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## Council to mull increase

By STEVE REAGAN  
 Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council members will consider a proposed rate increase by Atmos Energy when they meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in council chambers 307 E. Fourth. Atmos officials have proposed increasing the natural gas company's rates by 18.41 percent for residential customers and 4.24 percent for commercial entities in the company's West Texas division, which includes Big Spring, Midland, Odessa, Lubbock, Amarillo and several other municipalities. If approved, this will increase the company's revenue by more than \$12 million annually.

Also Tuesday, city officials will ask the council to once again consider an increase in garbage collection fees.

The council rejected a rate increase earlier this year by a 4-3 vote.

In other business Tuesday, the council will consider:

- A public hearing on the proposed annexation of 40 acres of property in the area of Willard Street and Parkway Drive.
- A resolution which would change the city's policy of buying back employees' unused vacation time
- An appointment to the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark Development Board.
- Bids.



**Top-quality performance**  
 The Big Spring High School Marching Band is shown competing in the University Interscholastic League Regional Marching Contest in Odessa Saturday. The band received a Division I rating — the highest possible — at the contest.

## HEB to unveil pumpkin patch

By STEVE REAGAN  
 Staff Writer

H-E-B is giving area kids a chance to satisfy their artistic side, sweet tooth and love of Halloween, all at the same time. As an added bonus, they'll be giving to a good cause.

The grocery store will be the site of a "pumpkin patch" decorating event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25.

Gale Pittman, who heads up the store's bakery, said the produce de-

partment will line up pumpkins along the Lancaster Street side of the store. Children can then purchase and decorate a pumpkin for \$3.48, with the proceeds going to the local United Way.

There will be more treats waiting inside the store — Pittman is concocting a large scarecrow made entirely of cupcakes. Those cupcakes can be purchased for \$2 apiece, with the money again going to the UW campaign, he said.

Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes during the

event and have their pictures taken in the impromptu pumpkin patch, Pittman said.

"This is something we thought of a couple of months ago," he said. "We thought this was something different we could do where the kids could have fun and help a good cause at the same time."

For more information on the event, call Pittman at 213-5399.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235.



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HERALD photo/Andrea Medlin  
 Left to right, Bobby McDonald, Big Spring City Council District 4 and Craig Feruguson, Big Spring Fire Department Chief help volunteers clean and repair the KidZone Saturday in the Comanche Trail Park.

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## Obituaries

### Jessie Lee White



Jessie Lee White, 99, of Stanton, Texas died Saturday, Oct. 19, 2013, at her residence. Graveside services were held at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 21, 2013, at the Evergreen Cemetery Chapel with the Rev. David Harp officiating.

Jessie was born Dec. 12, 1913 to Perry and Nellie Martin in Palestine, Texas.

She is survived by four sons, Edward (Sonny) Henson and wife, Teri of Stanton, Earl Henson of Spokane, Wash., Bobby Henson and wife, Carol of Ben Brook, and

Jimmy Shaw and wife, Linda of Midland; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three husbands; her parents; two brothers, Roy and Earl Martin; one sister, Mildred Reynolds; one son, Leslie Henson; and three grandsons.

She will be laid to rest next to her husband, Bud Shaw.

The family suggests memorials be made to the First Baptist Mission Program, P.O. Box 1168, Stanton, TX 79782 or to Hospice of Midland, PO Box 2621, Midland, TX 79701.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

### George V. Hernandez



George V. Hernandez, 45, of Big Spring, Texas died Saturday Oct. 19, 2013 at his residence. Vigil service will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with the Rev. Bernard L. Gully officiating. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born March 31, 1968 to Helen Elizabeth and Luis Hernandez in Big Spring. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. He was a 1980 graduate of Odessa High

School. He worked with the family business, H & H Donuts, and later worked for Just Peachy Café.

He is survived by his parents, Helen and Luis Hernandez of Big Spring; two brothers, Frank Hernandez Jr. and Phillip Hernandez, both of Big Spring; one sister, Elizabeth Hernandez and husband Feliciano of Big Spring; grandmother, Lala Viera; three nieces; three nephews; one great-nephew; one great-niece; and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

In addition to his grandparents, Dominga and Jesus Hernandez and Jesus Viera, he is preceded in death by one brother, Luis Hernandez Jr.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Please pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

### Jesus 'Jesse' Armendariz



Jesus "Jesse" Armendariz, 54, of Big Spring, Texas died Saturday Oct. 19, 2013 at Midland Memorial Hospital. Vigil service will be 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 10 a.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Aug. 12, 1959, in Big Spring to Dora and Jose Armendariz. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He married Erlinda Martinez Feb. 12, 2000, in Big

Spring. He worked for Fiberglass Systems in Big Spring and for Continental Products in Odessa.

He is survived by his wife, Erlinda Armendariz of Big Spring; two sons, Isaac Martinez and wife Randy and Brandon Armendariz of Lubbock; two brothers, Manuel Armendariz of Big Spring and Ponciano Torres and wife Anna Marie of Odessa; one sister, Yolanda Torres Rivera and husband Robert of Big Spring; his father, Jose Armendariz of Presidio; several nieces and nephews, and one uncle, Rudy "Role" Balderas.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Dora Armendariz.

Arrangements are made by Myers & Smith Funeral Home and Chapel. Please pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

### Alejandro 'Alex' Franco



Alejandro "Alex" Franco, 83, of Big Spring, Texas died Friday, Oct. 18, 2013, at his residence. Vigil service will be at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with the Rev. Bernard L. Gully officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born July 10, 1930 to Bonifacia Alcantar and Victor Franco in Big Spring and was a longtime resident of the community. In 1964, he moved to Santa Ana, Calif., where he worked as a custodian from 1964 to 1979.

He moved back to Big Spring in 1979 and briefly worked at Cowper Hospital before going to work for Big Spring ISD as a custodian. Most of those years, he worked at Marcy Elementary before retiring in 2004. He was a Catholic. He was married to Florencia "Pola" Gonzales Franco for 57 years.

He is survived by two sons, Joe Gonzales and Alex Franco Jr.; two daughters, Emma Blanco and husband Gilbert Jr. and Irma Delgado and husband Fernando, all of Big Spring; several brothers and sisters; 11 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, "Pola," and his parents, he is preceded in death by one brother, Jose Franco.

Please pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

## Police/Sheriff/EMS

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

- CANDICE KATHLEEN MULLINS, 33, of 3204 Sherman Road, was arrested on charges of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces and public intoxication.
- GARRETT TYLER WILLEY, 19, of 1308 Scurry, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication by minor.
- MICHAEL RAY RODRIGUEZ, 27, of 533 Westover, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- ISSAC JAMES TARIN, 21, of 905 E. 16th St., was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- SANDRA JEAN MCGUIRE, 42, of 3604 Koa Rd, Fort Stockton, was arrested on a charge of theft, shoplifting more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- CHRISTELLA MARIE GARCIA, 25, of 1009 Stadium Avenue, was arrested on a charge of theft, shoplifting more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- KELLY SUSANNE STEEN, 35, of 5005 Oak Road, Gail, was arrested on a warrant for expired registration and failure to appear.
- MISTY A WOODS, of 2313 Guadalupe, San Angelo, was arrested on a charge of theft, shoplifting more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- KENNIESHA MARIE NIETO, 19, of 1905 Wasson Drive 4, was arrested on a charge of theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- ALEXIS JANELL SCAGGS, 17, of 2902 Cherokee St., was arrested on a charge of theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- THEODORE E RIOS, of 713 Lorilla, was arrested on charges of evading arrest/detention, previously convicted SJF; theft, less than \$1,500 — two or more convictions any theft, shoplifting and on a warrant for another agency.
- EZEQUIEL ARREDONDO, 32, of 705 Fryar Road, was arrested on a citation for no drivers license-when unlicensed.
- PEDRO TREVINO JR., 35, of 2611 Neil Road, was arrested on a charge of assault, family violence, threat or offensive touch.
- GLORIA SOSA, 44, 1320 Stadium Avenue, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 2600 lock of Gregg.
- ANIMAL PROBLEM was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1800 block of Nolan Street
- ASSAULT was reported in the 3600 block of West Highway 80 and 200 block of Tubb Loop.
- THEFT was reported in the 200 block of West FM 70 and in the area of 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Young.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1700 block of Kentucky Way.
- RUNAWAY was reported in the 2600 block of Ent Drive.

