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City to begin crafting budget

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council will begin holding its annual budget work sessions — which were originally slated for last week and postponed — Monday evening as the municipality tries to get a handle on its fiscal plan for 2011-2012.

And while budget sessions have traditionally been a time for council members to pitch their pet projects for the coming year, a lack of revenue — due in large part to the ongoing drought and lack of water sales — will most likely keep such plans on the back burner going into the next fiscal year.

The scarcity of funds hasn't stopped the number of essential projects from building up, however, as the city officials continue to stare down the future — and eventual closing — of the municipal landfill, along with water line replacement efforts and a sludge re-

moval system for the city's water treatment facility. During a recent budget workshop, the council looked at three options: Get out of the landfill business altogether.

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Waiting for Miss Liberty

Statue sits in warehouse as officials weigh repair options

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

An important piece of Big Spring history is sitting in a warehouse while it waits for repair. The question city officials are asking is when the repairs will come.

The Statue of Liberty replica that once stood in front of the Municipal Auditorium was damaged by a wind storm this past spring and was removed from its post until repairs could be made.

"We have two prospective leads who might be able to repair the statue, but they still need to come out and take a look before they tell us if they can make the repairs or if they are willing to make the repairs," Todd Darden, assistant city manager, said.



At left, the replica Statue of Liberty, which was toppled by a wind storm this past spring, sits in a Big Spring warehouse awaiting repairs. Above, the statue's base is shown in front of the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

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Amanda Moreno

The statue was placed in storage because of damage caused to its mounting. The problem the city has encountered is finding someone who will work with a poured copper statue.

"Most people don't work in copper anymore. They have gone to bronze and other ma-

terials," Darden said. According to city officials, repairs will need to be made to Lady Liberty's crown, the arm holding the torch and the book. The arm was bent and creased in the fall and some of the spokes on the crown were knocked off. The process of fixing the damaged pieces isn't as simple as patching be-

cause of the material. "There is a local man who has suggested possibly doing a patch job, but without looking at her and speaking with him, it's hard to know if he will be able to make the repairs," Darden said.

Lady Liberty made her first appearance in 1950 when the statue was placed on the front

lawn of the auditorium as a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Tom Good. According to Boy Scout records, the monument was given in memorium of the Good's son, Jake, who had passed away in 1928. The statue was dedicated to the National Boy Scouts of America.

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Health Department: Stay cool, people

By THOMAS JENKINS
Staff Writer

As the temperature continues to hover above the triple-digit mark with little or no relief in sight, officials with the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) are urging residents to take precautions when out under the hot West Texas sun.

Emily Palmer, a spokesperson for DSHS, said the elderly, the very young, people with chronic diseases and those without access to air conditioning are most likely to suffer in extremely hot weather.

"Typically, the most deaths are recorded in July, followed by August, then June," said Palmer. "Staying in an air-conditioned area, either at home or in a public place such as a mall, library or recreation center, is the most effective way to combat heat. If air conditioning is not available, open the windows, pull the shades down to keep out the sun and use cross-ventilation and fans to cool

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rooms." Palmer said the symptoms of heat-related illnesses are no joking matter, and could lead to serious health problems — even death.

"Symptoms of heat illness include heavy sweating, muscle cramps, weakness, dizziness, nausea, weak but rapid pulse and headaches," said Palmer. "People with these symptoms should find shade, drink water slowly and make

sure there is good ventilation.

"To help a person showing severe symptoms, get the victim into shade, call for emergency medical services and start cooling the person immediately with cool water or by fanning. If fluids are not replaced soon enough, heat stroke can follow causing extremely high body temperature, red and dry skin, rapid pulse, confusion, brain damage, loss of consciousness and death."

And with so many children home during the summer holiday, Palmer said parents should be vigilant when it comes to the heat.

"Children, especially, can quickly become dehydrated," said Palmer. "They need to drink fluids frequently, especially water, and wear light-colored, loose-fitting clothes. Avoid drinks that are heavily sweetened or contain caffeine. Check on children often, especially if they are playing outside in high temper-

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Obituaries

Lynda Sliger



Lynda Sliger, 72, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Aug. 4, 2011, in a Midland hospital. Memorial services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Jim Sliger officiating.

She was born Feb. 11, 1939, in New Albany, Miss., and married Samuel Kenneth Sliger Sr. March 2, 1956 in Hobbs, N.M.

Lynda was a 20-year volunteer at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. She loved playing with her grandchildren and enjoyed sewing, crocheting, reading, senior water aerobics and was a fabulous cook.

Survivors include her husband, Samuel Kenneth

Sliger Sr. of Big Spring; two sons, Samuel Kenneth Sliger Jr. and wife, Jan of Midland, and Tim T. Sliger and life partner, Joe of Tucson, Ariz.; one daughter, Lori Lynn Tafoya and husband, James of Meeker, Colo.; one brother, Danny Cobb and wife, Myrna of Hobbs, N.M.; one sister, Ginger Laney and husband, Dewayne of Hobbs, N.M.; four grandchildren, Susan Seymore, Tyler Tafoya, Amber Tafoya and Lyndi Sliger; two great-grandsons, Caden Johnson and Holden Seymore; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Mildred Cobb.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Dennis F. Sullivan

Dennis F. Sullivan, 63, of Big Spring, died Saturday, July 30, 2011 at his residence. Graveside services with military honors will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 9, 2011, at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Abilene.

He was born Aug. 27, 1947 in San Diego, Calif. to Patricia and Forest Sullivan. He served in the Marines from Oct. 28, 1964 until Jan. 22, 1969.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Support Groups

MONDAY
• Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers meets the first and third Monday of the month. For more information, call Nancy Hale at 398-5239.

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

• Parents Empowering Parents, first and third Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m. Northside Community Center. Support group for parents, grandparents raising grandchildren, adoptive-foster parents or stepparents. Professional facilitator, parent-led discussions on variety of topics.

• Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.

• Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

TUESDAY
• Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

• Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
• RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group

meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. and noon, each lasting an hour. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

FRIDAY
• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Celebrate Recovery, a Christ-centered recovery program, is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E. 12th St. at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call at 264-0015 or visit www.cccbigspring.org

SATURDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY
• Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Lottery

The winning numbers from Friday's Mega Millions drawing were: 6-24-28-33-42; Mega Ball was 19; Megaplier was 3.

The winning numbers from Friday's Cash Five drawing were: 9-10-22-30-31.

The winning numbers from Friday's Daily 4 day drawing were: 7-7-6-9; Sum It Up: 29.

The winning numbers from Friday's Daily 4 night drawing were: 6-6-9-9; Sum It Up: 30.

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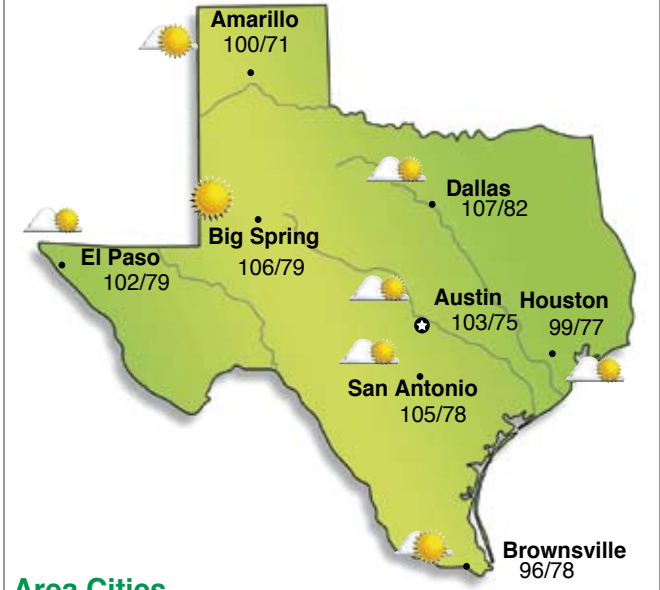
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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	106	81	sunny	Kingsville	101	77	mst sunny
Amarillo	100	71	mst sunny	Livingston	101	75	pt sunny
Austin	103	75	pt sunny	Longview	104	80	mst sunny
Beaumont	95	76	mst sunny	Lubbock	101	76	mst sunny
Brownsville	96	78	mst sunny	Lufkin	103	77	mst sunny
Brownwood	107	78	pt sunny	Midland	106	81	sunny
Corpus Christi	98	78	mst sunny	Raymondville	100	77	mst sunny
Corsicana	105	80	pt sunny	Rosenberg	99	77	pt sunny
Dallas	107	82	pt sunny	San Antonio	105	78	pt sunny
Del Rio	102	81	pt sunny	San Marcos	103	75	pt sunny
El Paso	102	79	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	107	82	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	103	76	sunny	Sweetwater	105	78	sunny
Gainesville	107	81	mst sunny	Tyler	104	79	mst sunny
Greenville	106	79	mst sunny	Weatherford	106	80	mst sunny
Houston	99	77	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	110	83	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	90	75	t-storm	Minneapolis	79	63	rain
Boston	75	67	t-storm	New York	87	75	rain
Chicago	89	66	t-storm	Phoenix	104	82	mst sunny
Dallas	107	82	pt sunny	San Francisco	60	53	pt sunny
Denver	91	58	sunny	Seattle	77	57	pt sunny
Houston	99	77	pt sunny	St. Louis	95	75	pt sunny
Los Angeles	77	64	pt sunny	Washington, DC	96	79	t-storm
Miami	90	78	t-storm				

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atures.” Palmer suggests following a few simple rules when the temperature begins to rise:

- Never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle in hot weather, even for a short time.
- Drink plenty of fluids, but avoid drinks with alcohol, caffeine or a lot of sugar. Don't wait until you are thirsty. Start drinking fluids at least 30 minutes before going out.
- Plan strenuous outdoor activity for early morning or evening when the temperature is lower.

- Take frequent breaks when working outside.
- Wear sunscreen SPF (sunscreen protection factor) 15 or higher, wide-brimmed hats and light-colored, loose-fitting clothes.
- Eat more frequently, but be sure meals are well balanced, cool and light.
- Dress infants and children in cool, loose clothing. Shade their heads and faces with hats or an umbrella.
- Check frequently on the elderly, the ill and others who may need help.
- Adjust to the environment. A sudden change in temperature — an early heat wave or travel to a hotter climate — will be stressful to the

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Emily Palmer
Department of
State Health Services

body. Limit physical activity until you become accustomed to the heat.

- Check with a doctor about the effects of sun and heat when taking prescription drugs, especially diuretics or antihistamines.

Palmer said the body's defense mechanism against skyrocketing temperatures — sweating — isn't always effective enough to protect people from the heat, especially when combined with other health and

environmental factors. “The body normally cools down by sweating. But under some conditions, sweating is not enough,” said Palmer. “The body's temperature may rise rapidly to dangerous levels, leading to the possibility of heat illness or death. “A combination of high temperatures and high humidity especially can cause this natural cooling system to work overtime. When humidity is high, sweat may not evaporate efficiently, preventing the body from releasing heat quickly. The stress of hard physical activity, fatigue, dehydration, heart disease, obesity, poor circulation, sunburn and pre-

scription drug and alcohol use also contribute to heat-related health problems. “Prevention is the best defense against heat-related illness. Staying cool, drinking plenty of fluids, wearing cool clothing and monitoring outdoor activities are essential to staying healthy in hot weather.”

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

BUDGET

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er and leave sanitation up to a contractor; build a transfer station to ship garbage to a neighboring city, such as Snyder; or build a new landfill facility at a new location. According to city officials, getting out of the landfill business and turning trash collection over to a private contractor simply isn't viable at this time.

“City sanitation rates would double,” City Manager Gary Fuqua told the council. “That option simply isn't viable, which is why we concentrated out efforts on the other two options.”

A new landfill would take approximately five years to receive state permits and cost nearly \$2.4 million, with a construction time of around two years, according to Holly Holder, a firm principal with Parkhill Smith & Cooper. The annual cost to run the facility, which would

include one initial cell, would be about \$1.8 million.

According to engineer estimations, the existing landfill has a little more than six years left before it is at capacity.

While the council ponders the fate of the municipal landfill, they will also have to look at proposed efforts to replace water lines on Third and Fourth streets ahead of an ongoing TxDOT program to do a full-depth reconstruction of the thoroughfares.

According to PS&C engineer Butch Davis, the project will cost the city approximately \$1.07 million under the best circumstances, and nearly double — \$1.87 million — in the worst case scenario. Fuqua said the city currently has approximately \$1 million it can allocate to the project, but anything more than that is going to be a major budgetary challenge.

The council has also discussed a sludge removal system for the city's water treatment facility. According to

Davis, the city's existing water system removes sludge — largely dirt and other unwanted elements — through a sedimentary process utilizing large water basins.

However, the sludge that collects at the bottom of the basins over time can cause problems with the water's turbidity, causing it to rise above state standards, a problem the city was forced to deal with last year when a large influx of golden algae caused turbidity levels to rise sharply.

The council will have to decide between two different methods of sludge removal, including a belt press which basically wrings the water out of the sediment

like an old wringer washing machine, or a centrifuge method that separates the water from the sediment through centrifugal force.

According to Davis, a belt press would cost the city approximately \$1.35 million, while the centrifuge system would cost approximately \$1.48 million.

According to Assistant City Manager Todd Darden, the centrifuge method offers a wider range of variability in how and when it is used, while the belt press requires a lot more maintenance and oversight by operators.

Each night during the week has been set aside for budget work sessions beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the city coun-

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Stop talking and start creating jobs

Given the current economy, every politician in the nation likes to give speeches about jobs. They talk about jobs, go on "job tours," write legislation about jobs and do everything short of writing a Broadway musical about jobs, but, of course, very few actually create any jobs.

