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From left, Howard College officials Jason Mims, director of business services, Ricky Sneed, grounds supervisor, and Executive Vice President Terry Hansen inspect a recently completed water well site on the campus.

College eyes wells to ease water woes

Trustees approve drilling of 6 sites on Birdwell campus

By **STEVE REAGAN**
Staff Writer

Howard College trustees Friday approved a plan to supplement the college's water usage by drilling several water wells on campus.

The action, which was taken during a special meeting of trustees Friday, means college officials will spend up to \$125,000 in the coming months drilling, casing and completing five water wells at various spots on the Birdwell Lane campus.

The college, along with everyone else in West Texas, has been looking for ways to best deal with a prolonged drought that has resulted in water deliveries being cut by 20 percent in recent months. Of particular concern was the college's

outside watering needs. Officials decided in short order to quit watering the campus lawns, but have continued to maintain the baseball and softball fields and water the playground area at Howard Cottage.

With students mostly gone for the summer, those steps were adequate to meet the 20 percent reduction in usage.

"But students are about to come back for the fall semester," College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said. "Usage is going to increase. So, the big question facing us is how do we continue to meet the

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SA's back-to-school drive starts Monday

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

School is less than two weeks away and the Salvation Army is offering school supply assistance one more time.

The Back to School Drive application process was originally scheduled for Aug. 1-5, but due to lack of participation has been re-scheduled for next week 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday,

Aug. 15-18. "We had less than 100 backpacks handed out," Major Orville Chambless said. In order to prepare for this year's drive, the Salvation Army spent almost \$4,000 for

400 filled backpacks. "Each year it seems there is more and more of a need, but this year people just didn't come out," Patsy Heckler, office manager, said. Backpacks will be provided

for children prekindergarten through eighth grade. For families wanting to see if they qualify for assistance, they need to bring social security See **SCHOOL**, Page 3A

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County asked to up its ante on programs

Commissioners to consider requests for increased funding

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will hold a special meeting Monday morning to discuss a number of items, the most pressing being a recent appeal from the city of Big Spring for the county to delve even further into its coffers to support inter-local programs.

According to County Judge Mark Barr, commissioners will be discussing a number of requests the city has made for funding for projects, including the operation of the Big Spring Senior Citizen Center, ambulance service and the eventual closure and construction of a new municipal landfill.

"The city is requesting an additional \$60,000 for ambulance services — which they provide for the county — and an additional \$100,000 for the senior center," Barr said. "They also want to discuss the


situation with the landfill, but no dollar amount has been put on that, so far." Barr said the county has already budgeted \$130,000 for ambulance service, and, per the county's contract with the city, hasn't budgeted any funds for the senior center.

"The contract between the county and the city when they took over the senior center was for the county to help fund the facility for three years, which we have done," Barr said. "Therefore, we

haven't put any money aside for the senior center in the coming budget." While both government agencies have been tightening their fiscal belts during these tough economic times, county commissioners may be less than welcoming to the requests for additional funds since the city announced last week it would be trimming its tax rate by 5 cents. The city's proposed 2011-2012 budget

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Obituaries

Pascuala G. Ruiz

Pascuala G. Ruiz, 82, of Coahoma died Friday, Aug. 12, 2011, at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

Vigil Services will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Coahoma with Msgr. Bernard L. Gully officiating. Burial will be at Coahoma Cemetery.

She was born April 7, 1929, in Howard County to Delfina and Leon Gonzales. She married Barnabe Ruiz on Jan. 18, 1947. He preceded her in death on Oct. 18, 1985. She was a homemaker and a lifetime resident of Howard County. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

She is survived by two sons, Juan Ruiz and his wife Maria, and David Ruiz and his wife Linda, all of Coahoma; three daughters, Alicia Torres and her husband Victor of Big Spring, Petra Arguello and her husband Santos and Dora Escanuelas and her husband Ygnacio, Jr., all of Coahoma; one brother, Fermin Gonzales and his wife Eloisia of Coahoma; two sisters, Martha Arispe of Sand Springs and Mary Rodriguez and her husband Cruz of Big Spring; 16 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; three great great grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by six brothers and three sisters.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Friday and 7 a.m. Saturday:

- LUIS ALEJANDRO RAMOS, 22, of 2911 W. Hwy 80 141, was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than or equal to two ounces.

- KODY CHANCE JACKSON, 25, of 3217 Fenn St., was arrested Friday on charges of possession of controlled substance less than one gram, expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, failure to appear (five counts), speeding, expired drivers license, driving while license invalid and failed to maintain financial responsibility.

- DAVID ORTIZ, 42, of 105 NE 10th, was arrested Friday on a charge of driving while intoxicated/open container (second offense)

- JAMES JOSEPH ATTEBERRY, 32, of 200 Willow in Bowie, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.

- RAFAEL VASQUEZ ORTIZ JR., 47, 2202 Williams Rd., was arrested Friday on warrants for safety seat system/child

under age of 8 or less than 4'9" tall.

- CARLOS N. APONTE, 23, of 405 W. Fifth Street, was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.

- DAVID LYNN DOW, 28, transient, was arrested Friday on a charge of criminal trespass of habitation/shelter.

- ISMAEL JJ RODRIGUEZ, 34, of 3010 Cherokee, was arrested Friday on a charge of disorderly conduct/noise.

- RENE ANGEL VALDEZ JR., 50, of 2205 Johnson St., was arrested Friday on a charge of public intoxication.

- DARRELL SCOTT SHULTS, 28, of 2511 Fisher St., was arrested Friday on warrants for failure to appear (five counts), driving while license invalid (three counts), failed to maintain financial responsibility and expired registration.

- JUAN MIGUEL RODRIGUEZ, 22, of 7 Val Verde, was arrested Friday on a charge of purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor.

- THEFT was reported in the 600 block of W IH 20.

In the 1600 block of E. Sixth St.

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

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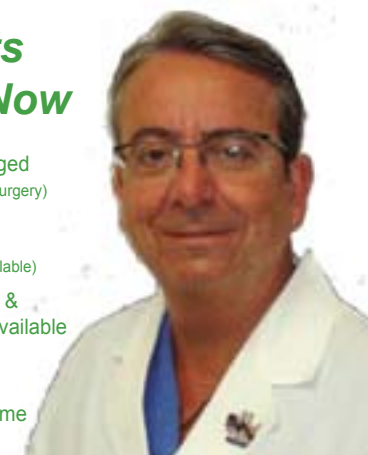
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- Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union is raising money to benefit Maurine Pittman, who is undergoing cancer treatment in a Dallas-area hospital. For more information, call the credit union at 263-8393.

- 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 Dallas. 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 volunteer-

ing please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.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 issues, social security 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. All Creatures Sanctuary and Rescue is still accepting old and used cell phones and ink jet cartridges, for drop off locations in Big Spring and Coahoma, call Melanie at 267-7387.

- New Life Ministries Church of God In Christ is holding a soup kitchen every second and fourth Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 204 N.W. 10th. The meal is free. Call 264-0771 for more information.

- The Pet Patrol helps locate lost pets and owners of found pets. To volunteer or for more information, call Melanie Gambrell at 267-PETS (7387).

- Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it is visiting a patient, or working in the office, or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Michelle Coutermarsh, at Compass Hospice, 263-5999 or apply in person at 1003 E. FM 700 in Big Spring.

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Court strikes health insurance requirement

ATLANTA (AP) — A federal appeals panel's ruling striking down the centerpiece of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul moves the question of whether Americans can be required to buy health insurance a step closer to the U.S. Supreme Court.

A divided three-judge panel of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Friday that Congress overstepped its authority when lawmakers passed the so-called individual mandate, the first such decision by a federal appeals court.

It's a stinging blow to Obama's signature legislative achievement, as many experts agree the requirement that Americans carry health insurance — or face tax penalties — is the foundation for

other parts of the law and key to paying for it.

Administration officials said they are confident the ruling will not stand. The Justice Department can ask the full 11th Circuit to review the panel's ruling and will also likely appeal to the Supreme Court.

Legal observers long expected the case would ultimately land in the high court, but experts said Friday's ruling could finally force the justices to take the case.

"There needs to be a pronouncement that's nationwide," said Carl Tobias, a professor at the University of Richmond School of Law. "It would be almost impossible to implement it if we have splintered decisions from different geographic circuits. The Supreme Court may feel

now it has to take it."

J. Peter Rich, a Los Angeles-based health care attorney, said the Supreme Court had never weighed in on an issue such as the provision requiring individuals to buy health insurance.

"They have never ruled on this specific issue," he said. "This really is a case of first impression, although the Obama administration may try to argue otherwise."

Rich said it's not unconstitutional for individual states to have such requirements, noting that Massachusetts has a similar law in place. However, the high court has yet to weigh in on whether a federal requirement passes muster.

In the Atlanta ruling, Chief Judge Joel Dubina and Circuit Judge Frank Hull found

in a 207-page opinion that lawmakers cannot require people to "enter into contracts with private insurance companies for the purchase of an expensive product from the time they are born until the time they die."

In a lengthy dissent, Circuit Judge Stanley Marcus accused the majority of ignoring the "undeniable fact that Congress' commerce power has grown exponentially over the past two centuries." He wrote that Congress generally has the constitutional authority to create rules regulating large areas of the national economy.

Dubina was tapped by former President George H.W. Bush, a Republican, while Hull and Marcus were picks of former Democratic President Bill Clinton.

The White House argued the legislative branch was using a "quintessential" power — its constitutional ability to regulate interstate commerce, including the health care industry — when it passed the overhaul law.

"Individuals who choose to go without health insurance are making an economic decision that affects all of us — when people without insurance obtain health care they cannot pay for, those with insurance and taxpayers are often left to pick up the tab," said White House adviser Stephanie Cutter.

The 11th Circuit's ruling, which sided with 26 states that had sued to stop the law from taking effect, is the latest contradictory judicial opinion on the health care debate.

SCHOOL

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numbers for everyone in the household, a photo ID, birth certificate of the child/children, proof of income and expenses and food stamp and/or Medicaid card. The day of application will also be the day backpacks are handed out, if the family qualifies.

"Not only were our numbers of applications down this year, but so were donations," Heckler said.

Families can apply at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St. from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

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

COUNTY

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— which was hailed by members of the Big Spring City Council as a success — is based on a 94.95-cent per \$100 valuation tax rate, a drop of 5 cents compared to last year's 99.95 cent rate.

The rate consists of 62.1317 cents toward the municipality's general fund; 8.5 cents for the Big Spring Police

Department Narcotics Task Force; 20.7249 cents for general obligation bonds issued in 2007 on voter approval; 7.133 cents for certificates of obligation issued in 2007; and 2.8801 cents for certificates of obligation issued in 2010 to finance the newly constructed city aquatic center.

Another project that found its way into the city's 2011-2012 budget is efforts to begin the process of permitting and building a new

landfill to replace the existing facility, which engineers say has approximately six years before it's at capacity.

The new budget sets aside more than \$600,000 to begin that process, including \$350,000 for an estimated 300 acres necessary to build a landfill that will last approximately 100 years; \$140,000 to begin the permitting process, which can take up to five years to complete; \$36,500 to convert the east cell to a

Type IV cell; \$91,300 for permit modifications to the landfill's west cell; for a total of \$617,800.

The county has contributed to the landfill closure fund annually for the past several years.

The meeting will get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners courtroom, located on the third floor of the county courthouse.

For more information on Monday's meeting, call 264-2202.

COLLEGE

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20 percent reduction level?"

Sparks saw three options:

- Discontinue watering the athletic fields. That option was never seriously considered, because the baseball and softball programs at Howard nationally known and are considered vital in recruiting efforts.

- Install artificial turf on the fields. That would drastically reduce outside watering needs, but the cost would definitely be a factor. Sparks estimated it would cost the college \$1.2 million to install artificial turf at both fields.

Given the unattractive and/or costly nature of the first two options, the third option — drilling water wells — appealed to college officials.

Dusty Choate of Choate Well Service located seven possible sites for water wells and completed one well near the athletic center. Of the remaining sites, five have the potential to produce between 10 and 40 gallons of water per minute, Choate told trustees.

"The best thing to do

now is to complete those wells," Choate said. "And then you need to get a pump in there so you can make sure of what you've got in those wells."

Sparks estimated full costs associated with the water wells could reach \$125,000. With the

money the college would save from increased water purchases, however, she said the system would pay for itself within five or six years.

Water from the wells would be used for outside purposes only and primarily on the athletic fields and

the Howard Cottage playground.

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HOME COUNTRY

Down at the county seat, the hearing room seats 20, and 40 people showed up. Marvin and Marjorie Pincus looked around at all their friends and neighbors. All they saw were smiles.

Marvin held a large envelope with his business license in it. Of course, the college degree was the real sticking point. He sighed and thought that his love counseling/fly tying service was fun while it lasted.

"Mr. Pincus?"
"Uh, yes," Marvin said, turning around.

"I'm Emily Stickles. I wrote you the letter?"

Marvin smiled and nodded.

"We'll get this over as quickly as possible."

