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## Funtastic will again feature lots of music

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
 Staff Writer

Preparations for this year's Funtastic Fourth downtown celebration are starting to pick up steam.

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual event, sponsored by the Downtown Revitalization Association in conjunction with Alon USA/Alon Brands, will be held June 28-29 on Scurry and Main streets between Third and Second, organizers said.

There will be food, vendor booths, games and children's rides aplenty, but most of all, there will be music — lots and lots of music.

Allen Johnson and Christy Brorman, two of the event's organizers, said several music acts are lined up for the two-day festival.

Opening night acts include the Tejano band Extremo, rock group Mad Mexicans and country/western singer Dale Castillo.

Second-day music will be heavily country flavored



HERALD file photo

**Big Spring's downtown area should be crowded June 28 and 29 when the Downtown Revitalization Association and Alon USA put on the Funtastic Fourth, an annual event featuring food, vendor's booths, games and music.**

— among the acts committed to perform are Clayton Adams, Forgotten Road, Matt Kimbrow, Adrian Calvio and headliner Mark McKinney.

Away from the stage, children's attractions will include a train ride, air-powered "bouncy houses" and a rock wall suitable for climbing.

In addition, upward to 125 vendors selling a variety of food and gift items are ex-

pected. To reserve booth space, call Linda Burchett at 816-9381.

Johnson promises this year's festival will offer more to visitors than past events.

"There's a lot of excitement going on in this area right now and because of that, we wanted to make (the event) bigger and better this year," he said.

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## Woman, 32, dies in jail

*Foul play not suspected; Texas Rangers investigate*

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

A Big Spring woman was pronounced dead at the Howard County Detention Center early Wednesday morning after being arrested on a charge of public intoxication, according to law enforcement officials.

Stephanie Elaine Baker, 32, of 1606 Settles, was arrested at approximately 9:11 p.m. Tuesday at a location in the 2300 block of Wasson Road by Big Spring Police Department officers, arrest reports stated.

According to Sheriff Stan Parker, the local woman was then transported to the county lockup.

"Baker was booked into the detention center," Parker said. "At approximately 3:50 a.m. Wednesday, Baker was found unresponsive. An ambulance was called and re-

sponded to the detention center, where it was determined Baker was deceased."

Parker said the woman was alone in the jail cell when she was found by one of the facility's jailers.

"Baker was pronounced dead by Howard County Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs," he said. "An autopsy was ordered by Dobbs and will be conducted in Lubbock."

Parker said the Texas Rangers are in the process of investigating the death.

"Anytime someone dies while in custody, it's normal procedure to have the Texas Rangers come in and make a full investigation," Parker said. "No foul play is suspected at this time."

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Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

## Sleeping Beauty takes stage tonight, Friday at Hall Center

The Howard College presentation of *Sleeping Beauty* and the HC Dance Troupe show will be held at 7:30 p.m. this evening and Friday in the Hall Center for the Arts.

Reserve tickets by calling 432-264-5161. Tickets will also be available at the door. Ticket prices are \$5 general admission and \$3 for Howard College faculty, staff and students.

## Movie on the mountain top

Film Society to show 'Star Trek' May 11 at Big Spring State Park

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
 Staff Writer

Area film buffs and residents will get a chance to boldly go where no man has gone before May 11, as the Big Spring Film Society presents a screening of the 2009 "Star Trek" atop Scenic Mountain.

"We're really excited about this screening," Big Spring Film Society Chairman Brandon Johnson said. "Virtually all of the screenings we've

done during the past several years have been older films, sometimes 20 to 30 years old. However, May 11 we'll be presenting the 2009 reboot of 'Star Trek,' directed by J.J. Abrams."

The film — which is rated PG-13 — stars Chris Pine ("Unstoppable," "This Means War") as the brash and legendary James T. Kirk, as he begins his long career captaining the starship Enter-

prise. Zachary Quinto (television's "Heroes" and "24") portrays the role of Spock, which was originally played by Hollywood legend Leonard Nimoy.

The film also features Karl Urban ("The Chronicles of Riddick," "Ghost Ship") as Bones, Zoe Saldana ("Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl," "Columbiana") as Uhura and Simon Pegg ("Shaun of the Dead,"

"Paul") as Scotty.

According to Johnson, there's still a need for volunteers.

"That's really the lifeblood of what we do," he said. "Some of the film society members will be out there at the screening working hard behind the scenes. However, we can always use more volunteers."

