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APPLICATION OF AEP TEXAS § PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
CENTRAL COMPANY FOR §
APPROVAL OF REVISIONS §
TO RIDER NDC PURSUANT § OF TEXAS
TO PUC SUBSTANTIVE RULE §
25.303(g)(3) §

AEP TEXAS CENTRAL COMPANY'S

PROOF OF NOTICE

DECEMBER 23, 2008

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STATE OF TEXAS

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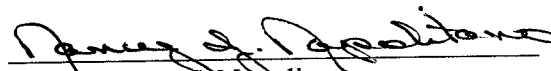
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

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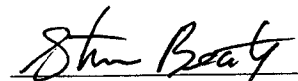
Nancy J. Napolitano, a person to me known, after being duly sworn, deposes and states that she is a Regulatory Case Manager for American Electric Power Service Corporation, acting on behalf of AEP Texas Central Company (TCC); that in such capacity, she is qualified and authorized to file and verify information in Tariff Control No. 36422-*Application of AEP Texas Central Company For Approval of Revisions to Rider NDC Pursuant to PUC Substantive Rule 25.303(g)(3)*, has personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this affidavit, and does hereby certify that:

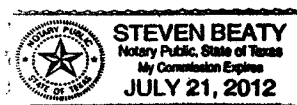
Notice was published once a week for two consecutive weeks in newspapers having general circulation in each county in TCC's service territory. Notice by newspaper publication was completed on December 18, 2008. Attached hereto as Attachment A is a listing of the newspapers publishing Notice and the counties in which such newspapers have general circulation. Also, attached as Attachment B are the publishers' affidavits verifying that Notice was published and the publication dates. A copy of the newspaper notice is provided as Attachment C.

On November 24, 2008, a copy of the above application was mailed via first class mail to each REP listed on the Commission's website. Attached as Attachment D is a list of the cities and address of each municipality to who notice was sent. In addition, a copy of the application with a copy of the proposed tariff (Exhibit JLJ-5 to Attachment C) was sent to the governing body of each municipality within TCC's service territory. Attached, as Attachment E is a list of the individual REPs to whom notice was sent.


Nancy J. Napolitano

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 23 day of December 2008.


Notary Public of Texas



TEXAS CENTRAL COMPANY
Listing of Newspapers Publishing Notice
and Counties of General Circulation

Counties of General Circulation	Newspaper	Dates Published	
Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio Victoria, Webb	Corpus Christi Caller-Times	12/10/08	12/17/08
Atascosa, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Kinney, La Salle, McMullen, Medina, Real, Wilson, Zavala	San Antonio Express-News	12/10/08	12/17/08
Hidalgo, Starr	McAllen Monitor	12/10/08	12/17/08
Caldwell	Luling Newsboy/Signal	12/11/08	12/18/08
Calhoun	Port Lavaca Wave	12/10/08	12/17/08
Cameron	Harlingen, Valley Morning Star	12/10/08	12/17/08
Colorado	Columbus Colorado County Citizen	12/10/08	12/17/08
Dimmit	Carrizo Springs Javelin	12/11/08	12/18/08
Edwards	Rocksprings Texas Mohair Weekly	12/11/08	12/18/08
Frio	Pearsall Frio-Nueces Current	12/11/08	12/18/08
Matagorda	Bay City Daily Tribune	12/10/08	12/17/08
Maverick	Eagle Pass News-Guide	12/11/08	12/18/08
Uvalde	Uvalde Leader News	12/11/08	12/18/08
Val Verde	Del Rio News Herald	12/10/08	12/17/08
Victoria, Jackson	Victoria Advocate	12/10/08	12/17/08
Wharton	El Campo Leader-News	12/10/08	12/17/08
Willacy	Raymondville Chronicle/News	12/10/08	12/17/08
Zapata, Webb	Laredo Morning Times	12/11/08	12/18/08

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Georgia Lawson,
who, after being by me duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

I am the (job title) Legal Representative of Corpus Christi Caller-Times, a daily newspaper, located at Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Texas. The accompanying printed matter represents a true and correct copy(ies) of a **Public Notice of Application of AEP Texas Central Company for the Approval of Revisions to Rider NDC Pursuant to PUC Substantive Rule 25.303(g)(3)**, published two time(s) in the listed newspaper on the date(s) indicated:

Corpus Christi Caller-Times

**December 10, 2008 English & Spanish
December 17, 2008 English & Spanish**

I hereby swear and affirm that the above-mentioned Texas newspaper has general circulation in the following Texas county(ies).

Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Victoria, Webb

I further swear and affirm that I have personal knowledge of all matters stated herein and that the foregoing statements are true and correct.

Signed: Georgia Lawson

Title: Legal Representative

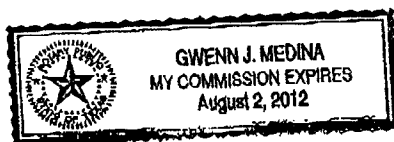
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this 19th day of December, 2008

Notary Public: [Signature]

County of Nueces

(Fill in name of County)

Commission Expires: August 2, 2012



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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Norma Castaneda,
who, after being by me duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

I am the (job title) Bookkeeper of San Antonio
Express-News, a daily newspaper, located at San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. The
accompanying printed matter represents a true and correct copy(ies) of a Public Notice of
Application of AEP Texas Central Company for the Approval of Revisions to Rider
NDC Pursuant to PUC Substantive Rule 25.303(g)(3), published two time(s) in the
listed newspaper on the date(s) indicated:

San Antonio Express-News

December 10, 2008 English & Spanish
December 17, 2008 English & Spanish

I hereby swear and affirm that the above-mentioned Texas newspaper has general circulation in
the following Texas county(ies).

Atascosa, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Kinney, La Salle, McMullen, Medina,
Real, Wilson, Zavala

I further swear and affirm that I have personal knowledge of all matters stated herein and that the
foregoing statements are true and correct.

Signed: Norma Castaneda

Title: Bookkeeper

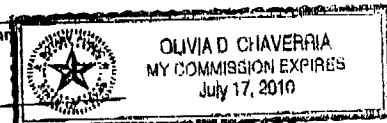
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this 18th day of December A.D., 2008

Notary Public: Olivia D. Chaverria

County of _____

(Fill in name of County)

Commission Expires: _____



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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Eliagble Flores,
who, after being by me duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

I am the (job title) salesperson of The Monitor, a daily newspaper, located at McAllen, Hidalgo County, Texas. The accompanying printed matter represents a true and correct copy(ies) of a **Public Notice of Application of AEP Texas Central Company for the Approval of Revisions to Rider NDC Pursuant to PUC Substantive Rule 25.303(g)(3)**, published two time(s) in the listed newspaper on the date(s) indicated:

The Monitor

**December 10, 2008 English & Spanish
December 17, 2008 English & Spanish**

I hereby swear and affirm that the above-mentioned Texas newspaper has general circulation in the following Texas county(ies).

Hidalgo, Starr

I further swear and affirm that I have personal knowledge of all matters stated herein and that the foregoing statements are true and correct.

Signed: [Signature]

Title: Legal/Public Notice Rep.

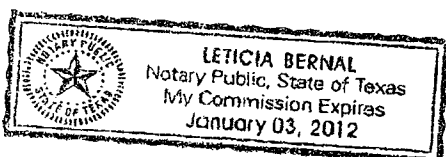
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this 19th day of December A.D., 2008

Notary Public: [Signature]

County of Hidalgo

(Fill in name of County)

Commission Expires: Jan. 03, 2012



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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Karen G. McCrary,
who, after being by me duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

I am the (job title) Managing Editor of Luling Newsboy/Signal, a non-daily newspaper, located at Luling, Caldwell County, Texas. The accompanying printed matter represents a true and correct copy(ies) of a Public Notice of Application of AEP Texas Central Company for the Approval of Revisions to Rider NDC Pursuant to PUC Substantive Rule 25.303(g)(3), published two time(s) in the listed newspaper on the date(s) indicated:

Luling Newsboy/Signal

**December 11, 2008 English & Spanish
December 18, 2008 English & Spanish**

I hereby swear and affirm that the above-mentioned Texas newspaper has general circulation in the following Texas county(ies).

Caldwell

I further swear and affirm that I have personal knowledge of all matters stated herein and that the foregoing statements are true and correct.

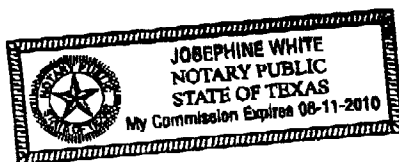
Signed: Karen G. McCrary
Title: Managing Editor

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this 18th day of Dec. A.D., 2008

Notary Public: Josephine White

County of Caldwell
(Fill in name of County)

Commission Expires: 8-11-2010



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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Rita Boudreau
who, after being by me duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

I am the (job title) Classified Rep. of Port Lavaca Wave, a
non-daily newspaper, located at Port Lavaca, Calhoun County, Texas. The
accompanying printed matter represents a true and correct copy(ies) of a Public Notice of
Application of AEP Texas Central Company for the Approval of Revisions to Rider
NDC Pursuant to PUC Substantive Rule 25.303(g)(3), published two time(s) in the
listed newspaper on the date(s) indicated:

Port Lavaca Wave

December 10, 2008 English & Spanish
December 17, 2008 English & Spanish

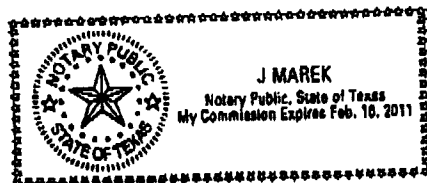
I hereby swear and affirm that the above-mentioned Texas newspaper has general circulation in
the following Texas county(ies).

Calhoun

I further swear and affirm that I have personal knowledge of all matters stated herein and that the
forgoing statements are true and correct.

Signed: Rita Boudreau
Title: Classified Rep.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this 19th day of Dec A.D., 2008



Notary Public: J Marek

County of Calhoun
(Fill in name of County)

Commission Expires: 2-10-11

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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Victorin Kiam,
who, after being by me duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

I am the (job title) Customer Service Specialist of Valley Morning Star, a daily newspaper, located at Harlingen, Cameron County, Texas. The accompanying printed matter represents a true and correct copy(ies) of a **Public Notice of Application of AEP Texas Central Company for the Approval of Revisions to Rider NDC Pursuant to PUC Substantive Rule 25.303(g)(3)**, published two time(s) in the listed newspaper on the date(s) indicated:

Valley Morning Star

**December 10, 2008 English & Spanish
December 17, 2008 English & Spanish**

I hereby swear and affirm that the above-mentioned Texas newspaper has general circulation in the following Texas county(ies).

Cameron

I further swear and affirm that I have personal knowledge of all matters stated herein and that the foregoing statements are true and correct.

Signed: Victorin Kiam

Title: Customer Service Specialist

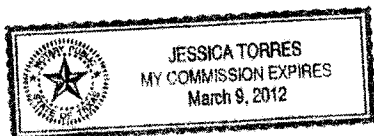
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this 19 day of December A.D., 2008

Notary Public: Jessica Torres

County of Cameron

(Fill in name of County)

Commission Expires: 3-9-12



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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Cindy Parkhurst,
who, after being by me duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

I am the (job title) Publisher of **Colorado County**
Citizen, a non-daily newspaper, located at Columbus, **Colorado County**, Texas. The
accompanying printed matter represents a true and correct copy(ies) of a **Public Notice of**
Application of AEP Texas Central Company for the Approval of Revisions to Rider
NDC Pursuant to PUC Substantive Rule 25.303(g)(3), published two time(s) in the
listed newspaper on the date(s) indicated:

Colorado County Citizen

December 10, 2008 English & Spanish
December 17, 2008 English & Spanish

I hereby swear and affirm that the above-mentioned Texas newspaper has general circulation in
the following Texas county(ies).

Colorado

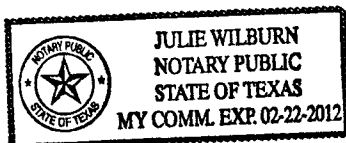
I further swear and affirm that I have personal knowledge of all matters stated herein and that the
foregoing statements are true and correct.

Signed: Cindy Parkhurst

Title: Publisher

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this 17 day of December A.D., 2008

Notary Public: Julie Wilburn



County of Colorado

(Fill in name of County)

Commission Expires: 02-22-2012

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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Claudia McDaniel,
who, after being by me duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

I am the (job title) Publisher of Carrizo Springs
Javelin, a non-daily newspaper, located at Carrizo Springs, Dimmit County, Texas. The
accompanying printed matter represents a true and correct copy(ies) of a Public Notice of
Application of AEP Texas Central Company for the Approval of Revision of Rider
NDC Pursuant to PUC Substantive Rule 25.303(g)(3), published two time(s) in the
listed newspaper on the date(s) indicated:

Carrizo Springs Javelin

December 11, 2008 English & Spanish
December 18, 2008 English & Spanish

I hereby swear and affirm that the above-mentioned Texas newspaper has general circulation in
the following Texas county(ies).

Dimmit

I further swear and affirm that I have personal knowledge of all matters stated herein and that the
foregoing statements are true and correct.

