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Unemployment Creeping Upward

AUSTIN -- Texas' season-
ally adjusted unemployment rate
rose to 8.2 percent in September,
meaning 44,700 nonagricultural
jobs were lost for the month.The state's unemployment
rate was eight percent at the end
of August.Tom Pauken, chairman of the
state Workforce Commission said,
"While unemployment in Texas
remains well below the national
rate of 9.8 percent, this serious
national recession continues to
affect us adversely in Texas."The leisure and hospitality
industry took the biggest hit in
September, losing 16,900 jobs,
followed by professional and busi-
ness services, down 16,500 jobs.Trade, transportation and
utilities lost 13,000 positions.The unemployment news was
somewhat tempered by widely
broadcast reports that the econo-
mies of Austin-Round Rock,
Brownsville-Harlingen, Dallas-
Plano-Irving, El Paso, Lubbock,
McAllen-Edinburg-Pharr and San
Antonio areas are among the first
in the nation to move from reces-
sion into recovery, indicating that
their economies have grown over
the past six months.Interest reemerges
over WillinghamIt's been more than five years
since the execution of CameronTodd Willingham in 2004, but in-
terest in the Corsicana man's 1992
arson/murder conviction and 2004
execution has increased over the
past few weeks.An article published in The
New Yorker magazine in August
quoting arson experts raised
questions about evidence pros-
ecutors used to demonstrate that
Willingham intentionally started
a fire in his home that caused the
deaths of his three daughters.Willingham told officials he
was innocent but some of his fam-
ily members and associates say
he confessed.The story took on another
dimension when Gov. Rick Perry
appointed replacements to fill two
seats on the state's nine-member
Forensic Science Commission
shortly before the commission
was to review the Willingham
arson investigation.Williamson County District
Attorney John Bradley, one of the
two appointees, is the new chair
of the commission.He told The Dallas Morning
News he would take time as ne-
cessary to get acquainted with the
commission and its procedures
before proceeding with a review.

Storied jurist W.W.

Justice dies

Senior U.S. District Judge Wil-
liam Wayne Justice, 89, died Oct.
13 in Austin.President Lyndon B. Johnson
appointed the Athens native,
widely regarded as a civil rights
champion of minorities and the
poor, to the federal bench in
1968.

In presiding over many land-

mark cases, Justice rendered
rulings bringing about the de-
segregation of public schools and
housing, and improving prison
conditions.Energy agency
promotes propaneThe Railroad Commission is
promoting propane as a desir-
able alternative fuel in its 2009
"Breathe Easy Tour."The tour, which visited some
state agencies and central Texas
school districts last week, features
a variety of currently available
vehicles, and carries the mes-
sage that "propane is a cleaner,
cheaper, Texas-produced fuel
for school buses and other fleet
vehicles."Railroad Commission staff
described a new grant proposal
that the Commission will submit
this month.The proposal seeks to fund
additional propane vehicles and
upgrade more propane fueling
stations.Based on miles traveled, fuel
economy and fuel-price numbers
from a current propane school
bus fleet, school districts can
save approximately \$3,000 per bus
each year by using propane, the
agency said.Broadband applicants
get helpThere's movement in efforts
to bring broadband technology
— the Internet and other digital
developments — to more areas
of Texas.The state Department of Ag-
riculture and Public Utility Com-
mission joined together in an Oct.
15 announcement that the two
agencies are helping 63 applicants

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State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

in seeking \$793 million in funds
from BTOP, the federal Broad-
band Technology Opportunities
Program.Projects were screened for the
ability to extend broadband ser-
vice to unserved and underserved
populations.Troopers take to
school busesThe Texas Department of
Public Safety assigned highway
patrol troopers to ride school
buses during National School Bus
Safety Week, Oct. 19-23, and watch
for motorists illegally passing the
buses.Motorists who are cited for
driving past a stopped school bus
whose red alternating flashing
lights are activated can expect to
pay up to a \$1,000 fine.

Voters may cast ballots now

Early voting in the Nov. 3 elec-
tion began Oct. 19 and continues
through Oct. 30.Voters statewide will decide
the fate of 11 proposed constitu-
tional amendments and many lo-
cal governmental bodies will have
candidates and/or bond issues on
the ballot.

November 7, 2009

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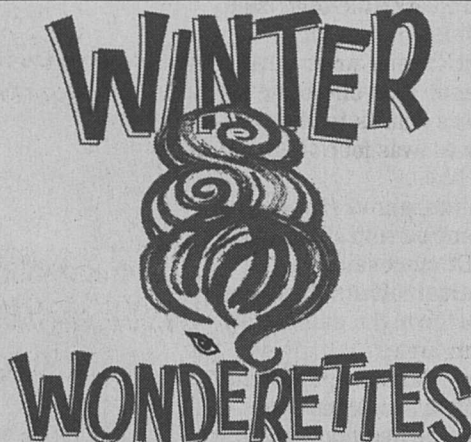
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Let's Look Back...

24 YEARS AGO

November 14, 1985

Gilbert and Cynthia Ruiz of
Goshen, Indiana formerly of Eagle
Lake announced the birth of their
twin daughters born on Septem-
ber 21 at 12:58 and 1:15 p.m. at
Goshen Hospital. The babies were
named Brittany Nichole and
Lindsey Renee. Brittany weighed
four pounds, seven ounces and
was 16 inches long and Lindsey
weighed three pounds, seven
ounces and measured 15 inches
long...Robert Bruce Lyle, 61, of Bay
City passed away at St. Luke'sHospital in Houston. Funeral ser-
vices were held at 2 p.m. Thurs-
day, November 14 at Holy Cross
Catholic Church in Bay City with
the Rev. Al Jost officiating. Burial
followed at Roselawn Memorial
Park in Van Vleck...Mrs. Donya F. Thomas, 75,
of Eagle Lake passed away on
November 5 at the Columbus
Community Hospital following a
sudden illness. Funeral services
were held at 11 a.m. on Friday,
November 8 from the Dulany
Funeral Home Chapel with Rev.
George Welsch officiating. Burial
was held in Masonic Cemetery in

Eagle Lake...