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## Obituaries

### Stephanie Baker

Stephanie Baker, 32, of Big Spring died Wednesday, April 24, 2013. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Gilbert T. 'Mono' Franco

Gilbert T. "Mono" Franco, 63, of Big Spring died Tuesday, April 23, 2013, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Police blotter

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

- BRENDA GONZALES, 38, of 1210 Sycamore, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for speeding, no driver's license – when unlicensed and failure to appear (two counts).
- CHRISTINA MARIE ROJAS, 26, of 1503 W. Cherokee, was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.
- JUSTIN KYLE DAHMER, 24, of 2313 Gunter, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and bail jumping – failure to appear (fine only).
- STEVEN PAUL RIORDAN, 63, of 1103 Barnes Ave., was arrested Wednesday on a charge of possession of marijuana – more than four ounces and less than five pounds.
- KAYDRA NICOLE FRANCO, 23, of 3312 Auburn, was arrested Wednesday on warrants for disregarding a stop sign, expired motor vehicle inspection certificate and failure to use child safety seat system.
- DEBORAH RUTH PATE, 54, of Palestine, Texas, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of shoplifting – more than \$500 and less than \$1,500.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1300 block of S. Main Street.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 1500 block of E. Cherokee.
- THEFT was reported:  
In the 1500 block of W. Fourth Street.  
In the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- FORGERY was reported in the 3600 block of W. Highway 80.
- ASSAULT was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.
- STOLEN VEHICLE was reported in the 2400 block of S. Gregg Street.

## Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 77 inmates at the time of this report.

- MARTIN DOMINGUEZ, 25, was arrested Wednesday by the HCSO on a charge of failure to appear – possession of a controlled substance.
- BRENDA VERA, 38, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for speeding, violation of a promise to appear, no driver's license and failure to appear.
- JUSTIN KYLE DAHMER, 24, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.
- ISAAC FRANK MORENO, 51, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the Sterling County Sheriff's Office on a Sterling County warrant for motion to revoke probation – driving while intoxicated (third or more offense).
- CHRISTINA MARIE ROJAS, 26, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a Deaf Smith County warrant for possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- STEVEN RIORDAN, 63, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – more than four ounces and less than five pounds.
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- DEBORAH RUTH PATE, 54, was booked into the county detention center Wednesday by the BSPD on a charge of theft – more than \$500 and less than \$1,500.
- MICHAEL DEAN BISHOP, 24, was booked into the county detention center Thursday by the Glasscock County Sheriff's Office on Glasscock County warrants for possession of a dangerous drug, unlawfully carrying a weapon and possession of a controlled substance.

## Fire/EMS

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

- TRAFFIC ACCIDENT was reported near the intersection of W. Sixth Street and S. Gregg. One person was evacuated from the scene by air.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 200 block of S. Fifth Street in Coahoma. One person was transported to SMMC.
- MEDICAL was reported in the 1800 block of N. Highway 87. One person was transported to SMMC.

## Take Note

• The Coahoma Choir Kids and Third Grade Singers will perform a spring concert at 6:30 p.m. today in the school cafeteria. The concert is free to the public and will be followed by an ice cream social fundraiser sponsored by the Coahoma Elementary PTO.

• Kentwood Early Childhood Center will hold pre-registration for its pre-kindergarten classes from 9 a.m. to noon May 1-15 at the ECC, located at 2500 Merrily. For more information, contact the school at 264-4130.

• A benefit fund for the April Martinez family, who recently lost everything in a fire, has been set up at Prosperity Bank. Donations can be made to account number 3013914734. Ms. Martinez has four children ages 5 to 12.

• 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.

• Howard County Master Gardeners Club business meetings take place at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at 1604 W. Fourth St., between Brown and Jones streets. The meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the county extension office at 432-264-2236.

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

• An account has been established at Citizens Credit Union to help pay medical expenses for Jodi Schlipf Baird, who is being treated for Stage 4 cancer. For more information, contact the credit union at 267-6373 or Donna Whetsel at 432-466-9744.

• 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.

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

• 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.

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

• The Salvation Army is holding its annual fan drive and is in need of fans. Community members can donate new or used fans. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.




• The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem. HPF can provide counseling free of charge, in English and 170 other languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Free free foreclosure help, call the hotline.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

## Today's Weather

### Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 4/26	Sat 4/27	Sun 4/28
		
<b>76/55</b> Intervals of clouds and sunshine in the morning with more clouds for later in the day. High 76F.	<b>89/59</b> Clouds giving way to sun. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	<b>83/57</b> Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.
<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:05 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:23 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:04 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:23 PM	<b>Sunrise:</b> 7:03 AM <b>Sunset:</b> 8:24 PM



