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# Steers win, 49-0!

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## Hawk your wares at the county fair

By **AMANDA DUFORAT**  
 Staff Writer

There is still time to grab a booth space for the 2012 Howard County Fair. The fair, set for Sept. 27-29, will once again take place at the Howard County Fairbarn. Gates will open from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27 and Friday, Sept. 28 and from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29.

"At this time, we are trying to get the vendors lined up for this year's fair," John Paul Nichols, Howard County Fair publicity director, said.

Last year, there were more than 50 booths in the fair. Booth spaces are available

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HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat  
**Domingo Rios put the finishing touches on his motorcycle during the 41st Feltlow Customs Rod Run. There were more than 40 cars on display in the longest consecutive rod run in Texas.**

## Firefighters get the boot, raise funds to fight MD

**Herald Staff Report**

"Fill the Boot!" was the cry heard from Big Spring firefighters Saturday.

Members of the BSFD stood at the intersection on Gregg Street in hopes of raising funds in the battle against muscular dystrophy.

"This is a really good cause and we are proud to be able to support it," BSFD Lt. Greg McAlister said.

All funds raised Saturday will remain local and provide support for families dealing with muscular dystrophy — a group of inherited disorders involving muscle weakness and loss of muscle tissue, which progressively can get worse over time.

"This money will be used to support families with medical expenses and will also help send kids to a camp held in Happy, Texas, which helps ensure that they are able to have fun," McAlister said.

The Professional Firefighters Association has been supporting this program for more than 20 years. Big Spring Professional Firefighters Association 2922 has been taking part in it, as well, for many years, according to McAlister.



HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat  
**Chris Glenn holds up a boot Saturday morning during the Fill the Boot for Muscular Dystrophy campaign. At left, Jay Sudell collects a donation at the intersection of U.S. Highway 87 and FM 700.**

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## One killed in Friday morning accident

**Herald Staff Report**

An accident left one man dead early Friday morning just north of Big Spring.

An 18-wheeler and a motorcycle collided about a half mile north of Interstate 20 on U.S. Highway 87 about 6 a.m.

According to Department of Public Safety, the victim — driver of the motorcycle — is 30-year-old Nathaniel Meyer. Unconfirmed reports state that Meyer See **WRECK**, Page 3A

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Obituaries

Courtney Frances Cloud



Courtney Frances Cloud departed this world into the arms of her heavenly Father on Sunday, Aug. 26, 2012.

Courtney was born March 28, 1972, in San Antonio, Texas, and grew up in the San Antonio/Boerne area. She was the youngest child and only daughter.

Upon graduation from high school, Courtney was awarded a volleyball scholarship to Hastings College in Hastings, Neb. until sidelined by knee surgery.

In 1994, at the age of 22, Courtney was diagnosed with a brain tumor and underwent the first of five craniotomies.

After each surgery, until her fourth, Courtney returned to her work in the intensive care unit at Midland Memorial Hospital and the Heart Hospital in Austin.

As we left M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston after Courtney's last visit, the doctors and staff repeatedly stated that during the 11 years Courtney was under their care, they had never seen anyone with a more positive attitude and such a fighting spirit and will to live.

During these 11 years Courtney was able to enjoy travels to Asia, including China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore and Thailand.

Courtney was preceded in death by grandparents Tom and Maryon Barber and Roy and Esther Cloud and great aunt Lillian Barber Hall.

The family wishes to express our gratitude to Courtney's caregivers, including Stacie, Cindy and Yessenia of Comfort Keepers, and the many nurses, aides and others from Hospice Brazos Valley.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Brazos Valley, 502 W. 26th Street, Bryan, Texas 77803.

Paid obituary

Manuela G. Galan

Manuela G. Galan, 78, of Big Spring died Friday, Aug. 31, 2012, at her residence.

Support Groups

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Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
PEP - Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents...

Police blotter

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

- KELVIN WAYNE FLARITY, 19, of 608, Steakley, was arrested Friday on warrants for failed to maintain financial responsibility, fail to appear and expired motor vehicle inspection certificate.
PAUL Q-L ORTEGA, 33, of 605 W. Sixth, was arrested Friday on warrants for disorderly conduct by fighting and fail to appear.

Take Note

- Compass Hospice is in need of your help. If you would be interested in offering your love and God's comfort to those who are suffering, or to their families, contact Michelle Coutermarsh at 263-5999 or come by 602 S. Main.
The Class of 2014 will be raising money for prom Saturday, Sept. 15 outside Walmart from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

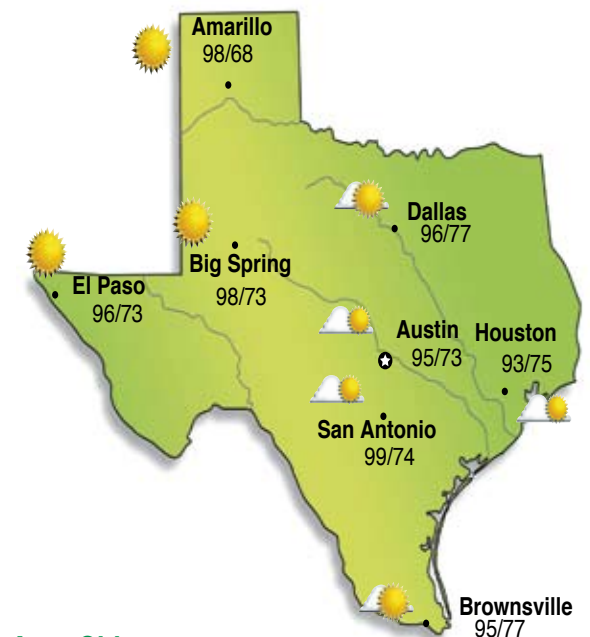
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Texas At A Glance



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We are lost for words to express our thanks to the people that came Sunday morning, woke us up to let us know our house was on fire. In all the excitement we failed to get their names. They know who they are. We are very grateful to them.

We thank God for his many blessings. Connie & Lou Key

# Wheels keep turning at 41st Feltlow Customs Rod Run



HERALD photo/Amanda Dufor

Cars, motorcycles — new and old — and other projects came from all around Saturday to take part in the 41st annual Feltlow Customs Rod Run at Comanche Trail Park. Cars were on display from 8 a.m. until around 3 p.m. During that time a cruise was also taken as part of the show.

## West Texas Food Bank presents the Best o' the West

BY LYXAN TOLEDANES

Take two Texas boys, add a dash of cowboy cooking and classical culinary training and mix in a little banter and friendly competition.

What do you get?

Cowboy Cook Tom Perini and Dallas-based Chef Stephan Pyles in a West Texas Chef style cook off at the West Texas Food Bank first annual Best o' the West Fest at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Commemorative Air Force Museum.

Best o' the West will replace more than a decade of Culinary Canvas fundraisers and will benefit the West Texas Food Bank and Junior League of Odessa Food 2 Kids program.

"We wanted to do an event that was more about our mission," WTFB Deputy Director Libby Campbell said. "If we could do the Chef cook off and make it fun and entertaining people would have a good time and they would remember it."

Raised in Abilene and now based at Buffalo Gap, and Pyles, a Big Spring native turned celebrity chef, will be the evening main event as they face off in a cooking demonstration and recipe swap.

Perini said audiences will be entertained by his and Pyles different cooking styles.

"We will either be doing something with foam or I will be building a fire," Perini joked. "I am going to be working with beef, bacon, jalapenos, coffee and corn. Those are different items we talked about, but we prepare completely differently. It is really a comparison of how a chef thinks, rather than just a cooking demonstration."

Perini said he and Pyles will engage in a little banter that the two have per-

fectured after multiple times of working together.

"He loves to pick on me, so I have to retaliate. It all in good fun. We have a really good time together," Perini said.

It will be fun for the audience to feel this kind of rapport, and of course people will be tasting the food. It is expected to be a show the audience will get lost in with a hilarious routine.

"You feel like you are with two friends in their kitchen," said Perini. "I volunteered to be at Best o' the West, because there are always people that need help even in times of economic booms. Though I know in Midland and Odessa everything is rolling and going, there are always people that need help. This is a way we can give back; it is a win-win deal."

