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SJC court opts to move cremains

By Tony Farkas
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COLDSRING — The San Jacinto County Commissioners Court were posed a unique question: What to do about Travis Wiley?

Eventually, a family member solved the problem of the disposal of the cremated remains, but only after the court opted to continue storing the two boxes, which had been in the evidence room at the Sheriff's Office since August.

Travis Wiley was a resident of the county; after serving a stint in jail, he was released and later died of a drug overdose. Following the cremation, Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Kim Webb turned remains over to the Sheriff's Office.

Detective Sgt. Michelle O'Laughlin

asked the court at its Wednesday meeting about what should be done about the remains, since state health and safety laws do not allow them to be stored there. She asked if the county, which paid for the cremation through indigent funds, if they could be buried.

County Judge Fritz Faulkner asked about efforts made to contact family, saying "if I tell you to go and sprinkle him on the courthouse lawn, I want to be sure we've tried to contact them."

He also said that since the county paid to have him cremated, it will not pay to have him buried.

"My fear is that family will show up and ask where he is," Faulkner said.

O'Laughlin said they attempted to contact family for three months, but the contact number was to a text-only phone and there was no response. She

also said that Heritage Funeral Home of Huntsville, which performed the cremation, will not take them back.

The court then opted to move the remains to be stored in the impound building.

On Monday, O'Laughlin said that a niece who had recently moved to the area came in the day after the court meeting and collected the remains.

In other business, the court:

- ended paying out comp time and overtime for detention officers;
- set hours for the 911/permitting officer at 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday;
- denied payment for \$49,000 worth of washers and dryers, and will contact the company to stop the transaction;
- tabled approval of the county hazard communication action plan;
- approved a \$2,500-limit credit card

for Precinct 4 Constable Brian Cosme;

- delayed approval of bids for demolition projects on county buyout properties;

- approved application for a solid waste grant and named David Brandon as grant administrator;
- approved the renewal of worker's compensation coverage;
- tabled naming a replacement to the investment committee;

- tabled approval on the retiree paid insurance policy for more information;
- approve repair of Rose Hill Cemetery Road;

- approved raising the cost of bulk disposal from \$15 to \$25 because the area landfill has raised prices on dumping mattresses; and
- accepted all bids for road materials and hauling for the coming fiscal year.



JOB FAIR

Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD College and Career Fair at COHS brought the Trojan community together with colleges, universities and trade schools as they explored opportunities for the future. COURTESY PHOTO

Local author's new book published

Special to the News-Times

SHEPHERD — Stephen Missick, a resident of Shepherd and pastor of King of Saints in Cleveland, has recently published his new book entitled "The Further Acts of the Apostles according to Abdias of Babylon, Disciple of Jesus Christ."



The book tells the inspirational, exciting, and dramatic stories of the 12 Apostles as found in the ancient sources.

The book is now available at Amazon.

"Many people who read the Book of the Acts of the Apostles are left with a curiosity about what happened to the 12 Apostles. Several accounts of their lives have survived in the writings of ancient historians and the Early Church Fathers," Dr. Missick said.

One of the ancient accounts of the lives of the 12 Apostles is the Apostolic History attributed to Abdias of Babylon, who, according to the tradition, was one of the 72 Disciples of Jesus. Luke's Gospel mentions the 12 Apostles in Luke 6:13, he mentions the 72 in Luke 10:1. Abdias is the Greek form of the Hebrew name "Obadiah," which means, "Servant of God."

"Oddly enough, Abdias of Babylon hasn't been translated into English, although it is often viewed as one of the most ancient and authoritative accounts of the lives of the Twelve Apostles," Missick said. "I had to reconstruct the text from long quotations

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Thursday's it to apply for hurricane disaster assistance

Special to the News-Times

AUSTIN — Texas homeowners, renters and businesses that experienced property damage or losses after Hurricane Beryl, including those who are insured, have one more week to apply for FEMA disaster assistance and/or a U.S. Small Business Administration disaster loan.

The deadline to apply for a grant from FEMA or an SBA disaster loan is Thursday, Oct. 10.

To apply with FEMA, visit DisasterAssistance.gov; use the FEMA mobile app; call the Disaster Assistance Helpline at 800-621-3362; or notify FEMA staff at a Disaster Recovery Center. To find the closest center, use the DRC Locator.

Insured applicants are also encouraged to file their insurance claims as soon as possible.

FEMA funding that duplicates what your insurance settlement covers must be repaid. FEMA assistance is not taxed and will not affect Social Security, Medicaid or other federal benefits.

Help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service. People who are deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech disability, may call 711 to access telecommunications relay services.

The U.S. Small Business Admin-

istration offers low-interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, private nonprofit organizations, and businesses of any size. Apply for an SBA disaster loan online at SBA.gov/disaster or call 800-659-2955. SBA representatives are available to provide one-on-one assistance to disaster loan applicants at Disaster Recovery Centers and SBA Business Recovery Centers throughout the affected area. Please call the SBA's Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955 for further assistance.

For more information about Texas disaster recovery, visit: fema.gov/disaster/4798. Follow FEMA Region 6 on social media at x.com/FEMARegion6 and on Facebook at facebook.com/FEMARegion6.



AUDITION SOUNDS GREAT

Shepherd ISD Band Students auditioned for the Association of Texas Small School Bands Jazz Band, and all three students made the All-Region and All-Area Band roster, and have submitted a recording for State Auditions. Winning were Senior Stormei Harrell, tenor sax; Senior Marcelino Beiza, alto sax; and Sophomore Kody Pippin, drums. COURTESY PHOTO

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LAKE LIVINGSTON DATA AS OF OCT 7		TRINITY RIVER DATA AS OF OCT 7	
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Discharge	1796 cfs	Weekly rainfall	0.00in
Weekly rainfall total	0.00 in		



As temps drop, county events heating up

There is a lot happening in our county, and more is coming as the holiday season begins. The Coldspring VFD will hold its fifth annual Fire Fest on Oct. 26, starting at 10 a.m. at the Fire Station location, 20 Hill Ave.

Entry is free to all to enjoy a silent auction, scarecrow contest, chili cook off, pie contest, gun raffle and candy, fun and more. Business owners are invited to have a booth to advertise their business.

For more information call Kathryn Hall at (936) 718-7436.

- Shepherd VFD enjoyed ice cream and peach cobbler after their meeting. From their photo it looks as though they all were ready to get started. Chief Jenkins is center, his wife Amy with Charlie the dog and mom Myrna at the end. Thank you to both teams of First Responders for all they do.

- Halloween is coming. The City of Shepherd, with the EDC hosting the event, will have a Treat Night

Did You Know

By Yvonne Cones



on the evening of Halloween at the Community Center Park. Time is not yet confirmed but will soon be announced.

If you do not know, The Haunted Jail will be ready to scare you on the evenings of Oct. 25-27 from 6:30-10 p.m. Cost for adults is \$10 and for children \$5. This is always a special event, with actors in the roles of scary creatures such as werewolves, witches, ghosts and so on. You have an opportunity to see the museum which was a real jail last century till the mid-1980s. Downstairs were the living quarters of the jail keeper and family; upstairs are the cells for the

inmates.

Located in Old Town Coldspring at 200 Slade Ave., this event is hosted by the SJC Historical Commission. Go to their Facebook and web site for more information. Information on the raffle fundraiser for the Historical Commission coming soon.

- Both political parties have upcoming events. Both are on Oct. 12. Democrats are having a Fall Gala with music, a live auction and fun. It will be in Jones Auditorium in Coldspring, starting at 6 p.m. Candidates featured are Laura Jones for U.S. Representative District 8; Lauren Ashley Simmons for Texas House District 146; and Katherine Culbert for Railroad Commission. Tickets are \$40 each, \$300 for a table of 8. Call (936) 252-8453 or go to SJCDemocrats.org.

The Republican Party of our county is having a Fun-raiser on Oct. 12. Yes, a Fun-raiser with lots of fun including food and kids activities. Running from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at

the headquarters in Coldspring, the whole family is invited to come out and enjoy the day. Located at 201 Highway 150 with more information at SanJacGOP.com/events.

- On Thursday, SJC Women's League will host guest speaker Karen Smithson who will talk on "Using Social Media at Any Age." A lot of us know something about using social media but do not know how to send photos, avoid scams, etc. Lunch will be \$15, and members are asked to remember to RSVP.

- Coldspring Chamber of Commerce held its last of the year luncheon last week. Diners were treated to chicken piccata, wild rice, asparagus and delicious chocolate chip brownies. The students of the Culinary Arts Class created all of the food with their teacher introducing each one to the diners. Chamber President Jennifer Hoff with VP Candira Johnson gave a State of the Chamber talk and introduced to board and other community leaders.

It was a very enjoyable lunch.

- Coldspring Garden Club held its October meeting with a very interesting presentation of how to make a Living Wreath, with all the plants being rooted into the soil inside the round container, made with moss and wire, soil, hessian cloth and some fertilizer.

We were all given a handout on bluebonnets, planting information included. President Rhonda Sherling introduced her board and introduced new members and guests.

- Ladies of the Red Hat Club will meet on Friday at the SJC Senior Center in Coldspring for lunch. Everyone sends Wanda Gardner a get-well wish and hopes to see her there.

Contact the Shepherd Chamber of Commerce at (210) 995-7420 or the Coldspring Chamber at (936) 653-2184.

Yvonne Cones is president of the Shepherd Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Coldspring Chamber of Commerce.



Coldspring Garden Club President Rhonda Sherling introduces her board members. COURTESY PHOTO



The culinary arts department students of Coldspring -Oakhurst High School. COURTESY PHOTO



President Jennifer Hoff speaks at the Chamber luncheon. COURTESY PHOTO

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AREA DIGEST

WCGS Genealogy Event

The Walker County Genealogical Society and Huntsville Public Library will host its annual Genealogy Network of Texas Genealogy Smorgasbord starting at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 18 at the Huntsville Public Library Stagg Community Room.

Five genealogy programs that range from basic genealogy to naturalizations to writing family stories and more are available.

The event is free and open to everyone. For information, visit the WCGS website at wcgtx.org or the Huntsville Public Library website at myhuntsvillelibrary.com, or call Mary Kokot at (936) 291-5471.

The presentations also are available online at these sites.

Bingo night set

The Waterwood Women's League is hosting a community-wide bingo night on Oct. 19 from 5:30-9 p.m. at the Waterwood Pavilion to raise money for its 2025 Scholarship Fund.

Events include a silent auction of special items, a raffle, door prizes and cash prizes for the winners.

Each year the league gives out one four-year scholarship of \$1,000 to a deserving student and/or a one-time \$1,000 technical scholarship. Since 1984 to date, more than \$150,000 in scholarships have been awarded. When recipients meet a required GPA, WWL gives the student \$1,000 per semester for up to four years.

Waterwood Women's League is a non-profit organization 501 (c) (3) foundation that has been in existence since 1976. The objective of our league is to aid in the quality of life for the women of Waterwood and to support the community with annual scholarship funds to local high school students.

Chamber seeks help

The Coldspring Chamber of Commerce is seeking donations for goodie bags to be given to car show contestants at this year's Wolf Creek Car, Truck, and Bike Show.

Only the first 250 contestants to register get a goodie bag filled with these items.

