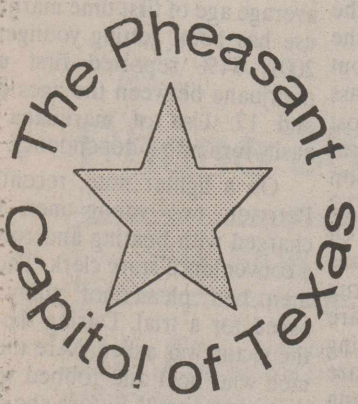


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Lady Elks End Season as Bi-District Champs

The Lady Elks end season as Bi-District Champs. The Lady Elks fell to Whiteface in the area round on Friday, February 14th. Lady Elks shown above with their Bi-District trophy kneeling (l-r) Tiffany Duke, Allison Baskin, Veronica Ortega, Brittany Hudson, Yadira Ortega, and Anie Witcher. Standing from left, Alisha Sladek, Deidre Tarver, Lindsay Stein, Amber Larance, Alicia Adams, and Erin Ashley. Congratulations Lady Elks on Great Season!!

Annual Staff To Be Selling "The Elk 2003"

The Stratford Annual Staff is still asking you to save your empty printer cartridges. We appreciate so much you taking the time to do this and would like to report that we have received close to \$500 for the empty cartridges we have sent in! Keep on saving and thanks for your help!

Board Meeting To Be Held

Imagination Station Board will meet Thursday, Feb. 20 at 4:00 p.m. News Flash-carpet will be installed this week!

Annual Conference For US Hwy 54/SPIRIT To Be Held Oct. 1 & 2

The annual conference for US Hwy. 54/SPIRIT will be held in Tucumcari, NM on Oct. 1 and 2 in connection with the Tucumcari Air Show, Wednesday, Oct. 1 featuring the Blue Angels. The conference will be held Thursday, Oct. 2 in the newly renovated Conference Center with opportunities to tour the Mesalands Dinosaur Museum, a cheese factory and the bronze foundry. Mark your calendar for a great conference in Tucumcari, NM Oct. 1-2.

ACS "Relay For Life" To Be Organized

The American Cancer Society (ACS) is interested in getting a "Relay for Life" event organized for the Stratford area to celebrate cancer survivorship and raise money for the research and programs of the ACS. "Relay For Life" represents the hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day, cancer will be eliminated. If you would be interested in helping to get this event started in Stratford, please contact Karen Metzger at 396-2013.

Cowboy Church Meets Wednesdays

Cowboy Church will meet every Wednesday at the County Barn at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcomed.

Annual Staff Still Needs Your Help

The Stratford Annual Staff will be selling "The Elk 2003" beginning Monday, February 17, for \$35 each. Beginning March 1st, the books will be \$40. You can also personalize your book for \$5 more. Book sales will end March 11. NO EXCEPTIONS! Be sure to place your order with Katie York, Alicia Adams, Mimi Ruiz, Stephanie Washburn, or call Tami King at 366-3335. Payment is due upon ordering your book.

Trustee Election

The Stratford Independent School District will hold a Trustee Election on May 3, 2003. Anyone interested in applying for a place on the ballot may due so from February 17 through March 19, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. You may apply at the Superintendent's Office, 503 N. 8th Street, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

School will be closed for Spring Break March 12 through March 14, 2003, and candidate applications may be filed at The Sherman County Public Library with Sandy Baskin. Hours are as follows: Wednesday-Thursday 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Friday-Closed, Saturday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin on Wednesday, April 16, 2003 and continue through April 29, 2003. Early voting will be conducted in the Administrative office Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. each day.

Board members whose term will expire are Max Christian, Ronna Riffe, and Gared McBryde. Holdover members are Joe Reinart, Ricky Reed, Steve Johnson and Ted Allen.

ATTENTION: 8TH GRADE & JUNIOR PARENTS

IT'S PROM TIME AGAIN!!! We will begin decorating Monday & Thursday evenings beginning Monday, February 3rd at 6:30 p.m. until further notice at the Old Lumberyard Bldg. located at 2nd & N. Pearl.

Please bring box cutter knives, scissors, paintbrushes, pencils and yardsticks.