Our president also likes talking about jobs and he does seem to understand it's hard to have a thriving economy with 10 percent unemployment, but he too has a fundamental lack of understanding as to how jobs get created. Obama plans to create jobs by taking more money away from the public through increasing taxes. (I'm pretty sure he also thinks he can create jobs by being charming and telegenic, but he has not said that out loud).

He, of course, only plans to tax the wealthy — you know, the people who pay nearly all the taxes now; the same people who buy stuff and hire people with their money. He also seems completely unaware that taking money from the public and giving it to the government has multiple negative effects on the economy.

First, government never spends our money as well as we do. Second, when you raise taxes, you remove incentive. Why would a person who already has money risk that cash in attempt to make even more if Uncle

Sam will just take the lion's share of the profits? President Barack Obama isn't interested in creating jobs any more than the blowhards in the Tea Party are. Instead, the extreme left and the extreme right want to demonize each other. The president says we don't have jobs because rich people take all the money while the Tea Partiers say we don't have jobs because the federal government wastes money on entitlement programs.

None of this rhetoric creates a single job — unless you count the talk radio hosts who live off this sort of nonsense. Then, of course, we have the ridiculous debate about the debt ceiling, which has about as much uncertainty as the NFL lockout. We don't know how they will agree or exactly when they will agree, but we all know that at some point an agreement will be reached.

Creating jobs requires both sides of the political debate drop their rhetoric. Obama has to stop blaming the rich and the Republicans have to stop blaming the poor. We won't create jobs by raising taxes any more than we will create jobs by eliminating food stamps or other needed social programs.

Instead, the right must acknowledge that there are too many loopholes that allow those with the most to escape paying anything — let alone their fair share. The left must accept government has an awful lot of waste and while some programs can remain, others must go.

To create jobs, we need politicians who actually want to do that instead of ones who just like talking about it. Since we don't have that, it's hard to see an end to our economic downturn. Sadly, to create jobs we need leaders and that appears to be a job opening for which nobody qualified has applied.

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YOUR VIEWS

Thank you

TO THE EDITOR:

I was leaving H-E-B on July 27 and as I arrived at my car I realized I did not have my purse. I rushed back into H-E-B in hopes of finding my purse. I was approached by Kenda, an H-E-B employee. She could see I was in distress and asked what was wrong.

I informed her I left my purse in the cart. Kenda then led me to the service desk they informed me someone returned my purse.

First I would like to thank the person who returned my purse and may they be bestowed with many blessings. Second, I would like to thank Kenda and the service desk.

This kind act built my faith in humanity that there are still honest people among us and that my purse was safely returned with all its contents.

DORIS CARSON
BIG SPRING

Versatility being redefined

He was, by any measure, the most versatile student whose path I crossed during a 40-year career in higher education.

Upon completing high school in Toronto, he was off on his bike to "seek his fortune." This sounds like a nursery rhyme beginning; for Dan Murray, though, it was the real deal. First, he flew to Vancouver, the starting point of his 3,400-mile biking adventure that ended in Texas 36 days later. (The only "break" was a stop in San Francisco to run in the marathon.)

He was a freshman at Howard Payne University in Brownwood for the 1991 spring semester. Like most other first-year students, he was unsure of his academic path. Dan was certain, though, that while at the undergraduate fountain, he would take on collegiate experiences in big gulps. My family and I—as well as colleagues and his fellow students—quickly realized that he didn't march to drummer beats. A sharper picture would show him strapped to a laser beam—maybe multiple beams—hanging on for the ride....

This is not to say I always understood his judgment. Sometimes when I heard "Can-you-believe-what-Dan-did" stories, I cringed, thankful he survived. I'll cite just a couple.

One Thanksgiving, he headed for Sacramento on a motorcycle one would expect to buy for a three-digit figure at Sanford and Son's place. Never mind it was sleeting, with the temperature in the teens. He fell asleep near Las Cruces, struck a road sign,

sustained a deep gash on a big toe and knocked a foot peg off the 'cycle. He bought a needle, thread and alcohol, sewed up the toe and proceeded to Sacramento.

I also would have recommended that he leave it to others for challenges of a country road's "thrill hill." It was near the campus, and its 75-foot drop on a thousand-foot descent lured students for assorted races. Dan, though, was the first to make the descent on roller blades, sometimes at speeds exceeding 50 MPH. Clad in leather clothing, he came to sudden stops by falling down before smacking into a foreboding cable-topped fence.

The list of accomplishments is far longer than his "freshman follies," some in which he was engaged for all four years. A graduate of the university's prestigious Douglas MacArthur Academy of Freedom, Dan's interests were many and varied. He was a member of three honor societies, played trumpet in the marching and concert bands and appeared in a college drama. A cheerleader all four years, he was a three-time All-American and "top gun stunter." As head cheerleader for two years, he led the school's first-ever team in national competition.

He also was a member of HPU's championship track teams in 1993-94, running in the 800-meter, 1,500-meter and 5,000-meter events. In '94, the conference track meet was held in Abilene, where he was to take the MCAT exam on the same day. I urged him to forego the 5,000-meter race that day. He ran the race in the a.m., then sat for the MCAT in the afternoon. And he did well in both.

He won numerous academic honors, and later was the alumni association's "outstanding young graduate" during 2004

homecoming activities.

In 1995, he was off to medical school at Texas A&M University. In an initial class, his studies included a textbook written by his father, Dr. Robert Murray, a longtime member of the faculty at the University of Toronto Medical School. Dan received his M.D. diploma in 1999 before completing his residency in family medicine in 2002. Specialty honors included his being named chief resident and "resident of the year."

Next were duties as a flight surgeon in the U. S. Air Force. Yet another degree was forthcoming. He received the Master of Public Health degree as part of the residency in Aerospace Medicine from UTMB-Galveston. Awards continued to multiply.

A few weeks ago, he was one of eight officers graduating from the residency in Aerospace Medicine. At the San Antonio ceremony, my wife and I "teared up," noting how Dan has continued to endear himself to others. He was host for the commencement speaker, Lt. Gen. Bruce Green, Surgeon General of the Air Force. It was a weepy occasion for everyone, this being the final event for the military facility that provided medical training for almost an entire century.

Now, Lt. Col./Dr. Murray—or just "Dan, the guy who conquered 'thrill hill'"—is Chief of Aerospace medicine at Vandenberg AFB in California. When astronauts come back into play, his name is on the candidacy list. Any parents would be proud to call him "son."

We salute him, his wife, the former Melissa Wertz, and their live wire sons, Kaid and Ian, who, at ages 4 and 2, are "chips off the old block."

Dr. Newbury is a speaker in the Metroplex.

What are we teaching exactly?

There are times when the rest of the story must be told.

As superintendent of Big Spring Independent School District, I feel it is my responsibility to my staff, teachers, students, parents and community to speak to the obvious elephant in the room. It is a fact we have been rated "Academically Unacceptable" as a school district and seven out of eight campuses also have that same label. That label has been placed on us by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) for test scores on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test. While this rating makes us look bad, it does not mean we have bad teachers or bad students. On the contrary, we have some of the most committed, caring and altruistic teachers I have ever been associated with in my 21 years in education. They do a job most couldn't do and wouldn't do and they do it while being grossly underpaid and many times underappreciated.

Their job is pressure packed and, in fact, it is getting harder. We also have some very bright students. I know because I visit our campuses often. When visiting with our students, I quickly find out how creative, curious and eager to learn they are. Albert Einstein said something that puts this testing frenzy into context. "Not everything that can be counted counts and not everything that counts can be counted."

I want to make something clear; I believe in being accountable. What I have a problem with is the fact standardized testing is not capable of telling us if learning is occurring in the classroom. You may have heard the expression "teaching to the test," which means many resources and much time is spent preparing students for a standardized test. The expression

is used in this way: "I am tired of teachers having to teach to a test. When did school become all about testing and not about learning?" No one ever says to us "Boy, I sure wish you people taught to that test more. That is the only reason I want my child to learn to read so she can pass that test."

At BSISD we believe teaching to a standardized test is, in fact, not good for students, so what is the alternative? Our plan is rather simple. We believe every child is different and they learn in different ways. We have structured our classrooms in ways that focus on authentic learning experiences, have rigor and have meaning for every student. We use CSCOPE, which is based on the state mandated curriculum; many other school districts around the state also use it as their curriculum. We call this the 'what' we teach. As far as 'how' we teach, we use a framework called Working on the Work (WOW) that focuses on student engagement. Our teachers are provided with staff development on designing lessons that engage students so authentic learning occurs.

During this process, which we call the design cycle, our teachers take the time to get to know their students so they know which design qualities to infuse into their lessons to enhance the chances students will engage in the lesson and high levels of learning will occur. We continuously assess our students in two areas. We measure achievement and engagement. I think ultimately we have to get to the point where we trust our teachers to know if students are learning and not have the state make that judgment for us as a school and community.

With the new accountability system, the days spent testing kids will almost double. Under the TAKS system, over the course of a year there were 25 days of state testing, but there will be 45 under STAAR. This makes very little sense to me because it will take kids from the classroom, where they need to be, and, instead, place them in a testing room. Texas Legislators

and the Texas Education Agency have clearly sent the message that the testing room is the most important room. This is a quote taken from the commissioner of education's transition document: "With the creation of the STAAR assessment program, the Texas Legislature continued its efforts to improve the state's education system using state-wide assessments." Their key to improving schools is obviously not more teachers or better prepared teachers, but more testing. This is what the future holds: a harder test with less instructional days to teach the material and less funding to pay for teachers and remediation.

The label of "Academically Unacceptable" fills me, our teachers and our students with frustration and we don't like having this negative label attached to our school because we know that we have a great school system. We are not the only school district in the state who is feeling this frustration at what seems to be the year the state decided to make most school districts look like we all just dropped the ball. Here is a statewide comparison of ratings from last year to this year:

2010: Academically Unacceptable, 22 districts; Academically Acceptable, 294; Recognized, 607; and Exemplary, 241

2011: Academically Unacceptable 88 districts; Academically Acceptable, 655; Recognized, 242; and Exemplary, 61

Did we all drop the ball or were the rules changed in the middle of the game?

Even with all the negatives we currently face, I am optimistic because together we can solve serious issues. I ask as a community we come together and work for what is best for our students. I don't ever want anyone to get the idea I do not value rigor, relevance and authentic learning. I do believe in accountability and being held accountable; but when testing kids has become detrimental to students and teachers I am compelled as their leader to speak up.

Steven Saldivar is the superintendent of Big Spring Indepen-



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Commissioners to discuss 911 budget

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will meet Monday morning to discuss a number of topics, including approval of the 2011-2012 budget for the county's 911 emergency district and an update of ongoing work with the Lubbock Dispute Resolution Office.

Commissioners are expected to meet with Crystal Collins and Gene Valentini from the Lubbock-based dispute resolutions group, a program

the county has been involved with for some time now.

The court is also expected to meet with Howard County 911 Director Tommy Sullivan regarding his agency's proposed 2011-2012 budget.

Also on the agenda, the court is expected to discuss:

- A contract between Howard County and the Texas Department of Family Protective Services.
- Optional county fees for the coming budget year.
- A cooperative agreement

between the county and Midland College for breath alcohol testing.

Also on the agenda, County Auditor Jackie Olson will present the court with invoices, purchase requests and budget amendments, as well as her office's monthly financial report. Olson is also expected to request permission to go out on bids for fuel and seek approval of a fund balance policy.

County Treasurer Teresa Thomas is also scheduled to

meet with commissioners to discuss personnel considerations and the monthly payroll report, while County Clerk Donna Wright will present her office's monthly report.

Also Monday, County Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson will discuss pipeline crossings and deliver a report on road maintenance within the county, as well as possible action to purchase a new patch truck for his department.

Sheriff Stan Parker will also meet with commissioners regarding needed computer system upgrades, while Elections Administrator Saundra Bloom will discuss the appointment of election judges and designate polling locations for the November election.

The meeting will get underway at 10 a.m. in the commissioners courtroom, located on the third floor of the county courthouse. For more information, call 264-2202.

News in brief

Perry prayer rally puts 2012 prospect in spotlight

HOUSTON (AP) — Though not yet a declared candidate, Texas Gov. Rick Perry is putting his faith under the national spotlight as a White House prospect with an important conservative constituency all to himself.

He's addressing a daylong prayer rally Saturday that he has spearheaded while weighing a campaign for the 2012 GOP presidential nomination.

Perry says the event is not political but rather aimed at rallying the nation to a Christian unity during difficult times, but he will be reaching thousands of religious conservatives, many of whom vote in Republican primaries, especially in early

voting states Iowa and South Carolina.

More than 8,000 evangelical Christians, most from Texas, had registered as of Friday to attend the event at Reliant Stadium, which seats 71,500 and was the site of the 2004 Super Bowl. Organizers said they expected thousands more than that to show up.

Perry's midday speech will reach thousands of social-values conservatives, but he's not expected to take questions from reporters covering the religious rally.

The rally is financed by The American Family Association, a Tupelo, Miss.-based group that opposes abortion and gay rights and believes that the First Amendment freedom of religion applies only

to Christians.

Sentencing phase for polygamist Jeffs to resume

SAN ANGELO (AP) — Jurors will continue hearing testimony in the sentencing phase for a polygamist sect leader convicted of child sexual assault, but the defendant may not be in court.

The sentencing phase of Warren Jeffs' trial resumes Saturday. He walked out of the courtroom Friday after delivering what he called a statement from God that promised a "whirlwind of judgment" if he wasn't set free.

The judge has allowed Jeffs to return to court whenever he chooses. His attorney says he doesn't know if Jeffs will attend Saturday.

LIBERTY

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theme, "Strengthen the Arm of Liberty."

