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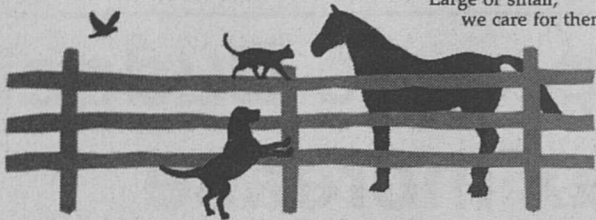
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Energy Stimulus Money Ready

AUSTIN - Comptroller Susan Combs announced Sept. 25 that local and state governmental bodies may apply to compete for \$30 million in grants from the Distributed Renewable Energy Technology Program.

These are federal stimulus funds.

Grant monies received can be used to install solar panels, small wind turbines or other types of renewable energy directly at a public facility to generate electricity for the place.

The idea is to reduce demand on power plants and to cut greenhouse gas emissions from those power plants.

Governmental bodies that receive grants "could look at using these grants at city halls, county courthouses or school campuses, and energy saving opportunities may also exist in places such as libraries and public zoos," Combs said.

The grants are capped at \$2 million each, and can be used for projects that use biomass, geothermal, solar, water and wind installations.

Governmental bodies have until Oct. 30 to apply.

In other energy news, Gov. Rick Perry on Sept. 22 said proposed federal cap and trade legislation would increase the cost of living for Texas families and "crush Texas and the nation's energy producing sectors."

The governor made the comment while speaking at a forum hosted by the Public Utility Com-

mission, the Railroad Commission and the Commission on Environmental Quality.

The cap and trade bill, or the American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009, is sponsored by U.S. Reps. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., and Edward Markey, D-Mass. Primarily, the bill requires a 17 percent cut in greenhouse gas emissions from 2005 levels by 2020.

ACORN receives
no state funds

State Rep. Debbie Riddle, R-Humble, on Sept. 17 concluded from her own investigation that ACORN, the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, does not receive any dollars from state-controlled funds.

"It is my understanding from conversations my office has had with the Legislative Budget Board, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, and the Secretary of State's office, that ACORN is not receiving any taxpayer dollars directly from the state," Riddle said.

Some county and city governments, however, may have agreements with ACORN that allow it to receive funding on a more localized level, Riddle suggested.

"There's a clear direction from both the Census Bureau and Congress that governments at every level need to put some distance between themselves and this group's illegal activities," Riddle said.

"If your local governments are

giving money away to an organization that supports voter fraud, prostitution, and money laundering, then they need to hear from you!" she added.

On Sept. 21, the U.S. Senate voted to halt the funding ACORN receives from Housing and Urban Development grants.

Transportation
projects OK'd

The Texas Transportation Commission met on Sept. 24 and approved ten projects valued at a total of \$273 million to be funded by the Texas Department of Transportation's pass-through finance program.

A state highway department news release states, "The program is often referred to as the Pass-Through Toll Finance program."

"While the term 'toll' in the program's title denotes a fee associated with travel on a particular facility, it does not imply that a physical toll collection will take place on a transportation facility that becomes part of the program."

Municipalities and private entities, under the program, pay for a transportation project up front and get reimbursed from the state as the transportation project becomes operational.

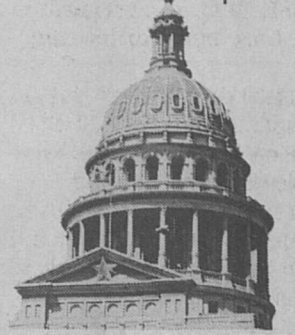
It lets local officials reprioritize and accelerate projects important to the region, TxDOT said.

Flu classified as
widespread

The Texas Department of

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HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

State Health Service's latest flu report, for the week ending Sept. 19, classifies flu activity in Texas as widespread.

The term "widespread" is used when there are increases in flu-like illnesses and recent lab-confirmed flu cases in at least half of the state's regions.

The Department of State Health Services said it has confirmed 15 flu-associated pediatric deaths in Texas from the start of the 2008-2009 flu season last fall.

1960s campaigner dies

Donald Yarborough, 83, the Houston lawyer and Democrat who ran for governor three times in the 1960s, died Sept. 23.

Yarborough ran for lieutenant governor in 1960 and lost.

He lost against incumbent Gov. Price Daniel and John Connally, both Democrats, in 1962.

Connally won.

Yarborough lost again to Connally in 1964 and lost to Preston Smith in 1968.

The Family of Reginald Montemayor would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support. The flowers, cards, food and home visits are greatly appreciated. We also would like to thank Revs. Joe and Mercy Fling and the members of the Living Hope Church for their beautiful service and reception. God Bless you all.