## Texas At A Glance



### Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	71	55	pt sunny	Kingsville	70	66	rain
Amarillo	69	46	cloudy	Livingston	74	54	rain
Austin	70	58	rain	Longview	73	52	sunny
Beaumont	74	56	rain	Lubbock	71	49	pt sunny
Brownsville	70	66	rain	Lufkin	75	55	pt sunny
Brownwood	74	55	pt sunny	Midland	75	54	cloudy
Corpus Christi	69	66	rain	Raymondville	70	65	rain
Corsicana	71	54	mst sunny	Rosenberg	72	61	rain
Dallas	73	56	mst sunny	San Antonio	69	60	rain
Del Rio	71	61	cloudy	San Marcos	71	58	rain
El Paso	86	59	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	73	55	sunny
Fort Stockton	72	51	windy	Sweetwater	72	54	pt sunny
Gainesville	70	53	mst sunny	Tyler	74	54	mst sunny
Greenville	71	53	mst sunny	Weatherford	70	54	mst sunny
Houston	73	61	rain	Wichita Falls	71	53	mst sunny

### National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	72	45	sunny	Minneapolis	53	42	sunny
Boston	64	40	pt sunny	New York	63	47	pt sunny
Chicago	53	36	pt sunny	Phoenix	83	59	sunny
Dallas	73	56	mst sunny	San Francisco	62	49	pt sunny
Denver	62	39	pt sunny	Seattle	70	47	mst sunny
Houston	73	61	rain	St. Louis	60	45	sunny
Los Angeles	67	56	pt sunny	Washington, DC	66	47	sunny
Miami	83	70	pt sunny				

### Moon Phases



### UV Index

Fri 4/26	Sat 4/27	Sun 4/28
<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>
Very High	Very High	Very High

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, 0 with a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

## Support Groups

### THURSDAY

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open discussion noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting; 6:30 until 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

• Spring Tabernacle Ministries has a faith-based support group for those who need help finding and continuing to walk down the path God has for each of us. Meetings are at 11 a.m. until noon and again at 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.. The classes take place at Spring Tabernacle Ministries, located at 1209 Wright St.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group, meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462.

• Overcomer's: Recovery & Restoration (R&R), a Christ-centered recovery program is held at Cornerstone Covenant Church from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the "Green Room" of the East Wing. For more convenient access to the meeting room, park in the back of the church and enter through the metal door across from the fellowship hall. If you need more information, contact the church secretary at 432-264-0015.

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

# Texas briefs

## Obama, Cornyn, Perry to speak at West memorial

WACO, Texas (AP) — The town of West, Texas, is preparing to say goodbye to 14 people who were killed when a fertilizer plant exploded and leveled part of the town.

President Barack Obama, U.S. Sen. John Cornyn and Texas Gov. Rick Perry are set to speak at Thursday's memorial at Baylor University's Ferrell Center in Waco.

Firefighters and other first responders were among those killed when a fire at the plant erupted in an explosion last week. Hundreds of people were injured.

Obama has ordered that the U.S. flag at federal buildings and military facilities in Texas be flown at half-staff Thursday in memory of the victims. He had already planned to be in the state for Thursday's dedication of former President George W. Bush's presidential library at Southern Methodist University.

## Barbara Bush on Jeb run: 'We've had enough Bushes'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amid the celebration surrounding the opening of son George W. Bush's presidential library Thursday, former first lady Barbara Bush brushed aside talk of a Jeb Bush run for the White House in 2016.

Appearing in an interview from Dallas on NBC's "Today" show, Mrs. Bush was asked if she thought that Jeb, the former governor of Florida, should seek the presidency.

"He's by far the best qualified man," Mrs. Bush said, "but no."

"We've had enough Bushes," she said, saying "it's not just four families, or whatever."

The Bush family matriarch went on to say she thought there were many worthy candidates, telling anchor Matt Lauer, "There are people out there" who are qualified. Mrs. Bush, who had a reputation for bluntness when her husband George H.W. Bush was president, spoke from the site of the presidential library. On Wednesday, George W. Bush told CNN he thought Jeb Bush should run.

## South Texas teen gets prison for running drugs

MCALLEN, Texas (AP) — A 19-year-old South Texas man who bragged online about running drugs and recruiting dealers must serve nearly 10 years in prison.

A federal judge in McAllen on Wednesday sentenced Erick Ochoa-Rodriguez of Pharr and noted the teen repeatedly used his age to manipulate the justice system.

A jury in February convicted Ochoa-Rodriguez of conspiring to possess marijuana and possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance.

U.S. District Judge Micaela Alvarez says Ochoa-Rodriguez "embraced" life as a drug trafficker and continued to disregard the law. Prosecutors say Ochoa-Rodriguez posted Facebook messages bragging about cocaine trafficking, selling guns and recruiting drug dealers.

