates that the girl received numerous text messages on a cellular phone given to her by her mother, Barbara Jessop.

"Crying will get you what you want," one message said. Another advised, "CPS needs to see that your are miserable there."

In all, there were 36 incoming text messages recorded on the phone and 88 outgoing messages received since January 15th. However, the phone, a prepaid LG Net 10, has limited storage capacity.

Many of the outgoing text messages were sent to a contact named "Mother." But, the incoming messages came from a number identified as,

"POP," the CASA report states.

The report goes on to urge Judge Barbara Walther to stop all contact between the girl and her family until a plan is put in place to protect the girl.

"CASA is shocked that Mrs. Jessop would place her daughter again in a situation where she would be forced to sneak around to communicate," the report continued.

Shortly after the report was filed, San Angelo attorney Carmen Dusek notified the court that she wants to be dismissed from the girl's case. Dusek has served as Merriane Jessop's ad litem attorney since shortly after the now famous raid on the YFZ Ranch.

Authorities have alleged that the girl was married to Warren Jeffs when she was only 12 in a ceremony officiated by her father, Frederick Merrill Jessop, onetime overseer of the YFZ Ranch.

Photos showing Jeffs embracing and kissing the young girl were made public during the early days of her

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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

No one was seriously injured when Ruth E. Fischer, 36, lost control of this 1997 Ford pickup about two miles north of Eldorado and crashed into trees and rocks in the barrow ditch. Fischer was driving southbound at the time of the accident. The wreck was investigated by Deputy Chris Martinez.

County Extension Center News Brief

A five-hour CEU meeting will be held Tuesday, February 10th at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center in San Angelo.

There is a \$5.00 registration fee and check in is at 12:30 and the program 1pm-6pm.

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History shows big spending can prolong recession

by U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

In one of history's more candid reflections, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Treasury Secretary under President Franklin D. Roosevelt, confessed, "We have tried spending money. We are spending more than we have ever spent before and it does not work." Just six years after crafting the New Deal, Morgenthau declared that their efforts to create jobs and restore



COMMENTARY

by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

America's depression-ravaged economy by expanding the federal government to unprecedented levels had been a failure. By Morgenthau's own assessment, the New Deal saddled our country with "as much unemployment as when we started...and an enormous debt."

More than 75 years have passed since FDR signed the New Deal into law, and many noted economists are studying the Great Depression and trying to learn from the experience. In 2004, a team of UCLA economists concluded that the policies of the New Deal, which suppressed competition and kept unemployment in the range of nine to 16 percent, actually prolonged the Great Depression by seven years.

Amiriy Shlaes, an economic scholar and Great Depression historian, has argued that the sheer "arbitrariness" of the New Deal actually exacerbated the crisis. The National Recovery Administration, the operative arm of the New Deal's competition code, failed to establish clear, actionable policies for businesses to follow. Instead, some corporations got sweetheart deals, while others were unduly penalized. As a result, businesses stopped investing in equipment, hiring came to a halt, and the markets froze. Many economists conclude that the New Deal fostered uncertainty, which was salt in the wound of the American economy.

As in 1933, today our nation is confronted with an economic crisis that grows worse each day. The burst of the housing bubble and the subsequent credit crisis has badly impaired our financial markets. Many individuals and small businesses are struggling to get loans, and the home foreclosure rate is rising. Large corporations, once deemed "too big to fail," are now teetering on the edge of insolvency. In December, the nationwide unemployment rate reached a 15-year high of 7.2 percent.

Some in Congress are rallying around a "solution" that sounds alarmingly familiar: spend more than we have ever spent before. Literally. And the nearly \$900 billion stimulus measure that the House passed and the Senate will consider has many deficiencies.

First, the federal government doesn't have the money. Today, Washington is running an all-time record annual deficit of \$455 billion, and that deficit is projected to reach an astounding \$1.2 trillion this year. In addition, the gross federal debt is \$10 trillion, or almost \$33,000 per U.S. citizen. We are approaching a tipping point whereby creditors will be unwilling to buy government debt.

Second, even if we could afford it, this bill isn't actually stimulative. With any stimulus package, our goal should be to swiftly pump money into the economy, create jobs, and free up credit. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO), which analyzes the financial dimensions of legislation, estimates that only 64 percent of the funding in the Senate bill would actually be spent within the next two years. Market trends indicate that even without government interference the economy should begin rebounding on its own within the next two years; at which point, "stimulus" spending would only add to our debt burden rather than help the economy.

Ultimately, this "solution" will result only in the accumulation of greater debt that will fall on the shoulders of our children and grandchildren, while not providing the stimulus we need today. Moreover, it will leave us vulnerable to future economic challenges. A better proposal would emphasize tax relief so that individuals and businesses can have more capital to inject into the economy, thereby encouraging private sector job creation. It would also guard against massive government expansion. In short, we should promote permanent private sector jobs, not a permanent increase in spending and debt.

I am eager to work in a bipartisan fashion toward a speedy and sustainable recovery. But we have to ensure that any stimulus package is balanced, reasonable in size, and targeted specifically to job creation, keeping people in their homes, and overall economic growth. The plan before us lacks these objectives. What we have learned from those before us is that excessive spending may prolong a recession. Moving forward, we must carefully consider the spending decisions before us.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas and is the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Mom's New Laptop

Laura on Life

by Laura Snyder



My mother got a new computer. She will now be "needy" for the next six months.

It started with what I thought was a benign comment that went something like, "I probably should get a new computer."

Since my brother and I had been trying to tell Mom that her old computer had probably been harboring dinosaur poop and that is why it was so slow, I agreed with her statement wholeheartedly.

Apparently, my agreement meant that shopping for a new computer with my mother was now my obligation. If I had only known, I might have told her that everyone waits an hour and a half for their computer to boot up.

She had decided she wanted a laptop, but she didn't inform me of that pertinent fact until we had looked at a large assortment of desktop models because she told me she wanted an inexpensive one. Desktops are inexpensive, laptops are not. How was I to know?

"It would be so much easier to carry a skinny computer around," she said, "but what do I do with the big box?"