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

- Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 74 inmates at the time of this report.
- SAUL FLORES GUERRERO, 45, was booked by BSPD on McAllen County warrants for burglary of a building.
- RICHARD LEE OLIVAS, 26, was booked by HCSO on a warrant for possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

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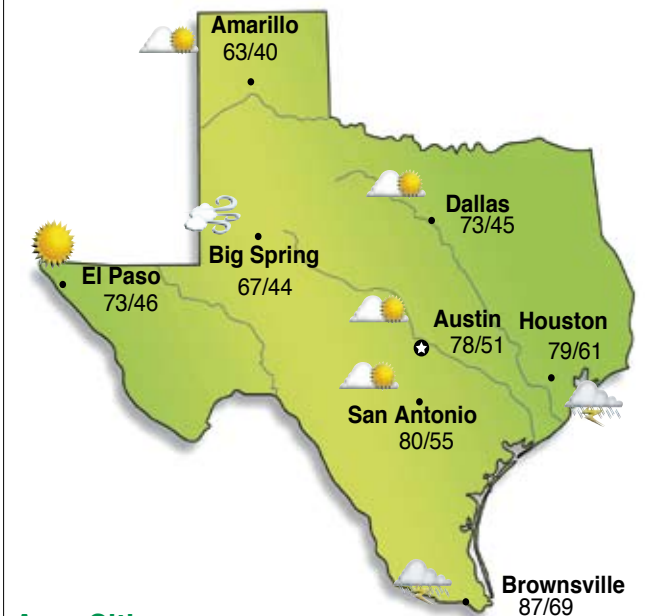
## Today's Weather

### Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 10/22	Wed 10/23	Thu 10/24
<b>67/44</b>	<b>75/46</b>	<b>79/49</b>
A mainly sunny sky. High 76F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph.	Abundant sunshine. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.	Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:54 AM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:55 AM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:56 AM
<b>Sunset:</b> 7:06 PM	<b>Sunset:</b> 7:05 PM	<b>Sunset:</b> 7:04 PM



### Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	62	42	windy	Kingsville	85	63	t-storm
Amarillo	63	40	pt sunny	Livingston	78	54	rain
Austin	78	51	pt sunny	Longview	75	49	pt sunny
Beaumont	76	60	t-storm	Lubbock	64	40	windy
Brownsville	87	69	t-storm	Lufkin	79	55	rain
Brownwood	70	43	windy	Midland	68	46	sunny
Corpus Christi	82	65	t-storm	Raymondville	87	66	t-storm
Corsicana	73	44	rain	Rosenberg	78	60	t-storm
Dallas	73	45	pt sunny	San Antonio	80	55	pt sunny
Del Rio	82	54	pt sunny	San Marcos	79	52	t-storm
El Paso	73	46	sunny	Sulphur Springs	72	44	rain
Fort Stockton	70	44	windy	Sweetwater	63	42	windy
Gainesville	65	39	windy	Tyler	75	48	pt sunny
Greenville	70	42	pt sunny	Weatherford	68	41	pt sunny
Houston	79	61	t-storm	Wichita Falls	62	41	rain

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	72	48	cloudy	Minneapolis	44	28	mst sunny
Boston	68	40	pt sunny	New York	66	47	pt sunny
Chicago	46	32	rain	Phoenix	85	58	sunny
Dallas	73	45	pt sunny	San Francisco	72	53	mst sunny
Denver	63	39	sunny	Seattle	63	47	sunny
Houston	79	61	t-storm	St. Louis	57	34	rain
Los Angeles	77	57	pt sunny	Washington, DC	67	49	cloudy
Miami	88	74	t-storm				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Tue 10/22	Wed 10/23	Thu 10/24
<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
High	High	High

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

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# Take note

• All entrances to Comanche Trail Park will close on Monday, Oct. 21, from noon until 6 p.m. for the Big Spring High School cross country meet. Runners will be throughout the park and closure of the park is necessary for the safety of these athletes. Golfers will be asked to use the Parkway Street entrance to the golf course during this time.

• Big Spring Junior High School's annual Scholastic Book Fair continues through Oct. 23 at the junior high library. Times are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. For more information, contact Robin Ritchey at 264-4135, ext. 1527.

• Keep Big Spring Beautiful will collect unwanted tires Saturday, Oct. 26, as part of Keep America Beautiful's "Make a Difference Day." Up to eight tires per trip will be accepted at the city landfill during the event, which will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. No commercial tire dealers will be accepted. For more information, contact Jan Hansen at 432-263-2616 or Johnny Womack at 432-264-2500.

• Howard County resident Tracey Menges is seeking donations to help pay for surgery after breaking her ankle in two places during a home accident. The 35-year-old single mother has sought help from a number of sources, but is unable to get the help she needs. She is employed (but not long enough to qualify for insurance) and renting a home, though with her current expenses she is having trouble paying the rent. If you'd like to help Tracey, an account has been established at Cosden Federal Credit Union under Tracey Menges No. 761663 - savings B.

• Holy Trinity Catholic Parish will host its annual Fall Festival on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 25-26. Plates of asado, carne guisada and gorditas will be available beginning at 11 a.m. both days. Cost per plate is \$7. Dine in at the church hall at 1009 Hearn or carry out. Call 432-271-2928 for food orders. Festival games, including jumpers, Bingo, duck and fish ponds, hole-in-one golf, and more will begin at 6 p.m. Oct. 26 on the church parking lot. Hamburgers will be cooked by the Knights of Columbus during the carnival games. Everyone is invited to enjoy delicious food, lots of fun and great live music! All proceeds from the festival benefit Holy Trinity Catholic Parish.

• New affordable health insurance options are available. Scenic Mountain Medical Centers wants to help you understand the new marketplace. Come to one of our presentations in the Senior Circle Room at SMMC: Oct. 24 for Sr. Circle & Healthy Woman members; or our community presenta-

tion Oct. 28, 5:30 p.m. at SMMC. For more info or to RSVP, call 268-4699 or 268-4721.

• The Permian Historical Society will hold its fall meeting at the historic Hotel Settles on Oct. 26. Five programs on the history of Big Spring and Howard County will be presented: Government Incompetence Engraved in Stone; Why the Wrong Service is on Pvt. James B. Gordon's Tombstone; Dr. J.W. Barnett, Pioneer Big Spring Physician; Early Howard County Schools; Pro Football Players from Big Spring High School; and The Fascinating Saga of Settles Hotel. If you like, dress as a 1930s hotel guest and win a prize. The meeting begins at 9 a.m. with a continental breakfast, book sales and visiting. The programs begin at 10, followed by lunch at the Hotel Settles. Those planning to attend must register and send \$14 for lunch to Peggy Kelton, P.O. Box 901, McCamey, TX 79752 by Oct. 11. Register by phone at 432-652-8738 or email at peggy.kelton@gmail.com

• Cancer Crushers Relay For Life team is hosting a Halloween Carnival in the Malone and Hogan Clinic parking lot. The carnival will take place Oct. 31 from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The event will include the following booths: fishing, football throw, cake walk, bean bag toss, ring toss, train rides, a concession stand and a ticket booth.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to violent crimes of assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. Victim Services advocates are available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies as needed. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process background check and attend training. We need you. Volunteer training dates for October will be announced soon. For more information, call Linda Calvio at 432-263-3312.

