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Sandow 4 marks a milestone

Rockdale power plant turns 30

BY JEANNE WILLIAMS
TELEGRAM STAFF WRITER

ROCKDALE — The Sandow power plant's Unit 4 began generating May 15, 1981, and has produced more than 122 million net megawatt hours of electricity since its debut in south Milam County.

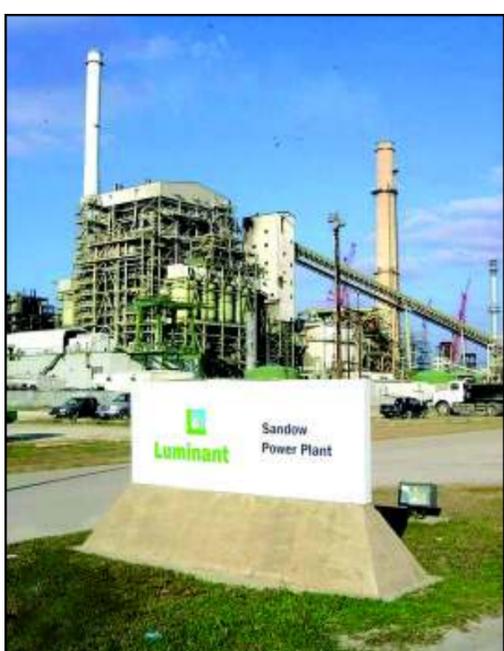
The plant and its employees have volunteered tens of thousands of hours to support local organizations while contributing hundreds of millions of dollars in tax contributions and related communities that surround the plant.

"For three decades, the Sandow 4 unit has played an integral role in helping power one of the world's largest electric markets," said Mike Williams, Luminant's chief fossil officer. "We are proud of what our dedicated employees have been able to accomplish at this site and equally proud of our involvement in and support of the local community. We look forward to continuing our efforts at Sandow in the years to come."

The power plant originated to generate electricity for Alcoa's Rockdale Operations smelter, which shut down in 2009. During the past 30 years, lignite coal was mined at the nearby Sandow mine, which closed in 2004. Today, lignite is mined at Three Oaks Mine in Lee and Bastrop counties.

Luminant reported in a press release that the Sandow complex has provided hundreds of jobs during construction and operation, including more than 400 permanent full-time positions.

The addition of Unit 5 has brought the complex's combined generating capacity to



ABOVE: The Sandow 4 unit under construction in 1979 near Rockdale in southern Milam County. The plant originated to generate electricity for Alcoa's Rockdale Operations smelter.

LEFT: Sandow 4 today. The plant has played an integral role in helping power one of the world's largest electric markets.

File photos

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U.S. businesses reluctant to open in Mexico

BY MARTHA MENDOZA
AP NATIONAL WRITER

McALLEN — Dozens of Mattel Inc. employees were on their way to another day of work making Power Wheels in Mexico's industrial heartland when gunshots erupted around them and a grenade ripped into one of their buses, killing one worker and wounding five.

The battle between drug traffickers and the army near the city of Monterrey last week was the sort of violence that is frightening U.S. companies away from new investments south of the border, where organized criminals are increasingly turning to kidnappings, extortion and cargo thefts despite a government offensive against drug cartels.

"These acts of violence are not happening in a vacuum; they're happening in the street that could be right out in front of your building. Bullets get shot and they have to stop somewhere," said Dan Burges, a senior director at Freightwatch Inc., an Austin-based cargo security firm.

As a result, only half of the U.S. firms surveyed recently by the U.S.-Mexico Chamber of Commerce said they would go ahead with new investment plans in Mexico and several companies, including Whirlpool Corp., have recently announced they would put new factories elsewhere citing concerns about safety.

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Temple native was innovative airplane designer

BY DEBORAH McKEON
TELEGRAM STAFF WRITER

The Veteran's Café building, built in 1881, was a recipient of a Temple Historic Marker in March 2009.

During its colorful history, the building was owned by the Burnelli family and operated as Burnelli's Confectionary.

Vincent, one of the family's sons, was a designer and builder of airplanes and also was a pioneer in the development of multi-engine transports. He was born in 1895 and died in 1964, according to air-crash.org.