Signed:

Claudia McDaniel

Title:

Publisher

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this 19th day of December A.D. 2008

Notary Public:

Karen Marroquin

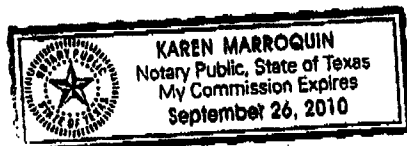
County of

Dimmit

(Fill in name of County)

Commission Expires:

September 26, 2010



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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Tooter Smith
who, after being by me duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

I am the job title Composition + Layout of Texas Mohair Weekly, a non-daily newspaper, located at Rocksprings, Edwards County, Texas. The accompanying printed matter represents a true and correct copy(ies) of a Public Notice of Application of AEP Texas Central Company for the Approval of Revisions to Rider NDC Pursuant to PUC Substantive Rule 25.303(g)(3), published two time(s) in the listed newspaper on the date(s) indicated:

Texas Mohair Weekly

December 11, 2008 English & Spanish
December 18, 2008 English & Spanish

I hereby swear and affirm that the above-mentioned Texas newspaper has general circulation in the following Texas county(ies).

Edwards

I further swear and affirm that I have personal knowledge of all matters stated herein and that the foregoing statements are true and correct.

Signed:

Tooter Smith

Title:

Composition + Layout

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this 19th day of Dec. A.D., 2008

Notary Public:

Sabrina Montoya

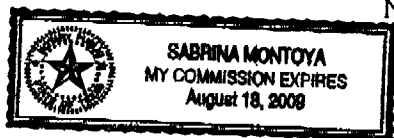
County of

Edwards

(Fill in name of County)

Commission Expires:

8-18-09



After ad is published, please mail completed affidavit to Texas Press Service, ATTN: Donna Shaw, 716 West 5th, Austin, TX 78701

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Logan Garnett,
who, after being by me duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

I am the (job title) General Manager of **Frio-Nueces Current**, a non-daily newspaper, located at Pearsall, **Frio County**, Texas. The accompanying printed matter represents a true and correct copy(ies) of a **Public Notice of Application of AEP Texas Central Company for the Approval of Revisions to Rider NDC Pursuant to PUC Substantive Rule 25.303(g)(3)**, published two time(s) in the listed newspaper on the date(s) indicated:

Frio-Nueces Current

December 11, 2008 English & Spanish
December 18, 2008 English & Spanish

I hereby swear and affirm that the above-mentioned Texas newspaper has general circulation in the following Texas county(ies).

Frio

I further swear and affirm that I have personal knowledge of all matters stated herein and that the foregoing statements are true and correct.

Signed: _____

Title: _____

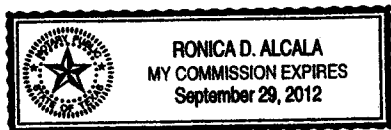
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Notary Public: _____

County of _____

(Fill in name of County)

Commission Expires: _____



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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Sharon Vacek,
who, after being by me duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

I am the (job title) Retail Salesperson of Bay City Tribune, a
non-daily newspaper, located at Bay City, Matagorda County, Texas. The
accompanying printed matter represents a true and correct copy(ies) of a Public Notice of
Application of AEP Texas Central Company for the Approval of Revisions to Rider
NDC Pursuant to PUC Substantive Rule 25.303(g)(3), published two time(s) in the
listed newspaper on the date(s) indicated:

Bay City Tribune

December 10, 2008 English & Spanish
December 17, 2008 English & Spanish

I hereby swear and affirm that the above-mentioned Texas newspaper has general circulation in
the following Texas county(ies).

Matagorda

I further swear and affirm that I have personal knowledge of all matters stated herein and that the
foregoing statements are true and correct.

Signed: Sharon Vacek

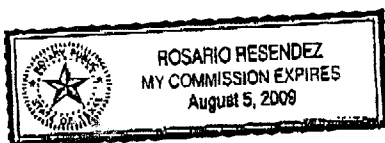
Title: Retail Salesperson

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this 17th day of December A.D., 2008

Notary Public: Rosario Resendez

County of Matagorda
(Fill in name of County)

Commission Expires: Aug. 5, 2009



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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Cathleen E McBeath
who, after being by me duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

I am the (job title) Publisher of Eagle Pass News-Guide, a non-daily newspaper, located at Eagle Pass, **Maverick County**, Texas. The accompanying printed matter represents a true and correct copy(ies) of a **Public Notice of Application of AEP Texas Central Company for the Approval of Revisions to Rider NDC Pursuant to PUC Substantive Rule 25.303(g)(3)**, published two time(s) in the listed newspaper on the date(s) indicated:

Eagle Pass News-Guide

**December 11, 2008 English & Spanish
December 18, 2008 English & Spanish**

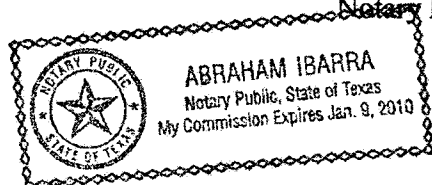
I hereby swear and affirm that the above-mentioned Texas newspaper has general circulation in the following Texas county(ies).

Maverick

I further swear and affirm that I have personal knowledge of all matters stated herein and that the foregoing statements are true and correct.

Signed: Cathleen E McBeath
Title: Publisher

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this 22 day of December A.D., 2008



County of Maverick
(Fill in name of County)

Commission Expires: 1-09-2010

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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Stephen E Balke,
who, after being by me duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

I am the (job title) Advertising Manager of Uvalde Leader-News, a non-daily newspaper, located at Uvalde, Uvalde County, Texas. The accompanying printed matter represents a true and correct copy(ies) of a Public Notice of Application of AEP Texas Central Company for the Approval of Revisions to Rider NDC Pursuant to PUC Substantive Rule 25.303(g)(3), published two time(s) in the listed newspaper on the date(s) indicated:

Uvalde Leader-News

December 11, 2008 English & Spanish
December 18, 2008 English & Spanish

I hereby swear and affirm that the above-mentioned Texas newspaper has general circulation in the following Texas county(ies).

Uvalde

I further swear and affirm that I have personal knowledge of all matters stated herein and that the foregoing statements are true and correct.

Signed: Stephen E Balke

Title: Advertising Manager

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this 19 day of Dec A.D., 2008



Notary Public: Betty Hilderbran

County of Uvalde

(Fill in name of County)

Commission Expires: 11/24/12

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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared MARIO AGUIRRE,
who, after being by me duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

I am the (job title) ADVERTISING MANAGER of Del Rio News-Herald, a daily newspaper, located at Del Rio, Val Verde County, Texas. The accompanying printed matter represents a true and correct copy(ies) of a Public Notice of Application of AEP Texas Central Company for the Approval of Revisions to Rider NDC Pursuant to PUC Substantive Rule 25.303(g)(3), published two time(s) in the listed newspaper on the date(s) indicated:

Del Rio News-Herald

December 10, 2008 English & Spanish
December 17, 2008 English & Spanish

I hereby swear and affirm that the above-mentioned Texas newspaper has general circulation in the following Texas county(ies).

Val Verde

I further swear and affirm that I have personal knowledge of all matters stated herein and that the foregoing statements are true and correct.

Signed: _____

Title: ADVERTISING MANAGER

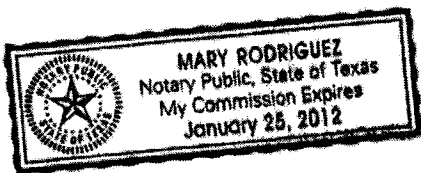
SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this 18 day of December, 2008

Notary Public: Mary Rodriguez

County of Val Verde

(Fill in name of County)

Commission Expires: 1/25/12



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AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Sandra Rodriguez,
who, after being by me duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

I am the (job title) Retail Bookkeeper of Victoria Advocate, a
daily newspaper, located at Victoria, **Victoria County**, Texas. The accompanying printed
matter represents a true and correct copy(ies) of a **Public Notice of Application of AEP
Texas Central Company for the Approval of Revisions to Rider NDC Pursuant to
PUC Substantive Rule 25.303(g)(3)**, published two time(s) in the listed newspaper on
the date(s) indicated:

Victoria Advocate

December 10, 2008 English & Spanish
December 17, 2008 English & Spanish

I hereby swear and affirm that the above-mentioned Texas newspaper has general circulation in
the following Texas county(ies).

Victoria, Jackson

I further swear and affirm that I have personal knowledge of all matters stated herein and that the
foregoing statements are true and correct.

Signed: Sandra Rodriguez

Title: Retail Bookkeeper

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this 19th day of DECEMBER, D., 2008

Notary Public: Cindy Tucker



County of VICTORIA

(Fill in name of County)

Commission Expires: JULY 21, 2010

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(780) & (781)

12/10, 12/17

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

Before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Casey Alvarez,
who, after being by me duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says:

I am the (job title) Nat'l Adv. Rep of El Campo Leader-
News, a non-daily newspaper, located at El Campo, Wharton County, Texas. The
accompanying printed matter represents a true and correct copy(ies) of a Public Notice of
Application of AEP Texas Central Company for the Approval of Revisions to Rider
NDC Pursuant to PUC Substantive Rule 25.303(g)(3), published two time(s) in the
listed newspaper on the date(s) indicated:

El Campo Leader-News

December 10, 2008 English & Spanish
December 17, 2008 English & Spanish

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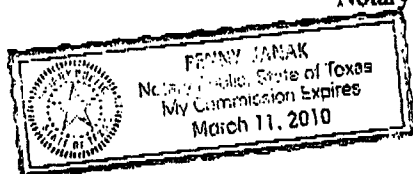
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Signed: Casey Alvarez
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Before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared Carlos Martinez,
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I am the (job title) Sales Manager of Raymondville Chronicle/Willacy County News, a non-daily newspaper, located at Raymond, Willacy County, Texas. The accompanying printed matter represents a true and correct copy(ies) of a Public Notice of Application of AEP Texas Central Company for the Approval of Revisions to Rider NDC Pursuant to PUC Substantive Rule 25.303(g)(3), published two time(s) in the listed newspaper on the date(s) indicated:

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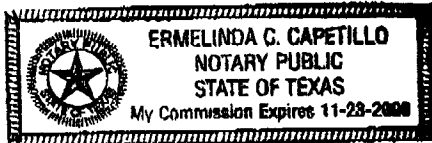
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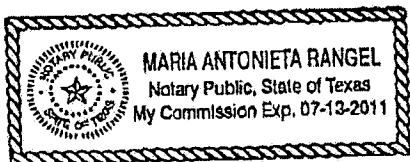
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Signed: Monica O. Martinez
Title: Accounting Clerk

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County of Webb
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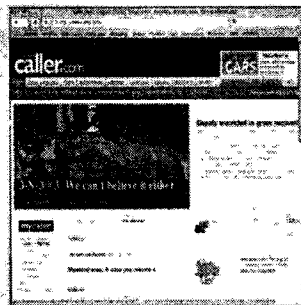
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Call 361-215-4267 Legal Notices 1100 NOTICE TO ALL PER- SONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JULIA HARVEY DECEASED Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamen- tary for the Estate of Julia Harvey De- ceased, were issued on December 2, 2008 in Cause Number 45784-3, pending in the County Court At Legal Notices 1110 Legal Notices 1120 Legal Notices 1130 Legal Notices 1140 Legal Notices 1150	PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF AEP TEXAS CENTRAL COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO RIDER NDC PURSUANT TO PUC SUBSTANTIVE RULE 25.303(g)(3) AEP Texas Central Company (TCC) filed on November 24, 2008 with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) a proposed change to the Nuclear Decommissioning Charges under Rider NDC proposed to be effective December 30, 2008. 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Rider NDC is contained in TCC's Tariff for Retail Delivery Service at Section 6.1.1.5.1. Persons wishing more information about this filing may contact Ms. Nancy J. Napolitano at TCC, 400 W 15th Street, Suite 1520, Austin, Texas 78701 or call (512) 481-4543. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136. AVISO PUBLICO DE APLICACIÓN DE AEP TEXAS CENTRAL COMPANY PARA APROBACIÓN DE REVISIONES PARA RIDER NDC CONFORME A LA REGLA SUSTANTIVA 25.303(g)(3) AEP Texas Central Company (TCC) presentó el 24 de noviembre de 2008 a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas - PUC) una propuesta para cambio a los Cargos de Desmantelamiento Nuclear (Nuclear Decommissioning Charges - NDC) según Rider NDC propuesto para ser efectivo a partir del 30 de diciembre de 2008. TCC es requerida para ajustar los Cargos de Desmantelamiento Nuclear según Rider NDC conforme a la Regla Sustantiva 25.303(g)(3) de PUC después de la emisión de una Orden en un procedimiento en el cual PUC determine que un cambio es requerido en el monto anual de los fondos requeridos para el desmantelamiento de una planta nuclear en particular. 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Rider NDC establece las tasas bajo las cuales los Cargos por Desmantelamiento Nuclear serán facturados y recolectados. Rider NDC está contenida en la Tarifa de TCC para Servicios de Entrega al Menudo en la Sección 6.1.1.5.1.

