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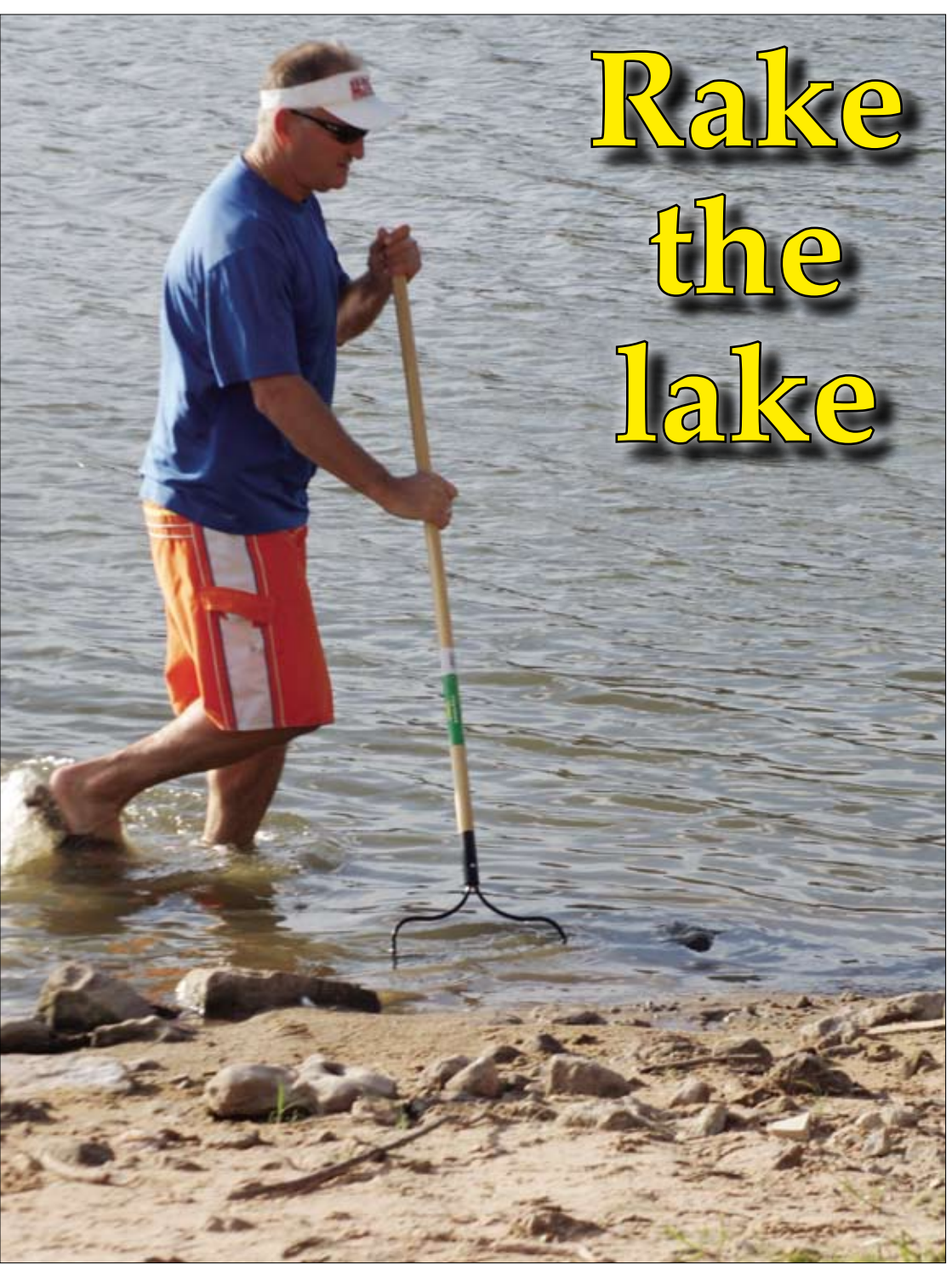


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## Rake the lake

HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

Stan Feaster helps out during the annual Love Our Lake Clean-up Saturday. Twenty-eight volunteers collected 40 bags of trash during the spruce-up event, officials said.

## Burn ban

*Recent rains may allow county to ease restrictions*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners will consider rescinding the current burn ban when they meet Monday morning, a move county officials say has been made possible by recent rainfall in and around the Crossroads area.

The commissioners court gave the go-ahead for the current burn ban during its July 30 meeting at the request of Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan. Each ban stays in effect for 90 days unless rescinded by the court.

According to County Judge Mark Barr, the decision to do away with the current ban — which would have lasted until late October — also comes at the request of Sullivan.

"I spoke with Tommy (Sullivan) and he feels like we've gotten sufficient rainfall to go ahead and rescind the burn ban," Barr said. "He's had several requests for controlled burns and with the moisture levels where they are right now, it looks like we're in pretty good shape as far as the dangers of wildfires are concerned."

While this year's burn bans — which have been a sort of

on-again and off-again affair — comes as a sharp contrast to the past several years, when burn bans were almost year-long.

Barr said the inconsistent nature of them doesn't appear to present a problem to most county residents.

"Our citizens have been really good about paying attention to whether or not there's a burn ban in place," Barr said. "We get several calls a week from residents wanting to know the current situation. We haven't had any complaints from folks, so I feel like what we're doing at this point is working very well."

Also during Monday's meeting, commissioners are slated to hold a budget work session, as county officials continue work on the government entity's 2012-2013 fiscal plan.

"Most of the work is done, it's simply a matter of putting the budget together," Barr said.

According to County Auditor Jackie Olson, the effective tax rate — the rate which would

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## College to put budget to bed

*2012-2013 fiscal package, tax rate top Monday agenda*

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Howard College officials are more than ready to get this budget business behind them for another year.

After a summer dealing with uncertainty and shortfalls, trustees are expected to approve the college's budget and tax rate for the coming

fiscal year when they hold their monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the student union building's Tumbleweed Room.

Sparks Trustees will likely OK a tax rate of roughly 18 cents per \$100 valuation, which is 6

cents below the previous year's rate, but will still bring in more local tax revenue in 2012-2013.

The college is forced to increase its tax levy because of an anticipated \$650,000 drop in state revenue this year, College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said.

Several positions which are currently vacant will remain

unfilled. Those positions include faculty spots in the sociology and computer science departments, as well as two assistant coach posts and custodial, clerical and financial aid openings.

Keeping those positions vacant, along with the increase in local tax revenues, will

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## Leadership Big Spring application deadline Friday

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Staff Writer

Want to find out about the Big Spring community?

Leadership Big Spring can open doors to every aspect of the community, including industry, medical, government, education, agriculture and more.

"This is a program that can benefit not only those who are new to the community, but those who have lived here their whole lives and want to know more about the community they live in," Chamber

Executive Director Debbye ValVerde said.

The first class for the 2012-2013 semester will be Sept. 13. Classes will meet once a month through May. Each monthly meeting takes place from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Meals are included in the registration fee and are planned in advance. The session is open to 25 participants with a registration fee of \$400 for Chamber members and \$600 for non-members.

"There are certain requirements that must be met before graduation from this course," ValVerde said. "We want people to be fully committed to the course in order for them to get the most out of it."

Those involved in the class will be required to submit reports after attending four different community meetings. Two meetings will need to be attended by December and the other two can be completed by April. The meetings can be that of the Big Spring Area Chamber

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## Obituaries

### Jonnie Spruill



Jonnie Spruill, 87, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Aug. 23, 2012, at Kristi Lee Manor Nursing Home, in Colorado City. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 25, 2012, in the Chapel at Mount Olive Memorial Park with Chaplain Walter McCall of Compass Hospice.

She was born Dec. 18, 1924, in Big Spring, Texas, to Bernice and John Digby. She was a lifetime resident of Howard County. She married Marshall James Spruill on Sept. 25, 1954, in Hobbs, N.M. Mr. and Mrs. Spruill owned grocery stores in Big Spring for a number of years. He preceded her in death Feb. 11, 1990. She later worked at the Big Spring State Hospital until retiring. She was a member of Salem Baptist Church.

She is survived by one daughter, Marsha Douglas of Big Spring; one son, Robert Spruill of Stamford; two grandchildren, Lauren Douglas of Fort Worth and Jamie McDonald of San Antonio; one brother, Doyle Digby; and four sisters, Peggy Wilson of Big Spring, Mary Ellerd of Carlsbad, N.M., Virginia Digby of Riverside, Calif. and Betty Grace Ozment of Shreveport, La.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by one son, Danny Spruill on Oct. 7, 2010, and three brothers.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersand-smith.com](http://www.myersand-smith.com)

*Paid obituary*

### William Dupree

William Dupree of Big Spring, Texas, was born Jan. 4, 1975, and died peacefully in his home Aug. 21, 2012. William has been taken to the Kingdom of Heaven, but will never be forgotten by those who knew and loved him.

William graduated from Big Spring High School and Sul Ross University. Over his short life he brought joy to those around him.

He is survived by many friends, his parents, William Dale and Pat Dupree; brother, Kinney Dupree; and niece and nephew, Alexandria and Drake.

A private memorial will be held for family in the Davis Mountains where William enjoyed some of the happiest days of his life. William will be remembered in our prayers.

*Paid obituary*

### Murphy Allen Woodson



Murphy Allen Woodson, 76, was born Dec. 21, 1935, in Coahoma, Texas, and died July 14, 2012, in San Antonio, Texas.

He had chosen to be cremated.

He graduated from Coahoma High School, attended Howard College for one year and attended Tennessee Temple College, graduating in 1957.

Following summer classes from Baylor University he taught school for three years. In 1963, he joined the Air Force serving 21 years as a flying AWACS radar officer, retiring as a major in 1984.

Survivors include a son, Randall Alan Woodson of New Hampshire; one daughter, Julianne Woodson of Austin; four sisters, Katherine Roberts of Odessa, Texas; Velma R. Wood; Margie R. Hill; Darla D. Swindell of Big Spring; one brother, Fredrick P. Woodson of Calabasas, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Futhie Presley and Rosa Lillian Woodson, one sister Fredyde Britton, three brothers, Walter N., W. Paul, Futhie M. Woodson and countless nieces and nephews.

## Police blotter

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

- DANIEL O. ARELLANO, 34, of 4101 Muir, was arrested Friday on warrants from other agency (two counts).
- LINDA CORTEZ WHITE, 42, of Coahoma, was arrested Friday on warrants from other agency (two counts).
- TERESA MARIE CHAVERA, 28, of 1102 Lamar, was arrested Friday on a warrant from other agency.
- JERRY RAY MANN II, 32, of 400 Culp Avenue in Coahoma, was arrested on charges of resisting arrest, search or transport and assault family violence, threat or offensive touch.
- ERICK DAVE HERNANDEZ, 33, of 1502 Bluebird St., was arrested on a warrant from other agency.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 800 block of E. 18<sup>th</sup> Street.