"There is no tower with a laptop, mom. Everything you need is right there in the laptop."

Looking at the nearest laptop in awe, she asked, "Even my e-mail addresses?"

Trying to explain that Windows Vista would be a little different than her Windows bicentennial version was a mistake.

"What's Windows?"

"It's the program that runs your computer."

"No, it isn't. Mine is Hewlett Packard."

"No mom. It's not the outside, it's the inside. It's what's in your computer. Like pictures in a camera."

Shaking her head she said, "I've only got e-mail and Solitaire in mine. Will the new one have pictures?"

For a moment, I considered getting her a pen, some nice stationery and a deck of cards. It would be cheaper and a lot less aggravating.

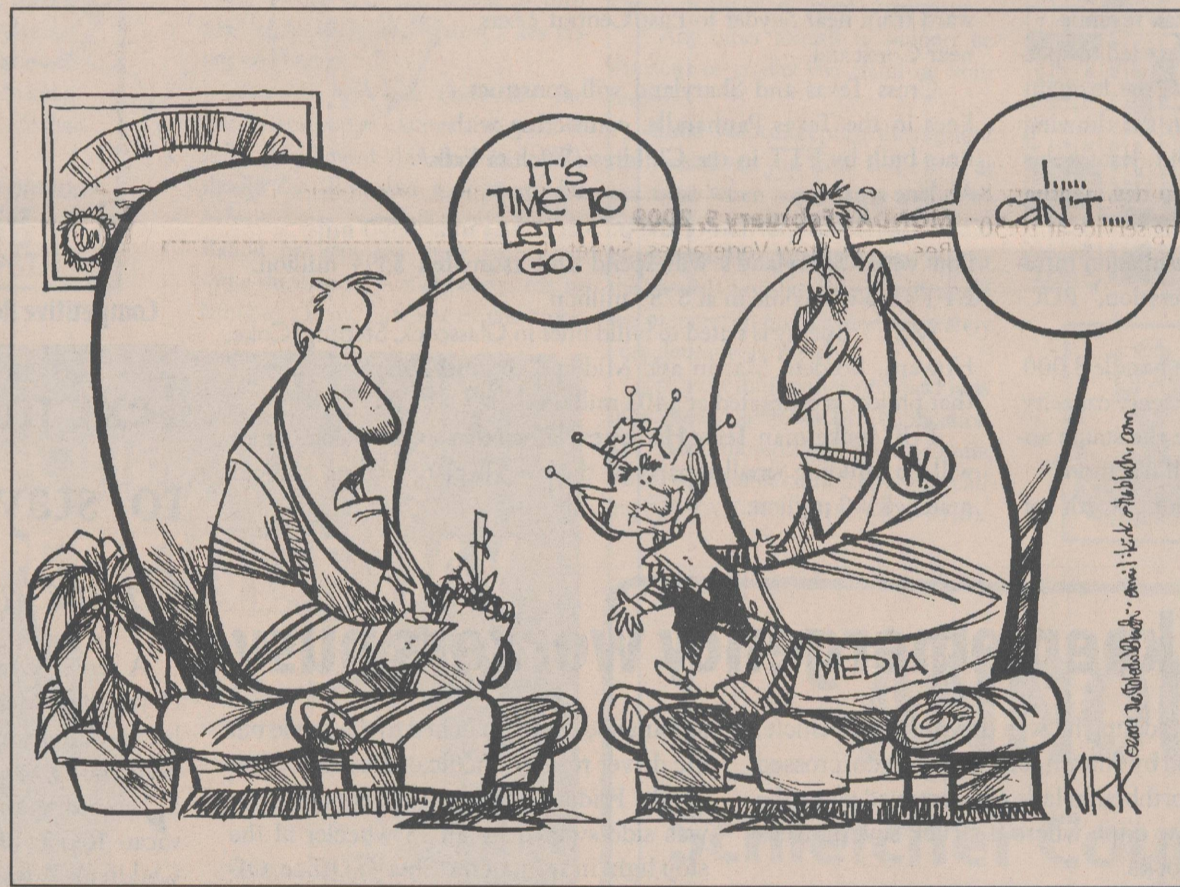
She finally picked out a model. As the cashier scanned the computer and the case (because how would she carry it?), she said, "I really didn't want to spend that much money."

I rolled my eyes and gritted my teeth like any teenage daughter that felt her mom was being unreasonable.

"Maybe if you ask the nice cashier, he'll give you a four hundred dollar discount, just because you didn't want to spend that much money."

Mom called me two days later and said she'd never "get the hang of" the "finger-thingy" and her new computer didn't have Solitaire.

"The finger-thingy is no different than your mouse, mom, it just takes some getting used to. As for the Solitaire, have you ever tried it with a deck of cards?"



Some TV commercials should pay viewers

I've seen so many commercials on TV that offer as many as four of an item for the price of one. The pitchman starts offering a product that he says usually sells for \$189, but he's offering it today for the low price of only ten dollars. And if you call within the next ten minutes he'll throw in three more. And in addition to that, he'll include a companion piece that has a price tag of \$69. I expect the next words out of his mouth to be "And for the first 25 customers calling in we'll include a new car."

The disclaimer at the bottom of the screen says the items are not available in stores. But if you go to your local big store, chances are you'll find that same item.

I have a friend who loves Elvis Presley. Every time a commercial comes on for a set of Elvis CDs he buys them. He has several duplicates.

The only time I ordered something on TV, the person I talked to asked me if I would like to save money on my travels. I said sure. Then the next month I got a \$20 charge on my credit card and it continued for a few months until I called the number next to the



by Tumbleweed Smith

charge and asked what in the world I had been buying. The reply was for a subscription to a travel service that I had never heard from. I asked that the charge be dropped and that was it. I guess the charge would have continued forever if I hadn't called. I wish I had called sooner.

I have seen very few items pitched on TV (the type that urges you to call now or have your credit card ready) that I really need. If I'm at all interested I look for it in stores.

Billy May (the guy with the black beard) must really rake in the dough. He yells his words at such an irritating level I want to run out of the room when he starts his spiel. I can't believe he's on so many commercials, selling everything from garden tools to insurance. He must have some agent.