In the second row of spectators, Dewey Decker's mouth dropped open. Emily Stickles. She wasn't what he'd pictured when he read Marvin's letter. Prune didn't exactly fit this vision of loveliness. She was statuesque. She had a soft smile. She had great cheekbones. She had a kind eye. She was young.

He wanted to have her children. Right now.

The examiner called the hearing to order. Ms. Stickles said Mr. Pincus had been operating a counseling center without a license and credentials.

Marvin showed the license to the examiner.

Emily Stickles smiled. "But Mr. Pincus, that alone ... do you have a college degree?"

"Yes he does!" called a voice from the back row. A stocky built man walked to the front. "I'm Dr. Walter Snow, director of Jerry Hat Trick Community College. We have awarded Mr. Pincus an honorary associate in arts degree for his outstanding service to lonely people and the sport of fishing."

Marvin took the certificate and just stood there.

The examiner said, "Mr. Pincus, if you'll reimburse the money people gave you before you were qualified"

"I've never charged anyone, sir," he said.

"Ms. Stickles, are you satisfied?" the examiner asked. She nodded.

"Case dismissed."

Dewey stood there long after everyone else had left, staring at Ms. Stickles. When she left, his heart followed her out the door. He turned to see Marvin staring at his degree.

"Can you believe this?" he asked. "I didn't even know Dr. Snow."

"Oh," said Dewey, walking out the door on a cloud, "you mean Uncle Walt?"

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we stay in contact with You, Lord,
every day through our prayers.

Amen

Time to blame it on the Joneses

Until triteness wore it down to a nub, the expression "keeping up with the Joneses" was a guaranteed grin-getter, or at least a "been there/done that" nod of the head.

Then, some wiseacre suggests that when he thinks he's finally caught up, the Joneses re-finance.

Think that one through. Molly's "Taint funny, McGee" response to her hubby's pratfalls on the long-ago radio show fits our current wobbly world to a "T".

At the risk of "broad-brushing," this describes our culture, top to bottom. We're "maxed out." The futility of excesses is documented at every hand, and numerous individuals—perhaps millions—are in "calf-rope" contortions. The light has dawned that governmental approval of debt ceilings—and individuals' use of new credit cards to pay off old ones—are not sustainable practices. Nor are many others, financial or otherwise.

Yes, there are knocks at many doors.

It's the piper. He insists on being paid.

It is in this context that teachers, millions of them, return to classrooms. They, like most of the masses, must do more with less. We depend on them to be miracle workers, taking students from where they are to where they need to be. They must teach much that should be done at home.

Generally, they keep trying, dealing as best they can with laundry lists of new problems

undreamed of a generation ago..

The thanks they deserve may never be expressed. We are, perhaps to a person, too much in a hurry. Handshakes, back pats, emails and notes mean much to folks we claim to be most important to our nation's future.

How I wish that we could somehow "bottle" educators' "acts of kindness" that go unheralded, perhaps not even mentioned.

Tributes sometimes paid at memorial services are worthy of sharing. (When referencing "educators," I include all "team members" who participate in students' transformation from "I'm not worth much" to "I can make a difference.")

A teacher's aide—let's call her "Mrs. Bonnie," as her students did—died a few months ago at age fifty-something. She was 100% committed to the elementary school youngsters she served.

Two students' mother reflected on her regimen of "high fives" for all youngsters as they arrived each day. The mom asked her fifth grade daughter, as she "graduated" to the sixth grade campus, what she'd miss most at the elementary school. Her response: "High fives" from Mrs. Bonnie."

One day, the parent shared this account with Mrs. Bonnie. The aide then traced her handprint on a piece of foam paper and mailed it to the little girl's home. "Now, you can still get a 'high five' from me every morning," Mrs. Bonnie explained in a note. The youngster proudly attached the hand outline to a wall in her bedroom. When Mrs. Bonnie died, the little girl's younger brother lamented that he'd miss the "high fiving" as well. "You can share the one on my wall," she told her sibling.

A few weeks before her death,

Mrs. Bonnie bought an MP3 player for the students. She wanted them to have "cool music" on days the music teacher wasn't at school.

She constantly bought book fair items for students who couldn't afford them, bought t-shirts for others who didn't have the cash, ad infinitum.

All of this on an aide's salary.

My friend, Dr. Doyle Rogers, keeps a "letter to the editor" tucked away. It appeared in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in 1983, a tribute to his sister, Charlotte Walters, who, after a seven-year bout with cancer, died at age 49. She taught first grade in Fort Worth schools for 23 years.

Written by Frank and Carol Hames of Fort Worth, the letter credited Mrs. Walters for providing "a foundation and inspiration" to be retained throughout the lives of their two daughters.

Thoughtful and tenderly worded, the letter lauded the educator in what today would likely be considered too lengthy for inclusion in major newspapers. But, the couple had much to say.

She was described as being "enthusiastic, creative, patient, and above all, a true professional." The Hames' "saddest part of all" was expressed for the "wee folk" who will never have the chance to meet the best friend a first grader could ever have. The Hames' letter is the "highest of fives."

Be on the lookout in the new school year for those in your midst who are called to teach. And thank them.

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YOUR VIEWS

Goodbye dear friend

TO THE EDITOR:

Many years ago I was given a gift of morning glory seeds by a dear man and his wife — Macedonio and Belia Landin. Their gift made my plain little house beautiful as the morning glories grew and covered the fence with blooms of royal purple, sky blue and rose pink.

Their gift not only brightened up my life, but others as well, for people would stop to admire the morning glories.

When God took her beloved Macedonio home, she cried when I took her a bloom from the morning glories. She smiled when I told her how many lives they had touched with their gift and she said that would make him happy. A few weeks ago, as she laid in her bed at the hospital, we both cried when she told me her time on Earth was almost over, but I am happy she said it means that I will be with Macedonio again. July 28, 2011, God called her home. Goodbye my dear friend and I will always remember you when I see a morning glory in bloom.

LANA ANGUIANO
BIG SPRING

There's an idea

TO THE EDITOR:

As I ponder CRMWD's building of a water reclamation plant, it seems to me we owe our four-legged canine friends an apology. It appears that they were light years ahead of their human companions....drinking from the toilet is an option after all.

SINCERELY,
NANCY SPURGIN
BIG SPRING

Christian Morals in Peril

TO THE EDITOR:

This is a plea to all Christians of Big Spring. We have had a permit already applied for with the city to open a Jaguar's Club in Big Spring. We need to step forward and loudly voice our opposition to this kind of place opening up here in our hometown.

If we allow this to happen it will

be the evil opening footstep into our city for more like it. We all need to step up and be soldiers of our Lord with this and the closing of our Bible class in our schools for our young, impressionable children.

Don't be silent a day longer. Attend your city council and school board meetings and bring forth the fight, even if it is with our voices. Just do what you as one person can do and God will do the rest.

LINDA SCHAFER
BIG SPRING

Other ways, not drilling

TO THE EDITOR:

In reference to the article in Thursday, Aug. 11, 2011, paper about the Howard College underground water.

The article states the college would meet Friday morning to discuss the drilling of water wells; they have already been drilling for water wells. The college has been drilling for over a week.

I live north of Big Spring and have well water. If the lakes are drying up I'm sure the water aquifers are getting low. So if the college decides to drill all of these wells, they will be tapping into my water supply. The water I need for daily needs (bathing, laundry, dishes, etc.). We decided not to water our yard this year in order to conserve our water supply.

I just do not understand people thinking that green grass is a necessity. You can always replant grass, but you can not grow water. How serious does this have to get before people realize we don't have an excess of water.

If the school wants green consider what Forsan did last year, turf. If the college wants a decorative landscape they should consider artificial grass or landscaping that does not require a lot of water.

DIANNE MARQUEZ
BIG SPRING

Water well drilled

TO THE EDITOR:

Okay, I'm a little confused. I just

read the headlines in the Herald that Howard College scheduled a meeting for Aug. 12 to discuss a proposal to drill up to six water wells on the Big Spring campus. I take this to mean you haven't decided for sure to do this. Can you then explain why have you already drilled a well on the south side of the campus next to 11th Place? Don't tell us this was a test well because you do not run four inch casing unless it is soon to become a working well. I could honestly be wrong about this well site, but I don't think so.

That four or five inch cap is a dead giveaway for a producing water well. That location tells me you will be using this water to take care of your lawns, bushes and trees. Unlike what you stated in the paper that practically none of this water would be used for upkeep of the grounds. This well site is nowhere near the ball fields. Why do you need six wells? If you're going to do what you say, then to me one for each ball field should be enough. Of course, I don't know for sure all of the ins and outs of the project. I am just asking.

You are about to spend a bunch of taxpayer's money to water ball-parks and your campus when we are in a very serious drought that has no end in sight. But here is where I really get burned at you. Don't tell me or anyone you cannot play baseball unless you have a nice green field. I played Little League up to Pony League when I was growing up and we had the best teams Big Spring has to offer and with little or no grass. It's called sandlot baseball.

I really understand you wanting these fields to look their best, but we literally live in a desert right now. You cannot use this underground water to waste on something that may in the future cause us to run short of water. I personally vote against this and I hope other people will speak up and voice their opinion.

One more thing. Don't try to pull the wool over our eyes, you know as well as I do you have already drilled a water well.

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LETTERS

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Assault on cats

TO THE EDITOR:

I am most unhappy to report someone is assaulting pet cats on Vicky Street with a 22 pistol or rifle. My beloved one-year-old yellow male kitten named Sheba was shot. He was with my six-month-old black kitten named Shadow at the time outside my home. Both kittens have their needed shots and Sheba is neutered and these kittens are no threat to anyone. I guess Shadow was quicker on his feet as he escaped without injury. They were let out to be with their mother for awhile who stays in the backyard. They were due to be brought in to spend the rest of the afternoon sleeping in a cool environment. They showed up in my garage scared and wanting in.

I didn't notice anything right away until I heard Sheba scream when Shadow started wrestling with him. I then noticed blood and his paw was bent under and he was limping. This was a Friday and I was leaving the house for work and would not be back in time to take him to the vet. I really assumed though that Shadow or another cat had bitten him and caused the wound, but when I got home I was able to examine him more closely and knew it was much, much worse.

He secluded himself and slept mostly for the next couple of days. I still didn't know for sure until Monday when I got him to the vet. Dr. Holt was sick and not there that day, but advised me Tuesday he had been shot. He told me he probably would need amputation of that leg. He took x-rays and they showed a break and fractured leg which was so bad it might not allow surgery. He offered to check with a doctor friend in Midland who does surgeries. He said he would keep him comfortable and find out what he could and let me know. I decided to bring him home and see how he would do before I made any decision to do any more harm to him.

He is now in Midland waiting surgery tomorrow and it will cost approximately \$1,000 to try and save that leg so he won't have to lose it and have a better quality of life. However, at this time and until the doctor goes into it there is a chance he cannot save it. If it is not corrected by surgery and not amputated, he will eventually hurt it much worse by limping on it and jumping up and down and then too late to even try.

I learned since then the cat belonging to my next door neighbor was also shot awhile back and it was in his side. He limped also for along time, but it healed because the leg was not damaged. It is my opinion that anyone who could do such a thing to one of God's creatures that was no threat to anyone is mean, evil, irresponsible and without a conscience and to be feared. I thought it was against the law to do such a thing and never dreamed it could happen to one of my cats while playing outside for awhile and staying inside at night. There are many more pet cats owned by my neighbors who go outside some during the day. They need to know what can happen since at this time I do not know who did this.

PATSY SHARPNACK
BIG SPRING

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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Perry's entry into race could overshadow Iowa straw poll

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Texas Gov. Rick Perry's jump into the Republican presidential race Saturday promises to jolt the crowded field and threatens to cast a shadow all the way back to the Midwest, site of an important early test of his rivals' strength.

His announcement was set for 1 p.m. EDT at a meeting of conservative activists in South Carolina, only a few hours before the release of results from a straw poll in Iowa, the nation's first caucus state. Former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty and U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota are hoping for a boost.

Perry's advisers said this week he would use his appearance at the

RedState Gathering to make his plans official. But his first speech as a candidate was certain to draw attention from the Republicans competing in the Midwest.

"I have never seen this landslide of emotion for a candidacy. I cannot literally keep up with the emails and messages coming into my cellphone," said Katon Dawson, a former GOP chairman in South Carolina.

"There is an excitement for Gov. Perry that there just isn't around the other candidates."

Perry, 61, was scheduled to visit New Hampshire, the first-in-the-nation primary state, later Saturday before stepping onto Iowa soil Sunday.

The leading GOP candidate so far has been Mitt Romney, a former Massachusetts governor making his second run for the nomination. But no one in the field has managed to raise the kind of enthusiasm among conservatives that seems to surround Perry.

Among the others in the race are former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman, former U.S. House Speaker Newt Gingrich, U.S. Rep. Ron Paul of Texas, former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania and businessman Herman Cain.

Through three terms as governor, Perry has overseen significant job growth in his state while working to keep taxes low.

On behalf of Big Spring Independent School District, we want to thank the following businesses who donated door prizes for our 2011 Convocation. The "Door Prizes" were a huge hit and greatly appreciated by the Big Spring ISD staff members. Thank you for your generosity and support of Big Spring ISD.