### Salvation Army funding for military members and families

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.

## Take Note

The Class of 2014 will be raising money for prom Saturday, Sept. 15 outside Walmart from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be Krispy Kreme donuts, roasted corn and brisket burritos. For more information, contact Julie Alvarez at 432-816-1278.

Northside Community Center will be offering after school program starting Sept. 5 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free ESL or SSL will be offered from 10 a.m. until noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Free basic computer sessions will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. until noon and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Call 263-2673.

The Friends of the Library of Howard County request donations of books in good condition for the book sale to be held Sept. 14-16. If you have books to donate take them to the Howard County Library, Monday through Friday during regular library hours. Please no National Geographic magazines, other magazines or condensed books. Friends of the Library is a non-profit organization which provides supplemental support for our public library outside the budget furnished by Howard County. At the present time the Friends is financially supporting the library's summer reading program. Our assistance is not possible without the generosity and cooperation of the wonderful people of this county. Anyone who wishes to join the Friends of the Library, stop by the library for an application. Dues are \$5 a year.

An account has been established at Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union in the name of Glenda Berger, who was recently diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. Donations will be used to help defer medical costs and mounting bills. All donations are greatly appreciated. Call Big Spring Community Federal Credit Union at 800-299-6761.

The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at [james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us) or 432 268-7535.

Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.

An account has been established at American State Bank to help defray medical expense for Brad "Ghost" Ugstad, a local resident who was severely injured in a motorcycle accident. All donations will be appreciated.

Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.

Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.

Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.

Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.

The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in 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.

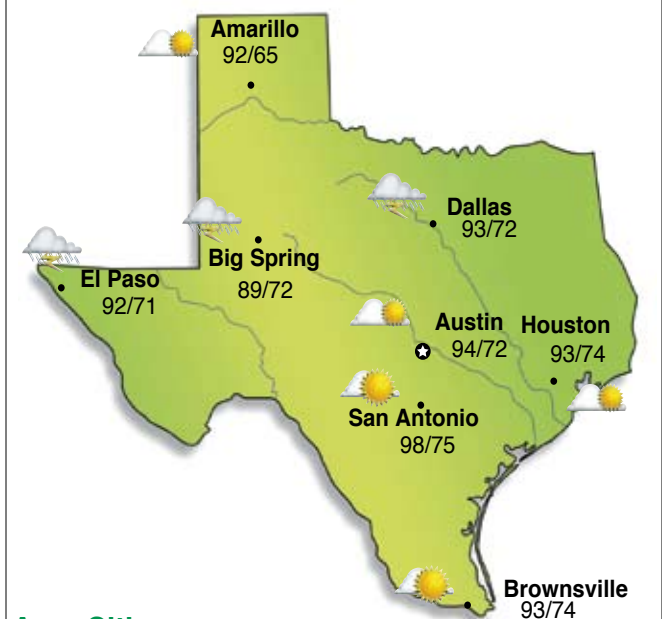
## Today's Weather

### Local 5-Day Forecast

Mon 8/27	Tue 8/28	Wed 8/29	Thu 8/30	Fri 8/31
<b>89/72</b>	<b>95/68</b>	<b>93/68</b>	<b>97/69</b>	<b>97/70</b>
Scattered thunderstorms possible.	A few clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	Sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:18 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:16 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:19 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:15 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:20 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:13 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:20 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:12 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:21 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:11 PM



### Texas At A Glance



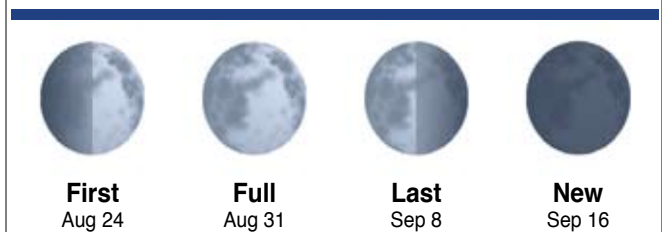
### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abiene	88	70	t-storm	Kingsville	97	74	mst sunny
Amarillo	92	65	pt sunny	Livingston	94	72	t-storm
Austin	94	72	pt sunny	Longview	92	73	t-storm
Beaumont	92	74	t-storm	Lubbock	91	67	t-storm
Brownsville	93	74	mst sunny	Lufkin	97	75	t-storm
Brownwood	93	71	t-storm	Midland	90	72	t-storm
Corpus Christi	94	76	mst sunny	Raymondville	96	73	mst sunny
Corsicana	92	71	t-storm	Rosenberg	93	73	pt sunny
Dallas	93	72	t-storm	San Antonio	98	75	mst sunny
Del Rio	100	78	mst sunny	San Marcos	96	73	pt sunny
El Paso	92	71	t-storm	Sulphur Springs	91	71	t-storm
Fort Stockton	88	69	t-storm	Sweetwater	88	69	t-storm
Gainesville	90	69	t-storm	Tyler	92	74	t-storm
Greenville	90	69	t-storm	Weatherford	89	69	t-storm
Houston	93	74	pt sunny	Wichita Falls	97	69	t-storm

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	88	70	pt sunny	Minneapolis	85	64	pt sunny
Boston	83	70	mst sunny	New York	81	73	t-storm
Chicago	86	62	pt sunny	Phoenix	100	82	pt sunny
Dallas	93	72	t-storm	San Francisco	64	55	pt sunny
Denver	90	62	mst sunny	Seattle	73	57	rain
Houston	93	74	pt sunny	St. Louis	89	68	pt sunny
Los Angeles	84	67	pt sunny	Washington, DC	88	74	rain
Miami	86	80	rain				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Mon 8/27	Tue 8/28	Wed 8/29	Thu 8/30	Fri 8/31
<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>
Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, 0 being the lowest and 11 being the highest. A higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

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## Support groups

**MONDAY**

- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
- PEP — Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.
- Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting, 8-9 p.m., fourth floor, VA Medical Center.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS) No. 21 meets at 5:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad for weigh-in. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. Call 213-1342 or 263-6819.

**TUESDAY**

- Big Spring Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for those with Parkinson's Disease, Young Onset Parkinson's, caregivers, and those interested in learning more about the illness. There is time for socializing and information.

For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jody at 432-699-6640 or midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com or Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-2732.

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

**WEDNESDAY**

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic

pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY**

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

- Visual Awareness Support Group (VASG) is open to the public but specifically aimed for people who suffer from vision problems and their caregivers. For more information, call 263-2501.

**FRIDAY**

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

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

- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

## COLLEGE

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allow the college to submit a balanced budget, Sparks said.

Total expenditures in

this year's budget include \$39.9 million for the Big Spring campus — an increase of more than \$3 million from the previous year — and \$4.5 million for SouthWest Collegiate Institute for

the Deaf. The increase in expenditures, Sparks said, is because the college is receiving more than \$3 million in non-discretionary grants which are targeted at specific

areas and cannot be used for general revenue purposes. Sparks sounded relieved the sometime-contentious budget process was coming to an end.

"Without a doubt, this has been the most difficult budget we've had to prepare, as far as I can remember," Sparks said. "It took the entire team to get this ready ... and we're ready and

excited to get the school year started." Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

## DEADLINE

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of Commerce, Howard County Commissioners, Howard College Board, Big Spring City Council, Big Spring Economic

Development Corporation or any of the local school board meetings. "We hope entities will encourage new employees to participate in this program," ValVerde said. "We not only show them Big Spring, but we

include Forsan and Coahoma." Through participation in the program, ValVerde said the hope is to get more people involved in their community. "We want people to take part in different

organizations, whether it be running for school board or city council or volunteering for the United Way board," she said. "It could be anything from helping with Festival of Lights to Pops in the Park because being involved is

what makes a community." The deadline to submit an application is 3 p.m. Aug. 31. Applications can be picked up at the chamber office. At this point there are still 15 positions open for the upcoming semester.

To find out more information, call 263-7641 or stop by 215 W. Third Street. Contact Staff Writer Amanda Duforat at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

## COUNTY

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bring in the same levy as last year — is 30.9221 cents per \$100 valuation. The rollback rate, which is comprised of the effective rate plus an 8 percent increase in the levy, has been calculated at 33.1460 cents per \$100 valuation.

Barr said the court is expected to continue moving forward utilizing the rollback rate, with the second public hearing on the matter slated for the court's Sept. 10 meeting.

The effective rate comes as a stark contrast to last year's adopted tax rate of 43.6720 cents — nearly 13 cents less — and is due mainly to a heavy increase in mineral valuations, according to Barr.

"We had expected mineral valuations to be up, but we never expected them to be as high as they are," Barr said. "It

came as a bit of a surprise to the court." Barr said the funding generated above the effective tax rate is necessary due to the poor shape county roads are currently in.

The issue of wear and tear on county roads is one the court has struggled with for some time now, as the boom in the oilfield — and subsequent increase in truck traffic to and from well sites throughout the county — has taken a heavy toll on the roadways.

"The damage to our county roads caused by the increase in truck traffic has been tremendous and it's getting worse every day," Barr said. "Overall, the damage is estimated at approximately \$22 million right now. What we're

hoping to do is be able to spend approximately \$400,000 to \$500,000 a year to try to make repairs. This isn't something we're going to be able to fix all at one time, obviously."

Commissioners have considered utilizing road use agreements — which would have the oilfield companies using the roadways paying for a percentage of the upkeep — during the past several months, however, Barr said little to no progress has been made on the issue.

The rollback rate,

which is still 10 cents lower than last year's rate, could likely spell some relief for area taxpayers despite being higher than the effective rate, according to Barr.

"Because of the increase in mineral values, most taxpayers will see a decrease in their tax bill for the coming year," Barr said. "It all depends on their valuation and how much it may or may not have changed since last year."

According to Olson, the rollback rate would

generate an additional \$806,000 over the effective rate.

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, contact the county judge's office at 432-264-2202.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we set our goals to include You, Lord.

Amen

# Nursery school baseball analyst

At age four, Austin Odette has a baseball fascination that will only deepen when he learns to read.

His nursery school buddies already cock their heads, clueless about his chatter of statistical data that's largely about the Texas Rangers.

A year from now, unless his kindergarten teacher is an avid baseball fan, she and Austin may have little to talk about.

The lad can even pronounce "S-a-l-t-a-l-a-m-a-c-c-h-i-a," knows he plays for the Boston Red Sox and that he's a former Ranger.

He's usually a day behind on scores and standings. Sadly, his bedtime coincides with the umpire's "play ball!" cry.

After his "Now I lay me down to sleep" prayer, Austin reminds his folks to record the Rangers' game. When he wakes, he sprints to the iPad to check scores; kisses for Mom and Dad come later. A while back, he pranced about, celebrating yet another Rangers' win. Knowing the lad can't read, his granddad asked how he could be so sure of a Ranger victory. "When the video shows high fives, handshakes, smiles and dog-piling, they win," Austin reasoned.