• Adopt a Military Hero, Howard County's Christmas for the Troops project is needing addresses for deployed military personnel. All addresses can be mailed to AAMH 1606 East Third, Big Spring, Texas, 79720 or emailed to adoptmilitaryhero@sbcglobal.net Let's make sure that every Howard County hero and all of their buddies receive a little bit of home for the holidays.

• The Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations office is accepting donations of magazines. They should be brought to the Community Relations office on campus. For more information, call

Jamey Stegall at 268-7535 or james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

• Crossroads Hospice is in need of volunteers. Volunteers are the backbone of the hospice team, by bringing light and love into people's lives. For more information on joining, contact Eva Robison at 432-263-5300 or come by 421 S. Main.

• Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether it's visiting a patient or working in the office or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Kara Daniels at Compass Hospice, 432-263-5999, or apply in person at 602 S. Main St.

• You don't have to be a senior citizen to enjoy country-western dancing. The Big Spring Senior Center hosts a dance every Friday from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. A different band will be featured every night. Dancing is a fun way to exercise, so come enjoy the fun and meet new friends. Cost is \$8 per person. For more information, call 267-1628.

• 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.

• Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance, Colorado City Civic Center, 157 East 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas, the fourth Thursday of each month from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$5 per person.

## SHERIFF

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• MICHAEL ALLEN SEAY, 35, was booked by HCSO on county warrants for bail jumping and failure to appear.

• COURTNEY BUCK, 38, was booked by BSPD on a county warrant for theft of property, more than \$500 but less than \$1,500.

• IESHIA RENEE MARTINEZ, 18, was booked by BSPD on a warrant for fighting with another.

• LONNEL WILLIS SMITH, 20, was booked by BSPD on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol — minor.

• RONNIE DEARL SUTTON, 46, was booked by BSPD on warrants for driving while license invalid, defective turn signal and motion to revoke probation — possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

• SAMEUL GUADALUPE CRUZ, 23, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for failed to pass, improper passing; violated promise to appear; no driver's license; failure to appear; driving while license invalid and failure to appear.

• ALBERTO JOSE GALLEGOS, 24, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility; no drivers license; failure to control speed; failure to appear; violate promise to appear; and charges of failure to identify as a fugitive and intent to give false information.

• THOMAS RAY JOHNSON JR., 20, was booked by DPS on an Ector County warrant for FTA/Possession of marijuana.

• ERIC NIEVES MARTINEZ, 19, was booked by BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

• NATHAN RIOS DEATHERAGE, 31, was booked by DPS on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• CANDICE EDWARDS, 33, was booked by BSPD on charges of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces; and public intoxication.

• ISAAC J. TARIN, 21, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• GARRETT TYLER WILLEY, 19, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• EZEQUIEL ARREDONDO BALBOA, 32, was booked by HCSO on a charge of no drivers license-when unlicensed.

• MICHAEL RAY RODRIGUEZ, 27, was booked by BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• SANDRA JEAN MCGUIRE, 42, was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500.

• KELLEY SUSANNE BENTLEY, 35, was booked by BSPD for warrants on no/expired registered motor vehicle and violate promise to appear.

• CHRISTELLA MARIA GARCIA, 25, was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500.

• MISTY ADDETTE

WATT, 35, was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500.

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• KENNIOSHA NIETO, 19, was booked by BSPD on a charge of theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500.

• THEODORE E. RIOS, 43, was booked by BSPD on charges of evading arrest, detention with previous conviction and theft of property, more than \$1,500 and on a warrant for parole violation.

• GLORIA GONZALES SOSA, 44, was booked by HCSO on a charge of public intoxication.

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1900 block of East 25th St. One person was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center (SMMC).

• TRAUMA CALL was reported in the 2200 block of North Monticello. No transport.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1000 block of North Main. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1800 block of Wasson. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1200 block of East 16th. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 4900 block of Wasson.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1700 block of Main. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 600 block of Nolan. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1400 block of Oriole. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1700 block of Lancaster. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 3500 block of East Interstate 20. One person was transported to SMMC.

• TRAUMA CALL was reported in the 1800 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 500 block of East 18th St. One person was transported to SMMC.

• PUBLIC SERVICE CALL was reported in the area of Londberg and Highway 80. and in the 1200 block of

Ridgeroad.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 200 block of East Third St. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

• MEDICAL CALL was reported in the area of Owens and Third Street. No Transport

• FIRE CALL was reported in the 3200 Block of Drexel. False Call.

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Alejandro "Alex" Franco, 83, died Friday. Vigil service will be tonight at 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 10 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

George V. Hernandez, 45, died Saturday. Vigil service will be Tuesday 7 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be Wednesday 10 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Jesus "Jesse" Armendariz, 54, died Saturday. Vigil service will be 7 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 10 a.m. Thursday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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Buffalo Pierogies

# FOOD AND FRIENDS

## Make Downtime Delicious

### Buffalo Pierogies

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 18 minutes  
Serves: 4

*Wine pairing: The Naked Grape Pinot Grigio*

- 1 cup oil
- 1/2 cup hot pepper sauce
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 (12-ounce) box Mrs. T's Potato & Cheddar Mini Pierogies
- Non-stick cooking spray
- Blue cheese dressing
- Carrot sticks
- Celery sticks

Preheat oven to 400°F. Combine oil, hot sauce and chili powder; toss with frozen pierogies. Coat baking sheet with non-stick cooking spray and spread pierogies evenly on the baking sheet. Bake at 400°F for 16 to 18 minutes, or until pierogies are puffed and browned. For best results, turn over once halfway through bake time.

Serve with blue cheese dressing, carrot sticks and celery sticks. **Optional:** Deep fry frozen pierogies in 350°F oil for 3 minutes or until golden brown, as directed on box.

### Pierogies with Butter & Onions

Prep time: 5 minutes  
Cook time: 10 to 15 minutes  
Serves: 4

*Wine pairing: The Naked Grape Chardonnay*

- 1 (16-ounce) box Mrs. T's Potato & Cheddar Pierogies
- 1 cup sliced onions
- 1/4 cup melted butter, margarine or olive oil

Place pierogies in boiling water; cook about 5 to 7 minutes. Meanwhile, sauté onions and butter in medium saucepan over medium heat. Place sautéed onions into large bowl. Add cooked pierogies and mix gently.

Serve and top with sour cream, if desired.

### Pierogies Pad Thai

Prep time: 10 minutes  
Cook time: 15 minutes  
Serves: 4

*Wine pairing: The Naked Grape Chardonnay*

- 1 (12-ounce) box Mrs. T's Mini Potato & Cheddar Mini Pierogies
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 1 tablespoon peanut oil
- 1 large garlic clove, minced
- 1 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into thin slices
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 1/2 cup peanut sauce
- 1 cup bean sprouts
- 1/4 cup chopped peanuts
- 2 scallions, thinly sliced

Boil pierogies according to package directions. Drain. Meanwhile, in 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter; cook eggs until just scrambled, stirring constantly. Remove to bowl. In same skillet, heat peanut oil; over medium heat, cook garlic until lightly browned. With slotted spoon, remove garlic to bowl with eggs.

In drippings remaining in skillet over medium-high heat, cook chicken until well browned and cooked through, stirring constantly. Add salt and crushed red pepper. Stir in egg mixture, peanut sauce, bean sprouts and cooked pierogies. Toss to mix well. Garnish with chopped peanuts and scallions.

### Pesto Pierogies

Prep time: 5 minutes  
Cook time: 10 minutes  
Serves: 6

*Wine pairing: The Naked Grape Pinot Noir*

- 1 (8-ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup prepared pesto
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 (12-ounce) box Mrs. T's Potato & Onion Mini Pierogies
- 1/3 cup roasted red pepper strips, well drained
- 2 tablespoons pine nuts, toasted

In medium bowl, stir softened cream cheese, pesto and salt until well blended and smooth. Sauté pierogies as package directs.