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AEP Texas Central Company (TCC) presentó el 24 de noviembre de 2008 a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas - PUC) una propuesta para cambiar a los Cargos de Desmantelamiento Nuclear (Nuclear Decommissioning Charges - NDC) según Rider NDC propuesto para ser efectivo a partir del 30 de diciembre de 2008. TCC es requerida para ajustar los Cargos de Desmantelamiento Nuclear según Rider NDC conforme a la Regla Sustantiva 25.303(g)(3) de PUC, después de la emisión de un Orden en un procedimiento en el cual PUC determinó que un cambio es requerido en el monto anual de los fondos requeridos para el desmantelamiento de una planta nuclear en particular. Las Órdenes adoptadas en Docket No. 35772 (*Aplicación de NRG South Texas LP para Revisión del Costo de Desmantelamiento de las Unidades 1 y 2 del Proyecto de South Texas*), y Docket No. 35786 (*Aviso de la Recaudación del Estado de Desmantelamiento Actualizado Y Presentación Conforme A La R. Sust. 25.303(g)(4)(A)*), colectivamente redujo el monto anual de los fondos a ser recolectados por TCC's Rider NDC de \$7,582,741 a \$3,300,980, lo cual es una reducción del 56%.

Rider NDC establece las tasas bajo las cuales los Cargos por Desmantelamiento Nuclear serán facturados y recolectados. Rider NDC está contenida en la Tarifa de TCC para Servicios de Entrega al Menudo en la Sección 6.1.1.5.1.

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Articles and pictures needed for Czechs in Uniform book

The Texas Czech Genealogical Society will be publishing a Czechs in Uniform book to honor Czechs worldwide who have served their country in uniform.

If a member of your family has worn, or is currently wearing a military uniform of the U.S., the Czech Republic or former lands of Czechoslovakia, the Society wants to honor them in this book. This includes peace time as well as wartime service.

The book will be published in late 2009, and basic guidelines for inclusion are: articles should be submitted on either a floppy disk or CD, the military person does not have to be 100% Czech-

only of Czech descent; photos are encouraged but must be either an original or a high quality copy (photocopies will not be accepted); photos will be returned, but as much information concerning the military person as possible. A complete of guidelines and suggestions are available on the society website located at www.txczgs.org.

The deadline for submitting articles and information is February 9, 2009. Please submit to: Charlene Harris, TCCS President, 1231 CR 201A, Angleton, TX 77515. For more information concerning this project, contact Charlene at 979-849-0348 or by email at harris@tccs.org.

Newborn Hearing Screening Program certified one of the best

Seron Medical Center Austin has been recognized by the State of Texas as one of the best in the state for newborn hearing screenings programs.

"Being certified as a Distinguished Newborn Hearing Screening Program is the highest rating possible for a birthing hospital in Texas," said Sharon Perry, Director of Maternity Services, Seron Medical Center Austin. "Seron Family of Hospitals is committed to this health initiative and offers this hearing screening program at all of its birth facilities, including Seron Northwest, Seron Southwest and University Medical Center Brackenridge."

The Texas Department of State Health Services monitors hospital based hearing screening programs to ensure

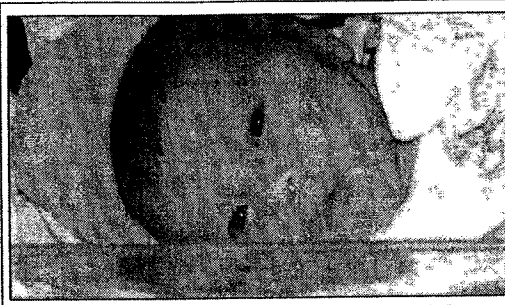
specific quality benchmarks are met. To be certified, hospitals must screen newborns for hearing loss, refer those who need follow-up testing to audiologists, and inform parents and family doctors of hearing screening results. Certified hospitals have demonstrated a commitment to ensuring that those babies born with hearing loss are detected early and channeled to the best resources to get medical and educational assistance.

The Texas newborn hearing screening program is one of the largest of its kind in the world and has continually ranked as one of the best in country since being implemented in 2001 by the Texas Legislature. Nearly 400,000 babies in Texas are screened annually as a result of this program.

Comedian visits the Movie Gallery

Karl Williams - comedian, actor/director - was in Luling last Tuesday and visited the Movie Gallery. While there, he bought several movies, and signed autographs. According to personnel at the shop, Wil-

liams was very gracious. He has acted in a number of movies, including Norbit - with Eddie Murphy, First Sunday, and The Perfect Holiday. He has also made a couple of comedy DVDs.



Trinity Lynn Powell makes debut in San Marcos

Aaron and Stephanie Powell proudly announce the arrival of their first child, a daughter, at 9:59 a.m. October 31. The little miss was born in Central Texas Medical Center in San Marcos. She weighed 5 lbs., 12 ozs., and was 18 inches long, and has been named Trinity Lynn.

Maternal grandmother is Vicki Bell of Luling, and great-grandparents are Linda

Rowan of Luling, and Roger and Jackie Bell of Madisonville, TN.

Paternal grandparents are Jim and Ginger Powell of Luling, and Cathy Bulfin of Bellville, and great-grandparents are Roxie Powell of Lockhart, and the late James Powell, and Ralph and Eleana Bulfin of Bellville. The baby's mother is the former Stephanie Gonzalez.

Master Naturalist classes start in January

The Lost Pines Chapter, Texas Master Naturalist, which serves Bastrop and Caldwell Counties, will hold classes for new members. The award-winning Texas Master Naturalist program, with 33 chapters located across the state, aims to develop a corps of well-informed citizen volunteers who educate their communities about the management of natural resources.

The main qualification needed to become a Certified Texas Master Naturalist is an interest in learning and playing an active part in conservation.

Volunteers will receive a minimum of 40 hours training from educators and specialists from places such as universities, natural resource

agencies, nature centers and museums. An additional eight hours of advanced training is also required.

Training topics include interpretation and management of natural resources and habitats; ecological concepts; wetland ecology; archeology; wildlife management; geology, climate, and the study of plants, birds, insects, mammals, reptiles, and aquatic life native to this area.

The Master Naturalist program is supported by the Texas Cooperative Extension and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Volunteers are expected to give 40 hours of service a year in community education, demonstration and habitat enhancement projects. The choices are

many and varied allowing the volunteer to pursue areas of personal interest.

Classes begin Monday, January 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the Reformatory Bastrop State Park. This is the introduction and orientation class. Classes throughout the course will alternate between Bastrop and Caldwell counties. The fee is \$85. Deadline for application is January 10.

For information and to download an application, visit www.texasmasternaturalist.org. You may also contact Rachel Bauer at the Bastrop County Extension Office at (512) 581-7186 for an application. For more information contact Andy Butler by email at naturalist@mac.com.

Nehi Bottling Plant items, data sought

The historic Nehi Bottling Plant on Pine Street was recently purchased, and the new owner is looking for items related to the building. Photographs, bottles, bottle caps, cans, or signage are being sought.

"We are hoping that this will help in the restoration of the building," the owner said. Anyone with items from the plant, or who knows anything about the building or the operation of the plant is asked to call 512-738-1944.

Craft sale set at Warm Springs

A craft sale will be held at Warm Springs Specialty Hospital on December 12th, 15th, and 16th, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. each day. Handcrafted items will be available for purchase, with funds benefiting the Warm Springs Relay for Life Team-American Cancer Society. The relay team will participate in the Gonzales Relay for Life event, to be held at the Gonzales High School track Friday March 27, through Saturday morning March 28th.

Christmas gala

All Caldwell County Republicans are invited to attend the Caldwell County Republican Women's Christmas Party at The Fountains reception hall, on Hwy 183, between Luling and Lockhart. The gala event is planned Saturday, December 13, and will include dinner and entertainment.

The social hour will begin at 6:30 p.m., with dinner set at 7:30 p.m. For reservations contact Ruth Parker at 512-620-8990.

Donations made through January 9 to benefit needy

For many families throughout Texas the holidays bring anything but joy with the added expenses of providing gifts, special dinners and traditions for loved ones. Many families' finances are already stretched uncomfortably thin before the holiday expenses hit, and they depend on donations and charitable programs to help them give their children a season to remember.

Fortunately, H-E-B is partnering with The Salvation

Army to Ring in a Miracle Between December 3rd and January 9th, each donation made at an H-E-B store will go directly to meet the needs of people through Salvation Army programs in the local community.

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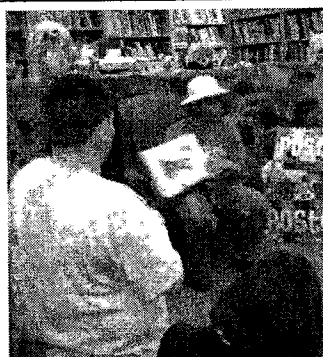
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10 2008

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► COMMUNITY EVENTS Up to date happenings

Memorial Medical Center blood drive Wednesday

Heritage happenings

The Heritage Center Senior Citizens Center will host craft and Tai Chi at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10. Crossroads Home Health, Thursday, Dec. 11, Tai Chi at 9 a.m. Exercise with Sister at 10 a.m. Rosary with Beverly at 10:15 a.m. Friday, Dec. 12. Lunch will be served each day at 11:30 a.m.

Blood drive

Memorial Medical Center will host a blood drive from 2 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10 in the Community Room.

Live Nativity

First Presbyterian Church, 1111 North Virginia, will host a live Nativity scene from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10 on the front lawn. Cocoa and cookies will be served. Everyone is welcome.

CCISD Social

Calhoun County Independent School District will host its annual Christmas Social from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11 at the Bauer Community Center. All CCISD employees and retired teachers are invited to celebrate the holiday season.

OLG Rosary

Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church Sacred Heart Society will host a Rosary with guest speaker Sister Marilyn at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11. Roses and candles will be for sale. Las Maestranas will be held at 5:30 a.m., Friday, Dec. 12 at OLG. Breakfast at St. Jude Hall will follow the service.

Radio Association

Port Lavaca Amateur Radio Association will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11 at First National Bank Community Room.

Christmas Cashination

First Baptist Church Music Ministry will present its Christmas Dinner Theatre at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 12 and Saturday, Dec. 13. B-hive needs with all the trimmings will be served. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under. For tickets, call 552-2821 or come by the PBC church office.

Blue Bonnet Ranch

The Blue Bonnet Youth Ranch Annual Christmas Party will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 at Grace Episcopal Church. Anyone wishing to donate a gift

should bring it to the church or Caldwell Banker, Russell Cain's office, 2025 North Highway 35.

Memory Mass

Russell and Cheryl Cain have scheduled a mass at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in memory of their Vietnamese friends who lost their lives in a boat accident this summer.

Christmas concert

First Baptist Church of Port Lavaca will present pianist, Jim Hendricks at 10:15 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14. Everyone is welcome to come and catch the excitement.

Sandette fundraiser

The Calhoun High School Sandette Drill Team will host a fundraising luncheon from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 at the Bauer Community Center. Plates are \$7 and will consist of a round shrimp, sausage, pasta, corn on the cob and bread. Time in or courtyard. There will also be a bake sale, silent auction, kids' games and prizes. For tickets or more information, contact any Sandette member.

Parish Festival

The Catholic Community of Anselmi-Tholdi will hold its annual Parish Festival Saturday at

11:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 14 at Our Lady of the Good Hope Catholic Church in Port Lavaca. Homemade chili, chicken, pasta, soups, sandwiches, desserts and more will be served along with arts and crafts, cake walk, color wheel, live auction, raffle, bingo and more. Look for signs on Highway 35.

Music gift

First Baptist Church Youth will be taking orders for help Christmas cards to family and friends through Monday, Dec. 15. Sign-up sheets are available in the PBC office, outside the sanctuary or by calling 552-2821. Fee for three cards is \$7.

in town or \$10 for other sending areas. All proceeds will benefit the youth mission trip to Bolivia.

Eastern Star #373

Port Lavaca Chapter #373 Order of the Eastern Star will meet for refreshments of finger foods provided by members at 6:30 p.m. followed by a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15 at the Masonic Lodge Hall on Six Mile Highway. The Christmas program consists of bringing non-perishable items or cash donations for the Food Pantry. All members and visiting members are asked to attend.

Pianist JIM HENDRICKS IN CONCERT!!!



Jim Hendricks' arrangements of traditional Gospel and contemporary Christian music are characterized by unmatched technical ability and passion. Because of the fun, humor, energy, and variety of Jim's performances, people of all ages with diverse tastes in music are sure to enjoy this program. Jim Hendricks has performed in churches all over the land, including the Crystal Cathedral. He has also been a featured symphony orchestra soloist of Bachman's piano music and has performed with such greats as the Glenn Miller Orchestra, Dave Brubeck, Della Reese, Jack Jones, Clark Terry, Louis Bellson, and many others. Come catch the excitement!

Sunday December 14th 2008 at 10:15 a.m.
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Janice Holladay & LaVerne Miller with the Humane Society received \$2,400 donation from the annual Bake Sale held by First National Bank employees on November 20th in the Bank Lobby



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Farm bill sign up deadline approaching

The Farm Bill sign-up deadline is approaching. Rupert Butler, executive director of the Calhoun County branch of USDA's Farm Service Agency, was used to address on Monday.

Butler told producers that in order to be eligible for per acre 2008 disaster programs under the 2008 Farm Bill, they must have a "buy-in" fee for those crops that currently do not have a crop insurance policy and the sales closing date was prior to Aug. 14, 2008.

