

Folk sworn in as immediate past president of DETCOG

The Deep East Texas Council of Governments (DETCOG) installed seven new officers Thursday at its board meeting in Nacogdoches.

The judge from the Four Hundred Twentieth Judicial District of Texas, Ed Klein, administered the oaths of office. The new officers took their posi-

tions as of July first.

Nacogdoches County Commissioner, Charlie Simmons, will serve as the new DETCOG Board President. Lufkin Mayor, Jack Gorden, is the new First Vice President. The Second Vice President is Newton Mayor, Rachel Martin. Polk County Commissioner, Tommy

Overstreet, will serve as Third Vice President. Serving as Secretary will be Shelby County Clerk, Allison Harbison. Tyler County Judge, Jacques Blanchette is the new Treasurer. Former Jasper County Judge, Joe Folk, will continue serving on the board in the position of Immediate Past President.



Four hundred twentieth Judicial District Judge, Ed Klein, Left, pictured administering oath of office to DETCOG Immediate Past President, Former Jasper County Judge, Joe Folk.

Courtesy photo

BBB warns consumers of nationwide locksmith swindle

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) is warning consumers to beware of untrustworthy locksmith companies that are ripping off consumers across the country.

Victim complaints to the BBB reveal that several locksmith companies, all using similar methods, are significantly overcharging consumers, charging consumers for unnecessary services, using intimidation tactics, and failing to give refunds or respond to consumer complaints.

"Ironically, these companies operate under names like 'Dependable Locksmith' but in reality they exploit the vulnerable situation of consumers who are locked out of their house or car," said Michael Clayton, President/CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving all of Southeast Texas. "We've found that some locksmiths have made taking advantage of consumers' misfortune part of their business model."

Complaints about locksmith services to the 114 BBBs serving the U.S. increased almost 75 percent from 2005 to 2006, and have continued to come in steady

ly during the first half of this year.

The BBB has identified Dependable Locksmith - which operates under more than a dozen different names - as a particularly disreputable locksmith. This company poses as a local locksmith in cities across the country and advertises in the yellow pages using local phone numbers and fake local addresses. A consumer might think they're dealing with a local locksmith but their phone call is actually connected to a call center located in the Bronx borough of New York City.

Consumers are quoted a reasonable price over the phone but when the locksmith arrives - typically in an unmarked vehicle - he demands significantly more money than originally quoted, often only accepting cash.

For example, a complaint from Cleveland, OH, where Dependable Locksmith was operating under the name "Superb Solutions," alleges the company quoted fees of \$39 and \$84 for separate jobs, but the bill ended up at \$471, which included add-on fees such as a \$65 breaking in fee and a \$58 fee to unin-

stall old locks.

Another complainant reported that the locksmith sent to let her into her car demanded she pay twice the price quoted over the phone. The locksmith offered to drive her to an ATM to get cash - feeling unsafe the victim refused. The victim was ultimately forced to write a check made out personally to the locksmith as he would not let her into her car until she did so. She cancelled payment on the check the next morning, but eventually filed a police report after the locksmith harassed her with continuous phone calls about payment.

The BBB has also heard many complaints from victims who say they were charged for unnecessary services. For example, complainants suspect locksmiths sent over by Dependable Locksmiths of pretending they couldn't simply pick the lock so that they could charge more and install all new locks in homes. Some of Dependable Locksmith's aliases include, Superb Solutions, Locksmith 24 Hour, Inc., USA Total Security, Priceline Locksmith, and S.O.S. Locksmith.

Two other locksmith contractors fleecing consumers are Basad, Inc. - which operates under more than 50 names nationwide, such as A-1 Locksmith Service, A-1 24 Hour Locksmith, A-1 Lock & Key Locksmith, and AAA Locksmith 24 Hour - and Liberty Locksmith. Similar to Dependable Locksmith, they pose as local locksmiths and run full-page yellow pages ads with multiple phone and address listings.