Burnelli developed the lifting fuselage design. His first airplane built was the RB-1 in 1921, and from that he graduated in 1924 to the RB-2, a

transport that carried a car to advertise for car companies. That airplane was the first actual air transport.

Larry Pope of Kyle put together a Burnelli presentation in the Wings Over Texas hangar during the Central Texas Air Show.

"Vincent Burnelli is a child of Temple. What he learned to go out and change the world, he learned here from the people of the city of Temple and, in fact, came within a pen stroke of doing just that," Pope said.

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As water creeps closer, La. residents warned: Get out

BY MICHAEL KUNZELMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KROTZ SPRINGS, La. — Dep-uties warned people Sunday to get out as Mississippi River water gushing from a floodgate for the first time in four decades crept ever closer to communities in Louisiana Cajun country, slowly filling a river basin like a giant bathtub.

Most residents heeded the warnings and headed for higher ground, even in places where there hasn't been so much as a trickle, hopeful that the flooding engineered to protect New Orleans and Baton Rouge would be merciful to their way of life.

Days ago, many of the towns known for their Cajun culture and drawling dialect fluttered with activity as people filled sandbags and cleared out belongings. By Sunday, some areas were virtually empty as the water from the Mississippi River, swollen by snowmelt and heavy rains, slowly rolled across the Atchafalaya River basin. It first started to come, in small amounts, into people's yards in Melville on Sunday. But it still had yet to move farther downstream.

The floodwaters could reach depths of 20 feet in the coming



Patrick Semansky/Associated Press

Linda Wheat carries a rug out of her home Sunday in Butte LaRose, La., as she evacuates in advance of forecasted flooding brought on by the opening of the Morganza Spillway north of Butte LaRose.

weeks, though levels were nowhere close to that yet.

The spillway's opening diverted water from heavily populated New Orleans and Baton Rouge — along with chemical plants and oil refineries along the Mississippi's lower reaches — easing pressure on the levees there in the hope of avoiding potentially catastrophic floods.

About 11 miles north of Krotz Springs in the town of Melville, water was already starting to creep into some people's backyards. Parts of the town not pro-

ected by levees were under a mandatory evacuation order. Glenda Maddox's husband had temporarily reopened the gas station he closed in December so people could fuel up before they leave.

"Nobody knows what's going to happen," she said. "We don't know if the levee is going to hold up."

The station's shelves were mostly barren, save for a few soft drinks and bottles of motor oil. Only cash was accepted — no credit cards.

Honor for a local champion

Rockdale teen to represent Texas at event in Washington

BY JANICE GIBBS
TELEGRAM STAFF WRITER

For some, adversity is just viewed as a game changer.

Dustin Strelsky, 13, was seriously injured in a two-vehicle head-on collision on Jan. 20, 2010, and was left partially paralyzed from a spinal cord injury.

The Rockdale teen had been active in sports before the accident and that love of athletics continues. Dustin plays wheelchair basketball for a team in Austin, the Rec'ers, but his tennis opponents are closer to home — classmates and sisters.

Dustin came in fourth in a district tennis tournament, with able-bodied students as competitors. He said he almost came in third, but he backed off during the match.

"I love playing tennis," he said. "I go to the city courts three or four days a week and play my sisters and friends."

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Gary Hansen/Scott & White

Dustin Strelsky, right, meets Gary Crawford, a truck driver for Walmart based in New Braunfels representing Walmart logistics and Walmart Heart, a volunteer program started by truck drivers to benefit people with chronic illness. Strelsky will represent Texas as a Children's Miracle Network champion in Washington D.C.



TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

"Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." — Matthew 5:5



OUR CENTRAL TEXAS

Friends and neighbors share memories.
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CENTRAL TEXAS OBITUARIES

Thomas McCarthy

SALADO — Services for Thomas J. McCarthy, 85, of the Temple/Salado area will be 10:30 a.m. today at St. Luke Catholic Church in Temple. Burial with military honors will be 1 p.m. in Texas State Veteran Cemetery.