Arrange pierogies on large serving platter; top each pierogy with small dollop of pesto mixture. Top each with some roasted red pepper strips; sprinkle with pine nuts.

#### FAMILY FEATURES

As the temperature begins to drop, it's the perfect opportunity to gather your circle of friends and bring the entertainment indoors. Whether it's game day or the season finale of your favorite TV show, these dishes and delectable wine pairings will make any casual get-together that much more memorable ... and delicious.

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Pierogy Kebabs

### Pierogy Kebabs

Prep time: 15 minutes  
Cook time: 12 to 16 minutes  
Serves: 8

*Wine pairing: The Naked Grape Cabernet Sauvignon*

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 (12-ounce) box Mrs. T's Potato & Cheddar Mini Pierogies, thawed
- 1/2 pound boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/2 pound beef sirloin or tenderloin, cut into 1-inch pieces
- Salt and freshly ground pepper
- 2 green bell peppers, peeled, cored, seeded and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 red bell peppers, peeled, cored, seeded and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 yellow and/or orange bell peppers, peeled, cored, seeded and cut into 1-inch pieces

Preheat broiler. Combine olive oil and chili powder in small bowl. Brush pierogies with chili mixture. Toss chicken chunks and beef chunks separately with salt and pepper to taste. Using six (6) 12-inch-long metal skewers, thread meat chunks, pierogies and bell peppers. Repeat with remaining ingredients.

Broil skewers three inches from the heat source until meat, pierogies and peppers are cooked through (about 6 to 8 minutes per side). Serve with your favorite dipping sauce.



Pierogies Pad Thai



Pesto Pierogies

# News in brief

## With celebrations and some protest, N.J. recognizes its first same-sex marriages

LAMBERTVILLE, N.J. (AP) — Same-sex weddings have begun in New Jersey, which has become the 14th state to recognize nuptials between gay partners.

Weddings were held in several cities and towns across the state in the first minutes of Monday morning, as soon as a court order requiring the state to recognize gay marriage went into effect.

In Newark, Mayor and U.S. Sen.-elect Cory Booker choked up as he led the ceremony for seven gay couples, telling the audience, "This is very beautiful."

The weddings there and elsewhere went ahead after the state Supreme Court on Friday denied Gov. Chris Christie's request to delay the date when a lower court mandated gay marriage be legalized.

## Despite retreat on debt limit, GOP banks on anti-tax stand and strong record in budget talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats who gloat over Republicans' bad week in Congress might pause to recall that conservatives still own major victories from past budget showdowns. And these wins may again thwart Democrats' hopes of changing tax-and-spend policies in two-party talks beginning anew in the Capitol.

Chief among them is Republicans' unified stand against tax increases, even in the name of deficit reduction.

President Barack Obama wants more revenue from corporations and the wealthy for two goals: investing in areas such as education and infrastructure and enticing congressional Democrats to start curbing the growth of Social Security, Medicare and other "entitlement" programs.

Congressional Republicans' adamant stand against revenue hikes, perhaps more than any other factor, has shaped budget negotiations over the past three years. That's why Republicans have a stronger record than many might suspect, especially given their pell-mell retreat last week on the government shutdown and debt ceiling.

Prodded by tea party activists who deplored deficit spending under Republican President George W. Bush, today's GOP lawmakers repeatedly call for budget cuts. By that measure, they've had a respectable run.

## Already drenched stretch of Mexico's Pacific coast braces for close pass by Hurricane Raymond

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Hurricane Raymond strengthened to a Category 3 storm early Monday as swirled near Mexico's already soaked southern Pacific coast, bringing the threat of heavy and possibly dangerous rains a month after Tropical Storm Manuel caused widespread damage with floods and mudslides.

The U.S. National Hurricane Center said the newly formed storm had stalled south of Mexico but a general northward drift was expected that would bring the hurricane closer to the coast.

Mexican authorities rushed to deploy emergency crews and said they were considering ordering evacuations of low-lying areas. About 10,000 people already were living away from their homes one month after Manuel inundated homes and left behind drenched hillsides that posed serious landslide risks.

David Korenfeld, head of Mexico's National Water Commission, said officials were pinning their hopes on a cold front moving from the north that could help steer Raymond away from the coast.

"The cold front coming down is what makes it (Raymond) turn to the left, but that is a model," Korenfeld said. "If that cold front comes down more slowly, this tropical storm ... can get closer to the coast."

## Thief returns Pa. boy's giant pumpkin

YORK, Pa. (AP) — A thief has returned a 255-pound pumpkin that a central Pennsylvania boy won by correctly guessing its weight — along with a note apologizing for the theft.

Nine-year-old Jaiden Newcomer of York won the pumpkin at an Oktoberfest celebration in Windsor Township. He had displayed the giant pumpkin on his family's porch until it was stolen last week.

But the York Dispatch reports the pumpkin was back on the family's porch Sunday evening after it returned from a weekend trip.

The thief also left a note saying: "I'm really sorry about taking your pumpkin, it was wrong of me, you earned the pumpkin, I didn't think my actions through."

## Arab League chief says Syria conference set, while UN envoy says no final date

BEIRUT (AP) — Reflecting confusion in efforts to convene an international conference to end Syria's civil war, the Arab League chief announced on Sunday that talks will take place next month in Geneva, only to have the U.N. envoy flatly deny a date has been set.

The bizarre diplomatic two-step between Arab League chief Nabil Elaraby and the U.N. envoy for Syria, Lakhdar Brahimi, at a joint news conference added to the uncertainty surrounding the proposed peace talks. A decision over whether the long-delayed negotiations will happen at all could come at a meeting of the Syrian opposition early next month that will focus on whether to sit down with President Bashar Assad's regime.

The United States and Russia, who support opposing sides in the conflict that has killed more than 100,000 people, have been trying for months to bring the Damascus government and Syria's divided opposition to the table for a peace conference. But with the war deadlocked, neither the regime nor the rebels showed any interest in compromise, forcing the meeting to be repeatedly postponed.

Even now, it remains unclear whether either side is willing to negotiate.

## 70.3 million French phone records, 30 days: U.S. envoy summoned after new NSA report draws ire

PARIS (AP) — The U.S. National Security Agency swept up 70.3 million French telephone records in a 30-day period, according to a newspaper report that offered new details of the massive scope of a surveillance operation that has angered some of the country's closest allies. The French government on Monday summoned the U.S. ambassador for an explanation.

The report in Le Monde, co-written by Glenn Greenwald who originally revealed the NSA surveillance program, found that when certain numbers were used, the conversations were automatically recorded. The surveillance operation also swept up text messages based on key words, Le Monde reported, based on records from Dec. 10 to Jan. 7.

The Le Monde reporting emerged as U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry arrived in Paris for diplomatic talks Monday about a peace process for Israel and Palestinian authorities.

"This sort of practice between partners that invades privacy is totally unacceptable and we have to make sure, very quickly, that this no longer happens," French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said during a meeting in Luxembourg with his European counterparts. Fabius said the U.S. ambassador had been summoned to the Foreign Ministry.

Similar programs have been revealed in Britain and Germany. In Brazil, the revelations so angered the president that she cancelled a state visit to Washington and publicly denounced the U.S. for "violation of human rights and of civil liberties."

## Dying for company: At 'Death Cafes,' folks talk comfortably about end-of-life issues

NEW YORK (AP) — It can be tough to get a conversation going if you want to talk about the late stages of dementia, your last will and testament or the recent passing of your mother.