People can have fun while raising money for this project, and Pyles will also be joined with the Doodlin Hogwallops, a band from the Big Bend, which will be playing throughout the evening.

Food from local restaurants will also be available for sampling. Best o the West will also feature a myriad of prizes in the live and silent auctions, which include a stay at the Perini Ranch, a dinner at Pyles restaurant in Dallas, a trip to Paris and classes at Le Cordon Bleu and trip packages.

While the WTFB Culinary Canvas fundraiser brought in more than \$100,000 in donations last year, Campbell said that there is no goal set for Best o' the West.

Any money raised during Best o the West will go immediately toward the food bank and Food 2 Kids.

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for profit and non-profit vendors.

"We are hoping to draw in more vendors than we did last year," Nichols said.

Indoor booths are \$175 and outdoor spaces are available for \$250.

"The ideal situation would be to sell out and

fill up the fair barn with vendors," Nichols said.

In addition to purchasing booth space, memberships are available. Money from memberships helps fund improvement projects in order to make the fair better each year.

"As a small town fair, we constantly strive to improve our county fair while being restricted by a small budget," he said. "We want to thank

all those who help and give to the fair."

For those wanting to volunteer, make a donation or reserve booth space, send emails to [info@howardcounty-fairoftexas.com](mailto:info@howardcounty-fairoftexas.com). Applications for booth spaces and other fair information can be found at [howardcountyfairoftexas.com](http://howardcountyfairoftexas.com).

Contact Amanda Duforat at 263-7331 ext. 234.

## State Briefs

### Man tries to escape police by swimming

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — A Southeast Texas man is in custody after trying to elude police by swimming through a bayou.

The *Galveston County Daily News* reports that officers tried to stop Shane Thomas Kerr at a Galveston apartment complex Thursday night. The 26-year-old Kerr allegedly got out of his car and jumped into nearby Greens Bayou. Police say he tried climbing a nearby hill and then re-entered the bayou before running in another direction.

Police eventually were able to talk Kerr into surrendering.

He's charged with evading arrest and was being held Saturday on a warrant related to a separate marijuana possession charge.

### Judge: Exonerated inmate must compensate ex-wife

DALLAS (AP) — A district judge has ruled that a Dallas area man wrongfully imprisoned for more than two dozen years must pay his ex-wife a share of any compensation the state gives him.

The *Dallas Morning News* reports that Steven Charles Phillips was cleared in 2008 of a string of sex crimes committed by another man in the 1980s. He spent more than two dozen years in prison.

Phillips and his wife, Traci Tucker, divorced in 1991. She sued him after his release, arguing that she too had suffered when he was wrongfully imprisoned.

Judge Lori Hockett on Friday ruled that Tucker was due \$114,000 in lost wages and an additional \$39,000 for attorneys' fees and expenses.

Under state law, Texas pays ex-inmates \$80,000 for every year they were wrongfully imprisoned.

### Mother gets life for baby's death

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — The mother of a slain 1-year-old boy found with his intestines ruptured has been sentenced to life in prison.

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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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Ruben P. Torres, 79, died Thursday. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Manuela G. Galan, 78, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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was not wearing a helmet upon impact with the 18-wheeler.

No injuries were reported in regard to the truck driver. Due to the accident, northbound traffic was blocked off for several hours.

Official details of the accident were unable to be obtained at press time. More information will be brought as it becomes available.

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## YOUR VIEWS

### Coward, not a hero

TO THE EDITOR:

When I read the Aug. 27 Big Spring Herald front page story, tears filled my eyes because the Vietnam Memorial is a special place.

It honors all the servicemen and women of Howard County who proudly served our country. Many gave their lives and it hurts that someone felt they had the right to go out there and destroy and take things that belong to our servicemen and women.

I am ashamed of whoever did this and pray that someday you will know just how very ugly and disrespectful you were.

My brother and many of his friends were just kids — 18 years old and older — when they went to Vietnam and they came back with scars, some you can see, some you can't, and those scars they earned because they were fighting to keep our country free.

They fought for you, too. And you showed your thanks to them by destroying and stealing things that belong to them. I feel sorry for you because what you did was an act of a coward, not a hero.

LANA F. ANGUIANO  
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### Reward offered

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to address the scumbags who vandalized the Vietnam Memorial — that is, if they can read.

When you are caught — and you will be caught — you will get a fair trial. The reason is, the veterans, they fought and died so that trash like you can get fair trials.

I would like the trial to end with you being sent to Vietnam for a few years. I bet you would come back with a different point of view of this country.

My wife and I are putting up a \$500 reward for information leading to your arrest, conviction and confinement.

Folks, this is a slap in the face to the veteran and the whole community. We need to bring these scumbags to trial. If you can donate anything to the reward, please do so. If you know anything about this, please come forward. Donations can be made to the Big Spring Marine Association at State National Bank.

CHARLES (CHUCK) CAWTHON  
MSGT. RETIRED  
BIG SPRING

P.S. If this money isn't used for reward purposes, we are leaving it there for improvements at the memorial. Hope you do the same.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we have heavenly enthusiasm,  
Lord, for You and Your word.

Amen

# Driving a hard(ly) bargain

When one schedules multiple speaking engagements in a brief time span, travel plans must be executed with precision. Otherwise, one may weep, gnash teeth, become ill and question much—including, "Why me, Lord?"

It is important at such times to remember: No one has to be anywhere.

There is wisdom in knowing when to run. If one is running to catch a train, not to worry, there'll be another one. If, however, one is running to get out of the way of a train, run like the devil.

My friend, Jim Bob Solsbery, goes around committing speeches on a fulltime basis. He made a dozen or so in August to help educators kick off the new school year.

My eyes crossed upon learning that he had six engagements in four days, a schedule calling for him to criss-cross Texas both on the ground and in the air.

Handling most of the driving, book sales and other details was wife Jan. Jim Bob mostly told his stories, encouraged Jan to "keep on truckin'" and calculated senior travel discounts. (He's on the front end of geezer status, keeping his driver's license handy to prove his age.) Solsbery is a hawk, finding discounts that tempt him like low-hanging fruit.

Anyways, Jan was dismissed at mid-week to return to their San Angelo home, so he reserved a rental car for her in Tyler. He

would keep the family car for driving to Thursday and Friday engagements, then head home on Saturday.

It looked good on paper before the "good news/bad news" rental attempt. They were "carless," having misplaced the reservation, but did have a cargo van available. They offered it at the same rate and agreed to waive the \$200 drop fee.

Great, thought he! Solsbery could reduce the rental charge by two days—if Jan didn't mind driving the van.

Jan would have none of it. The motivational parts of her hubby's speeches didn't resonate with her. She'd take the family car home, and Jim Bob could wrestle the van back to San Angelo whenever he chose.

Jim Bob gulped, remembering that earlier in the week she was wearing earpieces, choosing iPod music over his orations. She also confessed to ordering grandchildren's Christmas gifts online with her iPad (or iSomething) while he was speaking. Sometimes, she multitasked, both "ordering and iPod-ing" during his presentations.

Maybe he should have suggested initially that she take the family car. He said the van drove like, well, a van, and got all of 10 mpg. "I could see the fuel needle going downward," Solsbery said, admitting that gas cost more than the \$200 saved on the drop charge waiver.

Long-time surgeon Seale Cutbirth put away his scalpel years ago.

Julie Box, however, continues to remove growths daily. At her hair salon, that is.

She's a bit gun-shy when Dr. Cutbirth's haircut comes due. And with good reason. A while

back, she said she saw something fly through the air as she trimmed around his ear. "Julie, you cut my antenna," the doctor said. (She had snipped a tiny wire attached to his hearing aid.) He's dependent on hearing aids to hear part of what's going on in the world.

Cutting hair, Julie believes, can be like a box of chocolates.

Speaking of haircuts, the nation's unemployment woes were validated by JC Penney's recent August promotion that offered free haircuts. The 900 salons rang up more than a million free cuts at the half-way point of the give-away.