Ochoa-Rodriguez was arrested in October after a failed attempt to smuggle bundles of marijuana across the Rio Grande.

## Embattled El Paso district principal resigns

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — An embattled administrator in a West Texas school district investigating a

testing scandal has dropped efforts to keep his job. The El Paso Times reported Thursday that Luis Loya has resigned, effective June 30. The principal of the Center for Career and Technology Education previously denied wrongdoing and said he would appeal a school board decision not to renew his contract.

An outside audit made public in early April found systematic test rigging and grade manipulation in the El Paso Independent School District.

Three other principals and four assistant principals who had been put on leave were reinstated. Loya on Monday submitted his resignation.

Ex-El Paso High School superintendent Lorenzo Garcia is serving more than three years in prison after pleading guilty to fraud in the testing scam.

## Lubbock man linked to bank, credit union holdups

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Federal prosecutors say tips have led to the arrest of a man suspected of robbing three West Texas banks and credit unions since last summer.

Investigators say 42-year-old Jeffrey Hensley was being held Thursday pending an initial court appearance in Lubbock. Hensley was arrested Monday after a search of his Lubbock residence.

He's charged with the Feb. 13 robbery of Alliance Federal Credit Union in Lubbock. A complaint also links Hensley to the Sept. 14 holdup of First United Bank in Lubbock and the Dec. 8 robbery of Plains Capital Bank in Lubbock.

Prosecutors say in all three robberies a suspect slipped a threatening note to tellers and then fled with cash. Details on the stolen money wasn't immediately released.

Hensley faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

## Texas chiropractor convicted of patient sex abuse

MCKINNEY, Texas (AP) — A North Texas chiropractor has been sentenced to sentences of 23 years in prison after a jury found him guilty of sexually abusing female patients.

The Collin County jury deliberated about five hours before sentencing 44-year-old David Allen Russell of McKinney. He had faced up to life in prison.

District Attorney Greg Willis says sentences of up to 15 years would be served simultaneously, but an eight-year sentence for indecency with a child would be served upon completion of the 15-year term.

Investigators say some victims were teenagers. Russell didn't testify during his trial involving abuse allegations between 2002 and 2011.

## Ex-officers get probation in Houston teen beating

HOUSTON (AP) — Two fired Houston police officers accused of beating a black teenage burglary suspect during an arrest that was caught on video were each sentenced Wednesday to two years of probation as part of plea agreements.

Ex-officers Phil Bryan, 47, and Raad Hassan, 43, each entered pleas of no contest to a misdemeanor charge of official oppression. The two men had been set to go to trial on Monday. If convicted at trial, each ex-officer had faced up to a year in jail.

State District Judge Ruben Guerrero accepted the former officers' pleas and sentenced them to two years of deferred adjudication, a form of probation. If the men complete their probations without

getting into trouble, their convictions will be dismissed.

The beating of then-15-year-old Chad Holley prompted fierce public criticism of the Houston police department by community activists, who called it an example of police brutality against minorities.

Four officers were charged; one was acquitted last May and another officer's case is still pending. Holley was convicted of burglary in juvenile court.

Defense attorneys and the special prosecutors appointed to handle the case all said the plea deal for Bryan and Hassan was fair.

## Killer in East Texas slaying, abductions set to die

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court is being asked to block execution of a Texas inmate for killing one of three people abducted from an East Texas convenience store.

Richard Cobb is set for lethal injection Thursday evening in Huntsville for the death of 37-year-old Kenneth Vandever. He and two women were abducted during a robbery almost 11 years ago.

The women also were shot and one was raped during the attack that began in Rusk, about 120 miles southeast of Dallas. The women survived and testified against Cobb and his partner, Beunka Adams. Adams was executed last year.

Attorneys for the 29-year-old Cobb have told justices that a prison expert's false testimony during Cobb's trial in 2004 tainted the jury's decision to send him to death row.

## Texas State Aquarium announces 1st shark birth

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — One of the younger residents of the Texas State Aquarium is the first shark to be born at the tourist-popular site.

Aquarium officials in Corpus Christi on Wednesday offered details on the female white spotted bamboo shark named Joy. Authorities say the shark was hatched in October and is the only shark ever born at the aquarium.

## FUNTASTIC

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"We're trying to get people excited about the downtown area, and this seems like the perfect opportunity to showcase it."

Several sponsors, including Alon, Super Rod and United Rental, are already on board for this year's festival, but Brorman said more were needed. Persons interested in sponsoring Funtastic Fourth should contact Brorman at 432-466-2268.

Volunteers are needed. To help, call Johnson at 267-6278.

Contact Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-mail at reporter@big-springherald.com

**MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL**  
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Abner Shellman, Sr., 68, died Saturday. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church. Burial will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Abilene.