Lady Liberty stands 13 feet, 4 inches tall, making her one-ninth the size of the 151-foot original statue that stands in New York. The base is made of Austin stone and stands in the center of a huge star made of concrete and brick.

"We are very anxious to get her repaired and get her back up," Darden said. "She is an important piece of the auditorium's history."

As a repairman is sought for the statue, the auditorium is well on its way toward reopening its doors. Darden said renovations should be complete by Aug. 15.

During this time period, work will be done to bring the restrooms, stage, dressing rooms and seating up to Americans With Disability Act compliance. Also, there will also be work done to allow access in the aisle, Darden said.

"Hopefully these leads work out and we will be able to have the statue put back up and repairs will be concluded at the auditorium so the symphony can be playing at home again," Darden said.



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Star Employee

The City of Big Spring wishes to give special thanks and recognition to our "June Star," Big Spring firefighter Jay Holt.

This year, Jay participated in the Pink Heals Tour. The purpose of the tour is to raise awareness, educate and celebrate the efforts to fight and conquer cancer in women. His work for Pink Heals dramatically and positively affected the lives of some of many deserving women suffering from cancer.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Jay, for the dedication, enthusiasm and compassion he gave to the Pink Heals tour. We are proud to have you as a member of the Big Spring Fire Department.

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School shooting plot in La. foiled

COVINGTON, La. (AP) — Authorities in suburban New Orleans said Friday they uncovered a plot by three teenagers for "an incredible and devastating" attack at their high school during the first day of classes, with plans for two specific targets, indiscriminate shooting and suicide.

The 15-year-old boys, who called themselves Day Zero, identified a student and a faculty member whom they planned to kill, Sheriff Jack Strain said in a conference call with reporters Friday. They also planned indiscriminate shooting, as well as firing at any sheriff's deputies or other officers they saw and taking their weapons, said Capt. George Bonnett, a spokesman for the sheriff.

"Like many other cases similar to this, they fully intended to end this episode with taking their own lives," the sheriff said.

Schools start Monday in St. Tammany Parish. Schools Superintendent Trey Folse said other students at Lakeshore High School told school officials about the plan on July 17, and the officials immediately notified him and the sheriff's office.

"These kids ... were planning to carry out an incredible and devastating attack on a school. To me, the bigger story is this office worked with school authorities to make sure this didn't occur," Strain said.

Principals talk at least once a week with sheriff's office supervisors and Folse talks at

least once a week with him, Strain said.

Most schools stepped up security in the aftermath of the 1999 tragedy at Columbine High School near Denver, Colorado, where two students fatally shot 13 people.

The three teenage suspects were being held at a juvenile detention center on charges of conspiracy to commit terrorism and more charges were possible, the sheriff said. Conviction on the conspiracy charge could keep them in detention until they turn 21, Bonnett said.

"They made no attempt to deny their involvement with the plan and admitted their intentions," police said in a news release. "All three were cooperative with investigators."

Strain said he did not know whether the students had problems at school. He said he did not know of any prior arrest record.

Because the boys are juveniles, their names have not been released by authorities. Strain said he did not know if they had attorneys.

Judging from the amount of material confiscated and the detail of the plans, Strain said, the boys apparently had been planning the attack throughout the summer. He didn't know if the targets were chosen because of something that happened last school year.

He would not say whether they already had guns or where they planned to get them, nor would he comment about a possible motive. But Bonnet said it wasn't race, be-

cause the arrested boys are of different races.

Strain also didn't know whether Day Zero might have had more than three members, adding, "But from every shred of evidence we have collected and every shred of intelligence we have been able to garner, we don't believe there were any other participants" in the alleged plot.

The boys turned themselves in this week. A bond hearing Monday will decide if they can leave the detention center.

Strain said extra deputies are always posted around schools on the first day of classes, and Monday will be "all of that and then some ... Steps most parents will readily notice, and steps that not even students will see."

News in brief

Sudden appearance of orange goo mystifies remote Eskimo village

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Leona Baldwin's husband saw it first, and she got on the marine radio to alert others in the remote Alaska village of Kivalina that a strange orange goo was sitting on top of the town's harbor.

The news attracted all the townspeople, anxious to get a gander of the phenomenon that covered much of the harbor and then began washing ashore Wednesday.

The next day it rained, and residents found the orange matter floating on top of the rain buckets they use to collect drinking water. It was also found on one roof, leading them to believe whatever it was,

it was airborne, too.

By Friday, the orange substance in the lagoon had dissipated or washed out to sea, and what was left on ground had dried to a powdery substance.

Samples of the orange matter were collected in canning jars and sent to a lab in Anchorage for analysis.

Backed by tanks and rocket fire, Libyan rebels aim for coastal town

ZINTAN, Libya (AP) — Backed by tanks and rocket fire, Libyan rebels fighting Moammar Gadhafi's forces in the west say they have launched a major push toward a key town along the Mediterranean

coast near Tripoli.

Hundreds of fighters are on the move along the road in Yafran toward the front lines, where heavy fighting seems to be under way on Saturday.

The ground is reverberating with loud booms and rocket fire is echoing from the distance.

Two Libyan rebel fighters, Jumma Hussein and Youssef Bilin, say their forces are trying to "first liberate Bir Ghanam" and then capture a key coastal town, Zawiyah, before heading on to Tripoli.

The rebels said earlier this week they hope to reach the Libyan capital before the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

Hiroshima remembers bombing amid unfolding nuclear crisis

HIROSHIMA, Japan (AP) — The Japanese city of Hiroshima on Saturday marked the 66th anniversary of the bombing, as the nation fights a different kind of disaster from atomic technology — a nuclear plant in a meltdown crisis after being hit by a tsunami.

The site of the world's first A-bomb attack observed a moment of silence at 8:15 a.m. Saturday (2315 GMT Friday) — the time the bomb was dropped on Aug. 6, 1945, by the United States in the last stages of World War II.

The bomb destroyed most of the city and killed as many as 140,000 people. A second atomic bombing Aug. 9 that year in Nagasaki killed tens of thousands more and prompted the Japanese to surrender.

Prime Minister Naoto Kan on Saturday laid a wreath of yellow flowers at Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park and reiterated Japan's promise to never repeat the horrors of Hiroshima, whose suffering continues today because of illnesses passed down over generations.

Japan has long vowed never to make or possess nuclear weapons, but embraced nuclear power as it aimed to rebuild and modernize after the war.

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News in brief

31 special forces troops, 7 Afghan soldiers killed in helicopter crash.

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghan President Hamid Karzai says 31 U.S. special forces and seven Afghan soldiers were killed in a helicopter crash in eastern Wardak province.

It's the highest number of casualties recorded in a single incident in Afghanistan.

Karzai said in a statement on Saturday that he has sent condolences to President Barack Obama for the victims of the overnight crash.

The Taliban have claimed responsibility, saying their fighters downed the helicopter in a battle with NATO troops.

S&P issues unprecedented downgrade of U.S. credit rating

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans and Democrats quickly doled out blame to each other for the first-ever downgrade in the nation's sterling credit rating, an expected but unsettling move that further clouds prospects for the recovery of the fragile U.S. economy.

The back and forth came after Standard & Poor's, one of the world's three major credit rating agencies, cited "difficulties in bridging the gulf between political parties" as a major reason for the downgrade from U.S.'s top shelf AAA status to AA+, the next level down. The rating agency has essentially lost faith in Washington's ability to work together to address its debt.

The downgrade, hours after markets closed on Friday, is a first for the United States since it was granted an AAA rating in 1917. S&P warned about a downgrade as far back as April. Its decision came just four days after fractious debate over raising the nation's debt ceiling ended in a compromise that would reduce the country's debt by more than \$2 trillion. S&P said Friday the cuts did not go far enough.

Both political parties used S&P's report to buffet their policy cases and attack the other side.

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said he hoped the downgrade served as a wake-up call to the Democratic Party.

Current, ex-New Orleans police officers convicted shootings

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A federal jury on Friday convicted five current or former New Orleans police officers of civil rights violations in one of the lowest moments for city police in the chaotic aftermath of Hurricane Katrina: the shooting deaths of a teenager and a mentally disabled man as they crossed a bridge in search of food and help.

Three officers and one former officer were convicted of civil rights violations in the shootings that killed two people and wounded four others on the Danziger Bridge less than a week after the storm. All four and a retired police sergeant were convicted of engaging in a brazen cover-up that included a planted gun, fabricated witnesses and falsified reports. The five men were convicted of all 25 counts they faced.

The case was a high-stakes test of the Justice Department's effort to rid the police department of corruption and brutality. A total of 20 current or former New Orleans police officers were charged last year in a series of federal probes. Most of the cases center on actions during the aftermath of the Aug. 29, 2005, storm, which plunged the flooded city into a state of lawlessness and desperation.

Islamist fighters leave many bases in Somali capital

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Islamist fighters who officials feared would attack famine victims pulled out of many of their bases in the Somali capital overnight, government and rebel spokesmen said Saturday. The extent of the withdrawal and what it may mean for the relief effort was not immediately clear.

Somalia is suffering its worst famine in 60 years, and more than 29,000 children under the age of 5 have died in the last 90 days in the country's south alone, according to U.S. estimates. Fighters allied with an al-Qaida-linked militant group have blocked many aid organizations from the south and have complicated efforts to help those in Mogadishu.

"The information we are receiving is that there is a retreat from the city. This is a golden victory for the Somali people and we are committed to ensure that peace and order is restored to those areas,"

said government spokesman Abdurahman Omar Osman.

However, al-Shabab spokesman Ali Mohamed Rage told a local radio station that the retreat was a tactical withdrawal and that there will be no pull-out from southern Somalia, the area hardest hit by the famine.

Guatemala mother searched 5 years for missing daughter who court says was adopted by U.S. couple

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) — Loyda Rodriguez Morales felt someone tug at her daughter as she tried to enter her simple home with three young children in tow. She turned to see a woman whisk the 2-year-old away in a waiting taxi.

After nearly five years of searching, posting fliers, being turned away at orphanages and even staging a hunger strike, Rodriguez now holds what's believed to be an unprecedented Guatemalan court order declaring the child stolen and ordering the U.S. couple to give her back.

If U.S. authorities intervene to return the child, now 6, as the Guatemalan court has asked, it would be a first for any international adoption case, experts say.

A construction-paper sign taped Friday to the door of the girl's U.S. address, a two-story suburban Kansas City home, read: "Please respect our families (sic) privacy ..."

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Take note

• Big Spring Band Boosters will meet at 5:30 p.m. Monday. All junior high and high school band parents need to attend. For more information, call Patsy Sanchez at 267-7841.

• Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union is raising money to benefit Maurine Pittman, who

is undergoing cancer treatment in a Dallas-area hospital. For more information, call the credit union at 263-8393.

• A benefit fund has been established at Western Bank for Eric Kelly, a 24-year-old Big Spring resident with cystic fibrosis who is recovering from a double lung transplant in Dal-

las. All donations are appreciated. For more information, call 432-213-0795

• The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in dire need of fans. Community members can donate new or used fans. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• Fridays are live band dance nights at

Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler. Senior adults are invited to an evening of fellowship (and good exercise) from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. each Friday. Cost is \$6 per person. For more information or to find out what band is playing, call the Senior Center at 432-267-1628.

• A benefit fund for Chris Johnson (account 5945033396) has been established at Wells Fargo Bank to help defray expenses from a house fire. All donations are appreciated.

• Big Spring High School Class of 1981 will have its 30-year reunion Sept. 30-Oct. 1. For information, contact Mark Warren at 903-283-3326 or 903-843-5927, or e-mail mwarren@etex.net

• The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of

abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We currently have 55 children in foster care without a volunteer. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Suzy Miliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCA-SA.org or www.casaw-tx.org.

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• HATS (Hope After The Sadness), an American Cancer Society Resource Room is available at First Methodist Church. This center provides information and

valuable resources for those affected by cancer. This HATS ministry, established in memory of the late Rev. Dr. Shane Brue, maintains a room with free hats, wigs and head coverings available for check-out by those dealing with hair loss due to cancer treatment. Other services and resources are also available. Contact the "Hat Lady," Marci Lykken at 267-2915 or the local ACS office at 432-683-6375.

• Road to Recovery, sponsored by the American Cancer Society, seeks volunteers to drive cancer patients to treatment in Midland. This requires just a few hours commitment each month. To volunteer, or to request a ride for treatment, call (877) 277-1618, the High Plains American Cancer Group Report Center. Anyone wishing to volunteer to drive in this program should call Sherry Hodnett, president of the Big Spring ACS Board, at 264-7599 at her office at Home Hospice.

• All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue has an account set up with Big Spring Salvage at 3608 N. Hwy. 87 for all types of metals and aluminum cans.

Please tell them that your donations are for All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is also still taking weight circles off of all Purina brand dog foods. Send your Purina Weight Circles, to A.C.S.&R. at P.O. Box 871, Coahoma 79511.

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Elvis Andrus, the Texas Rangers' speedy shortstop, slides into second on a stolen base in this AP file photo. Andrus' aggressive base-running capped Texas' 11th inning comeback win against the Indians Friday night, when he scored from second base on a Josh Hamilton infield single.

Andrus, Hamilton spark exciting late Ranger comeback

ARLINGTON (AP) — Aggressive baserunning by Elvis Andrus produced a comeback win for the Texas Rangers. Andrus scored from second base on Josh Hamilton's infield single with two outs in the 11th inning to give the Rangers an 8-7 victory over Cleveland on Friday night,

denying Ubaldo Jimenez the win in his first start for the Indians. Andrus sparked the game-ending rally with a two-out bunt single against Rafael Perez (4-2). He advanced to second on a wild pitch before Hamilton hit a soft grounder to shortstop Asdrubal Cabrera.