The deadline to pay the buy-in fee at the local FSA office located on County Road 101 (agriculture building at fairgrounds) is Jan. 12, 2009.

For Texas, this provision and related deadline applies only to producers of nursery crops, early midseason and late oranges as well as grapefruit and cabbage," Butler said.

"According to the 2008 Farm Bill, producers who did not meet the crop insurance coverage criteria can 'buy-in' or be 'waived in' to be eligible for the 2008 Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program," said Butler.

The "buy-in" option in the Farm Bill accomplishes the Risk Management Purchase Requirement (RMPR) for SURE Program eligibility as well as the Assistance Program (AP) eligibility for these crops. Note that disaster program eligibility obtained via the RMPR buy-in option does not confer any additional crop insurance coverage benefit.

To be considered to have obtained at least the minimum level of insurance under the SURE Program, a producer must obtain a plan of insurance with not less than 50 percent yield coverage at 55 percent of the insurable price for each crop planted or intended to be planted for harvest on a whole farm. To be considered to have met RMPR, producers must pay a buy-in fee in an amount equal to the applicable CAT for those crops that currently do not have a crop insurance policy on or before Jan. 12, 2009.

The buy-in fee for CAT is \$100 per crop, but not more than either of the following:

- \$600 per producer per administrative county
- \$900 total per producer for all counties.

According to Butler, it is important to notes that paying the "buy-in" fee does not provide insurance coverage - it simply insures eligibility for the SURE program and related benefits.

For more on disaster assistance programs administered by FSA, please contact the Calhoun County FSA at 552-9786. Additional FSA program information is available online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

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The Port Lavaca Fire Department participated in Phase IV of the Port Lavaca Area School. The program is designed to keep abreast of new opportunities and developments in the fire service and gain experience in various fire control and fire protection methods. These are done for volunteer members of fire departments, public or private, of cities and industries that want the latest training in fire-fighting and related skills. At different times throughout the year, Reddy conducted Phase I, Deville Phase II, Rockport with Phase III and Port Lavaca the end point with the Phase IV curriculum.

The department offered courses for 41 students from 15 different departments all over the South Texas region. The instructors taught courses on Basic Pump Operations, Hydraulics, Hazardous Materials, Foam Intermediate

Basic Rope, Hazardous Materials, specializing in Transportation Emergencies, Basic Emergency Vehicle Operations and Firefighter Burn Rotations.

The lessons and training sessions were taught by Port Lavaca firefighters along with assistance from Victoria, Baytown, LaGrange and Rockport.

PLFD Fire Chief Braden Bancroft said that the program that was conducted on Dec. 5 and 6 went well. They received good reviews from the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) representatives.

"They want us to host more training," Bancroft said.

He also commented about how pleased they were at how smoothly things ran and how well prepared the department was. In addition to more training, they want to extend more fire services to those wanting to learn in other departments and cities.

"Our guys did a great job," Bancroft said in reference to how the two-day training and field exercises went.

These courses are especially important to volunteers to maintain their certification. They are required by state law to have the previous mentioned subjects and hours completed to continue a staff service.

Starting in 2009, the fire department will take part in an advanced fire school in addition to Phase IV beginning in January and continuing through October.

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FCCLA HOSTS COOKING SCHOOL

CHS FCCLA hosted a Kids Cooking School for children in October. 32 children attended. They participated in baking Banana Nut Bread and Pumpkin Bread. The next cooking school will be Dec. 13. Gingerbread men and Christmas cookies are on the menu for this class. There will be a morning class and an afternoon class for kids kindergarten age thru 5th grade. The cost is \$5 per child. The classes are filling up quickly! For more information and to register call CHS or email gregoryd@coloradocounty.org.



CULINARY STUDENTS LEARN SKILLS

Pictured from left are students Josh Garcia and Kyle Rollins and Chefs, Taron Lange and Kim Grande, from Texas Culinary Academy. They visited CHS and instructed Culinary Art students on proper knife skills.

Granovsky offers tips to survive a financial crisis

Forget the instant news updates from the news, markets. Instead, ask an older person to ask about surviving an economic crisis, suggests Texas AgriLife Extension Service personal money management expert Nancy Granovsky. "I tell people to recall the stress of fragility you heard from your grandparents," Granovsky said. "They have done a lot of tight-rope walking in their lives. They've gone through several down cycles. Find out the things they do to get through tough financial times."

Granovsky said she worries about the panic-like reactions of people watching financial markets take a deep nosedive, especially those who have never experienced a money

crunch. "There seems to be a lack of confidence right now, with many thinking that everything is going bad. I worry about people panicking and making the wrong decisions as a result," she said. "I really believe people do not need to be looking at the financial markets on a minute-to-minute basis right now."

She pointed to the long-term history of the major financial markets. Dow NASDAQ and S&P 500, and noted that recovery always follows decline.

"It feels like such a huge drop because we saw record highs a year ago," Granovsky said of the current financial market levels. "We may not

know where the bottom will be yet, but there will be a recovery at some point. Many free finance-related publications are available at AgriLife Extension's bookstore in the Family and Personal Money Management section. She also suggested Managing Money in Tough Times, www.extension.org/aglife/financial_security/Managing_Money_in_Tough_Times."

Granovsky also offered tips to improve one's personal situation: make a budget, set aside money in an emergency fund, and be careful about making sudden changes in your investment portfolio.

For additional information, you may contact Janis Pfeffer at (979) 732-2530.

Test a must for selling cattle

Selling or buying cattle? A cattle brucellosis, or "Bang's" test is still required for changing ownership of adult cattle in Texas, says Dr. Bill Hillman, Texas state veterinarian.

For many years, Texas ranchers and livestock health officials worked to eradicate cattle brucellosis, a bacterial disease that can cause cows to abort, deliver weak calves or produce less milk. "We have enjoyed Class Free status as for cattle brucellosis since February 2008, but testing is still required at livestock markets, special sales and private treaty sales, for at least two years," said Dr. Hillman. "This testing requirement is part of the national brucellosis program standard, and it assures that a state is clearly free of the disease and that we can quickly identify and deal with reintroduced or yet-unidentified infection. Slaughter testing surveillance will continue across the country for an indefinite period, to ensure that the vaccine is completely eradicated from cattle herds in Texas and other states."

Dr. Hillman noted that cattle which are sexually intact and

18 months of age or older must be tested prior to sale. The test requires a small blood sample from the animal, collected by an accredited veterinarian or TABC or USDA personnel. A chute-side test is conducted at livestock markets on sale days, with laboratory confirmation by the State-Federal laboratory.

For private treaty or special sales, an accredited, private veterinary practitioner can draw the blood sample and submit the blood sample to the State-Federal laboratory where the test will be run. Cattle owners should allow at least four days for private testing, to allow for shipping the blood sample to the laboratory, testing of the samples and receiving the test results that will be recorded on the document that will accompany the animal to the sale.

"Texas was the last state to achieve cattle brucellosis free status, but there is no guarantee we can maintain this status, if we aren't vigilant," said Dr. Hillman.

He stressed that the continued testing will identify potential cases of cattle brucellosis

that weren't detected during the eradication effort.

Dr. Hillman also reminds cattle owners, especially those in the vaccine portions of the state, that brucella should be vaccinated against cattle brucellosis, particularly if they will be used as breeding animals. Accredited veterinarians can administer the RB-5 vaccine, an injectable between the ages of four and 12 months to provide lifelong protecting against the disease.

Glidden residents celebrate

Happy birthday greetings go out to Nancy Wada and Betty Jo Kotter on Nov. 27, Kimberly Stavitsch, Eric Mitchell and Ronica Denley on Nov. 30, Chad Kallus on Dec. 1, Noelle Jurica and James Jurica on Dec. 3 and Whitney Meyer on Dec. 8.

Now, we extend our happy birthday wishes to all the new December birthdays: Mary Ann Jurica on Dec. 19, Cronie Kotter, Marjorie Smith and Kathleen Nae' Matura on Dec. 12, Violet Beyer on Dec. 15.



Greetings from Glidden
By Mary Stavitsch
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Sarah Alexander on Dec. 17, John Davis on Dec. 20, Jacky Kallus on Dec. 22, Chris Jurica on Dec. 25, Thelma Maples on Dec. 27, Erin Leigh Pretz on Dec. 30 and Ashley Adams on Dec. 31.

We hope you all have a wonderful day!

December is such a special month of the year with everyone gearing up for the holidays. The excitement, the hustle and bustle and the anticipation of Christmas is shared in the friendly faces and the cheerfulness of all our friends and neighbors as they reflect the spirit of the season. Enjoy your families, friends, and for this year and a have very Merry Christmas to all!

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Humanitarian of year award given

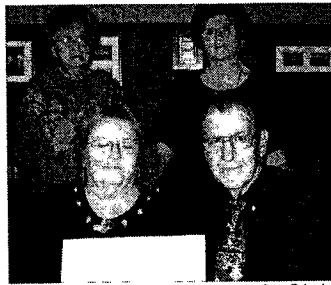
Members and guests of Columbus Hermann Sons Lodge 10 met at Beckey's Cafe on Dec. 8 for their Christmas social. The group enjoyed a delicious meal of ham, sweet potatoes, biscuits with cheese sauce, salad, rolls and chocolate cake.

Special guests for the evening were Grand Lodge Fraternal activities members Agnes Desiderio and her husband Freddie from San Marcos, Agent Terrell Martinez and his wife Belan. Carol and Donald Braden, Charlie Kucharka and Milti Cordes.

After the meal, a short business meeting was conducted by lodge president Leona Lyons. She read correspondence from the Grand Lodge and reminded officers of the installation ceremonies on Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009 at Milliken Harbome Vetsen Hall with Hugel Lodge 209 serving as host. It was announced that the alternate delegate to the convention in May will be Eugene Woonken.

Grand lodge Fraternal Activities member, Agnes Desiderio and Agent Terrell Martinez both brought greetings from the Grand Lodge and spoke briefly.

The nominating committee presented their slate of officers



Pictured in the back row, from left, are members of the Columbus Hermann Sons Lodge 10 are Martha Stier and Elsie Kahlden, who are members of the nominating committee. In the front are Carol and Donald Braden who received 2008 Humanitarian Award.

for 2009. They are President, Leona Lyons, Vice President, Douglas Lillie, Secretary, Brune Treaster-Marjorie, Frisch, Rabin, Rosing and Elena Rohlf, Finance Committee, Virginia Frisch, Louis Cordes and Karen Albert, Guard, Virginia Lillie, Inner Guard, Martha Stier, Outer Guard, Harold Stier, Cheer Committee, Elsie Kahlden and Reporter, Virginia Frisch.

the help of the Pilot Club. Carol initiated Project Independence and involved the surrounding community in building a handicap accessible home for Donna Kins and her family. Both Carol and Donald helped a local veterinarian for many years (physically and spiritually) after their doctor lost his wife and all three of his children in a traffic accident. Also, Carol and Donald as a family from Houston when they found out that the lady's husband had died unexpectedly that day. Carol became a licensed vocational nurse in 1996. She is a past member of the Columbus Volunteer emergency ambulance corps, Columbus community hospital employee of the year 1991, assisted patients with finding resources to pay utility bills, medical bills, et assisted patients with health care directions, initiated holiday extravaganza fund-raiser for the Pilot Club and was Pilot Club president 2007-2009. Donald barbecued for the holiday extravaganza fund-raiser.

In closing, the president read "The Week After Christmas and 1 Christmas Eve."

The next meeting will be Jan. 12, 2009 at 7 p.m.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION WITH THE CITIZEN

Kathleen Schindler took time out from celebrating her 70th birthday to read *The Colorado County Citizen* while having cake and punch with family and friends. To have your picture reading *The Citizen* featured in a future edition email photo and information to editor@coloradocountycitizen.com.

TFB resolutions discussed in Waco

Producers from all walks of agriculture representing each of the 13 Texas Farm Bureau districts met in Waco recently to consolidate over 300 resolutions submitted by county Farm Bureaus in preparation of the upcoming annual meeting of the Texas Farm Bureau.

"This year's resolutions session seemed especially significant considering the Texas Farm Bureau is celebrating its 50th anniversary," said TFB's President and Resolutions Committee Chairman Bobby Neddle.

Neddle said two of the issues that will top the agenda when the Texas Legislature convenes in January—current domain and the Texas-Texas Cattle—reflected the sound judgment that already exists in Texas Farm Bureau

policy. "Few changes in policy were recommended on either issue," Neddle said. "New policy was recommended on a South Texas problem that has serious implications for both Texas and U.S. cattlemen—contaminated lower ticks, which carry a disease that can be fatal to cattle."

"We're extremely worried about how far the fever tick will spread," Neddle said. "We need to try to keep the fever tick from spreading to North Texas and beyond."

Other recommended changes dealt with risk management aspects of the new farm legislation passed earlier this year by Congress. The cost of farm inputs surfaced on other

fronts as well. Neddle said the committee discussed the need for alternative energy sources such as ethanol as well as encouraging new oil resources in both the Lone Star State and the nation.

"Thank goodness fuel prices are a little more affordable now," he said. "But somewhere down the line they're going to go back up and we need to have fuel to be and more domestic oil production in place to help us get through tough times."

Resolutions adopted at the Texas Farm Bureau state convention become policy that guides the organization throughout the coming year.