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City of Big Spring

MANDATORY WATER RESTRICTIONS

In order to achieve a 20% reduction in water usage, the City of Big Spring has adopted the following mandatory restrictions which are in effect as of Tuesday, August 9, 2011.

LAWN WATERING SCHEDULE

Residential customers may water **ONLY** on:
Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m.. to 10:00 p.m.
& Saturdays from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Commercial customers may water **ONLY** on:
Tuesdays from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

****It is strickly prohibited for any customer to allow water to run into the street.**

ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS

- Vehicles can only be washed at commercial (include mobile) car wash establishments.
- No outside watering is allowed except on the days and times designated above, **EXCEPT** potted plants and flowerbeds can be watered on any day between 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. using a watering can. (No water hoses.)
- Washing of houses, decks, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, etc. is strictly prohibited.
- Citations WILL BE ISSUED for violations of these restrictions.

If you observe any violation of these restrictions, please call the

Water Hotline at 264-2548.

If you have any questions, please call

City Hall at 264-2401.

Iowa straw poll could offer first hints of Republicans' 2012 nominee

AMES, Iowa (AP) — After months of laying the groundwork, the first test of the Republican presidential candidates' viability is finally here.

Saturday's Iowa Straw Poll marks the first time Republican voters weigh in on the GOP presidential field with ballots and comes just as Gov. Rick Perry of Texas was to enter the campaign during a visit to another early nominating state.

The nonbinding results in Ames, Iowa, were likely to foreshadow the coming months here in the leadoff state.

"The Iowa Straw Poll is the first measurable proving ground for our Republican candidates for president," Republican Party of Iowa Chairman Matt Strawn said.

After that, just four months remain before the leadoff Iowa caucuses.

Consumers help ease recession fears, but stock-market gyrations could threaten further gains

WASHINGTON (AP) — The economy might not be on the brink of another recession after all.

Consumers, who drive most economic growth, spent more on cars, furniture, electronics and other goods in July — and more in May and June than previously thought. That burst of activity is encouraging because it shows many Americans were willing to spend despite high unemployment, scant pay raises, steep gas prices and diminished wealth.

If it keeps up, the economy might rebound after growing at an annual rate of just 0.8 percent in the first half of 2011.

That's a big if.

Whether Americans remain willing to spend freely despite the stock

markets' wild swings will determine whether the second half of the year is any better than the first. Their 401(k) retirement accounts have shrunk.

Appeals court strikes down health overhaul requirement that most Americans must buy insurance

ATLANTA (AP) — A federal appeals panel's ruling striking down the centerpiece of President Barack Obama's health care overhaul moves the question of whether Americans can be required to buy health insurance a step closer to the U.S. Supreme Court.

A divided three-judge panel of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Friday that Congress overstepped its authority when lawmakers passed the so-called individual mandate, the first such decision by a federal appeals court. It's a stinging blow to Obama's signature legislative achievement, as many experts agree the requirement that Americans carry health insurance — or face tax penalties — is the foundation for other parts of the law and key to paying for it.

Administration officials said they are confident the ruling will not stand. The Justice Department can ask the full 11th Circuit to review the panel's ruling and will also likely appeal to the Supreme Court.

Legal observers long expected the case would ultimately land in the high court, but experts said Friday's ruling could finally force the justices to take the case.

"There needs to be a pronouncement that's nationwide," said Carl Tobias, a professor at the University of Richmond School of Law. "It would be almost impossible to implement it if we have splintered decisions from different geographic circuits. The Supreme Court may feel now it has to take it."

American man abducted from his home in eastern Pakistan, police say

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP) — Gunmen abducted an American man from his home in the eastern Pakistani city of Lahore on Saturday, officials said, an unusually brazen raid that showed the threat to foreigners living in the militancy-racked country.

The American Embassy identified the victim as Warren Weinstein. A man by that name serves as the Pakistan country director for J.E. Austin Associates, a development contractor that works with the aid arm of the American government, according to a profile on the LinkedIn networking website.

The profile says that Weinstein is based in Lahore and had been in Pakistan for seven years. Calls to the company in the United States were not immediately answered.

According to Pakistani police, between eight and 10 assailants broke into the American's house in an upscale neighborhood in Lahore after persuading the guards to open the gate by saying they wanted to give them food — an act of sharing common during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

Police officer Attiqur Rehman said the motive for the attack was not immediately clear.

Syrian tanks deploy in coastal city of Latakia amid intense shooting

BEIRUT (AP) — An activist says Syrian tanks have fanned out across a neighborhood in the coastal city of Latakia amid intense shooting there.

Rami Abdul-Rahman, head of the London-based Observatory for Human Rights in Syria, says 20 tanks and armored personnel carriers deployed around the al-Ramel neighborhood in Latakia as the shooting erupted on Saturday.

The city has seen large protests against President Bashar Assad's regime.

A Latakia resident

confirmed military's presence in al-Ramel, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals.

The government's crackdown intensified over the past weeks, with troops storming several towns and cities.

Officials block cellphone reception in San Francisco train stations to disrupt protest plans

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Transit officials blocked cellphone reception in San Francisco train stations for three hours to disrupt planned demonstrations over a police shooting.

Officials with the Bay Area Rapid Transit system, better known as BART, said Friday that they turned off electricity to cellular towers in four stations from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday. The move was made after BART learned that protesters planned to use mobile devices to coordinate a demonstration on train platforms.

The tactic drew comparisons to those used by the former president of Egypt to squelch protests demanding an end to his authoritarian rule. Authorities there cut Internet and cellphone services in the country for days earlier this year.

"BART officials are showing themselves to be of a mind with the former president of Egypt, Hosni Mubarak," the Electronic Frontier Foundation said on its website.

The American Civil Liberties Union criticized the tactic, saying on its blog that it was the "wrong response to political protests."

Lose your hat, your home, your cellphone signal: Cameron plots tough crackdown after riots

LONDON (AP) — Tossing rioters out of state-subsidized homes, unmasking young men who hide their faces behind hoods, demanding that phone networks shut off access to messaging services or social networks during unrest.

Britain's government has pledged an iron-fisted response to the wide-scale looting and violence that scarred London and other English cities — for some reminiscent of Margaret Thatcher's uncompromising stance against civil unrest.



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It's so much more than just a simple haircut

By Robbie Goodrich

Sentinel Staff Writer

An important Johnson family tradition was carried on Friday in downtown Nacogdoches - a tradition Pamela Permenter Umbarger was afraid would never happen for her family.

Little Maddix Kole Clayton Johnson, who turned 1 on Friday, got his first haircut on his first birthday at Milford's Barbershop, the same barber shop where Johnson family members have been getting their hair cut for four generations. Maddix makes the fifth.

But what made Friday's event even more special were the odds that it would ever happen.

Maddix's father, Michael Clayton Johnson, 33, was told many years ago he would likely never have children. The reason was the severe trauma he endured at age 3 when he accidentally shot himself with his grandfather's shotgun.

On Feb. 8, 1981, Michael was at the home of his grandfather, Otis Johnson, former lake patrol officer on Lake Nacogdoches, when his mother, Pamela, heard a loud noise.

"I thought it was an old chair that hit the floor," she said.

But when she entered the room where Michael had gone to play, she found something else.

"I was in the living room with my 3-month-old son, and I thought a chair had fallen, but when I went to check out the sound, I found a life-changing accident had happened for my 3-year-old," she said. "To my shock, Michael was laying on the floor with blood all over him. After realizing that Michael had shot himself with his grandfather's gun, I ran outside to get Ed (Michael's father) and Otis to help him.

"I dialed the hospital ahead of time to let them know that Michael was on his way with a gun shot wound to the

head," she wrote in an email account of what happened that fateful day.

Pam's twin sister and Michael's "favorite" aunt, Tammy Ritter, also recalled the events of that day with great detail. The sisters recalled that when Michael decided he wanted to play with his grandfather's gun, he "found a way to get to it."

"The gun was too high for him to reach, so he pushed his little yellow Tonka truck beneath the gun where it was hanging in its holster," Pam recalled. "When he got the gun in his little hands, he attempted to put it in his vest pocket with his thumb on the trigger pointing toward his face. That is when I heard it."

The shot went in and out of Michael's left cheek, going upward, glazing the temple and heading toward the back of his head. It exited and took a portion of his skull leaving a portion of his brain unprotected.

Once Michael arrived at the hospital, surgeons were ready for him, Pam said.

"Dr. (Quinn) Robinson was heaven sent that day," she said. "Dr. Flamen Ball and Dr. B.W. Henderson were also there and assisting. The doctors told us that day that Michael may not live, and if he did, he might be a vegetable."

The first time Pam saw Michael after surgery, she said she was shocked to see how his head was swollen twice its normal size.

"He had tubes coming from him, and he was hooked up to machines that were frightening to me," she said. "This was the first day of a long journey for this 3-year-old active and curious little boy."

Due to swelling and the trauma to his brain, Michael had to learn motor skills again. He went back to diapers and had to potty train all over.

"He was a little talker and had to gain

his speech back, too," Pam recalled. "Walking was a challenge, because falling was a danger to his head."

But all of these challenges were small to a determined little man, his mother said.

"I remember he had received a stuffed toy as a gift that stayed in his bed during his hospital stay of 30 days," she said. "Little did we know that stuffed toy would be lead to his first words."

"Before the injury, we would tell Michael 'no way Jose,' and he would repeat it to us and others," Pam said. "One day, I was talking to Michael saying the words and playing with him with the stuffed toy, and those words came out of his mouth. It was slow and drawn out, but I knew he was going to talk again."

During the 30-day hospital stay, Michael had six surgeries, including plastic surgery to pull skin over his temple. Once Michael got more active in the hospital, he wore a hard helmet to protect his brain.

"The helmet came home with us, and he wore it for one year while he was awake, and he slept in a (stocking cap) that the edge was folded several times for padding," Pam said. "We were happy when he had surgery to place a plate over the hole, so he did not have to wear the helmet any longer."

When Michael was 10, an oral surgeon discovered a snap from the vest he was wearing the day the accident happened. After many surgeries throughout his young childhood, Michael finally got a mesh plate at 13, which ended the surgeries.

In the meantime, doctors also told

the family Michael could possibly be sterile because of the trauma he endured.

"As a mother, I had prepared myself with the idea that I would not have any grandchildren by Michael," Pam said. "Then, after the death of my youngest son, Marc, who died Feb. 8, 2000, I really felt that I would never be a grandmother."

Enter the miracle of Maddix Kole Clayton Johnson on Aug. 12, 2010.

Friday's event at Milford's was reminiscent of a haircut Michael received after his recovery from the accident. A Daily Sentinel photo documented James Milford cutting Michael's hair about a year after the accident. It was one of the first photos taken of the little boy after his injury, and it ran in the newspaper.

Maddix's first haircut was also a tribute to his late great-grandfather, Otis, who died in 2002 at 77. Other immediate family members in Nacogdoches include Marie Permenter, Ed and Rhonda Johnson and Nikole Jinkins, Maddix's mother and Michael's fiancée. Michael and Pam now live in Kilgore, where Michael also works. However, Michael still calls Nacogdoches home.

The recent chain of events has all been "very meaningful to the family, because we never thought Michael would have children," Pam said.

It's been especially meaningful for Maddix's parents.

"It means a lot just to have him," Nikole said, juggling a curious, active and grinning Maddix, "because Michael thought he would never have children. But now that he does, he wants to show him off."

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- Aug. 30 - Mall Walking, 8 a.m.
Supper Club, "Cowboy's," 5:30 p.m.
- Aug. 31 - Senior Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m.
Movie, 1:00 p.m. "Little Fockers"
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Hang gliding 101: For those *not* in the know

The United States Hang Gliding Championship Competition begins Sunday at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark and runs through Aug. 21.

Spectators are welcome. Take off will occur daily between 12:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. Concessions will be available.

Spectators will also be able to experience flying for a fee.

Below is a quick guide for those new to the sport.

• How safe are hang gliders?

As safe as the person flying them. Like any form of sport aviation, hang gliding can be dangerous if pursued carelessly. Gliders in the U.S. are now certified for airworthiness by the Hang Glider Manufacturers Association (HGMA). Also, hang gliding instruction has been standardized and students learn from certified instructors using a thorough gradual training program. Despite these advances, people still make judgment errors and aviation is not very forgiving of such. The majority of pilots fly their entire careers without sustaining a serious injury.

• How do gliders gain altitude?

While there are many sources of upwardly moving air or "lift," the most commonly used by hang gliders are ridge lift and thermal lift. Ridge lift occurs when horizontal wind hits an obstruction — like a ridge, for instance — and is deflected upward. Thermal lift occurs when terrain is heated by the sun and transfers this heat to



the surrounding air, which then rises.

Typically, ridge lift exists in a "lift band" on the windward side of a ridge and pilots get up by flying back and forth through this band. Thermal lift on the other hand usually starts at some local "trigger point" on the ground and then rises as a column or bubble of air. To get up in a thermal, pilots circle in this region of rising air.

• Is hang gliding physically demanding?

