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To THE EDITOR & YOU

Irresponsible Reporting

I was shocked, and annoyed at last weeks editorial entitled "Council Approves Deficit Budget (Citizens to Bear Burden through substantial rate increase).

What irresponsible reporting I can't comment to the author of this misleading article because there was no name attached to it.

It appears that our local elected government officials are under attack again, and continue to be undermined with inaccurate reporting of city business. I am surprised, and impressed that we have so many advanced degree people in economics, and finance who feel so free to advise the city on budgeting matters.

In regards to the cities tax rate:

The City of Eagle Lake has always had a higher tax rate than Weimar, and Columbus this is old news and that is because Columbus has a Wal-Mart to help their bottom line. Weimar has Brasher Motors and their own utilities

to add to their tax base. We have nothing that generates that kind of revenue.

The City contracts with a professional accounting group to review our accounts, and budget and the city has always received the highest ratings you can receive for reporting. If there were a financial threat the City would be advised, and necessary steps taken to correct it. Preparation of the cities budget has not changed in the past 15 years despite all the regulatory changes that have occurred and our ongoing need to stay in compliance with them. With limited funds the City has done well and that is due to department heads and the city manager.

The City has not increased its water rates in quite some time. Everyone is aware of the elderly, and those who are on fixed incomes but the city needs to do what's best for the majority, and still be compliant. If you think you can live somewhere else cheaper, then maybe you should move there.

Rena Cooper-Scott, RN

I'm trying to get all this political stuff straightened out in my head, so I'll know how to vote come November.

Right now, we have one guy saying one thing. Then the other guy says something else. Who to believe? Lemme see. Have I got this straight?

Clinton awards Halliburton no-bid contract in Yugoslavia – good...

Bush awards Halliburton no-bid contract in Iraq – bad...

Clinton spends \$77 billion on war in Serbia – good...

Bush spends \$87 billion in Iraq – bad...

Clinton imposes regime change in Serbia – good...

Bush imposes regime change in Iraq – bad...

Clinton bombs Christian Serbs on behalf of Muslim Albanian terrorists – good...

Bush liberates 25 million from a genocidal dictator – bad...

Clinton bombs Chinese embassy – good...

Bush bombs terrorist's camps – bad...

Clinton commits felonies while in office – good...

Bush lands on aircraft carrier in jumpsuit – bad...

Clinton says mass graves in Serbia – good...

Bush says mass graves in Iraq – bad...

No mass graves found in Serbia – good...

Many mass graves found in Iraq – bad...

Clinton and Kerry say WMD in Iraq – good...

Bush says WMD in Iraq – bad...

Stock market crashes in 2000 under Clinton – good...

Economy on upswing under Bush – bad...

Clinton refuses to take custody of

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I'm so confused....



Bad drivers to pay

State Capitol Highlights

By Mike Cox

Texas Press Association

Early voting starts Oct. 18...

The law's been on the books for more than a year, but Texas drivers with certain violations on their driving record are beginning to find that their actions were more expensive than they thought.

Under the driver responsibility

program administered by the

Department of Public Safety,

motorists convicted of speeding or

more serious charges such as driving

while intoxicated, are going to have

to pay the state fees or surcharges. If

they don't pay, their driver licenses

will be revoked.

The DPS had to hire an outside

vendor to handle the program, but

during October and November,

roughly 5,000 bad news letters a day

will be mailed to drivers with moving

violations or DWI offenses on their

record.

The costs range from \$100 for

someone who accumulates six points

for misdemeanor traffic violations

during a three-year period to \$1,500

a year for three years (or \$4,500 total)

for a second offense DWI conviction.

The only good news from the

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Lets Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

Sept. 18, 1980

Sisters Kathy and Lynn Ishee
Rice High School FFA members were top winners in the Swine Show of the County Fair...

Friends and relatives were saddened to hear of the death of Mrs. M.C. (Daisy) Fontenot on Sept. 15. She was the mother of Mrs. Bruce Waddell...

Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Schindler proudly announced the arrival of their first child, a daughter, born Sept. 12 at Caney Valley Memorial Hospital in Wharton. Her name is Holli Senae...

Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Schindler
George will be wed Sept. 27 at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada. Miss Wilburn was complimented with a Miscellaneous Shower on Sept. 7 in the Rock Island Community Center...

Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Lyons and Connie Grounds announced the engagement of their daughter, Debra Ann, to McRoy Thompson, son of Mr. & Mrs. James Thompson. The couple plans to exchange vows Oct. 11 at Providence Baptist Church...