Contestants travel from all over to attend our car show, and this is a great opportunity to advertise a business; there also are many area residents who participate in the event.

Items that are car-related, as well as pens, notepads, air fresheners, key chains, lanyards, stickers, chip clips, magnets, etc. are examples of the things that can be used.

The chamber needs 250 of each item. To donate items, drop off items at the Chamber office during our hours, Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Fundraiser set

The SAAFE House annual Lures & Lace bingo fundraiser has been delayed until Aug. 23, 2025.

Organizers feel that in light of the serious weather events of the last several months, it is better that the community focus on rebuilding

The event will be held at the San Jacinto County Storm Shelter, 255 Live Oak Drive, in Coldspring, to support SAAFE House and its endeavors in San Jacinto County. Money raised at the event stays in the county to help residents in need.

Call SAAFE House at (936) 291-3529, Shelby at (936) 284-5580 or Tammy at (936) 284-5547 for information.

Association offers assistance

The Community Assistance Program offered by the Houston Food Bank provides application assistance for SNAP, Medicaid, and other state benefits. The Referral Partner Program goes a step further with assistance in finding resources beyond food assistance.

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For more information, call Houston Food Bank at (832) 586-8579 or visit www.houstonfoodbank.org/cap.

Libraries seeks donations

The Coldspring and Shepherd public libraries are partnering with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to provide free, high-quality, age-appropriate books to children from birth through 5 years.

To build a strong culture of reading for young children and increase early literacy in San Jacinto County, the library is seeking donors to contribute to our project.

For a \$25 annual donation, the Coldspring Library and the Imagination Library will mail 12 books directly to a registered child's home. The child must reside in San Jacinto County and be registered by an authorized adult.

Since launching in 1995, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has become the pre-eminent early childhood book-gifting program in the world. The flagship program of The Dollywood Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, has gifted more than 182 million free books in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia, and The Republic of Ireland.

For more information on the program, please visit imaginationlibrary.com. To register, visit either library.

Veterans museum hosts events

HEARTS Veterans Museum hosts HAM radio class/testing at the Walker County Storm Shelter on the second Saturday of every month from 9-11 a.m.

For more info email festival@hearts-museum.com or call (936) 295-5959.

AUTHOR

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found in medieval texts and descriptions found in New Testament Apocrypha."

Stephen Missick also illustrated the book with over 40 drawings.

"I believe that we are in desperate need of spiritual renewal, and one of the ways to seek it, is in the lives and testimonies of the men who Jesus chose and entrusted his message with after the crucifixion," he said.

Dr. Stephen Andrew Missick is an ordained minister of the Gospel. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in history from Sam Houston State University, and a Master of

Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He earned a doctorate from Houston Graduate School of Theology.

He served as a soldier in Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2003 to 2004. He served as a Chaplain in Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2009 to 2010.

He served for four years as a Chaplain on the border mission (Operation Guardian Support, Operation Secure Texas, Operation Lionheart, and Operation Lone Star) from 2018-2020.

He is the author of several books, which includes, "The Saint Jude Thaddeus Storybook," "The Ennead," and "The Language of Jesus: Introducing Aramaic," among others.



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Oct. 14-18

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Call by 10:30 a.m. to reserve a meal.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday is Texercise. Tuesday is line dancing. Thursday is bingo. Friday is karaoke.

MONDAY: Chicken alfredo, California blend vegetables, Caesar salad, garlic rolls.

TUESDAY: Smothered pork chops, roasted potatoes, spinach with eggs, cornbread.

WEDNESDAY: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, green lima beans, rolls.

THURSDAY: Barbecue McRib patty on a bun, ranch potato salad.

FRIDAY: Fish, potato wedges, coleslaw, hush puppies.

• **Shepherd Senior Citizens Center** | (936) 628-3733

Second Tuesday of each month includes birthday cake for dessert.

Bingo is Oct. 9, 16, 23 and 30. Bag Day is Oct. 18. Craft Days are Oct. 10, 17, 24 and 31. A fall fundraiser with barbecue baked potatoes will be Oct. 20.

MONDAY: Chicken spaghetti, greens, garlic bread, peach cobbler.

TUESDAY: Liver and onions, mashed potatoes and gravy, squash, cookie bars.

WEDNESDAY: Pork roast, carrots and potatoes, broccoli, ice cream.

THURSDAY: Sausage, pinto beans and rice, sliced onions, cornbread, fruit.

FRIDAY: White sauce enchiladas, charro beans, cilantro lime rice, sopapilla cheesecake.

COCISD fishers reel in awards

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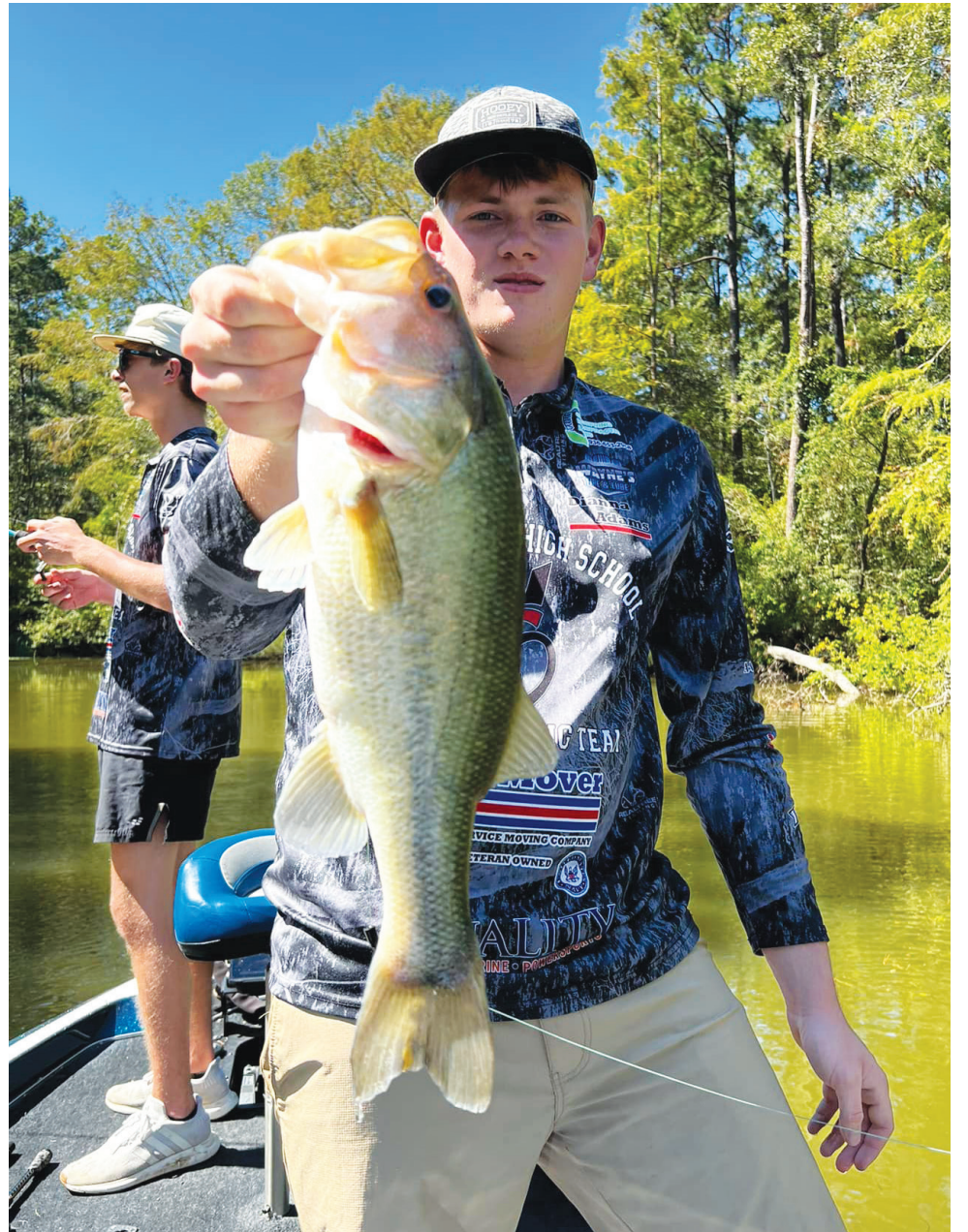
The COHS Fishing Team landed a second-place award in the first tournament of the year.

The anglers participated in a Texas High School Bass Association contest on Sept. 28 on Lake Houston.

Five teams of two took to the tough Lake

Houston and showed off their skills as a whole, and came in second overall out of 150 teams.

Individually, the team of Dillon Key and Bryce Fulcher finished 12th; Brandon Oehlein and James Clark finished 13th; Morgan Thornton and Raven Thornton finished 17th; Brayden Sherman and Brooks Bowen finished 86th; and Nash McNew and Keith Green finished 87th.



Anglers from the Coldspring-Oakhurst CISD fishing team display the end result of their tournament on Lake Houston on Sept. 28, coming in second overall. COURTESY PHOTO



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OPINION

VIEWING IT DIFFERENTLY

Two long-time newspaper editorial writers have agreed to take on the editorial pages, with their views on a variety of subjects. We welcome your comments.

Donald Trump's apocalyptic vision for America

Have you noticed the incredible decline in American society? According to Donald Trump, it's nearly impossible to miss. Just step outside your front door, and you might encounter the dangerous world he describes—where, in his words, roving bands of immigrants with AR-15s have taken over, and even your pets aren't safe.

Democracy thrives on citizens' trust. When that trust erodes, it opens the door to radical, even violent responses. If people believe that the system is rigged or ineffective, they may turn to extra-legal measures, including violence, to "save" the country.

Trump's words have already had real-world consequences, from the rise of political violence during his first campaign to the January 6 insurrection. His persistent calls to "fight" and "take back our country" have inspired some of his supporters to see themselves as soldiers in a battle for America's soul.

January 6 rioters as "patriots," signaling his approval of their actions. As Trump continues to depict the nation in apocalyptic terms, this dangerous trend could worsen, emboldening far-right militias and extremist groups who view themselves as defending the country from a corrupt government.

There is another aspect to Trump's vision: it sets the stage for authoritarian solutions. If America is as broken as he claims, then only a strongman—someone willing to break the rules—can fix it. This is a classic authoritarian tactic: invent a crisis, then present yourself as the sole solution.

History shows that authoritarian regimes often rise by exploiting crises, real or imagined. Trump's dystopian rhetoric, combined with his authoritarian inclinations, threatens to erode America's democratic foundations. As he deepens divisions within the country, Trump's apocalyptic vision further pushes the U.S. toward unrest.

When political rhetoric becomes so extreme that it dehumanizes opponents, the possibility of reconciliation fades. Trump's dystopian narrative does not offer solutions; it accelerates polarization, pushing the country closer to civil unrest.

Ultimately, Trump's rhetoric represents more than exaggerated campaign talk. It's a deliberate and dangerous narrative that threatens to erode trust in democracy, incite violence, and pave the way for authoritarianism. In this critical moment, we must reject the apocalyptic vision Trump offers. The country is not beyond repair, and the solutions lie in renewing our faith in democracy and rebuilding trust in its institutions.