Mr. McCarthy died Monday, May 9, in a local hospital.

He was born on Aug. 15, 1925, to Thomas J. McCarthy and Margaret Brennan in Cleveland, Ohio. He graduated from Shaw High School in 1943. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and was a member of Carlson's Raiders. He attended the University of Ohio and Harvard Business School. In 1951, he married Patricia Ann Fugedy and settled in Cleveland. He worked for Firestone and then the Textolite division of GE before moving to Wilsonart International in 1978. In 2001 an annual award was established in his name to honor the highest levels of achievement in Wilsonart's sales department. On May 5, 1995, he married Mary Gwendoline Kellams in Michigan. They were members of the Temple Wine Club. He was a member of the Lions Club and Rotary Club of Salado. He was preceded in death by his first wife.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Gerry McCarthy of Danville, Calif., Michael McCarthy of Wilsonville, Ore., and Kevin McCarthy of Denver; a daughter, Kathleen Marie Kabobel of Temple; a sister, Rosemary Roche of Ohio; and five grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Ralph Wilson Scholar-

ship Fund, 10501 NW HK Dodgen Loop, Temple, TX 76504.

Visitation will be 9:30 a.m. today at the church.

Broecker Funeral Home of Salado is in charge of arrangements.

James M. Tucker

CAMERON — Services for James M. "Red" Tucker, 87, of Cameron will be 2 p.m. Wednesday at Marek-Burns-Laywell Funeral Home in Cameron with the Rev. Jim Lafferty officiating.

Burial will follow in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Tucker died Saturday, May 14, in a Cameron nursing home.

He was born on March 14, 1924, to Walter and Maggie Ione Caffey Tucker in the Salty community of Milam County. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He married Lena Mara Crouch. He was a retired farmer. He was preceded in death by his wife in 1990.

Survivors include a brother, Johnnie Tucker of Enid, Okla. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Jason L. Grimm

BELTON — Services for Jason Lee Grimm, 32, of Austin, formerly of Belton, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday in Rest Haven Cemetery in Belton with the Rev. Bobby Ellis officiating.

Mr. Grimm died Friday, May 13, at his home.

He was born on Jan. 11, 1979, in Temple. He attended schools in Belton and graduated from New Braunfels High School in 1998. He was in the process of completing culinary school in Austin. He was a lifetime mem-

ber of Miller Heights Baptist Church.

Survivors include a brother, Justin Grimm of Austin; a step-brother, Gregory Strzelczyk; his father, Lee William Grimm Jr. of Temple; and his mother and stepfather, Ocie Bowser and Robert Strzelczyk of New Braunfels.

Heartfield Funeral Home of Belton is in charge of arrangements.

William J. Henry

CAMERON — William J. "Butch" Henry, 68, of Cameron died Sunday, May 15, in a Cameron hospital.

Services are pending with Marek-Burns-Laywell Funeral Home in Cameron.

Charlcie I. Cockrell

BELTON — Charlcie I. Cockrell, 100, of Belton died Sunday,

Funerals

TODAY

GAMBLE, Lee Bertha "Mama Honey," 95, of Temple, 11 a.m., Greater Zion Temple Church of God in Christ in Temple. Burial in Temple Garden of Memories Cemetery. Branford/Dawson Funeral Home in Temple in charge.

GIBSON, Donna R., 64, of Temple, 10 a.m., Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home in Killeen.

JAGOE, Doris M. Smitha, 87, of Greenville, Ky., formerly of Belton, 1 p.m., First Missionary Baptist Church in Greenville. Burial in West End Cemetery in Greenville. Branford/Dawson Funeral Home in Temple in charge locally.

KOEHN, Ella Mae, 91, of

Temple, 11 a.m., First Lutheran Church. Burial in Greathouse Cemetery. Scanio-Harper Funeral Home in Temple in charge.

McCARTHY, Thomas J., 85, of Temple/Salado, 10:30 a.m., St. Luke Catholic Church in Temple. Burial 1 p.m. in Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen.

Broecker Funeral Home in Salado in charge.

SOUTH, Ernest E., 90, of Temple, 10 a.m., Dossman Funeral Home in Belton.

