

NAI Cravey Real Estate Services new leasing agent at One Shoreline Plaza

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NAI Cravey Real Estate Services is the new leasing agent for One Shoreline Plaza.

The twin towers, at 800 N. Shoreline Blvd., have about 363,302 square feet of rentable space. The south tower is the tallest in South Texas south of San Antonio.

The team of Weldon Dietze, Melissa DeLeon, Terrell Miller and Matthew Cravey will lease to new office tenants as well as renew existing leases. For information, call 289-5168 or visit www.craveyrealestate.com.

Cafe Aeby is closing in less than two weeks after seven years. The last day of business is scheduled for Aug. 29.

Owners Chris and Krystal Aeby cited the slowdown in the economy as the major factor in their decision. Their business, at 3815 Alameda St., saw half the business and the restaurant no longer is financially viable, they added.

The couple will hold some special dinners and cooking classes before the closure.

For more information, call 225-0329 or visit <http://cafeaeby.blogspot.com>.

Bill Kleese, Valero Energy Corp.'s CEO, president and chairman, has been elected chairman of a national organization representing the interests of more than 450 refiners and petrochemical manufacturers in the country.

Kleese has been in the refining business for 40 years, having worked with Valero, the former Ultramar Diamond Shamrock and its predecessors. He takes the helm of the National Petrochemical and Refiners Association during a critical time for the industry.

"I look forward to working with the other members of NPRA and the association's hardworking staff to ensure that our views are considered as new federal policies are crafted and implemented," said Kleese in a written statement.

Citgo Petroleum Corp.'s parent company will begin repaying a \$1 billion loan to help strengthen the refiner's position in the U.S., the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean.

The board of directors of Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PDVSA) approved the agreement earlier this month to repay the loan, issues in December 2007. PDVSA is supporting the refiner, which as been adversely affected by the declined demand in oil products and price differentials between light and heavy crude.

Citgo, which has two refineries in Corpus Christi, refines oil and transports and markets transportation fuels, lubricants, petrochemicals and other industrial products.

Corpus Christi-based Workforce Network, Inc. now is providing services for Workforce Solutions Upper Rio Grande Business Services Unit, which serves employers. The contract becomes effective on July 1.

The El Paso unit is one of 28 workforce development boards across Texas. Services that will be provided include job postings in the state's job-matching system, job fairs and labor market information.

Workforce Network is a private, non-profit corporation has been providing workforce services since 1984 in urban and rural communities throughout the state.

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