He knows players' names, numbers and positions, as well as gobs of stats about the Rangers and other American League teams as well.

T-ball may not hold his interest very long. He's not much on any

games commonly played by his age group.

Coloring — inside or outside the lines — is not for him. Next to baseball, he's keen on playing with Rusty, the family's Pomeranian that will reach its 18th birthday come December.

Austin's mom, Alison, was horrified a few days ago. Realizing she hadn't seen the pet wandering around the house, she looked under the bed.

He was there, in his usual sleeping spot. Noting his glassy eyes, rigid position and legs pointed skyward, she was certain he had gone to "doggy heaven."

Tearfully, she mustered her courage, realizing that she must break the news to Austin. With him nestled tenderly in her lap, she geared up for the important teaching moment. She explained that God had called Rusty to heaven, where he already was playing with new doggy friends.

The youngster would have none of it.

"Rusty would never leave me; God will send him back."

Alison wouldn't budge, either, trying her best to prepare her son for life without Rusty.

They were at a stand-off, Mom insisting that God had called the pet to his new home, never to return. Austin was equally certain that God would send him back.

Sure enough, in a few minutes, Rusty wandered into the room, licking Austin's hand.

"I told you he'd be back, Mom."

The Odettes believe their pet experienced a mild stroke, causing him to appear lifeless. So Mom gets to shelve her "doggy heaven" teaching moment for another day.

Art Linkletter would have had a field day interviewing Austin,

who would be a show-stopper.

Linkletter could also have had some great "back to school" TV fun with a fourth grader we heard about the other day.

Someone asked her if she looked forward to returning to school. "No, I'm going to hate fourth grade," she blurted.

Her puzzled mom reminded the youngster that she had loved kindergarten, as well as first, second and third grades. Why would fourth be any different?

Well, the girl's friend, a year older, had spoiled the broth.

"You're going to hate fourth grade," she assured. "School gets more complicated. For example, in third grade, short division comes out evenly, with no numbers left over. In fourth grade, long division has numbers left over. I noticed the 'left-overs' right off, vowing to myself that I wouldn't mention them if the teacher didn't. The next day, she did."

I can identify with the fifth-grader's struggle with mathematics. Vivid in my memory are rat-a-tat questions from Mrs. Byrd, my third grade teacher.

In rapid fire order, she asked me, "Don, what's two-tum-three, what's two-tum-four, what's two-tum-five?"

"You got me," I answered. "I don't even know what 'tootum' is."

I join others in awe of Austin's ease in pronouncing "S-a-l-t-a-m-a-c-c-h-i-a."

I wouldn't make such an attempt, and trying to spell it is out of the question.

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Courtesy photo

A few days ago, the Odette family was seated near Texas Ranger star Josh Hamilton in a Southlake, Texas restaurant. Hamilton, far and away four-year-old Austin Odette's favorite player, readily agreed to pose in the photo.

# Politico curiosity does pay off

Early on Aug. 6, 2012, NASA's rover Curiosity executed a perfect landing after an eight-month journey took it an astonishing 325 million miles to Mars, a planet roughly 130 million miles from Earth. It was a huge leap forward for America's space program and for human exploration of our solar system. It reminded us that our innate curiosity leads to great feats of discovery, scientific advancement and improvement of the human condition. And it was a breathtaking moment of national pride and wonder.

The team of NASA scientists and engineers who guided Curiosity on her long voyage endured "seven minutes of terror" as the spacecraft guided itself through a multi-step descent through Mars's atmosphere, from a starting point of 13,000 miles per hour to a feather-light landing. The euphoria they felt at the safe touchdown was surely unmatched. But as the first pictures were beamed back to Earth, those of us who have fought to maintain our space program did feel our own extra measure of joy.

I have long maintained that America's space program is an investment we cannot afford to shortchange. Science and research fuel both our financial and intellectual economy. Breakthroughs in healthcare, missile defense, even everyday products we use at home have come from NASA research. Some of these

innovations were planned, others were pure happenstance. But all have made our lives better and created new products which, in turn, have created jobs and expanded the economy. The Mars rover offers almost limitless possibility for the same.

Both the rover itself and its unique delivery system represent engineering feats of historic proportions. Her landing bore out a new "guided flight" system for entering the Martian atmosphere, executing a perfect landing within its target area - in fact, almost perfectly at its center. Guided flight technology will be crucial for future Mars-bound spacecraft carrying crew members and it lays the scientific foundation for leaps forward in commercial aviation safety and reliability.

As Curiosity explores Mars, she will employ dozens of new technologies that will pave the way for development of new American industries and jobs. The signals the rover generated as she descended into the thin Martian atmosphere were referred to as "heartbeats". And one of the first orders of business after landing was a "brain change", the installation of new software from 130 million miles away to help control her ground-based activities. She - and the team does refer to Curiosity as a "she" - will use her "arm", which has a "shoulder", an "elbow" and a "wrist", to probe the secrets of Gale Crater and Mount Sharp. Curiosity's ChemCam rock-blasting laser will allow instant chemical analysis of Martian soil and rocks. She will both navigate and share the view with us through her 3-D camera "eyes."

These extraordinary achievements are essential steps toward expansion of human activity into the limitless reaches of space. We know from the Apollo landings on the moon and the International Space Station that humans can live and work beyond Earth's atmosphere. With this breakthrough on Mars, vast new horizons have been set.

Our challenge now is to ensure we have the means to continue our journey of exploration. But we must do it soon - not a generation from now, or even a decade from now. We cannot lose momentum or fail to build on the tremendous advancements we've made.

This means making the U.S. space program a priority. It means increasing the pace of exploration and mission development. We are in deep economic uncertainty and our spending needs to be reined in. But in addition to cutting spending, we must be strategic about how we allocate our resources. An active NASA ensures that America will continue to harness the technology that keeps our economy vibrant and growing. America's return on investment in science has been multifold throughout our history. If we support the brilliant scientists, engineers and astronauts at NASA, there is no limit to the extraordinary discoveries they can make, nor to the benefits to America's quality of life and national security as a result.

*Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior senator from Texas and the Ranking Member of the Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation.*



KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON

# Labor Day — placing workers at the center

This upcoming Labor Day, our country continues to struggle with a broken economy that is not producing enough decent jobs. Millions of Americans suffer from unemployment, underemployment or are living in poverty as their basic needs too often go unmet. This represents a serious economic and moral failure for our nation.

Officially more than 12 million workers are looking for work, but cannot find a job and millions more have actually given up seeking employment. Millions more are underemployed; they are willing to work full-time, but there are not enough jobs available. More than 10 million families are "working poor" — they work hard, but their jobs do not pay enough to meet their basic needs.

Admittedly, there are some who do not want to work and claim benefits they do not deserve. However, the sad fact is that more than 46 million people live in poverty and most disturbingly more than 16 million children grow up poor in our nation.

These harsh economic realities bring terrible human costs for millions of families, who live with anxiety and uncertainty and cope with stagnant or failing wages. Many are forced to work second or third jobs, which places further strain on their children's well-being. These people are not abstractions: they are fellow family members, relatives

## Opinion

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# WTASWCD to meet Wednesday

## Special to the Herald

The West Texas Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts will meet Wednesday, at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center in Midland. Guest speaker will be Steve Verett, executive vice president of the Plains Cotton Growers Inc. PCG has been an advocate for High Plains cotton growers since 1956.

"Registration will start at 9 a.m. with the meeting to begin at 10 a.m.," said Jody Schumann, president of the West Texas Association SWCDS.

Verett's talk will focus on the current farm bill negotiations with a special emphasis on the House Ag Committee's version. In addition, Verett will talk about the Commodity Title and Conservation Titles of the bill.

During the organiza-

tion's business meeting, SWCD directors will hear from dignitaries from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts and the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service on state and national soil, water, and related natural resource issues.

Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts coordinate the implementation of and deliver coordinated natural resource conservation programs to farmers

and ranchers. Additionally, SWCDS participate in planning, implementing, and managing programs for preventing and abating agricultural and silvicultural non-point sources of water pollution.

Soil and Water Conservation Districts also participate in a water supply enhancement program through the targeted control of water-depleting brush. They work to ensure local flood control dams are protecting lives and property by providing operation, maintenance,

and structural repairs. Seventeen soil and water conservation districts in the western region of the state where the High Plains, Edwards plateau and Trans-Pecos geological regions merge are members of the WTASWCDs.

Counties the SWCDS serve include Borden, Scurry, Fisher, Andrews, Martin, Howard, Nolan, Taylor, Midland, Glasscock, Sterling, Coke, Runnels, Reagan, Irion, Upton, Tom Green, Concho and Schleicher Counties.

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

The Glasscock County ISD will hold a public meeting at 9:00 A.M., AUGUST 30, 2012 in Glasscock Co. ISD Administration Office, 308 W. Chambers, Garden City, 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	\$1.0171/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$.0749/\$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	51% increase or _____% (decrease)
Debt service	50% increase or _____% (decrease)
Total expenditures	51% 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	\$1,676,713,860.00	\$3,273,103,716.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$1,843,636.00	\$16,196,817.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$1,543,485,181.00	\$3,139,253,212.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$1,723,934.00	\$16,056,344.00

\* "Appraised value" is the amounts 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\* \$7,211,550.00

\*Outstanding principal.

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rate

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.04010	\$0.07480*	\$1.11490	\$12,593.00	\$1,783.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.97710	\$0.07998*	\$1.05708	\$28,941.00	\$374.00
Proposed Rate	\$1.0170	\$0.0749*	\$1.09200	\$33,304.00	\$462.00

\*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 the district.

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

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$66,727.00	\$72,547.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$53,382.00	\$58,038.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.114900	\$1.09200
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$595.15	\$633.77
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$38.62

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 \$1.01710. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.01710.

### 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)	\$5,175,809.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$85,597.00

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**Dear Annie:** My problem is my husband's much younger 18-year-old sister. Because there's such an age gap, "Lauren" has always been given whatever she wanted and told that everything she does is wonderful. My husband's parents are only in their mid-50s, but say they're "too old" to be raising a teenager and never discipline her. Lauren steals and lies to her teachers. She told them she had leukemia and needed an operation while she hid out at a friend's house until the school nurse called to inquire about her health.

Unsurprisingly, Lauren didn't get accepted into any of her preferred colleges. I have a teaching position at the local university, and my mother-in-law asked whether I could pull some strings and get Lauren into my school. I honestly don't feel that Lauren reaches the caliber of student my department requires. I told my mother-in-law as gently as I could that Lauren needs to stand on her own two feet and learn how to do things for herself. I offered to help her submit a college application and said I would take her to meet with the registrar, but that's as far as I would go.

My mother-in-law got very upset and asked me to leave. She then called my husband at work and told him what a mistake he made when he married me and how I'm ruining the family. This phone call was followed by one from his brother, who said if



KATHY MITCHELL  
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I don't help Lauren, I'm no longer a member of their family. Then his wife phoned and called me names. A few weeks later, we were invited to a family cookout, and they acted like nothing happened.