Hamilton slid headfirst into first, beating Cabrera's throw. Andrus never stopped after rounding third and beat first baseman Matt LaPorta's one-hop throw to the plate. "As soon as I saw the ground ball, I was going to take my chances,"

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Baseball Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
New York	69	42	.622	—	—	8-2	W-8	37-22	32-20
Boston	68	43	.613	1	—	5-5	L-2	35-22	33-21
Tampa Bay	59	52	.532	10	9	6-4	W-3	27-26	32-26
Toronto	57	55	.509	12½	11½	6-4	W-1	28-26	29-29
Baltimore	43	66	.394	25	24	2-8	L-3	26-29	17-37

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Detroit	60	52	.536	—	—	6-4	W-1	33-25	27-27
Cleveland	55	55	.500	4	12½	3-7	L-1	29-24	26-31
Chicago	53	58	.477	6½	15	3-7	W-1	24-32	29-26
Minnesota	51	61	.455	9	17½	4-6	L-2	26-26	25-35
Kansas City	48	64	.429	12	20½	5-5	L-1	30-31	18-33

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	63	50	.558	—	—	4-6	W-2	36-21	27-29
Los Angeles	62	51	.549	1	7	7-3	W-2	31-24	31-27
Oakland	49	63	.438	13½	19½	4-6	L-4	31-24	18-39
Seattle	48	63	.432	14	20	5-5	L-1	29-29	19-34

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Philadelphia	73	39	.652	—	—	8-2	W-8	41-18	32-21
Atlanta	65	48	.575	8½	—	6-4	W-2	34-22	31-26
New York	55	56	.495	17½	9	5-5	L-5	22-29	33-27
Florida	55	57	.491	18	9½	6-4	L-2	23-32	32-25
Washington	54	58	.482	19	10½	5-5	W-1	32-23	22-35

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Milwaukee	63	50	.558	—	—	9-1	W-2	41-15	22-35
St. Louis	60	53	.531	3	5	5-5	W-2	29-24	31-29
Pittsburgh	54	57	.486	8	10	1-9	L-8	26-30	28-27
Cincinnati	54	58	.482	8½	10½	4-6	L-2	30-27	24-31
Chicago	48	65	.425	15	17	6-4	W-6	26-31	22-34
Houston	37	75	.330	25½	27½	4-6	L-1	19-38	18-37

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
San Fran	62	51	.549	—	—	3-7	L-2	33-22	29-29
Arizona	61	51	.545	½	3½	6-4	L-2	29-24	32-27
Colorado	52	61	.460	10	13	4-6	L-1	27-30	25-31
Los Angeles	51	60	.459	10	13	6-4	W-1	28-31	23-29
San Diego	49	64	.434	13	16	4-6	W-2	23-36	26-28

Phillies, Giants clear benches in 6th inning brawl

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Benches cleared in the top of the sixth inning during Friday night's game between the Phillies and Giants after San Francisco reliever Ramon Ramirez hit Shane Victorino in the back with a pitch.

Victorino began walking toward the mound and Giants catcher Eli Whiteside stepped in front of him. Placido Polanco raced in from second base and was tackled by Whiteside, who along with Victorino was ejected. Ramirez also was ejected.

Giants first baseman Aubrey Huff was in the middle of the

scrum and Phillies leadoff man Jimmy Rollins shoved San Francisco bench coach Ron Wotus as they exchanged words.

Victorino pushed plate umpire Mike Muchlinski trying to get back into the fray, then was held back by Wotus and Phillies hitting coach Greg Gross.

Philadelphia led 8-2. The favored Phillies were eliminated by the Giants in the NL championship series last fall as San Francisco went on to win the franchise's first World Series title since moving West in 1958.

The Giants took two of three in Philadelphia last week.

Elam to be safety net for 'Boys on defense'

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Abram Elam never expected a chance to play again for the Dallas Cowboys.

Yet in his return four years later, the safety is going to be a key in helping his teammates learn the defensive scheme being installed by new coordinator Rob Ryan. Elam knows it well since he played for Ryan in Cleveland the past two seasons.

"Well, I'm familiar with a lot of the terminology, ran some of the same schemes," Elam said Friday after his first practice with the

Cowboys. "So it makes me feel comfortable coming into this new situation."

The newly signed starter was on the field for the team's second workout of the day after not taking part in an earlier walk-through.

When the defense lined up for one of its first drills, Elam was in the center of the formation and already pointing things out around him. He chatted often with safeties coach Brett Maxie and fellow

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Astros fall in series opener with 8-1 loss

HOUSTON (AP) — Milwaukee hustled on the road this season. However, with Yovani Gallardo going in the opener of a three-game series against the Astros, the Brewers were able to keep up their strong play.

Gallardo allowed four hits over eight innings and the Brewers beat Houston 8-1 Friday night for their ninth win in 10 games. Gallardo won his seventh straight decision against the Astros and improved to 10-2 in his career against them.

"We're in a place where we're playing the type of ball I know we can play and we're consistently doing it," Brewers manager Ron Roenicke said. "That's what we've been trying to get to."

The Brewers are still 22-35 on the road this season but it was a feel-good start to a six-game road trip. They won on the road, Gallardo pitched one of his best games of the season and Craig Counsell snapped his franchise-record 0-for-45 hitless streak.

"Overall, this is the type of game we needed today, to get (Tim) Lillard in there, to get Counsell a hit,

to have Yo have a nice game and to continue to swing the bat well," Roenicke said.

Counsell — who was one away from tying Bill Bergen's major league record for a position player, set in 1909 — , had a joyous return to the dugout after his hitless nightmare.

"It was almost like I'd been throwing a no-hitter and nobody would talk to me about it," Counsell said. "It's a relief just to do something right. It was just one hit but it meant something to me."

And to his teammates. "We all were yelling and pretty excited," Gallardo said.

Houston got three hits and one run off Gallardo (13-7) in the second inning. After that, he didn't allow another hit until J.B.

Shuck singled in the fifth in his first major league at-bat.

"The second inning, I just left pitches out over the plate too much," Gallardo said. "Carlos (Lee) I threw the slider. It was down but right down the middle. The curve

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Briefs

Steer season tickets on sale

The athletic department of the Big Spring Steers has announced the dates for season ticket sales. New purchasers of season tickets can purchase their ticket books Aug. 8-Aug. 17 from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

The ticket books are \$25 and include all five home games. For more information, contact Kay Cook at 432-264-3662.

Fall tennis practice begins

Big Spring begins tennis practices Monday for their fall schedule. The sessions will be from 9 a.m. through noon on weekdays at the courts at Comanche Trail.

Climb to the top handicap bowling

tournament Aug. 28

Bowl-A-Rama is hosting a bowling tournament with a \$600 guaranteed first place prize. The tournament, which will take place at 1 p.m. Aug. 28, is open to the first 24 bowlers with an average of 199 or less. Entry fee is \$60 and must be received by 6 p.m. Aug. 25.

For additional information, contact Greg Clarke at 432-264-6480 or John and Diana Dodd at 432-267-7484. Further information can be obtained on Bowl-A-Rama's website. Simply go to www.bigspringbowlarama.com.

Quarterback Club meeting Monday

Big Spring Quarterback Club meeting to be held Mondays at the ATC. The meetings will start at 6 p.m. All parents of football players in grades 7-12 are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Denise Carrillo at 432-816-1685

TEXAS

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Andrus said. "When you see those chances, you have to try and score. Josh is a fast guy. I didn't look at anybody. As soon as I saw the ball hit that way, I knew that any time (Hamilton) hits that ball he's going to be safe."

Andrus atoned for a second-inning fielding error at shortstop that gave Cleveland's Carlos Santana a chance for a two-run double that extended the Indians' lead to 6-1.

"I was trying not to think about it," Andrus said. "Sometimes when you make an error early in the game, it gets into your head. I tried to keep playing and do whatever I could to help the team."

LaPorta turned to first base umpire Derryl Cousins after Hamilton was called safe before turning and throwing to the plate, and that split second allowed Andrus time to score.

"You catch the ball and

throw home," Indians manager Manny Acta said. "You don't worry about whether the guy is going to be safe or out, you come off the bag and you throw home — that's the winning run. That's what you do."

Michael Young was amazed that Andrus was able to score from second.

"It was almost like he was thinking to score on contact," Young said. "That's a huge play ... a heck of a job of anticipating by Elvis."

Neftali Feliz (1-2) tossed 1 2-3 scoreless innings for the win.

Jimenez pitched five-plus innings in his first start since he was acquired from Colorado on July 31. He was charged with five runs and seven hits, but was in line for the victory until the Rangers rallied with two outs in the ninth.

Hamilton singled off Chris Perez before Young drove a 2-0 pitch over the wall in center for a tying two-run homer. It was Perez's third blown save in 25 chances.

"We're getting into the last month-and-a-half, two

months," Young said of the AL West-leading Rangers. "It's time for us to put our foot on the gas and make something happen."

Jimenez was 6-9 with a 4.46 ERA in 21 starts for Colorado. He had to wait to make his Indians debut because he threw 45 pitches on July 30 in a one-inning outing in his final start for the Rockies.

Santana homered and had a career-high five RBIs for Cleveland. Santana's three-run drive in the first and two-run double in the second came off Derek Holland.

Shelley Duncan, called up from Triple-A Columbus earlier in the day, also homered for the Indians in a game played in 105-degree heat, matching the highest first-pitch temperature in Rangers Ballpark history.

Mike Napoli went deep for Texas, his fifth homer in seven games. Napoli has an RBI in seven straight games, setting a career-high.

Holland was coming off his third shutout in a span of five starts, but he got into trouble

early in this one. He surrendered consecutive first-inning singles to Jason Kipnis and Cabrera before Santana drove a 3-2 pitch into the seats in right for his 17th homer.

Cleveland added three runs in the second, helped by Andrus' error on a two-out grounder. Kipnis had a run-scoring bouncer and Santana's big hit extended the lead to 6-1.

Holland allowed six runs, four earned, and five hits in 1 2-3 innings. It was his shortest outing since he recorded just two outs against Florida on July 2.

Duncan's drive in the third made it 7-2, but the Rangers kept chipping away. Mitch Moreland doubled in a run in the third and Napoli had a leadoff drive in the sixth.

Notes: Texas RHP Alexi Ogando went on Paternity Leave after the game, returning to the Dominican Republic for the birth of his child. The Rangers will recall RHP Darren O'Day from Triple-A Round Rock to take Ogando's roster spot. ... Rangers All-

Star 3B Adrian Beltre ran the bases, and took batting practice and ground balls without a problem, the next step in his rehab from a left hamstring strain. Beltre will have at least one more session, then begin a minor league rehab assignment. ... Young has 1,997 career hits. ... Cleveland OF Shin-Soo Choo took batting practice, another step in his rehab after going on the 15-day DL on June 25 with a broken left thumb. ... The Indians will start RHP Fausto Carmona against Texas on Saturday night. Carmona is 2-7 with a 5.43 ERA in 10 career starts against the Rangers. LHP C.J. Wilson, 0-2 in his last three starts after winning six straight decisions, gets the start for Texas. ... Rangers RHP Brandon Webb is scheduled to begin rehabbing from Aug. 3 right rotator cuff surgery in about six weeks. ... Kinsler's stolen base in the first was his 19th straight successful attempt. ... Kipnis' stolen base in the ninth was the first of his career.

BOYS

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safety Gerald Sensabaugh, who was on the field for only the second day since re-signing with Dallas.

As a rookie for the Cowboys in 2006, when Bill Parcells was still the coach, Elam was primarily a special teams player who got into 15 games. He was cut at the end of the following training camp, then quickly caught on with the New York Jets for two seasons before going to Cleveland.

Now he's reunited with Ryan and the Cowboys.

"It was fun walking back into the training room, seeing a lot of the old faces. It feels like

I never left," he said, still wearing his No. 24 Cowboys jersey after a nearly 2 1/2-hour practice and then more conditioning drills.

"I'm just happy to be back. It all works itself out."

Elam was part of a Dallas rookie class with Miles Austin, then an undrafted free agent who has since become a Pro Bowl receiver, and defensive end Jason Hatcher.

Since last playing for the Cowboys, Elam has started 48 of his 61 games in four seasons. Elam started 31 of 32 games the last two years with Ryan in Cleveland, where he had 135 tackles, three sacks and two interceptions.

Ryan spoke with Elam several times before the

safety agreed to a \$2.5 million, one-year deal with Dallas.

"He's been improving every year," Ryan said. "He had a really good solid year, especially in the second half and we're anxious to get him working with his teammates."

Soon after Elam came on the field Friday afternoon, he chatted briefly with Ryan in the back of the end zone.

"He keeps me laughing all the time. It's great to have a great guy like that in your corner and somebody that really believes in you," Elam said.

"We've been communicating. I always knew that I was one of his guys. ... In Cleveland, we shared some great moments together and if

I had the opportunity to play with Rob, I'll definitely do it again."

Ryan told Elam just to be himself.

"He knew the type of guy I was and he knew what he was getting when he got me," Elam said.

In Ryan's scheme that is filled with defenders moving around before the snap, the safeties have the responsibility of calling out sets and making sure everybody is going in the right direction.

Elam said it felt good to be back in pads and have a chance to run around on the field after the extended break created by the NFL lockout and then his free agency period. He described himself as "kind of rusty."

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Woods in middle of pack

AKRON (AP) — For the second straight year on a course where Tiger Woods once couldn't lose, he tees off so early in the third round that dew will still be on the grass.

Only this time, it has more to do with the weather than bad golf.

Woods finished toward the bottom of the pack last year at the Bridgestone Invitational, which those around him believe was the low point in his worst season. There has been a noticeable improvement over the opening two rounds at Firestone, even if it doesn't look all that great compared with everyone else.

There were 17 rounds at 67 or better on the first day. Woods wasn't among them.