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Let's Look Back...

24 YEARS AGO

October 24, 1985

U.S. Congressman Mac Sweeney announced he will be bringing Vice President George Bush to Bay City on Saturday, November 2...

Melissa Engstrom was crowned Saturday as the fairest of the Garwood Lions Club fair.

Other finalists were Jennifer La-bay, first runner up, Renee Balas, second runner up, Valarie Bengé and Kelli Lanier...

Frank A. Melnar, of Wallis passed away at his home Monday, October 14. He was 76 years of age. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, October 16 at Guardian Angel Catholic Church with Rev. Michael Krol officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery...

Mrs. Annie Margaret Chew, 80, of Sealy, passed away on October 14 at a Houston hospital. Funeral services were conducted at Sealy First United Methodist Church at 2 p.m. on October 16 with Rev. M. Wayne Hargraves officiating. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake...

Brandon New is being wished a happy first birthday from his parents, Benton and Carol New and grandparents, Alton and Lillian New of Lissie. Brandon will

be one year old on October 26...

Friends and relatives of Florence and Clement Richter are offering them their best wishes and congratulations this week since they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, October 22...

Juanita Jenkins, first lieutenant governor of the Texas District of Pilot International, made her official visit to the Pilot Club of Eagle Lake October 14.

Colorado County Courthouse Report

Nine Sentenced In District Court

Nine individuals were sentenced in Colorado County District Court on Tuesday, September 22. They included:

Michael A. Adams, possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to two years ID-TDCJ, probated three years, fined \$1,000.

Corey Levan Bishop, injury child/elderly/disabled reckless bodily. Sentenced to three years ID-TDCJ.

Corey Levan Bishop, assault public servant. Sentenced to three years ID-TDCJ.

Neil R. Ceccatti, possession of a controlled substance. Sentenced to four years deferred adjudication, fined \$1,500, to Nueces Co. Treatment Center.

Antonio Lopez Lorta, driving while intoxicated-3rd or more. Five years, probated five years, fined \$500, \$140 DPS, 10 days in jail as COP.

Alfredo Saldana Martinez, prohibited substance correctional facility-alcohol/drug/phon. Sentenced to two years ID-TDCJ.

Raul Miramontes, assault on public servant. Sentenced to two years ID-TDCJ.

Anthony Palmer, delivery marijuana. Probation conditions modified to ISF.

Alan R. White, driving while intoxicated-3rd or more. Sentenced to three years ID-TDCJ.

Alan R. White, bail jumping and fail to appear felony. Sentenced to three years ID-TDCJ.

Ronald W. Winkler, possession of controlled substance. Sentenced to five years deferred adjudication, fined \$800, \$140 DPS Lab, transfer probation to Harris County.

--Darrell J. Ford, 43, Brenham, debit card abuse on March 24.

--Ramiro Galvan-Vasquez, 21, Glidden, possession of a controlled substance, July 18.

--Mario J. Garcia, 31, Hondo, possession of marijuana, Aug. 6.

--Trinidad Guterrez Jr., 51, San Antonio, DWI, on Aug. 9.

--Deana K. Hamilton, 36, Glidden, theft, \$1,500 to \$20,000 from March 1, 2007 to November, 2007.

--Victor J. Hernandez, 33, Eagle Lake, aggravated sexual as-

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Correction

The spelling for the paint company donating paints for Habitat Houses (named in the "Views around the Lake" article in the Sept. 24, 2009 issue, should have been correctly given as "Valspar".

All companies donating towards charitable programs deserve correct listing for the great work and donations they provide. Thank you, Valspar Paint Company!

State Rep. Gives Meeting Schedule

In an effort to reach all of the residents and business owners in Texas House District 17 which includes Bastrop, Brazos (part), Burleson, Colorado, Fayette and Lee Counties, Representative Tim Kleinschmidt has established a monthly meeting schedule with each county to provide an opportunity for constituents to meet

with his staff should they need assistance.

The October schedule is as follows:

Thursday, Oct. 1, Lee County Courthouse, Room 109, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; 1 to 2 p.m.;

Friday, Oct. 2, Burleson County Courthouse, Room 305, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; 1 to 2 p.m.;

Monday, Oct. 5, Bastrop Coun-

ty Courthouse, 2nd Floor Annex Conference Room, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; 1 to 2 p.m.;

Tuesday, Oct. 6, Colorado County Courthouse, County Court Room, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; 1 to 2 p.m.; Wednesday, Oct. 7,

Fayette County Courthouse, Room 303, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; 1 to 2 p.m.; Brazos County, TBA.

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