I know I did the right thing, and I'm not giving in. My husband says to let it go, but I want an apology. Am I wrong in asking for one? — *N.Y. Wife*

**Dear N.Y.:** You are not wrong, but asking for an apology from these people is not going to improve family relations. Let it go. It does not benefit Lauren to have so little discipline and direction, and her parents are both lazy and negligent in their parenting. Suggest to Lauren that she apply to community college. It will give her time to get her act together while providing a decent education and college experience that she can parlay into a four-year university program if she does well.

**Dear Annie:** My husband and I are both retired. We are comfortable, but by no means wealthy. Our daughter, divorced for several years, is marrying a successful businessman who drives a fancy car and owns two homes and a boat. Money is not an issue for them.

What do we give them as a wedding gift? We want it to be meaningful, but due to our limited income, we can't afford anything lavish. And it doesn't help

that they already have everything they need. Any suggestions? — *Baffled*

**Dear Baffled:** Don't think in terms of the price. Perhaps you have a cherished family photograph that you could put in an engraved frame. Meaningful gifts can include a bottle of champagne with two engraved glasses, a gift card to a spa, a romantic basket of chocolates or a "gift certificate" for a week of home-cooked meals. You could even write a letter expressing how much your daughter means to you and how happy you are that she has married such a wonderful man.

**Dear Annie:** I read the letter from "Becoming Resentful," whose fiance spends more time with his ex-wife and teenage kids than with her and her son. Here's some advice that I recently was given: Never make someone a priority in your life who makes you an option in theirs.

I only wish I had heard this years ago, but I surely will follow that advice from now on. — *Not Resentful in Roanoke, Va.*

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## Dear Margo

## I vote for symbolism; Have a wedding, but get legally married later

**Dear Margo:** I don't know what to do. Last December, my boyfriend proposed to me. We planned a small, simple wedding to take place in the early fall. Then, a couple of weeks ago, I found out I am pregnant. While we are happy, it suddenly changed everything.

Legally marrying is going to hurt us financially right now, and we have to consider the baby and how to best provide for it. It's too late to call off the wedding, and after much discussion we decided we don't care if the government acknowledges us as married. We would rather be married in the eyes of our friends and family.

We still want to go through with the ceremony — but not tell people about the non-legal aspect. Our parents are the only ones who know. We aren't registering or asking for gifts. When people ask what we want, we tell them we just want everyone to have a good time. We felt this way even before the baby came into the picture. Is this wrong of us? We plan to go quietly to the courthouse as soon as the situation changes enough to make it reasonable to be legally married. Are we wrong? — *Faux Bride*

**Dear Faux:** These days, there is no "wrong" when it comes to tying the

knot and having babies. There are shotgun weddings, babies without weddings, weddings that are really parties, parties that are really weddings and white bridal gowns that accommodate a pregnant belly. Whoever thought the day would come when people would decide to marry only when their children made the request? It's the commitment that counts, and your concern for finances makes your decision the smart thing to do. Happy non-marriage and happy baby to you both. — *Margo, festively*

## A Weighty Question

**Dear Margo:** I am in college, and my longtime girlfriend decided to take a gap year. She is finally coming home after not having seen each other for a year. It was our decision to Skype only occasionally; thus, she has not had a chance to see the 20 pounds I gained this year.

Ordinarily, this wouldn't be a problem, but she lost her father to a coronary due to weigh-related issues. This, understandably, made her super



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health-conscious about herself and me. Because of this, I don't know how to break the news to her. Should I tell her before I see her or try to explain myself after the fact? I love her, and I know she loves me. I certainly don't want to lose her because I've been careless about my health this year, nor do I want to seem like I've totally disregarded her lifestyle choices. How shall I proceed? — *"Henry" (not my name)*

**Dear Hen:** If I were you, I would not resort to any kind of advance warning system. That would simply cloud the homecoming and build up a negative vibe. It would not be good to email something like, "It will be so great to see you. And by the way, don't faint, but I might remind you a little of the Pillsbury doughboy."

I would suggest, probably at the moment you see her eyes widen at the sight of you, that you say you missed her so much that you were acting out in the bakery department, but you've already started a program to drop those 20 pounds. So start -- right now! -- getting a handle on the situation by working out or joining Weight Watchers or whatever will get you

back on the road to healthy eating. — *Margo, speedily*

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**Refinery explosion in Venezuela leaves at least 7 dead**

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — An explosion rocked the Amuay refinery in Venezuela early Saturday, killing at least seven people and injuring dozens, an official said.

Falcon state Gov. Stella Lugo gave the initial death toll on state television, saying at least 48 people were injured.

People who were nearby at the time of the blast early Saturday posted video on the Internet showing a ball of fire over the refinery.

Lugo said firefighters and National Guard troops were securing the area after the blast at the refinery, located on the Paraguana Peninsula in western Venezuela.

**Apple's \$1B award in Samsung patents lawsuit could mean fewer smartphone options for consumers**

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Apple Inc.'s \$1 billion legal victory could mean fewer smartphone options for consumers to choose from, analysts said.

A federal jury's verdict Friday that Samsung Electronic Co. stole Apple's technology to make and market smartphones using Google's Android software sends a warning to other companies manufacturing similar devices, the biggest marketplace threat to Apple.

"Some of these device makers might end up saying, 'We love Android, but we really don't want to fight with Apple anymore,'" said Christopher Marlett, CEO of MDB Capital Group, an investment bank specializing in intellectual property. "I think it may ultimately come down to Google having to indemnify these guys, if it wants them to continue using Android."

That's if the verdict stands. Samsung, the Seoul-based global leader among smartphone makers, vowed to fight. Its lawyers told the judge it intended to ask her to toss out the verdict.

"This decision should not be allowed to stand because it would discourage innovation and limit the rights of consumers to make choices for themselves," Samsung lead lawyer John Quinn said. He argued that the judge or an appeals court should overturn the verdict.

**Police try to piece together why quiet loner killed ex-colleague outside Empire State Building**

NEW YORK (AP) — A gunman who killed a former co-worker in cold blood in the shadow of the Empire State Building and then was shot dead by police after he turned his gun on them spent long hours in the quiet of Central Park, photographing hawks and marveling over nature's beauty.

His victim was a gregarious salesman, beloved by his nieces and nephews as the fun uncle who could

talk with equal expertise about the New York Jets and the women's fashion accessories he sold.

Investigators on Saturday were trying to piece together what caused Jeffrey Johnson, a T-shirt designer, to ambush Steve Ercolino, an apparel company vice president, a day earlier outside the Manhattan offices of the company where they once were colleagues.

Police said Johnson hid behind a car and then killed Ercolino with five gunshots as he arrived for work.

Johnson then was shot by two police officers who confronted him on a busy sidewalk.

Security camera footage showed the officers had only an instant to react when Johnson suddenly turned as they approached and pointed his gun at them, his arm cocked as if to fire.

**Romney turns to Ohio after string of distractions**

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Mitt Romney and running mate Paul Ryan look to shrug off the latest in a series of unwanted distractions when they face Ohio voters as the Republican presidential ticket for the first time.

The two men are appearing at a Columbus-area rally Saturday morning, less than 24 hours after Romney raised the discredited rumor that President Barack Obama wasn't born in the United States. The comment, and his efforts to explain it, overshadowed Romney's economic message as he campaigned near his Michigan birthplace on Friday.

The Ohio rally is expected to be Romney's final public appearance of the weekend.

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and friends. By our choices, initiative, creativity and investment, we enhance or diminish economic opportunities, community life and social justice. We should ask—how can our choices in economic and public life enhance the lives of workers, pursue economic justice and promote opportunities?

Our nation urgently needs an economic renewal that places workers and their families at the center of economic life and creates enough decent jobs for everyone who can work. Work is more than a paycheck — it helps raise our families, develop our full human potential and share in God's creation and contributes to the common good. Everyone and every institution has a role to play in building a more just economy.

In this time of economic turmoil and uncertainty, we need to reflect on the moral and human dimensions of too much poverty and not enough work. We are called to work together — business, church, labor and government — to build a productive economy that offers opportunity, creates jobs, generates growth, protects the dignity of working people and respects the family and promotes genuine human development. The relative silence of candidates and their

campaigns on the moral imperative to resist and overcome poverty is evident and disheartening. Despite unacceptable levels of poverty, few candidates and elected officials speak out about pervasive poverty or offer a path to overcome it. We need to hear from those who seek to lead this country about what specific steps they would take to lift people out of poverty. This would be an important step in fixing a broken economy. This Labor Day we pray for all laborers. We thank them for their generous service for our country. We pray for the unemployed and hopefully we will all make a new effort to be active participants in overcoming the economic problems that are before us.

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### Steers hold their own against tough Estacado squad



**By BRIAN MCCORMACK**  
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LUBBOCK — After two scrimmages, Big Spring Head Coach Phillip Ritchey is still trying to iron some things out, but he was impressed with his team's endeavor against Lubbock-Estacado on Friday.

"We are definitely a better team today than we were when we started," Ritchey said. "Overall, the defense played well. The offense played well too, but there are some things we need to work on. Effort-wise and technique-wise, I thought we did well."

Sophomore Tobyn Tannehill again quarterbacked the Steers and Ritchey said he "backed the Steers better in this scrimmage than the last one — with some heavy pressure on him."

Big Spring didn't breach the plane against the Matadors, however, the Steers did threaten during the live quarter.

"We were on the seven (yard line)," Ritchey said. "A touchdown pass went through our hands in the end zone. We tried again on the next play and (Estacado) made a good play. They batted the ball. It killed our hopes of a touchdown."

Despite the Matadors being what Ritchey described as "one of the best teams in the region," the Steers allowed them to score only once.

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Big Spring's defense swarms an Lubbock-Estacado ball carrier during its second scrimmage Friday. The Steers have wrapped up preseason play and will begin regular season action against Fort Stockton on the road Friday.

### 'Steer Nation' '3x5' flags now available for purchase at ATC

Want to show your support for the Big Spring Steers? Get a 3'x5' 'Steer Nation' flag to hang in front of your home or business. The Big Spring High School athletic department is selling black and gold flags, which school officials hope will help energize the community for the 2012 football season. According to a press release from the school, "the flags will be a positive influence for our school and commu-

nity. It would be a wonderful way to get the staff, community and businesses to display a flag showing support for our young men and great school district, especially on Fridays."

If you are interested in purchasing a flag, contact the athletic office at 264-3662 for delivery, or stop by the Dorothy Garrett Athletic Training Center to pick one up between the hours of 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. The cost per flag is \$10.