Almost anyone can fly a hang glider. If someone can jog while balancing a 50 - 70 lb. weight on their shoulders they can learn to fly. While flying does not require great strength — since the straps, not the pilot's arms, hold the pilot up — long duration flights in turbulent conditions require a moderate degree of upper body endurance. This typically develops as the pilot progresses

through training to these longer flights.

• How do you steer a hang glider?

Hang gliders are controlled by shifting the pilot's weight with respect to the glider. Pilots are suspended from a hang strap connected to the glider's frame — hence the name "hang" glider. By moving forward and backward and side to side at the end of this hang strap, the pilot alters the center of gravity of the glider. This causes the glider to pitch or roll in the direction of the pilot's motion and thus allows both speed control and turning.

• How high and far can a hang glider go?

This depends a lot on the conditions in which they are flown, but flights in excess of 300 miles in length and altitudes of well over 17,999 feet have been recorded. More typically, during the summer in the western U.S., pilots will frequently achieve altitudes of 5,000 to 10,000 feet and fly for over 100 miles.

• How long do flights last?

Again this depends on conditions, but a high altitude flight is frequently several hours in duration. On good days, pilots don't have to land until the sun goes down.

• Do pilots need to be licensed to fly hang gliders?

Not really, but a program analogous to FAA licensing exists and is administered by the USHGA (U.S. Hang Gliding Association). This program consists of a specific set of flying skills corresponding to a series of pilot proficiency ratings — Beginner through Master — each of which carries a set of recommended operating limitations. Beginner rated pilots, for instance, should only fly from hills under 100 feet in height in mild winds and under the guidance of an instructor.

While these ratings don't carry the force of law in quite the same way as FAA pilot's licenses do, the majority of flying sites in the U.S. require that pilots hold some specific USHGA rating to be allowed to fly.

• How does a student go about learning to fly?

The USHGA certifies hang gliding instructors and schools. All students should learn from a certified instructor. Lists of certified schools can be obtained from the USHGA at (719) 632-8300 or at www.ushga.com.

The time required for training varies considerably with the student's innate skills and with the type of training conditions. Typically, however, a student will spend five to 10 lessons to obtain each of the first two USHGA pilot ratings (Beginner and Novice), a process which generally takes from 3 to 6 months.

At the end of this primary training process, the student is usually flying from moderate altitudes — several hundred to a few thousand feet — in relative mild conditions.

Progression to more difficult flying conditions continues from then on under the supervision of more experienced pilots or Observers/Advanced Instructors.

Note: Information provided by the USHGA.



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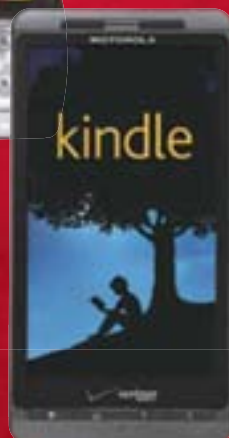
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Steer season tickets on sale

The athletic department of the Big Spring Steers has announced the dates for season ticket sales. Fans can purchase their season ticket books through 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.

Football, cheerleading signups in final days

This is the last week of sign-ups for CYFA's youth football and cheerleading. The cost of the programs are \$125 for divisions one and two, \$75 for flag football and \$100 for cheerleading.

Signups will be taken Aug. 16 and 18, between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. For more information, contact Jeff Vidal at 432-816-6871.

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 meetings 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.

Soccer signups

Soccer signups will be held at the Big Spring Mall Aug. 15-19 at 5:30 p.m. In addition, players can register between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Aug. 13 and 20.

Snyder youth to benefit from charity tourney

By ROBERT GRIFFIN
Sports Editor

A charity rag ball tournament is being held in Snyder to raise funds for a youth there. Four-year-old Xavier Molinar lost his mother Regina in a recent car accident.

The funds from the tournament will go into an account for young Xavier for his future college funds.

The Aug. 19 tournament will be played at Winston Field in Snyder, starting at 7 p.m., with registration being held between 5 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. Directors of the benefit tournament are expecting a first place payout of up to \$2,500.

Anyone wishing to join in the tournament is asked to call Martin at 325-574-0000 or Monica at 325-728-0161.

Texas tops Oakland

OAKLAND (AP) — C.J. Wilson stopped a mini-slide with his first career victory in Oakland, and it didn't change a thing.

He still hates playing here. Wilson pitched six effective innings to earn his first win in a month and the Texas Rangers beat the Athletics 9-1 on Friday night.

The left-hander was showered with boos in his first appearance at the Coliseum since his critical remarks on Wednesday, when he said he didn't like the mound or the weather in Oakland, and was critical about the attendance for A's games.

"It felt like a playoff game having the whole stadium against you," Wilson said. "The funny thing was it fired me up a little bit. It made me stronger. It puts it all in focus. You have to be able to compete in that type of environment."

Wilson (11-5) allowed a run and four hits, struck out seven and walked three. He was 0-2 with a 4.84 ERA in four starts since his last victory, on July 16 at Seattle.

"When you go a month without a win it grates on you," Wilson said. "I won a Go-Kart race the other day and it was my first win in a while. I was kind of stoked by that."

Endy Chavez had three hits, scored twice and drove in a run as the Rangers won for just the third time in their last nine road games. Michael Young added two hits and an RBI.

AL West-leading Texas remained two games ahead of the Los Angeles Angels, who won 5-1 in Toronto.

"C.J. knows what is at stake," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "We need him to play good baseball. The way he's pitched tonight is the way he's pitched most of the year. You know you're going to get everything he's got."

Brandon McCarthy (5-6) was knocked out of the game when he was struck by Chavez's line drive in the fourth, sidelined by a bruised right knee.

"I don't know what it feels like to have a knee blown apart or to do something serious to it."

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Woods heading home early

JOHNS CREEK (AP) — Tiger Woods trudged toward the 18th green, his head down after one last shot plopped into the water.

The gallery at Atlanta Athletic Club mustered some polite — almost sympathetic — applause.

It was a far cry from the roar he's heard so many times, but hardly the only thing that's changed in Tiger's world.

Once identified by either his No. 1 ranking or his 14

major, Woods missed the cut Friday at the PGA Championship with a performance that was even more shocking because of the numbers he compiled.

He hit into 22 bunkers. He put four balls in the water. His five double bogeys were the most he ever made in one tournament.

With one final bogey for a 3-over 73, Woods finished out of the top 100 for the first time ever in a major. He was 15 shots behind Jason

Dufner, who has never won a PGA Tour event, and Keegan Bradley, playing in his first major.

"Obviously frustration, disappointment that I'm not contending in the tournament," Woods said. "Next time."

That's going to be a while. He doesn't expect to tee it up again until the Australian Open in November, and his next shot at a 15th major

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Astros reach 20-year low

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Houston Astros wasted some terrific pitching by Bud Norris and Fernando Rodriguez, and slipped to depths the club hasn't seen in almost 20 years.

Norris allowed two hits over seven innings and Rodriguez escaped his own bases-loaded jam in the ninth. But the Astros couldn't muster any offense against rookie Nathan Eovaldi, and David Carpenter yielded a game-ending single to Matt Kemp in the 10th inning that gave the Los Angeles Dodgers a 1-0 victory on Friday night.

"Anytime you lose a game in extras, it's hard," manager Brad Mills said. "To see these guys battle again like they did last night after a tough loss is outstanding. I can't tip my hat to them enough."

Houston fell 30 games out of first place for the first time since losing the next-to-last game of the 1991 season — and there are still 41 games remaining. The last time the Astros finished a season at least 30 games out was 1975, when they were a franchise-record 43½ back.

The Astros have to go no worse than 25-18 the rest of the way to avoid the first 100-loss season in the franchise's 50-year history.

They almost lost in the ninth inning Friday night, but Rodriguez staged an impressive escape.

Houston center fielder Jason Bourgeois made a gallant diving attempt on Juan Rivera's slicing fly ball to right-center, but it fell for a leadoff triple. Rodriguez intentionally walked James Loney and Dioner Navarro before striking out pinch-hitter Tony Gwynn Jr. and getting a force at the plate on Jamey Carroll's tapper

toward the mound. Aaron Miles then grounded out to second on a full count.

"Man, that was outstanding," Astros first baseman Carlos Lee said. "Fernando showed a lot of guts right there. He got the first two outs, then he fell behind 3-1. But he went after him with back-to-back strikes and made him swing the bat."

Carpenter (0-2) gave up a double by Casey Blake that went just inside the first-base line, then intentionally walked Andre Ethier before Kemp slapped an 0-2 pitch the other way just inside the right-field line.

"Carp made some good pitches, but they were just able to get a couple balls that they didn't really hit on the screws," Mills said. "You kind of had a feeling that maybe the game might end on something like that because of so few hits on both sides."

Josh Lindblom (1-0) pitched a perfect 10th inning for his first major league win. Kemp's fifth career game-ending hit made the Dodgers 6-0 in extra innings — the only team in the majors that hasn't lost under those circumstances.

"I knew it was over at the moment it landed fair," Kemp said. "If Casey didn't score on that, I was going to beat him up. But he's not that slow."

Norris struck out eight and walked four before he was lifted for a pinch hitter. The right-hander has yielded just three earned runs over 26 innings in his last four starts against the Dodgers.

In his previous start against them on June 19 at Los Angeles, Norris gave up only one hit in

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Baseball standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Boston	73	44	.624	—	—	7-3	W-1	37-22	36-22
New York	71	46	.607	2	—	6-4	L-1	39-24	32-22
Tampa Bay	64	54	.542	9½	7½	8-2	W-5	31-28	33-26
Toronto	59	59	.500	14½	12½	4-6	L-2	29-29	30-30
Baltimore	45	71	.388	27½	25½	2-8	L-2	28-34	17-37

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Detroit	63	55	.534	—	—	6-4	W-2	33-25	30-30
Cleveland	59	57	.509	3	11½	5-5	W-1	32-25	27-32
Chicago	58	60	.492	5	13½	6-4	L-1	24-33	34-27
Minnesota	52	66	.441	11	19½	2-8	L-1	27-30	25-36
Kansas City	50	69	.420	13½	22	4-6	W-1	31-32	19-37

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Texas	67	52	.563	—	—	6-4	W-1	39-23	28-29
Los Angeles	65	54	.546	2	7	6-4	W-1	32-25	32-29
Oakland	53	65	.449	13½	18½	4-6	L-1	31-25	22-40
Seattle	50	67	.427	16	21	5-5	L-1	29-30	21-37

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Philadelphia	77	41	.653	—	—	8-2	L-1	41-19	36-22
Atlanta	70	49	.588	7½	—	7-3	W-5	35-22	35-27
New York	58	60	.492	19	11½	3-7	L-3	25-32	33-28
Washington	57	61	.483	20	12½	5-5	W-1	32-23	25-38
Florida	56	62	.475	21	13½	3-7	W-1	24-37	32-25

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Milwaukee	68	51	.571	—	—	8-2	W-1	42-15	26-36
St. Louis	64	55	.538	4	6	7-3	W-2	31-26	33-29
Cincinnati	58	61	.487	10	12	5-5	W-3	33-29	25-32
Pittsburgh	56	61	.479	11	13	2-8	L-1	26-32	30-29
Chicago	51	68	.429	17	19	7-3	L-1	29-33	22-35
Houston	38	81	.319	30	32	2-8	L-4	19-40	19-41

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away
Arizona	66	53	.555	—	—	6-4	W-4	34-26	32-27
San Fran	64	55	.538	2	6	3-7	L-2	35-25	29-30
Colorado	55	65	.458	11½	15½	4-6	L-3	28-31	27-34
Los Angeles	53	64	.453	12	16	5-5	W-1	29-34	24-30
San Diego	53	67	.442	13½	17½	6-4	L-1	23-36	30-31

TEXAS

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but it didn't feel like anything too horrible," McCarthy said. "It wasn't even the first thing I noticed. When I tried to stand up, I noticed it. I was in pain but I knew it wasn't too horribly serious."

The ball hit off the outside of his right knee and ricocheted into the visiting bullpen down the right-field line.

"I'm not really thrilled with the whole day but all things considered

it's not as bad as it could be," McCarthy said.

Trystan Magnuson replaced McCarthy, who allowed seven runs, five earned, and eight hits in 3 1-3 innings.

The Rangers grabbed control with six runs in the second inning. The first six batters reached against McCarthy, who also was hurt by some shoddy defense.

Young hit a leadoff triple and scored on Nelson Cruz's base hit. Mike Napoli reached on an error by shortstop Cliff Pennington before Mitch Moreland and

Yorvit Torrealba had consecutive RBI singles. Chavez, Elvis Andrus and Josh Hamilton also drove in a run in the inning.

After McCarthy left the game in the fourth, Kinsler and Young each singled home a run. Another run scored on an error by right fielder David DeJesus.

Wilson seemed to enjoy the extra attention he received from the 20,288 fans in attendance, who booed his every step before the game. He improved to 1-2 with two saves and a

3.38 ERA in 15 career appearances in Oakland.

"You have to make it work for you," Wilson said. "It's the same in New York, where they will stab you with a butter knife to help their team win, or Boston or Anaheim when they bust out the rally monkey. Being a closer has helped me with that."

Wilson retired 17 of his first 21 batters before back-to-back doubles from Josh Willingham and Conor Jackson produced the A's only run.