The views expressed in this editorial are those of Jim Powers and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Polk County Publishing or its affiliates. In the spirit of complete transparency, I am politically Left-Libertarian. Readers are encouraged to engage with a variety of perspectives on this issue.



Just Jim
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Here me now: speech is speech, and deserves protection

If you were paying attention to the vice-presidential debate, you would have gotten a whiff of what the liberal goons are cooking, and that is true censorship.

It's part of the game played by the cretins who want to keep power: change the definition of things so it no longer fits into the protective cover provided by law — like claiming a fetus isn't a human being deserving of protection since it lives inside a woman.

Walz, in his goon-like manner, claimed that misinformation and

limits will be, which is why the framers of the Constitution said no limits whatsoever.

But look at how the language is used when calling out misinformation — it's carefully crafted to denigrate only the words that are in direct conflict with the politically correct stance. Look at how the word racism has expanded from people hating specific races to everything that even remotely — or not so remotely — affects a protected class of people. Aptitude and proficiency tests are racist, voter ID requirements are racist, even the slogan "Make America Great Again" has been deemed racist. (However, calling racism when there is none, such as the fetid white privilege scam, is not racist, even though it's directed at a specific race. Go figure.)

Obviously, the mouth monitors will go with the winning side. A second problem, again using the white privilege scam as an example, is these proposed rules will never be applied equally, and always to the benefit of the authority du jour.

A more recent example, also, is calling it racist, homophobic and even censorship for people wanting sexually explicit material removed from school libraries. Since it's deemed misinformative to want to keep books explaining oral sex away from children because it is hateful to the LBGTLMNOP crowd, we'll carry torches and pitchforks against any naysayers.

The argument that parents and others want to keep things age-appropriate (and maybe have teachers deal with things like math, science and language arts) is actually censorship flies in the face of other things, like the parental guidance ratings given to movies, television programs and music containing sexually explicit or expletive-laden lyrics.

The inequality in application of language laws, as well as the need for policing language deemed misinformative or hateful, is seriously not about anything other than control. Orwell said as much, saying control thought, you control the person.

It to me is amazing that the framers were so far-sighted as to predict the need for the protection of speech. It's up to us to keep the dream alive, and that must include being able to speak our piece.

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My Two Common Sense
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hate speech are not protected by the First Amendment to the Constitution. However, the amendment quite clearly, and in less than a full sentence, states that Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech.

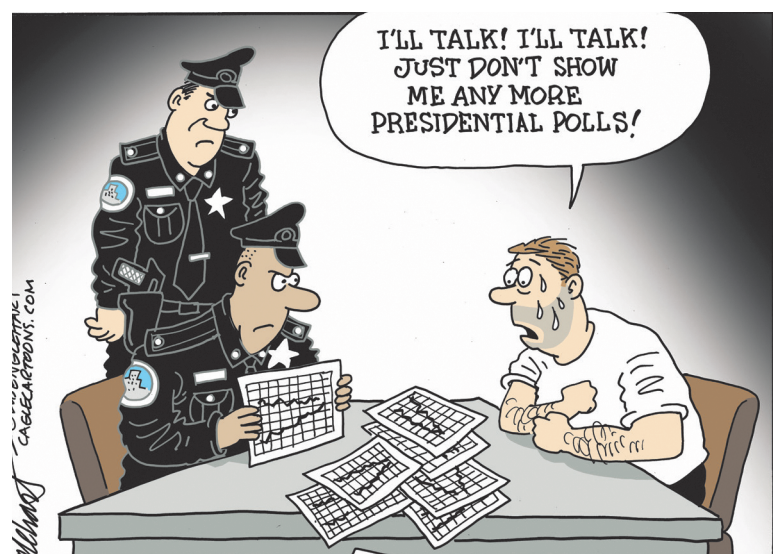
Walz trotted out the tired, and judicially negated, "can't yell fire in a crowded movie theater" trope as a prop to show that there's a real good reason to limit speech.

But in the minds of the power-mad, if you call something bad, and call it bad often enough, then cultural zeitgeist will kick in and people will automatically say that bad things cannot be disseminated in any form.

Mark Zuckerberg admitted to throttling anything on Facebook deemed bad by the Biden administration over COVID because it went against the will of the powers that be; perpetual election loser Hillary Clinton is calling for criminal penalties for "misinformation" on the web; even emergency backup presidential candidate Kamala Harris said that social media is putting out "misinformation" with out any sort of regulation and it has to stop.

Of course, the sheeple who buy in to the whole "decency is on the ballot" trope will echo this sentiment wholeheartedly and even physically, all the while the lot of them will claim that free-speech proponents are actually the ones doing the censorship.

One of the many problems that exist with this "idea" is that who decides what is hate speech or misinformation? Obviously, the people pushing for limits are the people who decide what those



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DPS bolsters One Pill Kills campaign

Special to the News-Times

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety is increasing its One Pill Kills public awareness efforts as part of Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Month.

Signed into law by Gov. Greg Abbott last year, House Bill 3144 established the month of October as Fentanyl Poisoning Awareness Month — a statewide effort to bring awareness and education to the public about the dangers of fentanyl and the life-saving

power of opioid poisoning reversal medication.

“Fentanyl is a clandestine killer, and it is now more important than ever that we talk to our families, children, friends and loved ones about just how prevalent it is in communities across Texas,” said DPS Director Steven McCraw. “This month, and really every month, we must do everything we can to get the word out about this deadly drug in order to save lives.”

To help increase awareness throughout October, DPS will share a series of social media videos geared at educating

Texans about the dangers of fentanyl and directing them to available resources through the One Pill Kills campaign. Governor Abbott launched One Pill Kills in 2022, as a way to educate Texans on how to prevent, recognize and reverse fentanyl poisonings.

DPS also continues with its other OPK awareness efforts including updating public service announcements which air in the waiting areas of more than 180 driver license offices across the state, educational signage in more than 350 public facing DPS buildings statewide and a dedicated

webpage housing resources and information about the campaign. You can visit www.dps.texas.gov/onepillkills to learn more.

DPS would also like to remind Texans about its Safety Education team which offers specialized programming to schools, churches, community groups and other organizations that would like to learn more about the statewide OPK campaign and the dangers of fentanyl. This presentation can be tailored for a variety of audiences and age groups and is available free of charge. To learn more, contact a Safety

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More About Fentanyl

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid that is 50 to 100 times more potent than morphine and 50 times stronger than heroin. Illicitly manufactured fentanyl has become widespread, often mixed with other drugs such as heroin, cocaine or counterfeit prescription pills.

Since the launch of Operation Lone Star in 2021, DPS has seized more than half a billion lethal doses of fentanyl — that’s more than enough to kill every man, woman and child in America.

Vehicle safety inspection charges take effect January 2025

Special to the News-Times

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety reminds Texans that changes to the state’s Vehicle Safety Inspection Program — which eliminate most vehicle safety inspections — begin on Jan. 1, 2025.

These changes are due to House Bill 3297. The bill was passed by the 88th Legislature and signed into law by Governor Greg Abbott in 2023, abolishing the Vehicle Safety Inspection Program for non-commercial vehicles.

Starting New Year’s Day, non-commercial vehicles will no longer need a vehicle safety inspection prior to registration.

All non-commercial vehicles in the state will still be subject to a \$7.50 inspection program replacement fee. The inspection program replacement fee will be paid at the time you register your vehicle with the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

New vehicles (those of the current or preceding model year on the date of purchase) purchased in Texas that have not been previously registered in Texas or another state are required to pay an initial inspection program replacement fee of \$16.75 to cover two years.

Please note the inspection program replacement fee is not an increase in the cost of your

vehicle registration. As its name suggests, this fee simply replaces the revenue source for state programs and operations — like the construction and expansion of state highways — once supported by vehicle safety inspections.

Vehicles registered in emissions counties

While comprehensive vehicle safety inspections will be eliminated for all non-commercial vehicles, Texas whose vehicles are registered in emissions counties will still be required to have emissions tests. The price of vehicle emissions tests varies by vehicle and county.

Emissions tests are required in major metropolitan areas,

including Brazoria, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris and Montgomery counties; Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Johnson, Kaufman, Parker, Rockwall and Tarrant counties; Travis and Williamson counties; and El Paso County. Bexar County will be added to the list of counties requiring emissions tests in 2026.

Commercial vehicles

All commercial vehicles in all counties will still be required to obtain a passing vehicle safety inspection. Because they will still need to pay for a safety inspection, commercial vehicles will be exempt from the inspection program replacement fee.

Remember, all vehicles will

still need to be registered; the registration process will continue to be managed by the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles.

Even though vehicle safety inspections are being eliminated for most vehicles, the department reminds Texans to regularly service their vehicles to keep themselves and other motorists safe on the road. Regular maintenance ensures the proper operation of your vehicle’s headlights, taillights, horn, mirrors, windshield wipers, tires and other critical functions. Driving a vehicle without many of these properly working safety features is against the law and puts everyone at risk.

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This Week in Texas History

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Clutching a suitcase in one hand and a satchel full of cash in the other on Oct. 15, 1878, Mifflin Kenedy caught the train for Dodge City where his son Spike was charged with the murder of a popular female entertainer.

As the owner of the Laureles Ranch near Corpus Christi, the Pennsylvania Quaker and former sea captain had money to burn and had already spent a chunk of his fortune buying Spike's freedom. But the young hell-raiser's past escapades could not compare to the world of trouble he had gotten himself into in the Kansas cowtown.

In the looks department, 23-year-old James "Spike" Kenedy took after his mother, the attractive daughter of a former provincial governor of Spanish Texas. Like so many rich kids before and since, the apple of his wealthy daddy's eye felt he was above the law and free to do as he pleased.

An incident in Ellsworth, Kan., six years earlier cemented that idea in Spike's head. When an argument over a poker hand re-

sulted in gunshot wounds for the Texas teenager and an adversary, Mifflin greased enough palms to make his legal problems disappear.

Hoping to keep the ne'er-do-well closer to home where he just might settle down, the frustrated father set him up with a cattle ranch in the Panhandle. Instead of taking the opportunity to grow up, Spike left the hard work of punching cows to the hired hands and made straight for Dodge City.

He arrived in the "Bibulous Babylon of the Frontier" about the same time as Dora Hand, a 34-year-old stage performer from back east who had relocated at the urging of her friend Fannie Garretson. An Old West historian outdid himself with this over-the-top description of Dora: "By all accounts, she was a beautiful creature, with a face and voice which gave men strange nostalgic dreams of better days and finer surroundings."

Spike fell hard for the singer and mistook her flirtatious manner for genuine affection. Dog Kelley, the mayor and part-owner of the Alhambra Saloon where Dora sang five nights a week, took pleasure in bursting the lovesick puppy's bubble. Humiliated by the revelation, Spike retaliated with his fists only to be beaten to a pulp.

When the bruised and battered prodigal son spurred his mount out of town, the mayor and everyone else in Dodge presumed he was going back to Texas to lick his wounds.

But that was not the case, as a Wyatt Earp biographer later explained: "Jim Kennedy (sic) elected to kill Kelley in his sleep by shooting through the flimsy wall of the bedroom at the front of the mayor's two-room shack" behind the Great Western Hotel.

In the predawn darkness of Oct. 4, 1878, Spike slipped unseen into Dodge, stopped his horse outside Kelley's shack and fired two shots through the wall where he believed his tormentor was sleeping.