"When you're at a cocktail party and you lead off by saying, 'What do you think about death?' it'll be, 'C'mon, man, it's a party! Chill out!'" says Len Belzer, a retired radio host from Manhattan.

Belzer is among a growing number of people around the world who are interested enough in death to gather in small groups in homes, restaurants and churches to talk about it.

The gatherings, known as Death Cafes, provide places where death can be discussed comfortably,

without fear of violating taboos or being mocked for bringing up the subject.

Organizers say there's no agenda other than getting a conversation started — and that talking about death can help people become more comfortable with it and thereby enrich their lives.

## Study: Nearly 6M youth out of school or work, likely locked into limited prospects as adults

WASHINGTON (AP) — Almost 6 million young people are neither in school nor working, according to a study released Monday.

That's almost 15 percent of those aged 16 to 24 who have neither desk nor job, according to The Opportunity Nation coalition, which wrote the report.

Other studies have shown that idle young adults are missing out on a window to build skills they will need later in life or use the knowledge they acquired in college. Without those experiences, they are less likely to command higher salaries and more likely to be an economic drain on their communities.

"This is not a group that we can write off. They just need a chance," said Mark Edwards, executive director of the coalition of businesses, advocacy groups, policy experts and nonprofit organizations dedicated to increasing economic mobility. "The tendency is to see them as lost souls and see them as unsavable. They are not."


But changing the dynamic is not going to be easy.

## Breast milk sold online may have harmful bacteria, study finds; many sites sell or donate it

CHICAGO (AP) — Human breast milk is sold for babies on several online sites for a few dollars an ounce, but a new study says buyer beware: Testing showed it can contain potentially dangerous bacteria including salmonella.

The warning comes from researchers who bought and tested 101 breast milk samples sold by women on one popular site. Three-fourths of the samples contained high amounts of bacteria that could potentially sicken babies, the researchers found. They did not identify the website.

The results are "pretty scary," said Dr. Kenneth Boyer, pediatrics chief at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, who was not involved in the study. "Just imagine if the donor happens to be a drug user. You don't know."



By Steve Becker

### Famous Hand

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

<b>NORTH</b>		<b>EAST</b>	
♠ K 9 5 3 2	♥ Q 9	♠ Q 7 6	♥ A J 8 5 3
♦ A J 6	♣ J 9 8	♦ Q 7 2	♣ A K

<b>WEST</b>		<b>SOUTH</b>	
♠ 8 4	♥ K 10 7 6 4 2	♠ A J 10	♥ —
♦ —	♣ 10 5 4 3 2	♦ K 10 9 8 5 4 3	♣ Q 7 6

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 1♦ Pass 1♠ 1 NT  
 2♣ 2♥ 3♥ Dble  
 3♦ 4♥ 4♠ Pass  
 Pass Dble 5♦ Dble

Opening lead — six of hearts.  
**The United States** won the 1993 world women's team championship, defeating Germany in the 128-deal final by a score of 325 IMPs to 272 to capture the Venice Cup. The match was virtually even at the halfway point, but the Americans pulled away in the third quarter and coasted to victory.  
**The winners gained** one-third of their final margin on this deal, which occurred early in the match. The bidding shown took place when Sharon Osberg and Sue Picus held the North-South cards for the U.S.  
**After Picus opened** with one diamond, a highly competitive auction ensued. East-West (Beate Nehmert and Waltraud Vogt) located their 11-card heart fit, but the Germans made a critical misjudgment when they elected to double four spades and then five diamonds, which proved unbeatable.  
**Picus ruffed** Vogt's opening heart lead and had no trouble placing the missing queens, given East's one-trump overcall. Picus led a diamond to the ace at trick two and a spade to the jack at trick three. The A-K of spades were cashed, followed by a fourth spade from dummy.  
**East had to ruff** (if she refused to ruff either this spade or the next one, declarer would discard two clubs and finish with an overtrick). When East ruffed, declarer overruffed, cashed the diamond king, crossed to the diamond jack and discarded a club on dummy's remaining spade to make exactly five for a score of plus 750.  
**At the other table**, the U.S. East-West pair of Karen McCallum and Kerri Sanborn pressed on to five hearts, were doubled and wound up making six — +1,050 — when the defenders failed to cash their two spade tricks at the outset. The combined total of 1,800 points gave the U.S. a pickup of 18 IMPs on the deal.

Tomorrow: Pressure point.  
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## Sudoku Answer on Page 12

# sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9 with no repeats. That means no number is repeated in any row, column or box.

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## Texas news in brief

### Early voting begins for Nov. 5 Texas election

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Voters have a chance to cast ballots early for the Nov. 5 election involving nine proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution.

Early voting opened Monday and runs through Nov. 1. One proposal would use \$2 billion from the state's Rainy Day fund to finance major water infrastructure projects.

Secretary of State John Steen says Texans can cast ballots at any early voting location in the same county as their registration. It's also the first statewide election with photo identification requirements for in-person voting, with seven forms of ID accepted. Common forms include a Texas driver's license, a U.S. military identification card or a passport.

Voters in state House District 50 will choose a replacement for Democrat Mark Strama of Austin, who resigned in July to join Google Inc.

### Hearing opens new round in Texas abortion battle

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A federal judge will hear arguments on whether Texas' strict new abortion limits should be suspended until opponents can contest their legality at a full trial.

Advocacy groups have sued to block an abortion law that threw the Legislature into chaos before it was approved this summer.

It requires doctors to have admitting privileges at nearby hospitals to perform abortions, only allows abortions in surgical centers and bans the procedure after 20 weeks. It also limits medical abortions.

The law passed after a Democratic filibuster and massive protests on both sides of the issue at the state Capitol.

U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel is being asked Monday to delay enforcement of the admitting privileges rule and medical-abortion restrictions on constitutional grounds.

Texas attorney general's office argues the law is constitutional.

### Man accused of burning Texas boy returns to court

CONROE, Texas (AP) — A Southeast Texas man accused of dousing a boy with gasoline and then setting him on fire on his eighth birthday in 1998 is set to be back in court.

Don Willburn Collins is scheduled at a court hearing Monday in Conroe to formally hear the murder charge filed against him last month.

Authorities say when Collins was 13, he poured gasoline on then 8-year-old Robert Middleton and set him on fire. Middleton survived the attack, but died in 2011 from skin cancer that authorities say was caused by the deep burns.

Middleton had long accused Collins of burning him. But authorities say that right after the attack, Middleton was too injured to help their investigation.

Last week, a judge ordered Collins be held on a \$1 million bond.

### El Paso attorney to be tried for money laundering

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A West Texas lawyer and former Carnegie Mellon University trustee is set to go on trial on charges he conspired to launder money for a Mexican drug cartel.

Jury selection in the trial of Marco Antonio Delgado is scheduled for Monday in federal court in El Paso.

Prosecutors say Delgado conspired to launder drug profits from July 2007 through December 2008. Federal agent Joshua Fry previously testified Delgado confessed that the \$1 million he was arrested with was a "trial run" for a laundering operation of up to \$600 million for the now defunct Milenio Cartel.

Delgado is a former Carnegie Mellon trustee who gave a \$250,000 endowment for a scholarship named after him to assist Hispanic students. He also sponsored local orchestras and belonged to a local educational foundation.

### Texas drivers urged to use care near school buses

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Some Texas troopers will be trailing school buses or on board to make sure other drivers use care near the vehicles hauling children to and from classes.

The Texas Department of Public Safety operation began Monday as part of National School Bus Safety Week. State education officials say more than 40,000 school buses transport 1.5 million Texas children every school day.

DPS urged drivers to obey state law by not passing any school bus that is stopped and operating a visual signal — either flashing red lights or a stop sign. Violators could face fines as much as \$1,250.

Texas troopers during 2012 issued 449 tickets for passing a stopped school bus. State transportation officials say 840 traffic accidents last year involved school buses.