That brings to mind the story of a young man who was getting a haircut when the boss walked in. "I'm surprised that you are getting your hair cut on company time," the boss said, icily.

"It grew on company time," the employee said.

Political campaigns always produce "keeper" lines.

I loved the comment intended to besmirch Ann Romney.

"She's a known, practicing equestrian," one critic warned.

Movie critics and I rarely "geehaw."

A great current example is The Odd Life of Timothy Green, a "feel good" picture that most critics have given "C" grades.

It is beautifully photographed with marvelous music, and nary a bad word. So what if it is a little magical? Or even "cheesy," teens may say.

But, I loved War Horse, too.

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# Having belief in America

In the midst of the campaign season, with the party conventions getting underway, much of the rhetoric has grown contentious. At this point, I think it is helpful to consider why we hold the beliefs we do, whatever party we happen to be a member of.

My views were formed by our history. The first settlers came here for religious freedom. Our founding fathers fought and died for liberty. Our own forefathers came here to make better lives for themselves and their families — often starting with nothing — and gave their all to make it in the new country. It took courage and commitment and formed the American character, which propelled a young country to be the world's leader and a shining example for people around the world.

I believe that a country that was formed and succeeded because of the innovations of its people should limit government interference.

I believe that hard work, dedication and ingenuity should be rewarded. To me, that is the essence of America.

I believe that businesses and people thrive when they have the freedom to operate without overly restrictive regulation, and that when those businesses thrive, it is good for everyone: it creates jobs, propels the economy forward and revitalizes communities.

I believe that in the most diverse country on Earth, it is counterproductive to have a top-down, one-size-fits-all approach to policy. The needs of Lufkin, Texas are different from the needs of Boston, Massachusetts, just like the priorities of Alabama are different from the priorities of Connecticut. I believe we should let communities and states decide what is best for them and their unique requirements. I believe we should let the states decide their revenue options and provide most services, rather than having high federal taxes collected, cycled through the bureaucracy and returned to the states after the Feds take a cut.

I believe that a burdensome tax regime and the highest corporate tax rate in the world stran-

gles business growth, discourages innovation and runs the risk of driving our best and brightest companies and people overseas. I believe that small businesses, the engines of our economy, are disproportionately affected by such a regime, and that is bad for the small-business owners, the employees and the communities in which they operate. I believe that the government should embrace, support and respect those who have sacrificed to build their businesses.

I believe that this country has a unique history, where each generation worked hard, contributed to the nation's growth and saw their sons and daughters go on to do even better. I believe that is the American Dream, and I believe it is in jeopardy unless we return to our founding principles.

I believe that we must reverse the course we are on, so that we can return to an America where most of us believe that our best days are still ahead.

Because I still believe that America is the greatest nation on Earth.

*Hutchison, a Republican, is the senior U.S. senator from Texas.*



KAY  
BAILEY  
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# Rod Run tradition continues

HERALD photo/Amanda Duforat

David Hoadley, Wade Alexander and Gunr Alexander spent Saturday morning admiring more than 40 cars at the 41st Feltlow Rod Run — billed as the longest consecutive rod run in Texas — held at Comanche Trail Park. There were classic cars, newer model cars, unfinished projects and motorcycles on display. Cars were entered from as far as Amarillo.



## World Briefs

### Obama, Romney courting battleground states ahead of Democratic convention

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — President Barack Obama is embarking on a four-day march through battleground states and the storm-battered Gulf Coast in the lead-up to his party's convention as he seeks to blunt any momentum picked up by Republican rival Mitt Romney.

As his party's faithful began streaming to Charlotte, N.C. for next week's convention, Obama was returning to Iowa on Saturday. For his part, Romney looked to capitalize on a newly energized Republican Party fresh from its convention in Tampa, Fla., with a rally in Cincinnati before joining running mate Paul Ryan later in the day in Jacksonville, Fla.

Both campaigns were crisscrossing the country as the race entered September, each day adding to the

sense of urgency in a presidential contest that has remained tight since Romney sewed up the nomination in April. Both campaigns recognize that undecided elements of the electorate, including those in about eight key states, will begin to fully assess their options through the conventions and the upcoming debates in the weeks ahead.

"Hold us accountable. Listen to what we have to say," Romney said in a post-convention rally in Lakeland, Fla., on Friday. "I plan on winning in Florida. We love this country and we're taking it back."

Obama's run-up to the convention will take him through the battleground states of Iowa, Colorado, Ohio and Virginia, four states that he carried in 2008 but remain at the top of Romney's wish list. He was spending Saturday in suburban Des Moines and Sioux City, Iowa, before heading to Colorado for a Sunday event with

college students at the University of Colorado in Boulder.

### Isaac departs Gulf Coast; heat, humidity, exhaustion and frustration move in

BELLE CHASSE, La. (AP) — As Isaac's drenching rains and cooling winds drifted north of the Gulf Coast, heat and humidity moved back in — along with frustration, exhaustion and uncertainty.

People stuck inside stuffy, powerless homes were comparatively lucky. Thousands of others were displaced by floodwaters and had no idea where they would end up next. Some boarded buses to faraway shelters.

"I'm with my family, and my wife's with her family," said 35-year-old construction worker Jarvis Mackey as the couple and their two children boarded a bus to Shreveport, 5½ hours away from their Port Sulphur home, which lay underwater.

"All we can do is pray — pray we come back home to something," Mackey said.

LaPlace resident Roshonda Girrad was staying in a state-run shelter in Alexandria, 200 miles from her home. She was waiting for the chest-deep waters in her neighborhood to recede.

### Suicide attack near U.S. base in Afghanistan kills 12 people

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Two suicide attackers, one driving a fuel tanker, blew themselves up near a U.S. base in eastern Afghanistan on Saturday, killing at least 12 people, officials said.

The attack around dawn in the town of Sayed Abad in Wardak province, about 70 kilometers (40 miles) from Kabul, served as a reminder that even after a decade of fighting, tens of thousands of U.S. and foreign troops are still engaged in a war that shows no signs of slowing down despite the start of a withdrawal of coalition forces.

The U.S.-led NATO coalition said that no American or coalition troops were killed in the blasts. It confirmed that a number of troops were wounded, but did not say how many, in accordance with coalition policy.

Shahidullah Shadid, a spokesman for the Wardak provincial governor, said one suicide bomber detonated a vest rigged with explosives outside a compound housing the district governor's office as well as local police and Afghan army headquarters. A second bomber driving a fuel tanker detonated his bomb on a road separating the compound from the base.

Shadid said the dead included eight civilians and four Afghan police.

### Syrian troops shell Damascus neighborhoods after clashes with rebels

BEIRUT (AP) — Syrian activists say government troops are shelling neighborhoods in Damascus after overnight clashes with rebel fighters.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights says the bombardment of the southern neighborhood of Tadamon early Saturday followed street fighting with rebels there.

Another activist group, the Local Coordination Committees, says

troops also shelled the nearby neighborhood of Hajar Aswad.

Syrian regime forces have been able to recapture most areas of the capital that rebels seized in a July offensive.

But the opposition fighters continue to stage attacks using hit-and-run tactics in Damascus neighborhoods where they enjoy popular support, such as in Hajar Aswad, Tadamon and Qaboun.

### Ex-Marine who killed 2, self at NJ supermarket tweeted about killing coworkers in 2009

OLD BRIDGE, N.J. (AP) — Unhappy with his life as a Marine stationed in California, Terence Tyler posed a question three years ago on Twitter: "is it normal to want to kill ALL of ur coworkers?"

Struggling with depression, he left the Marines and recently started working at a supermarket in New Jersey.

On Friday morning, Tyler shot two co-workers and himself, police said. The 23-year-old, clad in desert camouflage gear, opened fire at a Pathmark store in Old Bridge Township, authorities said.

Authorities are investigating his motive, but family members said Tyler was discharged from the Marines two years ago after suffering from depression and had never gotten over his mother's death about five years ago.

Authorities said Tyler left his job as an overnight clerk at the Pathmark about 3:30 a.m. He drove off and returned to the store shortly afterward with a handgun and an assault rifle, Middlesex County Prosecutor Bruce Kaplan said. About a dozen workers were in the closed store, putting new prices into a computer.

