



Pictured above are Trish Wilson, Val Loveday, Lynn Rucka, Sylvia Rucka, and Jane Meldahl having a good time at the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Casino Night held on Saturday, November 15.



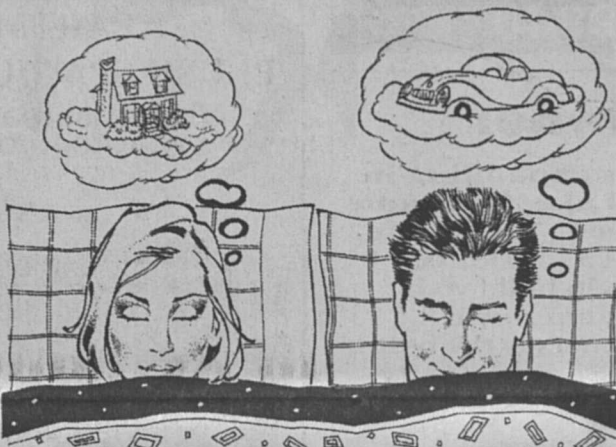
The Columbus Community Choir, sponsored by the First United Methodist Church, invites everyone to our Christmas Cantata for the 2008 Christmas season. The first performance will be in Nada at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Sunday, December 7 at 4:00 p.m. Story on page 8.

Cancer Society
Holiday Home Tour

Austin County Unit of ACS
Plans Annual Holiday Home Tour
for Dec. 6-7

The Austin County Unit of the American Cancer Society (ACS) announces its annual Holiday Home Tour will be held Saturday, Dec. 6 and Sunday, Dec. 7.

Five beautiful homes are on the tour for viewing on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Sunday, from 1 until 5 p.m. Tour donations are \$15, proceeds of which will go directly to the ACS to be used for research, education and patient services. Tickets will be available at each house or at Heritage Texas Country Properties, 524 W. Main, Bellville. Just 48 minutes west of Houston off I-10, Exit #720 go north on Highway 36, for information call toll free 1-877-558-7245.



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Drought Affects Colorado River Basin

By Mark Jordan,
LCRA manager of River
Management

Whether you are a rice farmer needing water from the Highland Lakes for your crop next year, a city dweller trying to keep your lawn alive or a lakeside business counting on lake recreation activities, everyone throughout the lower Colorado River basin is feeling the effects of the ongoing drought.

The drought began last fall, but conditions worsened when rain became scarce this spring—a time when it's typically very wet.

An exceptionally hot and dry summer followed, causing drought conditions to grow worse while promoting higher-than-normal evaporation from the Highland Lakes. Limited rains this autumn have maintained severe to extreme drought conditions.

Year to date, most areas of the basin have received no more than half of their normal amounts of rain. With this being such a hot and dry year, inflows into the Highland Lakes have been the lowest measured since 1942 when Lake Travis was completed. As a result, the levels of lakes Travis and Buchanan have fallen considerably this year.

Our region has experienced many severe droughts. The Highland Lakes were built for capturing and storing flood waters for dry times.

Lake levels for lakes Travis and Buchanan, our two water supply reservoirs, fluctuate with the changing wet and dry patterns.

Despite prolonged drought

conditions, there's enough drinking water for the Central Texans who depend on it. LCRA staff is closely monitoring the current drought, managing our current supplies as efficiently as possible, and following our state-approved Water Management Plan. The

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RICE CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2008

EXHIBIT C-2

Data Control Codes	10	60	98	
	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 7,011,040	\$ 629,935	\$ 1,755,895	\$ 9,396,870
5800 State Program Revenues	5,316,039	-	184,561	5,500,600
5900 Federal Program Revenues	84,688	-	1,979,045	2,063,733
5020 Total Revenues	12,411,767	629,935	3,919,501	16,961,203
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	6,460,278	-	1,336,984	7,797,262
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	105,009	-	74,537	179,546
0013 Curriculum and Staff Development	101,840	-	83,169	185,009
0021 Instructional Leadership	13,508	-	26,976	40,484
0023 School Leadership	941,494	-	-	941,494
0031 Guidance, Counseling, & Evaluation Services	307,026	-	132,739	439,765
0033 Health Services	112,094	-	-	112,094
0034 Student Transportation	455,296	-	-	455,296
0035 Food Service	15,224	-	664,132	679,356
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	487,657	-	-	487,657
0041 General Administration	611,185	-	14,230	625,415
0051 Plant Maintenance and Operations	1,477,221	14,861	-	1,492,082
0061 Community Services	17,717	-	4,697	22,414
0071 Principal on Long-term Debt	-	-	645,000	645,000
0072 Interest on Long-term Debt	-	-	849,577	849,577
0073 Bond Issuance Costs and Fees	-	-	850	850
0081 Capital Outlay	100,649	6,647,402	-	6,748,051
0093 Payments to Shared Service Arrangements	13,315	-	-	13,315
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	162,806	-	-	162,806
6030 Total Expenditures	11,382,319	6,662,263	3,832,891	21,877,473
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under)				
1100 Expenditures	1,029,448	(6,032,328)	86,610	(4,916,270)
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	1,029,448	(6,032,328)	86,610	(4,916,270)
0100 Fund Balances - Beginning	9,123,171	17,449,731	177,324	26,750,226
3000 Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 10,152,619	\$ 11,417,403	\$ 263,934	\$ 21,833,956