What he did not know at the time was that Dog Kelley had given his bed to Dora Hand for the night. One of the .44 caliber slugs pierced her side killing the woman instantly.

Even though there were no eyewitnesses to the "ride-by" shooting, the unanimous opinion was that Spike Kenedy had committed the despicable crime. Sheriff Bat Master-son and Assistant Marshal Wyatt Earp at first resisted public pressure to pursue the suspect, but at two o'clock that afternoon the future legends grudgingly gave chase with a large posse at their backs.

Despite the fugitive's 10-hour head start, they caught up with him the following day. Spike tried to make a run for it, but Master-son used his .50 caliber rifle to knock him out of the saddle with a clean shot through the shoulder.

The first words out of Spike's mouth amounted to an admission of guilt. "Did I kill him?" he asked Earp. Told he had taken

Dora's life instead of his intended target's, the Texan turned on Masterson. "You ought to have made a better shot than you did!" "I did the best I could," was Bat's sarcastic response.

Mifflin Kenedy did not know the identity of the murder victim nor the circumstances of the crime until he met in private with Earp and Masterson. His sole concern was whether he had brought enough money.

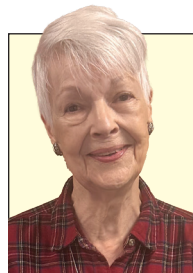
Judging from the outcome, he had. A brief article in the Oct. 29, 1878, edition of a Dodge City newspaper reported the acquittal of James Kenedy. "His trial took place in the sheriff's office, which was too small to admit spectators. We do not know what the evidence was or upon what grounds he was acquitted."

Mifflin Kenedy outlived his three sons and one of two daughters. Spike died of natural causes in 1884 while awaiting trial for murder. His death came 12 years after his baby brother was laid to rest and four years before the lone surviving son was gunned down by a jealous husband.

The patriarch of the cattle clan went to his grave in 1895 with the knowledge there would be no one left to carry on the family name.

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Learning Everywhere



It Still Matters

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Schools are not the only place children learn, and they were never meant to be. Long before there were formal schools, parents taught children important skills.

Helping kids learn any skill is what parenting is about, whether the skill to be mastered is learning to talk, to behave well, to ride a tricycle, to make biscuits, to repair bicycles, to play the piano, or read, add iden-

tify shapes and colors, and remember the names of the United States.

Teachers in the school setting are the guides for children's learning; learning goes on all the time, and parents can make the most of every opportunity to support the "school learning" wherever they are. In educational terms, this is called "generalization", which means kids learning colors at school can identify those colors outside of school and kids learning how to add can use this skill at home.

There are many important ways parents can teach and reinforce skills children need in school, every day, in casual and fun ways.

An important part of any child's development is language and vocabulary, learning to give names to objects, feelings, and to understand directions. They learn these words best from parents because parents are the most important persons in their lives. Daily

activities such as dressing, bathing, eating, and trips to the grocery store offer many chances for young kids to learn or practice important skills.

As children dress, talk about the colors of the clothes and identify the parts of the garments. Think about the words to learn about a pair of jeans ... zipper, snaps, belt loops, pockets, legs, waist, color, etc., not to mention directions such as pull up, button, zip, in, etc.

During bath time, words such as faucet, drain, shower, on, off, turn, hot, cold, empty, wash cloth, towel, soap, clean, dirty, wash, scrub, and identifying smells of soap, shampoo, and the sounds of running water are just a few of the words to learn. Young children need to recognize colors and shapes. Any walk along the street, any trip to the grocery store is a learning experience if parents talk to kids about what they are seeing.

Just like the jeans, there is much to identify and talk about that children need to know. The sad thing is that I often see parents with children who are not even walking BY their child much less talking TO their child.

The importance of such learning during every day at home, while walking or shopping, is impossible to emphasize too much. Children who are not taught vocabulary frequently have language problems and they become frustrated by not having the words to express themselves.

Most children come into this world with eager minds and exploring hands. Parents, who are the first and best teachers, ultimately determine how successful children will be in school and in their adult lives by how they guide children in their earliest learning. There is just too much kids need to know not to give them the earliest possible start.

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Lawmakers to tackle soaring home insurance rates

Top state lawmakers plan to address soaring homeowners' insurance premiums when they return to Austin in January for the next legislative session, according to the Houston Chronicle.

The state's insurance commissioner, Cassie Brown, told a Senate committee that home insurance rates increased last year by more than 21 percent statewide, twice the average increase in 2022.

More severe and frequent disasters are blamed for the spike in rates. In addition to more severe and more frequent storms, higher home values and higher costs for construction and labor are also factors. The median home price in Texas has risen 40 percent in the past five years.

"All this new value needs coverage, which results in bigger bills for consumers," Brown said.

Lawmakers reportedly will consider changes to the state's file-and-use system, which allows insurance companies to raise rates and then seek regulatory approval. Brown said the Texas Department of Insurance reviews all rate filings but "rarely" disapproves any of them.

"If we tighten up the criteria that you have to look at in order to approve



Capitol Highlights

By Gary Borders
Texas Press Association

their rates — I would expect that if it's harder to get a rate increase approval, that would help Texans with their premiums on their insurance," state Sen. Donna Campbell, R-New Braunfels, said.

Alarm sounded over languishing farm bill

Texas farmers, ranchers and lawmakers are voicing concerns that an economic catastrophe is in the works if Congress doesn't approve a new farm bill by the end of the year. The 2018 version — good for five years — has finally expired, The Texas Tribune reported, after being extended until Sept. 30.

In a letter to the House Republican leadership signed by 140 members of Congress, the signers warned that waiting until next year to pass a bill will have a nationwide effect.

"The negative impacts of failing to act will not just stop at the farm gate," the letter said, "but will (affect) Main Street businesses, rural communities, and the national economy."

The Farm, Food, and National Security act is considered a "must-pass" piece of federal legislation. The bill supports more than 230,000 farmers and ranchers in Texas, and the state's food and agriculture sectors reportedly contribute more than \$860.8 billion in economic activity while employing more than 4.5 million people.

The farm bill also funds the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, which provides more than 3.4 million low-income Texans with food benefits.

"We need our members of Congress and leadership in Congress to recognize there's no room for delay anymore," said Laramie Adams of the Texas Farm Bureau, said. "It's time to actually work together to get something done."

Texas has more than 18 million registered voters

Texas has hit a high-water mark with more than 18 million registered voters. The voter registration rolls are growing at a faster pace than the population's growth, indicating increased interest in signing up to vote. The Chronicle reported the state has added nearly 2.6 million voters since 2018.

Most of the growth has come in Harris County and along the I-35 corridor,

areas that tend to vote more Democratic. While Republicans have not lost a statewide race in 30 years, results are getting tighter.

"We are in a competitive state and we are not going to win just sitting on our laurels," said Dave Carney, a veteran Republican strategist who has been a key political adviser to Gov. Greg Abbott and former Gov. Rick Perry.

Judge ends probe into alleged vote harvesting

A federal judge has stopped the state's ability to investigate alleged cases of vote harvesting, such as the probe into the League of United Latin American Citizens by Attorney General Ken Paxton, The Tribune reported.

The probe was being conducted under a provision of a law passed in 2021 that targeted voter outreach groups suspected of offering vote-harvesting services. Voter outreach groups have complained of overreach by Paxton's office and widespread confusion over the law's implications.

Paxton last week vowed to appeal.

"A ruling — weeks prior to an election — preventing my office from investigating potential election violations is deeply troubling and risks undermining public trust in our political process," he

said. Voter outreach groups hailed the ruling, saying the restrictions violated the U.S. Constitution by being vague and restricting free speech.

Texas leads nation in road rage shootings

A newsroom dedicated to reporting on gun violence reports Texas is leading the country in road rage shootings, according to data from 2014 through 2023.

The Austin American-Statesman reported on the findings by The Trace, which concluded the number of people shot in road rage incidents surged over 400 percent during that time period, with 456 shooting incidents reported last year.

Two Texas cities topped the list of road rage shootings during that 10-year period. Houston reported 215 total incidents with 192 shootings and 207 victims shot, while San Antonio reported 107 total incidents with 83 shootings and 94 victims shot.

During that 10-year period in Texas, 146 people were shot and killed in road rage incidents, while 435 were wounded. In addition, 26 suspects were killed and 14 wounded.

Shorter days bring higher risks for pedestrians

The change in seasons

brings fewer daylight hours and higher risks for pedestrian safety, according to the Texas Department of Transportation. Last October was the deadliest month for pedestrians, with 80 dying in Texas traffic crashes.

"As the fall and winter months usher in shorter days and less light, pedestrians are at increased risk on our roads," TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said. "Drivers may struggle to see pedestrians in lower-light conditions and must stay alert to avoid preventable collisions."

Motorists are urged to stop and yield to pedestrians in crosswalks; yield while turning to pedestrians; put phones away; and observe the posted speed limit. Pedestrians are reminded to cross streets only at intersections and crosswalks; make eye contact with drivers before crossing; wear reflective material at night; and also put away all electronic devices.

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Shorter days bring higher risk for pedestrians

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LUFKIN - While fall and winter give Texans a much-needed reprieve from the summer heat, the change in seasons also brings fewer daylight hours, making it harder for drivers to see pedestrians and keep them safe.

October is the deadliest month for pedestrians, with 80 pedestrians dying in Texas traffic crashes in 2023. In the Lufkin District in 2023, there were 48 traffic crashes involv-

ing pedestrians, resulting in 13 pedestrian fatalities and 13 pedestrian serious injuries.

"As the fall and winter months usher in shorter days and less light, pedestrians are at increased risk on our roads," TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said. "Drivers may struggle to see pedestrians in lower-light conditions and must stay alert to avoid preventable collisions. Likewise, pedestrians can take extra precautions to be seen by drivers when walk-

ing after dark."

TxDOT is taking to the streets with its Be Safe. Drive Smart. Campaign during October's National Pedestrian Safety Month, reminding drivers to slow down and watch for people walking.

TxDOT's educational campaign includes TV and radio spots, billboards and digital advertising. TxDOT will also bring 34 street teams — walking billboards wearing safety messages — to areas that saw the greatest number of pedes-

trian fatalities last year. The street teams will be deployed in places where motorists and pedestrians share the road.

TxDOT encourages everyone to follow these safety tips to prevent a deadly crash:

- For drivers
 - Stop and yield for pedestrians in crosswalks.
 - When turning, yield the right of way to pedestrians.
 - Put your phone away before you begin driving and stay alert, so you're prepared if pedestrians enter your path.

Be cautious when passing stopped buses or other vehicles that can block your view of pedestrians.

Follow the posted speed limit and drive to conditions.

- For people walking
 - Cross the street only at intersections and crosswalks. Look left, right, then left again before crossing.
 - Make eye contact with drivers before crossing. Don't assume traffic will stop for you.
 - Follow all traffic and crosswalk signals.

When walking, put away electronic devices that take your attention off the road.

Stay visible. Wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.

Be Safe. Drive Smart. is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel to help end the streak of daily deaths. Nov. 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on Texas roadways.