### Agency says sitter also to blame for baby's death

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Maine's child welfare agency and a mother whose baby was allegedly killed by a 10-year-old girl agree — the girl's mother also is to blame.

The mother, who was baby sitting the infant when she died July 8 and whose daughter was charged this week with manslaughter, has not said if she plans to appeal the state agency's finding.

Three-month-old Brooklyn Foss-Greenaway ingested medication and was suffocated, her mother Nicole "Nicki" Greenaway of Clinton has said. The baby was staying overnight with the sitter in Fairfield, and Greenaway has said the sitter also should be held responsible.

The 10-year-old was charged in juvenile court and placed in the custody of the Department of Health and Human Services. The girl will not be tried in the state's adult court system, said Deputy Attorney General Bill Stokes. He said she is the youngest homicide suspect in his 35 years as a state prosecutor.

In a letter obtained Friday by The Associated Press, department caseworker Christopher Filteau wrote the sitter that she made mistakes by leaving the baby in her daughter's bedroom. The caseworker said the 10-year-old has behavior disorders and was not suitable for caring for the infant.

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# Trouble with the chair: Clint mocked for RNC bit

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Clint Eastwood earned plenty of bad reviews for his latest performance: a bizarre, rambling endorsement of Mitt Romney.

"Clint, my hero, is coming across as sad and pathetic," tweeted film critic Roger Ebert as Eastwood ad-libbed Thursday night to an audience of millions — and one empty chair — on stage at the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Fla.

"He didn't need to do this to himself. It's unworthy of him."

Eastwood carried on a kooky, long-winded conversation with an imaginary President Barack Obama, telling him that he failed to deliver on his promises, and it's time for Romney and his running mate, Paul Ryan, to take over.

"Mr. President, how do you handle promises that you have made when you were running for election, and how do you handle them? I mean, what do you say to people?" he said at one point to the empty chair.

Twitter was instantly ablaze with comments mocking the Oscar-winning director of "Unforgiven" and "Million Dollar Baby."

"Clint has now eclipsed the total word count of his last three films," tweeted film critic Richard Roeper during the speech, which was intended to last five minutes but went on for nearly 12.

Howard Kurtz, host of CNN's "Reliable Sources," said "Clint's empty chair act" was the "weirdest convention moment I have ever seen." Joe Scarborough, the conservative host of MSNBC's "Morning Joe," declared that "a great night for Mitt Romney just got sidetracked by Clint Eastwood."

Minutes after Eastwood began his speech, someone created an (@)InvisibleObama account on Twitter. It has already amassed 30,000 followers and counting.

"I heard that Clint Eastwood was channeling me at the RNC," tweeted comic actor Bob Newhart, known for his one-sided conversation bits. "My lawyers and I are drafting our lawsuit."

The 82-year-old actor and director also talked

about Oprah Winfrey, Obama's unfulfilled promise to close the U.S. prison at Guantanamo, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and lawyers. At one point, he referenced dismissing Obama and making a change.

"When somebody doesn't do the job, you gotta



let 'em go," Eastwood said. The tough-guy actor of "Dirty Harry" fame then drew a finger across his throat.

The Obama campaign shot back afterward by tweeting a photo of the back of the president's chair, with Obama's head peeking over it, along with the line: "This seat's taken."

Romney's wife, Ann, said she appreciates Eastwood's support, even if the actor's monologue isn't earning rave reviews.

Ann Romney said she did not know what to expect when Eastwood came on as a warm up act for the evening's speakers.

"He's a unique guy and he did a unique thing last night," she told "CBS This Morning."

Eastwood, a fiscal conservative who takes left-leaning stands on social issues such as gay marriage and environmental protections, made waves with conservatives earlier this year when he

starred in a Super Bowl spot for Chrysler, a company that benefited from government support. Eastwood, who endorsed Romney earlier this month at a campaign event in Sun Valley, Idaho, and once served as mayor of Carmel, Calif., defended his appearance in the commercial, noting it had nothing to do with his politics.

Inside the convention, the crowd cheered Eastwood's entrance and shouted his famed catchphrase, "Go ahead, make my day." But backstage, stern-faced Romney aides winced at times as Eastwood's remarks stretched on. After his speech, Romney's camp defended Eastwood.

"He's an American icon," Romney spokeswoman Gail Gitcho told CNN's Piers Morgan. "You can't look at him at through the same political lens that you would other politicians. He's Clint Eastwood."

There was seemingly more discussion Thursday night on Twitter about Eastwood's awkward performance than Romney's actual acceptance speech.

"Is this a segment for 'Mrs. Eastwood and Company?'" asked "Star Trek" actor Zachary Quinto on Twitter, referencing the "Keeping Up with the Kardashians"-like E! reality series starring Eastwood's wife, Dina.

Several celebrities and comedians lightheartedly hypothesized on the micro-blogging site how Democrats could top the over-the-top routine at their own convention in Charlotte, N.C., next week.

"To restore balance to the universe, Obama must have Tommy Chong onstage at the DNC talking to a steak," joked Patton Oswalt.

Original "Star Trek" actor George Takei said he was "drafting a DNC speech to (an) imaginary Romney in an empty factory."

"Saturday Night Live" cast member Seth Myers had an entirely different idea: "(Vice President Joe) Biden has to go shirtless for DNC to top it."

For Hollywood veteran Eastwood, his chance to rebound likely comes Sept. 21 in more familiar territory. That's when his next film, the baseball drama "Trouble With the Curve," opens.

## Entertainment Briefs

### Court: Monroe's estate can't block photo sales

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court says Marilyn Monroe's estate is powerless to stop a California company from selling her images without its permission.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ruled on Thursday that The Milton Greene Archives can continue to sell iconic images of the actress without paying her estate for publicity rights. The ruling hinged on Monroe's legal residency. She owned homes in California and New York when she died in Los Angeles in 1962.

Her estate at the time claimed Monroe was a New York resident to avoid paying California estate taxes. The court ruled that her estate can't now claim Monroe was a California resident to take advantage of a state law granting posthumous rights of publicity to the famous.

### Phil McGraw's 1957 Chevrolet convertible stolen

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — Talk show host Phil McGraw's pristine 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air convertible has been stolen from a Southern California hot

rod shop.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department says in a news release that McGraw was driving the collector car when it broke down on Sunday and was taken to the RODZ shop in Burbank.

The car is worth at least \$80,000 and was stolen that night.

The RODZ auto shop is offering a \$1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the thief and the safe return of the vehicle.

### Coroner: Sage Stallone died from heart condition

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sylvester Stallone's son Sage died at age 36 from natural causes due to a heart condition, coroner's officials said Thursday.

Sage Stallone's death on July 13 was attributed to a condition that causes blockage of the arteries, and no other factors were involved. It has been classified a natural death.

The actor and film director's sudden death stunned his family and friends. Sylvester Stallone's publicist described him as "devastated and grief-stricken" and the actor skipped several promotional events for his film "The Expendables 2."

Sage Moonblood Stallone was the oldest of Sylvester Stallone's children and co-starred with his father in two films.

He also became involved in moviemaking, directing the 2006 short "Vic," which screened at the Palm Springs Film Festival.

He made his acting debut in 1990's "Rocky V" and appeared with his father in 1996's "Daylight."

Also in 1996, Sage Stallone and veteran film editor Bob Murawski co-founded Grindhouse Releasing, a company dedicated to preserving and promoting the B-movies and exploitation films of the 1970s and 80s.

He was found dead in his home by an employee and a relative. No foul play had been suspected, and toxicology results showed only a minimal amount of hydrocodone in his system.

### French 'Elvis' leaves Caribbean hospital for U.S.

FORT-DE-FRANCE, Martinique (AP) — French singer Johnny Hallyday is out of a Caribbean hospital and on his way to Los Angeles.

The 69-year-old performer whose glittery rock shows have led some to call him the "French Elvis," spent five days in a hospital on the island of Martinique. He was in the cardiac section of the hospital but sent a message to fans via Instagram that it was nothing but a case of "severe bronchitis."