New officers of the Rice Office Association are Donna Trcka, Barbara Black, Betty Garza,

Dora Jarillo, Alice Matura, Carol Crabb, DeLeslyn Valenta and Linda Shorter...

Mr. & Mrs. Dale J. Popp announced the arrival of a son born Sept. 6 in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Dustin Wayne Popp weighed eight pounds, three ounces...

Mrs. Paul (Mary) Labay passed away Sept. 13. She had been a resident of the Hillje Nursing Home for the past three years...

Sunday, Sept. 7 Rudolph Herman celebrated his 76th birthday at his home with a barbecue and all the trimmings...

Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Ray Guthman of Lissie announced the birth of a son, Dustin Ray, born Sept. 14 at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton.

Sept. 27, 1956

Ora Lee Glover of Altair, was accidentally shot to death in an accident at the Glover home...

Services were held for V.T. Matthews, victim of an automobile and truck collision, Monday. Services were held at the Colly Memorial Methodist Church with the Rev. Charles Walton officiating. Interment was in the Masonic Cemetery...

City manager P.V. Werner tendered his resignation in order to accept a similar position with the City of Jasper, Texas...

Ernest Reagan Larmer, native of Eagle Lake and son of Mr. & Mrs. Bert Larmer, was named last week to the position of manager of the Fredericksburg Chamber of Commerce and Gillespie County Fair Association...

Last rites were held for L.D. Roberts, a native of Eagle Lake, on Sept. 24, with the Rev. Joe R. Townsend, pastor of the First Baptist Church officiating. Interment followed in the Lakeside Cemetery...

Halfback John Larry Waits went over from six yards out to move the Broncos in the lead over Shiner. The Sheridan Broncos won the game 13-6 over Shiner...

Sally Gideon was named Garwood Sweetheart at its chapter meeting on Sept. 21...

Darlene Fay Loessin, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gussie Loessin, celebrated her seventh birthday Sept. 19...

Walter A. Frnka was promoted to the rank of First Lieutenant in the United States Army. Lt. Frnka is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Fred G. Frnka...

Mr. & Mrs. J.M. Harry of Garwood celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary Sept. 30...

Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Mueses complimented their son, Keith Wayne, with a family picnic and wiener roast in honor of his eighth birthday anniversary.

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New Dosage Form: Fast Dissolving Tablets

A new development in pharmaceutical technology has allowed some drug manufacturers to put their products into a new type of dosage form, a fast-dissolving/disintegrating tablet (FDDT). FDDTs are designed to dissolve rapidly when exposed to saliva, thereby eliminating the need for a glass of water or swallowing. Medications like Claritin RediTabs can be very convenient when administering a medication to a child that is too young to swallow a tablet or an elderly person with difficulty swallowing. Acetaminophen, the active ingredient in Tylenol, has also been made into a FDDT under the name of Tempra FirstTabs. Dimetapp Quick Dissolve Children's Cold and Allergy Tablets and Benadryl Allergy and Sinus Fastmelt are other examples.

FDDT formulations can be a good addition to a traveling first aid kit when obtaining an 8 ounce glass of water is inconvenient or impractical. Because they take less time to get into the system, some medications that are needed to work immediately are being made into FDDTs. Examples include Zomig ZMT (zolmitriptan) and Maxalt-MLT (rizatriptan) for migraine headache sufferers. The FDDT formula of Zofran ODT (ondansetron) is also very useful for cancer patients who are too nauseous to swallow the needed anti-nausea medication.

**Becky Wied of
Wied Realty is proud to announce
the addition of
Stacey Leopold as
a new sales associate.**

Stacey lives in Nada with her husband, Dusty, and their son, Colton (7) and daughter, Dakotah (4). Stacey is a 1993 graduate of Rice High School in Altair and a 1995 graduate of Wharton County Junior College with an Associates Degree in Business. She & Dusty, along with their 2 children, are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada. In 2004, Stacey received her real estate license and is now pursuing a career in real estate. She brings to Wied Realty her desire to help her customers buy or sell a home or property on a more personal level by taking the time to listen to their needs, finding out what's important to them and putting their interests first, and in the process, making their dreams come true.

The Wied Realty team now consists of Becky Wied, Broker, Alex Wied, Jesse Wood, Stacey Leopold, Sales Associates, Jo Ann Zbranek, Office Manager, and Corri Wied, Receptionist.

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