There were 45 rounds at par or better in the second round Friday, and again Woods was left behind.

That puts him in the middle of the pack, just one of the guys, even though he defiantly said he was "not other guys" when someone suggested to him that others would be expecting to win a tournament having not played in three months.

Instead, there is a long list of stars going into the weekend.

Rickie Fowler, winless in his 21 months on the PGA Tour, had eight birdies and an eagle — he holed out with a wedge from the third fairway — and had to settle for a 6-under 64

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Bird's 3-pointer lifts Storm over Sun

SEATTLE (AP) — When the Seattle Storm need a big shot, Sue Bird comes through.

Bird hit a 3-pointer on a 22-foot jumper with 0.4 seconds left to give the Seattle Storm a 81-79 win over the Connecticut Sun on Friday night.

“She’s extremely clutch,” Storm coach Brian Agler said. “We try to give her the ball in those situations and she has come through numerous times. I’ve been around clutch players so I can’t tell you she’s necessarily better, but she’s come through more than anybody I’ve

been around.” Bird, who finished with 20 points, received an inbound pass from Katie Smith and hit the 3 from the top of the arc as defending champion Seattle (12-8) moved into sole possession of second place in the Western Conference.

“They cheated the screens a little bit and I was able to bounce back the other way and get an open look and just was able to knock it down,” Bird said.

“I held my followthrough a little longer to kind of squeeze that one in there. Sometimes you know, sometimes you’re not sure.”

Connecticut coach Mike Thibault watched his team rally from an

18-point to lead, but then saw Bird end it.

“That’s a great shot Sue made at the end,” Thibault said.

“She got open with an illegal screen, but it was a heck of a shot. I thought it was going to be short when it left her hand, but sure enough, she’s made enough big ones in her life. That’s why she’s one of the best in the world.”

Tanisha Wright added 18 points, Swin Cash had 14 and Camille Little 13 for the Storm, who won three in a row for the first time this season.

Tina Charles hit a 7-footer on a putback with 3.1 seconds left to put the Sun up 79-78 before Seattle called timeout to set up the win-

ning shot.

“We had to come back from a lot and made that run and we were playing better in the second half,” Charles said. “It’s just a heartbreaker. That’s Sue for you.”

Renee Montgomery scored 19 points, Charles had 18 and Asjha Jones 12 to lead Connecticut (12-7), which had won six of seven.

Seattle shot 12 of 19 on 3-pointers. Bird hit 4 of 7 from long range and Cash made 3 of 6.

Smith hit a 3 and Cash scored twice inside as Seattle used a 10-2 run at the start of the fourth quarter to go ahead 73-59 after the Sun had taken a one-point lead late in the third.

Charles scored six

points during a 16-2 run in the third quarter as the Sun rallied from 13 down.

They took their first lead of the game 56-55 on Jones’ jumper.

Seattle responded with two free throws by Little and back-to-back 3s by Cash to lead 63-57 heading to the fourth.

Montgomery scored eight to start Connecticut’s 15-4 run to close out the first half that cut an 18-point deficit to 47-40.

“We get down often,” Montgomery said.

“It’s bad, but we get down so often I don’t think it was really a worry. We knew we just had to get some stops and the shots would start to fall.”

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1907 — Walter Johnson won the first of his 417 victories leading the Washington Senators

to a 7-2 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

1922 — Ken Williams of the St. Louis Browns hit two home runs in the sixth inning of rout over the Washington Senators.

1923 — Cleveland’s Frank Bower went 6-for-6 with a double and five singles as the Indians routed the Washington Senators 22-2.

1956 — The largest crowd in minor-league history, 57,000, saw 50-year-old Satchel Paige of Miami beat Columbus in an International League game played in

the Orange Bowl.

1968 — Joe Keough of the Oakland A’s hit a pinch home run in his first major league at-bat in the eighth inning of the second game of a doubleheader against the New York Yankees. The A’s won the nightcap 4-3 in 10 innings after dropping the first game 3-0.

1971 — The New York Mets beat the Braves at Atlanta Stadium, 20-6. Ken Boswell led the Met attack with four hits and five RBIs including a grand slam off Mike McQueen.

1985 — Baseball Commissioner Peter Ueberroth ended the strike by the Major League Baseball Players Association with the announcement of a tentative agreement. The season resumed Aug. 8.

1999 — Wade Boggs became the first player to homer for his 3,000th hit, with a two-run shot in Tampa Bay’s 15-10 loss to Cleveland. Boggs already had a pair of RBI singles when he homered off Chris Haney in the sixth inning.

2004 — Greg Maddux became the 22nd pitcher in major league history to reach 300 victories, leading the Chicago Cubs to an 8-4 victory over San Francisco.

2007 — San Francisco’s Barry Bonds hit home run No. 756 to break Hank Aaron’s storied record with one out in the fifth inning, hitting a full-count, 84 mph fastball from Washington’s Mike Bacsik.

Noticeably absent were commissioner Bud Selig and Aaron. The Nationals won the game, 8-6.

2009 — Albert Pujols drove in three runs to surpass the 100 RBI mark for the ninth straight season to start his career.

The only major league hitter with a longer streak was Hall of Famer Al Simmons, who had 11 consecutive seasons with the Philadelphia Athletics from 1924-34.

2010 — The Toronto Blue Jays became the first team to hit eight homers in a game in three years, getting two apiece from Aaron Hill and J.P. Arencibia in a 17-11 victory over Tampa Bay.

Jose Bautista, Adam Lind, Edwin Encarnacion and Lyle Overbay also connected for the Blue Jays.

Today’s birthdays: Edgar Renteria 36.

2011 Property Tax Rates in Glasscock County

This notice concerns 2011 property tax rates for Glasscock County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year’s tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year’s *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year’s *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year’s tax rate:	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year’s operating taxes	\$3,273,893	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Last year’s debt taxes	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Last year’s total taxes	\$3,273,893	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Last year’s tax base	\$1,062,952,560	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Last year’s total tax rate	\$.308000/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100

This year’s effective tax rate:	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year’s adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$3,273,238	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
÷ This year’s adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$1,388,135,522	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
= This year’s effective tax rate for each fund	\$.235801/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.235801/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes and holds hearings.)

This year’s rollback tax rate:	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year’s adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$3,273,238	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
÷ This year’s adjusted tax base	\$1,388,135,522	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
= This year’s effective rate	\$.235801/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100
x 1.08 = this year’s maximum operating rate	\$.254665/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100
+ This year’s debt rate	\$. -0-/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100
= This year’s rollback rate for each fund.	\$.254665/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100
This year’s total rollback rate	\$.254665/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100	\$ -0-/\$100

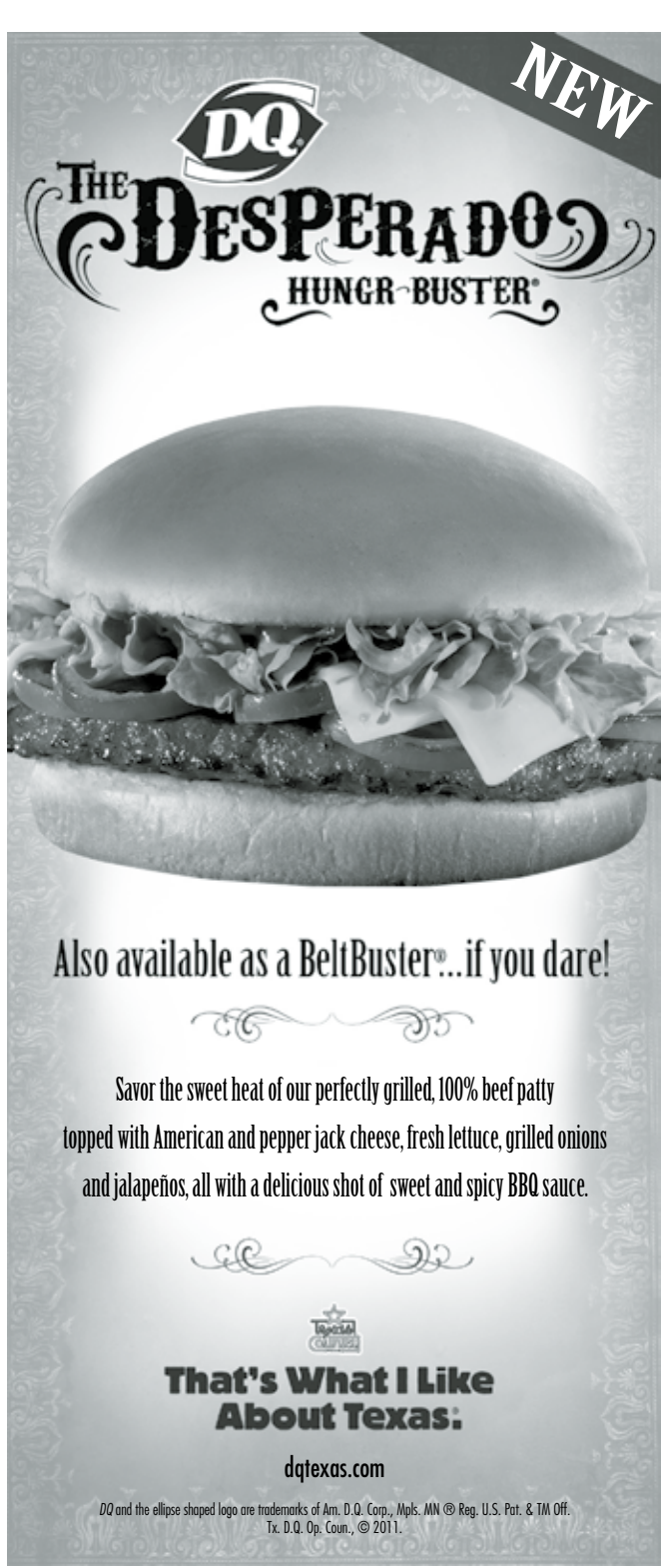
Statement of Increase/Decrease
If Glasscock County adopts a 2011 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.235801 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2010 taxes by \$3473.00.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit’s property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
M&O	\$3,100,000.00

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates’ calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at: Glasscock County Tax Assessor-Collector’s Office/124 S. Myrl St., Garden City, TX
Name of person preparing is notice Nancy Hillger
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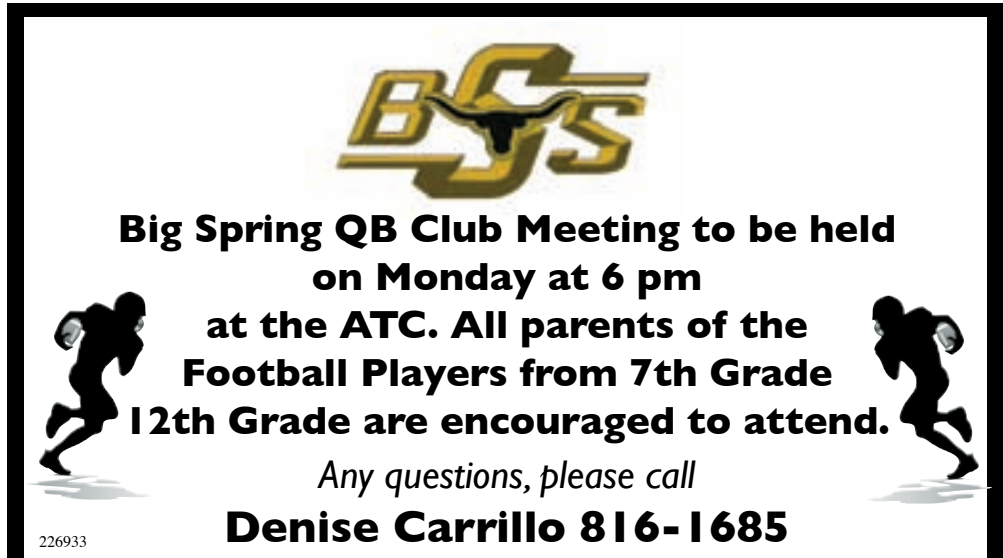
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BSCS

Big Spring QB Club Meeting to be held on Monday at 6 pm at the ATC. All parents of the Football Players from 7th Grade 12th Grade are encouraged to attend.

Any questions, please call
Denise Carrillo 816-1685

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THE ABCS OF HAVING FUN AT THE PARK



HERALD photos/Amanda Moreno

The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club took a group of kids involved in the summer program to enjoy a morning at the ABC park this past week.

With high temperatures, playing outside has become a dangerous situation and one that has to be monitored and carefully considered. It's important to stay hydrated, find plenty of shade and try to head outdoors before the temperatures hit their peak.

The kids were able to enjoy a few hours at the playground, while temperatures were cooler, Wednesday morning.

The Boys and Girls Club is in the middle of their summer program and also has an after-school program during the school year.

The program is also in the process of completing a new facility to house the Boys and Girls Club, which is expected to be completed sometime in October.



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Weddings

Weir — Davis



Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Stanley Davis

Whitney Rae Weir of Big Spring and Matthew Stanley Davis of Katy exchanged wedding vows June 11, 2011, in a 6 p.m. ceremony at College Baptist Church. The ceremony was performed by David Keefe, brother-in-law of the bride. A reception followed at The Hardware Store in downtown Big Spring.

Whitney is the daughter of Marcy Weir and the late Danny Weir, of Big Spring.

Matthew is the son of Stanley and Darlene Davis of Bastrop and the grandson of Helen Tice and Jean Davis.

Kelsey Weir, sister of the bride, of Big Spring, served as maid of honor. Matron of Honor was Jessi Keefe, sister of the bride, of Round Rock. Bridesmaids included Kaylee Decker of Lubbock and Becky Chesworth of Midland.