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The Cheerleaders were wearing Pink in honor of October Pink-Out Month. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



Tyga Parker rushes for 224 yards and 3 TDs and a 2-point conversion during the win against the Kirbyville Wildcats PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD

Kirbyville falls to Coldspring in district matchup

By Charles Ballard
SINT correspondent

COLDSRING —On Friday night the Coldspring Trojans opened their district season by stunning the Kirbyville Wildcats 50-12.

The Wildcats were stunned by the Trojans' high-octane offense and wall-like defense during the opening quarter and spent the entire game at the mercy of Coldspring. The Trojans put up 20 points to the Wild-

cats 0 in the first quarter, to be answered only by a Hail Mary pass near the end of the half for the Cats' first score of the night.

It all was downhill from there. Head Coach Ken Stanley said, "I am very proud of the overall growth of our team. We have a great opportunity, if we can eliminate some mistakes, to be a really good team."

The Trojans posted 425 total yards with 348 coming on the ground. Cookie McGowen had 17 yards with 2 TDs for the night, and Tyga Parker posted 224 yards rushing

and 3 TDs and had one 2-point conversion. David Rowe had 29 yards rushing and went 5 of 8 in the air for 77 yards and 1 TD. Xzander Roberts posted 11 yards rushing and a 2-point conversion.

Coldspring will travel to Orangefield Friday for the second district game.

Shepherd

The Pirates crushed the Diboll Lumberjacks 50-35 on Friday.

Head Coach Miles Robison said he was

proud of our kids, who stepped up as running back Preston Stephens didn't play.

"Our kids have been battling injuries all year," he said. "We just played more physical up front. Our lineman and backs were the difference."

Shepherd posted 484 total offensive yards; Landon Dellinger had 200 yards on 16 carries with 3 TDs, Gage Murphy had 124 yards on 13 carries; Jevaris Marsh had 102 yards on 14 carries and 2 TDs; and Jackory Davis had 48 yards on 8 carries with 2 TDs.



David Rowe, quarterback for the Trojans, hands off to Tyga Parker (No. 2) for a clutch first down during the Kirbyville Game. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



David Rowe (No. 10) rushed for 29 yards and went 5 for 8 passing for 77 yards and 1 TD in Friday night's win against the Kirbyville Wildcats. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



D.Q. Gray (No. 24), Kiysean Sykes (No. 5) and Antoine Phillips (No. 6) escort breast cancer survivors to the center of the field during Pink-Out Month. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD

Coldspring volleyball goes 2-0 on the week

By Charles Ballard
SJNT correspondent

ONALASKA — The Lady Trojans remain unbeaten in district play and are ranked first after beating Crockett 3-0 on Oct. 1 and Onalaska 3-0 on Friday.

Against Onalaska, the game scores were 25-15, 25-18 and 25-11.

Ella Phillips had 16 kills along with 3 blocks and Ashlynn Holley had 12 kills and 2 aces. Cali Crowder had 32 assists.

On Oct. 1, Crockett hosted the Lady Trojans,

who managed to post 25-8 wins in all three games.

Coach Dwain Anderson said, "We need to learn to play our game and not at the level of the current game."

The Lady Bulldogs were simply overmatched with

high-flying serves and blocks by Coldspring.

Cali Crowder had 5 aces and 35 assists, Ella Phillips posted 20 kills, and Ashlynn Holley had 4 aces and 10 kills.

Shepherd
On Friday, the Lady Pi-

rates went to Hardin-Jefferson and lost in 3 sets — 16-25, 10-25 and 12-25.

Head Coach Ashley Brockner said that although the scoreboard doesn't show anything but numbers, the Lady Pirates hustled and played hard. "Our defenders did

their best to keep the ball alive," she said.

Nevaeh Murphy led with 11 defensive digs and 14 serve receptions. Chloe Fuller and Maci Wilson added 7 defensive digs each, and Chloe had 14 serve receptions and Maci had 11.



Ashlynn Holley had 4 aces and 10 kills during the Crockett district game. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



Kynyriah Nixon sends an ace to the Lady Bulldogs for a win. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD



Cali Crowder sets a ball at the net for the Lady Trojans during the district win over the Lady Bulldogs. PHOTO BY CHARLES BALLARD

Squirrel hunting, then and now

Some of my most fond childhood memories revolve around squirrel hunting and the great meals my mother prepared after a successful hunt. I remember way back in about 1958 when I was an 8-year-old whippersnapper making what was to be the luckiest shot of my life.

My Dad and I were hunting in the back 40 woods behind our little farm. The wind was blowing hard and in the top of a huge white oak, a big fox squirrel was eating acorns. I timed the sway of the branch perfectly and squeezed the trigger of my little single shot J.C. Higgins .22. A perfect head shot that damaged no meat.

I was amazed and my Dad was astonished as well. I remember thinking I was Daniel Boone as I put the makings of a fine meal in my game bag. The morning hunt progressed and I missed a couple of easy shots with the little rifle. Looking back my shot was mostly luck but tell that to a kid that just shot a squirrel high up in a tree from a branch swaying heavily with the wind.

White-tailed deer were just getting established from restocking in Red River County where we lived. Squirrel hunting remained a big deal with most of us country folks. Groups of hunters would set up wall tent camps using government surplus tents and camp for several days, hunting and eating squirrel.

Each camp would devise contests ranging from number of squirrels harvested to voting on the best squirrel cook. I was too young to partake of these camps, but I did visit them during mid day a couple times and enjoyed some great meals the men made from the fruits of their hunt.

Mr. Guthrey owned a mixed-breed hound that did double duty on raccoons at night but served well as a squirrel dog during the day. We would occasionally borrow the



mixed breed raw boned hound to hunt behind Mr. Guthrey's cabin and to a budding young hunter; these hunts were highly anticipated events.

It was hard to keep my mind on classwork at the old Dimple School when October and cooler weather rolled around. The old hound had a lot of Black and Tan breeding and he could cover ground quickly. He knew the woods well and the spots the squirrels frequented most.

The drill was pretty simple; we turned the hound loose and waited until he barked, usually in a big old oak den tree. If the squirrel didn't disappear into a hole, one of us would remain stationary and the other circle the tree in efforts to move the bushy tail into position for a shot. I hunted with my single shot .22 and my brother in law used a tight choked 12 gauge.

Our plan was for me to take stationary shots but if the squirrel was on the move, the shotgun was a better choice. We encountered mostly grey or cat squirrels along the creeks and the larger fox squirrels when hunting the hardwoods or field edges.

My success rate was low on the cat squirrels. They seldom held still long enough for a rifle shot. I later switched to a .410 shotgun loaded with #4 or #6 shot and my success rate became much better. It was challenging to hunt with the .22 but squirrels in the game bag and ultimately in my mother's cast iron skillet was the name of the game back then.

I'm happy to say that squirrel hunting is still popular in east Texas; not as popular as it was back

in the fifties and sixties but thankfully older hunters have passed their love of hunting and cooking squirrel along to younger generations. I sometime get a chuckle out of uninformed 'city' folks that liken squirrels to rats.

When I tell them that I grew up in east Texas in an era when squirrel were considered a delicacy, I raise some eyebrows. When I tell them I still relish a big skillet of smothered squirrel with rice and gravy, I really get some 'looks. But that's OK, as the old saying goes "they don't know because they don't know."

How to cook squirrel

Squirrels are a bit more challenging to clean (butcher) than most other small game, but the task is easily learned, there are plenty of good YouTube videos that detail the process. When teaching newcomers to the squirrel woods the art of cooking squirrel, I compare squirrel with chicken.

A big complaint is how tough some squirrels are when fried. I ask my student, "If you were going to butcher a chicken to fry, would you choose a tough old rooster or a younger 'fryer?'" Granted, it's possible to par boil or pressure cook mature squirrels and then dust the pieces with flour and fry but I usually reserve the older squirrel for stew or, better yet, dumplings. Young squirrel can simply be seasoned with salt and pepper, dusted with flour and chicken fried.

One of my favorite recipes is smothered squirrel, using my mother's tried and true method. Both young and older squirrels can be used in this slow cooking method. First fry the pieces until crispy and drain most of the oil, making sure to leave the crispy bits in the skillet. Next, add flour salt and pepper and either water or milk and make gravy. Place the squirrel back into the skillet and thin the gravy a bit with water. Cover the skillet or Dutch Kettle and bake at 300 degrees for an



Squirrel season is upon us. Luke with a fat bushy tail destined for the cast iron skillet. PHOTOS BY LUKE CLAYTON



Squirrel frying in skillet Tender fried squirrel is a delicacy that many younger hunters have never experienced. Cooking squirrel is much like cooking chicken, but the flavor is even better. PHOTOS BY LUKE CLAYTON

hour or so, checking half way through the process to make sure the liquid has not steamed out.

I like to stir the squirrel pieces with gravy at this point and add more liquid if necessary. Served with hot biscuits and white rice, this is a meal that will likely become one of your favorite dishes. Squirrel

meat is often described as sweet. It definitely has a mild flavor. I like to describe it tasting much like free ranging chickens but with even more flavor.

There's plenty of time to get out in the woods and hunt squirrel this fall and winter. Try preparing the above recipe at deer camp and see how many

of your family and friends you can enlighten. Once a properly prepared meal of squirrel is enjoyed, the term "tree rat" will likely not be in their vocabulary any longer.

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The “Sweet Texas Heat”
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“EATING IS NOT JUST ABOUT
 SUSTENANCE; IT’S A CELEBRATION
 OF CULTURE ON A PLATE.”
 - UNKNOWN



A “sampler” plate with a little bit of
 everything at Mi Tierra Cafe y Panaderia.

I recently had the good fortune to get away to San Antonio for a few days. Hubby had some continuing education there and I decided to join him. The best part of all was that we made a detour through Austin on the way there and picked up Daughter to join us. It was the first time we’d seen her since we moved her to UT and it had been a long five weeks.

Knowing that we would be arriving at our hotel late at night, we stopped and got a quick bite at Cracker Barrel en route. Once we checked into our room, unpacked and got comfortable, she told us all about her classes. She seems to have acclimated well, which has been comforting for us, and she loves her classes. What more could we ask for?

The next day for lunch, we ate at Fiume Pizzeria and Wine Bar which is located in the Hilton Palacio del Rio on the San Antonio RiverWalk. We inquired about the sizes of the pizzas and determined that two pizzas would be perfect for the three of us. She had her eyes on the “Classico Pepperoni” which comprised San Marzano tomatoes, pepperoni, mozzarella, extra virgin olive oil and parmigiano reggiano. I had read good things about the “Sweet Texas Heat” so we selected that one for our second one. It was made with a white sauce, applewood smoked bacon, hot Calabrian peppers, basil and local hot honey sourced from Texas Farms. Both pizzas were absolutely delicious and we will definitely go back on a future trip.

That evening, Hubby and I joined some of his colleagues for a delightful dinner at Mi Tierra Cafe y Panaderia. Daughter opted to relax in the hotel room and enjoyed supper that she DoorDashed from Wingstop.

We had a wonderful meal of fajitas, enchiladas, tamales, tacos, rice, refried beans and fresh guacamole – followed up with some wonderful churros that were drizzled with chocolate and strawberry sauces.

The following day, Hubby was attending classes so Daughter and I ran a few errands and enjoyed lunch at the historic Guenther House. Carl Hilmar Guenther, the founder of Pioneer Flour Mills, built an elegant home on the San Antonio River in 1859. Beautifully restored, it now welcomes visitors as a restaurant, gift shop, museum and special events venue.