Speaking of TV spots, what has happened to the Target

"Oh, don't be silly, Laura. Oh, I forgot to tell you, I won \$46,000 playing Wheel of Fortune yesterday, but I don't think the computer is actually going to give me the money," she said with a hopeful question in her voice.

"I wouldn't count on it," I said. "Your sister sent me an e-mail with a picture of the kids. How do I print it?"

"Well, first you have to save it to My Pictures."

"Why your pictures?" she asked.

"Not mine, yours."

"You said Your Pictures."

"My Pictures, not Your Pictures."

"Now wait a minute." She said aggravated. "These are my pictures!"

"I know!...Oh never mind!"

Mom had trouble finding her Favorites as well, because Windows of the Dark Ages had it spelled out. Vista assumes nobody can read.

"Okay, mom, find the star in the top left-hand corner of the screen."

"A star... a star. Nope. No star."

"No big yellow star?"

"Oh! A yellow star! Why didn't you say so?"

The next day, I saw my brother and announced, "Mom's got a new computer. Guess what you'll be doing next weekend?"

He winced. "Oh, Laura, what have you done?"

You don't have to go over there. You could hook up a wireless network for her over the telephone but... I wouldn't advise it.

You can reach Laura at lsnyder@lauraonlife.com Or visit her website www.lauraonlife.com for more columns and info about her books.

Perry gives lawmakers his list of priorities

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry delivered his biannual "state of the state" address Jan. 27 in the House Chamber of the state capitol, during a joint session of the House and Senate.



Despite a sobering revenue estimate, Perry said, the state can still invest in priorities that will help Texans weather the economic downturn.

The governor said his policy objectives include:

- Freezing college tuition for four years at the rate a student pays as an entering freshman.
- Revisiting the business margins tax and to consider raising the small business exemption to \$1 million in an effort to protect small businesses in Texas.
- Emphasizing student performance accountability and funding of teacher incentive and dropout prevention programs like the Texas High School Project.
- Tapping the Rainy Day Fund to pay for critical water needs outlined in the state's Water Plan.
- Diversifying the state's energy sources.

- Passing a constitutional amendment limiting the government's eminent domain authority to traditional public uses.
- Combating transnational gangs.
- Establishing a fund to help local communities prepare for and respond to disasters, such as hurricanes Ike and Dolly, which struck the state last year.

Perry also presented his budget ideas for 2010-11. He suggested:

- Replenishing the state's economic incentive funds with \$260 million to the Texas Enterprise Fund and \$203.5 million to the Emerging Technology Fund — the state's most powerful tools for job creation and research and commercialization funding — and \$60 million to the Texas Film Incentive Program, a growing economic resource for the state, which contributed \$102.4 million to the state's economy in 2008.

- Allocating \$622.5 million to continue and expand teacher incentive and reward programs, including the District Award for Teacher Excellence and Texas Educator Excellence Grant programs.

- Increasing funding for higher education incentives and funding for nursing education.

- Increasing student financial aid with \$110 million for the TEXAS Grant program; tripling funding for community college financial aid through the Texas Education Opportunity Grant; expanding the Skills Development Fund program to \$60 million for the next biennium; and funding \$10 million for the hospital-based nursing program that leverages partnerships between hospitals and academic institutions to graduate more nurses.

- Allocating \$150 million for a disaster contingency fund for essential needs prior to and following natural disasters, including assisting local communities in recovery efforts.

- Improving border security with \$135 million to continue the state-led border security strategy and to combat the growing threat of transnational gang activity across the state.

Bill links property taxes to pay
Rep. Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio, filed HB 866, a step toward linking property taxes to a homeowner's ability to pay.

Villarreal's bill directs the state comptroller to study and make

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DEATH NOTICES

Dorothy Dickens Ellis

SAN ANGELO — Dorothy an only son, Irve and his wife, Jane, Dickens Ellis passed away Saturday, Jan. 31, 2009. In 1935, she married by a nephew and four nieces and Elton Ellis from Eldorado, Texas. by a sister-in-law, Suzanne Ellis of Plano, Texas. Service was Wednesday, Feb. 4, at St. Mark Presbyterian Church.

Blaine Martin

SAN ANGELO — Blaine (Tommie) Willberg, Sam (Betty) Martin, 53, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 25, 2009. He is survived Willberg, Gail Halfmann, Steve (Helen) Willberg, F.J. Willberg Jr., John (Brenda) Willberg, Ann (Arlin) Woehl, Mary (Ricky) Clark, Doris Willberg and Curtis (Shelly) Willberg. Memorial was held Wednesday, January 28, at John-son's Funeral Home Chapel



Arthur Adame and Brittany Olivarez

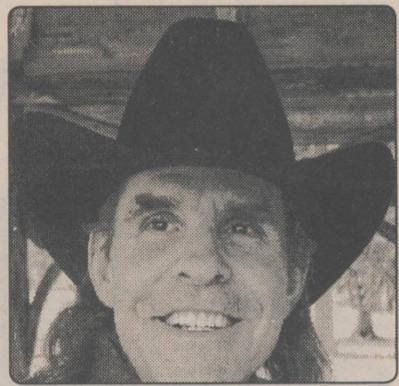
Olivarez/Adame engagement

Albert & Jeanie Olivarez parents of Brittany Olivarez and Mary Grace Chrisman & Arturo Adame parents of Arthur Alexander Adame would like to announce the engagement of their children.

Arthur and Brittany plan to be married on March 28, 2009 at 5 pm -12 am at the Knights of Columbus in San Angelo with a reception and dance following the ceremony

Dave Pendergraft to perform at Brushy Top Cowboy Church

From the tender age of 8, Dave Pendergraft has been playing country music with one goal in mind, to have his music heard. With great success in Texas and surrounding areas as the lead singer of Country Revolution, being on the top of the music field in the state would prove impressive. While they were being looked at by major labels, Dave had something happen in his personal life that called him off the road, he became a father. He chose being a dad over his music at the time.