Jeremiah Fincher of Bedford, served as best man. Groomsmen included Dustin Foiles, of Katy, Kaleb Free, of Lubbock and Shelby LeFever, of Lubbock. Ushers were Cameron Decker of Lubbock, Stephen Chapman of Lubbock and Evan Hunt of Lubbock.

She is a 2006 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2010 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in personal financial planning.

He is a 2006 graduate of Katy High School and a 2011 graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in landscape architecture.

Following a honeymoon in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, the couple have made their home in Round Rock.

Reader's Corner

Summer

It's summer and the days are too long and it's much too hot.

So hot that the flowers refuse to bloom.

The pretty little butterflies have gone away to a cooler place.

The birds are still around, but they don't feel like singing because it's just too hot to sing.

It's summer and the old folks sit in the shade of the nearest tree drinking ice tea.

Watching the kids jumping in and out of the plastic kiddie pool, their lips painted purple from eating grape popsicles.

Everyone laughs as the neighbor's dog jumps in the pool and splashes everyone when he jumps out.

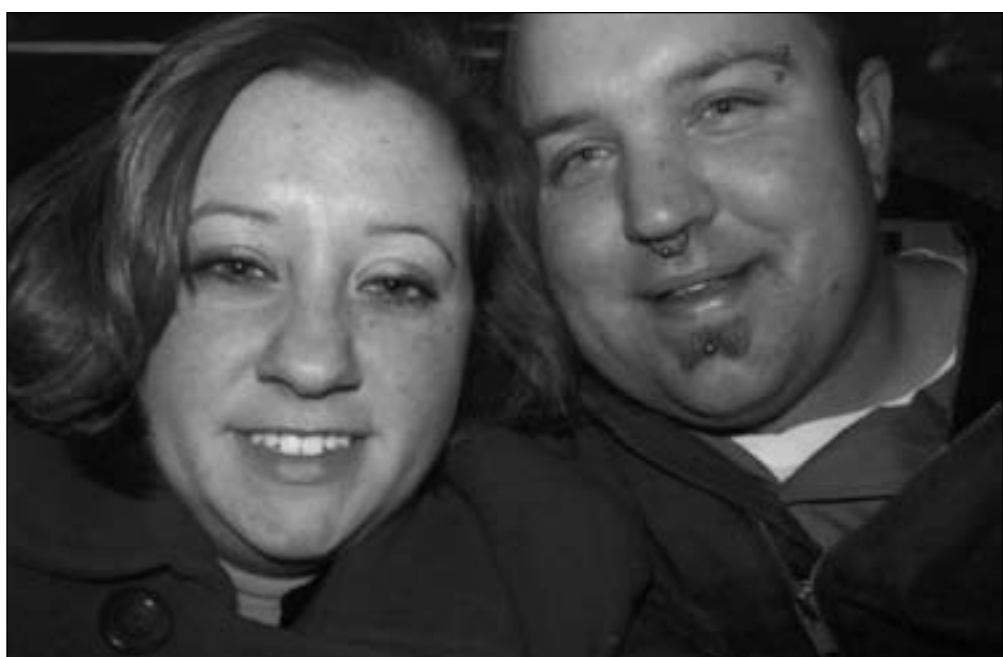
It's summer and it's time to take it easy.

Time to eat a grape popsicle and, when no one is looking, time to jump in the kiddie pool and for a moment be a child again.

For only a child truly appreciates the long, hot days of summer.

— Lana Anguiano —

McKinney — Horton



Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Charles Horton

Matthew Charles Horton and Morgan Bindy McKinney were married Aug. 1, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. The groom's father, Mr. Jack Horton, performed the double-ring ceremony.

The groom is the son of Jack and Donna Horton of Midland. His maternal grandparents are Mrs. Peggy Sproles and the late Everett Sproles of Midland. His paternal grandparents are the late Ezra and Irene Horton.

The bride is the daughter of Rebecca Smith and the granddaughter of Katie Lara of Big Spring.

The bride's new step-daughters, Emaylnn Nicole Horton and Selah Cherith Horton, attended the ceremony.

The groom graduated high school from Greenwood High School of Midland. He is employed by Tommy White Supply of Midland.

The bride graduated high school from New Hope Christian School in Big Spring and as a graduate nurse from Covenant School of Nursing in Lubbock. She is a registered nurse and is employed by Kel-Tech of Midland.

A wedding dinner was held in Cowboys Steakhouse and Restaurant after the ceremony. The couple resides in Big Spring.

Davis — Haney

Erin Michelle Davis and Paul Robert Haney exchanged marriage vows in a double ring ceremony on the beach at the Iberostar Maya in Playa del Carmen, Mexico, on Monday, June 6, 2011, at 4 p.m. in the afternoon. Erin is the daughter of Jay and Mona Davis of De Soto. She is the granddaughter of the late Harry and Mary Jean Nugent of Lake Charles, Louisiana, and the late John Davis of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Vera Thomas of Gold Beach, Oregon. Paul is the son of Robert and Suzanne Haney of Big Spring. He is the grandson of the late R. E. and Edith Haney of Big Spring and the late Louie and Zita Bernhardt of Olney.

Given in marriage by her father, who also officiated the ceremony, the bride wore a Pronovias floor-length ballgown. The v-shaped neckline featured scalloped edging. A crystal-encrusted satin band highlighted the empire waistline. The bodice and A-line skirt featured a luxurious lace overlay. She carried a bouquet of tropical flowers in bright colors. The bride and groom stood beneath a white canopy adorned with native tropical flowers that complemented the bride's bouquet.

Attending as maid of honor was Katie Vaughn of Dallas. Other bridal attendants were Kerry Hargrove of Joshua, Amber Davis and Liz Jang of Dallas and Sarah Maskell, sister of the groom, of St. Cloud, MN.

Robert Haney attended his son as best man. Groomsmen were Brian Youngblood and Brian Kruppa of Dallas, Justin Taliaferro of Columbus, Ohio, Bowie Hogg of Arlington and



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Robert Haney

Russell Stafford, cousin of the groom, of Dallas.

A reception hosted by the bride and groom was held at the Iberostar Linda Resort in the Jambalaya Restaurant Banquet Room. Guests enjoyed dinner and a dance. The three-tiered wedding cake featured alternating layers of chocolate and vanilla cake with fondant frosting.

Following a honeymoon at the Iberostar Grand, the couple is at home in Dallas.

The bride is a 2011 graduate from The University of Texas at Arlington with a B. A. in Kinesiology. The groom is a 2001 graduate of Texas A&M University. He is currently employed with Wells Fargo in the Global Banking Group as a Trade Finance Relationship Manager. He is a 1997 graduate of Big Spring High School.



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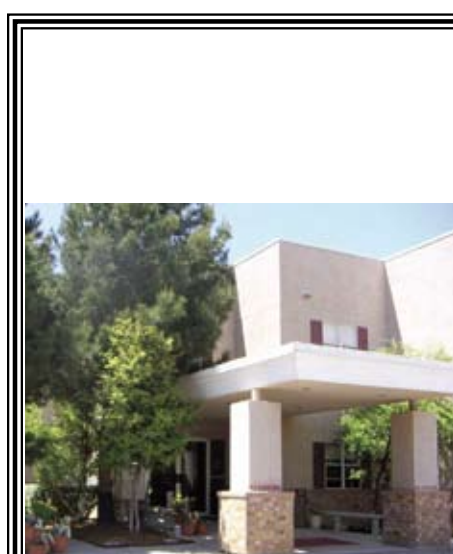


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Births



Dominique Allen Hernandez Parras

Julie Wheeler and Patrick Parras both of Big Spring, announce the birth of their son, Dominique Allen Hernandez Parras.

Dominique was born July 29, 2011, at 2:27 p.m. He weighed seven pounds eight ounces and measured 19 3/4 inches long.

His maternal grandparents are Marvie and Evelyn Wheeler of Big Spring and Patrick Parras and Alison Edinger of N.C. and Janice Rivera of Big Spring.



Nathaniel Hector Castaneda Flores

Nathaniel Hector Castaneda Flores, son of Emily Luz Flores and Hector Ruben Castaneda, both of Big Spring, was born July 29, 2011.

He arrived at 5:35 p.m. weighing six pounds 12.6 ounces and measured 18 1/2 inches.

His maternal grandfather is Oscar Flores and great-grandmother is Gregoria Flores, both of Big Spring. His paternal grandmother is Frances Enriquez of Big Spring.

He was welcomed home by his sibling, Jasiah.

50th Wedding Anniversary

Richard (Dick) and Sally Grove celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 4 with a small gathering of family and friends at the airbase in Wichita, Kansas.

The cocky young airman met and fell for the pretty young dance instructor while playing in the band and the two were soon married.

The next 22 years were a blur of world traveling from Europe to the Middle East before the couple finally came to roost in Big Spring in 1981.

Dick completed another 22 years in the post office here while Sally worked for the BSISD.

They are both retired and split their time between family, tending their yard and church First Baptist of Big Spring.

They remain a constant inspiration to their son, Richard, his wife, Michelle, and their grandchildren, Christina, Kevin and the twins Ryker and Tyler.

The couple attributes their 50 years of marital success to their love of God, one another and an enduring friendship.



Richard and Sally Grove

Menus

Senior Center

Monday: hamburger on a bun, lettuce/tomatoes/onions, pork and beans, brownie, milk.

Tuesday: chicken patty with gravy, mashed potatoes, spinach, rolls, banana pudding, milk.

Wednesday: cheese enchiladas,

refried beans, tossed salad, tortilla chips/salsa, peaches and cream, milk.

Thursday: barbecue beef, potatoes salad, pinto beans, relish plate, cornbread, melon balls/milk.

Friday: cabbage rolls, black-eyed peas, steamed cauliflower, sliced tomatoes and lettuce, cake, milk.

Life Policies

The Big Spring Herald has instituted a 600 word limit for all wedding submissions. All wedding articles will be edited to fit the above listed policy.

All submissions for Sunday's life section must be turned in by noon Wednesday to be published in Sunday's edition. Submitting articles by the deadline does not guarantee publication in the Sunday Life Section.

The Herald attempts to publish articles in a timely manner but because of space limitations submissions may held until the following week.

For more information, call 263-7331

Facts on Bullying

The facts on bullying reveal it is a growing problem among teens and children. There are several different types of bullying including cyber bullying, bullying in schools as well as other forms of harassing. Continue reading to learn the facts on bullying.

Bullying can happen anywhere. Many children and teens are regular victims of bullying, which can lead to serious emotional scarring and problems with the victim's self-esteem and self-image. Correcting these behaviors before they start or get out of hand are important for parents and educators to keep in mind. In this article we are discussing the facts on bullying and how you can watch for warning signs in victims of bullying as well as in children who might be bullies themselves.

Types of bullying:

- **Verbal.** This type of bullying usually involves name calling and or teasing
- **Social.** Spreading rumors, intentionally leaving others out of activities on purpose, breaking up friendships are all examples of social bullying.
- **Physical.** This traditional form of bullying involves hitting, punching, shoving and other acts of intention physical harm.
- **Cyberbullying.** This method of bullying involves using the Internet, texting, email and other digital technologies to harm others.

Facts on bullying:

- **Imbalance of power.** Typically those who engage in bully-like behaviors use their strength, popularity or power to harm, control or manipulate others. They will usually target those who are weaker in size or may have a difficult time defending themselves.
- **Intent to cause harm.** A bully is a person who does not do things by accident. The bully intends to physically or emotionally injure a person or group of persons.
- **Repetition.** Typically incidents of bullying are not a one-time thing. Bullies target the same person or group over and over again.

It is important for parents to discuss the facts on bullying with their children to help teach them how to watch out for bullying and to avoid being bullied. There are several signs parents can look for when evaluating if your child is a victim of bullying.

- Comes home with unexplained injuries or with damaged or missing clothing or other belongings
- Has change in eating habits
- Makes excuses not to go to school
- Has fewer friends
- Feels helpless
- Talks about suicide
- Acts out of character
- Avoids certain places or playing outside alone
- Feels like they are not good enough
- Has trouble sleeping
- Blames themselves for their problems


The facts on bullying also provide information on what types of signs to look for in children who might be bullying others.

- Becomes frequently violent
- Has trouble controlling anger
- Is manipulative and controlling of others and situations
- Is quick to blame others
- Does not accept responsibility for their actions
- Needs to win or be the best at everything

Understanding these warning signs can help parents prevent their children from becoming bullies or help them not become a victim of a bully. Counseling or therapy are good methods in helping to treat a child who exhibits symptoms of bullying. Children who are victims may also need some kind of support or counseling to help resolve underlying issues of emotional feelings of inadequacy. Children who are confident and have higher self-esteem are less likely to fall prey to the attacks of bullying.

Sources: mychildsafety.net, <http://www.stopbullying.gov/>

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Alon releases earnings report

Special to the Herald

DALLAS — Alon USA Energy, Inc. (NYSE: ALJ) announced results for the second quarter of 2011. Net income for the second quarter of 2011 was \$13.7 million, or \$0.25 per share, compared to net loss of \$29.3 million, or \$0.54 per share, for the same period in the prior year.

Excluding special items, Alon recorded net income of \$16.7 million, or \$0.30 per share, for the second quarter of 2011, compared to net loss of \$29.5 million, or \$0.55 per share, for the same period last year.

Net income for the six months ending June 30 was \$26.8 million, or \$0.49 per share, compared to net loss of \$82.2 million, or \$1.52 per share, for the same period in the prior year.

Excluding special items, Alon recorded net income of \$35.5 million, or \$0.64 per share, for the six months ending June 30, compared to net loss of \$78.6 million, or \$1.45 per share, for the same period last year.

Paul Eisman, CEO and president, commented, "We continue to be pleased with our operations to date in 2011, and are even more excited about the prospects for our future. The completion of the Bakersfield integration project marks the realization of the plan to have a hydrocracker unit to increase the light products yields of our California refineries. After much hard work by our employees, I am happy to report that we have delivered on that plan and as of the beginning of July we started selling products produced out of the Bakersfield location.