Panhandle Alliance, Inc. Annual Meeting To Be Held Feb. 20, 2003

The first annual membership meeting of Panhandle Alliance, Inc. will be held Feb. 20, 2003, at the Community Building in Sunray. Registration will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a chili supper, to be followed by the business meeting at 7:00 p.m. Anyone who is a member or prospective member is invited to attend. There will be a groundwater model demonstration by Bart Wyatt of Panhandle Groundwater district that shows the dynamics of water movement between surface sources and the aquifer. There will also be other information available relating to various aspects of the activities of Panhandle Alliance, Inc. over the past year.

Panhandle Alliance, Inc. is a Texas non-profit corporation that was founded with the mission statement of "Clean air, clean water, clean land, and quality of life." We are dedicated to efforts to protect our water, land, air, and quality of life in our rural communities. Panhandle Alliance, Inc. came into being in response to threats to our area by the recent activity in our area by large concentrated swine and dairy operations. There has been much information made available in the recent past about our rapidly depleting water supply from the Ogallala aquifer and the threats to our water supply, both from contamination and the efforts of certain entities to sell water from this area to other areas of the state and country.

All area residents who have concerns about our land, water, air, and quality of life are invited to attend and learn more about our organization. New members are always welcome. The chili supper and informational meeting are open to the public, the business meeting however, is for members only. The business meeting will be for the purpose of electing directors for the next year, updating members on the activities of the year, and any other business that the members may wish to bring to the attention of the board of directors.



Track Nearing Completion

The new track under construction at the Stratford High School is nearing completion. Weather permitting, completion should be done in approximately two weeks.

Great Season Lady Elks!!!

Mexican Pile On Dinner & Raffle Drawing

Sunday, Feb. 23rd

Clint Adams and Dylan Everett would like to invite the community to join them after church on Sunday, February 23, 2003 for a Mexican Pile On Dinner at the Stratford High School Cafeteria. The boys are raising funds to help them travel to and participate in the upcoming 2003 Down Under Bowl to be held in Australia in late June and early July. Come join them for fellowship and good food from 11:00 to 1:30 on Sunday. The cost of this dinner will be a "free will donation."

There will also be a drawing for a Mexican blanket made in the "Elks Style" that will be perfect to carry along to the games next fall. A gazebo bird feeder is also up for raffle. This handmade bird feeder is similar to the one located in the Adams's yard on North Eighth. Don't miss your chance to win these one of a kind prizes! The raffle tickets can be bought from Clint or Dylan or at the dinner on Sunday. You do not need to be present to win.

Orders will also be taken at the dinner for 10" x 13" pans of enchiladas to be delivered on March 1 or 2. Clint and Dylan are asking for \$10 a pan. You may also order by calling Becky Adams at 366-3058 or Reyna Everett at 966-5490.

Clint and Dylan will be hosting the concession stand for the Little Dribblers games and are in the process of planning a Calf Fry/Fish Fry/Bar-B-Q and Bake Sale on April 12. Look for these upcoming events!

Hospital District To Hold Election

Stratford Hospital District will conduct an election on May 3, 2003 for the purpose of election two directors. The terms of Margaret Reed and Larry Drake will expire this year. Shannon Taliaferro, Ron Brooks, and Ineta Chesher will continue as directors for another year.

Anyone interested in serving as a hospital district director is encouraged to file an application for name to be placed on the ballot at Stratford Hospital District administrative office located at Coldwater Manor, 1111 Beaver Road, Stratford, TX. Applications may be filed from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, from February 17, 2003 through March 19, 2003.

Dinner Theater-Friday, March 7th

The Stratford High School drama department will have a dinner theater on Friday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m. It will be at the Mary Allen Cafeteria. The tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for students. The meal will be ham, potato casserole, green beans, salad, rolls and strawberry shortcake.

The play to be performed is "Cinderella in Loreland". The cast is Cinderella: Jayme Wilhelm, Prince: Brian Booth, King: Dylan Everett, Queen: Maira Argomaniz, Jester: Chance Lowery, Ashes the Cat: Cheyenne Ziemann, Stepmother: Alicia Renzleman, Tillbell: Heather

Robertson, Gladiola: Tiffany Duke and Princess Gold: Allison Baskin. The crew are Matthew Taliaferro, Corey Rendon, Katelyn Reed, and April Kautz. The understudies are Stephanie Washburn, Nora Gomez, Jesse Daniels, and Stacy Hays. Terri Teig will direct the play. Proceeds from the dinner will go for scholarships for high school students to attend area theater and drama camps.