Those resolutions approved by AFBF delegates in January will provide a roadmap for the national organization in 2009.

Fruit tree program slated

Do you have a fruit tree, or do you want to plant a fruit tree any time soon?

Here is your chance to learn how to have a successful and enjoyable experience at Wacoale.

On Jan. 9, 2009 at Wacoale Historical Complex, the Texas AgLife Extension Service and the Dalby Bruce Center for American History will be hosting the first of a two-part educational program.

Dr. Larry Stoner, Extension Horticulture Specialist, will be the main speaker and will cover a wide range of topics including site and variety selection, planting

and pruning of fruit trees. The agenda will also include some visual demonstrations of these practices in Wacoale orchard.

This program is a multi-county effort that includes Austin, Colorado, Fayette and Washington counties.

Refreshments and handouts will be provided.

Registration is from 1-1:30 p.m. and the program will run from 1:30-5 p.m.

For questions contact the Fayette County Extension Office at (979) 868-5831.

Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid service or accommodation in

order to participate in this meeting are encouraged to contact the Fayette County Extension Office two work days prior to the meeting to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.

Wacoale Historical Complex is a division of the Dalby Bruce Center for American History, the University of Texas at Austin.

Wacoale is located at 3718 FM 2714, four miles from Round Top. Take FM 1457 to FM 2714. For more information about Wacoale and directions visit <http://www.wacoale.org>.

CDA collects for food pantry

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Mary Queen of the Snows 1585 met Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. at St. Anthony's cafeteria in Columbus with 15 members in attendance.

Opening prayer by Sister Joyce Jick and U.S. Pledge and Texas Pledge followed.

The Holy Land gift sales collected \$903 and all proceeds

benefit the Holy Land. The Angel Tree gifts are due at the Rectory by Dec. 15.

The court collected \$279 for the Columbus food pantry. Christmas caroling was hosted on Dec. 7 at the nursing home in Columbus.

Also, the CDA joined the RC's for a Christmas party Dec. 15. Christmas gifts were given to Father Dan Hablich, Sister

Joyce Jick, Deacon Benne and Deacon Charlie by the court. Door prize was won by Linda Backenmeyer.

Refreshments, committee chairs for next month are Dorothy Borak and Jennie Borak.

After the closing prayer, the members enjoyed playing song bingo and singing Christmas carols.



PILOT CLUB EXTRAVAGANZA

Laura Hruby, middle, of the Silver Living in Brenham shows shoppers some of her merchandise during the Columbus Pilot Club's annual holiday extravaganza Saturday, Dec. 13 at the Columbus Veterans Memorial Center. Shoppers enjoyed a variety of booths during the event.

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Bryanna is a Junior this year at CSHS and her parents are: Mr. Paul and Mrs. Jessica Flores.

Bryanna has been in band since her sixth grade year and has been a member of the clarinet section ever since. She has marched with the MPB for three years and participated in the UIL Area marching contests in 2006 and 2008. Bryanna also received a first division rating at UIL Solo and Ensemble contest in 2008 for her work in a clarinet trio. She has served as a member of the MPB uniform crew for two years and this year was one of the MPB marching techs. Bryanna has also helped the MPB win three of its sweepstakes awards by being a member of the U.I.I. Concert and Sight reading band ever since her freshman year.

As well as being in the MPB, Bryanna is one of the CSHS Varsity cheerleaders, serves on the CSHS yearbook staff, and she is the Junior rep for CSHS Student Council.

Bryanna says "I love the Mean Purple Band! It is a really good extra curricular activity to be in. I love to march and play my clarinet. Being a member of the Mean Purple Band has really changed the way I look



Bryanna Flores and Lance Lopez

at life. Also the way I hear music, I don't just listen to it any more, now I hear it. I would really encourage many of those who are thinking of being in band but aren't really sure to do it. I guarantee that being in the MPB will really change your life. It's an awesome experience! MPB rocks!"

Lance is a Senior at CSHS this year and his parents are: Mr. Abel and Mrs. Charlotte Lopez.

Lance joined band in his fifth grade year and has played tuba ever since. He marched with the MPB during his eighth grade year and helped the MPB reach the State Marching contest in 2004. In his freshman year, Lance won fourth chair in the symphonic band at the

ATSSB All-Region band try-outs. As a sophomore, he won second chair in the symphonic band, as a junior he again won second chair in the symphonic band and this year as a senior he recently won first chair in the concert band at the All-Region try-outs. As well as being very busy with the MPB, Lance is a member of the CSHS Mariachi ensemble.

With regards to band, Lance comments "Band is a very important part of High School and growing up. It has helped me become more confident in myself and has also helped me become more outgoing."

Congratulations! to Bryanna and Lance from each of the MPB staff on being chosen this week's members of the week! We appreciate all of your hard work and dedication to the program.

* A friendly reminder parents to please use parent connect to keep up to date with your sons or daughters' progress. -)

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Children in photo (back left to right) Alejandra Vargas and Esperanza Gomez; (front left to right) Stephanie Garza, Jacquelyn Seiple, Klarissa Ruvira, Brianna Martinez and Araceli Alvarez. Not pictured are Lilliana Juarez and Alita Vega.

Brownie Troop 1139 donates toys to Dimmit County Child Welfare Board

On Monday, December 1, Brownie Troop 1139 made a contribution of toys to the Dimmit County Child Welfare Board for the Elf Alicia Project. The Elf Alicia Project provides toys to Dimmit County children whose family has limited financial resources. The members of the Troop earned its Toy patch but

the impact of sharing with others will impact their lives in giving back to the community as they grow older. Troop leaders Lydia Seiple and Vera Isaac know how important Christmas is to children and with the current economical strains they have been teaching the children that it better to give than receive. Although the girls in Troop 1139 are looking forward to receiving everything on their list for Christmas, the leaders are hoping that they can

reflect about the children who may not be receiving anything this Christmas.

The Dimmit County Child Welfare Board has seen an increase in the number of families that can not afford Christmas gifts this season. They have had an increase number of children who now reside in foster homes. If you would like to make a donation to the Dimmit County Child Welfare Board you may send your donation to P.O. Box 1422, Carrizo Springs, Texas 78834.

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MPB Members of the Week

This week, the MPB would like to recognize two musicians as members of the week, Emilio Arce and Ashley Mendiola.

Emilio is a Freshman this year at CSHS and he has been with the band program as a member of the trombone section since his sixth grade year. Emilio's mother is Ms. Anna Marie Miranda. This year, as Emilio got his first taste of marching season he helped the MPB to reach the finals at UIL Area marching contest in Cal Allen.

As well as the MPB, Emilio is a member of the CSHS cross country team, the power lifting team, and CSHS track.

Emilio says band is probably the most fun thing about being in school right now.

Ashley is a Sophomore this year at CSHS and she has been with the band program as a clarinet player since her sixth grade year as well. Ashley's parents are Mr. Carlos and Mrs. Rosalinda Mendiola.

During her Freshman year Ashley helped the MPB achieve its 16th consecutive Sweepstakes award. This year, she helped again as the band advanced to the finals at UIL Area marching contest.

Ashley says "I've been involved with band since the beginning of Junior High and now I've enjoyed it so much more from competitions to concerts and concert and sight reading contest band. It has always been an activity that I love doing, that is why I spend most of the time practicing and playing. Band wouldn't be as much fun if it weren't for the dedicated band directors that make both learning and playing exciting. I'm so glad that I have two more years with the infamous MPB!"

Congratulations! to Ashley and Emilio from each of the MPB staff on being chosen this week's members of the week! We appreciate all of your hard work and dedication to the program.

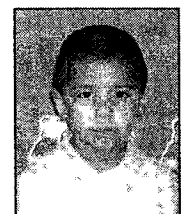


Emilio Arce



Ashley Mendiola

Big Wells Elementary Students of the Month For November



Jose Luis Garza, III, Saul Rodriguez, and Ricardo Garza

Big Wells Elementary is very proud to announce the students of the month for November. Students are selected based on the following qualifications: Listening carefully, working quietly, being considerate, following directions, being respectful, and playing safely and well with others.

Ms. Isanelli Ortiz/Pre-K:

Student of the month:

Jose Luis Garza III, son of Jose Luis Garza Jr. and Griselda Ponce-Garza. Jose Luis loves to play with his computer and drive his truck. His favorite color is blue and says he wants to be a race car driver. Jose Luis enjoys reading books and exercising

at home and at school.

Ms. Maria Mata/Kindergarten:

Student of the month:

Saul Rodriguez, son of Rogelio Rodriguez and Maria Barrera. Saul loves to ride his bike. He enjoys working on puzzles at school. His favorite color is red and says he wants to work for the Border Patrol.

Ms. Bobbie Ivy/1st Grade:

Student of the month:

Ricardo Garza, son of Maria Quintero. Ricardo loves to go to school. He likes to make puzzles. His favorite color is green and says he wants to be a police man when he grows up.

Congratulations for being selected "Students of the Month" at Big Wells Elementary! A job well done!

Chamber of Commerce announces Upcoming Community Events

• December 17: Andy's Restaurant, Carrizo Springs - Owners Xavier and Maria Martinez invite the public to join them as they celebrate the fifth anniversary of their business. Chamber office will be on hand for a Grand Re-Opening and Ribbon Cutting. Event begins at 3:00 p.m. Please join us for this great occasion.

• Cancer Support Group Meetings on Last Tuesday of the Month at 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall at First Baptist Church facilitated by Mrs. Jeanette Coleman. For more information call 876-2160.

Preparation by Eighth Grade Critical to College/Career Readiness

Iowa City IA—Students who aren't on track for college and career readiness by eighth grade are unlikely to attain that level of readiness by high school graduation, according to "The Forgotten Middle," a new research report by ACT, Inc.

The findings suggest the level of academic achievement that students attain by eighth grade has a bigger impact on whether they are ready for college and career by the time they graduate than any single factor examined, including courses taken, grades earned in high school and demographic characteristics such as gender, race, and household income.

"Eighth grade is a critical defining point for students in the college and career planning process," said Cynthia B. Schmeiser, president and chief operating officer of ACT's Education Division. "If students are not on target for college and career readiness by the time they reach this point, the impact may be nearly irreversible."

The findings suggest that few U.S. eighth-graders are currently on target to be ready for college-level work by the time they graduate from high school. Only 16 percent of the recent high school graduates studied in ACT's research had met or surpassed the organization's College Readiness Benchmarks in all four subject areas—English, math, reading and science—on EXPLORE, the organization's eighth grade assessment of academic skills. Students who meet those benchmarks are on target to be college-ready by the time they graduate from high school. College readiness is defined by ACT as having a high likelihood of earning a "C" or higher in first year college courses in each subject area.

Conversely, the report suggests being on target for college and career readiness by eighth grade puts students on a trajectory for success in high school and beyond. Among three groups of eighth grade students studied—those who were on target, those who just missed being on target, and those who were more substantially off target—only those who were on target in eighth grade were ultimately ready for college and career by their junior or senior year of high school.

The implications of this research are clear, said Schmeiser. "If we want to improve college readiness among U.S. high school graduates, we need to intervene before students reach high school in upper elementary and middle school. The findings impact not only how we prepare students leading up to high school but in what strategic ways we intervene with those who are behind academically in high school. Both elements are critical for ensuring that our high school grads are ready for college and career. Our students deserve it, and our nation demands it."

The need to build the foundation for college and career readiness well before high school is a topic that has at times been overshadowed on a crowded education reform agenda. Perhaps the most notable recent focus on reform has been in U.S. President-elect Barack Obama's education plan, which places significant emphasis on improving high school achievement and graduation rates by reforming education in the upper elementary and middle school grades. The plan would require states to develop early-warning systems that identify at-risk students in grades 5 through 8 and provide interventions that help those students succeed.

ACT's report lays out the specific knowledge and skills in English, math, reading, and science that students must attain by the end of eighth grade to be on target for college and career success.

The report also offers several recommendations to educators and policymakers on how to improve college and career readiness among high school graduates, including the following:

• Focus K-8 (kindergarten through eighth grade) standards on the knowledge and skills that are essential for college and career readiness, and make these nonnegotiable for all students.

• Monitor student progress toward college and career readiness beginning in upper elementary school and continuing through middle school and intervene with students who are not on target to becoming ready.

• Improve students' academic behaviors (homework compliance, attendance and other aspects of academic discipline).

• Increase federal and state support for schools to implement intervention programs that help all students become ready for college and career.

ACT's report, "The Forgotten Middle," is available for viewing and free downloading on ACT's website at the following URL: <http://www.act.org/research>

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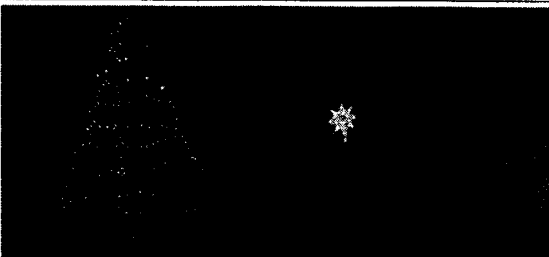
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A tranquil and peaceful photo opportunity of county courthouse tree and Nativity set.

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Weather Forecast

Wednesday Night Mostly cloudy, with a low around 46. Southeast wind around 5 mph.