It’s a fascinating place with much to see, but as I’m planning a feature on it for an upcoming issue of East Texan magazine, I’ll just stick to talking about our lunch for now. Having studied the menu prior, I thought I knew exactly what I wanted – until I saw a waitress walk by with the thickest, most beautiful slice of quiche I’d ever seen. I then pivoted and selected the quiche of the day which on that day was chorizo, potato, jalapeno and cilantro. It comes with a side of fresh fruit or roasted potatoes. I opted for the roasted potatoes.

Daughter ordered breakfast tacos. There were multiple choices of components, but she went with scrambled eggs, shredded cheddar and applewood smoked bacon on flour tortillas. They came with the choice of fresh fruit or roasted potatoes with house made salsa. She, too, opted for the roasted potatoes. What can I say? We girls like our carbs.

I wanted a cup of coffee and noticed on the menu that they offered something called “Founders Choice Coffee - uniquely roasted and blended just for us.” I asked the waitress about it and she said it had hints of cinnamon, chocolate and vanilla. I was intrigued and ordered a cup. It was so good that I purchased a bag of it from the nearby gift shop and museum to bring home.

Our last night there, we joined our friends Richard, Will, Scott, Jana and Dana for a wonderful meal at Fleming’s Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar. I selected the 8-oz. petite filet mignon, Hubby chose the dry-aged ribeye and Daughter opted for the North Atlantic lobster chipotle cheddar mac and cheese. As the sides are plenty large enough to share, we opted for an array of them for the table. Therefore, we were able to enjoy a little bit of everything – roasted asparagus, crispy Brussels sprouts and bacon, roasted sweet potatoes, creamed spinach, mashed potatoes and chipotle cheddar mac and cheese.

After all that delicious food, we certainly didn’t need dessert. However, sometimes we do things because we want to and not because we need to. While I would have loved the 1230-calorie chocolate lava cake, I opted instead for the 180-calorie fresh fruit and chantilly cream which was a mixture of strawberries, blueberries and pineapple topped with house-made chantilly whipped cream and a tuile which is a baked wafer, French in origin. Daughter enjoyed a beautiful slice of New York cheesecake, classically prepared, with strawberry red wine sauce and fresh mint. Hubby exercised restraint and forwent dessert.

The last morning after checking out of our hotel, we wanted a good brunch and we ended up at a place called Camp Outpost that Hubby found online. He really hit it out of the park with this one. It was an old converted warehouse with an industrial vibe and nostalgic camp-like theme. It was unpretentious, yet cool at the same time. The menu describes the offerings as elevated camp fare featuring high quality, wood-fired rotisserie meats and seasonally fresh grilled sides. As soon as we walked in, we all inhaled in unison, breathing in that glorious campfire aroma.

Hubby and Daughter – being the two peas in a pod that they are – both ordered two bacon and egg tacos which comprised scrambled eggs, hickory smoked bacon, pepper jack cheese, wood-grilled onions, tomatillo salsa and cilantro, served with griddled potatoes and camp hot sauce.

I had my eyes on one thing until I read about the breakfast sandwich and was intrigued. It was fried eggs, hickory smoked bacon, slow roasted pork, smoked gouda and strawberry jam on a toasted French roll, with camp breakfast potatoes and camp tomatillo sauce. Initially, I was perplexed by the idea of the strawberry jam, but then I looked at Hubby and said, “It must work or they wouldn’t put it on there. Sign me up.” The sandwich – which was huge – was absolutely amazing. The toasted French roll was soft and fluffy. The hickory smoked bacon and slow roasted pork were savory goodness and the thin layer of strawberry jam was the perfect foil to cut through the natural saltiness of the meats. And the potatoes were some of the best I’ve ever had. We’ll definitely go back to Camp Outpost.

While we have some favorite places to eat in San Antonio, it’s always fun to explore and discover new places that quickly become favorites as well. This trip didn’t disappoint. ■

The churros at
 Mi Tierra Cafe y
 Panaderia.



Fresh fruit and chantilly cream
 with a tuile at Fleming’s Prime
 Steakhouse and Wine Bar.



The breakfast sandwich and camp
 potatoes at Camp Outpost.



The quiche of the day and roasted potatoes at
 The Guenther House.

**Where to find
 these restaurants:**

- **Fiume Pizzeria and Wine Bar**
 is located in the Hilton Palacio del Rio
 at 200 S. Alamo St.
- **Mi Tierra Cafe y Panaderia**
 is located at 218 Produce Row.
- **The Guenther House**
 is located at 205 E. Guenther St.
- **Fleming’s Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar**
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- **Camp Outpost**
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- TXism: "he's ___ to walk the river with" (reliable)
- Monte ____, Texas
- TXism: "if ___ rooster, he'll crow" (inevitable)
- clairvoyance (abbr.)
- "Houston Museum of Fine ___"
- TXism: "mobile mouse ___" (cat)
- TXism: "busy as ___-armed paper hanger"
- Texas-born Aaron Yoo 2009 comedy film: "Labor ___"
- assumed names
- the founding name of the city Uvalde
- male geese
- TXism: "hot as ___ stove"
- "he ___ holding the bag"
- TX JoBeth 1983 film about kidnapping/ murder of a child
- annoying person
- ___ him wrapped around her little finger"
- church table
- camping shelter
- Aikman shout in 1993: "I'm going to ___!"
- in Nueces County on highway 44 (2 wds.)
- milk ___ quickly if left out of fridge
- West Asians who settled in Waller County in 1880s
- Texas actress Sissy
- Friday high school event: "___ rally"
- TXism: "___ rooster, he'll crow" (inevitable)
- clairvoyance (abbr.)
- "Houston Museum of Fine ___"
- TXism: "mobile mouse ___" (cat)
- TXism: "busy as ___-armed paper hanger"
- TXism: "rot ___" (liquor)
- TX Ross Perot founded this company (abbr.)
- "Star Trek's" Spock line: "Live long ___"
- it predated 7-11's Slurpee
- puppy bites
- TXism: "___-slinging mad"
- "it don't ___ up" (doubt it's true)
- Austin: "Asleep ___ the Wheel" band
- Levi's inventor (init.)
- Texas-born actor Hawke (init.)
- Greek cheese
- mall clothing store (2 wds.)
- cow dung
- ___ down" (reduce)
- ___ beef
- A.F. ___ organized the drilling of Spindletop
- A&M's original 12th Man: ___ King Gill
- fleur-___-lis once flew over Texas
- 48-across played his "Carrie" (init.)
- most Texans are ___ of their state
- ___ up or ship out"
- picnic pests

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Respect Bingo

Directions: Play this game with a friend or a family member. When you see a person doing each of the respectful behaviors on the bingo card, mark it off. Who can complete one row first? Can you cross off all the behaviors?

HOLDING A DOOR OPEN FOR SOMEONE	SOMEONE SAYING "PLEASE"	SOMEONE SAYING "THANK YOU"
TWO PEOPLE SHAKING HANDS	SOMEONE SHARING WITH ANOTHER	SOMEONE PICKING UP LITTER
SOMEONE BEING KIND TO ANIMALS	SOMEONE LISTENING WITH RESPECT	SOMEONE SAYING A KIND WORD
FRIENDS HELPING EACH OTHER	SOMEONE SAYING "I'M SORRY"	SHOWING A POSITIVE ATTITUDE

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This week's word: **RESPECT**

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Anya showed **respect** for her neighborhood by picking up litter.

Try to use the word **respect** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

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The Game of Respect

Why Play a Game That Everyone Wins?

To be a winner or to be successful in life, you need to be smart in a lot of different ways. Reading, writing and arithmetic are very important, but so is knowing how to get along with others.

Game Rules:

- 2-4 players or teams
- Find a marker for each player or team.
- Flip a coin to move. Heads: move two spaces. Tails: move one space.
- Play until everyone finishes and you are all winners!

Standards Link: Follow multiple-step directions. Recall information. Connect prior knowledge.

Bonus Challenge:

How can you turn losing a game into a win?

What is fairness?

Cut words and photos from the newspaper to show what you think fairness sounds like, looks like and feels like.

Standards Link: Make reasonable assertions through supportive citation. Analyze text.

START

Spoke kindly to family member. **FREE TURN!**

GO! Fed your pet. **TAKE THE SHORTCUT!**

Describe something your family did together.

Respected your sister's or brother's privacy. **MOVE AHEAD TWO SPACES!**

Cleaned your room without complaining. **Do a cheer!**

Shared your toys. **Give a high five to the person next to you.**

Find a newspaper article about people cooperating.

Act out making your bed.

Asked permission to play outside. **MOVE AHEAD ONE SPACE.**

Name two ways you and the person on your right are alike.

PUT-DOWNS! YELLING! INSULTS! LOSE A TURN!

Compliment the person on your left.

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BE POLITE

BE KIND

BE RESPONSIBLE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE GRATEFUL

BE HELPFUL

BE POLITE

BE KIND

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BE RESPECTFUL

BE GRATEFUL

Planted flowers. **TAKE THE SHORTCUT!**

Talked about a time someone was kind to you.

Talk about things that make you feel better when you're sad.

Cut through a neighbor's yard. **LOSE A TURN!**

Talk about things that make you feel better when you're sad.

Name three great things about another player.

Talk about a time you showed kindness.

FREE TURN!

Help without being asked. **MOVE AHEAD ONE SPACE.**

Act out helping someone carry a big bag of groceries.

Thank another player for playing this game with you.

You treat others with respect despite differences in age, gender, race or religion. **YOU ARE A WINNER!**

FINISH

Kid Scoop Puzzler

FAIRNESS

Draw lines to divide the pizza into equal slices to share with your friends. Name friends you are sharing pizza with:

Standards Link: Recognize, name and compare fractional parts.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

F	B	Y	L	D	N	I	K	R	Y
J	I	L	I	S	T	E	N	E	D
K	W	N	C	N	R	U	T	S	A
N	V	Z	D	H	Q	Y	B	P	F
S	I	T	X	R	E	C	W	E	I
T	J	C	W	N	A	E	L	C	N
A	B	V	E	O	U	W	R	T	I
R	A	H	P	O	L	I	T	E	S
T	W	O	R	D	S	N	Q	D	H

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Give and Take

To receive respect, you must also be willing to give respect. Look through the newspaper and clip pictures and stories of people giving and receiving respect. Find examples of people not treating others or things with respect.

Standards Link: Recognize syllables in words.

What did the ocean say to the crab?

ANSWER: Nothing. It just waved.

Write On!

Can a Loss Be a Win?

How can you turn a losing game into a win?