### Woman in health care fraud gets prison

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — A woman who helped run a now-defunct South Texas medical equipment company has been sentenced to nearly seven years in prison and must repay \$5.5 million.

A federal judge in McAllen sentenced Carla Cantu Herrera of Mission, who pleaded guilty to conspiring to defraud Medicare and Texas Medicaid. Investigators say the case involved an \$11 million billing scheme involving scooters, power wheelchairs and other medical supplies.

She formerly was married to Marcelo Herrera and they operated RGV DME of McAllen. Marcelo Herrera in February pleaded guilty to conspiring to defraud Medicare and Texas Medicaid, plus he admitted to aggravated ID theft over reimbursements since 2004.

Marcelo Herrera in July was sentenced to 12 years in prison and ordered to repay \$6.1 million. His ex-wife was sentenced last week.

### 2 shot on Dallas bus hauling people from bar

DALLAS (AP) — At least two passengers aboard a shuttle bus in Dallas hauling people from a bar have been shot and the driver transported them directly to a hospital.

Dallas police did not immediately provide details about the victims or their conditions in the incident early Monday. Police also did not immediately say whether a suspect has been arrested.

The shuttle bus operator drove to the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. A hospital official had no immediate information on conditions of the victims.

The bus has a shattered window and damage from bullet holes.

### Old arson cases in Texas being review by new panel

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A new review by the State Fire Marshal's Office of old arson cases that might have relied on bad science has so far discovered three questionable convictions.

But the effort has also drawn criticism from a West Texas prosecutor whose office has had one of its convictions questioned. The prosecutor is now asking the office of Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott to stop the reviews.

The Austin American-Statesman reported the review of old arson cases was recommended by a 2011 Texas Forensic Science Commission report that acknowledged faulty fire science played a role in Cameron Todd Willingham's murder-by-arson conviction in the deaths of his three young daughters in 1991. The Corsicana man was executed in 2004.

State Fire Marshal Chris Connealy assembled a six-member panel of fire, forensic and legal experts to review old cases — identified by his staff and by the Innocence Project of Texas — that might have relied on bad science.

Connealy said the review team, dubbed the Science Advisory Workgroup, examines whether a criminal prosecution could withstand scrutiny using modern forensic fire science.

"We only look at the science of fire investigations. We don't look at other issues," including guilt or innocence, Connealy said.

### Groups take efforts to save Astrodome to streets

HOUSTON (AP) — A coalition of local and national preservation groups is taking its efforts to save the iconic but now shuttered Houston Astrodome to the streets.

On Monday, the coalition will debut a 26-foot-long truck, known as the "Dome Mobile," which will travel around Houston during the next couple of weeks to educate people about a Nov. 5 ballot measure on the Astrodome's future.

Voters will decide whether to approve authorizing up to \$217 million in bonds to turn the stadium into a giant convention center and exhibition space.

Inside the Dome Mobile, visitors will be able to learn more about the proposal to save the Astrodome, write their Astrodome memories and preservation messages on a "story wall," and walk on AstroTurf from the stadium.

### New monument honors military service dogs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The first national monument honoring the war dogs that have fought and died with U.S. troops while also bringing them comfort is to be dedicated in San Antonio.

The U.S. Working Dog Teams National Monument will be dedicated a week from Monday at Lackland Air Force Base. That's where many of the U.S. military dogs are trained, as well as treated when wounded.

The dedication marks the end of a tour that began in January at the Tournament of Roses in Pasadena, Calif.

The driving force behind the monument is John Burnam, a 65-year-old veteran military dog handler who designed the monument. The monument depicts the modern military handler and four dogs — a Doberman, German shepherd, Labrador retriever and Belgian Malinois, all breeds used in wars.

### State Fair of Texas in Dallas wraps up run

DALLAS (AP) — Visitors to the State Fair of Texas have spent an estimated \$37 million on the food, rides and other fun.

Fair officials in Dallas late Sunday released preliminary economic figures hours before the end of the 24-day run. A parade Sunday night that traditionally helps end the fair had to be canceled due to the large crowd.

Attendance figures weren't immediately released.

Fair spokeswoman Sue Gooding says good weather played a role in attracting people to the State Fair, which this year featured a new version of towering greeter Big Tex.

The 55-foot-tall cowboy-styled icon replaces a version that burned last year.

Gooding says Big Tex will be dismantled Tuesday and stored on the fairgrounds until next year's expo.

### 1 dead after car hit by commuter train

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Authorities say a deadly crash between a North Texas commuter train and a car happened after the vehicle's driver tried going around warning gates and ended up in the path of the train.

None of the 150 passengers on the Trinity Railway Express train were injured in the Saturday afternoon accident at a Fort Worth railroad crossing.

The driver, the vehicle's only occupant, was trapped in the wreckage and died. His name has not been released by authorities.

The Trinity Railway Express provides passenger service between Fort Worth and Dallas.

### Texas officer injured by glass after shots fired

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A San Antonio police officer is recovering from injuries to his eyes after authorities say a bullet was fired into his patrol vehicle, shattering glass on his computer.

The San Antonio Express-News reports two men — Rene Alfaro and Oscar Padilla — have been charged with attempted capital murder and deadly conduct for the early Saturday morning shooting.

Police say the officer, whose name wasn't released, suffered "critical eye injuries." The officer was apparently fired upon after responding to a call.

Police Chief William McManus says Alfaro and Padilla, both 25, were arrested after a chase.

Each man is being held on bonds totaling \$515,000.

Police say an AR-15 assault rifle was found in the truck the men were in.

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## Myths About Israel and the Middle East (2)

### Should we re-examine endlessly repeated clichés?

In a previous installment in this series of clarifying messages about Israel and the Middle East, we examined certain myths which, by dint of constant repetition, had acquired currency and acceptance. We looked at the myth of "Palestinian nationhood," the myth of Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank") being "occupied territory," the myth that Jewish settlements in these territories are "the greatest obstacle to peace," and the myth that Israel is unwilling to "yield land for peace." And we cleared up the greatest myth of all, namely that Israel's administration of the territories, and not the unrelenting hatred of the Arabs against the Jews, is the root cause of the conflict between the Arabs and Israel. But those are not all the myths; there are more.

#### What are more of these myths?

##### ■ Myth: The Arabs of Israel are a persecuted minority.

**Reality:** The over one million non-Jews (mostly Arabs) who are citizens of Israel have the same civil rights that Jews have. They vote, are members of the Knesset (parliament), and are part of Israel's civil and diplomatic service, just as their Jewish fellow citizens. Arabs have complete religious freedom and full access to the Israeli legal, health and educational systems — including Arabic and Muslim universities. The only difference between the "rights" of Arabs and Jews is that Jewish young men must serve three years in the military and at least one month a year until age 50. Young Jewish women serve for two years. The Arabs have no such civic obligation. For them, military service is voluntary. Not too surprisingly, except for the Druze, very few avail themselves of the privilege.

■ Myth: Having (ill-advisedly) already given up control of the Gaza Strip, Israel should also give up the administration of Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank") because strategic depth is meaningless in this age of missiles.

**Reality:** Israel is a mini-state — about half the size of San Bernardino county in California. If another, even smaller mini-state were carved out of it, Israel would be totally indefensible. That is the professional opinion of 100 retired U.S. generals and admirals. If the Arabs were to occupy whatever little strategic depth Israel has between the Jordan River and its populated coast, they would not need any missiles. Artillery and mortars would suffice, since Israel would be only nine miles wide at its waist. Those who urge such a course either do not understand the situation or have a death wish for Israel.

■ Myth: If Israel would allow a Palestinian state to arise in Judea and Samaria it would be a democratic state and would be totally demilitarized.