### C.T.G.C. Ladies Golf Association News

The Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association cancelled its weekly playday Aug. 13 due to the threat of rain. At Thursday's couples play Aug. 16, the team of Vaughn Martin, Trish Gabbert and George and Betty Murphy took first place. Second was claimed after a scorecard playoff by Donnie and Shirley Long and Bill and Bobbie Holden. Third place went to John and Gus Leonard and Ray and Sue Russell. George and Betty Murphy also landed closest to the pin on Holes Nos. 3 and 6, respectively.

Last Monday's playday saw Linda Dewaters take low net, while

low gross went to Connie Fowler. JoAnn Hillger took the fewest putts.

First place in last Thursday's couples play went to Jo and Patsy Sharpnack and Bill and Bobbie Holden with a score of 4-under par. Donnie and Shirley Long and Ray and Sue Russell shot a 1-under par and took second after a scorecard playoff. Third place was earned by Vaughn Martin, Trish Gabbard, Jerry Roach and Annie Ward.

Ray Russell landed closest to the pin on Hole No. 3, while his better half, Sue, took the honors on Hole No. 6.

### It's official: Armstrong stripped of his 7 titles

His seven Tour de France titles legacy in tatters, Lance Armstrong is heading back outdoors and into the public eye.

A day after the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency punished Armstrong with a lifetime ban from professional cycling and erased 14 years of his career after concluding he used performance-enhancing drugs, Armstrong is scheduled to ride in a mountain bike race in Aspen, Colo., on Saturday and follow it up by running a marathon there Sunday.

And he has no plans to slow down any time soon, despite the whirlwind of controversy swirling around him.

Armstrong spokesman See **STRIPPED**, Page 9A

Mark Higgins said Armstrong also still plans to attend the World Cancer Congress in Montreal where's he scheduled to deliver a keynote address to thousands in attendance.

"He's getting out there," Higgins said.

Anti-doping and cycling officials will continue to address his career.

USADA said Friday it expects cycling's governing body to take similar action, but the International Cycling Union was measured in its response, saying it first wanted a full explanation of why Armstrong should relinquish Tour titles he won from 1999 through 2005.

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AP photo

Texas' Adrian Beltre salutes the crowd following after batting for the cycle during Friday's game against the Minnesota Twins. The Rangers won 8-0.

### Harrison, Beltre lead Texas in shutout over Minnesota

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Minnesota Twins haven't figured out how to slow down Adrian Beltre.

They also couldn't get anything going against Texas left-hander Matt Harrison.

Beltre hit for the cycle and Harrison pitched eight innings after taking a no-hit bid into the seventh Friday night in the Rangers' 8-0 victory.

"Pretty much dominated by the young left-hander over there, he pretty much ate us up," manager Ron Gardenhire said. "We were pretty much a non-factor in the game today. They pretty much dominated."

Minnesota didn't get a hit until Trevor Plouffe lined a single to left off Harrison (15-7) with two outs in the seventh. Jamey Carroll followed with another hit before Alexi Casilla had an inning-ending comebacker.

"He had good run on his fastball, throwing a pretty good changeup," Carroll said. "He works real fast and you never get settled in there. He's throwing strikes, hitting both sides of the plate, and we couldn't really find anything to get its way through until (the seventh)."

The Twins (51-74), who have the AL's worst record, are 1-7 on their 10-game trip that wraps up with two more games against the AL West-leading Rangers this weekend.

Samuel Deduno (4-2) lost his second consecutive start after winning his first four major league decisions. The right-hander allowed seven runs and 11 hits over five innings.

Deduno's throwing error contributed to the Rangers scoring five runs in the second for a 6-0 lead.

The solid single by Plouffe came right after

left fielder David Murphy made a diving catch fully extended on Ryan Doumit's sinking liner to keep the no-hit bid intact. Murphy had no chance to get to the next ball hit his way.

"That was an unbelievable play," said Harrison, who pumped his fist when Murphy made the catch. "I guess I got a little too excited right there. I still feel like I made a pretty good pitch to (Plouffe)."

After shaking off catcher Luis Martinez calling for a fastball, Harrison threw a changeup. Plouffe got enough bat on the ball to knock it over the infield for the Twins' first hit.

Beltre completed his second career cycle with a seventh-inning single. It came two nights after he hit three homers in a game against Baltimore.

After an RBI triple in See **SHUTOUT**, Page 9A

# STRIPPED

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Organization, which runs the world's most prestigious cycling race, said it would not comment until hearing from the UCI and USADA. The U.S. agency contends the cycling body is bound by the World Anti-Doping Code to strip Armstrong of one of the most incredible achievements in sports. Armstrong, who retired a year ago and turns 41 next month, said Thursday he would no longer challenge USADA and declined to exercise his last option by entering arbitration. He denied again that he ever took banned substances in his career, calling USADA's investigation a "witch hunt" without any physical evidence. USADA chief executive Travis Tygart described the investiga-

tion as a battle against a "win-at-all-cost culture," adding that the UCI was "bound to recognize our decision and impose it."

"They have no choice but to strip the titles under the code," he said.

That would leave Greg LeMond as the only American to win the Tour de France, having done so in 1986, 1989 and 1990.

LeMond did not immediately respond to messages requesting comment left through his attorneys and friends.

Armstrong on Friday sent a tweet about his plans to race in Aspen, but did not comment directly on the sanctions.

The UCI and USADA have engaged in a turf war over who should prosecute allegations against Armstrong. The UCI even backed Armstrong's failed legal challenge to USADA's authority, and it cited the same World Anti-

Doping Code in saying that it wanted to hear more from the U.S. agency.

If Tour de France officials follow USADA's lead and announce that Armstrong has been stripped of his titles, Jan Ullrich could be promoted to champion in three of those years. Ullrich was stripped of his third-place finish in the 2005 Tour and retired from racing two years later after being implicated in another doping scandal.

The retired German racer expressed no desire to rewrite the record book of cycling's greatest event, even though he would be the biggest beneficiary.

The International Olympic Committee said Friday it will await decisions by USADA and UCI before taking any steps against Armstrong, who won a bronze medal at the 2000 Sydney Games. Besides

the disqualifications, Armstrong will forfeit any medals, winnings, points and prizes, USADA said, but it is the lost titles that now dominate his legacy.

Every one of Armstrong's competitive races from Aug. 1, 1998, has been vacated by USADA, established in 2000 as the official anti-doping agency for Olympic sports in the United States. Since Armstrong raced in UCI-sanctioned events, he was subject to international drug rules enforced in the U.S. by USADA. Its staff joined a federal criminal investigation of Armstrong that ended earlier this year with no charges being filed.

USADA said its evidence came from more than a dozen witnesses "who agreed to testify and provide evidence about their firsthand experience and/or knowledge of the doping activity of those in-

involved in the USPS conspiracy," a reference to Armstrong's former U.S. Postal Service cycling team.

The unidentified witnesses said they knew or had been told by Armstrong himself that he had "used EPO, blood transfusions, testosterone and cortisone" from before 1998 through 2005, and that he had previously used EPO, testosterone and Human Growth Hormone through 1996, USADA said. Armstrong also allegedly handed out doping products and encouraged banned methods — and even used "blood manipulation including EPO or blood transfusions" during his 2009 comeback race on the Tour.

In all, USADA said up to 10 former Armstrong teammates were set

to testify against him. Had Armstrong chosen to pursue arbitration, USADA said, all the evidence would have been available for him to challenge.

"He chose not to do this knowing these sanctions would immediately be put into place," the statement said.

Armstrong said he has grown tired of defending himself in a seemingly endless fight against charges that he doped while piling up more Tour victories than anyone. He has consistently pointed to the hundreds of drug tests that he passed as proof of his innocence during his extraordinary run of Tour titles.

"There comes a point in every man's life when he has to say, 'Enough is enough.' For me, that time is now."

# STEERS

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Big Spring will open its regular season Friday against Fort Stockton on the road. Ritchey feels his squad is ready for the opener.

"We have seen them scrimmage," Ritchey said.

# SHUTOUT

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the first inning against the Twins, his first three-base hit in two years, Beltre had an RBI double to cap the Rangers' five-run second. Beltre led off the fifth with his 24th homer, his third consecutive game with a homer.

Over the past four games, Beltre is 12 of 18 with five homers, three doubles and a triple. He had three hits with a homer in the series opener against Minnesota on Thursday night.

The other cycle for Beltre also came at Rangers Ballpark, when he was playing for Seattle on Sept. 1, 2008.

Ironically, he had three of his hits that night off Harrison.

Beltre knows it would have probably been impossible for a cycle off Harrison on this night.

"No chance," he said.

"Maybe one, one little blooper."

Harrison allowed only two singles, his second consecutive start allowing only two hits in eight innings. The last Rangers pitcher to accomplish that was Jim Bibby in July 1973.

Harrison struck out five and walked two while throwing 118 pitches.

"A guy that was in control from the first pitch. He certainly commanded the strike zone, got a lot of quick outs," manager Ron Washington said. "He was locked in."

After walking the second batter of the game, Harrison didn't allow another runner until he misplayed Ben Revere's comebacker in the third and threw the ball away. That was the same inning third baseman Beltre fielded Casilla's high chopper off the plate and threw him out on a close play at first.

Josh Hamilton singled

I think we will measure up well. Physically, we'll have an advantage size-wise. We match up pretty evenly as far as speed goes. Hopefully, we will start this thing off with a big win."

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and scored on Beltre's triple in the first, when centerfielder Revere appeared to have the ball within his reach but was

unable to come up with it as he ran hard toward the left-center wall. It was Beltre's first triple since July 26, 2010.

## Youth Football League Signups Open

The Crossroads Youth Football League is holding open registrations at the Big Spring Mall on Monday-Thursday from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. as well as each Saturday from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Registration will close Saturday, Sept. 1. The cost per athlete is \$75 for the 5-7 year old division and \$160 per child for Division 1 (6-8 years) and Division 2 (10-12 years). Payment arrangements are available, but must be paid in full by Sept. 14. Any businesses wishing to sponsor a team for \$200 will receive an advertising spot at the field at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex.

For more information, contact Jeff Vidal at 816-6871. The league will be providing financial assistance to those who apply and qualify. There are limited resources so please apply a.s.a.p. at a registration time.

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♥A 6  
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Pedro Assumpcao was North for Brazil and Gabriel Chagas South when this deal occurred. The opening notrump bid showed 13 to 15 points, and two clubs was Stayman, indicating interest in a major. Two diamonds denied a four-card major, and three clubs by North was also an artificial bid, asking South to pin-

point his distribution.

Three hearts announced precisely 2-3-4-4 distribution, and North — knowing that his partner also had only a doubleton spade — decided to take his chances in a 4-3 heart fit rather than in notrump.

So, while the overwhelming majority of the 44 other North-South pairs floundered in three notrump, and went down one after the automatic spade lead, Assumpcao and Chagas found the best game contract of four hearts and easily made it after West led the ace and another spade.