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## MOVIE

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"There are so many things to get done, and we only have a short window of time to get them done in. We help with the set-up and take-down of the inflatable screen we show the film on, plus we try to help the vendors break-down after the movie. We also want to make sure we leave the park in better shape than we found it, so clean-up is vital. In truth, there's always something we could use more help with."

Johnson said the idea of screening the Star Trek franchise reboot had always been in the back of his mind.

"There are two things that made us want to screen this film first this year," Johnson said. "We've wanted

to screen another epic space movie for awhile now and this is indeed an epic film. Also, 'Star Trek: Into Darkness,' the sequel to the film, comes out the following weekend of May 22, so what better place to check the film out again than on top of Scenic Mountain?

"J.J. Abrams recently signed on to direct the sequel to 'Star Wars: Return of the Jedi' — yeah, it's nuts that the guy who brought back Star Trek is now going to dive head first into the Star Wars universe — so if you are excited to see what this guy is going to do with Star Wars, you can come get an idea up on the mountain."

Johnson said concessions will be provided on-site for the screening, with movie-goers only needing to bring a

few things to make the evening a fun time.

"The main thing people are going to need to bring is a lawn chair," Johnson said. "Some folks may also want to bring some insect repellent because you never really know how bad the mosquitoes are going to be. Other than that, just bring the family and get ready to have some fun."

"For a lot of parents and their children, these screenings will become memories they will carry with them into the future. Not only will the kids remember the film and being able to watch it outside, but they will also remember their friends and family

and what a good time they had. That's really important, in my opinion."

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# America's insane asylum for frauds

In the aftermath of the Boston Marathon killing spree by foreign-born jihadists, see-no-evil bureaucrats in Washington are stubbornly defending America's lax asylum policies. DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano told the Senate Tuesday that the screening process is rigorous, effective and extensive.

These people can't handle the truth. Or tell it. The Tsarnaev brothers reportedly were granted asylum by "derivative" status through their parents. After entering on short-term tourist visas, the mother and father (an ethnic Chechen Muslim) won asylum and acquired U.S. citizenship. Next, younger son Dzhokhar obtained U.S. citizenship. Older son Tamerlan, whose naturalization application was pending, traveled freely between the U.S. and the jihad recruitment zone of Dagestan, Russia, last year before the bombers' gunfight in Watertown, Mass., last week left the Muslim terrorist dead.

Though they had convinced the U.S. that they faced deadly persecution, the Tsarnaevs' parents both returned to their native land and were there when their sons launched last week's terror rampage. Authorities will not reveal any details of the sob-stories the Tsarnaevs originally spun to win asylum benefits for the entire family.

The whole thing stinks. And it's an old, familiar stench. Immigration lawyers have been working the system on behalf of asylum con artists for decades. The racketeers coach applicants with phony stories and documents from "chop shops" and game their way through "refugee roulette."

Asylum and refugee claimants are being rubber-stamped at all-time-high rates. Government data analyzed by the nonpartisan TRAC website show that "the odds of an asylum claim being denied in Immigration Court reached an historic low in

FY 2012, with only 44.5 percent being turned down. Ten years ago, almost two out of three (62.6 percent) individuals seeking asylum lost their cases in similar actions. Twenty years ago, fewer than one out of four (24 percent) asylum applicants won their cases, while three out of four (76 percent) lost."

The game is rigged in favor of identity-group hustlers, who mau-mau adjudicators whose approval rates don't meet their approval.

Soft-on-enforcement lobbying groups argue that it's better to err on the side of allowing bogus asylum-seekers and refugees to stay than to get serious about cracking down on fraud and send undeserving foreigners home. It's not "practical" or worth it, they say.

But what about the "if it saves just one life" standard set by President Obama? Why does it only apply to gun control? Why won't Washington err on the side of public safety by reexamining and overhauling our fraud-riddled asylum, detention, deportation and visa issuance policies after the Boston jihad?

In case you'd forgotten, the Tsarnaevs were not the first murder-minded jihadists to benefit from ineffective policing of our asylum and refugee policies.

As I've reported previously:

—Ramzi Yousef landed at New York City's JFK airport from Pakistan and flashed an Iraqi passport without a visa to inspectors. He was briefly detained for illegal entry and fingerprinted, but was allowed to remain in the country after invoking the magic words "political asylum." Yousef was released for lack of detention space and headed to Jersey City to plot the deadly 1993 World Trade Center bombing.