For tickets see a cast or crew member. Tickets will also be available at the business office. For more information call 366-3330.

Technology Showcase At Open House

Stratford High School is hosting a Technology Night in conjunction with the annual Open House on March 4, 2003 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Students will be at work on projects demonstrating the use of technology in the high school classroom. Teachers will be available to discuss student progress as well as technology integration. The school would like to invite everyone in the community, parents, grandparents, and patrons to come by and see all the exciting and innovative ways technology is being used.

Teachers will be in their classrooms demonstrating, with the help of their students, best practices in technology integration. Coach Ashley, with a student volunteer, will demonstrate how teachers are able to translate English text, tests, and worksheets into Spanish so that ESL students do not get behind in their studies. Paula Everett, science teacher, and student volunteers will be working with the software application *Inspiration*. *Inspiration*, a graphical organizer, helps students

learn to organize ideas and concepts either pictorially or in an outline. Rissie Heglin, math teacher and Norma Parra, Spanish teacher, along with students will be demonstrating software used in their respective disciplines. Ms. Heglin's students will utilize *Geometer's SketchPad* while Mrs. Parra's students will employ *MS PowerPoint* and *FrontPage*.

Other areas to observe will include Mr. Dan Hembre's classroom. The Cisco Networking Academy can be found here. In addition students will be working on PowerPoint presentations. Mrs. Judy Stoy can be found in the English classroom with students working on and showing off many of the technology integration here.

If you haven't made it out to the Art Department by now, please check out Mrs. Cindy Russell and the Digital Graphics and Animation classes. These students, under the diligent tutelage of Mrs. Russell, produce fine work using the industry standard software, *PhotoShop*. Everyone has something to share with you, so please come to the annual Open House and see what is happening at SHS, March 4. We will be looking for you.



In the controversial literary work, *Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe, there is a character called Evangeline St. Clare. She is better known by the name Little Eva.

Coldwater Manor Birthday Held



February birthdays were celebrated Feb. 11 at Coldwater Manor by ten residents, Gertrude Donelson, Ina Vandiver, Laura Pipkin, Louise Long, Corda Pleyer, Lena Miller, Ita Cessnus, Burley Henson, J.R. Houston and Frank Sutton. GFWC/Prospectus Study Club hosted the party.



This is some of the 49 kindergarten children who sang at Coldwater Manor on Feb. 11. Their director is Belinda Hamilton. GFWC/Prospectus Study Club hosted the Birthday/Valentine Party.

There were ten Coldwater Manor residents having February birthdays! GFWC/Prospectus Study Club hosted the Birthday/Valentine event Feb. 11 with cake, ice cream and punch.

Entertainment was provided by 49 kindergarten students who also delivered Valentines to all. They sang two delightful songs, "I Love You Little" and "Singing in the Rain". Their director is Belinda Hamilton.

Glenn Lackey of Sunray sang a couple of songs with his guitar before the children arrived.

Birthday people were Laura Pipkin, Ita Cessnus, Burley Henson, Frank Sutton, Ina Vandiver, Louise Long, Corda Pleyer, J.R. Houston, Lena Miller, Gertrude Donelson. They each were given a gift from Study Club.

Former Study Club members who reside at the Home are Mary Peach Smith, Juanita Donelson and Lorraine Mehner.

Servers were Marsha Wright, Marty Bain, LaVell Haggard, Marylou McDaniel, Laurie Spurlock and son, Russell.



These citizens were a panel on "Crime by and against youth" for GFWC/Prospectus Study Club at their February meeting. From left, Judge Kim Crippen, School Counselor Misti McBryde, Sheriff Jack Haile, School Superintendent James Taliaferro.

TEEA Holds Meeting

Sherman County TEEA Council met Feb. 11 at the Extension office.

They will be having tickets for a \$1.00 donation for a \$300 Shopping Spree at Walmarts.

TEEA Spring convention is April 15 in Dumas. There will be a workday to make decorations for the event on March 11, 10 a.m. at the extension office. Delegates will be selected before then.

4-H members are starting clothing and textile projects.

The next council meeting is May 13.

Present were Jean Everett, Dortha Allen, Reyna Everett, DeeDee Dewees, Doris Dyess and Susie Spurlock, agent.