It was clearly one of the best-bid hands of the tournament, but, unfortunately, there was an ironic twist. It turned out that their Brazilian teammates at the other table had been incorrectly seated North-South in the 30-board match, instead of East-West, and the entire match had to be canceled — even though the Brazilians had soundly trounced their world-famous Italian opponents at both tables.

Instead of replaying the match, which would be normal in such circumstances, the authorities decided to award each team an above-average score. Although this was somewhat unfair — especially to the Brazilians, who had played so well — justice was served in the end when Brazil wound up winning the Olympiad and its first world championship.

Tomorrow: Famous Hand.

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# Sugar Land's new hurler Rocket says he's not 'major league ready'

SUGAR LAND, Texas (AP) — Roger Clemens says his weekend start in the minors shouldn't be viewed as a prelude to a big-league comeback.

The 50-year-old Clemens is scheduled to pitch Saturday for the Sugar Land Skeeters against the Bridgeport Bluefish in the independent Atlantic League.

"I don't know how much clearer I can say it," Clemens said Friday. "I'm nowhere near major league ready, nor have I been training or pitching in that type of mode."

But Houston Astros owner Jim Crane told

KRIV-TV the team is open to the idea of adding the seven-time Cy Young Award winner and is sending a scout to the game.

"If it goes all right and he comes to us, we'll talk to baseball about it at length," Crane said. "The only thing we don't want to do is make it a publicity stunt. If we did it, I want to try and take it and turn it into a positive, which would be Roger's doing it for the good of baseball. The extra proceeds on the game might go to the (Astros') community charity deal to build (baseball) fields, do something positive

out of it."

Clemens has a personal services contract with the Astros and he said Crane has been supportive of him.

Clemens last pitched in September 2007, with the New York Yankees. Two months later, former trainer Brian McNamee accused Clemens of using performance-enhancing drugs in the Mitchell Report. In June, Clemens was acquitted of charges he lied to Congress when he denied using PEDs and he's maintained a low profile until this week.

Clemens acknowledged that he and Crane may talk, but he was vague about what that meant for his future. He did say that he wasn't interested in working for the Astros as a coach or in the front office.

"I appreciate his comments, and I'll go to bat for him, whatever he wants me to do," Clemens said. "I'm looking forward to it, when this is all said and done, whether we do something this year, or we do something in spring training, I'll get up there and demonstrate, just like I have. I like to get up and demonstrate with the guys. I'll do this the next couple of days here, too."

If Clemens appears in a major league game, it will push back his appearance on the Hall of Fame ballot from the one going out late this year until 2017.

For now, Clemens says he's looking no further than Saturday and will decide later how much — or if — he pitches again. He compared the outing to a spring training start and says he's not concerned about the results.

"I'm going to go out and pitch and try and stay healthy," Clemens said. "If I feel good, I'll turn a couple loose. If I don't, I'll try and pitch a little bit, get out there and let everybody whoop it up and get out of there and let 'em start playing well."

Clemens decided to join the independent team on Monday and was introduced on Tuesday. The Skeeters, in their inaugural season, instantly gained national attention and overshadowed the Astros, who have the worst record in baseball.

The capacity at the Skeeters' home ballpark is 7,500, and all the tickets for Saturday's game sold out within 90 minutes. The team ordered 1,500 T-shirts with his name and No. 21 on the back, and Clemens' jerseys — at \$15 — were hot items in the merchandise store inside the ballpark.

"Hopefully, this is not the only time he'll pitch for us," said Christopher Hill, the team's vice president of business development. "He's the biggest name in baseball."

The Skeeters' manager is former Minnesota

Twins third baseman Gary Gaetti, a two-time All-Star who turned 54 on Sunday. He and Clemens became friends when Clemens pitched for the Astros and Gaetti was Houston's hitting coach from 2004-06.

Gaetti began talking to Clemens about his oldest son, Koby. Originally a first or third baseman, Koby Clemens was drafted by the Astros in 2007, and recently signed a minor-league contract with Toronto. Along the way, Gaetti texted Roger in April and asked if he would consider playing for the Skeeters.

"He said, 'That sounds interesting,'" Gaetti recalled. "I think I could go out and do five innings right now."

Clemens joked that he may not last more than two innings on Saturday.

"Get here early," he said, "cause it might go by pretty quick. I hope it's more than one or two innings, but it might not be. I don't know what to expect. I'm going to get out here, kick my leg up and try to get behind some baseballs, and turn 'em loose."

Clemens says he bought 125 tickets for family and friends, including some former teammates.

"It's exciting," Clemens said. "It's into the summer, the kids are going back to school, it's going to be fun."

Wearing a white shirt, blue jeans and a burnt orange University of

Texas baseball cap, Clemens walked into the Skeeters' clubhouse about 4:15 p.m. Friday and peeked into Gaetti's office.

"Tell me what I need to do," he said.

Clemens walked through the clubhouse and shook hands with every Skeeter, including former major-leaguer Scott Kazmir, who started Friday night. A piece of masking tape above Clemens' locker read: "Rocket (hash) 21."

Clemens reserved his last greeting for righthander Tim Redding, who was pitching for the Astros when Clemens arrived in 2004. Redding only signed with the Skeeters a week ago.

"He just wants to be one of the guys, and it's great to have him here," Redding said. "I know we all can't wait to see him perform."

Gaetti said he's only expecting one start from Clemens, and will leave the decision to make more to the Rocket.

"I know Roger, I know what he can do," said Gaetti, who hit a grand slam off Clemens in September 1993. "I'm anticipating one start, right here. One start. Depending on how things go, and what he decides he wants to do — if he feels like he can help us win some ballgames, and he feels good about what he's doing, then why not (more starts)?"

"A lot of it is going to be determined on how he feels," Gaetti said.



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## Rangers' Young on MLB's paternity list

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers infielder Michael Young has been placed on the MLB's paternity leave list following the birth of his third son.

The Rangers made the move Friday, when they selected the contract of infielder Luis Hernandez from Triple-A Round Rock to take Young's roster spot.

Young, who came out of Thursday night's game early when his wife went into labor, can be on the paternity leave list for a maximum of three days.

Hernandez, primarily a shortstop, was hitting .262 with eight homers and 66 RBIs in 126 games at Round Rock.

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The couple met on a blind date while they were in the Air Force and stationed in San Antonio, Texas. One year later, they were married at the courthouse in Seguin.

The couple had three children; William Jr., deceased; Diana and husband Bill; and Carlos.

They have four granddaughters; Shannon Brown, deceased; Amanda Brown, deceased; Melissa Sayers; and Tori Bohanon, as well as two great-granddaughters; Laila Hoover and Katie Kirkham, all of

Big Spring.

Bill is retired from the U.S. Air Force and the Met Life Insurance Company.

Nancy is retired from the U.S. Postal Service after working 27 years at the Big Spring office.

They are affiliated with the Catholic and Protestant churches and are life members of the American Legion.

Throughout their marriage, they have lived in El Paso, Texas, Limestone and Bangor, Maine, Rapid City, S.D., Spain, and Central and South America.

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Thursday: Breakfast: pop tarts, sausage, variety juice, milk. Lunch: sub sandwiches, pinto beans, salad trays, watermelon, milk. Hot pockets.

Friday: Breakfast: pancake on stick, syrup, apple juice, milk. Lunch: pizza, seasoned corn, apples, milk.

Big Spring ISD

Monday: Breakfast: apple jacks, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: grilled cheese patty, french fries, baby carrots, ranch dressing, sliced apples, milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: sausage roll,

assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: spaghetti, pears, garden salad, ranch dressing, green peas, roll, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: baked cheese stick, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: oven fried chicken, beans and rice, tossed salad, ranch dressing, fruit cocktail, roll, orange smiles, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: blueberry muffin top, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: charbroiled meatballs, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, peaches, sliced bread, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: pancake on a stick, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: barbecue turkey sandwich, sweet potato tots, sliced cucumbers, ranch dressing, pineapple chunks, banana, milk.

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Wednesday: Breakfast: hot pocket, juice, milk. Lunch: spaghetti with meat sauce, green peas, tossed salad, bread stick, apple and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: donuts, juice and milk. Lunch: taco salad, lettuce and tomatoes, cheese, seasoned corn, applesauce and milk.

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# Focused on healthcare

## Early intervention key for BSSH

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
Staff Writer

Medical news was the focus at the State of the Community Series, which took place Tuesday morning.

Many of the local medical entities — Big Spring State Hospital, Howard County Community Health Center, VA Medical Center and Scenic Mountain Medical Center — were represented and provided updates for those in attendance.

“We are really pleased



Moughon

That’s the whole point of this; these are informational get-togethers for the community,” said Jan Forseyth, president of the Big Spring Area Chamber.

Regarding Big Spring State Hospital, Ed

with attendance in these series. We hope each of those attending goes away with information you didn’t have when you got here.

Moughon approached the presentation with information regarding the business model as well as the type of business the state hospital conducts.

In the past year, the 400-bed facility changed the designation of 40 beds. Those beds were moved and are now designated as residential.

“The transition of the 40 beds happened last year as a cost-saving measure,” Moughon said. “It allowed us to transition 40 beds out of the hospital accredita-

tion to therapeutic residential accreditation. That saved some jobs for the state of Texas and saved about \$1 million by doing that.”

Another topic addressed was accreditation — a hospital would qualify if it could show savings of at least 10 percent — due to the signing of a new bill by the legislature.

By moving the beds, the Big Spring State Hospital was placed in a category which will

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# Energy Watch



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Volatile markets. Global uncertainties. A slower than expected domestic economy. Despite all these headwinds, the S&P 500 is up nearly 12 percent this year. How is that possible? Many of the investors we talk to are not thinking positively about the stock market and are downright gloomy about the future. Part of it is human nature. People tend to think that what is happening now, good or bad, is going to continue to happen in the future. In reality, good times do not last forever. Neither do the bad times.

Right now, many investors are focused on the bad things that might happen in the world that would negatively affect their investments. The topic of conversation at most social events is not the stock market rally but the potential for financial collapse in Europe and the sluggish economy here at home. Many retail investors seemed to have lost interest. Baby boomers are retiring by the thousands every day and a good portion of them are trying to figure out if they have saved enough to enjoy their time out of the work force. Some have suffered through two dramatic bear markets in the last 12 years and are fearful that another major market setback could put a permanent dent in their savings which would greatly affect their quality of life.

However, we continue to believe that one of the best ways for most individuals to accumulate wealth over time is through investing in the stock market. Emphasis on “over time”. Markets are not a one way street. A big surge up. Then, a gut wrenching pullback. Then, stuck in a trading range for months. Our current rally has taken the S&P 500 into the 1400 — 1450 range we have been projecting for year end. Is the market a bit ahead of itself and the fundamentals? We think so. But markets normally do trade ahead of the fundamentals. Investors, as measured by the overall stock market, are usually good at anticipating what lies ahead.

