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School Fitness Testing Shows Room For Improvement

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry, on his Web site July 9, published that "Texas Is America's Top State for Business," citing results of the CNBC "Top States for Business 2008" survey.

The survey scored each state on 40 different measures of competitiveness, using publicly available data.

Among measures used in the survey: cost of doing business, workforce, economy, education, quality of life, technology and innovation, transportation, cost of living, business friendliness and access to capital.

Texas' strongest showings were in economy, technology and innovation, transportation and cost of living.

Meanwhile, state Comptroller Susan Combs, had this to say in her "Comptroller's Economic Outlook" dated July 10:

"So far, the Texas economy continues to be in better shape than most other states. While we see a cooling in the economy,

there are aspects like good job growth and revenue growth that show the state is faring better than what's happening on the national front.

"Employment in Texas continues to expand. From May 2007 to May 2008, Texas gained about 238,700 jobs, which is more than the next seven top job growth states combined. Texas accounted for 53.4 percent of the jobs gained in the nation during that time period.

"Sales tax revenue is the state's largest source of general revenue. So far this year, sales tax revenue is 5.8 percent higher than the same period last year."

Tape of arson remains secret

A security camera videotaped the June 8 arson fire that gutted the Governor's Mansion.

The Texas Department of Public Safety sought a ruling from the Texas Attorney General's Office to prevent release of the tape, or copies of it, to the public.

If the fire had been ruled an act of terrorism, the tape would have been deemed confidential under federal and state homeland security laws. But there has been no such ruling.

However, the contents of the tape may be kept confidential under the Texas public information law, because it is part of an ongoing criminal investigation, the Attorney General's Office ruled.

AG looks at religious lit courses

The Attorney General's Office completed its required review of proposed rules by the State Board of Education regarding "religious literature" courses that Texas public high schools can offer under a law passed by the Legislature in 2007.

Deputy Attorney General Andrew Weber, in a July 9 letter to SBOE Chairman Don McLeroy, wrote that it could not be concluded

whether Bible courses would comply with the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution and that the attorney general's office is unable to "preclear" courses.

Constitutional challenges may arise over the way these courses are taught.

AG files Medicaid fraud lawsuit

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on July 9 filed a lawsuit in a Travis County state district court charging a list of generic drug manufacturers with reporting false, inflated drug prices to the Texas Medicaid program.

The lawsuit alleges that the manufacturers falsely reported prices, and as a result, Medicaid reimbursed pharmacies at vastly inflated rates. The false reporting of drug prices is a violation of the Texas Medicaid Fraud Prevention Act.

The lawsuit names Watson/

Schein Pharmaceuticals Inc. of California; Alpharma Inc. of New Jersey; Par Pharmaceutical Inc. of New Jersey; and Barr Pharmaceuticals Inc. of New York.

Census ranks fast growing cities

The U.S. Census on July 10 released data showing that in 2007, McKinney, Killeen and Denton ranked in the top 10 fastest growing cities in the nation.

In another category, numerical population increase, data showed Houston added 38,932 residents between July 1, 2006, and July 1, 2007, to lead the nation. Joining Houston in the top 10 on that list were: San Antonio, third; Fort Worth, fourth; and Austin, eighth.

New way to track 'your money'

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HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

there is a new Web site: Texas-BudgetSource.com.

The site is a project of the Austin-based conservative think tank, Texas Public Policy Foundation. Talmadge Heflin, a former state lawmaker, is director of the foundation's Center for Fiscal Policy. He said the purpose of the Web site is to bring greater transparency to government spending.

Brown Bag Hamburger Supper

Eagle Lake Elementary School • Meet the Teacher Night
 5:30 p.m. - Thursday, August 21, 2008

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Pictured are members of the Rice All-Stars. From left: Coach Oscar Owens III, Josue Reynoso, Todd Nicholas, Miguel Hernandez, Dylan Ferguson, Nick Contreras, R.J. Gonzales.

Rice All-Stars

The Rice Major Boys All-Stars recently competed in the Texas Little League District 13 All-Star games. Rice also recently played against Waller County, losing 3-11.

The boys played a very good game, they had some awesome plays and some great hits. They also played Lee County. They played a very good game and had the Rice fans on their toes, but ended up losing 6-15. The players that represented the Rice Major All-Stars are Ryan Almanza, Miguel Hernandez, R.J. Gonzales, Alejandro Gonzales, Marc Anthony Gonzales, Luther Cole, Josue Reynosa, Dylan Ferguson, Todd Nicholas, and Nick Contreras, and they were coach by Oscar Owen, Jr, Oscar Owen III, and Chris Ferguson. The parents of these boys would like to say thanks to the coaches for taking time out of their busy schedules to coach this great bunch of boys.