Dave Pendergraft

June 10th, 2001 God put a message in Dave's heart when he was set free by accepting Jesus as his personal Lord and Savior. Thru heartache and much happiness, Dave came back on the music scene in 2006. Pendergraft

released his first CD, "Honky-tonks to Heaven" in late 2006 and will have his second project finished in 2008.

Pendergraft will be performing in Eldorado at Brushy Top Cowboy Church on Sunday, February 8 during the morning service at 10:30 a.m. Coffee at 10:00.

ASU Dean's List released for 2008 Fall semester

The Dean's List for the 2008 Fall Semester has been Announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The honorees include the following from the Eldorado area: Eva L. Chatham, Macy S. Chatham, Tyler S. Dombroski, Brittany N. Jennings, Jennifer M. Luedecke, Elizabeth A. McWhorter, Andrea H. Robles, Clayton A. Sauer and Chandra L. Wanoreck.

Meals for Friends Menu



MONDAY February 9, 2009
Beef Stew, Stew Vegetables, Sweet Peas, Cornbread, Citrus Fruit Cup, Milk.

TUESDAY February 10th
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WEDNESDAY February 11th
Fried Fish w/Tarter Sauce, Hominy, Broccoli, Corn Muffins, Bread Pudding w/Raisins, Milk.

THURSDAY February 12th
Salisbury Steak, Baked Beans, Mustard Greens, Bread, Peaches, Milk.

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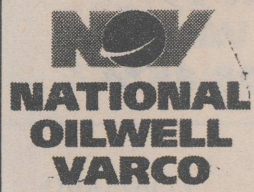


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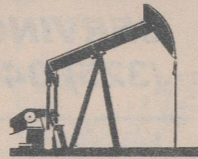
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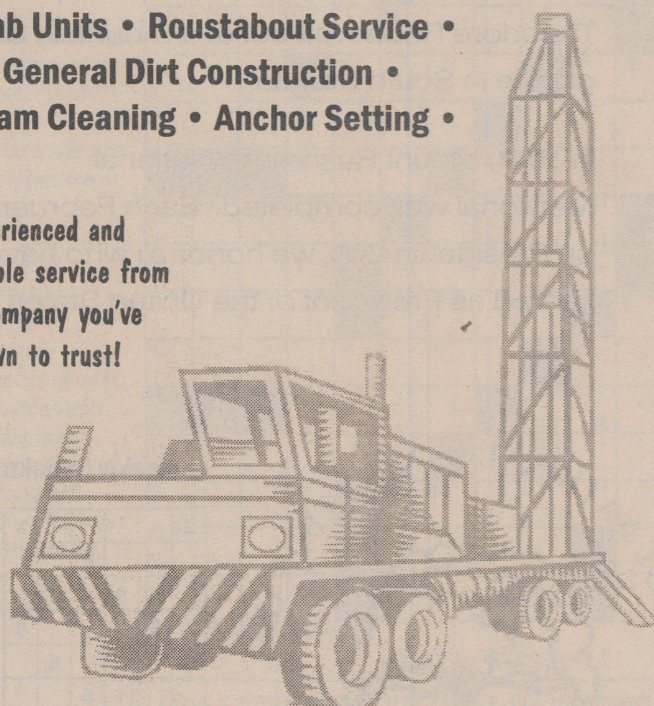
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Lady Eagles maintain playoff hopes with back-to-back wins

by J.L. Mankin

The Eldorado Lady Eagles took the right steps toward the playoffs with wins over Miles and Christoval Friday and Tuesday nights.

The 36-26 victory against Christoval Tuesday set the Lady Eagles up for the opportunity to claim the final playoff berth in the district if they can win one of their last two games.

"We are in a good spot right now for us," Head Coach Jesse Rubio said. "We control our fate in this whole thing. If we can just win both of our remaining games, there'll be no worries."

The Lady Eagles will face Mason and Irion County in those last two tests.

Rubio said that if his team can string together four quarters of play like they did against Christoval they should have a great chance at either team.

The Lady Eagles controled their matchup against Christoval on defense, holding them to single digit scores in each quarter of play.

Offensively the Lady Eagles were led by Brianah Creek with nine points points on the night.

Allyson Jarrett was close behind with eight points.

Audrey Martinez and Halley Higgins both tallied seven points.

Corrie Williams finished the game with three points while Kadie Niblett had two.

"We had some really good play coming off the bench," Rubio said. "That is something that will have to carry over from the Miles and Christoval game into our next two."

The Lady Eagles' appearance in Miles on Friday, January 30th saw a little more scoring as Eldorado took the 49-41 win in Miles.

Jarrett led the team in scoring with 14 points while Higgins was close behind with 13.

Martinez scored in the double digits with 12.

Creek, Audrey Rubio, Williams and Niblett each tallied two points in the contest.

The Lady Eagles will travel to Mason Friday with hopes of placing their name in the hat for a spot in the State 1A Playoffs.

Tipoff is slated for 6:30 p.m. and, for those who are unable to make the trip, the game will be broadcast live on KLDE 104.9 FM.



Corie Williams works the ball around a Lady Cougar defender Tuesday night as the Lady Eagles defeated Christoval 36-26 to keep their playoff hopes alive.

PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

Warbirds continue their winning ways

by J.L. Mankin

The Eldorado Eagles Boys basketball squad used their dominating performances against Miles and Christoval to push their district record to 4-2.

The Eagles traveled to Miles Friday evening and brought home the victory with a 57-50 victory.

Rance Cathey put on a shooting clinic as he tallied 29 points in the contest to lead the Eagles in scoring.

Dustin Ramos was hot during the first quarter with 13 points. That helped push his total for the evening to 20.

Paul Martinez ended the night with five points while Mason Baker contributed three.

Miles Mikeska rounded out the Eagles scoring with a fourth quarter free-throw.

The Warbirds followed their win in Miles up with a convincing 57-33 victory at home against Christoval.

The Eagles held a firm grip on the game from its outset with a strong defensive performance that held Christoval to only four points in both the first and third quarters.

To match their defensive prowess the Warbirds put up quarter scores of 20, 10, 17 and 10.

Cathey led the team in scoring with 18 points.