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Legal/Public Notices



SALES FOR NOVEMBER 5, 2024
 LOCATION: Official Door of the Courthouse
 TIME: 10:00 AM

Tax Sales Information*

- 1) Tax foreclosure sales are conducted by the Sheriff or Constable of the county where the property is located. These sales are held on the first Tuesday of the month between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at a place designated by the commissioner's court.
- 2) All sales are without warranty of any kind. Purchasers receive a Sheriff or Constable's deed that is without warranty. Bidders should satisfy themselves concerning title and location of the property and improvements on the property including any encroachments prior to bidding. Neither our firm nor our clients can guarantee the title to any property. The tax sale is an "as is," "where is," and "buyer beware" sale. If you have any questions about specific liens or ownership of the property, you may research the title yourself or through a title company. The judgments in these cases list the parties included in the tax suit.
- 3) Taxes may be due beyond what is listed in the minimum bid amounts and must be paid independently of the bid amount.
- 4) After the sale, successful bidders must fill out a Bidder Application form (\$10.00) and make payment for their sale purchase to the San Jacinto County Tax Office by 3:00 pm the day of sale. (The Tax Office accepts cash, money orders and all types of checks- personal, business or cashier's checks)

For more information regarding any sale listed below, please contact the Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott, LLP Conroe office at (936) 242-6815

Cause No:	District Court:	Style of Case:	Legal Description:	Adjudged Value:	Estimated Minimum:	Account #
D-10,000-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. KEVIN LEE THOMS ET. AL.	Lot 12 in Block 7 of Unit XIA (aka 11A) of GREENTREE VILLAGE OF WATERWOOD, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as more fully described in Volume 224, Page 428 of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas. & Lot 11 in Block 7 of Unit XIA (aka 11A) of GREENTREE VILLAGE OF WATERWOOD, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as more fully described in Volume 224, Page 428 of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas.	\$11,000.00	TBD	R66250 & R66249
D-10,022-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. RICHARD WAYNE WINNINGHAM ET. AL.	Lot 1214 in CAMILLA TWIN HARBORS, Section 4, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as more fully described in plat thereof recorded in the Plat Records of San Jacinto County, Texas.	\$2,100.00	TBD	R50991
D-10,051-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. EVA L. ROSAS ET. AL.	Lot 267 LAKE RUN-A-MUCK, Section 12, a Subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, described in Volume (OR) 161, Page 573 of the Official Records of San Jacinto County, Account No. R72033/5212-000-2670	\$97,830.00	TBD	R72033
D-10,127-22	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. JOYCE HELEN THOMPSON ET. AL.	.571 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, KNOWN AS TRACT 113.1 IN ABSTRACT 31, THE JOSE DOLORES MARTINEZ SURVEY, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN A DEED RECORDED UNDER COUNTY CLERK'S FILE NUMBER 2000-5386 OF THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$54,100.00	TBD	R90983
D-9616-17	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. NATASHA MOHAMMED, ET AL.	BEING LOT 13, BLOCK 8, WATERWOOD LAKEVIEW ESTATES SUBDIVISION, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, DESCRIBED IN INSTRUMENT # 07-4304, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$5,620.00	TBD	R68500
D-9748-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. ERNEST SIMS LOVE	AN UNDIVIDED 50% INTEREST IN PROPERTY CALLED TRACT 6A, .37 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, IN ABSTRACT 5, THE MESSINA BROWN SURVEY, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN A DEED RECORDED UNDER FILE NUMBER 2011-2362 OF THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$8,210.00	TBD	R39836
D-9748-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. ERNEST SIMS LOVE	AN UNDIVIDED 50% INTEREST IN PROPERTY CALLED TRACT 6.7, .201 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, IN ABSTRACT 5, THE MESSINA BROWN SURVEY, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, AS DESCRIBED IN A DEED RECORDED UNDER FILE NUMBER 2011-2363 OF THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$1,510.00	TBD	R89148

D-9768-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. RAYMOND E. TOLAR, ET AL.	Lot 11, Block 3, KINGS RIDGE #2, CAPE ROYALE, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as described in Vol. (OR) 317, Page 517 of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas. Account No. R52966/1232-003-0110	\$18,020.00	TBD	R52966
D-9768-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. RAYMOND E. TOLAR, ET AL.	Lot 38, Block 7, CAPE ROYALE, PINE HARBOUR SECTION, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as described in Document # 00-2848 of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas. (Account No. R52405/1210-007-0380)	\$12,880.00	TBD	R52405
D-9768-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. RAYMOND E. TOLAR, ET AL.	LOT 11, BLOCK 4, Cape Royale, ROYALE GREENS SECTION, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, being that property more particularly described in Volume 174, Page 364 and Page 365 of the Deed Records, San Jacinto County, Texas. Account No.1220-004-0110/R52507.	\$12,340.00	TBD	R52507
D-9768-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. RAYMOND E. TOLAR, ET AL.	Lot 6, Block 7, Cape Royale, Forest Cove Section, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, according to map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 114, Page 384 of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas.	\$5,100.00	TBD	R52149
D-9768-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. RAYMOND E. TOLAR, ET AL.	Lot 13, Block 2, CAPE ROYALE, KINGS RIDGE SECTION #1, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as shown by the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 121, Page 375 of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas.	\$10,320.00	TBD	R52788
D-9812-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. MELISSA WINFREY	BEING 2 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, OUT OF A 51.28 ACRE TRACT OF LAND IN THE SAMUEL MCCOMBS LEAGUE, ABSTRACT A-27, SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS, DESCRIBED IN DEED BY INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR-EXECUTOR-DESIGNEE, VOLUME 200, PAGE 797 DEED RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS. ACCOUNT R87008/0027-00-0226	\$54,980.00	TBD	R87008
D-9822-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. NOE GARZA, ET AL.	BLOCK 23, LOT 29, OUT OF TRAILS END SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2, BEING 1.498 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, BEING THE SAME TRACT OF LAND AS SHOWN ON THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF; RECORDED IN VOLUME 00-1141, PAGE 4180, REAL PROPERTY RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$115,200.00	TBD	R91984
D-9858-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. MIRIAN E. RIVAS-TORRES	Lot Thirty Two (32), Block One (1), of CAPE ROYALE, ROYALE GREENS SECTION, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, as shown by the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 115, Page 265, of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas.	\$4,770.00	TBD	R52438
D-9870-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. RANDY DURRETT, ET AL.	Lot Six (6), Block One (1), Section One (1), Hidden Cove, a Subdivision San Jacinto County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 130, Page 624, of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas. & Lot 11, Block 1, Section 1, Hidden Cove, a Subdivision San Jacinto County, Texas, according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 130, Page 624, of the Deed Records of San Jacinto County, Texas.	\$6,980.00	TBD	R57945 & R57950
D-9870-19	258TH DISTRICT COURT	SAN JACINTO COUNTY vs. RANDY DURRETT, ET AL.	LOT FORTY FOUR (44), BLOCK TWO (2) HIDDEN COVE, SECTION 1, A SUBDIVISION IN SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN VOLUME 130, PAGE 624, OF THE DEED RECORDS OF SAN JACINTO COUNTY, TEXAS.	\$3,460.00	TBD	R58061

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Estate of Kevin Alan Wedergren

THE STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION CAUSE NO. P2024-95 THE ESTATE OF KEVIN ALAN WEDERGREN TO ALL UNKNOWN OR MISSING HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF KEVIN ALAN WEDERGREN, DECEASED KYLE RYAN WEDERGREN, filed in the San Jacinto County Court of San Jacinto County, Texas, August 28, 2024 an KYLE RYAN WEDERGREN'S APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP OF KEVIN ALAN WEDERGREN AND FOR LETTERS OF INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION INTESTATE, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs

and only heirs of KEVIN ALAN WEDERGREN, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in said estate. The Court may act on said Application and any opposition at any call of the docket on or after 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation, at the San Jacinto County Courthouse located at 1 State Highway 150, Coldspring, Texas 77331 in San Jacinto County, Texas. All UNKNOWN OR MISSING HEIRS of this estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court by filing a written contest or answer to said Application before the

above stated time and date should you desire to do so. To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any contest, objection, intervention, or response in writing with the County Clerk of San Jacinto County, Texas, on or before the above noted date and time. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Coldspring, Texas, on August 29, 2024. Dawn Wright, County Clerk San Jacinto County 1 State Highway 150 Room 2 Coldspring, Texas 77331 By: Jessica Swords, Deputy /S/ Applicant's Attorney Kerry Hagan 90 Live Oak Street Coldspring, Texas 77331 (P) 936-653-4444 Email: kerryhagan@gmail.com

Plat revision in Waterwood Lakeview Estates

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO REVISE SUBDIVISION PLAT The Commissioners Court of San Jacinto County, Texas has received an application to consider a Plat Revision in Block 1, Waterwood Lakeview Estates, a subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, by combining Lots 77 & 78; and

said Lots are renamed as Lot 77A. A public hearing to consider the application and to hear protests to the revision will be held at the Commissioners Court, Commissioners Courtroom, Coldspring, Texas on the 30th day of October, 2024, at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Notice of tax rate election

NOTICE OF VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCIÓN DE TASA IMPOSITIVA CON APROBACIÓN DE LOS VOTANTES) To the registered voters of Coldspring-Oakhurst Consolidated Independent School District, Texas: (A los votantes registrados en el Distrito Escolar Independiente Consolidado de Coldspring-Oakhurst) Notice is hereby given that the polling places below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on November 5, 2024, for voting in a special election to consider the following measure: (Por la presente se da aviso de que los lugares de votación detallados a continuación estarán abiertos de 7:00 a.m. a 7:00 p.m. el 5 de noviembre de 2024 para votar en una elección especial para considerar la siguiente medida:) MEASURE A "Shall the Board of Trustees of the Coldspring-Oakhurst Consolidated Independent School District be authorized to levy, pursuant to an order of such Board adopted on August 19, 2024, an ad valorem tax rate of \$0.8067 per \$100 of the taxable assessed valuation of property within the Coldspring-Oakhurst Consolidated Independent School District for the current tax year, being a rate that is comprised of a maintenance and operations tax rate of \$0.7275 per \$100 of such taxable assessed valuation (the maximum rate for maintenance and operations for which the District may, if now approved by the district's electorate at this Election, levy in each year hereafter, being then subject only to annual Board approval) and a debt service tax rate of \$0.0792 per \$100 of such taxable assessed value (an amount that is set annually by the Board), which combined tax rate of \$0.8067 adopted by the Board on August 19, 2024 represents an increase of an additional \$1,185,726 to the District in the 2024-2025 school year, which is approximately 9.63% higher than the amount collected last year pursuant to section 26.08, as amended, Texas Tax Code?" (MEDIDA A "¿Deberá la Junta de Síndicos del Distrito Escolar Independiente Consolidado de Coldspring-Oakhurst recibir la autorización para imponer, de conformidad con una orden de dicha Junta adoptada el 19 de agosto de 2024, una tasa impositiva ad valorem de \$ 0.8067 por cada \$100 de la valuación tasada gravable de la propiedad dentro del Distrito Escolar Independiente Consolidado de Coldspring-Oakhurst para el ejercicio fiscal actual, que es una tasa compuesta por una tasa impositiva de mantenimiento y de operaciones de \$ 0.7275 por cada \$100 de dicha valuación tasada gravable (la tasa máxima de mantenimiento y de operaciones que el Distrito puede imponer en cada año en lo sucesivo, si es aprobada ahora por el electorado del distrito en esta Elección, estando sujeta únicamente a la aprobación anual de la Junta) y una tasa impositiva del servicio de deuda de \$ 0.0792 por cada \$100 de dicho valor tasado gravable (una cantidad fijada anualmente por la Junta), cuya tasa impositiva total de \$ 0.8067 adoptada por la Junta el 19 de agosto de 2024 representa un aumento adicional de \$ 1,185,726 para el Distrito en el año escolar 2024-2025, que es aproximadamente un 9.63 % mayor que el monto recaudado el ejercicio fiscal anterior de conformidad con la sección 26.08, según enmendada, del Código Tributario de Texas?") SAN JACINTO COUNTY ELECTION DAY POLLING INFORMATION* (INFORMACIÓN SOBRE LA VOTACIÓN DEL DÍA DE LA ELECCIÓN DEL CONDADO DE SAN JACINTO) * Box 1: Elections Administration - 51 E. Pine Ave, Coldspring, Texas 77331; Box 2: Shepherd Community Center - 10251 State Hwy 150, Shepherd, Texas 77371; Box 3: Evergreen Community Center -7550 State