**Reality:** There is no prospect at all that anything resembling

Countless "peace conferences" to settle this festering conflict have taken place. All have ended in failure because of the intransigence of the Arabs. President Clinton, toward the end of his presidency, convened a conference with the late unlamented Yasser Arafat and Ehud Barak, the prime minister of Israel at that time. Mr. Barak offered virtually everything that Arafat had requested, except the partition of Jerusalem and the acceptance of the so-called refugees, their descendants having swollen from the 650,000 who fled the nascent state of Israel during the War of Liberation, to an incredible 5 million. Arafat left in a huff and started his infamous intifada instead, a bloody war that has cost thousands of Palestinian and Israeli lives. Israel is America's staunchest ally and certainly its only true friend in that area of the world. It is in our national interest that reality, not myths, govern our policy.

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### Sports Calendar

#### TODAY

**Cross Country**  
• Big Spring at district meet, Comanche Trail Park, varsity girls, 2 p.m.; varsity boys, 2:30 p.m.; JV girls, 3 p.m.; JV boys 3:30 p.m.; JH girls, 4 p.m.; JH boys, 4:30 p.m.  
• Coahoma at district meet, Mae Simmons Park, Lubbock, TBA.

#### TUESDAY

**Volleyball**  
• Big Spring at Monahans, JV, 5 p.m.; varsity, 6 p.m.  
• Coahoma at Brownfield, JV, 5 p.m.; varsity 6 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY

**Cross Country**  
• Forsan at district meet, Mae Simmons Park, Lubbock, TBA



HERALD photo/Brian McCormack

The Big Spring varsity boys cross country runners (above) will compete at the district meet today in a familiar environment, as BSHS is hosting the event for the first time in recent history. The Steers and Lady Steers participating in junior high, junior varsity and varsity cross country will navigate a course in Comanche Trail Park beginning with the varsity girls at 2 p.m.

# Banged-up Cowboys beat up Eagles

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — In an unexpected defeated tussle, the depleted Dallas Cowboys delivered the knockout punch.

Tony Romo threw for 317 yards and one touchdown, a banged-up defense shut down Chip Kelly's prolific offense and the Cowboys overcame a sluggish start to beat the Philadelphia Eagles 17-3 on Sunday to take sole possession of first place in the NFC East.

At least there won't be a quarterback controversy in Philadelphia after this one. Nick Foles was awful leaving with a head injury.

"Obviously, our defense was outstanding," Cowboys coach Jason Garrett said. "That of offense challenges you in so many ways. They have a really good scheme. Our defense played sound, played together. They were physical and our tackling was outstanding."

Two teams that aver-

aged a combined 58.2 points per game and allowed a combined 55.2 totaled 13 punts in a first half that ended with Dallas (4-3) leading 3-0. It was more two inept offenses than two dominant defenses.

A Cowboys defensive line missing three of its projected starters pressured and harassed Foles until putting him out on the final play of the third quarter. With Michael Vick inactive because of a hamstring injury, Matt Barkley made his NFL debut and threw three interceptions in the fourth quarter.

"I was maybe a little too aggressive on some of those throws, trying to advance the ball down the field and help our team win," Barkley said. "I learned a lot today. I'll learn even more watching the tape."

The Eagles (3-4) have lost a franchise-worst nine straight games

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AP photo

Dallas' Terrance Williams dives into the end zone for a touchdown during Sunday's 17-3 win over the Philadelphia Eagles on the road. Dallas (4-3) took possession of first place in the NFC East with the win.

## Texans lose to K.C., skid hits 5

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The injuries kept mounting for the Houston Texans, and yet they still had the ball with a chance to take the lead on the unbeaten Chiefs in the fourth quarter Sunday.

That's when the stingy Kansas City defense truly shined.

Case Keenum was forced into an incompletion on first down, and then stripped by linebacker Tamba Hali on second down.

Derrick Johnson hopped on the loose ball with 1:34 remaining in the game, allowing Kansas City to run off the rest of the clock and preserve a 17-16 victory.

"When they can pin their ears back, they're very,

very difficult," Texans coach Gary Kubiak said. "They came and got us pretty good there late in the game. I'm proud of my team's effort, but I'm just very disappointed in the result."

The result was another frustrating loss for the banged-up Texans (2-5), who are riding their first five-game skid since Nov. 6-Dec. 11, 2005.

They were already without quarterback Matt Schaub, who missed the game with right ankle and foot injuries.

But they were dealt two more crushing blows when running back Arian Foster left with a hamstring injury in the first quarter, and linebacker Brian Cushing

had to be taken up the tunnel on a cart with an injury to his left knee in the second half.

Foster said that he hoped to be back soon, but Kubiak said the injury to Cushing could be serious.

Nothing is looking bad these days for the Chiefs (7-0), who trail only the 2003 team for the best start in franchise history.

In the Super Bowl era, 31 previous teams started 7-0 and all of them made the playoffs. Fifteen went on to play in the Super Bowl and nine won it.

Alex Smith also had a touchdown run for the Chiefs.

"We've got a great group of guys, honestly. Hungry guys," he said.

## Miami falls to Bills, 23-21

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Ryan Tannehill ended his frustrating afternoon by heaving one final incompletion on the run, then took a tumble near the Buffalo Bills' bench and laid face down as they began to celebrate.

Too many Tannehill sacks and turnovers again doomed the Miami Dolphins, who fumbled away a late lead and lost Sunday to the Buffalo Bills, 23-21.

Mario Williams forced a fumble by sacking Tannehill with less than three minutes left, setting up the winning 31-yard field goal by Dan Carpenter.

Tannehill also threw two interceptions that made at least a 10-point difference. One ended a scoring threat, and rookie Nickell Robey returned the other interception 19 yards for a touchdown on the third play of the game to help the Bills build a 14-0

lead. A month ago, the Dolphins (3-3) were basking in their best start since 2002. They haven't won since, and they'll take a three-game losing streak to New England on Oct. 27.

"We're in a tough spot right now," Tannehill said. "We have to face the adversity and grow from it. There are two ways we can go. We can tank it, or we can turn it around."

The 99th meeting between the AFC East rivals had one of the wilder endings in the series. With Miami nursing a 21-20 lead, Tannehill tried to throw from midfield but fumbled when sacked by Williams.

Kyle Williams recovered at the Miami 34, and former Dolphins kicker Carpenter made the winner seven plays later with 33 seconds left.

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Mercury Retrograde Brace yourself for the roller coaster of the last Mercury retrograde of the year. Sure, there will be ups and downs, but without them it wouldn't be much of a ride now, would it? This retrograde happens in soulful Scorpio, and so any misadventures during next three weeks will come with the added bonus of bringing us closer to the truth.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are a few bumps and blocks in the road, but these are just the kind of obstacles that bring people together. You'll need a favor to clear the path and get where you want to go.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). For things to go well with your team, each person must be well suited to the job they've been assigned. You may need to shift some of the responsibilities around. Experiment today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll get a surge of creative fuel midday that you can use to drum up some fun with another creative person. Let playfulness rule, and there will be practical applications for what you come up with, too.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You know whom you like and trust, but can you really call someone who does nothing to help

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). How can you heal the spiritual and emotional wounds of the past? As it is with your body, healing happens naturally and can't be willed. But you do have to provide the circumstances that are most conducive to healing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your talent is that your honesty encourages others to be honest, too. Those who pretend to be something they are not are only stopping themselves from becoming who they were meant to be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The people who don't value your input shouldn't be allowed to get it. You may have to withhold your efforts in order for the others to feel the loss. Only then will they understand your contribution.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Just because something doesn't serve the function you want it to serve doesn't mean it's broken. Still, you have to move on to find what is going to work for you. Don't wait.