ZABCIK, Mamie Sue Moon, 87, of Little River-Academy and Zabcikville, 2 p.m., Ocker Brethren Church in Zabcikville. Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home in Temple in charge.

May 15, in a local nursing home. Services are pending with Dossman Funeral Home in Belton.

Kelley infant

Services for James Otis Kelley III, infant, of Temple are pending with Branford/Dawson Funeral Home in Temple.

He died Saturday, May 14, in a Temple hospital.

Karen L. Kjelland

Karen L. Kjelland, 97, of Temple died Sunday, May 15, in a local nursing home.

Services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. Paul Lutheran Church in The Grove with the Rev. Dr. John Heckmann officiating.

Burial will follow in St. Paul Lutheran Cemetery.

Mrs. Kjelland was born on Oct. 6, 1913, to Lars and Nickolene Harr Windingland in Taber

township, Walsh County, N.D.

On June 26, 1938, she married Oliver Kjelland at Garfield Lutheran Church. She worked on the family farm outside of Park River, N.D. In 1952, she moved to Texas where she was homemaker, Sunday school teacher and worked at Baugh's Shoe Factory, retiring in 1974. She had been a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Temple and in 1973 transferred to St. Paul Lutheran Church in The Grove. She was preceded in death by her husband on Jan. 29, 1995; a daughter, Mary Ann Kjelland Spera on July 12, 2001; and two grandsons.

Survivors include two sons, Leland "Lee" Kjelland and Kenneth "Ken" Kjelland, both of Temple; six grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church, 220 The Grove Road, Gatesville, TX 76528.

Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. today at Scanio-Harper Funeral Home in Temple.

Martinez infant

Services for Zane Austin Martinez, infant son of Terry Don and Shelley Sirney Martinez of Troy, will be 7 p.m. Tuesday at Harper-Talasek Funeral Home in Temple with the Rev. Kissa Vaughn officiating.

Zane was born on May 14, 2011, in Temple.

Survivors include his parents; a sister, Angel Martinez of Troy; his grandparents, Tony Martinez of Big Springs, Ted and Connie Williamson of Salado and Steve Sirney of Temple; and his great-grandparents, Burnell and June Payne of Troy.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Some truck drivers refuse to drive through dangerous areas including Ciudad Juarez, where officials say criminals typically extort about \$70 to pass without harm.

Increasingly, cargo thieves are stealing selectively, things like industrial chemicals or specially processed metals, at the request of specific clients, according to Mexico's Freight and Auto Transport Association.

Entire trailer-loads of newly built cars were stolen this year along major highways in the states of Tamaulipas, Nuevo Leon, Morelos and Sinaloa.

To promote it, Sun Oil Co. used it in 1934 to carry a Ford automobile to sub-zero temperatures to prove the effectiveness of their petroleum products under extremely low temperatures.

The EB-20 was used by Sunoco Oil Co. to carry a car advertising an oil additive for cold weather, and it was built by Burnelli.

Burnelli's UB-14 in 1935 crashed and, although there were injuries, no one died due to the bolts being placed backwards in the airplane.

Charles DeGaulle used the OA-1, another Burnelli plane, for his flights during World War II. The Cunliffe-Owen Clyde Clipper was built in England under a license from and under the supervision of Burnelli.

James Glassco Henderson wrote "Shorty: An Aviation Pioneer, The Story of Victor John Hatton," and in his book discusses some of Burnelli's work.

In 1922, Burnelli proposed a unique design for an airplane. It had a wide fuselage in an airfoil to provide additional life as well as increased cabin volume for cargo.

When Canadian Car & Foundry first went into the airplane business in 1936, it intended to manufacture a cargo plane called the Burnelli UB-14 lifting fuselage monoplane that had been successfully test flown in the United States in the summer of 1936. The UB-14 was a twin engine, all metal airplane designed for passenger, mail and express service. It was capable of carrying a 3,200-pound payload.

On Nov. 28, 1936, it was announced that the manufacturing rights had been given to Canadian Car and that the Fort William plant was "a probable center of operations," but it was never built.