NOTES: Young extended his hitting streak

to 11 games. Torrealba extended his streak to 10 games.

The A's six-game losing streak to the Rangers is the longest since a nine-game streak between June 19-Sept. 30, 1986. ... RHP Trevor Cahill will take the mound for the A's on Saturday. He is 8-3 with a 2.19 ERA in 12 career starts against Texas, including a 2-1 record with a 1.25 ERA in three starts this year.

Former Athletics pitcher Colby Lewis starts for the Rangers on Saturday. He's allowed

11 runs over his last 18 innings but is 5-1 with a 3.11 ERA over his last 10 starts. He's allowed 28 home runs, second in the majors. Lewis is 4-1 with a 2.53 ERA in seven career starts in Oakland, pitching at least five innings and allowing three runs or less in all seven starts. ... The A's hired former major league manager Phil Garner as a special adviser.

The A's announced they agreed to terms with INF B.A. Volkmuth, their third-round draft pick.

TIGER

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title is eight long months away, the Masters next spring.

"I got some time off again," said Woods, who had just come off a three-month layoff last

week after allowing an injured leg to fully heal.

His body may be feeling good, but his game is a mess.

This week, it's a bunch of obscure guys who are playing a game that used to be familiar to Woods.

Dufner, who hasn't made a cut since the last

week in May, holed a 25-foot eagle putt on the fifth hole and threw in five birdies for a 5-under 65 that put him atop the leaderboard for the first time in a major.

Bradley, a tour rookie and the nephew of LPGA great Pat Bradley, did even better with a bogey-free round of 64.

They weren't the only surprising front-runners. There were only three major winners among the top 25 — Jim Furyk, Davis Love III and Trevor Immelman, all of them with one title apiece.

Journeyman D.A. Points (67) and John Senden (68) were one stroke off the lead. Forty-six-year-old, no-time tour winner Brandt Jobe (69) was another shot back.

"These guys are all

great players," Bradley insisted. "It's not like they just kind of stumbled up there. They've been out here a long time."

Even as Steve Stricker followed up his record-tying 63 with a 74, and as Rory McIlroy made it around with a heavily taped right wrist, Woods captivated the crowd on another steamy day in Atlanta.

There were times the fans wanted to cover their eyes.

Woods blasted out of a bunker and went into the pond on the other side of the green for a double bogey. On his next hole, he hooked his drive into the trees, chipped out sideways, then hit a snap-hook back into the trees for another double bogey.

At least he went out in style — one more bunker off the tee at No. 18, one more shot into the pond fronting the green.

He was angry Thursday when he opened with a 77. He looked numb when he left.

It was only the seventh time he has failed to qualify for the weekend in 227 tournaments worldwide, and the third time in a major. He completed only one major this year, a tie for fourth at the Masters.

Now the only question is when — and where — he will play next.

Woods failed to qualify for the FedEx Cup playoffs, which he has won two of the past four years, meaning he is ineligible for any PGA Tour event for the next six weeks. The next tournament on his schedule is the Australian Open, starting Nov. 10, although he would not rule out playing somewhere — perhaps a Fall Series event — before then.

Meanwhile, it's back to practice.

"Now I'll have nothing to do but work on my game," he said. "That's going to be good."

Woods wasn't the only one headed home early. Defending PGA champion Martin Kaymer was among three players from the top 10 in the world to miss the cut — the others were Jason Day and Dustin Johnson, who missed last year's playoff at Whistling Straits because a disputed two-stroke penalty on the 72nd hole.

The leaderboard wasn't totally devoid of experience.

Furyk, the 2003 U.S. Open champion having his worst season since he was a rookie, emerged from his slump with a 65 and was in the group at 4-under 136 that included Scott Verplank, a former U.S. Amateur champion.

Verplank has been coping with wrist and elbow injuries longer than he cares to remember, but he's always been a good putter and that carried him to the outright lead for much of the afternoon.

After struggling with the bunkers and rough along the back nine, he left the course in good spirits after laying up on the 18th and scratching out a par.

Another shot back was Stricker, who was 11 shots worse than his record-tying start, but still in the mix.

Stricker opened this major by going 20 straight holes without a bogey until he started missing putts on the edge of the cup. He still was tied for the lead until dropping two more shots at the end of his round, including a shot into the water on the 18th for bogey. He had a

74 and was in the group at 3-under 137.

"I was on the other end of the spectrum where it was tough going all the way around," Stricker said. "But we're still in there, only a couple back, and anything could happen on the weekend."

Woods may be gone, but his ex-caddie will have a late tee time. Adam Scott, who hired Steve Williams for his bag, made a strong move into contention until a blunder on the last hole. Trying to lay up with a punch shot under the trees, it came out too hot and went into the front of the water. Scott finished with a double bogey for a 69 and was three shots behind.

Luke Donald and Lee Westwood, Nos. 1 and 2 in the world and both trying to win their first major, are still very much in the picture. Westwood quietly pieced together a 69 and was at 1-under 139, while Donald shot 71 and was only six shots out of the lead.

So was Phil Mickelson, who finished one shot behind on this course 10 years ago.

He was moving up until he dumped his approach at 18 into the water and took double bogey for a 70.

"I thought at the start of the week, 6 under was going to win the tournament," Westwood said. "It may still do. I'm sort of cruising into position."

McIlroy still thinks he has a chance, too.

It was big news when the U.S. Open champion showed up on the range about 30 minutes before his tee time, his right wrist taped from his decision — a bad one, he conceded — to hit a 7-iron through a tree root on Thursday.

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six innings — but ended up with a no-decision. The Astros lost that one 1-0 on an eighth-inning homer by Navarro against Wilton Lopez.

“He has some pretty good stuff,” Kemp said. “He has a good cutter and a good slider, and he’s been throwing his changeup a lot. I see he’s been working on that.”

Eovaldi gave up two hits over six innings in his second major league start, striking out three and walking four. The 21-year-old right-hander escaped a bases-loaded, one-out jam in the fourth when J.D. Martinez hit a broken-bat liner to second and Jimmy Paredes flied out to center.

“The kid’s pretty good,” Lee said. “He was spotting his fastball and working off his off-speed stuff. He pitched with a lot of confidence. He was throwing anything on any count and managed to stay around the plate and was throwing strikes. It’s hard facing a guy you never saw before because. I mean, a guy who throws 96, you never expect him to throw 3-1 cutters and sliders.”

Eovaldi played for Alvin High School in Alvin, Texas — the same

school that produced Hall of Famer and career strikeout leader Nolan Ryan, who spent nine of his 27 big league seasons with the Astros. The only other time he pitched from the Dodger Stadium mound was during a winter development camp.

“It was cool, going against the hometown team I grew up watching, but I just tried to stay focused on the game and give my team a chance to win,” Eovaldi said.

“I felt good. My slider didn’t feel as great, but my other off-speed stuff felt really good today. I was surprised when they took me out, but that’s their call.”

Eovaldi made his big league debut last Saturday, giving up two runs and four hits over five innings in a 5-3 victory at Arizona.

He is one of five pitchers the Dodgers have promoted from Double-A Chattanooga this season, along with Lindblom, Rubby De La Rosa, Kenley Jansen and closer Javy Guerra.

NOTES: The Astros are one of four NL teams that don’t have a pitcher with at least 10 victories, along with Colorado, Florida and Washington. Wandy Rodriguez goes for his team-high ninth win Saturday night against 13-game winner Clayton Kershaw.

This date in baseball

1937 — The Detroit Tigers scored 36 runs (16-1 and 20-7) against the St. Louis Browns in a doubleheader sweep to set major league record. Pete Fox of the Tigers scored eight of the runs in the doubleheader.

1958 — Vic Power of the Cleveland Indians stole home twice, in the eighth and 10th innings, in a 10-9 win over Detroit. He had only three steals all year.

1961 — The Philadelphia Phillies dropped their 17th straight game, a 9-2 loss to Dick Ellsworth and the Chicago Cubs. It was also the 11th consecutive complete game thrown against the Phillies.

1969 — On an off-day after a three-game sweep by the Astros in Houston, the New York Mets fell to third place, 9½ games behind the Chicago Cubs.

1971 — St. Louis right-hander Bob Gibson pitched a no-hitter, blanking the Pittsburgh Pirates 11-0. Jose Cruz made a running catch of Milt May’s 400-foot drive to center in the seventh inning and third baseman Joe Torre made a leaping stab of Dave Cash’s bad-hop grounder in the eighth inning.

1981 — Jeff Burroughs of the Seattle Mariners hit three home runs in a 13-3 rout of the Minnesota Twins in the second game of a doubleheader.

1982 — Pete Rose of the Philadelphia Phillies, in his first at-bat of a 15-11 victory over the Montreal Expos, passed Hank Aaron and moved into first place on the all-time at-bat list with 12,365.

1987 — Oakland’s Mark McGwire set a major league rookie record with his 39th homer of the season to help the A’s to a 7-6,

12-inning victory over the California Angels. McGwire gave the A’s a 5-3 lead in the sixth when he hit the two-run homer off Don Sutton.

1998 — Baltimore’s Chris Hoiles became the ninth major leaguer and first catcher to hit two grand slams in one game. Hoiles homered in the third inning off Charles Nagy and in the eighth against Ron Villone to lead the Orioles to a 15-3 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

2002 — Trevor Hoffman became the first reliever in major league history to have 30 or more saves in eight straight seasons in San Diego’s 6-2 win over the New York Mets.

2006 — Matt Diaz went 4-for-5 with a homer, tying an NL record by hitting safely in 10 consecutive at-bats, and Chipper Jones homered in three straight plate appearances to lead Atlanta to a 10-4 victory over Washington.

2007 — Atlanta manager Bobby Cox set a dubious record in the Braves’ 5-4 victory over San Francisco. Cox was tossed after the fifth for arguing a called third

strike — the 132nd ejection of his career to break the mark set by Hall of Famer John McGraw.

2008 — Jim Thome, Paul Konerko, Alexei Ramirez and Juan Uribe hit consecutive homers in the sixth inning to tie a major league record and the White Sox beat the Royals 9-2. Thome hit a two-out, three-run shot off Joel Peralta.

Konerko followed with his 12th homer and Ramirez hit his 11th before Robinson Tejeda came on to pitch. Uribe, homerless in his 107 previous at-bats, greeted him with his fourth of the year.

2008 — Oakland reliever Brad Ziegler started his career by not allowing a run in 39 consecutive shutout innings — including the eighth — to tie a 59-year-old major league record for relievers set by Cleveland’s Al Benton in 1949.

Tampa Bay’s B.J. Upton ended Ziegler’s run with an RBI double in the ninth.

2009 — Felix Pie became the fourth player in Orioles history to hit for the cycle.

Hooked on bowfishing

By **GLENN EVANS**

AP Sportswriter

A splash at the far end of a 200-foot pool in a drought-choked riverbed draws the bowfisher in that direction.

“And then you see them splash down where you just came from,” Michael Hearn said. “I think they really do that on purpose.”

Who can blame an alligator gar for acting fishy? The gar, aptly named for jaws — and teeth — that resemble its namesake, is a prize target for an emerging class of anglers who never bait a line. They just make sure their arrows are sharp.

“The first fish I ever shot was in Lake Lone Star,” Hearn, 45, said of his third outing with the buddy who hooked him on bowfishing. “And we were fishing at night.”

That was in 1989 or 1990, and Hearn knew he was caught. A lifelong hunter and fisherman, thanks largely to grandfather Homer Davis of Pritchett, Hearn now takes sons Ethan, 11, and Tyler, 14, on bow-benders along the Sabine River and elsewhere.

“It’s a pretty popular sport,” he said. “It’s grown a lot. I guess just recently in the last couple of years, it’s grown a lot more.”

That claim is evidenced in sales of bowfishing paraphernalia at East Texas Archery in Diana. Owner Jeff Beall said there might have

been one bow outfitted for fishing five years ago.

“There’s companies (now) that make their living off of bowfishing equipment,” said Beall, who had just returned from the bowfishing world championships south of New Orleans.

Part of the reason for that is the sport’s ties to conservation, he said, describing calls that go out occasionally to help reduce the number of invasive carp in one lake or another.

Evidence of the sport’s local popularity is as close as the website bow.fishingcountry.com, he added.

“There is a huge East Texas, Northeast Texas presence on this website,” Beall said.

A Department of Public Safety trooper sta-

tioned in Gregg County since 1997, Hearn can think back to the first time bowfishing caught his eye. It wasn’t long after moving to the area from Houston at age 16.

One of the more intriguing oddities about his new home was an alligator gar mounted in a Gilmer gas station.

“I didn’t know what it was,” he recalled. “I thought, ‘You know what? I’d really like to try that,’ because they said they shot it with a bow ... and I thought that’s pretty cool.”

Bowfishing shares elements with deer hunting, he says.

“You’re sitting up in your (deer) stand, and all of a sudden that big buck walks out and your heart gets thumping,” he said. “And it’s just like that.”