"In addition, I am pleased to report that the Krotz Springs refinery is up and running well after its shutdown from mid-May to mid-June. We were forced to shut down the refinery in anticipation of potential flooding and its impact on crude oil supply to the refinery. Not only did we get through the incident with no damage to the refinery, we were also able to complete a number of planned maintenance projects and eliminate refinery downtime scheduled for later this year.

"Our Big Spring refinery had another very good quarter with a refinery operating margin of \$19.65 per barrel. Its location enables the refinery to take advantage of the discounted WTI prices currently in the market. In July,

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Prepping women for the workforce

By AMANDA MORENO
Staff Writer

The workforce can be a competitive place, but Christian Women's Job Corps is doing their part to ensure women in the community have access to workforce training.

The second semester of the 12-week program begins Aug. 29 and runs through Nov. 17. There are 13 spots still available for the upcoming semester. The first semester took place January through April of this year with five of seven women completing the program.

"We are trying to better equip women for the job field," Tina Buchanan, said.

The program is open for women age 18 and over who are drug and alcohol free. Women in the program will receive computer skills training, boundaries training, budgeting skills, devotionals, resume and interview techniques.

"Through this program we are providing skills and opening doors these women may not realize are there," Buchanan said.

According to Buch-

anan, participants may even have the opportunity to visit local employers and have the opportunity to ask questions normally not confronted in the interview process.

"As part of the program we connect the women with their own mentor, their own personal cheerleader," Buchanan said.

The mentors will be with the student not only for the three months of the program, but also for three months after the program has concluded.

"It's a way of giving them a hands up and making them aware of what's available."

The program is free and classes meet Monday through Wednesday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon. Meals are provided by volunteers free of charge, as well.

To find out more about the program, call Buchanan at 432-517-4627.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234, or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

Energy Watch



Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a managing director — investments for the Wachovia Securities Midland

office.

Bill Franks, AAMS, is a senior registered client associate and the senior associate to the branch manager.



It has only been 33 months since the financial crisis of 2008, and the memory of the sharp drop in the stock market is still fresh in many investors' minds. As a result, people are worried that the economy could fall back into recession this year if there is another financial crisis. While anything is possible, it can be useful to look back at two similar periods to see what the economy and the market did at approximately the same point in time subsequent to a big drop in stock prices. In one case, the economy did fall back into recession; in the other, the economy continued to expand.

These two similar periods were the summer of 1990 and the summer of 2004.

In the summer of 1990, the stock market was approaching the third anniversary of the crash of October, 1987. In the summer of 2004, the stock market was on the cusp of the third anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attack and the stock market crash the following week.

This summer, the market is similarly approaching a third anniversary of the September 2008 crash during the financial crisis known as the "Great Recession."

In the summer of 1990, investors worried that the market could collapse at any time, as it had done in 1987. In the summer of 2004, investors worried that the stock market could drop sharply again if there were another terrorist attack. And investors today are worried that the market could fall like it did back in 2008, if there is another financial crisis.

One measurement that can be used to compare these three time periods is the index of leading economic indicators.

This index can give us some insight into why the economy fell back into recession in 1990 but was able to recover and expand in 2004.

In 1990, economic fundamentals, as measured by the index, were weak and pointing towards recession even before Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait in August of that year.

The invasion sent oil prices soaring sharply higher.

In 2004, though, the economic fundamentals were strong, and the economy expanded despite lingering worries that another terrorist attack could happen at any time.

Today, the leading economic indicators index is pointing toward further growth. That makes today's situation more similar to 2004 than to 1990. While this doesn't mean that the economy couldn't potentially fall back into recession, it implies that the economy is more likely to grow than to contract in the coming months.

No index or other statistical measure is a perfect predictor of economic activity. However, the leading economic indicator index has had a good history of signaling an increased risk of recession when the index's growth rate turns negative. The index itself is a blend of ten different measures that usually precede changes in economic activity.

Right now, the index is still pointing upward, having increased by almost 6% during the twelve months ended in June. The growth rate of the index has been positive primarily because of loose monetary policy — as reflected in the money supply, yield curve, and stock market components of the index — which has outweighed the components of the index that have had a negative bent, such as building permits and consumer sentiment.

Looking back, liquidity was scarce in 1990 because credit was tight, and the growth rate of the leading economic indicators index was negative. This signaled an increased risk of recession, which is exactly what happened. In contrast, in 2004, liquidity was plentiful. This pointed toward continued economic growth and expansion.

Today, liquidity is also abundant, which makes the current environment more similar to 2004 than to 1990. Although the United States faces many headwinds and growth seems to be slowing down, the economic fundamentals at the present time — as evidenced by the index of leading economic indicators — are more positive than negative. Accordingly, we believe the economy is poised to continue expanding in the months ahead, albeit perhaps at a more modest pace.

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Pollard Chevrolet delivered a Mary Kay Pink Cadillac to local Mary Kay Independent Sales Senior Director Dene Sheppard. The keys to the new car were awarded to Sheppard for having achieved Mary Kay's Cadillac sales level of \$96,000 for two consecutive quarters. For more than 40 years, the Mary Kay pink Cadillac has been an iconic symbol of success. The delivery of the prestigious award was accompanied by a brief ceremony at St. Paul Lutheran Church.

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County Court Decisions:
Probated Judgment: Jimmy Francis Garrard, driving while intoxicated, \$500 fine, \$457 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended,

12 months probation).
Probated Judgment: Johnny Lee Johnson, driving while intoxicated - open container. \$750 fine, \$457 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

District Court Filings:
In Re Skyler E. Rice, family. Brad Wayne Dugan Jr. vs. Courtney Ray Dugan, divorce.
Rebecca Carlile vs. Tyre Watts, protective order.
In Re Genesis l'Munique Hernandez, family.
In Re Jaylen DeShawn Young, family.
In Re Isaiah Rodriguez, family.
Jonathan Tracy Deadman vs. Danielle Celeste Posten, divorce.
In Re Arthur Coleman, name change.
Travis Boyd Simmons vs. Lauren Nicole Simmons, divorce.
Scenic Mountain Medical Center vs. Christina Hernandez, accounts, notes and contracts.
In Re David Burkhart, family. Priscilla Susan Michelle Osterloh vs. Richard Allen Osterloh, divorce.
Edgar Moreno vs. Gina Moreno, divorce.
Laverne Patrick vs. Russell A. Patrick, divorce.
Veronica Leann Luera vs. Jason Cesario Luera, divorce.
Jonetta Fastoria Wallace vs. Rickey Lin Wallace, divorce.
Terenice Lenel Deubose vs. Lushonda Denise Young, divorce.
In Re Thomas Ortiz, family.
Jerry Wayne Nelson vs. James Aubrey Hill, injury or damages involving a motor vehicle.

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Albert Chavarria, 57, and Marie Elena Holguin, 48, both of Big Spring.
Mark Anthony Lopez, 20, and Antonia Marie Bentancur, 22, both of Big Spring.

Warranty Deeds:
Grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum
Grantee: Michael Nairn
Property: Lot 15, Block 2, W.J. Gordon Addition
Date: July 15, 2011

Grantor: Willis Gillette Jr.
Grantee: John L. Newman
Property: A strip of land out of Section 45, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: July 12, 2011

Grantor: Rex Rainey and Aneica Rainey, Restoration Ranch Ministries
Grantee: Wilson C. Edwards

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Date: July 13, 2011

Grantor: Rex Rainey and Aneica Rainey, Restoration Ranch Ministries
Grantee: Wilson C. Edwards
Sr. and Brenda Edwards Property: A 19-acre tract out of Section 9, Block 33, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: July 13, 2011

Grantor: Rex Rainey and Aneica Rainey, Restoration Ranch Ministries
Grantee: Wilson C. Edwards
Sr. and Brenda Edwards Property: A tract out of Section 16, Block 33, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date: July 13, 2011

Grantor: Randall Earl Reid and Leota Reid
Grantee: Samuel Camacho
Property: Lots 4-7, Block 3, original Town of Coahoma
Date: Aug. 1, 2011

Grantor: John A. Porter
Grantee: Joyce Dunlap
Property: Lots 7-9, Block 7, Brown Addition
Date: July 28, 2011

Warranty Deeds with Vendor's Lien:
Grantor: Michelle Fierro
Grantee: Rosario Chavera
Property: Lot 1, Block 3, Anderson Addition
Date: July 18, 2011

Grantor: George C. Franklin and Bonnie Franklin
Grantee: Music-N-More (Roger Winters)
Property: A tract out of Section 43, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P Rr Co. Survey
Date: July 18, 2011

Grantor: Rita M. Brown
Grantee: Codee Barraza
Property: Lot 9, Block 5, Amended Plat of Muir Heights
Date: July 15, 2011

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Grantee: Gustavo Jurado and Veronica Jurado
Property: A part of Lot 14, Block 2, Wrights Second Addition
Date: July 13, 2011

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Property: Lot 10, Block 2, College Park Estates
Date: Aug. 2, 2011

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Grantee: Charley Dan Glenn
Property: Lot B, Block 2, Highland Addition
Date: July 29, 2011

Grantor: Bruce Allen
Grantee: Manuel Martinez Jr.
Property: A tract out of Section 47, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
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Documents may be obtained from Jason Mims, Director of Business Services, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (432)264-5167. Responses will be accepted through 2:00 PM on Tuesday, August 16, 2011, in the Administration A Wing, room 131, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, at which time they will be read into record. Vendors are instructed that a formal opening will not occur. The college will negotiate with qualified vendors concerning bids submitted. The final determination of vendor award will be made at a future board meeting. There will be no pre-submittal conference.

All questions should be directed to Jason Mims, Director of Business Services, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, e-mail jmims@howardcollege.edu (432)264-5167. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all responses.
#7066 July 31 & August 7, 2011

Legals

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Glasscock County, Texas
The Commissioners Court of Glasscock County, Texas cordially invites the Public to attend a public hearing on the topic of county redistricting on the 24th day of August 2011, at 3:00 p.m. in the Glasscock County Courthouse.

The Commissioners Court is considering one or more alternate plans for the redistricting of County Commissioners Court precincts. Changes in the existing boundaries of each Commissioners Court precinct will also have an impact on election precincts, polling places, and Justice of the Peace/Constable precincts. Public comment is sincerely solicited.

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La Corte de Comisionados del

Condado de Glasscock en Texas cordialmente invita al publico a asistir a las audiencias publicas sobre el tema de la redistribucion de distritos del condado el dia 24 de agosto 2011, a las 3:00 pm en la Corte del Condado de Glasscock.

La Corte de Comisionados esta considerando uno o mas planes alternativos para la nueva delimitacion de los precinctos de la Corte de Comisionados del Condado. Los cambios en los limites actuales de cada precincto de la Corte de Comisionados tambien afectaran los precinctos electorales, lugares de votacion, y precinctos de los Jueces de Paz y sus Alguaciles. La opinion del publico sera de mucha utilidad.
#7072 August 7, 2011

Tomorrow's Horoscope

Many festivals of culture are happening now, and the Sagittarius moon is perfectly suited for celebration. It's a time of state fairs, agricultural events, pie-eating contests and more. The Sagittarius lunar influence will stir up the curiosity about and appreciation of the food, art, dances and customs particular to different groups around the world.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What would happen if you did not see yourself as obligated to anyone? For just one day, assume that everyone on the planet is as responsible for him or herself as you are for yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are in the mood to be spoiled rotten, though it may seem that those in your inner circle missed the memo. There

is someone else out there who would love to give you gifts. Branch out to find this person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll have fun, but you'll never quite lose yourself in the heat of the moment. You wisely realize how important it is to keep your wits about you and make sure you know exactly what is going on.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You will be extra observant now as you strive to know what your loved ones like, dislike, think and feel. Being in touch with the others around you will make life much easier for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You needn't grab at happiness now; it will linger around you like a hungry stray cat. The less you try to hold on to it the more likely it will be to hover nearby.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are in tune to the ways others perceive the world, but you do not always choose to see things the same way. Your open mind allows you great flexibility of thought.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There is something strong in you that needs to explore who you are as an individual right now. So it's not your day to conform, no matter who is asking you to do so or what amount of money is being offered.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your water-sign intuition combined with a sailor's knowledge of "the ropes" will help you hoist your sail. You'll make easy use of the strong winds of change that blow through your life this week.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You want to know more about the world. Your adventurous spirit will soar when you spend time with equally enthusiastic and curious people. At the drop of a hat, you will be ready to

experiment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are thinking along the lines of caution. It will make you feel safe and secure to have extra batteries, water, sunscreen, etc. And that secure feeling will translate into greater confidence and ease.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your boldness will bring people into your world. You'll initiate conversation and keep it fresh. When others are being too safe and polite, you'll add just the right amount of spice.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have this brilliant way of stopping everything and thinking of nothing. You freeze in time and shift your gears. You become less "mind" and more "heart," and you solve the problem.

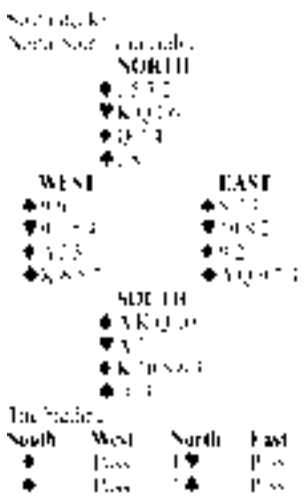
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (August 7). The love in your heart shines through your eyes. September will be a blithe, happy-go-lucky time, and yet you'll still accomplish some of your best work. You're most productive when you do what you enjoy. New friends show up in September. December brings an adventure. The new year brings a career change. Libra and Pisces people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 25, 1, 43 and 19.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Oscar-winner Charlize Theron has publicly expressed that the institution of marriage is not for her. Whether for political reasons or because her own parents had a troubled marriage or simply because the stars have not lined up in a marriage direction, this astrologer nevertheless believes Theron could eventually change her mind. Leo is the sign of children, and that desire could be the deciding factor.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Exploratory Analysis



South wins with the ace and has to club to set the hand and over the final play. After drawing trumps, South leads the king of clubs to the queen and then to the ace. South can be set from the beginning. This approach is the only one that works.