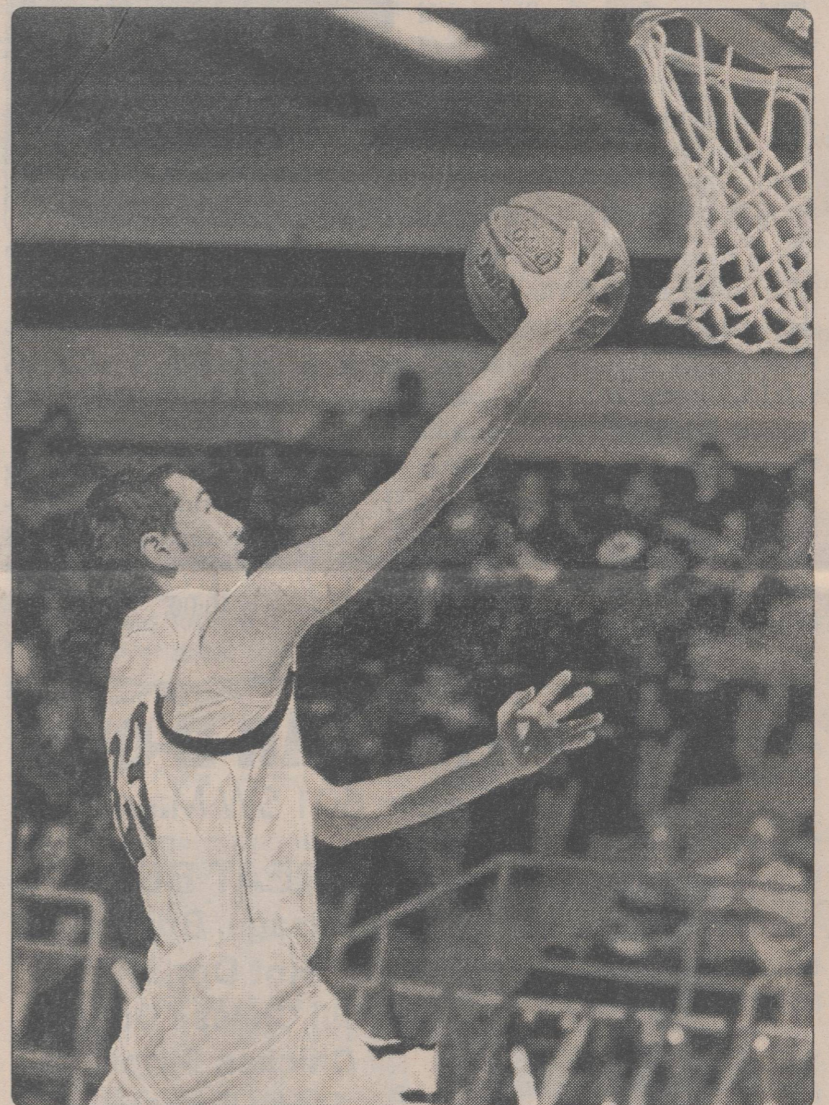
Ramos and Baker both posted ten points.

Paul Martinez managed five points in the game while Dylan Dombroski and Mikeska both ended with four points.

Josh Jurecek and Juan Medrano each accounted for two points.

The Eagles will travel to Mason Friday in hopes of strengthening their playoff push with a win over the Punchers.

The game is slated for 8 p.m. and will begin after the girls game is concluded. As always, if you are unable to make the trip, you can catch the game live on KLDE 104.9 FM.



Paul Martinez drives to the bucket for two as the Eldorado Eagles easily bested the Christoval Cougars in district play. Martinez contributed 5 points in the Warbirds' 57-33 win as the Eagles improved their district record to 4-2.

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Monday February 9, 2009
Banana Nut Muffins, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk
Tuesday February 10
Pancake—on-a-Stix, Syrup, Choice of Juice, Milk
Wednesday February 11
Cereal Bars, Crackers, Choice of Juice, Milk
Thursday February 12
Breakfast Bagel Pizza, Choice of Juice, Milk
Friday February 13
Buttered Toast, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk
- CAFETERIA LINE**
Monday February 9, 2009
Fish Nuggets/Tartar Sauce, Cole Slaw, Carrot Stix/
Dip, Mixed Fruit
Tuesday February 10
Beef Stew/Grilled Cheese, Cornbread, Carrot Stix/
Broccoli Tops / Dip, Chocolate Chip Cookies
Wednesday February 11
Pep Pizza, Tossed Salad, Rosie Applesauce
Thursday February 12
Chicken Fajita/Flour Tortilla, Refried Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Sliced Pineapple
Friday February 13
Cheese Burgers, Baked Chips, Burger, Salad/
Pickles, Orange Halves
- BASKET LINE**
Monday February 9, 2009
Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit
Tuesday February 10
Chicken Burger/Chips, Carrot Stix/Dip, Burger Salad, Chocolate Chip Cookies
Wednesday February 11
Crispy Beef Tacos/ Refried Beans, Lettuce/
Tomato Salad, Carrot Stix/Dip, Rosie Applesauce
Thursday February 12
Pep, Hot Pockets, Pork-n-Beans, Tossed Salad, Sliced Pineapple
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7th Grade Boys

January 22, 2009
FIRST GAME
CHRISTOVOAL TOURNAMENT
Eldorado 06-01-04-05=16
Christoval 04-11-05-06=26
Scoring for the Eagles: Baily Espinosa 5, Michael Bilbrey 3, Tyler Martinez 8. 3 point goal: Martinez (1)

January 22, 2009
SECOND GAME
CHRISTOVOAL TOURNAMENT
Eldorado 08-04-07-03=22
Miles 06-04-01-07=18
Scoring for the Eagles: Justin Estrada 4, Jackson O'Harrow 6, Mike Bilbrey 4, Tyler Martinez 8. 3 point goals: Martinez (2)

January 24, 2009
THIRD GAME
CHRISTOVOAL TOURNAMENT
3RD PLACE ELDORADO
Eldorado 05-00-08-07=21
Irion County 00-00-00-00=20
Scoring for the Eagles: Justin Estrada 2, Bailey Espinosa, Mike Bilbrey 4, Tyler Martinez 8.