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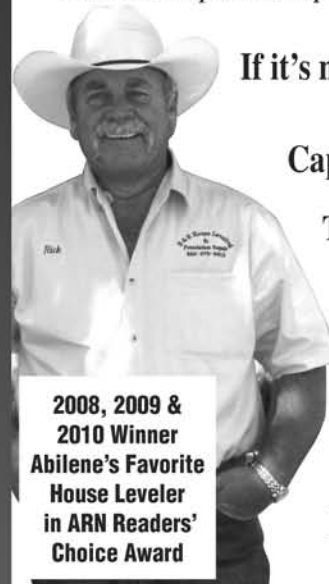
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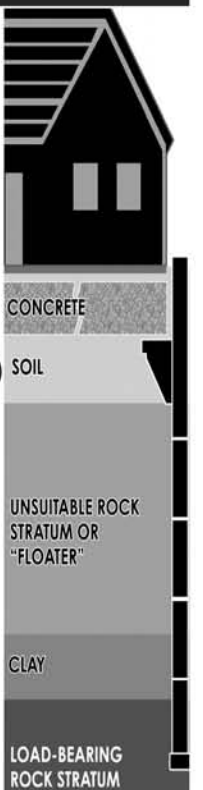
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# Talladega fails to live up to chaotic reputation

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) — Chaos is a recurrent theme at Talladega Superspeedway. Huge wrecks are part of the game. A major shake-up in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship seemed possible, even likely, after 500 miles on the big trioval. Well, the big one didn't happen. The standings don't look all that different, either. Jimmie Johnson and Matt Kenseth swapped spots at the top — Johnson now leads Kenseth by a scant four points instead of the other way

around — but those two are still firmly in control of the Chase with four races left. Jamie McMurray won Sunday's race at Talladega. Johnson and Kenseth kept plenty of distance on the competition. Johnson steered around a last-lap crash and finished 13th. Kenseth dropped to second with a 20th-place showing, but it's another 22 points — a daunting margin — to Kyle Busch and Kevin Harvick tied for third. Jeff Gordon, who had hoped Talladega's unpredictable na-

ture might help him make a big push, made up only two points and is 34 behind the leader. "Thirteenth isn't the best finish," Johnson said, "but with what we are trying to do and win a championship, we beat the competition. That is good." Gordon tried to put the best face on finishing 14th heading to next weekend's race at Martinsville. "We didn't gain really anything but we didn't really lose anything, so it's sort of a wash," he said. "In that sense,

we didn't tear up the race car, I'm standing here, and we just move on to the next one." McMurray took the checkered flag for the first time in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series since 2010, snapping a 108-race winless streak, and didn't even have to worry about a planned last-lap charge from Dale Earnhardt Jr. The race finished under caution after rookie Austin Dillon spun on the last lap, leading to a huge collision with Casey Mears that amazingly didn't impact any other

cars. Not the typical Talladega crash by any means. "Once you get toward the end, it usually gets more intense and everybody starts taking bigger risks," McMurray said. "I'm really surprised they couldn't put something together to make more of a run. I'm shocked by that, actually." Mears slammed head-on into Dillon's car and sent it flying into the air before it came back down upright. Everyone was OK.

# Alabama, Florida State top 1st BCS standings

(AP) — Alabama and Florida State hold the top two spots in the first BCS standings of the season. Oregon was a close third behind second-place Florida State. The Seminoles (.9348 BCS average) are coming off their biggest win of the season, a 51-14 victory at previously unbeaten Clemson. The Ducks (.9320) have only played one team that was ranked at the time, but could get a boost in the next two weeks with games against UCLA and at Stanford.

Ohio State is a more distant fourth, followed by Missouri in the standings released Sunday night. The top two teams in the final standings after the end of the regular season play in the Rose Bowl for the national title in January. Alabama is a comfortable No. 1 on the strength of being top-ranked by a wide margin in both the USA Today coaches' poll and Harris poll. The two-time defending champion Crimson Tide is second. If the Tide can stay un-

beaten, it should reach the BCS championship game for the third straight year and for the fourth time in five seasons. The polls count for two-thirds of a BCS grade. Florida State is No. 1 in the computer ratings and third in each poll. Oregon is second in the polls and fourth in the computers. The race between the Ducks and Florida State is shaping up to be a close one if both keep winning. The Seminoles still must play unbeaten

Miami, rival Florida and potentially in the ACC championship game, which could be a rematch with Miami or maybe a game against Virginia Tech (6-1). In addition to Oregon's next two tough games, the Ducks play Oregon State and potentially the Pac-12 title game against perhaps UCLA or Arizona State. Ohio State is probably relegated to hoping for the teams in front of it to fall. The Big Ten is not affording the Buckeyes many opportunities for resume-boosting victo-

ries. Stanford was sixth and Miami seventh. Unbeaten Baylor starts the BCS race eighth. Only twice since the BCS started in 1998 have

the top two teams in the first standings played in the title game. The BCS is in its final season. It will be replaced by a four-team playoff next season.

## COWBOYS

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at home. Their last win at the Linc was over the New York Giants on Sept. 30, 2012. Dallas played without four-time All-Pro defensive end DeMarcus Ware, who missed the first game in his nine-year career because of a quadriceps injury. Anthony Spencer, the end opposite Ware, is out for the season after knee surgery. Four-time Pro Bowl tackle Jay Ratliff was released during the week after failing a physical. George Selvie had 1½ sacks and combined with Jarius Wynn on the hit that forced Foles out of the game. Wynn was signed last Tuesday after being released by San Diego. "It's a testament to how hard and committed these guys are to practicing," Romo said. "It's neat for them to have a game like this. They would've won it by themselves." Foles, coming off an impressive performance at Tampa Bay last week that earned him NFC Player of the Week honors, had his worst game

since his first career start at Washington last November. He finished 11 of 29 for 80 yards and was sacked three times. Foles mis-fired on several throws to open receivers, including a low throw to Jason Avant in the end zone in the third quarter. "All of us on offense, our decision making wasn't very good," Kelly

said. "It was all of us on offense. It's not just one guy." Kelly is hopeful Vick will return this week. There was no word on the extent of Foles' injury. The Eagles sorely missed Vick's scrambling ability. Also, Vick's presence makes LeSean McCoy more dangerous because teams have to be wary

of both in Kelly's read-zone offense. McCoy, the NFL's leading rusher, was held to 55 yards on 18 carries. Romo was 28 of 47 and threw two picks. The first 11 possessions resulted in 11 punts before Dan Bailey kicked a 38-yard field goal to give Dallas a 3-0 lead with 3:17 left in the first half.

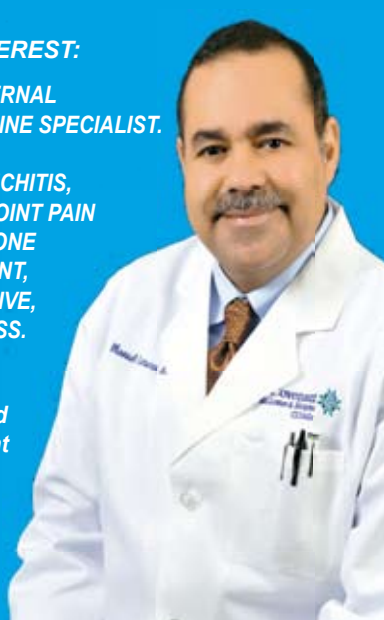
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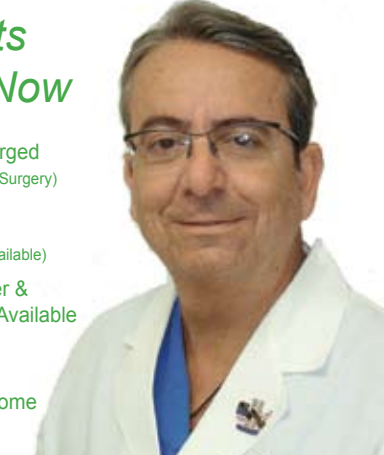
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