Thursday Partly sunny, with a high near 68. South-southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. South-southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north-northeast.

Friday Partly sunny, with a high near 71. North wind around 10 mph becoming south-southeast.

Friday Night Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47. South wind around 10 mph.

Saturday Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. South wind around 10 mph.

Saturday Night Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31.

Sunday Partly sunny, with a high near 45.

Sunday Night Partly cloudy, with a low around 21.

Monday Mostly sunny, with a high near 45.

Texas Forest Service urges Texans to use caution with fireworks this holiday season

Dec. 10, 2008 - COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Many areas across the state will be in danger of accidental wildfires this month as some Texans celebrate the holiday season with fireworks.

Fireworks are commonly linked to Christmas and New Year festivities, but Texas Forest Service warns the outcome can be disastrous if proper safety precautions are not taken.

"Many Texans will be using fireworks to celebrate Christmas and the New Year," Texas Forest Service Fire Operations Chief Mark Stanford said. "TFS wants Texans to use fireworks safely in order to protect themselves and to avoid accidentally starting wildfires."

Under Texas law, county government officials have the authority to restrict certain types of aerial fireworks when drought conditions exist or when hazardous fuel conditions are present during the winter months. County officials also consider drought conditions when determining outdoor burn bans for their counties. Texas Forest Service does not make decisions regarding restrictions on fireworks or outdoor burning bans. The state agency does, however, provide drought condition information to counties.

Currently, many parts of Texas are in danger of accidental wildfire because of continued drought. Most of Central and West Texas is experiencing drier than normal conditions. In Southeast Texas, debris from Hurricane Ike and vegetation killed by saltwater is contributing to the problem, as is cleared debris that remains from Hurricane Rita.

Tips for the safe use of fireworks:

- Adhere to all county and city fireworks laws.
- Use fireworks outdoors away from dry grass and buildings.
- Read fireworks labels and use only as directed. DO NOT ALTER THE PRODUCTS.
- Use only with adult supervision.
- Keep water, wet towels and a garden hose nearby.
- Allow fireworks to cool completely before handling.
- Discard used fireworks into a bucket of water.

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TRIBUNE NEWS

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Civic center setting for Christmas Market Day

By JESSICA SHEPARD
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The Bay City Civic Center will be filled with activity and Christmas cheer from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, when Market Days is moved indoors for the holiday.

There will be 114 vendors this year filling all of the available booths. Vendors are donating items to be raffled off for door prizes.

Attendees can pick up tickets from the

chamber booth as they enter the doors. Entry to Market Days is free of charge.

Ticket numbers will be called out all day, meaning that to win a door prize a person must be present.

The majority of the vendors are arts and crafts specialists, but there are a few surprises such as plants, books, T-shirts and paintings for sale also.

Signature Studios will be present for portraits with Santa.

There also will be a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

STP: Current schedule calls for work to begin in '09

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January 2008 had developed a 22-chapter manual that was submitted to ASME together with the company's application for the certificate.

As part of its formal review of the manual, ASME sent a team to STP in early November.

"They interviewed members of the team and our management to make sure we understood the ASME and quality assurance requirements for new plant design and construction," Walker said.

The certificate, which is an NRC prerequisite for new plant construction, is the first one awarded for a new unit project nationwide. It is the latest in a series of milestones for STP Units 3 and 4.

In September 2007, the company filed an application with the NRC for a license to build and operate Units 3 and 4.

The federal application was the first for a new nuclear plant in the U.S. in 29 years.

A revision to the application, designating Toshiba as the engineering, procurement and construction contractor for Units 3 and 4, was submitted to the NRC in September 2008.

Toshiba has built several plants in

Japan using the same Advanced Boiling Water Reactor design selected for the new STP units.

The current STP project schedule calls for initial site work to start in the second half of 2009. Excavation for the new units is scheduled to begin in 2010. STP Units 3 and 4 will help secure Texas' growing demand for energy.

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which operates the statewide grid, estimates the state's electricity demand will increase more than 20 percent in the next seven years and by nearly 50 percent by 2025.

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By Marianne Carroll

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consumers greater leverage with corporations and businesses, from Wal-Mart to the mom and pop dry cleaner down the street.

Today, Texas families are able to shop around for products and services historically limited by monopolies or government agencies, such as telephone and electricity services. Some have criticized moving these vital services into competition as "privatization" or "deregulation," but public opinion research shows that

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Texans told pollsters
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out the meaning of our
own lives in each moment
that we live. Remember
such moment happens
only once and can never
be retrieved again.
-Robert Anderson

Work spent on from three
evils: boredom, vice, and
need" Voltaire

"When you hold resentment
toward another, you are
bound to that person or
condition by an emotional
link that is stronger than steel.
Forgiveness is the only way
to dissolve that link and set
free." Catherine Ponder

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DROWSY..

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the wheel having had too
little sleep. For example, 36
percent of teen drivers say
they frequently drive while
tired in the morning. Perhaps
more significant, they report
getting an average of only
7.2 hours of sleep on school
nights.

And that can have costly
outcomes.

According to the survey,
young people who get less
than eight hours of sleep per
night on average are twice
as likely to say they have
fallen asleep at the wheel (20
percent) than are teens who
report getting an average of
eight or more hours of sleep
per night (10 percent).

The National Sleep
Foundation (NSF), which
recently promoted Drowsy
Driving Prevention Week,

says that the practice is an
"under-reported and under-
recognized public safety
issue plaguing America's
roadways," pointing out that
it can be just as dangerous as
impaired driving.

They may be onto
something.

Drowsy driving causes
more than 10,000 crashes
each year, leading to 40,000
injuries and 1,530 deaths,
according to the National
Highway Traffic Safety
Administration.

Make no mistake about
it, the combination of
sleepiness, inexperience, and
a tendency to drive at night,
and in the early morning
hours puts young adults at
risk for drowsy driving
crashes.

Just as frightening are
some of the strategies teens
say they employ to try to

stay awake

Playing loud music (49
percent)

Talking on a cell phone

(22 percent)

Speeding (11 percent)

Text messaging (11
percent)

Other concerns about
sleepy teens include the
relationship between
insufficient rest and obesity,
depression, drug abuse,
and future cardiovascular
disease, according to Byron
J. Richards, a board-certified
clinical nutritionist, who told
NaturalNews.com, "Sleep
problems in children and
teens have reached a crisis
level in America."

So, what's the remedy?

More sleep.

The NSF recommends
that teens should be getting
between 8.5 and 9.5 hours
of sleep to be fully rested.

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Others say the best number
is even higher.

In either case, it sounds
like a simple solution. In
truth, it may be hard to
achieve.

First of all, developmental
prerogatives dictate that
teens need more sleep than
adults do - and just as their
natural sleep rhythms shift
to later cycles. In other
words, during adolescence,
teens are hard-wired to stay
up later at night and sleep
later in the morning. But
still, we want them with
early school starts and, often,
morning commitments on
weekends.

Thank goodness for the
holidays!

But then again, even
though they may have
more chance to rest, teens'
holiday schedules remain
cramped. And research

suggests that holiday periods
are particularly dangerous
times of year on roads and
highways.

What's a busy teen to do?

Here are a couple of tips
from the NSF.

Use the buddy system
- ask your passenger to
stay awake during the drive,
to help keep you awake,
and to share the driving
responsibilities.

If sleepiness acts in while
driving, prevent a crash by
pulling over to find a safe
place to take a nap.

Of course, Mom and
Dad have a role to play,
too.

Liberty Mutual/
SADD research reminds
us that parents are the most

influential voices in their
teens' driving behaviors

and that young people tend
to drive more safely when
they are incentivized with

family driving rules that are
enforced, such as:

Minimum sleep
requirements in order to
drive; No driving after 10
a.m. and No cell phone use
including text messaging.

Unfortunately, "early to
bed, early to rise" doesn't
sync well with suddenly
nocturnal teens who are
balancing late nights, early
mornings, and jam-packed
schedules. They want to do
it all, but our job is to help
them regulate competing
demands in a way that keeps
them safe behind the wheel.

Especially when they
have miles to go before they
sleep.

What you do speaks so
loudly that I cannot hear
what you say. -Ralph
Waldo Emerson

City of Sabinal receives TCEQ award for water quality

by Billie Franklin
Herald-Examiner correspondent

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has presented the city of Sabinal with the Total Capital Rule Program Award for 2007.

This award was presented in recognition of the contribution, dedication, and effort that Director of Public Works Aron Martinez and his staff have made to protect the public drinking water of the city while protecting the health of citizens and visitors.

The award was signed by Robert H. Johnson, section manager of the Public Drinking Water Section for the State of Texas.

This is the first time that the City of Sabinal has ever received such an award. Congratulations to Martinez and his staff.

City council meets
At the regular meeting of the Sabinal City Council, Nov. 24, Director of Public Works Aron Martinez explained the change in garbage pickup schedule due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Acting Police Chief Ronald Donohue explained that the police department had lost its accreditation under just administration and that he currently is rebuilding the department from the ground up. He also had rede-

signed approximately \$20,000 in equipment and purchased additional radios for the Sabinal Volunteer Fire Department fire of charge.

Council members voted to table a motion for a 3-way stop at Honda and Main Streets.

The council met in executive session to discuss the appointment or hiring of a police chief and the employment of police officer John Edd.

In open session Aron Martinez presented Police Chief Ronald Donohue as interim police chief with a six-month probation at an annual salary of \$32,000.

Donohue seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

No action was taken regarding Edd's employment status.

Honda citizen Don Nagle stated there was concern for the safety of Route 1 E and also of Honda. The meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

Police report
Interim Police Chief Donohue reported that on Nov. 28 at 501 N. Center St., an 80-year-old male was brought to the EMS complaining of chest pain. With a history of heart problems, he was transported to a hospital. In the

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300 block of East Fisher Street a truck loaded with horses was stopped so that the driver could secure his horse in the trailer. In the 800 block of North Main Street an officer assisted the EMS load a patient for transport to the 800 block of North Main Street. A divorced parent wanted to take custody of his child on a non-approved date. In the 800 block of North Houston Street police assisted EMS on a call concerning an unconscious diabetic female.

On Nov. 29 in the 500 block of East Main Street an unknown person took a game cube from a residence at 700 E. Peters St. An officer secured loose goats that had been on the roadway into a backyard. In the 200 block of West Main, a 5-year-old male and his mother were walking unattended. He was found walking unattended. He was given food and water and turned over to the Border Patrol.

On Highway 90 West a 34-year-old male was found driving while intoxicated with a child who was unrestrained. He was booked in the Uvalde County Jail for felony DWI and child endangerment. In

the 1200 block of North El Paso Street there was a complaint of loud music. The officer arranged for the volume to be turned down. In the 400 block of South Houston Street an all-terrain vehicle was on the public roadway. The rider was issued a warning. In the 400 block of North Houston Street a 22-year-old female was issued a citation for driving with an expired license.

On Nov. 30 in the 100 block of East Kennedy Street a 23-year-old male was threatening to beat his 22-year-old husband with a stick. In the 100 block of San Jacinto there was a report of an ATV on the roadway. In the 1000 block of North Center Street there was a report of a kitchen fire. The officer unplugged the appliance and advised the residents to have it fixed before using it again.

On Dec. 2 in the 1000 block of Country Road 19 an officer assisted the EMS treat a victim suffering from a suspected overdose.

On Dec. 3 in the 600 block of East Kennedy Street an officer responded to a disturbance and located a 37-year-old male with warrants issued in Medina County and DWI probation violation.

On Dec. 4 an officer responded to the 600 block of North Orange Street where there was a report of a physical altercation between a 25-year-old female and her 65-year-old male roommate. The case is under investigation. In the 300 block of North Kennedy Street an officer took a report of credit card abuse. There were unauthorized charges at Wal-Mart on the card. On Highway 90 West an officer assisted a Uvalde County Deputy with a wanted person.

Christmas Lighting Contest
The Sabinal Civic Club now has entry forms and boxes in place for their annual Christmas Lighting Contest. They have been placed at Brown's Deli and Grills, Center Food Mart, and Ross Video. Deadline for the entries is noon Tuesday, Dec. 16. At that time the entry boxes will be collected. In order to be considered for the prizes, who are from Uvalde, the entry forms must be in by that time.

The judging will take place at 6 p.m. It came evening. Your lights must be on that evening in order to have the judges come to your home for the contest. The prizes are apartments, businesses, churches and private homes. In the first three divisions first, second and third place ribbons will be awarded.

The homes will be greased into Christmas with character, patriotic and religious themes. They will be judged and receive ribbons for best-kept-out theme, most creative and best use of space. A sweepstakes ribbon

and the Yard-bell-the-bell with sign will be placed at the site of the judges' choice or the best-over-all decorations.

Arts and crafts offered
At the Sabinal Elementary Library, tonight at 5:30 p.m. there will be instruction on how to make projects for Christmas. This is open to parents and grandparents alike.

Group raising funds for gifts
Sabinal Youth First is a local non-profit organization. They give \$100 to raise money to purchase gifts for children for the 2008 Christmas season. If you would like to make a donation, it would be tax deductible. Checks should be made out to Sabinal Youth First and mailed to P.O. Box 541 Sabinal, TX 78881. If you have any questions or need more information call 988-2191.