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS
BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE**

The Forsan Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 P.M. on August 29, 2011, in the Forsan High School Board Room, 411 W. 6th Street, Forsan, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district’s budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.0400 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	
Approved by Local Voters	\$0.0568 / \$100 (Proposed rate for bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year’s Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and Operations	16.08% increase
Debt Service	0.16% decrease
Total Expenditures	16.24% increase

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value *of all property	\$1,001,350,297	\$875,791,135
Total appraised value *of new property**	\$7,008,100	\$1,722,336
Total taxable value***of all property	\$762,094,292	\$816,209,102
Total taxable value***of new property**	\$1,401,323	\$1,442,136

** “Appraised value” is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.

** “New property” is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.

*** “Taxable value” is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness*

*Outstanding principal \$3,390,000

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year’s Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year’s Rate	1.04000	0.06057	1.10057	6,375	3,712
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operators Revenue & Pay Debt Service	1.02916	0.07455	1.10371	9,271	495
Proposed Rate	1.04000	0.05680	1.09680	9,359	713

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year’s Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$63,540	\$63,948
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$37,462	\$38,675
Last Year’s Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.0994	\$1.0968
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$411.86	\$424.18
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$12.32

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Note of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.115318. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.115318.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$4,573,100.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$132,800.00

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Cowboys' rookie receiver has dream day

ARLINGTON (AP) — Dwayne Harris' head was spinning.

Giddy just to be playing his first game for the Dallas Cowboys, the rookie receiver was learning on the fly, too. Coach Jason Garrett had just pointed out a mistake Harris made running with the ball after his last reception, and now quarterback Stephen McGee was telling him to be ready to recognize a blitz and change his route if it came.

So, what did the kid do?

Harris indeed saw the blitz and made the adjustment. He wound up right where McGee expected and easily caught a short pass near the middle of the field. Then Harris took off, following Garrett's advice all the way to the end zone for a 76-yard touchdown.

It was quite a highlight

for the sixth-round pick from East Carolina. And it wasn't even his best play of the night.

That came with 15 seconds left and the Cowboys driving for the win. On a fourth down, Harris got free in the end zone, jumped and grabbed a 13-yard pass from McGee, setting up a 2-point conversion that gave Dallas a 24-23 victory over the Denver Broncos on Thursday night.

"He stepped up," McGee said. "Man, you love to see guys who come out and play well in the game."

Harris wasn't always a standout during training camp, and the collection of third-stringers that McGee leads hadn't worked much on the two-minute drill. Thus, this was quite the debut.

"It says a lot for me — coming in, a little nervous, first game up un-

der the lights, in front of millions, just to come out and play, have fun," Harris said. "I think the coaches like what they saw in my performance. So it was a good overall game."

Among the things still to be determined this preseason is how the Cowboys' receiver rotation shakes out after starters Miles Austin and Dez Bryant. Kevin Ogletree is penciled in as No. 3.

Anyone else who makes it is going to have to stand out on special teams, too. Harris and Raymond Radway jumped to the head of that pack with their performances against Denver.

Harris caught all five passes thrown his way for 127 yards. The long-haired rookie who was the Conference USA player of the year last season also took a kickoff 32 yards, and lost a

total of 10 yards on two punt returns.

"It was a great night for me, I feel good about it," Harris said. "It's just a momentum-builder."

Radway, who is bigger and faster but far less polished, had kickoff returns of 40 and 22 yards and caught a 6-yard touchdown pass. He failed to catch two other balls, including a high one with no defenders nearby.

"He was impressive in camp right from the start," Garrett said. "I'll be honest with you, we didn't know a ton about him. He is a guy who is big and can run. He has been impressive in making the transition. You're hopeful they can take it from the practice field to the playing field and he was able to do that."

Harris made the harder step of improving from practice field to the playing field.

All of his catches proved to be pivotal. The three that didn't end up as touchdowns all came on scoring drives.

The first was a 26-yarder down the sideline that pushed the Cowboys to the Denver 17. After a short run, McGee went back to Harris on a slant for 10 more yards, setting up Radway's touchdown.

Harris might have scored on the slant had he run toward the end zone instead of trying to dodge a defender. He did exactly that on his next reception, the blitz-beater.

Harris caught it around his own 30 and went straight down the field. There was nothing fancy about it, except the result.

"I was just thinking, 'Don't get caught from behind,'" Harris said.

Garrett loved it, too. "He has shown some flashes in training camp

and practice where he's kind of a playmaker-type guy and I think he showed that again," Garrett said. "He has a long way to go in terms of understanding how to be a receiver in the NFL and how to consistently get away from people but I think you'll see he has a knack for playing."

The Cowboys were off Friday and will resume training camp at home on Saturday. For the next two weeks, they will be working out at either team headquarters or Cowboys Stadium.

Dallas came away from the preseason opener without any serious injuries, although there was a notable addition to the list of ailing players. Second-string tight end Martellus Bennett has a hamstring injury that kept him out of the Denver game.

McMurry tickets on sale Aug. 23 Season kicks off Sept. 24

ABILENE (AP) — The McMurry football program begins season-ticket sales Aug. 23 in correlation with a collaborative practice with the National Autonomous University of Mexico at 6 p.m.

The War Hawks, playing their final season as a Division III school before moving up to Division II, play four home games this season. Ticket packages start at \$30.

Online season-ticket sales are under way,

and information can be found on mcmurrysports.com to order. Otherwise, orders may be placed at the football offices located on campus along Ross Street at the R.M. Medley Fieldhouse beginning Aug. 23.

The War Hawks, playing their final season as a Division III school before moving up to Division II, play four home games this season. Ticket packages start at \$30. Online season-ticket sales are under way,

In addition, Operation Maroon Pride is back for its third year as citizens of the local McMurry community can purchase a season ticket for the men and women of Dyess Air Force Base. Operation Maroon Pride tickets are \$30 and donated to military personnel and their families.

Ticket stands will be set up Aug. 23 and fans invited to watch McMurry and the National Autonomous University of Mexico's joint practice beginning at 6 p.m. In addition, the War Hawks' players and staff will hold a Bleacher Creatures camp midway through practice at approximately 7:30 p.m. for youngsters ages 5-12.

Bleacher Creature participants will receive a T-shirt, a season ticket package for a parent, and get the opportunity to lead McMurry's team on the field in each of the War Hawks' four home games. The camp will consist of football drills and games.

McMurry's home opener is 2 p.m. Sept. 24 against East Texas Baptist. The remaining home games are also at 2 p.m.: Oct. 8 against Sul Ross State, Oct. 29 against Hardin-Simmons and Nov. 12 against Mississippi College.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The _____ Coahoma Independent School District _____ will hold a public meeting at _____ 7:00 pm., August 30, 2011 _____ in _____ Board Room, Administration Building, 600 N Main _____ Coahoma, Texas 79511 _____.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ _____ 1.04 _____ / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ _____ 0.23 _____ / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	_____ 4.49 _____ % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)
Debt service	_____ 0.00 _____ % increase	or	_____ 0.00 _____ % (decrease)
Total expenditures	_____ 4.49 _____ % increase	or	_____ % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ _____ 456,375,418.00 _____	\$ _____ 479,533,591.00 _____
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ _____ 1,044,027.00 _____	\$ _____ 2,176,686.00 _____
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ _____ 381,869,036.00 _____	\$ _____ 406,243,917.00 _____
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ _____ 938,967.00 _____	\$ _____ 1,843,467.00 _____

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ _____ 13,423,852.20 _____

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.04	\$.245 *	\$ 1.285	\$ 6,679	\$ 3,831
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.4597	\$ 0.23384 *	\$ 1.27981	\$ 6,872	\$ 3,444
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.04	\$ 0.23000 *	\$ 1.27000	\$ 6,807	\$ 3,173

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 51,079.00	\$ 53,088.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 25,864.00	\$ 27,470.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.285	\$ 1.27
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 332.35	\$ 348.87
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 16.52

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is _____ \$1.04 _____. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of _____ \$1.04 _____.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,433,967.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 202,000.00

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- Plastic folder with pockets (1)
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- Highlighter (1)
- Pink erasers/large (3)
- Small school box for supplies (no soft boxes that zip/please no large boxes)
- Pointed Fiskars scissors
- 8 oz. Elmer's glue (no colors, gel, or "no-run" glue) ^a1)
- Elmer's glue sticks (3)
- Plastic folders with pockets and brads (do not label with names) (2)
- Spiral Notebooks/wide ruled (2)
- Boxes of Kleenex tissue/200 count (3)
- Girls: one box quart size zip-lock bags
- Boys: one box gallon size zip-lock bags

Fifth Grade

- Plastic accordian folder with multiple sections
- 3-subject spiral notebook with plastic cover (5 star brand or similar) (3)
- Pocket folders with brads (3)
- Packages wide rule notebook paper (3)
- Boxes map colored pencils (2)
- Package Crayola Markers (1)
- Supply bag with zipper (1)
- Red grading pens or pencils (2)
- Highlighters (2)
- Boxes of Kleenex (3)
- Packages of plain pencils, none with plastic coating, no mechanical pencils (3)
- Glue sticks (4)
- Bottles of glue (3)
- Hand-held sharpeners with lids (2)
- Pair of scissors
- Backpacks with wheels will not fit in lockers
- Please note certain teams might require additional supplies. This information will be shared at Meet the Teacher.
- No sharpies, permanent markers, battery operated sharpeners, college ruled paper, mechanical pencils with replaceable lead, fancy pencils with plastic coatings.

Eighth Grade

- Pencil bag (2 each)
- Zipper binder (one each)
- Black/blue pens (one dozen)
- Red pens (one dozen)
- Spiral notebook (social studies) (one each)
- Map colors, 12 count (social studies, science)

- #2 pencils (one dozen)
- Highlighter, 4 pack (one set)
- Notebook paper, wide ruled, 200 count (2 packs)
- Eraser, pink (2 each)
- Scissors, 7", pointed
- Glue stick, all purpose, jumbo (one each)
- 12" ruler
- 2" 3-ring binder (science, ELA) (2 each)

- Compass (science)
- Dividers, 3-ring, 5-tab (science, ELA) (2 sets)
- 5-subject spiral notebook (science)
- Comp book, 100 count, wide ruled (math) (2 each)
- Dry erase marker (math) 4 each
- Plastic pocketed dividers, 3-ring, 5-tab (ELA-GT) (one set)

Kindergarten

- Boxes 24 count Crayola crayons (2)
- 12 count packages of #2 yellow pencils (plain, no colored, plastic or decorated)
- Pink erasers (large) (2)
- Pencil zipper bag
- 5 1/2" Fiskars scissors
- 8 oz. bottles of Elmer's Glue (no colors, gel or "no-run" glue) (2)
- Elmer's glue sticks (4)
- Plastic Folders with pockets (2)
- Spiral notebook (wide ruled) (2)
- Boxes of Kleenex tissues (200 count) (3)
- Tub baby wipes (2)
- Hand sanitizer 10 fl. oz. (1)
- Box of storable snacks (vanilla wafers, goldfish, crackers, etc. — no chips)
- Girls: 1 box quart size zip-lock bags
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Sixth Grade

- Pencil bag
- Zipper binder
- #2 pencils (a dozen)
- Pencil sharpener, hand held with cover
- Eraser/pink (2)
- Highlighters (2)
- Map colors (12 count)
- Scissors (7" pointed)
- Red Pens (a dozen)
- Glue Sticks (4 each)
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- Notebook Paper—wide ruled/ 200 count (2 packs)
- Spiral notebook — 3-subject (Science/ELA) (2 each)
- Comp book, 100 ct. wide ruled (Social Studies/ELA) (2 each)
- Folder with pockets, non-decorative (Social Studies) (2 each)
- Dividers, 3-ring, 5-tab (1 set)
- Boxed tissues (2 each)

Seventh Grade

- Pencil bag
- Zipper binder
- Notebook paper; wide ruled, 200 count (2 packs)
- Black/blue pens (one dozen)
- Red pens (one dozen)
- Folder with brads and pockets (social studies)
- Map colors, 12 count (social studies and science)
- #2 pencils (one dozen)
- Highler, 4 pack
- Eraser, pink (2 each)
- Scissors, 7", pointed
- Glue stick, all purpose, jumbo
- 12" ruler
- 1 1/2" binder (science)

- Comp book, 100 count wide ruled (math) (2 each)
- Dry erase marker (math) (4 each)
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Big Spring Rotary Club — Service above self

Recently the Big Spring Rotary sponsored area youth at the summer RYLA Camp. This camp was put on by local Rotarians with a goal of helping today's youth become leaders and good citizens in their communities. This past Tuesday leaders and students made a presentation to the Big Spring Rotary of the summer fun and events during the weeklong camp. Pictured are local leaders and students who participated in the week long summer camp. Pictured from left to right are Ken McIntosh (Rotarian), Caleb Gonzales, Daniel Moreno, Michael Carillo and Dathan Jones (Rotarian). If you are interested in putting "Service above Self" contact a local Rotarian.