Hwy 150 W, Coldspring, Texas 77331; Box 5: Bear Creek VFD - 11550 FM 1725, Cleveland, Texas 77328; Box 7: Point Blank, Precinct 4 Annex - 221 Boat Launch Rd., Point Blank, Texas 77364; Box 8: Oakhurst Fire Department - 990 US Hwy 190, Oakhurst, Texas 77359; Box 10: New Hope Baptist Church - 13200 FM 2025, Cleveland, Texas 77328; *San Jacinto County participates in the Countywide Polling Place program under Section 43.007, as amended, Texas Election Code. Registered voters in San Jacinto County will be able to cast their Election Day ballots at any of the Vote Centers identified below in San Jacinto County. Preliminary, subject to change. If any locations are changed, this will be reflected on the San Jacinto County elections website <https://www.co.san-jacinto.tx.us/page/sanjacinto.Elections>. (*El Condado de San Jacinto participa en el Programa de Lugares de Votación del Condado bajo la Sección 43.007, según enmendada, del Código Electoral de Texas. Los votantes registrados en el Condado de San Jacinto podrán emitir su voto el Día de la Elección en cualquiera de los Centros de Votación identificados a continuación en el Condado de San Jacinto. Preliminar, sujeto a modificación. Toda modificación de lugar se reflejará en el sitio web de elecciones del Condado de San Jacinto <https://www.co.san-jacinto.tx.us/page/sanjacinto.Elections>.) SAN JACINTO COUNTY Location, days, and hours for early voting by personal appearance* (Ubicación, fechas y horarios para la votación anticipada en persona del Condado de San Jacinto*) Location, Dates, and Hours of Temporary Branch Early Voting Locations (Lugares Secundarios Temporales de Votación Anticipada) Main Early Voting Locations (Lugar Principal de Votación Anticipada San Jacinto County Elections Administration Building 51 E Pine Ave. Coldspring, Texas 77331 Temporary Branch Early Voting Locations (Lugares Secundarios Temporales de Votación Anticipada) Dates (Fechas) Times (Horarios) Monday, October 21, 2024 - Friday, October 25, 2024 (Lunes 21 de octubre de 2024 - Viernes 25 de octubre de 2024) 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. aturday, October 26, 2024 (Sábado 26 de octubre de 2024) 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Sunday, October 27, 2024 (Domingo 27 de octubre de 2024) 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Monday, October 28, 2024 - Friday, November 1, 2024 (Lunes 28 de octubre de 2024 - Viernes 1º de noviembre de 2024) 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. * Preliminary, subject to change. If any locations are changed, this will be reflected on the San Jacinto County elections website <https://www.co.san-jacinto.tx.us/page/sanjacinto.Elections>. (Preliminar, sujeto a modificación. Toda modificación de lugar se reflejará en el sitio web de elecciones del Condado de San Jacinto <https://www.co.san-jacinto.tx.us/page/sanjacinto.Elections>.) Applications for Ballot by Mail shall be mailed to: Cheri Walker , Elections Administrator , 51 East Pine Avenue, Coldspring, Texas 77331 Fax: 936-653-5808 Email: cwalker@san-jac.us. (Las solicitudes de Boleta por Correo deben enviarse a: Cheri Walker , Elections Administrator , 51 East Pine Avenue , Coldspring, Texas 77331 Fax: 936-653-5808 Correo electrónico: cwalker@san-jac.us. Applications for Ballots by Mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 25, 2024. (Las solicitudes de Boleta por Correo deben ser recibidas a más tardar al cierre de operaciones del día 25 de octubre de 2024.) Website (sitio web) : <https://www.cocisd.org/Website> (sitio web) : <https://www.co.san-jacinto.tx.us/page/sanjacinto.Elections>

Legal/Public Notices

Constable's sale Nov. 5

Notice of Constable's sale The state of Texas County of San Jacinto NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable 258th Court San Jacinto County, 29th day of August 2024, by District Clerk, of said District Court for the sum of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE & 37/100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of WATERWOOD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC. in a certain cause in said Court, No. CV17,329 and styled WATERWOOD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC. vs. CHRISTA BOWSER, placed in my hands for service, I Brian A. Cosme as

Constable Pct 4 of San Jacinto County, Texas, did on the 18th day of SEPTEMBER, 2024, levy on certain , situated in San Jacinto County, Texas, described as follows, to wit: Lot 3, Block 17, of Bass Boat Village of Waterwood, A Subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, According to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 5 page 28, plat records, San Jacinto County, Texas (the "Property") and levied upon as the property of CHRISTA BOWSER and that on the first Tuesday in NOVEMBER, 2024, the same being the 5th day of said month at the Court House door, of San Jacinto County, in the City of Coldspring, Texas, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00

PM by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will offer for sale and sell at public venue, for cash, to the highest bidder, all right and title and interest of the said CHRISTA BOWSER in and said property. Lot 3, Block 17, of Bass Boat Village of Waterwood, A Subdivision in San Jacinto County, Texas, according to the plat thereof recorded in Volume 5 page 28, plat records, San Jacinto County, Texas (the "Property") And in compliance with the law, I give notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the San Jacinto News Times a newspaper published in San Jacinto County.

Mortgage foreclosure in sheriff's sale Dec. 11

NOTICE OF ACTION IN MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF CARBON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL ACTION - LAW NO. 24-CV-0855 PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC VS. RODOLFO ZELAYA NOTICE TO: RODOLFO ZELAYA NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY TAKE NOTICE that the real estate located at 649 Lime Street, Palmerton, Pennsylvania 18071, is scheduled to be sold at Sheriff's Sale on December 11, 2024 at 10:00 AM at a public online auction found at <https://www.bid4assets/carbonpashieriffsales>, to enforce the Court Judgment of \$189,865.01 obtained by PENNYMAC LOAN SERVICES, LLC, against you. Property situated in Carbon County BEING premises: 649 Lime Street, Palmerton, Pennsylvania 18071 Tax Parcel: 56B-6-77 Improvements consist of residential property. Sold as the property of Rodolfo Zelaya TERMS OF SALE: The purchaser at sale must pay the full amount of his/her

bid by two o'clock P.M. on the day of the sale, and if complied with, a deed will be tendered by the Sheriff at the next Court of Common Pleas for Carbon County conveying to the purchaser all the right, title and claim which the said defendant has in and to the said property at the time of levying the same. If the above conditions are not complied with on the part of the purchaser, the property will again be offered for sale by the Sheriff at three o'clock P.M., on the same day. The said purchaser will be held liable for the deficiencies and additional costs of said sale. TAKE NOTICE that a Schedule of Distribution will be filed by the Sheriff on a date specified by the Sheriff not later than thirty (30) days after sale. Distribution will be made in accordance with the schedule unless exceptions are filed thereto within 10 days after the filing of the schedule. Powers Kirn, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 8 Neshaminy Interplex, Suite 215 Treveose, PA 19053 215.942.2090 Attorney for Plaintiff 24-0272

Estate of Daniel Enrique Lazo Guzman

THE STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION CAUSE NO. P2024-108 THE ESTATE OF DANIEL ENRIQUE LAZO GUZMAN TO ALL UNKNOWN OR MISSING HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF DANIEL ENRIQUE LAZO GUZMAN, DECEASED FRANCIA CRISTINA GUZMAN, filed in the San Jacinto County Court of San Jacinto County, Texas, September 27, 2024 an APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP AND FOR LETTERS OF INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, AND IN THE ALTERNATIVE, LETTERS OF DEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION, requesting that the Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of DANIEL ENRIQUE LAZO GUZMAN, Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in said estate. The Court may act on said Application and any opposition at any call of the docket on or after 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from date of publication of this citation,

at the San Jacinto County Courthouse located at 1 State Highway 150, Coldspring, Texas 77331 in San Jacinto County, Texas. All UNKNOWN OR MISSING HEIRS of this estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court by filing a written contest or answer to said Application before the above stated time and date should you desire to do so. To ensure its consideration, you or your attorney must file any contest, objection, intervention, or response in writing with the County Clerk of San Jacinto County, Texas, on or before the above noted date and time. Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Coldspring, Texas, on September 30, 2024. Dawn Wright, County Clerk San Jacinto County 1 State Highway 150 Room 2 Coldspring, Texas 77331 By: Jessica Swords, Deputy /S/ Applicant's Attorney Sarah Bassler 306 West Sunset Road, Suite 119 San Antonio, Texas 78209 (P) 210-826-8885 (F) 210-826-2236 Email: sarah@basslerlaw.com

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF ENTERGY TEXAS, INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO RECONCILE FUEL AND PURCHASED POWER COSTS

On September 30, 2024, Entergy Texas, Inc. ("Entergy Texas") filed an Application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") to reconcile its eligible fuel and purchased power costs incurred during the period of April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2024 ("Reconciliation Period"). This filing was made pursuant to Section 36.203 of the Texas Utilities Code and 16 Texas Administrative Code § 25.236. The Commission has assigned Docket No. 57134 to the Application.

In its Application, Entergy Texas seeks to reconcile approximately \$1.61 billion of fuel and purchased power expenses incurred during the Reconciliation Period to generate and purchase electric energy for its retail customers. In this reconciliation proceeding ETI seeks Commission review of Entergy Texas' eligible fuel and purchased power expenses incurred during the Reconciliation Period and a determination they were reasonable and necessary to serve retail customers.

Entergy Texas's under-recovery balance for the Reconciliation Period totals approximately \$30.0 million, which includes interest expense on the under-recovered amounts. Entergy Texas does not seek to implement a fuel-related refund or surcharge of its eligible fuel costs in this case. Entergy Texas proposes to roll any ending fuel balance resulting from this proceeding forward to serve as the beginning balance for the next reconciliation period.

All customers and classes of customers receiving retail electric service from Entergy Texas whose electric service rates include charges pursuant to Rate Schedule FF (fixed fuel factor) will be affected by the Application. This Application has no effect on Entergy Texas' non-fuel rates.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this petition may contact Entergy Texas at Attn: Customer Service—Fuel Reconciliation, 350 Pine Street, Beaumont, Texas 77701, or call 1-866-981-2602 during normal business hours. A complete copy of this petition is available for inspection at the address listed above or by email at tcr@entergy.com.

Persons who wish to formally participate in this proceeding, or who wish to express their comments concerning this petition should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Customer Protection, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call (512) 936-7120 or toll-free at (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones ("TTY") may call (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll-free) 1-800-735-2989. A deadline for intervention will be established for this proceeding. All communications should refer to Docket No. 57134.



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