Study Club Holds Meeting

Crimes by and against Stratford youth was the subject of a panel for GFWC/Prospectus Study Club at their February meeting held at Sherman County Library. The panel consisted of James Taliaferro, superintendent of Schools; Sheriff Jack Haile; Misti McBryde, School Counselor; Kim Crippen, County Judge.

They told what their particular job was in working with youth, what happens when a child commits a crime, how to help youths. A question and answer session followed. Margaret Reed, Public Affairs Coordinator, introduced the program.

Laurie Spurlock, president, conducted the business session. Discussion was held about previous fundraising events—style show, flags, etc.

The Book Fair is slated for April 8-11.

Old Timer Reunion may be held in conjunction with Ex-Students event, Aug. 1-2.

Books will be purchased for 45 kindergarten children.

Plans were completed for the Feb. 11 Valentine/Birthday Party at Coldwater Manor.

Mrs. Reed provided cold drinks and brownies for all. In attendance were Laurie Spurlock, Mary Lou Albert, Pat Hartman, Marsha Wright, Patti Vincent, Sonja Kendrick, Linda Swain, Marty Bain, Dorothy Haile, Betty Brown, Ann Johnson, Oline Caraway, Mary Woodford Wisdom, Becky Adams, Mattie Baskin, Marylou McDaniel.

Membership Tea Ten Residents Honored For February

The Women's Division of the Stratford Chamber of Commerce would like to invite any interested woman to a membership tea. This tea will be held on Sunday, Feb. 23, at the County Library (2-3 p.m.). At this gathering, the purpose and duties of women's division will be discussed. This would be a great opportunity for new residents to meet the community and make new friends. The women's division meet once a month (usually dutch treat lunch) and perform their duties as needed. Refreshments will be served. For further information, please contact the Chamber Office (366-2260) or drop by the office located in the City Hall building.



Show, from left, Allen Fox, Asst. State Supt. of Schools; Jackie Gilley; Donna & Jack Gilley; Sandy Garrett, State Supt. of Schools.


Gilley Wins National Honor

Jackie Gilley was honored at the Oklahoma State Capitol on January 30th for earning her National Teacher Certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Miss Gilley was presented a check for \$5,000 in recognition of her accomplishment and also had her photograph taken with State Superintendent of Schools, Sandy Garrett, and Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Allen Fox.

Jackie's parents, Jack and Donna Gilley, and her sister, Jill, attended the ceremony at the State Capitol. Jackie was one of five band directors in the State of Oklahoma who earned the honor of Nationally Certified Teacher for Instrumental Music.

Miss Gilley wishes to thank the Stratford Public Schools for supporting the excellent elementary music program and band program while she attended Stratford Public Schools. Jackie also wishes to recognize Mrs. Lorraine Mehner for her inspiration as a music teacher, MariHoward Engelbrecht for her constant support in all musical endeavors, and her parents who have supported her in all aspects of her teaching career.

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Basketball



Lady Elks from left, Amie Witcher, Alisha Sladek, and Yadira Ortega.



Lady Elks Amber Larance and #25 Erin Ashley.

The Stratford Lady Elks fell to Whiteface 26-47 in the Area round on Friday, February 14th. Yadira Ortega led the Lady Elks with 7 points followed by Erin Ashley with 5 points. Also scoring were Amber Larance and Tiffany Duke 4 points each, and Alisha Sladek, Amie Witcher, and Brittany Hudson 2 points each. Congratulations on a great season Lady Elks.

The Stratford Elks stats from past games are as follows. On January 31, 2003 the Elks beat Sunray 44-27. Chris Ortega led with 17 points followed by Josh King with 14 points, Jason Ashley 7 points and Tyler Haynes 6 points. On Tuesday, February 4th, the Elks beat Booker 42-42. Tyler Haynes was high point with 13 points followed by Jason Ashley with 10 points. Also scoring were Josh King with 9 points, Chris Ortega 6 points, and Asbel Gomez and Dalton Sladek 2 points each. On February 6th, the Elks beat Booker 44-41 led by Jason Ashley with 20 points. Also scoring were Josh King with 9 points, Chris Ortega 7 points, Tyler Haynes 6 points and Dylan Everett 2 points. On Friday, February 7th, the Elks beat Gruver 54-48 to become the District Champions. Jason Ashley led the Elks with 12 points followed by Tyler Haynes with 11 points, Matthew Taliaferro 10 points, Chris Ortega 9 points, Josh King 8 points, and Dylan Everett 4 points.