January 26, 2009
Eldorado 02-06-10-02=20
Christoval 11-08-21-04=25
Scoring for the Eagles: Ben Green 4, Jackson O'Harrow 2, Michael Bilbrey 10, Tyler Martinez 4.

8th Grade Boys

January 22, 2009
FIRST GAME
CHRISTOVOAL TOURNAMENT
Eldorado 12-09-14-10=45
Christoval 01-06-04-03=14
Scoring for the Eagles: Brian Shriver 5, Will Barker 16, Dylan Ramos 4, Blaine Mitchell 7, John Paul Galan 7, Diego Sanchez 4 Preston Rodriguez 2. 3 point goals: Shriver (1), Mitchell (1).

January 24, 2009
SECOND GAME
CHRISTOVOAL TOURNAMENT
Eldorado 07-08-10-10=35
Menard 06-04-07-15=32
Scoring for the Eagles: Edward Hernandez 4, Blaine Mitchell 2, Brian Shriver 3, Will Barker 10, Rico Martinez 2, Dylan Ramos 2, Diego Sanchez 4, John Paul Galan 8. 3 Point Goals: Shriver (1)

January 24, 2009
THIRD GAME
CHRISTOVOAL TOURNAMENT
WON 2ND PLACE
Eldorado 06-04-05-09=24
Miles 04-05-08-08=25
Scoring for the Eagles: Will Barker 8, Rico Martinez 2, Dylan Ramos 7, Blaine Mitchell 3, John Paul Galan 4. 3 Point Goal: Mitchell (1)

January 26, 2009
Eldorado 06-19-13-06=44
Christoval 03-00-05-04=12
Scoring for the Eagles: Edward Hernandez 2, Blaine Mitchell 2, Brian Shriver 7, Rico Martinez 6, Dylan Ramos 12, Diego Sanchez 9, John Paul Galan 4 and Preston Rodriguez 2. 3 Point Goal: Shriver (1) Eight Grade Record is 8-2.



Parade on Opening Day of Woolen Mill

Touch of History

by Rene Caloote

Lion's Club for Eldorado

Schleicher County social activities began to develop in the 1920's when the population passed 2,000. A group of local men with the leadership of Vernon H. Galloway decided to establish a Lion's Club to help make the community a better place for citizens. The San Angelo Lion's Club sponsored the group, and they were chartered and organized May 28, 1926.

Charter members were: L.T. Barber, Joab Campbell, R.A. Evans, Fred Green, J.E. Hill, R.D. Holt, J. A. Whitten, Joe Williams, R. A. Young, T.K. Jones, Sam E. Jones, Don McCormick, W.C. Mund, W. N. Ramsay, W.R. Word, A.A. Bush, O. W. Evans, H. T. Finley, E. C. Hill, G. D. Hines, John F. Isaacs, Geo. Williams, A. T. Wright, J. W. Lawhon, Jr., James S. Lloyd, A. F. Luedecke, W.F. Meador, H. G. Parker, L.E. Sumner, and Jack Ware.

Ernest Hill served as District Governor of District 2 A-1 in 1942-43 honoring Eldorado's Lion Club. The Grand Master Key was also given to Ernest Hill in recognition of his recruiting fifty members to the club. He was also given the Grand Master Plaque.

Eldorado Lions Club supports

the Lions Camp for Crippled Children in Kerrville, and supports local Boy Scouts. They also honor other local young students for their achievements.

Among the many other local projects the club has sponsored, the largest endeavor was the formal opening of the Woolen Mills in 1941. Governor W. Lee O'Daniel spoke to thousands of guests. A day of activities was planned for all to enjoy, including a free barbecue and a grand parade to start the day.

The Lion's Club did the ground work for the local R.E.A., and eradicated bitter weed from the town site. They also erected street signs and house numbers.

The Lions Club of Eldorado has improved the quality of life for our citizens with the many projects they sponsor, truly an asset to the community.

State offers 'Green Grants' for farmers and ranchers

AUSTIN — Beginning Feb. 3, free-of-charge, and registration is not required. the Texas Department of Agriculture and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) will co-host workshops to provide an overview of the Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP) - a program created to improve production efficiency and air quality by replacing older diesel or gasoline-powered engines with newer ones.

"As individuals growing our food and fiber, producers have a vested interest in sound environmental stewardship," Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said. "It's good for both our air and the pocketbooks of Texas farmers and ranchers to take advantage of a program that replaces old emissions-producing equipment with newer, more efficient models."

The workshops will also provide producers with information about TERP applications. All sessions are for informational purposes only; applicants are responsible for completing and submitting their applications. Sessions are

To qualify, TERP applicants must be in an eligible county designated by TCEQ for air quality improvement. Eligible applicants could receive reimbursement of up to 80 percent of the cost to replace a qualifying vehicle or up to 100 percent of the cost to replace an emissions-producing engine that meets certain criteria.


Application workshops are scheduled for Feb. 3 in Austin; Feb. 5 in Marshall; and Feb. 9 in New Caney. An application assistance session is scheduled for Feb. 11 in Weatherford. The deadlines to apply for TERP grants vary; visit <http://www.tdagrants.org/> or call TCEQ at (800)-919-TERP (8377) for more information.



COURTESY PHOTO

Eldorado Elementary students celebrated reaching their Accelerated Reading goals for the first semester when more than 50 students were treated to an ice cream social served by PTO members and guests. Teachers and staff congratulated the students for their diligence in reading. Anxiously awaiting their treats are: Julian Gandar, Riley Jones, Regina Alvizo, Ram Barajas, Jackie Griffin, Adan Garza, and Marisol Deluna.