The group is trying to collect enough money so that children ages 3 through 12 can each have a Christmas gift this year. They have held several bake sales at the elementary school and are very enterprising ladies. If you need a tax deduction this year, these ladies would appreciate your help.

Santa's coming
Next Wednesday, Santa will be on hand at First State Bank, Sabinal Branch. You can leave the moment captured in a picture courtesy of the bank.

Children will be busy
The Sabinal Civic Club will be visiting Live Oak Park. The fun will start at a little after 7 p.m. Watch for the fire truck watch for Santa and get ready for a good time at the park.

Civic Club meets
The Sabinal Civic Club met last Thursday at the new home of Mary Alice Jones. There was a good turnout for the party and the new home raised over \$500, which was then donated to the Sabinal Emergency Medical Services.

The refreshments were the best ever from hostesses Kim Brown, Julie Harris, Rosie Nicks, Meri Nixley and Martha Seidel. Everyone had a good time enjoying the lovely home, good food and fellowship.

Happy birthday
Jack Horton's family celebrated his 90th birthday with a family get-together and seated dinner at their home on Nov. 29. There were 14 family members in attendance including a niece and nephew from Elizabeth, Colo.

Last Saturday the family surprised Horton with a birthday party at Utopia. On the River they had the Sunday school class, church members and supper club friends. Hamburgers, beef and cake and cookies were served at this party. About 30 people attended.

Special guest
Laura Ford of Helotes, daughter

of Eva O'Day, came home for the day on Sunday and attended church with her mother.

Marianne Rogers was visiting his grandmother Mary Rogers and attended church with her Sunday.

Central Christian
In the sanctuary at Central Christian Church, bright red poinsettias reared on every window sill, and the grand piano surrounded the communion table and pulpit, were in the organ and a bill of pines filled the baptistry space. Two huge poinsettias plants were located in the foyer.

Hostesses Florence Russell and Anna Pearl Wooten arranged the tables and decorated the fellowship hall with burlap, poinsettias, gold snowflakes and pinecones, resting on greenery with gold and burgundy ribbons as accents. With green napkins and tablecloths in place, the room looked very festive as well as elegant. This was in preparation for last Sunday's holiday dinner which followed the church service.

The Christmas Story was the play the children will present Sunday. The little ones will be in full costume. They are under the direction of Amber Stone.

The selection for new church carpet was made and the pepper-corn color was chosen. Soon the sanctuary will have a new look.

The lights will be on at Central Christian in both the sanctuary and fellowship hall during the holiday season. That way the stained glass windows will be on display for all to enjoy.

First Baptist Church
In observance of Advent at First Baptist Church Ken Carey presented "Waiting in Penance" also in the Advent candle.

The church is collecting Christmas gifts for the Baptist Children's Home. The deadline for these gifts is Sunday, Dec. 21. Please mark the age and gender for which they are appropriate on the gifts.

First United Methodist
The children's Christmas pageant at First United Methodist Church was held Sunday evening. Family and friends enjoyed the little ones as they told the meaning of Christmas.

Tuesday evening the ladies of the church gathered at the home of Nettie White for their annual Christmas party. Each person brought some form of refreshments as well as a gift. The game of Chinese gift exchange was played at this party. Since this took place after my newspaper deadline I will report more later.

The Uvalde First United Methodist Church choir will perform their Christmas concert tonight at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets are \$5.00. The choir will be rehearsed under the direction of Susan Gerrish. The performance is open to the public and all are welcome.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
The holiday bingo was held Sunday evening at St. Patrick's Catholic Church with a great man in attendance. The drawing for the raffle was done by Abby Medley, daughter of Debra Medley. Mary gave prizes were given away at the bingo in addition to drawing. My personal wish was for the hand-crafted bird feeder. But, it was not to be.

Manitaws began at 6 p.m. tomorrow morning and will be

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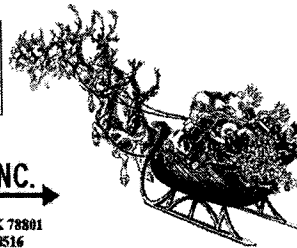
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Landeros plans to further education

by Billie Franklin
Landeros-News correspondent

May 18, 2008
Mando's Place will be open through December 31. Following that date, its future is uncertain. Landeros has decided to continue his education and wants to follow his lifelong dream of becoming an educator. I personally will miss his delicious chicken-fried steak but, maybe someday, my grandchild will benefit from his following his dream.

City council meets

At the regular meeting of the Sabinal City Council Dec. 8 following the usual order of business, Chief Donoghue addressed the council about the changes he has initiated. New lights are an improvement of the patrol cars, computers and other important equipment is now installed in the police cars and the officers are very pleased with the new 12-hour shifts. This offers them time for their own families.

Director of Public Works Aaron Martinez answered questions following his report about dogs being released in city-owned traps and Christmas decorations which can no longer be used due to no electric hook-ups on the light poles nor hangars for the decorations. He also reported on the recycling center. The city of Encinal has offered their cardboard press to the city of Sabinal. It has an electrical problem but is in almost mint condition. Letters about dogs and weeds have been sent out.

Municipal Judge Anita Hendon answered questions from the Council following her report about the new ticket books as well as explaining when her court dismisses a ticket due to a change of personnel and why.

The council decided to invite Santa Claus to visit the children at Live Oak Park Dec. 16 at about 7 p.m. The Sabinal Volunteer Fire Department agreed to assist him in any way they can.

City Secretary Betty Jo Harris reported that the Uvalde County Appraisal District had refunded surplus funds from the 2007 budget. The check for Sabinal's share was \$511.

It was decided that placing a nativity scene on city property would possibly create a problem from other religions. On the advice of City Attorney Steven Pota, it was decided not to leave one on city property.

It was decided to table legislation 18-10 and to amend both the Employee Employment Manual and the Police Department Policy Manual to allow a certified animal control officer to carry a firearm.

Ordinance 2008-09, which authorizes a three-way stop at the junction of Hondo and May streets, was approved by City Council.

Other items approved reimbursing Landeros \$50 per month for use of his cell phone, payable changes for the Sabinal Police Department and acceptance by the council of the new police structure with four officers including the chief.

A request for water service for Jo Helen Batist was tabled.

Police report

Interim Police Chief Ron J. Donoghue reported a number of cases for the week. In the 400 block of North Front Street on Dec. 5, a 28-year-old female

driver was issued a citation for no insurance. The vehicle was towed.

On Dec. 6 in the 600 block of North Center Avenue, a 38-year-old man was issued a citation for no license and no insurance. The vehicle was impounded. In the 800 block of North 13th Street, an officer was present while a child was picked up for visitation. In the 600 block of North Orange Street, a 25-year-old female alleged harassment from a 65-year-old ex-roommate. Finally that day, a North 11th and East Kennedy, a 25-year-old female repeat offender was issued a citation for no license and no insurance. The vehicle was impounded.

On Dec. 7 in the 500 block of North San Antonio Street, a 48-year-old man was arrested on an outstanding warrant issued by Maverick County for criminal non-support. In the 400 block of West Collins Avenue during school zone safety patrol, an officer observed a 2-year-old child running into oncoming traffic. Traffic was halted so that the child could be rescued by a relative. There were no injuries. In the 700 block of West Fisher Avenue, an officer was in attendance for the help of AirLife. A patient from Uvalde who had been involved in a motor vehicle accident was being transported to a San Antonio hospital. (By using the Sabinal and help of the helicopter, the patient was saved and the patient is rushed more quickly for help, which is critical in an emergency situation.)

Fire department report

The Sabinal Volunteer Fire Department attended five grass fires during the month of November. A bon fire on outdoor burning is currently in place in Uvalde County. Firemen request caution on the part of people using equipment that might cause sparks and said they hope that everyone will use caution with open flames.

On Nov. 3, there was a brush fire on the north end of Houston Street. On Nov. 3, there was a fire on County Road 225. On Nov. 7, they assisted with AirLife.

On Nov. 10, there was a fire at the junction of Highway 127 and County Road 334. On Nov. 14, there was a grass fire on 1st and Highway 30. Later the same day, they fought a grass fire on Highway 901st. On Nov. 22, the fire department stood in for an AirLife pickup.

On Nov. 23, a grass fire was put out 3 miles north on Highway 187. On Nov. 27, on Highway 90, West there was a grass fire put out one mile out of town.

On Nov. 30, a stove fire was extinguished at 1045 N Center St.

The number of grass fires has led to the suspicion of arson and the police are investigating.

Fireworks sales

The season of Christmas and New Year brings on the sale of fireworks. As a caution with the dry weather, I am personally watering my grass to protect my home from any fires that might start from a stray firecracker or cigarette.

I am going to suggest that others exercise the same caution by following suit. To have a

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home burn to the ground is not one of the gifts I want to receive this Christmas season nor do I want.

Recycling Center news

The newly formed Sabinal Recycling Center has been well received by the citizens of Sabinal. The hours remain from 8 a.m. to noon each Tuesday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Saturday. It is generating money for the city of Sabinal and has proven to eliminate space in the compactors at the landfill thus saving the city money. The center is pleased with the results also.

This is a reminder please do not attempt to save your Christmas wrapping paper for recycling. Because of the dyes used, the shiny finish and the tape involved that paper is not recyclable.

However, continue to save your plastic bottles (without caps please) that have a one or two mark on the bottom of the bottle. These are steel cans that have been rinsed and are free from foods and flammable cardboard. You are saving the city of Sabinal money that they would have to pay to have these items disposed of in the landfill saving the planet by eliminating a great deal of waste and helping the city of Sabinal recycle. All effort is appreciated.

Angel Food Ministry

On Saturdays at about 9 a.m., the Angel Food should be ready at the Church of Christ. While distribution is usually the fourth Saturday of the month because of Christmas. This was a week early in December because of the holidays. As you pick up your box, the next month's menu will be provided.

Angel Food Ministries does accept food stamps. The regular box offers balanced nutrition and a variety of food for a family of four for a week. The senior/caregiver box is a collection of 10 dinners that can be heated up in the microwave. There are also several specials offered with the purchase of the regular box or senior box.

Contact person in Sabinal for Angel Food is Kathy Spott. She can be reached at 591-8368 or 988-2081. The Web site to check the menu online is www.angel-food.org.

Benefit report

On Sunday afternoon at the Toys for Sabinal's Toys Basket-ball benefit, the silent auction raised well over \$100 and the cakewalk brought in about \$100.

A great many people turned out for the basketball game and everyone enjoyed the evening.

4-H Club news

The children in 4-H have had several projects recently. One project was the bake sale, which was a big success. Another project was decorating the park located across the street and south of the post office. Parents and children worked side by side to right up that area for everyone to enjoy.

The December 4-H meeting was held at the home of Em and Christina Thompson. Part of the fun was going cauldron in the neighborhood. Following the outing, goodies and warm drinks were provided for the caregivers.

Local members Colby Powell,

Hagen Talamantez, and Valerie Weston entered their pigs in the Dummit County Classic held in Carrizo Springs Dec. 7. Ver-ston's entry placed first in the heavyweight crossbred class and was awarded a ribbon placed as champion of the breed for which the prize was a clothing tag and then won Reserve Grand Champion of the show earning Valerie a buckle.

Powell placed third with his Hampshire pig and Talamantez placed fourth with his crossbred pig. The students representing 4-H and FFA clubs and are to be congratulated.

The next meeting will take place on Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Sabinal Public Library. To be eligible to enter your animal in the Uvalde County Livestock Show you must be passing all classes and have attended three meetings.

Up on the rooftop

Peggy Pappert is coming to Sabinal. He will be available for pictures and to visit with the children from 6:30 to 9 p.m. He will be sitting outside on her front porch. Be sure and bring the children by for a visit and a chance to sit on Santa's lap. Don't forget the camera, or in some cases, the cell phone.

This will be the final date for him to visit locally as he is getting very busy at the North Pole.

It's a boy!

Marty and Diana Musque are the proud parents of Benjamin Michael Musque, who was born at Methodist Hospital in San Antonio last Saturday. He weighed in at 7 pounds 1 ounce and measured 18 inches in length. He is welcomed by his



Students of East State School.

SHARING CHRISTMAS SPIRIT - First State Bank employees Krissy Rhodes and Sheila Carr present Johnny Moreno of Santa's Elves with Christmas gifts for underprivileged children. Several bank employees selected gifts and donated funds for the more than \$500 worth of Christmas gifts to help the Santa's Elves program. Gifts for Santa's Elves may be dropped off at Country Gardens and Seed at 403 S. Getty St. Gift distribution will begin today. The group also delivers food baskets and blankets to the elderly and shut-ins, and those donations may also be taken to the store. Call Yolanda Moreno at 278-2204 for more information.

big sister Lily. Paternal grandparents are Gloria and Inez Musque of Sabinal.

The maternal grandfather is Genaro Contreras of Uvalde.

Bake sale results
At the bake sale held Saturday in front of Mando's Place,

the ladies in attendance reported that \$400 dollars was raised. That money will be given to Liza Sloan to offset medical expenses. The people of Sabinal have a big heart and showed their love for her.

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"If it's not here they're going to house it in Eagle Pass or Uvalde," explained Del Fido Police Department Chief Waylon Bullard, noting the hampered response times if that happened.