At press-time the Elks were playing Memphis for Bi-District at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18th at Amarillo High.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH TEAMS AND GOOD LUCK ELKS!



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LEGAL NOTICE

On February 6, 2003, VALOR Telecommunications of Texas, LP (VALOR) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to establish surcharges to recover lost revenues and increased costs associated with seven hundred thirteen (713) Expanded Local Calling Service (ELCS) routes implemented in and between VALOR's Texas telephone exchanges and in many instances, exchanges of other local telephone companies. The application is filed based on the Commission's Substantive Rule 26.221 titled, "Applications to Establish or Increase Expanded Local Calling Service Surcharges".

ELCS expands a local calling scope to include one or more additional telephone exchanges. If customers in a petitioning exchange approve by ballot, the payment of an ELCS fee in lieu of long distance charges. The costs and lost revenues associated with VALOR's surcharge application are those not recoverable through the ELCS fee.

In the application, VALOR proposes to implement on an interim basis a monthly per line surcharge of \$.99 for residential customers and \$1.98 for business customers beginning with the April, 2003 bill cycle. This proposed surcharge will apply in addition to any monthly ELCS fees. If rates at or above the level of the interim surcharges are not ultimately approved by the Commission, VALOR will refund all or part of the interim surcharges, as directed by the Commission. Ultimately, VALOR seeks approval of monthly surcharges of \$3.38 for business lines and \$1.69 for residential lines to replace the interim surcharges. Additionally, the application proposes that customers currently billed ELCS fees lower than \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line, will have those fees raised to \$3.50 per residential line and \$7 per business line.

The net annual effect on the revenues of VALOR will be zero since the requested surcharge replaces lost revenues and reimburses VALOR for the increased cost of service associated with ELCS. The estimated total lost revenues and increased costs VALOR seeks to recover through this proceeding is \$7,601,145 annually.

If you have questions about the proposed surcharges or would like further information, please call VALOR at 1-877-520-5220. The Public Utility Commission has assigned Project No. 27363 to this proceeding. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas as soon as possible and no later than April 14, 2003, the intervention deadline. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing-impaired and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136.

AVISO

El 6 de febrero de 2003, VALOR Telecom de Texas, LP (VALOR) sometió una solicitud a La Comisión Pública de Servicios de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas) para establecer sobrecargos para recuperar las ganancias perdidas y los costos incrementados relacionados con siete cientos trece (713) rutas implementadas del Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales (Expanded Local Calling Service) entre los despachos centrales de teléfono de VALOR de Texas y en muchas instancias, despachos de otras compañías locales de teléfono. La solicitud se sometió basada en la Regla 26.221 de la Comisión Pública de Servicios de Texas, "Solicitudes para Establecer o Incrementar los Sobrecargos de Servicio Expandido de Llamadas Locales".

ELCS extiende el alcance de llamadas locales para incluir uno o más despachos de teléfono adicionales, si los clientes de un despacho hacen una petición de cambio que es aprobada por voto para pagar un cargo de ELCS en lugar de sobrecargos de larga distancia. Los costos y ganancias perdidas relacionadas con los sobrecargos de la solicitud de VALOR no son recuperables a través de la cuota del ELCS.