Using 22-24-26-28-30-32-34-36-38-40-42-44-46-48-50-52-54-56-58-60-62-64-66-68-70-72-74-76-78-80-82-84-86-88-90-92-94-96-98-100

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27 Francisco (river of Brazil)
28 '70s TV catchphrase
30 Senior's stat
31 Date
32 Dune by degrees
34 Author taught by Thoreau
37 Berry sources
38 Sort of oven
40 Tinker Bell capturer
41 One way to wipe
42 Odyssey prince
44 Put-down
47 Funny sketch
49 Canarias' owner
50 Russian girl's nickname
51 Price twice
53 Trickster
54 Hams in
55 I Across ancestor
57 Sign of change
59 City on the Rhine

60 Garden-shop buys
61 Prescribes or proscribes
62 Police procedure

DOWN

1 Integrity
2 Name in worldwide July 1937 headlines
3 1998 Winter Olympics site
4 American hub
5 Cordial
6 Plus
7 Little break
8 Sign of volcanism
9 field
10 Top banana

11 Literally, "small hook"
12 Underhanded activities
13 End up even, in a way
14 Parade VIPs
21 I: Lat
24 Mar-ta ingredient
25 Railroad aides
28 Small scrap
29 Lore
31 Profiler's concerns
33 Five-star initials
34 Cold-war phenomenon
35 Witness
36 Lead character in Jerry Maguire
39 Complains
40 Allowance

43 Houston, e.g.
44 Former DJ Jaz Rapper
45 First name of the "Father of Classical Guitar"
46 Maximally meanspinted
48 To be avoided
50 Composer seen on the last page of The Book of Lists
52 Musical that won nine Oscars
54 City northwest of Beersheba
56 Red-haired doll with a triangle nose
58 Red-haired Rowling character

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NURTURING YOUNG Nature Lovers

FAMILY FEATURES

Whether you're a parent, a classroom teacher, or a homeschool instructor, you know that students learn best when they can interact with their subject. It can be fun and inspirational to explore and experience an educational concept first hand. The sample project featured here comes from a new, free resource that's helping to inspire an appreciation of botany in elementary-aged students across the country. The educator website MyBotanicPlanet.com is a creative collaboration between TruGreen, the nation's largest professional lawn, tree and shrub care service provider, and the Memphis Botanic Garden. U.S. standardized lesson plans in botany and related activities available on MyBotanicPlanet.com were created by professional curriculum developers to help grades K-5 teachers and students explore the diverse plant world. Through online and hands-on experiences, this creative educator resource lets students customize an avatar to explore colorful plant environments and interactive games as they learn. My Botanic Planet visitors can interact with educational guides Flavor Flores on an adventure in the origin of plant flavors, and with Inspector Nectar on a flower mystery investigation.



TruGreen's MyBotanicPlanet.com guide Flavor Flores helps K-5 students enjoy learning about the origin of flavors from plants.

My Botanic Planet Flower Investigation

There's no better way for students to investigate the parts of a flower than by dissecting real ones.

What you need

- Enough real flowers for pairs or groups to work together. Astroemerias and gladiolus work well and are available year round in supermarket floral departments. Azaleas or any member of the lily family could also be used because the parts are well-defined and easy to see.
- Plastic knives and tweezers could be used for dissecting equipment.
- A magnifying glass would allow for closer inspection.

Getting started

- Open up the flower. This is easily done by first locating the base of the flower and slicing or splitting it in half. Use a dissection tool or even a fingernail.
- Next, slice or pinch off the petals. Remind students to be careful with all of the tiny pieces. It's easy to damage or brush away some of the most important parts.

Review the parts of the flower

- **Petal:** This is the colorful part of the flower that attracts the attention of birds, bees and butterflies, letting them know that there is food inside the flower. Have students record how many petals their flower has and what they look like.
- **Stamen:** This is where the pollen is made. For older students, you could also point out that the top part that holds the pollen is the anther and the stem part is called the filament. Students should

record how many stamens their flower has. If it has six petals, it will also have six stamens. If they have an extra piece, then one should look a little bit different, and is actually part of the pistil.

- **Pistil:** This is where the seeds are made. The pistil is made of three different parts. The very top of the pistil is called the stigma. The stigma is where the pollen falls when a pollinator brings it in. The pollen travels down the tube (style) and goes down to the bottom (ovary) where the seeds will form. Split the pistil lengthwise to look inside. You should see unfertilized beginnings of seeds. The seed pattern inside will be the same pattern of seeds within the fruit later. If you cut an apple in half horizontally and see the five seeds in a star pattern, you will know that the flower's pistil had five compartments.
- **Sepal:** These are the tiny leaves on the lower part of the flower that protect it before it begins to bloom. Every flowering bud is hidden safely behind these two little leaves until the flower is fully developed. When the bloom begins to grow, the sepal will split open and the petals can break out.

Next steps

For Grades K-2

- Fold a piece of paper in half twice, creating four smaller panels. Go on a school discovery where kids draw pictures of various flowering plants. Have kids take home papers and draw flowers they

see at home or in their neighborhood. Collect all of the images and sort the flowers according to color, type, where they were seen, etc. Then create a "Students in Bloom" bulletin board where the pictures are showcased.

For Grades 3-5

- **Pollinator Power:** Ask students to research a specific pollinator, such as bees, butterflies or moths, and find out where they live, how much nectar they eat, how many plants they visit in a day, etc., and report back to the class. For example, hummingbirds can visit up to 1,500 flowers a day and consume almost twice their body weight in nectar daily.

Extension lesson

Every fruit began as a flower. In an apple, for example, the petals withered away and the ovary grew containing the seeds, but there are other parts still there, like the sepal and flower stem. Bring in various fruits to "dissect" and examine the seeds and other parts. Chart their similarities and differences.

Visit TruGreen's www.MyBotanicPlanet.com with your student to explore some of the flowers in our environment. The website reinforces concepts featured in this sample activity in botany with an interactive glossary and games.

Annie's Mailbox



**KATHY MITCHELL
 MARCY SUGAR**

Dear Annie: I have been married to "Greg" for 21 years, and we have three wonderful teenagers. When we met, Greg seemed like the perfect guy. However, a few years after we married, he began to drink much more heavily, and now he gets drunk nearly every day.

Greg had a rocky childhood and lost both his parents at a young age. The family members who raised him were abusive. That's the reason I've always excused his drinking, but, Annie, I can't take it anymore. Instead of a husband, I have an alcoholic child on my hands. He does absolutely nothing with the kids or with me. All he wants to do is drink and sleep.

I'm 45 years old and do not want to live the rest of my life with this man and his addiction. I've begged him to get help, but he blames me for all his problems. I could tolerate being married to an alcoholic if I knew he was trying to get sober, but he has no in-

terest. I've sought individual counseling, and we've been to marriage counseling together, but nothing has made a difference. The kids are equally frustrated because Greg won't listen to their pleas, either.

I cannot afford a divorce and don't want to leave my home, which I cannot pay for without Greg's income. How can I free myself from this miserable life without losing everything? How can I make Greg get the help he desperately needs? — Trapped in Vermont

Dear Vermont: Until Greg is ready to admit he has an alcohol problem, you cannot make him get help. First, please contact Al-Anon (al-anon.alateen.org) at 1-888-4-AL-ANON (1-888-425-2666) for emotional support and suggestions. Then talk to a lawyer about child and spousal support, and see if you can afford a legal separation until you are ready to decide whether or not to make it permanent.

Dear Annie: I am entering 8th grade. I have two best friends, "Lillian" and "Molly," but lately I feel like the third wheel.

Molly always includes both of us in her conversations. The problem is Lillian. When we're together, she texts and calls others. Once, during carpool, Lillian spent the first five minutes of the ride asking me which boys like her and the last five calling Molly. She often makes me feel like the "backup friend." She even started a blog about how she and Molly are such great pals.

I've talked to Lillian, and she always promises to work on our friendship, but never does. I don't want to lose my temper with her, because she's sensitive. Does she not realize how much she hurts me? Why doesn't Molly step up? Is the friendship worth saving? — Low on the Priority List

Dear Low: Lillian doesn't care if she's hurting you. Molly doesn't step up because doing so would create a rift with "sensitive" Lillian. And the friendship may not be worth saving, because Lillian doesn't value you as much as she should. The two of you are competing for Molly's affections, and someone will be hurt. This is a good time to spread your wings a little and expand your social circle. Please try.

Dear Annie: I have a suggestion for "Fed-Up Mom," whose 18-year-old son refuses to brush his teeth. Look through your photograph albums, and choose a few really nice pictures of him smiling. Then black out a few teeth and put the photos around the house, especially on the bathroom mirror. As the saying goes, "A picture is worth a thousand words." — Betty from Boston

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Google, Microsoft patent spat escalates

NEW YORK (AP) — Tech heavyweights Microsoft and Google are acting like a couple of feuding starlets in a public online spat over — wait for it — patents.

It's not the first time Microsoft and Google have gone at each other's throats, nor is it likely the last.

But with Twitter and blog posts, the dispute is playing out in public in a way that wasn't possible in 2005, when lawsuits over an employee Google hired from Microsoft revealed the bitter rivalry between the two.

Now, Google is accusing Microsoft, Apple and others of launching a "hostile organized campaign" against its Android operating system, which runs smartphones that compete with iPhones, Black-Berrys and Windows-based

mobile devices.

At issue are thousands of patents from Novell Inc., a maker of computer-networking software, and Nortel Networks, a Canadian telecom gear maker that is bankrupt and is selling itself off in pieces. Last month, a consortium that includes Microsoft Corp., Apple Inc. and Research In Motion Ltd. prevailed over Google Inc. with a \$4.5 billion cash bid for the Nortel patents.

Google lost out after a strange bidding process that included what published reports said was an offer for a billion times the mathematical constant "pi."

"Their response seems to be to whine about the process," technology analyst Rob Enderle said.

Enderle was referring to a

scathing blog post by Google Chief Legal Officer David Drummond, who wrote on Wednesday that Microsoft was banding with others to acquire "bogus patents" to make sure Google can't get to them.

"They want to make it harder for manufacturers to sell Android devices," Drummond wrote. "Instead of competing by building new features or devices, they are fighting through litigation."

Not so fast, says Microsoft, which brought the feud to Twitter. There, Microsoft's communications chief, Frank Shaw, posted an image of an email from Google's general counsel, Kent Walker, declining to join Microsoft in the consortium to bid for the patents.

The email was sent to Mi-

crosoft's own general counsel, Brad Smith, who also chimed in. Smith wrote to his 2,000-plus Twitter followers that "Google says we bought Novell patents to keep them from Google. Really? We asked them to bid jointly with us. They said no."

Enderle says it's no secret that Microsoft and Google don't like each other.

Microsoft has banded with another Google rival, Facebook, to include data from the online social network in Microsoft's search engine, Bing. Google can't do that because Facebook erected barriers preventing Google's search engine from indexing all the data on its network.

And earlier this year, Microsoft complained about Google to the European Commission in its first formal antitrust

complaint against a rival. Microsoft accused Google of abusing its dominance of online search and advertising.

Then there was the 2005 incident, in which, according to court documents, Microsoft's boisterous CEO, Steve Ballmer, threw a chair and vowed to "kill" Google in an obscenity-laced tirade over the online search leader's hiring of Kai-Fu Lee. Lee helped develop Microsoft's MSN Internet search technology, including desktop search software rivaling Google's. He left the company that July after Google offered him a \$10 million compensation package.

He has since left Google, too.

So far, the patent feud has lacked obscenities, at least in public.

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"The impact on operating income for the second quarter of 2011 from the shutdown of the Krotz Springs refinery due to flooding was approximately \$6.0 million. In addition, the impact on operating income for the second quarter of

2011 from the one month delayed startup of the hydrocracker unit at Bakersfield was approximately \$7.0 million. Together, the impact of these items on a net income per share basis for the second quarter of 2011 was \$0.14 per share. For the third quarter of 2011, we expect the average throughput at our refineries to be over 58,000 barrels per day at Big Spring, over 72,000 barrels per day at Krotz Springs and over 40,000 barrels per day at our California refineries."

The Big Spring refinery operating margin was \$19.65 per barrel for the second quarter of 2011 compared to \$9.58 per barrel for the same period in 2010. The increase is due to higher Gulf Coast 3/2/1 crack spreads, improved operating efficiencies at higher throughputs and a widening of the sweet/sour differentials.

Refinery operating margins at the California refineries was down

75 cents per barrel for the second quarter of 2011, compared to a \$2.87 per barrel increase for the same period in 2010. This decrease reflects the ramp up of operations following the re-start of the refinery in late March.

Combined refinery throughput for the second quarter of 2011 averaged 134,858 barrels per day ("bpd"), consisting of 63,715 bpd at the Big Spring refinery, 24,044 bpd at the California refineries, and 47,099 bpd at the Krotz Springs refinery, where throughput was reduced due to flooding in Louisiana and the impact on crude oil supply to the refinery, compared to a combined refinery average of 84,178 bpd in the second quarter of 2010, consisting of 42,775 bpd at the Big Spring refinery, 19,443 bpd at the California refineries, and 21,960 bpd at the Krotz Springs refinery, reflecting one month's operations after the turnaround.



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