We think there is a good chance that investors reassess their current enthusiasm over the next couple of months as headlines out of Europe and fiscal cliff worries here at home temporarily take a little steam out of the market. And do not forget we have a Presidential election in November. Should a pullback occur, we intend to take advantage of the opportunity and add to equity positions in those sectors most sensitive to the ebb and flow of the economy.

But, for now, the upside momentum continues. Most investors are acting as if the stock market has stumbled through most of the year; but, that just is not the case. We recommend that short-term investors exercise some patience and not chase stocks higher. For long-term investors, valuations are still attractive but we think there will be better opportunities to buy stocks at lower levels. By almost any measure, and despite the fears gripping many investors, the stock market has had a great year.

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# Development opportunities plentiful: SMMC

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
Staff Writer

Scenic Mountain Medical Center is gaining ground and striving to provide quality care, according to its chief executive officer.

“There are a lot of great development opportunities at Scenic Mountain,” said Larry Rodgers, hospital CEO.

“This past year, we have really put the pedal to the metal.”

Last year, SMMC received the Press Ganey award for the quality of care provided there. According to Rodgers, the hospital was one of 13 in the country to receive the award.

“Press Ganey is a quality warehouse that looks at hospitals to



see what they are doing in regards to quality care practices. There are several thousand hospitals in the country and we were one of 13 and we just continue to be wowed by that,” Rodgers said.

Several recognitions and designations have been given to the hospital in the past 12 months.

The emergency room was given a trauma four designation. Earlier in the year, SMMC received

information from the American Heart Association it was awarded the silver medal.

“Last year we got the bronze for heart disease, this year we got the silver and hopefully next year we will get the gold,” Rodgers said.

Awards are not the only things coming in to SMMC.

Within the next few months,

See **SMMC**, Page 5B

# VA Medical Center completes outpatient center

Wrapping up Tuesday’s State of the Community Series on healthcare was Ken Allensworth, VA Medical Center associate director.

“On behalf of Dan Marsh and veterans in the room, thank you for your service,” Allensworth said. “We take great pride in the noble mission that we have in treating one of our nation’s most honored resources, our veterans.”

The local facility is responsible for 50,000-plus veterans in a 53,000-square-mile radius from Abilene to Fort Stockton and San Angelo to Hobbs, N.M.

“One of the big proj-



ects just finished is our mental health outpatient center.

“Another thing we have done is imbedding telemedicine to help obviate the travel and time veterans are having to spend to go to specialty clinics,” he said. “It has

been very well received and access to care and quality of care has increased.”

Other additions at the VA include the remodel of the urgent care department, temporarily located on the third floor, and the first floor.

The design stage of a community living center has begun as well.

“We were approved to begin designing construction of the CLC project. It will be in the greenhouse model which will include the construction of a 10-bed cottage with the end result being 40-beds in 10-bed cottages,” Allensworth said.

The fourth and final part of the 2012 State of the Community Series is set for Nov. 6 at the Dora Roberts Community Center at noon. Part four will focus on industrial updates.

For more information, contact the chamber at 432-263-7641.

Thursday afternoon, members of the community, Chamber board members and Salvation Army staff were on hand for a dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Boys and Girls Club facility at 811 W. Fifth St.

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**District Court Filings:**  
Robin Denise Waddill vs. William John Waddill, divorce.  
Lupita Gonzales vs. Ricardo Gonzales, divorce.  
In Re Chole Dee Ann Cate, family.  
Cecilia P. Garcia vs. Juan Garcia, family.  
Maria Hinojosa vs. Alexander Gutierrez, protective order.  
Ronnie R. Rivera vs. Veronica M. Ortiz, divorce.  
Jamie Templin vs. James Templin Jr., protective order.  
Terrilyn Star-Dugan vs. Ronald Lee Dugan, divorce.  
Leta Miller Dotson vs. Michael Lee Dotson, divorce.  
Chelsea Buske vs. Cody J. Cottingham, family.  
James Philip Ringener vs. Jillery Jo Ringener, divorce.  
Quert Huitt vs. Brad Kinard, civil.  
Emory Pepper Jr. vs. Do-reen Pepper, divorce.  
Leslie Stevens vs. Clark Coskey, divorce.

**Marriage Licenses:**  
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John A. Deanda, 45, and Leticia Escanuela, 47, both of San Antonio.

**Warranty Deeds:**  
Grantor: Jesilin Rigano and Hayward Rigano  
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Property: The W/40 feet of Lot 5, Block 14, Original Town of Big Spring  
Date: May 8, 2012

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Grantee: Luis C. Flores and Audrey Freitag  
Property: Lot 2, Block 1, North Side Addition  
Date: May 8, 2012

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Grantee: Alberta Martinez  
Property: A 1.65-acre tract out of Section 34, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: July 17, 2012

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Grantee: Big Spring ISD  
Property: Lot 11, Block 5, Monticello Addition  
Date: July 16, 2012

Grantor: B&B Investment  
Grantee: Bobby Baker  
Property: Lot 14, Block 1, McEwen Addition  
Date: May 1, 2012

Grantor: Ruth G. Murchison  
Grantee: Murchison-Guitar Family LP  
Property: Sections 1-30, Block A, B&C Survey  
Date: April 30, 2012

Grantor: Rosendo Franco  
Grantee: Jose Bustamante  
Property: Lots 4-5, Block 4, Lakeview Addition  
Date: April 30, 2012

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Grantor: A.J. Pirkle and Debie Pirkle  
Grantee: Joel DeLaGarza and Kelli DeLaGarza  
Property: Lot 11, Block 7, Highland South Addition No. 6  
Date: June 15, 2012

Grantor: Patti King  
Grantee: Heather C. Keesee  
Property: Lot 8, Block 16, Kentwood Unit No. 2  
Date: June 26, 2012

Grantor: Claven C. Larson  
Grantee: Sammy Rodriguez Sr. Augustina Rodriguez  
Property: The N/13 feet of Lot 9 and all of Lot 10, Block 8, North Belvue Addition  
Date: June 22, 2012

Grantor: Johnnie Leon Hobbs and Frances Hobbs  
Grantee: David Burris and Kandi Burris  
Property: Lot 10, Block 37, Original Town of Big Spring  
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Property: Lot 6, Block 8, Coronado Hills  
Date: April 30, 2012

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Grantee: Ray Deleon and Victoria Deleon  
Property: Lot 10, Block 5, Parkhill Addition  
Date: July 19, 2012

Grantor: Donnie Reid  
Grantee: Chad Kemper and Ashley Kemper  
Property: A tract out of Section 6, Block 31, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date: July 19, 2012

**BSSH**

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help it from being privatized. Privatization has received a big push by the legislature, according to Moughon.

"There is currently underway a proposal to privatize one hospital in Texas, but no name

can be released at this time," Moughon said. "The state is looking to find any way they can to save money. They continue to have problems funding their obligations to Medicaid and the school finances."

Moughon said Big Spring State Hospital will be "solid" going into the next session, but be-

cause of the boom in the oilfield, the biggest challenge being faced has to do with workforce.

"Psychiatric care seems a little hocus-pocus, but it's not. It's really medicine, some of the best we have ever seen in our industry. It's about safety, reducing the use of psychiatric restraint. I am always

amazed the number of our customers brought to us in handcuffs and our job is to love them to recovery and not restrain them in the process. Our guys do wonderfully," Moughon said.

The local state hospital has adopted a philosophy which started through the incorporation of early childhood education. According to Moughon, childhood trauma is said to com-

pound the recovery process with significant psychiatric disorders. Research showed enormous financial burden and health issues are tied to childhood trauma.

"We have found if we would be more sensitive to childhood trauma then we could help individuals recover. It has made a world of difference in business that we do," Moughon said. "They can take medicine

to deal with the voices and the symptoms, but the emotional deregulation that prevents them from taking it when they get out typically relates to childhood trauma."

He wrapped up by saying, "Our best intervention is real early intervention."

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**SMMC**

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new staff members will be joining the local crew. Dr. Roland Cheng, an orthopedics doctor from Arkansas, is scheduled to start his practice toward the end of September.

"We are excited to be bringing him on and have him helping out. He will be joining our family medical center in orthopedic services," Rodgers said. "He will be a wonderful addition to us and will help provide more orthopedic surgery providers here."

New sleep lab equipment was brought in with the assistance of Dr. Archana Rao — who is board certified in neurology and sleep medicine — from San Angelo.

"I can't say it is state of the art, but it is some of the best practice equipment out there as we detect sleep medicine," Rodgers said. "She (Dr. Rao) will be reading

those studies for us. We eventually hope to get her here and providing services a couple times a month."

Earlier this month, a new four-member pathologist group started with a fifth physician to join as well.

"They will really be engaged with our medical staff in treating various disease processes," Rodgers said. "This is something we started last year in our medical clinic and have expanded that into the hospital."

Other additions include a new emergency services group which was started in April and the offering of hospitalist services, staff that works primarily in the hospital and reports back to the primary care physician.

"The quality of life is becoming an issue with our physicians," Rodgers said. "They are having to spend a few hours making rounds at the hospital, then going to their office and seeing patients for about three or four hours and

then going back up to the hospital for another few hours and then returning around 6 or 7 o'clock at night to do paperwork. Doing that 365 days a year, 24-7 is a very difficult thing to do."

"Best practices are out there now. We are understanding disease processes better and physicians are being trained to only work in the hospital now, which means you may not see what your primary care physician while you are in the hospital," Rodgers said. "Our hospitalist program is going to be wonderful. They are going to be on site and more accessible which will allow us to be more effective."

The hospitalist program will begin Sept. 1. To find out what else is happening at SMMC, visit www.smmccares.com.