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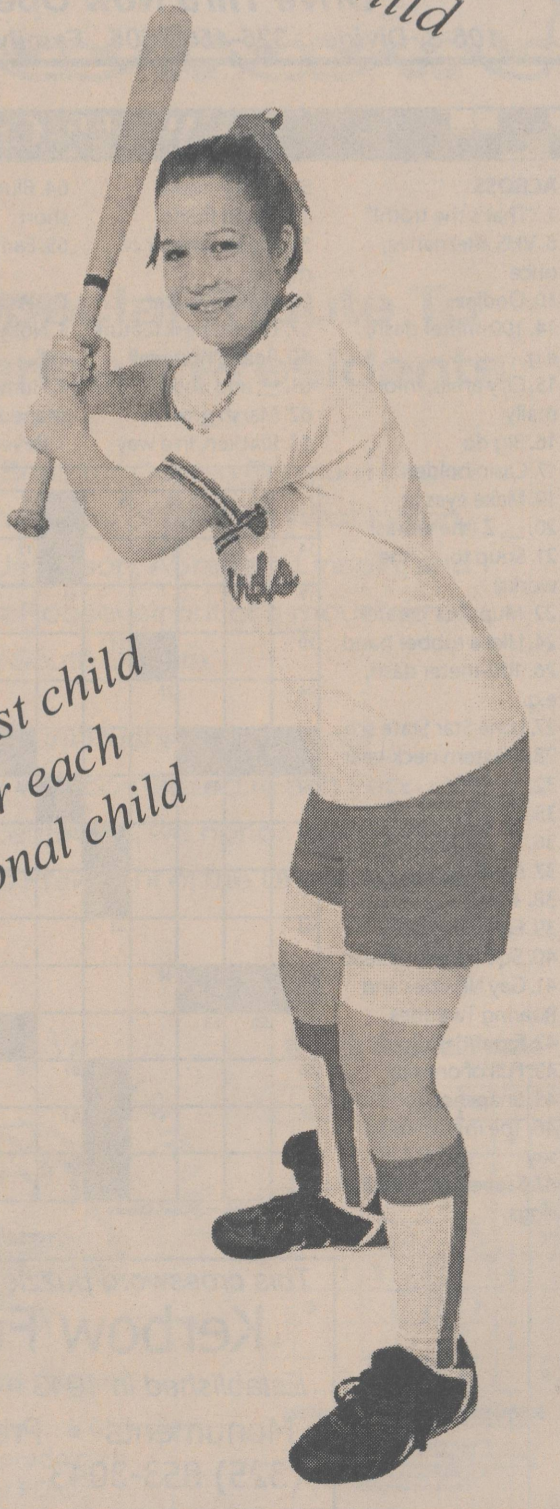
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Report: YFZ child bride received orders to misbehave via numerous text messages

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custody case. Since that time, after all the YFZ children were returned to their parents, the young Merrienne was ordered back into state custody after child welfare authorities argued that her mother, Barbara Jessop, was unable to protect her.

Mrs. Jessop invoked her Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination more than 50 times at a custody hearing held on August 18, 2008.

Judge Walther has reportedly ordered a court hearing on Thursday to consider the CASA report and attorney Carmen Dusek's request to be dismissed from the case.

The judge is also slated to rule on

whether or not to compel Frederick Merrill Jessop and YFZ spokesman Willie Jessop to answer questions related to another case, this one involving Warren Jeff's 17-year-old daughter, Teresa.

Merril Jessop reportedly invoked the Fifth Amendment 267 times while Willie Jessop pled the Fifth 110 times during depositions requested by ad litem attorney Natalie Malonis.

Merril Jessop's attorney Amy Hennington is asking that the depositions be sealed despite the fact that they have already been widely reported in the media.

Likewise, attorney's representing Barbara Jessop have asked that

the CASA report filed last week be sealed.

On Tuesday, attorney's representing Child Protective Services asked that 17-year-old Teresa Jeffs be non-suited, a move agreed to by Judge Walther, effectively ending the state's involvement with the girl. She is still represented by Natalie Malonis who says she will continue to pursue the girl's claim beneficiary of the United Effort Plan Trust, the one-time financial arm of her father's FLDS church. The UEP trust was taken over by the courts in Utah which placed it under the direction of Salt Lake City accountant Bruce Wisan.



COURTESY PHOTO

Marijuana stacked outside an abandoned school bus where it was found Saturday morning by DPS Troopers. The pot has a street value of \$3.9 million.

Marijuana haul is one for the record books

DPS is asking for the public's help after finding almost five tons of marijuana in an abandoned school bus in Webb County.

A DPS Highway Patrol trooper on routine patrol saw the school bus on the side of the road Saturday morning on U.S. 59 and went to investigate. He discovered more than 9,210 pounds of marijuana worth \$3.9 million. The 560 bundles of marijuana were hidden

under cardboard and in a secret ceiling compartment.

The bus may have experienced engine problems. No suspect has been identified at this point, and DPS Narcotics is now conducting the follow-up investigation. Anyone with information about the case is urged to call DPS Narcotics at 956-728-2201.

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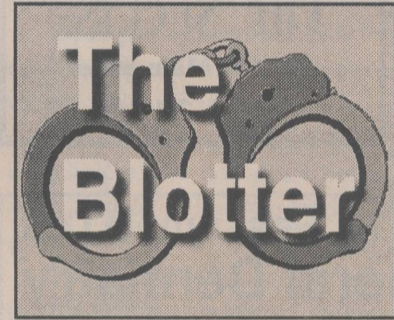
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ARRESTS
JANUARY 29 • Sanchez, Christopher Ray, male age 23. Motion To Revoke, aggravated sexual assault of a child.
FEBRUARY 1 • Prado, Juan Manuel, male age 28. DWLI x 2. Released on \$1,000 surety bond.
• Reyes, Bryan Mata, male age 20. DWI. Released on \$1,000 surety bond.
FEBRUARY 2 • Elezondo, Javier C., male age 22. Motion To Revoke, furnish alcohol to a minor. Released on \$2,000. surety bond.
• Elezondo, Juado, male age 26. Mo-

tion to Revoke. Furnishing alcohol to a minor. Released on \$2,000. surety bond.