—Gazi Ibrahim Abu Mezer, a Palestinian bomb-builder, entered the U.S. illegally through Canada in 1996-97. He claimed political asylum based on phony persecution by Israelis, was released on a reduced \$5,000 bond posted by a man who was himself an illegal alien and then skipped his asylum hearing. In June 1997, a federal immigration judge ordered Mezer to leave on

a "voluntary departure order." Mezer ignored him. He joined the New York City bombing plot before being arrested in July 1997 after a roommate tipped off local police.

—Mir Aimal Kansi, convicted in 1997 of capital murder and nine other charges stemming from his January 1993 shooting spree outside the CIA headquarters in McLean, Va., also exploited our insane asylum laxity. Despite his history as a known Pakistani militant who had participated in anti-American protests abroad, Kansi received a business visa in 1991. After arrival, he claimed political asylum based on his ethnic minority status in Pakistan. While his asylum application was pending, he obtained a driver's license and an AK-47, murdered two CIA agents and wounded three others.

—Somali national Nuradin Abdi, the al-Qaida shopping mall bomb plotter convicted in 2007, first entered the U.S. in 1995 using a false passport. He entered again illegally from Canada in 1997 and secured asylum on false grounds. Abdi then was able to fraudulently obtain a refugee travel document, which he used to fly to Ethiopia and, yes, Chechnya for jihad training.

—Among the convicted Fort Dix (N.J.) jihad plotters were three ethnic Albanian illegal alien brothers, Dritan, Shain and Eljvir Duka, who snuck into the country through Mexico with their parents. In 1984, the father applied for asylum, but the feds ignored them for two decades. In the meantime, as America showed the Dukas' refugee community unmatched compassion and generosity, the Muslim trio returned the favor by planning to massacre U.S. soldiers.

As always, political correctness and political pandering are the handmaidens of terrorism.

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## DAILY PRAYER

Help us, dear Lord, to provide understanding to those who are confused.

Amen

# The bombers and who gets in

The uncle of the accused Boston Marathon bombers got the boys right.

They were unable to settle into American life, Ruslan Tsarni told reporters from his home in Maryland, "and thereby just hating everyone who did." He called the two brothers "losers." I prefer the term "weaklings."

As the story thickens with detail, it would seem that the older brother, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, now dead, was the ringleader. So let's concentrate on him.

Tamerlan would seem the model of the mentally unfit immigrant. Here was an accomplished boxer who couldn't roll with the punches of American existence.

Fragile personalities often adopt grandiosity as a shield. Making peace with the kind of setbacks that ordinary Americans confront on a regular basis would have made Tamerlan ordinary. Hence, he took the well-trod path of latching onto a radical cause, in his case religious, to inflate his importance.

It takes a whole lot of crossed wires to see blowing up a bunch of innocents as a remedy for what ails. And that's why Tamerlan's actual disappointments are so beside the point.

"Life in America Unraveled for Two Young Men," reads a Wall Street Journal headline. But by

the measuring stick of human suffering — even at the higher American scale — Tamerlan was doing OK.

What were his unravelings? The boys' father had a hard time in America making a living as an auto mechanic. The family lived for a while in subsidized housing. These were not unique circumstances given the sorry state of the economy over the last few years.

Tamerlan reportedly dropped out of college for money reasons. Well, so did Steve Jobs.

Then there was his boxing. "He couldn't get into the Olympics," the family's landlord told a Russian newspaper, "and that was the last thing he really worked hard at." Many more boxers try to get onto the U.S. Olympic team than succeed.

By virtue of having become a Golden Gloves contender, Tamerlan would have been the envy of high-school boxers everywhere.

An assimilated American in his situation would have gone to the Small Business Administration for a loan, set up a boxing school in the neighborhood and continued from there. We can well believe Tamerlan's statement about Americans, "I don't understand them." A courageous man would have simply returned to a culture he felt at home in. Many immigrants do.

This story bears strong resemblance to that of Faisal Shahzad, the Pakistani in jail for trying to set off a bomb in Times Square. Like Tamerlan, he had obtained a green card. He had a wife,

children and good jobs. But his real estate investments didn't pan out, and he lost his house to foreclosure.

Had Shahzad made good money in real estate, we probably would have never heard of him.

But he didn't, and rather than try, try again, he turned to radical Islam. Radical Islam provides fragile male egos a class of inferiors to feel superior to. That would be women. One of Shahzad's solutions included pressuring his soon-to-be-ex-wife into wearing a hijab, a modest Muslim head covering.

At his sentencing, Shahzad puffed himself up, invoking the name of a Muslim warrior from the Crusades.

The federal district court judge dryly urged him to spend the time behind bars pondering "whether the Quran wants you to kill lots of people."

It is not America's duty to give such troubled individuals therapy and a pile of Lexapro. It is to keep them out of a country they can't fit into.