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- Pink erasers/large (2)
- Box of pencil top erasers
- Small school box for supplies (no soft boxes that zip, no large boxes)
- Pointed Fiskar's scissors
- Bottle of white Elmer's glue (no colors, gel or "no-run" glue) (2)
- Large Elmer's glue sticks (3)
- Folders with pockets and brads (do not label with names) (3)
- Spiral notebook/wide rule (2)
- Packages of notebook paper/wide ruled (1)
- Boxes of Kleenex tissues (200 count) (3)
- Tub baby wipes (1)
- Hand sanitizer 10 fl. oz (1)
- Girls: one box quart size zip-lock bags
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Third grade

- 24 count Crayola crayons (1 box)
- 12 count package of #2 yellow pencils (plain, no colored, plastic or decorated) (2)
- Package of red pens
- 10 count box of Crayola washable, broad tipped markers
- Box of colored map pencils
- Pink erasers/large (2)
- Box of pencil top erasers
- Small school box for supplies (no soft boxes that zip, no large boxes)
- Pointed Fiskar's scissors (5" long)
- Bottle of white Elmer's glue (no colors, gel or "no-run" glue) (2)
- Large Elmer's glue sticks (3)
- Plastic folders with pockets and brads (3)
- Spiral notebook/wide rule (3)
- Packages of notebook paper/wide ruled (2)
- Boxes of Kleenex tissues (200 count) (3)
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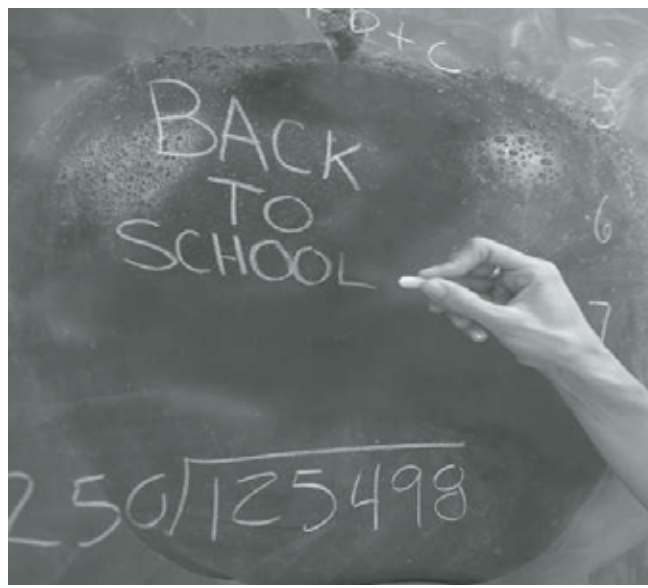
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Leadership Big Spring 2011-12 has 21 participants. In no particular order, they are: William Allen — Texas State Veterans Home; Travis Bingham — Western Container; Donna Collins — GEO Group; Jerry Duenes — Atmos Energy; Jake Ellifritz — FCI Big Spring; Craig Ferguson — Big Spring Fire Department; Kelly Grant — city of Big Spring; Kinsey Hansen — Howard College; Michael Himmelman — Scenic Mountain Medical Center; Jay Holt — city of Coahoma; Jody Kelly — GEO Group; Stacie King — city of Big Spring; Gail Lampier — Sears; Jenelle Lewis — Alon USA; Nancy Maldonado — GEO Group; Diane Newton — Atmos Energy; Amy Norman — VA Hospital; Zac Phinney — Karat Patch; Jessica Rivera — Alon USA; and Brent Strande — Border States Electric. Not pictured is Manny Negron — Wal-Mart.

Tomorrow's community leaders learn the ropes

By **AMANDA MORENO**

Staff Writer

Building leaders, 10 months at a time.

Leadership Big Spring kicked off its 2011-12 semester Thursday morning. Twenty-one people signed up for this year's program, which will take them through the inner workings of the city, county, businesses and industry. Class members come from numerous businesses across the community, including Wal-Mart, Alon, GEO Group Inc. city of Coahoma, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Atmos, Karat Patch, city of Big Spring, Texas State Veter-

ans Home, Western Container, Big Spring Fire Department and FCI Big Spring.

According to the sponsor, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the program is focused on carrying the city forward. This goal is reached by identifying and motivating potential leadership, acquainting the leadership with community needs, problems and opportunities, offering alternative processes and challenging potential leaders.

"This is a great way for people who are just moving here to learn about the community and it's also a great way for those res-

idents who have lived here a long time to build their knowledge about Big Spring," said Debby ValVerde, chamber executive director.

The program is \$400 for members and \$600 for non-members of the chamber. Classes begin each August and has certain requirements before a participant can graduate from the program.

To find out more about Leadership Big Spring, call the chamber at 263-7641.

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



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David Justice, senior warden with the GEO Group Inc., speaks to the audience at State of the Community Series Part 3: Industry. GEO Group was one of five industries represented at the forum, others were Alon USA, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Federal Bureau of Prisons and WETT.

Community update hears from Alon, hospital, prisons

By **AMANDA MORENO**

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Those attending the State of the Community Series Part 3: Industry, received updates from Alon USA, Federal Bureau of Prisons, and GEO Group Inc., WETTS and Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

"I am always amazed at the information I receive at these presentations," said Terri Johansen, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce president.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center CEO Larry Rodgers began the presentations with an update on the hospital. He spoke on the importance of customer feedback and advances being made by SMMC.

"We do a lot to treat the patient, but we want to promote wellness as well. As part of that line of thinking, we are going to implement a tobacco-free facility starting January 2012," Rodgers said.

SMMC will also start embracing a 30-minute commitment in the emergency department beginning in October. Patients go-

ing to the emergency room will be treated within a half-hour of their arrival. Last year, 15,263 people were treated in the emergency room. Also coming soon will be Wi-fi access throughout the hospital as well as computer sharing in the emergency department. Other recent developments include new digital mammography services.

"Healthcare is becoming more transparent and that's to keep the patients informed and for their

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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.



The financial markets have been very volatile during the past few weeks. At first, investors worried about the risk of default if the debt ceiling was not raised. Then, on top of the political drama, the economic data showed that the economy is weak. Eventually, the stock market dropped to new lows for the year, triggering even more concern about economic prospects.

History shows that the stock market is a good indicator of economic activity, but it is certainly not a perfect indicator. During the past month, the stock market has been going down at the same time that earnings reports show profits are going up. If both earnings and the market were going down at the same time, the economy would clearly be at risk of recession. Right now, the decline in the market when earnings are rising is a sign that investors are worried about recession even though the economy does not appear to be in recession.

Several indicators continue to point to further economic recovery rather than recession. The most important indicator of economic growth is the upward trend in corporate profits. In most economic cycles, corporate profits lead changes in economic activity, turning downward before the economy starts to contract and turning upward before the economy starts to expand. The risk of recession would be greater if profits were declining, because then companies would be likely to cut production and reduce payrolls. Fortunately, that is not happening now.

Recessions also usually occur when interest rates are high and credit is tight, not when interest rates are low as they are now. The Federal Reserve is still following a very easy money policy, and this stance usually supports economic growth.

Another sign that liquidity is abundant is the low yield on junk bonds. Historically, junk bond yields rise heading into recession because there is an increasing risk of default by these companies when the economy contracts. Right now, many companies are holding more cash than they have in the past. This extra cash may be a sign that companies are worried, like investors, about the economy. But the extra cash also means that businesses do not need to rely on creditors to fund operations and are less likely to make significant cuts in output or jobs if the economy weakens.

Finally, the index of leading economic indicators is still pointing to expansion, not recession. The leading indicator index is a composite of 10 component measures, including some that are currently very weak — like building permits and consumer expectations — as well as others that are currently very strong — like the yield curve and money growth.

There are some encouraging signs that consumers are still spending, even though they are worried about the economy. Automakers reported that July car and truck sales increased again after declining during the previous four months. Car and truck sales are not as strong as they were earlier this year, but vehicle sales in July were at their best level since April. In addition, the International Council of Shopping Centers reported that weekly same-store retail sales increased in July. The increase in July vehicle and chain-store sales is consistent with our view that the economy is likely to strengthen during the remainder of this year.

The big event that recently made many people re-evaluate their view of the economy was the downward revision to the government's GDP data at the end of July. Updated data now show that the recession was deeper, and the recovery was weaker, than the government previously reported.

It is important to remember that the risk of recession changes as events unfold. We believe the biggest risk of another recession at this point would come from an unexpected shock to confidence that would depress consumer and business spending. When the economy is weak, economic growth could be derailed by shocks like a spike in energy prices, a deepening of the European debt crisis, or a major natural disaster. As a result, another recession cannot be ruled out. But we put the probability of this happening at only 25 percent for now.

With corporate profits rising, the Fed following an easy money policy, and the leading economic indicator index pointing to expansion, the economy is more likely to expand than to contract. Unfortunately, economic growth is likely to be below-average as the economy goes through what we believe is a mid-cycle slowdown.

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#7070 August 7 and 14, 2011

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#7078 August 14, 2011

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#7080 August 14, 2011

Legals

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY
THE STATE OF TEXAS § COUNTY OF HOWARD §
By virtue of an ORDER OF SALE issued out of the District Court of Howard County, Texas, pursuant to judgment rendered in 118th Judicial District Court of Howard County, Texas, by the District Clerk of said Court, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suits and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I did on the 1st day of August, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., levy upon and will proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction on the 6th day of September, 2011, being the first Tuesday of said month beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on said day, at the North Courthouse door of said County, all the right, title, and interest of the Defendants in such suits in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said Defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Howard and the State of Texas, to-wit:

CAUSE NO. STYLE PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
5414
Howard County, et al vs. Juan De Los Santos
All of Lot 5, Blk 20, Government Heights to Bauer Addition, City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas 5428
Howard County, et al vs. Robert Powell
Personal Property-Mobile Home-Label #NTA0560748 5557
Howard County, et al vs. Harold Atkinson aka Harold D. Atkinson, Lucille O'Brien and Kevin Matteson
A 0.782 acre tract of land out of the SW/4 of Sc. 43, Blk 31, T1N, Howard County, Texas; described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit; to include 14x56 mobile home LBL# TXS0545895 5715
Howard County, et al vs. John Slay Fuglaar Aka John S. Fuglaar, Michelle Sullivan, Ind, and as Ind. Adm. of the Estate of John Slay Fuglaar, Tyra Lendermon aka Tyra Denette Rainey
A 2 acre tract or parcel of land out of Sc 32, Bk 33, T1N, Howard County, Texas, described by metes and bounds on the attached exhibit 5718
Howard County, et al vs. Jack Coleman and Peggy Coleman

Legals

City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals
The City of Big Spring Zoning Board of Adjustments will hold a meeting on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 5:30 pm in the City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. 4th Street Big Spring, Texas to consider the following:
BJ Kilpatrick, LT 3 BK 78 of Parkhill addition, Located at 704 W. 17th St., is requesting a variance for a front yard setback for a carport.
Guy Prater, S/100 of LT 2 & LT 3 BK 2 of Parkway Addition. Located at 2505 Broadway, is requesting a variance for a front yard setback for a carport.
BSISD, Located at 707 E. 11th Pl., is requesting a variance for a front yard setback for a sign. (Variance requested by Skip Burcham).
COBS, BK 12 of McDowell Heights Addition, Located at 1406 Gregg St, is requesting a variance for an electronic sign. (Variance requested by Skip Burcham).
Bob Parks, SC 12 BK 33, Located at 2903 Parkway, is requesting a variance for a front yard setback for an entry way into his property.
Jason Rustman, SC 11 BK 33 1S, Located at 3200 Wasson Rd, is requesting a variance for a front yard setback for a fence.
#7075 August 14 & 17, 2011

Dear Margo

And I Am Marie of Rumania

Dear Margo: I've been seeing a man for a year and a half — but heaven knows not on a regular basis. Sometimes we will see each other a few days in a row, but then he will disappear for weeks at a time. He tells me he can never predict his schedule because he works as an undercover operative for the CIA. That's also the reason he gives me for why we never go to his place — because "the agency" doesn't allow it. This is getting to be pretty hard on me because I can't make plans, I don't know where this relationship can go, and I fear I might be wasting my time. (I am 40.) What does all this sound like to you? — *Wasting My Time?*



MARGO HOWARD

Dear Waste: To be frank, it sounds like you are extremely gullible. I again trot out my favorite saying about the wishful acceptance of something highly unlikely: "It is like believing that a dinosaur died standing up in the museum of natural history."

For one thing, I do not think undercover CIA people are allowed to tell anyone but a spouse what they do or for whom they work. (Often, friends of CIA administrative personnel know what they do.) Having actually known a few spooks myself, the thing about not having people over is simply not true. Often, undercover operatives tell friends their employment is working for the government/Department of Defense/FEMA ... anything but the CIA.

And so, my dear, I don't know if this guy is married, a criminal or just a guy who is not interested in a real relationship, but he is lying to you, and I would bid him adieu soonest. — *Margo, stealthily*

True or Not, a Novel Way To End Things

Dear Margo: I know that this has occurred since the beginning of time, but why do married men think they have the right to step all over someone's heart?

Granted, it takes two to tango, and the heart wants what it wants, but now I wish we had done things differently. We are both married with families, but were drawn to each other in the beginning in what he said was a spiritual friendship. After a year, we were drawn to each other physically. This went on for the next two years. I thought it would be only a diversion, but now I feel I love this person.