The phone numbers appear to be local, but connect to national call centers such as Liberty's in New York City, while the addresses end up belonging to other established businesses in the local area, or are simply non-existent.

Liberty Locksmith had been a BBB member in Tulsa, OK, but during normal BBB member validation processes, it was discovered that the addresses provided by the company were false. In June 2007, the BBB terminated the membership of Liberty Locksmith for providing false information in its membership application and providing misleading advertisements to the public. Like others, Liberty

Locksmith and Basad, Inc. use common cons such as quoting one price over the phone, but then charging significantly more on site.

"These companies are very good at posing as trustworthy locksmiths," said Clayton. "Before you find yourself in the unfortunate position of being locked out of your car or house, do your research and find a truly dependable locksmith in your area. Ask around and always check with the BBB first to find reputable businesses." Out of 27 locksmith companies in our database, two are members of the Better Business Bureau in Southeast Texas: AAA Lock & Safe of Beaumont and Keymaster Lock & Key in Lumberton.

If you feel you've been taken advantage of by Dependable Locksmith, Liberty Locksmith, Basad, Inc., or others, please contact the BBB to file a complaint. You can check a company's BBB reliability report before doing business with them at www.bbbsetexas.org. For further information, call the Better Business Bureau of Southeast Texas at (409) 835-5348 or (800) 685-7650 24 hours a day.

Lamar hosts All-State Choir camp

Something to sing about: Lamar to host All-State Choir Camp July 16-20; enrollment reflects dramatic increase

Eduardo Garcia-Novelli greeted 16 young voice students when he conducted his first Lamar University choir camp in the summer of 2002.

He expects as many as 200 when the 2007 All-State Choir Camp begins June 16.

Choir Camp '07 will begin Monday, July 16, and continue through July 20. Sessions will be from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. daily, with classes in Rothwell Recital Hall and Rooms 103, 105 and 109 of the Music Building, in the Science Auditorium and in the Setzer Student Center Ballroom.

This one-week intensive program for high school students will focus on learning the repertoire for the All-Region and All-State Choir auditions. During the day, the schedule includes sectional and full rehearsals, sight-reading classes, dictation classes, voice classes and lectures.

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CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Word/Line Advertising Rates

The non-commissionable classified word/line rates are: 20-word minimum for each ad for each issue. Minimum charge is \$3.20 for first run, 16¢ per word; 13¢ per word for second run; 12¢ per word for third run; 10¢ per word for

fourth run and subsequent runs of the same ad.

Classified Display Advertising Rates

The open classified display advertising rate is \$6.40 (non-commissionable) per column inch for The Jasper NewsBoy and NewsBoy Plus Classified pages are nine (9) columns wide by 21-1/2 inches deep.

Classifications

1. Card of

- Thanks
- Services Offered
- Help Wanted
- Instruction
- Medical Help Wanted
- Wanted
- Work Wanted
- Business Opportunity
- Notices
- Personals
- Want to Buy
- Want to Rent
- Lost and Found
- Garage Sale
- For Rent
- For Lease
- Lease Wanted

18. Apartments for Rent
19. Houses for Rent
20. Mobile Home Spaces for Rent
21. Mobile Homes for Sale
22. For Sale
23. Travel Trailers for Sale
24. Pets
25. Building Materials
26. Houses for Sale
27. Autos for Sale
28. Motor Homes for Sale

29. Trucks for Sale
30. Motorcycles for Sale
31. Automotive
32. Auto Repair
33. Auto Care
34. Boat Storage
35. Boats for Sale
36. Farm Equipment
37. Property for Sale
38. Land for Sale
39. Deer Lease
40. RV Spaces
41. Livestock for Sale
42. Furniture for Sale

dence within 440 yards of the proposed plant. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and Registration Number; (3) the statement "I/we request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing, and the interests which the group or association seek to protect, must also be identified. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing within 15 days following this notice to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address below.