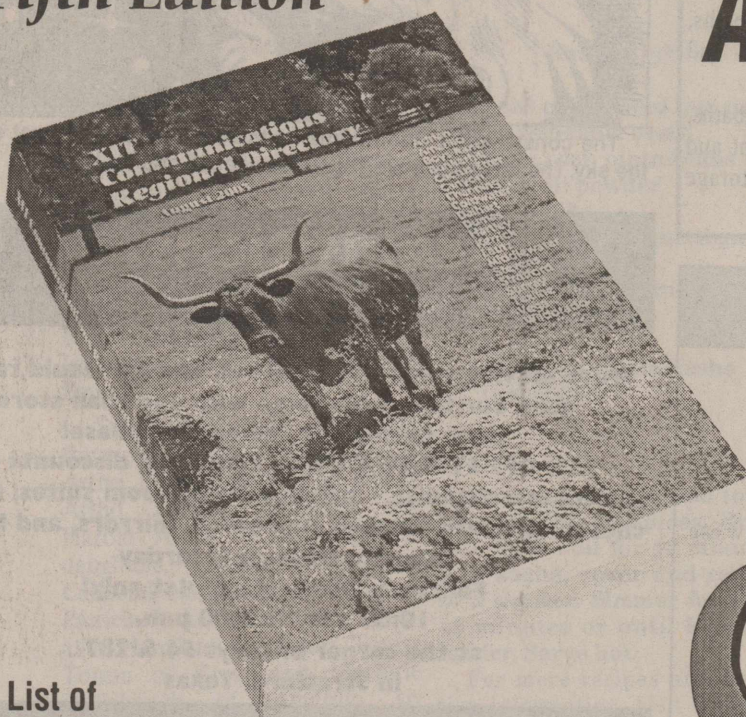
En la solicitud, VALOR propone implementar temporalmente un cargo mensual por línea de \$0.99 por cliente residencial y \$1.98 para clientes comerciales empezando con la facturación del ciclo de Abril, 2003. Este cargo propuesto se aplicará en adición a cualquier cargo mensual ELCS. Si las tarifas al o sobre el nivel de los sobrecargos temporales no son ultimadamente aprobados por la Comisión, VALOR reembolsará todo o parte de los sobrecargos temporales, indicados por La Comisión. Ultimadamente, VALOR busca aprobación de sobrecargos mensuales de \$3.38 por líneas comerciales y \$1.69 por líneas residenciales para reemplazar los sobrecargos temporales. Adicionalmente, la solicitud propone que los clientes que actualmente son facturados con tarifas ELCS más bajas de \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial, tendrán un incremento de tarifas a \$3.50 por línea residencial y \$7.00 por línea comercial.

El efecto anual en las ganancias de VALOR serán cero siendo que los sobrecargos solicitados reemplazan las ganancias perdidas y reembolsa a VALOR por incremento en el costo del servicio relacionado con ELCS. El costo estimado total de las ganancias perdidas y el incremento de costos que VALOR tiene como fin recuperar a través de este procedimiento es \$7,601,145 anualmente.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta acerca de los sobrecargos propuestos o si necesita más información, por favor llame a VALOR al 1-877-520-5220.

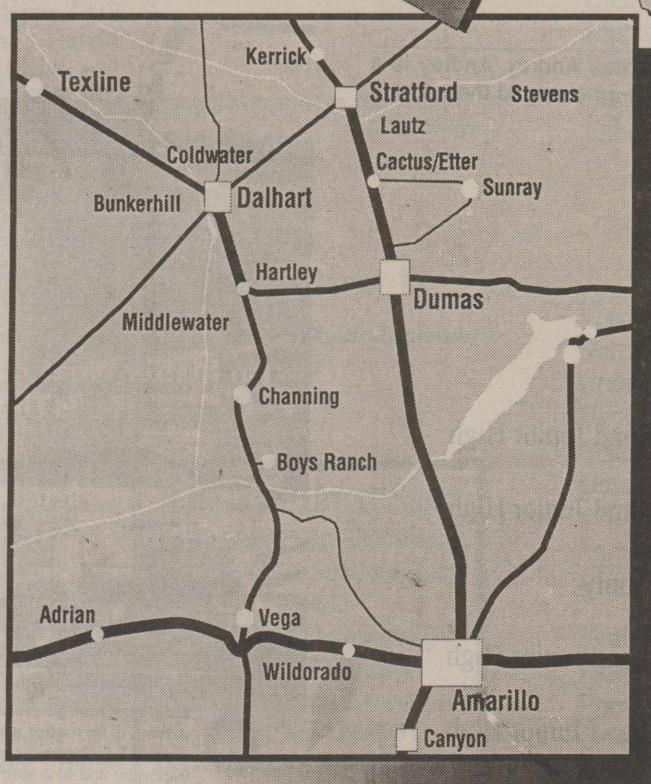
La Comisión de Servicios Públicos ha asignado el Proyecto No. 27363 a este procedimiento. Las personas que deseen intervenir o comentar en o sobre estos procedimientos deben notificar La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas tan pronto como sea posible y no más tarde del día 14 de Abril 2003, fecha límite de la intervención. Para intervenir o para más información, escriba a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas), 1701 N. Congress Avenue, PO Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326. También puede solicitar más información llamando a La Comisión de Servicios Públicos al (512) 936-7120 o al (888) 782-8477. Personas con impedimentos de hablar o del sentido de oír con teléfonos de textos (TTY) pueden comunicarse con La Comisión al (512) 936-7136.

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