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A few minutes later, the fights at City Hall came back on, and the council meeting began after a delay of only 15 minutes.

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Whoever is appointed would hold the job for two years, and run for election in 2010, against King or some other New York Republican. King said the appointment of Kennedy would not scare him out of the campaign.

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Fall Sports Awards Ceremony TODAY

The San Felipe Del Rio Consolidated Independent School District's Fall Sports Awards Ceremony will be held TODAY at the Del Rio High School's Little Theater at 6:30 p.m. The district's cross-country and volleyball athletes will be honored.

Border Youth Soccer Sets Registration Dates

The Border Youth Soccer League has established registration dates for the upcoming season. This is for boys and girls ages 4 through 18 for the 2009 season. The next date to register is Saturday Dec. 13 from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Plaza del Sol Mall. The fee is \$40 and a copy of birth certificate is required. (A late fee will be added after these dates).

Elks Hoop Shoot Saturday

The local, subordinate lodge "Hoop Shoot" for Del Rio Elks Lodge #837 competition is scheduled for Dec. 13. Registration will start at 11 a.m. and the competition will start at noon at the Del Rio Boys/Girls Club, 1101 De La Rosa Street. This event is open to all boys and girls ages 8-13. Parents do not have to be a member of the Elks for their children to compete. There is no fee to participate but parents need to bring the child's birth certificate to verify their age. Age groups are determined by the age of the child on April 1, 2009. Any questions should be directed to the Elks Lodge #837 at 775-2133 or Chairman Murry Kachel at 298-2097.

Cavaliers keep winning big as they stretch streak

By The Associated Press

Another fourth quarter off for LeBron James, who is going to have trouble winning a scoring title when he never gets to play the last 12 minutes.

No rest, though, for Tim Duncan and Tony Parker, who had to work overtime - two of them - to lead San Antonio over Dallas 133-126.

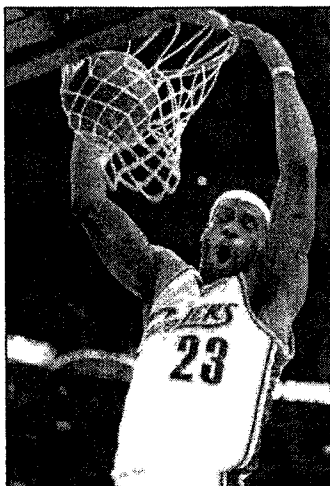
James scored 31 points and became Cleveland's career steals leader. Zydrunas Ilgauskas moved atop the team's rebounding chart, and the Cavaliers improved to 12-0 at home with a 114-94 romp over the Toronto Raptors on Tuesday night.

The Cavaliers, 17-1 since Nov. 3, became the first team in league history to win nine consecutive games in a single season by at least 12 points. Cleveland came in tied with Portland (1990-91), Chicago (1996-97), Detroit (2003-04) and Houston (2007-08).

"That's unbelievable," said James, the NBA's No. 2 scorer who sat out the fourth quarter for the sixth time in seven games. "Knowing the history of some of the great teams that went 72-10, the Celtics, the Lakers, the Pistons, it's unbelievable for our franchise to accomplish something like that."

In other NBA games Tuesday, it was Washington 107, Detroit 94; Utah 99, Minnesota 96; Chicago 105, New York 100; Houston 92, Atlanta 84; Phoenix 125, Milwaukee 110; Orlando 109, Portland 108; and Sacramento 113, the Los Angeles Lakers 101.

In Cleveland, James passed Mark Price (734) for the club's steals mark. The Cavs have won the nine games in their streak by an average of 21.5 points.



AP Photo/Mark Duncan
Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James (23) dunks the ball in the first quarter of an NBA basketball game against the Toronto Raptors on Tuesday in Cleveland.

"We're on the list of teams where LeBron doesn't even have to play in the fourth quarter," Raptors interim coach Jay Triano said.

Ilgauskas had 13 points and surpassed Brad Daugherty (5,227) as Cleveland's career rebound leader when he picked up a loose ball with 2:01 left before halftime.

Kings 113, Lakers 101
At Sacramento, Calif., Francisco Garcia and John Salmons scored 21 points apiece, and the Kings snapped an eight-game losing streak with one of the NBA's most improbable results of the young season.

Kobe Bryant scored 28 points on 9-of-25 shooting and Pau Gasol had 25 points and 12 rebounds for the Lakers, who had won three straight while

opening the season 17-2, matching the best start in franchise history.

Jazz 98, Timberwolves 96

At Minneapolis, Mehmet Okur hit the go-ahead shot with 1:7 seconds to play and Utah capitalized on 16 missed free throws by Minnesota in Kevin McHale's season debut as Timberwolves coach.

At Jefferson, led Minnesota with 21 points, Ronnie Brewer scored 25 points for the Jazz on the 20th anniversary of Jerry Sloan's promotion to head coach.

Suns 125, Bucks 110
At Phoenix, Shaquille O'Neal scored a season-high 35 points and the Suns beat Milwaukee in Phoenix for the 21st straight time, matching the San Antonio Spurs' string of 21 straight home

victories over Golden State for the longest active streak.

Charlie Villanueva scored 24 points. Michael Redd had 23 and Richard Jefferson added 22 for Milwaukee, which has lost six of its last eight games.

Wizards 107, Pistons 94

At Washington, Caron Butler scored 33 points, and the Wizards got a strong effort from their reserves to overcome a miserable start and rally past Detroit's redesigned lineup.

Richard Hamilton scored a season-high 29 points. Rashard Wallace added 19, and new starting point guard Rodney Stuckey had 10 points and 11 assists for the Pistons, who dropped to 7-9 since the trade for Allen Iverson.

Magic 109, Trail Blazers 108

At Portland, Ore., Hedo Turkoglu banked in a 3-pointer with less than one second remaining and Orlando rallied from a late eighth-point deficit.

Portland, which fell to 15-8 and into a first-place tie with Denver in the Northwest Division, was led by Brandon Roy, who scored a season-high 30 points.

Rockets 92, Hawks 84

At Houston, Yao Ming scored 24 points and grabbed a season-high 19 rebounds, and the Rockets rallied in the fourth quarter to hand the Hawks their 10th consecutive loss in Houston.

Bulls 105, Knicks 100
At Chicago, Larry Hughes hit a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 55 seconds to go, and Drew Gooden had a season-high 22 points and 16 rebounds.

At Harrington, shot 13 for 21 from the field and finished with 28 points to lead the Knicks. Chris Duhon scored 15, had 14 assists and grabbed nine rebounds in his return to the United Center.

Union appeals suspension, fine of Burress

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The NFL Players Association filed a grievance on Tuesday challenging the suspension and fine given to Plaxico Burress by the New York Giants after the receiver accidentally shot himself in a nightclub more than a week ago.

The union said that the team violated the collective bargaining agreement last week when it placed Burress on the reserve non-football injury list, suspended him for the final four games of the regular season and fined him an additional week's salary for conduct detrimental to the team.

Placing Burress on the non-football injury list also will keep him out of the playoffs. The Giants (11-2) won the NFC East title on Sunday.

Union spokesman Carl Francis said the grievance will be heard by an arbitrator after the season ends.

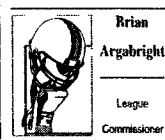
Under the contract that Burress signed in September, the Giants owe the Super Bowl star \$1 million of his signing bonus on Wednesday. Team spokesman Pat Hanlon had no comment on either the grievance or whether the team would pay the signing bonus.

Francis said the union would consider another grievance if the Giants withheld the payment.

Agent Drew Rosenhaus did not return either a e-mail or a telephone call left by The Associated Press seeking comment.

The union filed another grievance on Burress behalf earlier this year after the Giants suspended him for a game and fined him two weeks pay for missing a team meeting in September.

'The Last Man' league's final four teams set



THE 'LAST MAN' REPORT

We're down to the final four.

Three of the top four seeds in the Del Rio News-Herald's Last Man Standout Fantasy Football League have advanced to the semifinals of the league's playoffs and are in line to become the league's newest champion.

The No. 1 seed Roland Mills Logical Madness, earned a bye to the semifinals after winning its first round

match-up.

The No. 2 seed Albert Roman's Wicked Monkeys, moved into the semis after knocking off Jim Sutton's The Dream Team 131-124.

The No. 3 seed Austin Sutton's Prime Time Playaz, rolled into the semis after blowing out Floyd Robbins' Spinnerbats 125-73.

The No. 7 seed Jessica Garza's MomLovesDaBoys moved into the fourth and final spot after a 116-106 come from behind win over Emilio Galindo's Top Dawgs.

So this week's semifinals will pit Mills against Sutton and Ramon against Garza.

The final two teams left will battle over NFL weeks 16 and 17 to determine the overall league champion. Ramon's team had the highest output of the week behind double digit scoring from New England quarterback Matt Cassel (26 completions, 268 yards, 1 TD, 12 point conversion). Houston wide receiver Andre Johnson (4 catches, 55 yards, 1 TD). Arizona wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald (6 catches, 73 yards, 1 TD). Minnesota tight end Visanthe Shuler (5 catches, 65 yards, 1 TD). Houston kicker Kris Brown (3 field goals, 2 extra points) and the Baltimore defense (10 points allowed, 2 sacks, 2 interceptions, 1 fumble recovered, 1 TD).

Jim Sutton missed out on his chance to move into

the semis when one of his starters, Denver running back Peyton Hillis, left his game against Kansas City early with an injury. Hillis had already picked up 58 yards rushing and a touchdown and had one catch for 11 yards and probably would have done more.

Instead, the injury left Hillis stuck with nine points and Sutton wound up losing by seven.

Meanwhile, Garza went into Monday night's game between Carolina and Tampa Bay knowing she needed 23 points to overtake Galindo. The good news was she had Carolina's Steve Smith and the Carolina defense in her starting roster.

Smith did all the damage she needed, catching 9 passes for 117 yards and 1 touchdown and picking up 25 points. The defense added another seven points as they recorded five sacks and a blocked kick and allowed only 23 points.

The outcome could have been better for Garza. She used Pittsburgh's Hines Ward as one of her starters but he had one catch for 2 yards and picked up one point. On her bench was Tampa Bay's Antonio Bryant who finished Monday night with 9 catches for 200 yards and 2 TDs and a total of 36 points.

Robbins' team was also hit by the injury bug as he lost his starting quarterback, Minnesota's Gus

Ferrotte (7 completions, 70 yards) and one of his starting running backs, New York's Brandon Jacobs (52 yards rushing) before they could reach their usual stats. Combined they had 10 points and Robbins' other players couldn't overcome that.

As for the teams eliminated from the playoffs, this is how they stand:

The Dream Team (Jim Sutton) - 268 playoff points
Houston Oilers (Clark Gridley) - 236 playoff points

Top Dawgs (Emilio Galindo) - 231 playoff points
Bumps Boys (Robert Lashmiller) - 230 playoff points

Houston Cougars (Jason Gridley) - 193 playoff points

Gerald's Geniatrics (Gerald Herrera) - 162 playoff points

Spinnerbats (Floyd Robbins) - 160 playoff points

Del Rio Rush (Tony Martinez) - 148 playoff points

The outsiders (Frank Calzonetti) - 148 playoff points

Killa Kowboys (Allan Ramirez) - 144 playoff points

"The Last Man Report" is published every Wednesday in the Del Rio News-Herald. The Del Rio News-Herald's Last Man Standout Fantasy Football League is open to any and all interested persons. Team openings become available in August and are filled on a first come, first serve basis.

AVISO PÚBLICO DE APLICACIÓN DE AEP TEXAS CENTRAL COMPANY PARA APROBACIÓN DE REVISIONES PARA RIDER NDC CONFORME A LA REGLA SUSTANTIVA 25.303(g)(3)

AEP Texas Central Company (TCC) presentó el 24 de noviembre de 2008 a la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas (Public Utility Commission of Texas - PUC) una propuesta para cambio a los Cargos de Desmantelamiento Nuclear (Nuclear Decommissioning Charges - NDC) según Rider NDC propuesto para ser efectivo a partir del 30 de diciembre de 2008. TCC se requiere para ajustar los Cargos de Desmantelamiento Nuclear según Rider NDC conforme a la Regla Sustantiva 25.303(g)(3) de PUC después de la emisión de una Orden en un procedimiento en el cual PUC determine que un cambio es requerido en el monto anual de los fondos requeridos para el desmantelamiento de una planta nuclear en particular. Las Ordenes adoptadas en Docket No. 35772 (Aplicación de NRG South Texas LP para Revisión del Costo de Desmantelamiento de las Unidades 1 y 2 del Proyecto de South Texas), y Docket No. 35786 (Bruso de la Junta de Servicio Público de la Ciudad de San Antonio (CPS Energy) de la Recepción del Estudio de Desmantelamiento Actualizado) 1 Presentación Conforme a La Regla Sust. 25.303(g)(4)(A), colectivamente redujo el monto anual de los fondos a ser recolectados por TCC's Rider NDC de \$7,582,741 a \$3,300,980, lo cual es una reducción del 56%.

Rider NDC establece las tasas bajo las cuales los Cargos por Desmantelamiento Nuclear serán facturados y recolectados. Rider NDC está contenida en la Tarifa de TCC para Servicios de Entrega al Menudo en la Sección 6.1.1.1.

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