Recently, he informed me that he was asked to be part of an old Native American medicine society that requires pure thoughts and actions. He is serious in fulfilling this obligation, and part of this is giving me up. He admits that two years ago, when our relationship began, he was at a vulnerable point in his life. I feel despair at the turn this has taken. I will miss the closeness we had. He wants to maintain our spiritual friendship. I'm not sure I would like to. A part of me feels anger toward him, and now I feel I was a fool. I would like to get over my anger and be friends, but I still have feelings for him. What do you think I should do? — *Heartbroken*

Dear Heart: This scenario hasn't really been taking place since the beginning of time ... if only because Eve had no one to step out with. But yes, it is an old story. In your situation, you do not say whether this man is a Native American or a "guest" in this medicine society. It is possible he made up this society mandating purity — but that hardly matters. He wants, for whatever reason, to end the intimacy part. I think in some instances it is not useful to remain "friends." For you to do so would cause you pain, so let the break be a clean and definitive one. Absence will help your feelings diminish, as will remembering that he wanted it to end. — *Margo, reconstructively*

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1 Zealous	1 Like Miss
7 Region of industrial decline	2 It requires a digital display
15 Wasn't indignant	3 NCIS Los Angeles regular
16 Person getting support	4 Following
17 Detect	5 Subject of The Miracle Has Landed
18 Combat-ready craft	6 Heavens
19 Whiny car in a '60s song	7 Jump-start
20 Unwelcome audience participation	8 Fantastic
22 Bald	
23 Lentils have a lot of it	
25 Short-yardage play	
27 "That kiss, shall all thoughts survive": Shelley	
28 Fair source	
30 They're often in chains	
32 Minor, maybe	
33 Texas attraction	
35 It's often felt in the art world	
37 Very hearty handshake, so to speak	
38 Still	
39 Hardly push	
41 Advocate vigorously	
45 Crank opposite, in mechanics	
46 Show dog's ear covering	
48 Grey work	
49 Dispatcher's broadcasts	
51 Trigger	
53 String thing	
54 Traffic stopper	
56 Prepare as an omelet	
58 Omelet preparer's need	
59 Bouillabaisse fish	
61 Lawn care	
63 Swell	
64 Pen	
65 Catfooted	
66 Restrained, with 'in'	
9 1991 State of the Union subject	
10 order	
11 Withstand	
12 No Exit character	
13 Appraises	
14 Put under pressure	
21 Sidelined	
24 Pluck	
26 Literally, "roast meat"	
29 Busts	
31 Flap	
34 Spears' 2000 partner n. McDonald's arts	
36 Cure for obsolescence, perhaps	
38 Marked by melodrama	
39 Perceptive	
40 Adopt enthusiastically	
41 Process-of-em-nai on scenario	
42 Impracticable	
43 Jumble	
44 Cork-puller rescaptor	
45 Hercule Poirot's favorite drink	
47 Coarse	
50 Golden Gate Park statue	
52 Friend and colleague of Bormoli	
55 Air that circulates annually	
57 Hemlock cousin	
60 Nectar eater, often	
62 Web Calling originator	

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Cat Adoption 101



(Family Features) Deciding to adopt a cat can be a rewarding and exciting time for families and individuals. To ensure as smooth a transition as possible, there are several things pet parents should consider upon bringing their newest feline family member home.

Dr. Robyn Jaynes, DVM, veterinarian and Pet Care Expert at

PetSmart(r), shares her tips on how to best welcome home a newly adopted cat.

• Select a Vet: Pet parents should identify a veterinarian early on, so they can begin regular checkups and vaccinations. Choose a vet in close proximity, for convenience and quick response in case of emergency. Ask neigh-

bors or relatives who live close by and have cats for recommendations and referrals.

• Go Slow: Coming into a new home can be overwhelming, so it's important to give your cat the space and time to get comfortable. Pick a room or area of the house you can section off for your new cat to

make his or her own. Slowly increase exposure to the rest of the house and your two- and four-legged family members over the first few days, giving the cat time to get comfortable and slowly integrate into the rest of the household.

• Make Time to Play: Cats instinctively like to climb, scratch and

chase. Pet parents should purchase toys, furniture or scratching posts for around the house that let their cat practice these natural behaviors without being destructive. Toys filled with catnip can be particularly helpful in drawing cats away from other items in the house to their own toys, and cat furniture is available in all sizes to address their climbing instincts.

• Watch the Water: Cats are finicky when it comes to drinking water so purchasing a water system that filters water can be an easy solution to prevent dehydration. This tip is especially important early on, when a cat may be stressed in his or her new environment and might not drink or eat normally. Specialty retailers, like PetSmart, have hydration systems available that filter water automatically, continually providing fresh-tasting water for cats. If an automatic water filter solution is not available, the pet parent should be sure to freshen the cat's water at least daily.

• Find Their Preference: It's impor-

tant that a cat maintain a healthy diet, and choosing a food that your cat will enjoy eating that also provides quality nutrition is important. You may need to try a variety of options, including wet and dry varieties to find the right choice for taste and nutrition.

• Litter Box Success: While cats are finicky about their food and water, they are equally or in many cases, more finicky about their litter boxes. Cats need to feel comfortable using this space. Select a quiet location that your cat can easily access, and you may need to try a couple different types of boxes, as well as litter brands, to allow your cat to select his or her favorite litter, encouraging consistent use from the outset. Regardless of the box and litter type, it is important that the box be kept clean, and it's best that in multiple-cat families, there are multiple boxes.

To learn more about cat care, stop by your local PetSmart store to speak with a pet care expert, or visit www.PetSmart.com.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

The day after the full moon in Aquarius can feel a bit like cleaning up after a parade. And though you may not be literally sweeping up confetti and disposing of litter, there will be a multitude of details to tend to in order to prepare for the busy week ahead. A convergence of planets in Leo will energize your efforts.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You will alternate between two kinds of mindfulness. One moment, you're tuned in to the people around you and present with the conversation and work at hand. The next, you are focused on experiencing your inner world.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You love to be surprised by humor and camaraderie. It's also important to plan for future good times. The fun you anticipate will bring your endorphins up almost as much as the fun you're actually having.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). In order to learn from your mistakes, you have to be willing to make them in the first place. Your habit of being hard on yourself after the fact isn't helping. Ease up. It's OK not to get it right every time.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are the total package, and you show it today. Not only do you have the skills to make a situation work; you have the heart. You really care about making life better for the people around you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have ways of putting

yourself in a better mood. Music may be involved, or special efforts in the mirror. Employ your methods now. If you can't come pleasantly to the situation at hand, it's best not to come at all.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Flirting is fundamental to the action of the day. A breezy rapport will be necessary to sell an idea or product, or perhaps to sell yourself in a certain role. You'll make light-hearted connections.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll put in the extra effort to take good care of yourself. Since you know that lack of sleep and poor nourishment make you cranky, you'll be sure to get a healthy helping of both in the week ahead.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It may feel to you like you just had a vacation (one that wasn't tremendously relaxing to boot). And yet, you would still benefit from a mini-break. Get away to refresh your mind and outlook.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Chances are that you are wasting time or losing an opportunity because of the way your home is currently laid out. Implement improvements to your workspace or organizational systems.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Tension makes you rigid. Being relaxed makes you flexible. A special relationship will thrive because you strike just the right balance between these two states.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You can't properly concentrate around a lot of clutter. The problem is that you have too much stuff and not enough places to put it. You'll remedy the situation in steps. Take step one today: Eliminate 10 items.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). One way to keep someone's attention is to hang a kind of promise in the air and then withdraw it. It's the old "carrot on a string" trick, and today it works wonders to make things interesting.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 14). You find creative ways to use what you have. You'll tinker and fix things this month, setting yourself up for a smooth ride in September. You'll earn great respect from family in October. An admirer will contribute to you financially. You'll make incredible memories with family in November and December. Libra and Virgo people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 31, 29, 44 and 19.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: It's the last full week of the solar journey through Leo in 2011. The Leo sun reminds us that life is not a dress rehearsal. The show will go on regardless of the level of energy you put into your performance, so you may as well make the commitment and give it your all. And if you've been so busy watching the entertainment around you that you forgot to get up and show the world what you can do, take your turn in the spotlight this week. The sun, Mercury and Venus line up neatly on Tuesday, though the vibration of this configuration will be felt all week, drawing up the creative spirit in us. Some feel they were born to be creative, and others claim not to be creative at all. Those who fall into the first group will help those who belong to the second group to loosen up and slip into a creative mindset. Setting up a safe environment for personal expression will be an important first step in that process. And

remember that this isn't necessarily about singing, dancing or painting. Any action at all can be creative if it is approached with a sense of play.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: This Grammy Award-winning bluegrass banjo composer and player also happens to be an enormously popular movie star and one of the world's most successful comic talents. Add playwright and novelist to that ever-growing list, and if that's not enough, Steve Martin also has nearly a million and a half followers on Twitter. Martin was born when the sun and Pluto were in creative Leo.

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HOLIDAY MATHIS

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: My sister-in-law, "Robyn," is also a dear friend who has been part of my life for 20 years. Robyn is now in her 50s and has two children — one by a married man who dumped her, and the other by a loser who abandoned her. Robyn finally married a stable co-worker, but they divorced after six years. Since then, she has dated a lot, but the relationships never work

speaking to me, and I've had enough. I miss our friendship, but don't want to be her punching bag. If dating these losers makes her happy, that is her choice, but I am hurt that she once again has turned away from me because she knows I am right. When she decides to rekindle our friendship, is it OK if I choose not to speak to her? — *See the Forest for the Trees*

Dear Forest: Sure, but it seems a little spiteful, especially if you are hoping to one day be friends again. Instead, scale back enough to be less aggravated. If, after all these years, Robyn does not realize that she makes rotten choices, your criticisms will only make her dig in her heels. In order to change, she would likely need therapy. Stop offering your opinion. If she demands it, tell her she is a big girl now and can make her own decisions. Her mistakes are not yours to fix.

Dear Annie: Can you suggest a way to ask



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

houseguests to wash their hands after using the bathroom and before working in the kitchen? My family is very conscientious about basic hygiene, and we are uncomfortable with guests who don't wash hands like we do. — *Los Alamos, N.M.*

Dear Los Alamos: You could post a cute sign asking people to remember to wash, but beyond that, you cannot be the Bathroom Police. Keep a bottle of hand sanitizer in the kitchen, and whenever guests enter, insist on giving them a spritz. Tell them you're a bit of a germa-

phobe and it's required for everyone.

Dear Annie: I wholeheartedly disagree with your advice to "Confused," whose brother's wife and sister's husband had an affair.

Snubbing their spouses would be no less hurtful for the siblings than if she just stayed away. In fact, it's better if she stays home. That way, her family can enjoy a pleasant day without the constant reminder of the past that Confused's uncivil behavior would generate.

The parents have obviously accepted their children's decisions to stay in their marriages and have moved past the pain. They attend family events with decorum. Why can't "Confused"? If she persists in making things difficult for her siblings, she will find herself on the outside looking in. — *M.*

Dear M.: A lot of readers agree with you, and we suspect part of the problem was our use of

the word "snubbing." Many readers interpreted that to indicate nastiness, when it is just the opposite. Social snubbing means behaving with extreme politeness, while remaining slightly aloof. It is an acceptable form of reproach when someone has behaved terribly.

The siblings (and parents) have many reasons to forgive the spouses, but it is not realistic to expect everyone else to be so generous. And "Confused" cannot learn to accept these mended relationships if she refuses to be present at family events that will allow her to do so.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, long-time editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd., Ste. 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

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Fourth grade

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- 4 pack highlighters
- Package of red pens (2)
- 10 count box of Crayola washable, broad tipped markers
- Box of colored map pencils
- Pink erasers/large (2)
- Small school box for supplies (no soft boxes that zip, no large boxes)
- Pointed Fiskar's scissors (5" long)
- Bottle of white Elmer's glue (no colors, gel or "no-run" glue)
- Large Elmer's glue sticks (3)
- Plastic folders with pockets and brads (3)
- Spiral notebook/wide rule (1)
- Packages of notebook paper/wide ruled (3)
- Boxes of Kleenex tissues (200 count) (3)
- Hand sanitizer 10 fl. oz (1)
- Ruler with centimeters and inches (1)
- Girls: one box quart size zip-lock bags
- Boys: one box gallon size zip-lock bags



courtesy photo Gloria McDonald.

Pictured left to right are: Sharon Westerhof, Tommy Duncan, Pam Duncan, Verna Davis and Don Finkenbinder. Not pictured but picking up trash as part of the Aug. 6 FM 700 trash cleanup are Bobby McDonald and Janice Bishop, Keep Big Spring Beautiful President. A total of five Texas Department of Transportation bags full of trash were collected.

Texas tax-free weekend set for Aug. 19-21

With back to school just around the corner, Texas tax-free weekend is coming Aug. 19-21. Parents will be able to purchase not only clothing, but school supplies as well. Tax-free weekend was designed to help ease the burden of back to school burdens. The following is an all-inclusive list of qualify-

- ing school supplies (if priced less than \$100):
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- Glue, paste and paste sticks
- Highlighters
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- Index card boxes
- Legal pads
- Lunch boxes
- Markers
- Notebooks

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