Hallyday boarded a flight early Friday from the French island to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He was then expected to travel to Los Angeles, where he has a home.

He walked slowly to the airplane, unaided except by an umbrella for the rain.

The singer was first hospitalized Sunday in Guadeloupe, then moved the next day to Martinique.

### TV's "Starksy" to fight drug charge in Ky.

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (AP) — The actor who played David Starsky in the 1970s police drama "Starksy & Hutch" is fighting a drug charge in Kentucky for what he says is medical marijuana from California.

The Daily News (<http://bit.ly/NGCyPG>) in Bowling Green reports an attorney entered a not guilty plea on Thursday on behalf of 69-year-old Paul Michael Glaser of Venice, Calif.

Bowling Green police charged Glaser with possession of marijuana and a pipe on May 10, hours after he read an excerpt of his young adult novel, "Chrystallia and the Source of Light," to students at a middle school.

According to a police citation, Glaser said he had medical marijuana prescribed to him in California.

He was arrested after an anonymous call to police that a man was smoking marijuana in a hotel.

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# Steers rout Panthers 49-0

## Dominant performance snaps 12-game losing streak dating to 2010

By **BRIAN MCCORMACK**

Sports Editor

**FORT STOCKTON** — The Big Spring Steers stunned a lot of people Friday with a 49-0 shellacking of the Fort Stockton Panthers. The big victory snapped a 12-game losing streak for BSHS and doubtless instilled confidence in Head Coach Phillip Ritchey and his squad.

Tobyn Tannehill, the sophomore sibling of the Dolphins' quarterback Ryan Tannehill, went 11-of-14 passing and racked up 239 yards as well as rushed for 36 yards in his first varsity start.

The first Steer possessions were all driven down the field for touchdowns — all with Tannehill at the helm.

"I surprised myself," Tannehill said after the performance. "I wasn't sure how I would do at the varsity level."

WR Devin Roberson was Tannehill's prime target, as he picked up 149 receiving yards and carried the ball twice for 25 yards on the ground, accounting for three TDs, as well as kicked all seven extra points for the Steers. RB Michael Oliva recorded 111 yards on 11 carries and found his way into the end zone twice.

The Steer defense stymied the Panthers throughout the evening, earning the shutout. The offensive line effectively cordoned Tannehill off, giving him time to make smart plays.

"The offensive line was great," Tannehill added. "They have been working hard everyday."

On the first Big Spring possession of the game, Oliva scored a touchdown on a 39-yard carry.

It would set the tone for the evening, as Tannehill made it look easy — a departure from last year's anemic offense, which totalled less than 1700 yards the entire 2011 season.

Following Oliva was Roberson, who ran in a 10-yard touchdown to give the Steers an early 14-0 lead.

In the second quarter, Ty'Ral Menefield brought home a 63-yard pass from Tannehill in the second quarter to increase the Steers' lead to 21. Ryan Pollard scored on a one-yard pass and Oliva contributed with an 11-yard run for a touchdown and Roberson breached the plane for his second time of the evening after a 33-yard reception, giving Big Spring a dominating, 42 point lead headed into halftime.

The Tannehill/Roberson tandem connected again early in the third quarter after a 22-yard pass increased the Steers lead to 49-0 before Ritchey began using backup tate Kennedy at the QB position and Jahari Vanover as a runningback.

The Steers wouldn't score again, but it prevented starters from being unnecessarily injured and while others on the roster picked up valuable experience.

Ritchey was pleased to see the past — most notably, last year's 0-10 season — get buried with his team's breakout performance.

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HERALD photo/Tony Claxton

**Big Spring's Michael Oliva fights for a touchdown during Friday's meeting with Fort Stockton. Oliva carried the ball 11 times for 111 yards and scored two touchdowns during the Steers' 49-0 victory in the season opener.**

## Proud PSU fans show strength before debut

**STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP)** — As fans gather around Beaver Stadium in anticipation of Saturday's long-awaited season opener, the overall mood around Penn State football is that of pride, perseverance and support — for both the current and former coach.

Hours before the official beginning of the Bill O'Brien era, tailgaters are tossing footballs through the parking lots, setting up their cooking stations and readying themselves for the new Nittany Lions' debut against Ohio at noon. Many are wearing "We Bill-ieve" shirts, endorsing Penn State's new leader, O'Brien, who is the former offensive coordinator for the New England Patriots, and who has been a steadying force within the program for nine months.

When the team arrived at the stadium, O'Brien was the first person to disembark off bus No. 1, followed by his game captains Derek Day, Jordan Hill, Gerald Hodges and Matt McGloin.

Boisterous fans waited for hours by the tunnel entrance waiting for the team busses. They chanted "Joe Pa-ter-no!" before turning their cheers toward O'Brien. There were thunderous cheers for the players as they exited the bus. The fans showed they stood by the players that stuck with the program.

Though the statue of Hall of Famer Joe Paterno — O'Brien's predecessor — was removed July 22, the

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## Rangers roll past reeling Indians

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Adrian Beltre's four hits for Texas was only one fewer than the entire Cleveland Indians team.

Beltre also scored twice as the Rangers rolled to their 10th win in 13 games and handed the reeling Indians their sixth straight loss.

Ryan Dempster (4-1) pitched two-hit ball over six innings, Michael Young had two of Texas' four RBI hits with two outs, and Joe Nathan got the final two outs for his 26th consecutive save and 28th overall.

"The guys executed in the clutch," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "Beltre was very good, and Dempster had a good changeup and slider, enabling him to move his fastball around."

Not everything went the Rangers' way. Right fielder Nelson Cruz was ejected for slamming his bat on the plate in the seventh after his third strikeout. After the game, lefty Robbie Ross, who is 6-0 with a 1.78 ERA in 52 relief appearances, was put on the disabled list with a strained forearm.

Beltre had three of his hits off Ubaldo Jimenez (9-14) as Cleveland's right-hander couldn't keep the Indians from losing for the 15th time in 16 games. Cleveland went 5-24 in August, tying the team record for losses in one month, set in July 1914. The Indians are 5-28 since July 27.

Beltre had two doubles and two singles.

His only out came on a diving catch by left fielder Jason Don-

ald in the ninth. The third baseman has hit .472 (17 for 36) with 14 RBIs in his last nine games. In his last 68 games, Beltre has batted .334 with 15 homers and 45 RBIs.

The Indians are as frigid as Beltre has been torrid, dropping to 11-36 in the second half. Cleveland has hit just .194 over runners in scoring position that time and their starting rotation's 6.47 ERA during that span is the worst in the majors.

"For the most part, pitching sets the tone," manager Manny Acta said before the game. "You can scratch out runs here and there, but it is all about pitching."

As Acta's job falls further into

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## Tannehill is promising, but defense may lead Miami

**MIAMI (AP)** — The Miami Dolphins hired an offensive coordinator as their coach, then used their first-round pick to draft a quarterback who will give the ball much of the time to their best-known player, Reggie Bush.

And yet if they win this season, it will be with defense.

Dolphins defenders get overlooked and believe they're underrated.

"We don't have a lot of superstars," linebacker Karlos Dansby said, "but we all feel like we're superstars. That's our confidence level."

For the first time since the 1960s, the Dolphins have endured three consecutive losing seasons,

but don't blame the defense. Miami ranked eighth in the NFL in offensive points allowed each of past two years, and went 6-10 in 2011 despite ranking in the top 10 in rushing defense, sacks and third-down stops.

The offense sputtered through most of the four-year Tony Sparano era. So the Dolphins hired Packers offensive coordinator Joe Philbin as coach, then courted Peyton Manning before drafting Texas A&M quarterback Ryan Tannehill, who won the starting job in training camp.

There were also changes on defense. Philbin hired as his defensive coordinator Kevin Coyle, who had

been defensive backs coach for the Bengals. Coyle switched from a 3-4 scheme to a 4-3. And the Dolphins jettisoned two starters in the secondary, the weakest part of the defense in recent seasons.

This hasn't changed: Defense remains the strength of the team.

"We're going to have a bunch of guys that do their job at a high, high level each and every day," Coyle said. "I've got faith in this group."