Werner A. Hartman, 59, of
Victoria passed away November 9.
Funeral services were conducted
at 4 p.m. on Monday, November 11
from the Colonial Funeral Home
Chapel in Victoria with the Rev.
Donald Boyd officiating. Veter-
ans of Foreign Wars graveside
services followed at Colonial
Gardena Cemetery...Joan Ruesewald daughter
of Fred and Main Ruesewald
of Garwood was the winner of a
scholarship at St. Mary's Univer-
sity of San Antonio.

Colorado County Sheriff's Report

The Colorado County Sheriff's
Department reported the follow-
ing calls and cases for the period
ending Sept. 24.

Saturday, September 12

At 2:50 pm, Deputy Zak re-
sponded to the Columbus Travel
Center in Alleyton in reference
to report of theft. On arrival, an
investigation was initiated. Case
is pending further information.At 4:35 pm, Deputy Abbott
initiated a traffic stop on CR 151
and CR 105 near Columbus. After
further investigation, Luis Alberto
Pineda-Martinez, 23 of Houston,
was arrested for no driver's li-
cense and disregard stop sign.
Case closed.At 10:35 pm, Deputy Linde-
mann responded to the Columbus
Emergency Room in reference
to a cat bite. The cat was deter-
mined to be a stray and could not
be located at the time for rabies
testing. The complainant received
treatment for the injury at the ER.
Case closed.

Sunday, September 13

At 12:55 pm, Deputy Abbott
responded to Burford Street in
Garwood in reference to a distur-
bance. After further investigation,
the disturbance was determined
to be a verbal argument. Case
closed.At 8:29 pm, Deputy Blair re-
ceived a report of possible child
abuse at a residence near Eagle
Lake. A report was filed with
Children's Protective Services
and the case is pending further
evaluation.

Monday, September 14

At 12:45 am, Deputy Thomas
conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 71
and Richter Road west of Colum-
bus. After further investigation,
Juan Gerardo Andrade, 23 of Aus-
tin, was arrested for driving while
license invalid. Case closed.At 8:15 am, Deputy Abbott
responded to Heinsohn's Store
in Frelsburg in reference to a
burglary of a building. On arrival,
an investigation was conducted
and three suspects were eventu-
ally identified. The majority of
stolen property was recovered
and returned to the owner. After
the investigation, Christopher
Kulhanek, 20 of New Ulm, Travis
Noska, 17 of New Ulm, and Jesse
Peterson, 19 of Fayetteville, were
all arrested on warrants for bur-
glary of a building. Case closed.At 10 pm, Deputy Blair and
Sgt. Pflughaupt responded to a
residence on CR 208 near Weimar
in reference to a disturbance.
After further investigation, the
disturbance was determined to be
a verbal argument. Case closed.

Tuesday, September 15

At 4 am, Detective Pardo re-
sponded to Weimar in reference
to a possible stolen vehicle. On
arrival, the stolen vehicle was
recovered and Charles B. Gilbert,
59 of Silver Point Tennessee, was
arrested for unauthorized use of
a vehicle. Case closed.At 2:35 pm, Deputy Abbott
responded to Glidden in refer-
ence to a Peace Officer's Warrant
for a mental patient. The patient
was located and transported to
Texana in Columbus for an evalua-
tion. Case closed.At 4:45 pm, Deputy Lindemann
responded to a residence on Hat-
termann Lane in reference to an
assault. After further investiga-
tion, the suspect was identified.
Case is pending issuance of an ar-
rest warrant and apprehension.At 6 pm, Deputy Blair and
Sgt. Pflughaupt responded to
Beason's Park in reference to an
unknown person riding a go-cart
and making ruts in the grass. On
arrival, the go-cart was found
abandoned with a broken wheel.The go-cart was removed from
the location by Jimmy's Towing.
Case closed unless the owner can
be identified.At 11:50 pm, Deputy Blair and
Sgt. Pflughaupt responded to the
Columbus ER in reference to a
dog bite. After further investiga-
tion, the dog owner was located
and vaccination records were
verified. A report was filed and
the case is closed.

Wednesday, September 16

At 12:50 pm, Detective Par-
do checked on several vehicles
parked at the Alleyton Shell Sta-
tion. After further investigation,
one of the vehicles, a Mack truck/
tractor, was determined to be
stolen out of Houston. The vehicle
was removed from the location by
Delgado's Wrecker Service and
the case was turned over to the
Houston Police Department Auto
Theft Division. Case closed.At 6 pm, Deputy Martell re-
sponded to a residence on Sand
Hill Road near Weimar in refer-
ence to criminal mischief. The
complainant reported that some-
one cut an antennae wire on the
residence. A report was filed
and the case is pending further
information.At 11:45 pm, Deputy Martell
made contact with a subject who
had just pulled into the Alleyton
Shell Station. After further inves-
tigation, John Robert Villanueva,
30 of Littlefield, was arrested for
no driver's license, resisting ar-
rest, and prohibited substance in a
correctional facility (Marihuana).
Case closed.

Thursday, September 17

At 1 pm, Sgt. Edman respon-
ded to Beason's Park in reference
to a disturbance. After further
investigation, the disturbance
was determined to be a verbal
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