Let's Look Back... 24 YEARS AGO

August 2, 1984
G. Roswell (Rozzie) Burize III of El Campo has been named winner of the Texas ASA-Lexone Young leader award for 1984...

Mr. Louis Janik celebrated her 93rd birthday on July 24 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Marie Kopecky...

Little Tanya Lee Henske, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Henske of Agua Dulce, was the guest of honor at a swimming party observing her 7th birthday on Saturday, July 21 in Eagle Lake...

Miss Betty Lou Boenisch and **Robert DeWayne McFerrin**, both of Ardmore, were united in Holy Matrimony at 3 p.m. of July 21 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada. Rev. Msgr. Victor Schmidtinsky officiated at the double ring ceremony...

Kathryn Ishee and baby girl **Tiffany Nicole**, born July 23 were welcomed home by family and friends, grandparents **James and Chiquita Ishee**, great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe D. Yuen Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. George C. Ishee and godfather, **Bob Hudson**...

Sandy L. Greeson and **Barry B. Boyette** exchanged wedding vows at the Sublette Southern Baptist Church at 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 14...

Arthur and Dolly Johnson of Colorado Springs, Colorado announced the birth of their second child, a boy, born on July 25 at Fort Carson Army Hospital in Colorado Springs. The baby was named **Marques Trumaine Johnson** and weighed nine pounds, seven ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches long...

Mrs. and Mrs. Tim Flesner of Albuquerque, New Mexico are pleased to announce the birth of a son born on July 5 at 4:01 a.m. He weighed eight pounds, 1/4 ounce at birth and was named **Harris Adam Flesner**...

Service were conducted for **William Edward Sloan** Thursday, July 26 at 11 a.m. in the Johnson Funeral Home Chapel in Houston with Rev. T. Viven officiating. Burial was in Houston Central Cemetery...

Mrs. Lola Albright, 82, of Eagle Lake for the past year,

passed away Thursday, July 26 at the Heritage House. Graveside service and interment was held at 2 p.m. Friday, July 27 in the Fridens United Church, of Christ Cemetery near Beasley, with the Rev. Paul Krupicka officiating...

Hughy Birdwell, 80, of Alief, formerly a long time resident of Eagle Lake, passed away suddenly on Saturday, July 21 in the emergency room at Alief General Hospital. He was laid to rest at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 24 in Forest Park Westheimer.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

Thirty One Sentenced In County Court

Thirty-one individuals were sentenced in Colorado County Court on Wednesday, July 9. They included:

Sheridan Allen, theft of stolen property. Reduced to Class C, fined \$100, plus court costs.

Linda Carrizales, theft of stolen property. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, \$580 restitution, 10 hours community service, plus court costs.

Alberto Clavencio, fail to identify fugitive intent to give false information. Sentenced to 90 days in jail, credit for 103.

Elias Cruz, possession of marijuana and driving while license invalid. Sentenced to 60 days in jail, credit for 75, abandon count two.

Angelia Dancy, theft. Sentenced to two years deferred adjudication, fined \$100, plus court costs, and \$1,466.68 restitution.

Jackie Andel Gonzales, theft of stolen property. Reduced to Class C, fined \$100.

David John Juarez, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to 30 days in jail - weekends.

Sarah Kulhanek, assault causing bodily injury. Sentenced to six months deferred adjudication, fined \$100, plus court costs.

Johnathan O. McElwee, assault causing bodily injury to a family member. Sentenced to one

year deferred adjudication fined \$150, plus court costs, 50 hours community service and ordered to attend anger management classes.

Jack Miles, theft of stolen property. Sentenced to two years deferred adjudication, fined \$100, plus court costs, \$948.75 restitution.

Enrique S. Navarro, driving while intoxicated. Sentenced to 90 days in jail.

James Daniel Page, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$250, plus court costs, 25 hours community service, ordered to enter drug program.

Draper Parker, evading arrest/detention. Sentenced to 30 days in jail, plus court costs.

Joshua Rios, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$250, plus court costs, 25 hours of community service, ordered to attend drug classes.

Keith Sanchez, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$250, plus court costs, 25 hours community service, ordered to attend drug program.

Steven F. Scharer, possession of marijuana. Sentenced to one year deferred adjudication, fined \$250, plus court costs, 25 hours community service, ordered to attend drug program.

Lee Roy Paul Schuette, Jr.
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43rd Annual
BERNARDO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
Chickens & Sausage BAR-B-QUE
SUNDAY-JULY 20

Mentz Parish Hall

DINE-IN ADULT PLATE	CHILD'S PLATE	DRIVE-THRU PLATE
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