Arrangements were made in 1943 to build a newer Burnelli designed aircraft, the CBY-3. A new company was created in Montreal to build it. A South American airline initially wanted 20 of the planes, and the prototype was begun in December 1943; however, the airline backed out of the deal at some point.

Work continued on a diminished basis, but the plane was

ready by July 1945. The CBY-3 was a twin engine, high wing monoplane with a classic Burnelli wide airfoil fuselage, with enough room for a cargo compartment forward and in the rear of the plane. It would hold 24 passengers seated in four rows. The cockpit was above and ahead of the cargo compartment, between the engines, which thrust out ahead of it. There was a boom along each side that ran back to support the tail.

"I hope the city and people of Temple will look into this man's life work and understand that it is because of this city that he had the tenacity to accomplish what he did," Pope said. "He went to his death knowing he was right and that sooner or later the rest of the industry would have to follow. NASA has shown that he was right. I know he's right and I believe his work is not finished."

It is Pope's hope that Temple and the Central Texas Air Show will highlight Burnelli's work at future airshows, where Burnelli supporters could meet and exchange ideas.

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Earl Cook Jr.

Earl Cook Jr. of Rosebud, TX passed away on May 12, 2011. He was born June 12, 1931, in Colorado City, TX. Earl grew up in Westbrook, TX and graduated from Westbrook High in 1948. He graduated from Hardin Simmons University in Abilene, Texas in 1952. He then entered the Air Force and was stationed in San Antonio. After his service, he returned to Hardin Simmons University where he attained a Masters Degree in 1960. It was during this time that he met his wife Betty Bostic whom he married on July 16, 1960.

Mr. Cook began his school business career as a custodian and ended it as the Superintendent of Schools. He served as principal and coach at both the Westbrook Schools, and the Silver Peak School in Silver, TX. In addition, he also was the assistant Superintendent of Schools in Colorado City, TX. Earl moved to Rosebud, Texas in 1970 as the Superintendent of Rosebud-Lott Schools. In 1979, he moved into the banking business and was the President of a Rosebud bank for many years. A long time member of First Baptist Church, Rosebud for over 40 years, he served there as a choir member, Bible teacher, and a deacon.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, Earl and Orlean Cook, his sister Faye Cook, and his brother-in-law Donald Gressett.

Earl is survived by his wife, Betty of the home; his son, Jon of Dallas; his daughter and son-in-law, Emilie and William Drinnon as well as two precious grandchildren Will and Caroline Drinnon of Exmore, Virginia. He is also survived by his sister Sue Gressett of Snyder and two nephews Randy Gressett of Abilene TX, and Tommy Gressett of Red Oak, TX.

The family will receive friends at the Marek, Burns, Laywell Funeral Home in Cameron, TX on Monday evening, May 16th from 6 to 8 P.M.

Funeral services have been scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, May 17th at 2:00 P.M. in the First Baptist Church of Rosebud, TX.

Paid Obituary

Mexico

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More than 35,000 people have died in drug-related violence since President Felipe Calderon deployed thousands of federal security forces four years ago to fight traffickers. In recent months, nearly 400 bodies have been pulled from mass graves in the northern states of Tamaulipas and Durango. There are near-daily reports of drug-gang execu-

tions, kidnappings and extortion.

The army said the Mattel workers were apparently caught in crossfire on May 6 when attackers believed to be working for the Zetas cartel assaulted a military convoy with guns and a grenade launcher from a highway overpass on the outskirts of Monterrey.

"The people of Mattel were shocked and incredibly saddened" by the attack, the company said in a statement released

by spokesman Jules Andres. But battles between government and cartel forces are increasingly common, and companies and their workers are inevitably affected.

One out of 10 companies reported kidnappings and 60 percent said their employees were beaten or threatened in 2010, according to the U.S.-Mexico Chamber of Commerce.

And cargo thefts from trucks

and trains are rampant and soaring.

Cargo thefts cost businesses about \$700 million last year, a 40 percent increase over the past three years, according to the National Multimodal Transport Alliance.