INCIDENTS
JANUARY 27 - 4:28 PM • Caller reported finding a bag of marijuana on the floor of convenience store. Officer responded.
JANUARY 28 - 12:52 AM • Caller informed S.O. her husband was having a diabetic attack and he was confused. He thought he was on HWY 190. Officers responded. Subject was located on Mertzon HWY. Officer drove subject to his residence. Truck had a flat tire and was left to be picked up next morning.
1:06 AM • Caller needed information on road conditions.
2:24 AM • Sutton county dispatcher called for S.O. to run DL, their system was down.
5:25 PM • Caller wanted to know road conditions.
7:26 AM • Caller reported a vehicle rollover on Mertzon HWY. Officer responded and EMS paged out.
9:52 AM • Walk in reported theft of service. Complainant reported he had not been paid for services rendered on Saturday, January 24. Complainant will mail them a letter for request of payment.

6:55 PM • Caller requested to speak with officer. Complainant was having family issues over custody of a child.
JANUARY 29 - 12:01 AM • Caller reported accident 3 miles north of Eldorado. Caller said female driver was not seriously hurt and was waiting on her husband. Officers responded.
11:00 AM • Caller reported seeing smoke on CR 110.
11:06 AM • Caller reported a fire on 2129 about 8 miles out. Officer and VFD responded.
JANUARY 30 - 3:28 PM • Officer responded to a minor accident, between a small passenger car and an 18 wheeler. Officers responded as well as trooper.
JANUARY 31 - 6:48 AM • Caller reported hitting a tree on the way to work. Did not require an ambulance of law. Officer responded.
FEBRUARY 1 - 3:34 AM • Caller advised S.O. of a hit and run incident at caller's home. Officer investigated.
FEBRUARY 2 - 5:13 AM • Caller advised S.O. of a MVA that occurred South of town about 5 miles. Driver had driven their vehicle through a fence and blew out both front tires. Caller stayed at scene until deputy arrived. No injuries.
7:05 AM • caller reported a skunk in her back yard.
8:43 AM • Caller reported his wife having a heart attack. Officer and EMS responded.
7:38 PM • Complainant stated some one was knocking at their door. Complainant wanted to speak with an officer. Officer responded.
FEBRUARY 3 - 12:54 PM • Walk in complainant requested to speak to an officer requesting assistance in enforcing school policy at middle school. Officer responded.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

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American Profiles HomeTown Crossword
See solution on Page 8

Card of Thanks

The family of Rita Trevino would like to thank the family and friends who shared their thoughtfulness through flowers, food, support, and prayer. A special thanks to the Templo Getsemani Women's Ministry and Agape Women's Ministry. Also a very special Thank You to Peter and Maria Thornton for all their love and support.

Rita Trevino's Children,
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NOTICE OF ELECTION
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The Plateau Underground Water Conservation & Supply District will hold an election Saturday, May 9, 2009, to elect Directors to fill six year terms for Precinct 2 and Precinct 3. Eligible candidates must be 21 years of age and own real property in the precinct.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

RE: Cause no. 1686: The Estate of Donnie Rae Danford: In the County Court of Schleicher County, Texas.

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of Donnie Rae Danford were issued on January 7, 2009, under Cause No. 1686, pending in the County court of Schleicher County, Texas to John Danford. The residence of the Independent Executrix is Schleicher county, Texas. The address is c/o Kosub, Griffin, & Elkins, LLP, P.O. Box 460, Eldorado, Texas 76936. All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law.

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G-T students enjoy an afternoon of stargazing

Mrs. Lyndi Harris' G-T class (gifted and talented) spent a day at the Angelo State University planetarium last semester. They had the opportunity to spend time with their guide Doug Parsons, a

graduate student at the university. Because the elementary group was small, Mr. Parsons allowed the students a backstage tour, where students got to see more telescopes and other equipment more closely.



Mrs. Lyndi Harris Gifted and Talented Class (Front L-R) Andrex Meador, Star Foley; (Back L-R) Benjamin McGee, Noah Sorrell, Mikah Boone, and Mr. Doug Parsons.

Capital Highlights...

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recommendations for establishing a "circuit breaker" program in Texas to limit the amount of property taxes that may be imposed on a residence based on the owner's annual income.

HB 866 also instructs the state comptroller to set up a panel of school districts, real estate agents and organizations to make recommendations on establishing the circuit breaker program.

At least 18 other states have circuit breaker programs that limit property taxes on homeowners for whom the tax payments represent a significant portion of their family's income, Villarreal said.

Bill would expand CHIP coverage

Rep. Ellen Cohen, D-Houston, filed HB 787 to expand the Children's Health Insurance Program to cover more children.

"Clearly, this expansion isn't just money well spent; it is a needed investment in the health of Texas children," Cohen said.

CHIP provides a federal match of \$2.52 for every dollar invested in the program by the State of Texas.

Texas leads the nation in the number of uninsured children and to date has turned away almost \$1 billion in matching funds. In Harris County — Cohen's home county — one out of every three people do not have insurance coverage.

What tax records to keep

(SPM Wire) If you're like most Americans, when it comes time to do your taxes you have to sift through piles and piles of receipts, bills and financial statements.

You probably already keep records in your daily routine. This includes keeping receipts for purchases and recording information in your checkbook. Keeping these and other records will help you avoid headaches at tax time.

Good recordkeeping will help you remember the various transactions you made during the year, which in turn may make filing your return a less taxing experience.

Records help you document the deductions you've claimed on your return. You'll need this documentation should the IRS select your return for examination. Normally, tax records should be kept for three years, but some documents — such as records relating to a home purchase or sale, stock

transactions, IRA and business or rental property — should be kept longer.

In most cases, the IRS does not require you to keep records in any special manner. Generally speaking, however, you should keep any and all documents that may have an impact on your federal tax return:

- Bills
- Credit card and other receipts
- Invoices
- Mileage logs
- Canceled, imaged or substitute checks or any other proof of payment
- Any other records to support deductions or credits you claim on your return.

Good recordkeeping throughout the year saves you time and effort at tax time when organizing and completing your return. If you hire a paid professional to complete your return, the records you have kept will assist the preparer in quickly and accurately completing your return.

For more information on what kinds of records to keep, see IRS Publication 552, Recordkeeping for Individuals, which is available on IRS.gov or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

Solution to puzzle on Page 6

Guitar Gizmos

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Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

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9	5	8	2	6	4	3	1	7
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