If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice will be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST In

addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

INFORMATION

Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Apac-Texas, Inc., P.O. Box 20779, Beaumont, Texas 77720-0779 or by calling Mr. Ryan Cook, Environmental, Health, and Safety Manager at (409) 866-1444. Issuance Date: July 3, 2007

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OIL AND GAS DIVISION

District 03
Date of Issuance: July 9, 2007
Rule 37 Case No. 0252507
Status/Permit No. 641085

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANADARKO E&P COMPANY LP, [RR Operator No. 020542] has made application for a spacing exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.37).

Applicant seeks exception Rule 37 lease line distance requirement because the Applicant is less than the subject unit for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. Bk. HANKS, E F Survey, A-20, BROOKELAND (AUSTIN CHALK, 8800) Field, TYLER County, being 2.7 miles NW direction from WOODVILLE, Texas. The location and identity of the well is as follows: **FIELD: BROOKELAND (AUSTIN CHALK, 8800)**
Lease/Unit Name: BLACK STONE HANKS A-20 UNIT
Lease/Unit Well No.: 1
Lease/Unit Acres: 1259.19
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 100.0
Lease Lines: 1787.0 F WEST L, 4894.0 F NORTH L
Survey Lines: 6937.0 F WEST L, 6401.0 F SOUTH L
Wellbore Profile (s): Horizontal
Lateral: TH2
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 1787.0 F WEST L, 4894.0 F NORTH L
Terminus Location
Lease Lines: 2188.0 F WEST L, 113.0 F SOUTH L
Survey Lines - 7299.0 F WEST L, 113.0 F SOUTH L
Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 1787.0 F WEST L, 4894.0 F NORTH L
Terminus Location
Lease Lines: 2324.0 F WEST L, 1882.0 F NORTH L
Survey Lines - 6650.0 F WEST L, 1882.0 F NORTH L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:
BROOKELAND (AUSTIN CHALK, 8800):
Special Rules
VERTICAL FIELD RULES-467/900 160
HORIZONTAL FIELD RULES-100/1500/1500 160
Special Rules
VERTICAL FIELD RULES-467/900 160
HORIZONTAL FIELD

RULES-100/1500/1500 160
This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 14200 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Cari Vaughn D., at (832) 6361162.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protest should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the Application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission at (512) 463-6701.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE BY AUG 20, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION
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NOTICE OF DEPOSITORY BID HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of Jasper Hospital District will select a depository bank for the depositing of district and hospital funds for 2007-2009, at its regular meeting at 6:00 o'clock P.M., on Monday, July 16, 2007. In awarding the contract, the Board of Directors will consider the rate of interest the district will receive on all accounts and the amount of interest the district will be charged on any short term obligations the district may wish to incur. Also, any additional services offered by the bank will be considered. Any financial institution outside of Jasper City Limits must provide courier service. Bid specifications can be obtained at the office of Robert M. Jackson, the District's attorney and Executive Director, 102 East Lamar Street, Jasper, Texas 75951.

Sealed bids, marked "Sealed Bids" will be received until 3:00 o'clock P.M. on July 16, 2007, by the District's attorney.

By order of the Board of Directors, Charles

Nicholson, President.
7/4-7/11 W 2X

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT REGISTRATION

PROPOSED AIR QUALITY REGISTRATION NO. 79563L002
Apac-Texas, Inc., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration No. 79563L002, which would authorize construction of a Concrete Batch Plant located at 1045 East Milam, Jasper, Jasper County, Texas. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, road dust and particulate matter less than 10 microns in diameter.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on June 28, 2007. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Beaumont regional office, and the

Jasper Public Library, 175 East Water Street, Jasper, Jasper County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Beaumont regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.**

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local leg-

islator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of the Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If any comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the applica-

tion, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on a mailing list for this application.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 15 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. **If no hearing request is received within this 15-day period, no further opportunity for hearing will be provided.** A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on those issues raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

A person who may be affected by emissions from air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. To request a hearing, a person must actually reside in a permanent resi-