Entire trailer-loads of newly built cars were stolen this year along major highways in the states of Tamaulipas, Nuevo Leon, Morelos and Sinaloa.

Burnelli

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What made, and still makes, Burnelli's designs so innovative was an emphasis on safety, especially crash survivability, according to aircrash.org, a website published and maintained by the Burnelli Supporters Association.

Conventional commercial aircraft design, unchanged since the 1930s, places hanging engines and landing gear onto fuel tank-supporting structures — the wings and fuselage — in combination with excessively high take-off and landing speeds on overstressed tires, according to aircrash.org.

Burnelli's planes, like today's cars, were designed to protect people in case of a crash, according to the website. His designs segregated the main fire-causing elements — engines, fuel and landing gear — and moved them away from the passenger compartment. Burnelli also strengthened the fuselage to absorb the shock of landing, eliminating stress on the fuel tank-supporting structures.

Burnelli's boxy fuselages were designed to help increase lift, reducing take-off and landing

speeds while increasing fuel efficiency, according to the website. The fuselages were also roomier and designed to be safer than the currently popular elongated cylinder designs of commercial aircraft, according to the website.

In 1927, Burnelli revealed to the Federal Aviation Administration the CB-16, which had the first metal retractable landing gear. It was America's first executive airliner, built for P.W. Chapman, chairman of United States Lines. The all-metal CB-16 was the first multi-engine aircraft capable of single engine performance at its design gross weight and the first American twin-engine plane to employ the use of retractable landing gear.

The GX-3, in 1929, was an experimental aircraft that reduced to practice the use of the break-away leading edge in combination with high-lift trailing edge flaps, wend plating of wing-tips to reduce drag and four-wheel landing gear.

Burnelli's UB-20 was the first American aircraft to use flat metal stressed-skin construction.

Cox presented Dustin with a \$500 gift card.

Dr. John Boyd III, chief executive officer and chief medical officer for Scott & White children's hospitals and clinics, said he has been practicing medicine for more than 30 years and almost every year he and his patients have benefited from the Children's Miracle Network.

Dan Cox, manager of Temple Walmart, said he was humbled by a visit he made to Scott & White and was especially moved after watching the interaction of the staff with the young patients.

Walmart Corporation has raised more than \$500 million for Children's Miracle Network and money raised in this area is used to benefit the local community, Cox said.

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Strelsky

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This summer, Dustin will attend the Endeavor Games at the University of Central Oklahoma that features 11 sport competitions for athletes of all ages and classifications. He also will attend Camp For All's extreme sports camp.

"Dustin is doing great," said Jennifer Strelsky, Dustin's mother. "He's a typical teenager. He's still playing basketball and still has dreams and hopes."

It was Dustin's positive attitude and ability to move forward without complaint that resulted in him being selected to represent Texas in the Children's Miracle Network's champions program.

Dustin will go to Washington,

D.C., this fall and will be the first Scott & White patient to represent Texas on Capitol Hill as a champion. The champions serve as representatives of the 17 million children treated annually in Children's Miracle Network hospitals in the United States.

"Scott & White has always wanted a child that we have cared for to represent our hospital and the state of Texas in the Champions Across America," Lesli Cearley, development director of the Children's Hospital, said during an event at Temple Walmart to honor Dustin and his family.

Scott & White has been a partner with Children's Miracle Network Hospital for 25 years. In that time, \$15 million has been raised by partners and sponsors,

Sadow

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1,137 megawatts and will provide much-needed power for years to come, officials said. In 2010, the Sadow complex contributed \$14.7 million in taxes to surrounding counties and school districts. Sadow employees have logged more than 31,000 volunteer hours, while Luminant annually makes significant corporate donations to worthwhile organizations, including fire departments, school districts in Rockdale, Lexington, Cameron and Elgin, United Way programs, youth livestock project shows and sales in Milam and Lee counties, county festivals in Milam, Lee and Bastrop counties, and American Cancer Soci-

ety's Relay For Life.

Sadow Unit 4 was the company's goal to diversify the generation with the addition of 5,800 megawatts of new lignite-fueled capacity. In 2009, a new unit, Sadow 5, began commercial operation.

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