The FBI had already talked to Tamerlan about his jihadist interests. We assume the bureau will not shrug at such cases in the future.

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1	3	2	4	8	9	6	5	7
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## News in brief

### Boston bomb suspect admits brother recruited him, then goes silent after Miranda warning

BOSTON (AP) — Sixteen hours after investigators began interrogating him, the surviving suspect in the Boston Marathon bombings went silent: he'd just been read his constitutional rights.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev immediately stopped talking after a magistrate judge and a representative from the U.S. Attorney's office entered his hospital room and gave him his Miranda warning, according to four officials of both political parties briefed on the interrogation. They insisted on anonymity because the briefing was private.

Before being advised of his rights, the 19-year-old suspect told authorities that his older brother, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, 26, only recently had recruited him to be part of the attack that detonated pressure-cooker bombs at the marathon finish line, two U.S. officials said.

The CIA, however, had named Tamerlan to a terrorist database 18 months ago, said officials close to the investigation who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the case with reporters.

The new disclosure that Tamerlan Tsarnaev was included within a huge, classified database of known and suspected terrorists before the attacks was expected to drive congressional inquiries in coming weeks about whether the Obama administration adequately investigated tips from Russia that Tsarnaev had posed a security threat.

### Officials: Factories ignored order to evacuate Bangladesh building that collapsed, killing 194

SAVAR, Bangladesh (AP) — With deep cracks visible in the walls, police had ordered a Bangladesh garment building evacuated the day before its deadly collapse, but the factories flouted the order

and kept more than 2,000 people working, officials said Thursday. At least 194 people died when a huge section of the eight-story building splintered into a pile of concrete.

The disaster in the Dhaka suburb of Savar came less than five months after a blaze killed 112 people in a garment factory and underscored the unsafe conditions faced by Bangladesh's garment workers, who produce clothes for brands worn around the world. Some of the companies in the building that fell say their customers include retail giants such as Wal-Mart.

Hundreds of rescuers, some crawling through the maze of rubble in search of survivors and corpses, worked through the night and into Thursday amid the cries of the trapped and the wails of workers' relatives gathered outside the building, called Rana Plaza, which housed numerous garment factories and a handful of other companies.

An Associated Press cameraman who went into the rubble with rescue workers spoke briefly to a man pinned face down in the darkness between concrete slabs and next to two corpses. Mohammad Altab pleaded for help, but they were unable to free him.

"Save us, brother. I beg you, brother. I want to live," moaned Altab, a garment worker. "It's so painful here ... I have two little children."

### Fuel barges explode, causing large fire in Mobile, Ala.; 3 critically injured with burns

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — A large fire that began with explosions aboard two fuel barges in Mobile, Ala., was rocked by a seventh explosion early Thursday and fire officials said they planned to let the fire, which has injured three, burn overnight.

Firefighters from Mobile and U.S. Coast Guard officials responded after 8:30 p.m. CDT Wednesday to a pair of explosions involving the gas barges in an area of the Mobile River east of downtown, authorities said.

As they were responding, a third explosion occurred around 9:30 p.m., Mobile Fire and Rescue spokesman Steve Huffman wrote in an email to The Associated Press. Additional explosions followed over the next few hours.

The Coast Guard said early Thursday that a one-nautical-mile safety zone had been established around one barge, which it said was "at the dock for cleaning."

Authorities said three people were transported to University of South Alabama Medical Center after suffering burn-related injuries. Huffman identified them as workers with Oil Recovery Co. The three were in critical condition early Thursday, according to hospital nursing administrator Danny Whatley.

### Survey: Americans' confidence in job market improving steadily from Great Recession

WASHINGTON (AP) — Confidence in the U.S. job market has rebounded to roughly a normal level from its record low after the Great Recession, a trend that could help boost the economy.

Americans increasingly feel they could find a new job if necessary, according to the results of the 2012 General Social Survey, a long-standing poll of public opinion. And fear of being laid off dropped last year from its 2010 peak to roughly its average for the 35 years the question has been asked.

The percentage of Americans who said it would be somewhat or very easy to find a job if they lost theirs rose to 54 percent last year from 46 percent in 2010. The 2010 figure was the lowest since 1983, when the United States was also emerging from a deep recession. On average in the survey's history, about 58 percent of respondents have said it would be very or somewhat easy to find a job.

As layoffs have declined, fewer Americans fear losing their job. Last year, 11 percent of adults

thought it was somewhat or very likely that they'd lose theirs. That was down from a record-high 16 percent in 2010. And it matches the 11 percent average the survey has found since it began asking the question.