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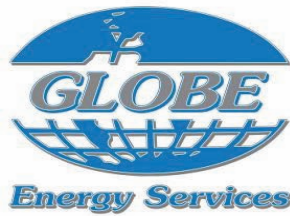
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**Public Hearing**  
The District Judge will conduct a public hearing on the salaries of the Auditor, Assistant Auditors, and Court Reporter. Citizens are invited to attend and comment. The hearing will be held at 10:00 am on September 7th at the 118th District Court Building, 312 Scurry Street, Big Spring, TX. Signed: Jackie Olson County Auditor #7469 August 26, 2012

**Legals**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JEAN MARIE HART, Deceased, were issued on July 30, 2012, in Cause No. P-14024, pending in the County Court of HOWARD County, Texas, to: Nat Hart. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: **Nat Hart** 15299 Wagon Wheel Circle Chandler, Texas 75758 DATED the 22nd day of August, 2012. C.E. (Mike) Thomas III Attorney for Nat Hart State Bar No.: 19845200 501 Gregg Street P.O. Drawer 2117 Big Spring, Texas 79721 Telephone: (432)263-4142 Facsimile: (432)267-2763 #7482 August 26, 2012

**Legals**

**Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase**  
The Howard County will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 6.72 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted. The first public hearing will be held on August 20, 2012 at 10:00 am at 300 Main Big Spring Tx, 3rd Floor at Courthouse. The second public hearing will be held on September 10, 2012 at 10:00 am at 300 Main Big Spring Tx, 3rd Floor at Courthouse. The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

**FOR:**  
Emma Puga Brown Commissioner Precinct 1  
Donnie Baker Commissioner Precinct 2  
John Cline Commissioner Precinct 4

**AGAINST:**  
Jimmie Long Commissioner Precinct 3

**PRESENT:**  
and not voting:

**ABSENT:**  
The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Howard County last year was \$36,687. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.436720 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$160.22.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Howard County this year is \$46,223. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.309221 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$142.93.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.330000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$152.54. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views. #7472 August 12 & 26, 2012

**Legals**

**Public Notice**  
The Howard County Commissioners' Court will conduct a public hearing on the proposed 2012-13 budget at 10:30 a.m. on September 10, 2012. Citizens will have an opportunity to comment. For more information contact Jackie Olson, County Auditor, 432-264-2210, 300 Main Street, Courthouse 2nd floor, Big Spring, Tx. Signed: Jackie Olson, County Auditor #7470 August 26, 2012

**Legals**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MARY ALICE DALTON, Deceased, were issued on August 20, 2012, in Cause No. P-14097, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: LINDA BEST and CAROL BECKER.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **GLYNNA MOUTON Attorney at Law MOUTON 7 MOUTON, PC 200 West Third Street Big Spring, TX 79720**  
DATED the 20th day of August, 2012.

GLYNNA MOUTON Attorney for LINDA BEST and CAROL BECKER State Bar No.: 14606500 MOUTON & MOUTON, PC 200 West Third Street Big Spring, TX 79720 Telephone: (432)263-8397 Facsimile: (432)263-8686 #7483 August 26, 2012

**Legals**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
In accordance with Local Government Code, Section 152.013, the following expenses of elected officials are proposed to be increased in the 2012-13 budget for Howard County, Tx:

Increase above original budget for 2011-12  
For all elected officials, excluding commissioners, district judge and constable onetime salary supplement\* \$ 1,019

District Judge:	
Machine maintenance	200
Telecommunications	50
JP Dobbs:	
Building maintenance	100
Utilities	300
District Clerk:	
Travel	500
County Clerk:	
Machine maintenance	250
Travel	1,000
County Judge:	
Travel	500
Tax Collector:	
3 months salary for clerk*	7,154
Travel	2,500
Printing	3,000
Machine maintenance	1,300
Bonds	4,700
Sheriff:	
Deputies- estimate for annual pay scale adjustment*	15,192
Jail:	
Employees- estimate for annual pay scale adjustment*	11,648
Cleaning supplies	2,000
Jail supplies	6,000
Uniform expense	2,000
Building maintenance	10,000
Inmate medicine	5,000

\*does not include increase in affected benefits  
A copy of the proposed budget is available by contacting Jackie Olson, Auditor, 432-264-2210, Courthouse 2nd Floor, Big Spring, Tx. #7484 August 26, 2012

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). You may feel as though someone is stalling, and as frustrating as this may be, it's also liberating if you look at it in the right light. Take back the power, and reclaim your schedule.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You're on your own journey, so there's no point in making marks of comparison in other people's lives. What your friend is doing is especially irrelevant to your path.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You've been working

in the dark, metaphorically, and you may be starting to suspect that no one knows where the light switch is. It's up to you now. Go shine your light and get this mission accomplished.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Getting gussied up is a pleasure in itself that happens to make social life more fun today. But underneath the decorations, your beautiful soul is even more radiant.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). In every life, pain and loss are a matter of fact. It just comes with the territory. Your advantage now is that you have a knack for letting go, finding a gift in the experience and moving quickly past it.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are a special creation of your own making. As it usually goes in the business of making things, the first time doesn't always turn out, so keep trying new techniques.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Make plans, and then expect them to go well. You'll have confidence because you know that you're prepared for the best possible outcome and also for the worst.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Doing nothing is not the same as inaction. Sometimes doing nothing — in an alert, observant way — is the absolute best action. When the time is right to move, you'll be ready.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll make friends quickly today. Don't worry. You won't have to keep in touch forever if you don't want to. Sharing in the building of a beautiful moment is enough.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The shifting scenery around you today is a reminder that whether you hold up your palm against it or turn and swim its current, life goes on. You'll make split-second decisions about how to deal.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your rapport with a certain someone gets better with every interaction. This person brings out the best in you. Consider spending more time together.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Everyone will not be moving at the same pace. You are polite, and yet unless you are in the armed services, the situation may require you to leave a man behind.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (Aug. 26). This year is like changing the channel of your life. You'll shift your thoughts to a new desire in September. October brings a perfect blend of education and entertainment. November is romantic, and you'll get to know someone's family better, too. December is your chance to freshen up your environment. Aries and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 12, 24, 18 and 29.

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<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>DOWN</b>
1 Trot out	1 Gloria Steinem alma mater
9 Long-billed wader	2 Site of the One Pillar Pagoda
15 Cop-show plot devices	3 Ruling
16 1998 PGA Player of the Year	4 Grinds, perhaps
17 It's filtered in Saudi Arabia	5 Heels
18 Its logo resembles an odometer?	6 Eliot's middle name
19 Jam ingredients?	7 Line at a cab stand
20 Stunt (extreme sport)	8 Where Skype was developed
22 "Whoa!"	9 Musical whose finale is a fashion show
23 Runner's supporters	10 Cohost of the 2007 Peace Prize Concert with Kevin
24 Fit to serve	
25 Calculating	
26 They're meant to hold food	
30 Cook landfill of 1777	
34 Not fancy at all	
35 Erstwhile eatery	
36 Help in beating the odds	
37 Timorous	
38 Comeback seekers	
39 Seminary study	
41 "___ like the passage of an angel's tear": Keats	
42 National Organic Program sponsor	
43 Artifice	
47 Jockey alternative	
49 Physical add-on	
50 Crayola color retired in 1990	
51 Self-appraisal query	
53 Require	
55 <i>Television's Original Genius</i> subject	
56 PDF file, e.g.	

11 <i>Star Wars</i> was in it in 1997	12 Honorary American citizen	13 Ages	14 Like yucca blossoms	21 Cohort, for short	24 <i>China Beach</i> setting	25 Visit	26 Made up ground	27 Inventor Otis	28 Next	29 Half a matched set	30 Revolution monitor	31 One might cling to a 33 Down	32 Mingle with concertgoers, perhaps	33 Entourage magnet
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# EDC: Sales tax, prospects up

By **AMANDA DUEFORAT**  
Staff Writer

Finances were the hot topic during the August meeting of the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation.

"Our sales tax is rocking right along at an 18 percent increase for the year, which is a good indication of the economy here in Big Spring," Executive Director Terry Wegman said.

For July, \$189,023 was received through the sales tax, a 13-1/2 percent increase when compared to July 2011. According to Wegman, July's numbers are almost the biggest month yet regarding sales tax revenue.

"It is good to see the sales tax is still coming along," BSEDC president Justin Myers said.

Approval was also given to the 2012-2013 annual budget. The majority of the items included in the budget were reduced from the previous budget, according to Wegman.

"This budget is more realistic and paints a clearer

picture of what we are doing," he said. "This is what the city expects to be seeing, something more realistic to what we are doing."

Mayor Tommy Duncan agreed.

"I am really impressed. The city understands that these numbers may change and if you have a good prospect and the numbers needs to go up then I believe the council members will be open to that." Duncan said.

Before the meeting concluded, Wegman delivered updates regarding Boyce Galvanizing and THS (Transport Handling Specialist).

"The Boyce Galvanizing project is moving along with the first load of zinc already here and more coming in," Wegman said. "(They are) still searching for more equipment, and looking all over the state in order to ensure they receive it at the best cost."

Work on the rail line at the industrial park continues, with a rail design

route being approved. The locomotive is scheduled to arrive soon with a second locomotive already being commissioned.

"They anticipate enough volume to have a second locomotive and both should be here within the next couple of weeks."

According to Wegman, there are several potential clients looking to locate to the Big Spring area because of the rail line. There are also certain corporations already on the airpark that have shown interest in the rail line usage.

"There is one company we are speaking with who is anticipating the volumes that will be coming through are going to call for an expansion, which could be about an additional 20 acres on the airpark somewhere," Wegman said.

The next meeting of the BSEDC will be held in September. To find out more information, visit [www.bigspringtx.com](http://www.bigspringtx.com) or call the office at 432-264-6032.

# Controlling brush can help save water in Permian Basin

STANTON — As the drought continues through 2012, we are reminded of just how precarious the state's water resources situation has become.

The problem is simple. While water demands, spurred on by rapidly increasing population growth, will increase, it will be difficult to boost water supplies. Among the measures being considered is clearing mesquite, juniper and salt cedar to increase ground and surface water supplies.

Studies of brush control show that mesquite, juniper, and salt cedar may be using, or wasting, as much as 10 million acre-feet of water in Texas each year. Modeling efforts suggest that removing brush should create water savings.

In 2000, a comprehensive study assessed the feasibility of brush control to free up water yields in eight Texas watersheds (the Canadian, Frio, Concho, Nueces, Pedernales, Upper Colorado and Wichita rivers, as well as basins that flow over the Edwards Aquifer recharge zone). These studies were funded by the Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board. Participants included lead Texas Agricultural Experi-

ment Station scientists, USDA, NRCS and USDA Agriculture Research Service personnel.

The goal was to predict the hydrologic impact of brush control practices within each watershed, based on computer-based methods.

The computer-generated information was verified through the use of extensive physical surveys within each region. The project produced a comprehensive technical report that identified the amount of water that could be expected to result from brush control efforts at specific sites, as well as the costs, benefits, and amount of government funding needed to introduce brush control. Most of the studies conducted, showed that removing brush reduced the amount of water used and also helped reduce erosion in the examined areas.

As water supplies continue to dwindle in surrounding areas of West Texas, highly concentrated research on brush water use is becoming even more crucial to local ranching and farming producers.

For more information regarding brush control, visit the Permian Basin Underground Water District website at [www.pbuwc.com](http://www.pbuwc.com).



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# Winners all around



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From left, Coahoma High School students Reagan Overton, Dillon Quinn and Whitney Dodson medaled at the Family Career and Community Leaders of America national competition in Orlando, Fla. earlier this summer. Quinn earned a gold medal in recycling and redesign, while Overton and Dodson were silver medalists in advocacy. In addition, teacher sponsor Lindsey Pinkerton was named the FCCLA's rookie teacher of the year for Texas.

# Olympics come to Northside Center



HERALD photos/  
Amanda Duforat



Kids at Northside Community Center celebrated the end of the summer program with a day filled with Olympic activities. They were able to take part in basketball, dodgeball, potato sack races and more. They also enjoyed hamburgers and the nicer weather that graced Big Spring on Friday afternoon. At the end of the festivities, the winners in each category were awarded "trophies."

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