Miami is especially stout up front, where the charge is led by end Cameron Wake, who has 28 sacks in three NFL seasons.

"Big players have to step up and make big plays," Wake said. "I consider myself one of

those guys."

The Dolphins also expect to be strong inside, where the 4-3 alignment allows them to double up with Paul Soliai and Randy Starks. Each has made the Pro Bowl, and at a combined 650 pounds, they're the biggest reasons the defense should be good.

"In the scheme that we play, to have two interior dominant players is absolutely key," Coyle said.

"It forces the offense into situations where they can't single block them, and then we'll have our linebackers freer to the football, which is what we want. They're guys that can not only eat up blockers,

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### Sports Calendar

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#### Football

- Sands vs. Lorenzo at Midland, ASCO Football Madness, Grande Communications Stadium, 6 p.m.
- Garden City vs. Water Valley at McCamey, 8 p.m.

#### Volleyball

- Big Spring at Seminole Tournament (Varsity only), TBA.

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Grady's Brett Glaze avoids a tackle and passes the ball during the Wildcats' season opener against Ropes. Grady lost the bout 56-45. The Wildcats will host Ira at home Friday at 7:30 p.m.

## TANNEHILL

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but they can make plays as well. That's what we're counting on them to do. We have to be really strong inside for us to be successful on defense."

The Dolphins ranked third in the NFL in run defense last year, giving up just 3.7 yards per carry. A repeat performance would put the defense in a position to force mistakes, Philbin said.

"That gives you a starting point," he said. "If you can make a team get into a situation where they have to throw the ball, and they can't knock you around for 4 or 5 yards on first down on a consistent basis, I think that gives your defensive play-calling an advantage."

While the front seven returns mostly intact, the shaky secondary has undergone a shakeup. Safety Jeremiah Bell, a five-year starter, was released in March at age 34, and cornerback Vontae Davis was traded after losing his No. 1 job in training camp to newcomer Richard Marshall, who has 17 career interceptions.

Fourth-year pro Chris Clemons replaces Bell, and Coyle is hoping the changes will produce better ball-hawking. Over the past three years the Dolphins have 59 takeaways, fewest in the NFL.

Safeties Clemons and Reshad Jones have three career interceptions between them. Linebackers Dansby, Kevin Burnett and Koa Misi have not a single fumble recovery in a combined 76 games with Miami. Even Wake, a Pro Bowl selection in 2010, has not a single career recovery or interception.

"It's a point of emphasis in every meeting we have and everything that we do," Coyle said. "It's kind of the type of thing that snowballs once you start to get a few early in the season. There's a tendency to expect it, and that's what hopefully will happen with us as we go through the season."

The offense could use the help. With a rookie quarterback, blocking issues and perhaps the NFL's worst receiving corps, points will likely be hard to come by. Dominating defense would take a lot of pressure off Tannehill.

"Next to the running game, we're his best friend," Burnett said.

Kicker Dan Carpenter and punter Brandon Fields are among the NFL's best, which means the Dolphins may find themselves counting on field position to win field goal contests — as was often the case under Sparano.

"Expectations for this team outside our locker room are pretty low," guard Richie Incognito said. "People don't expect us to do much, which is fine."

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# Science Can Be Fun

FAMILY FEATURES

**K**ids are naturally curious and are full of questions about the world around them. Parents and teachers can help keep that curiosity alive by finding ways to make learning about science fun and engaging. Here are a few ideas that you can use to help your kids love learning about science.

## Fun Experiments

Hands-on experiences help kids of all ages grasp concepts and retain information. There are online resources available to give you the tools you need to make hands-on learning a reality.

For example, MyBotanicPlanet.com is a free website with lesson plans and interactive games for students in grades K-5 to explore basic botany and water conservation. Based on the classroom experience offered through the Memphis Botanic Garden, and created by TruGreen, MyBotanicPlanet.com features lesson plans by professional curriculum developers to meet National Education Standards. Students can personalize their own avatar and explore the educational site's interactive games and activities.

The activity and quiz here are part of the new Water Ways curriculum, which inspires kids to be water's guardians. The Water Ways environment features an interactive water filtration game with various difficulty levels and an educational character named Watershed Fred, who helps students learn more about where water comes from and what happens to it when it's out of sight. Learn more about it at [www.MyBotanicPlanet.com](http://www.MyBotanicPlanet.com).



Watershed Fred

## Fun Field Trips

Get some fresh air and a fresh look at nature by going outside. And don't restrict your field trips to sunny days only. You and your kids will be amazed at how different things appear when it's been raining or snowing. Where should you go to start digging into natural science?

### Your backyard

- Collect leaf samples to identify, then use them to make a collage.
- Use a magnifying glass to do some ground-level research. Examine insects, plant stems, tree bark, spider webs and interesting rocks. Have your child give an explorer's report on what he or she finds.

### Your neighborhood

- Make a game out of identifying the different trees and bushes in the park. Take pictures and leaf samples to help you figure them out.
- Go on a scavenger hunt to a stream or pond. Make a list of items to find: animal tracks, water insects, birds fishing or taking a drink, frogs and toads, even snakes.

### Your community

- Visit the zoo. Before you go, have your child check out some library books about one or two of their favorite animals. They can learn some facts about those animals, then be in charge of teaching you about them when you see them at the zoo.
- Natural history and science museums can be a fun way to learn about the world around you. Take advantage of tours, special exhibits and activities geared for children.

## Water Quiz

Quiz courtesy of [www.MyBotanicPlanet.com](http://www.MyBotanicPlanet.com).

See how much you and your family know about water.

- Which is more — a cup of liquid water or a cup of frozen water?
  - Cup of liquid water
  - Cup of frozen water
  - They are the same amount
- What happens to rain that falls on a parking lot, other hard surface, or even hard compacted soil?
  - It runs off without being absorbed
  - May pick up pollution
  - May cause erosion
  - All of these answers are correct
- How much of Earth's available water is drinkable freshwater?
  - 50 percent
  - 3 percent
  - 100 percent
- Lawns should be watered when the surface feels dry.
  - True
  - False
- How much of the water we use is used outside?
  - Half
  - 75 percent
  - 25 percent
- What does water need in order to change into steam, vapor or humidity?
  - Cold
  - Wind
  - Heat
- It is possible to pollute a small stream inside a watershed without polluting the rest of the watershed.
  - True
  - False
- How does nature make water clean?
  - By filtration
  - By the water cycle
  - Both answers are correct
- In the water cycle, what comes after evaporation?
  - Condensation
  - Collection
  - Precipitation
- Can one person, one family, one school or one community make a real difference in the quality of water in one watershed?
  - No
  - Yes

## ACTIVITY

### Window on the Watershed

Activity courtesy of [www.MyBotanicPlanet.com](http://www.MyBotanicPlanet.com).

#### What you need

- A sheet of waxed paper
- A sheet of white paper
- Spray bottle filled with blue-tinted water
- Shallow pan or tray
- Colored markers or felt-tip pens

Roughly crumple the waxed paper. Unfold, and with some pushing and pulling, create a "landscape" with mountains and valleys. Set the waxed paper in the tray.

Let your student spray the tinted water over the landscape to simulate rain. Ask questions like:

- Where do raindrops land first?
- Why do they go where they go?
- Do you see waterways merge as the rain increases?

With rapid spraying, students can create a flood. Show them how "rivers" carry the blue water off the land and into the tray beneath — the "ocean."

Repeat the activity with a sheet of white paper. Have them draw different colored spots of "pollution" on the hillsides with the colored markers. The rain will blend the colors together, showing how pollution affects the entire watershed.

Visit TruGreen's [www.MyBotanicPlanet.com](http://www.MyBotanicPlanet.com) with your student for more lessons and activities that demonstrate the importance of water in our environment.

**Water Quiz ANSWERS**

**SCORING**

9-10 points: Congratulations — you're a watershed wizard.  
6-8 points: Good job — you're a watershed watchdog.  
3-5 points: Room for improvement, but you're not a watershed wrongdoer.  
1-2 points: You might need a watershed wake-up call.

