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**USD 480 presents 2nd Science Challenge at**  
**SCIENCE FAIR**  
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The Science Fair Project, which is a fun, hands-on activity for students to learn about the science of sound, is being presented Monday to show how it's done.

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**Billy's BBQ earns high marks in national restaurant guide, again**  
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The employees of Billy's BBQ, including (clockwise from left) Billy's BBQ restaurant guide, this is the first time in the history of the guide that Billy's BBQ has been ranked as a top 10 restaurant in the world.