1. C. They are the same amount  
2. D. All of these answers are correct  
3. B. 3 percent  
4. B. False. Only when roots need water.  
5. A. Half  
6. C. Heat  
7. B. False  
8. C. Both answers are correct  
9. A. Condensation  
10. B. Yes

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► **Weddings**



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Backes

Henry Vernon Backes and Pamela Kay Lefler were united in marriage by the honorable Judge Benny Green, in an evening wedding June 1, 2012, in the lush private garden at their home in Big Spring, Texas.

Pamela wore a custom made, white, floor length Karelina Sposa fitted, mermaid gown of satin, embellished with pearl beading, embroidery with a lace halter neckline and chapel length train. The bride's hair was adorned with an eternity tiara encrusted with sparkling teardrop crystals. The bridal attendants were Pamela's mother, Shirley Cross of Big Spring, Texas and Pamela's aunt, Sue Cothren of Denver City, Texas. Each of her attendants wore elegant cream colored knee length gowns and carried bouquets of gardenias complementing the bride's large bouquet of gardenias accented by trailing freesia blossoms.

Henry wore a cream colored, evening tuxedo with accents of white, highlighted with a gardenia boutonniere. The groomsmen, Shane Mayhall, Dakota Backes and Ethan Backes, all of Big Spring, wore tuxedos echoing the elegance of the groom's tuxedo and gardenia boutonniere. Jordan Backes, the family's black, standard poodle served as the couple's ring bearer.

After the ceremony guests enjoyed the decadence of Cindy Hoard's custom prepared three-tiered vanilla fondant, wedding cake covered in hand prepared sugar gardenia and freesia blossoms and a raspberry filling accompanied with a bubbling orange sherbet punch.

After a three-week family vacation in Santa Fe, N.M. and Denver, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. Backes, Dakota and Ethan are continuing business as usual with Full Moon Roofing, a local Big Spring operation.

All floral arrangements for the wedding were provided by Inspiration Flowers and Gifts of Big Spring, Texas.

► **Birth**



Kristine Janae Trevino

Kristine Janae Trevino, daughter of Anthony Trevino and Breanda Juarez of Big Spring, was born Aug. 24, 2012, at 1:19 a.m.

She weighed 11 pounds 1 ounce and measured 21 inches in length.

Her maternal grandparents are Andres and Marina Juarez. Paternal grandparents are Christina Trevino and Bobby Paredez.

Kristine was welcomed home by her sibling Christopher Trevino.

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## 50th Anniversary



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Sonny and Betty Crocker will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Sept. 8. The event will be held at Canterbury South in Big Spring. The golden celebration will be hosted by the Crocker's daughter Diane Newton, son-in-law Larry Newton and granddaughter Alyssa Deanda.

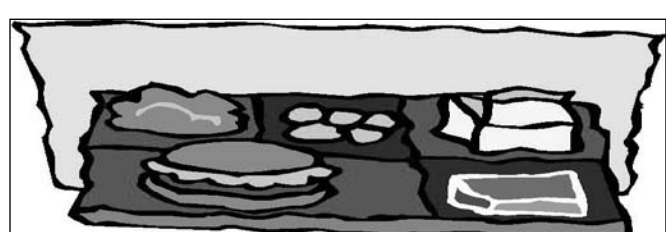
H. V. (Sonny) Crocker and Betty Sue Hale were married Sept. 8, 1962, in Lenorah, Texas, at the home of the bride. They made their home in Big Spring. Sonny worked for the City of Big Spring and the Big Spring Herald until his retirement just six years ago. Betty worked for more than 30 years

at the Mother's Day Out and Children's Day Out programs, sharing her love with the many children at the facilities. They are longtime members of The First United Methodist Church.

Sonny and Betty reside at Canterbury Retirement Home and enjoy many hobbies. They enjoy the fellowship of Canterbury friends, playing cards, bingo, dominos and 1,000-piece puzzle solving. Sonny has won first place in a Wii bowling tournament.

50 years together is a remarkable accomplishment that seems to be rarer as time goes on. Faith, love and patience are the recipe for lasting fidelity.

## ▶ Menus



### Lunch Menu

#### FORSAN ISD

Monday: Labor Day holiday

Tuesday: Breakfast: cinnamon tastry, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: corn dog, ranch beans, spinach, celery/carrot dippers, apple, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: breakfast round, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: nachos grande, refried beans, garden salad, orange smiles, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: breakfast quesadilla, cereal, juice, milk. Lunch: beefy macaroni, garden salad, baby carrots, fresh grapes, corn bread, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: pepperoni pizza or cheese pizza, crunchy broccoli salad, seasoned corn, fresh fruit bowl, milk.

#### BIG SPRING ISD

Monday: Labor Day holiday.

Tuesday: Breakfast: frosted flakes, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: pepperoni pizza, baby carrots, sliced bell peppers, ranch dressing, fruit cocktail, orange smiles, milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: taco roll, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: chicken spaghetti, garden salad, ranch dressing, green beans, apricots, milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: breakfast pizza, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: tex-mex stack, border beans, mixed vegetables, pineapple chunks, milk.

Friday: Breakfast: peanut butter and jelly uncrustable, assorted fruit juice, milk. Lunch: corn

dog, applesauce, sliced cucumbers, ranch dressing, banana, milk.

#### SANDS ISD

Monday: Breakfast: biscuit and gravy, juice and milk. Lunch: corn-dogs, baked beans, carrots with ranch, apple, pudding cup and milk.

Tuesday: Breakfast: breakfast on a stick, juice and milk. Lunch: meaty macaroni, tossed salad, corn, cornbread, frozen, cherry bar and milk.

Wednesday: Breakfast: donuts, juice and milk. Lunch: chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, hot roll, fruity gelatin and milk.

Thursday: Breakfast: breakfast pizza, juice and milk. Lunch: nacho grande, lettuce, tomatoes, spanish rice, orange, cookie and milk.

Friday: Breakfast: waffles, juice and milk. Lunch: pizza choice, tossed salad, seasoned corn, peaches and milk.

#### SENIOR CENTER

Monday: Labor Day.

Tuesday: chopped steak, broccoli and rice, spinach salad with dried cranberries, oranges, rolls, milk.

Wednesday: chicken enchiladas, refried beans, salad, tortilla chips/salsa, tapioca pudding, milk.

Thursday: chicken fried steak, cream gravy, oven roasted potatoes, baby carrots, rolls, fruit cocktail, milk.

Friday: catfish, mac and cheese, spinach, coleslaw/lemon pie, hushpuppies, milk.

## Firefighters deliver supplies

*KBST, Alon, Fox 24 and Back in Motion gathered school supplies in a Stuff the Bus promotion*



Courtesy photo

Big Spring Fire Department personal helped deliver school supplies to teachers. Lt Jim Smith and Apparatus Engineer Shawn Haney delivered school supplies to teachers before school started to help get the school year started off the right way. Back in Motion, KBST, Alon, Fox 24 all helped to stuff the bus so kids won't have to do without this year.

## ▶ Who's Who

Local Big Spring Fire Department employees recently received promotions and certifications. Those employees included: Jose Cazares who was promoted to Lieutenant; Albert Cavazos earned his paramedic certificate; Jordan Barron earned his EMT- basic certificate; and Josh Pardee earned his paramedic certificate.

## Tips from Hospice

Near the end of life several emotions begin to flood the human body. One of the biggest emotions patients deal with is confusion and disorientation.

Patients can sometimes confuse their surroundings, time periods and even the identity of those around them. There have been reports of patients seeing things that others may not and have even engaged in conversations with those who have passed on.

Travel may come into conversations with patients. They may talk about a journey, which isn't meant figuratively, but symbolically. Through

these conversations, the patients are letting the loved ones and caretakers know the end is coming.

In cases like this it is best to report the symptoms to the hospice nurse in order for them to assess and provide information on ways to provide support and care. Providing reassurance is also helpful and if need by limit the number of visitors to keep the confusion of individuals down.

*Tips from Hospice is written by Sherry Hodnett, volunteer coordinator for Home Hospice. To find out more information contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.*

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Jay Phinney, right, owner of Karat Patch, demonstrates how to use the ring removal tool on Cole Davis during a presentation luncheon. Phinney donated ring removal tools to each of the ambulances in town, Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room and air evac.

## Donation has a ring to it

By AMANDA DUFORAT  
Staff Writer

Ring removal in case of an emergency will be that much easier for emergency room personnel and ambulance crews in the Big Spring area. The Karat Patch, a locally owned family jewelry store, is donating a ring removal tool kit to aid in the safe removal of contemporary metal rings.

"We are interested in serving the community

and with the prices of gold and silver skyrocketing right now, contemporary metals are becoming a high sold item," Jay Phinney, Karat Patch owner, said. "These metals are virtually scratch proof, which means they can't be cut by conventional tools."

Contemporary metals include tungsten, duratungsten, cobalt chrome and pure ceramic. These metals are growing in

popularity and Phinney said he wanted to make sure that, in case of an emergency, the local hospital and ambulances were equipped to remove rings quickly and safely if need be. The emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center will receive one of these kits as well as all six of the city ambulances.

"This is just one of the ways we show our appreciation for the blessings

we have received while operating our business in Big Spring," Phinney said. "We are excited to be part of this great growing community."

Phinney also said the Karat Patch also has a ring removal tool on site during business hours, in case of an emergency.

Contact Amanda Duforat at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at [life@big-springherald.com](mailto:life@big-springherald.com)

## Energy Watch



Bhupen Agrawal is branch manager and a managing director — investments for the Wells Fargo Advisors Midland office.

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



Let me start off by saying that I do not believe the United States will roll over the "fiscal cliff" come Dec. 31, when the Bush-era tax cuts expire and automatic government spending reductions are scheduled to kick in. Politicians, at least right now, do not have the courage it takes to make the tough decisions and we are not at a crisis point — yet.

But that does not mean for certain that the stock market will act as though the problem will be kicked down the road. Right now, the markets are focused on the European Central Bank (ECB) and the high probability that at some point in the future, it will step into the market and buy the sovereign debt of Spain and Italy. Based on the better than 10 percent rally since the beginning of June, investors apparently feel quite certain that the ECB will step in soon.

The anticipation of ECB bond-buying has helped push the market forward over the last few months, but that is a topic for another day. We want to focus on the U.S. fiscal cliff today. And quite a cliff it is. The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that rolling over the fiscal cliff would mean a reduction in economic output (GDP) of 3 percent to 4 percent. When you are living in a 2 percent growth world, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that the American economy would likely slip into recession, at least based on the CBO's calculations.

In the end, elected officials will likely delay making the hard choices. The decision on tax increases and spending cuts will probably be kicked down the road for six or 12 months. The immediate problem will be temporarily solved. In the meantime, however, between now and the end of the year, we would expect several bouts of uncertainty over what Congress will do to inject increased volatility into the stock market.

Now for my guess as to how this all plays out. And it is truly a guess. In my opinion, Congress

See ENERGY, Page 5B

## Bernanke: With unemployment high, Fed can do more

JACKSON HOLE, Wyo. (AP) — Chairman Ben Bernanke made clear Friday that the Federal Reserve will do more to boost the economy because of high U.S. unemployment and an economic recovery that remains "far from satisfactory."

He also argued that the Fed's moves so far to keep interest rates at record lows and encourage borrowing and spending have helped bolster the economy.

Bernanke stopped short of committing the Fed to any specific move, such as another round of bond purchases to lower long-term rates. But in a speech at an annual Fed conference in Jackson Hole, Wyo., Bernanke said that even with rates at super-lows, the Fed can do more.

After Bernanke's comments were released at 10

a.m. Eastern time, stocks initially gave up most of their earlier gains. But as investors digested the speech, stocks bounced back. By late morning, the Dow Jones industrial average was up more than 100 points. Broader stock indexes also surged.

Bernanke noted that further action carries risks but says the Fed can manage them. The Fed "should not rule out" new policies to improve the job market, he said.

The most dramatic step the Fed could take would be another round of bond buying. This is known as quantitative easing, or QE. In two rounds of QE, the Fed bought more than \$2 trillion of Treasury bonds and mortgage-backed securities. Many investors have been hoping for a third round — QE3 — to be unveiled as soon as the Fed's next policy meeting

in September.

In light of Bernanke's comments Friday, some analysts said that might be a stronger possibility now.

"Bernanke has taken a further step along the path to more policy stimulus, most likely a third round of asset purchases (QE3) to be announced at the mid-September FOMC meeting," said Paul Dales, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics.

At the same time, the Fed chairman avoided hinting of any one policy move or any timetable.

"This is really all he could say," says Steven Richiuto, chief economist at Mizuho Securities. "He is not at liberty to promise anything without the (policy) committee's approval, and there seems to be various opinions on the committee about the best way forward."

Debbie Wegman, left, and Debbye ValVerde prepare the treats as Girls Night Out Triple Treat gets started Thursday. The Healthy Woman event was held at three locations, Jake Witzel Gifts and Interiors, Merle Norman and Uptown Salon and Day Spa.

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Left: Debbie Wegman, middle, and Ann McClarty, right, present a bonus check to Shann Courtney with Victim Services during the Boots and Bling Kick-off event.

Above: Loaned executives gathered together in recognition of the upcoming 2013 United Way campaign which kicked off Saturday. Several fundraisers will be held throughout the campaign, including the annual Dine Out Days. Any local restaurants wanting to participate should contact Sandy Stewart at 432-267-5201. Empty Bowls will also take place again this year, but at a new location, Dora Roberts Community Center on Nov. 15.

## Dear Margo: Papparazzi and secrets

### Paparazzi in Your Home

Dear Margo: I am not a fan of Facebook, although I know that many people my age (58) use it to stay

in touch with friends. I suppose you could call me a dinosaur, because I use the telephone and letters to stay in touch.

Here is the problem: My husband and I have finally realized that when we entertain (which is often), some guests are taking photos in our home and posting them on Facebook. The other day, a friend walked in and just started to take pictures in our living room (I am in the process of painting and remodeling). I asked her to please not post anything on her Facebook page, and she became very cross that I had made that request.

When we have parties, I'm busy hosting and never noticed all the photos that were being taken and subsequently posted on Facebook. My husband and I, while friendly, are also private. While I realize that what these people are doing is a form of flattery, we also feel our privacy is being violated by guests who do not ask permission to post pho-

tos they've taken in our home. Do we just have to accept this behavior as part of the way technology has changed the world? — *Old-fashioned*

Dear Old: What a coincidence. I, too, am a non-Facebook fellow dinosaur! I think maybe you need new friends -- or at the very least a little sign that says No Photos Allowed. For one thing, the intrusion is not just that guests are posting pictures of your house; they are also telling other people you may know that they weren't invited. As for the friend who walked in, started snapping away and then was put out that you asked her to desist, well, see above about "new friends." And no, I don't think you have to accept this behavior. We all still have the choice of what to do with this world-changing technology. — *Margo, stubbornly*



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### Secrets

Dear Margo: I have been married to my husband, mostly happily, for 16 years. We hit a rough patch about a year and a half ago, and it was then that I strayed. It didn't last long, and the issues my husband and I were having got settled.

He has no idea I was unfaithful. It is gnawing at me, and I feel as though I should make a clean breast of things. The guilt is not doing me any good. I have discussed this with no one, feeling that is the only foolproof way not to have it repeated and find its way back to my husband. To tell or not to tell, that is my question. — *Mrs. X*

Dear Mrs.: Confession may be good for the soul, but it is very bad for a marriage. Just as you say the guilt is not doing you any good, your admission of infidelity would not do your spouse any good. While you might be relieved to get it off your chest, it could very well do in your husband and possibly the marriage.

Because things are back on track I would recommend remaining silent, forgiving yourself and sparing him the pain. With such confessions go manufactured visual images that can be very destructive and hard to shake. I suggest you consider yourself lucky that your single mistake did not become another "issue." Probably the best way of staying on track with your marriage is to let the past stay in the past, chalk it up to a hard-won lesson, and make it up to him by being as loving of a wife as you can be. — *Margo, forwardly*

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