Americans may be feeling even more secure now than when the survey was taken last year. The number of layoffs fell in January to the lowest level in the 12 years the government has tracked the data. Fewer people are seeking unemployment benefits.

### South Korea warns of 'grave measures' if North Korea rejects talks on shuttered factory

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — After weeks of threatening rhetoric from the North, South Korea on Thursday promised its own unspecified "grave measures" if Pyongyang rejects talks on a jointly run factory park shuttered for nearly a month.

The park in the North Korean border town of Kaesong is the most significant casualty so far in the recent deterioration of relations between the Koreas. Pyongyang barred South Korean managers and cargo from entering North Korea earlier this month, then recalled the 53,000 North Koreans who worked on the assembly lines.

South Korea's Unification Ministry on Thursday proposed working-level talks on Kaesong and urged the North to respond by noon Friday, warning that Seoul will take "grave measures" if Pyongyang rebuffs the call for dialogue.

In a televised news conference, spokesman Kim Hyung-suk refused to say what those measures might be. Some analysts said Seoul would likely pull out the roughly 175 South Korean managers who remain at the complex.

Kim said South Korea set a Friday deadline because the remaining workers at Kaesong are running short of food and medicine. He said the companies there are suffering economically because of the shutdown.

### Presidents past and present converge in Texas, saluting Bush at library dedication

DALLAS (AP) — All the living American presidents past and present are gathering in Dallas, a rare reunion to salute one of their own at the dedication of the George W. Bush Presidential Center.

Profound ideological differences and a bitter history of blaming each other for the nation's woes will give way — if just for a day — to pomp and pleasantries Thursday as the five members of the most exclusive club in the world appear publicly together for the first time in years. For Bush, 66, the ceremony also marks his unofficial return to the public eye four years after the end of his deeply polarizing presidency.

On the sprawling, 23-acre university campus north of downtown Dallas housing his presidential library, museum and policy institute, Bush will be feted by his father, George H.W. Bush, and the two surviving Democrats, Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter. President Barack Obama, fresh off a fundraiser for Democrats the night before, will also speak.

In a reminder of his duties as the current Oval Office inhabitant, Obama will travel to Waco in the afternoon for a memorial for victims of last week's deadly fertilizer plant explosion.

Key moments and themes from Bush's presidency — the harrowing, the controversial and the inspiring — won't be far removed from the minds of the presidents and guests assembled to dedicate the center, where interactive exhibits invite scrutiny of Bush's major choices as president, such as the financial bailout, the Iraq War and the international focus on HIV and AIDS.

### For GOP and Democrats, deficit reduction is more talk than action as neither side compromises

WASHINGTON (AP) — Liberals' loud objections to White House proposals for slowing the growth of huge social programs make it clear that neither political party puts a high priority on reducing the deficit, despite much talk to the contrary.

For years, House Republicans have adamantly refused to raise income taxes, even though U.S. taxes are historically low, and the Bush-era tax cuts were a major cause of the current deficit.

And now, top Democrats are staunchly opposing changes to Medicare and Social Security benefits, despite studies showing the programs' financial paths are unsustainable.

Unless something gives, it's hard to see what will produce the significant compromises needed to tame the federal debt, which is nearing \$17 trillion.

"There's not much of an appetite for deficit reduction," said Bob Bixby of the Concord Coalition, which pushes for "responsible fiscal policy."

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# Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

## Coup Cue

North dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K 4  
♥ 7 5 2  
♦ K Q 10 7  
♣ A Q 8 6

**EAST**  
♠ Q 9 8 7  
♥ A K 8  
♦ 6 5 2  
♣ 10 9 4

**WEST**  
♠ 5  
♥ Q J 10 3  
♦ 9 8 4 3  
♣ J 7 3 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A J 10 6 3 2  
♥ 9 6 4  
♦ A J  
♣ K 5

The bidding:  
North East South West  
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass  
1NT Pass 4♣

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

One other concern was to avoid a trump loser. After playing a low spade to the king, he returned a spade and finessed the ten. The finesse succeeded, but the bad news was that East had started with the Q-x-x-x. South still had a finessing position over East, but dummy had no more trumps to lead through him.

It was here that the possibility of a trump coup entered the picture. The aim in such situations is to time the succeeding plays so as to wind up in dummy at trick 12. The lead of any card then traps East's queen. To be successful, however, declarer must first reduce his trump length to the same number as East's.

Since South still has four trumps at this point to East's two, he has to ruff two of dummy's cards, even though they are winners. So he leads the diamond jack to the queen and trumps the king. He then plays the club five to the queen, trumps the ten of diamonds and leads the king of clubs to the ace.

Eleven tricks have now been played, and the lead is in dummy as planned. Dummy's last two cards are the 8-6 of clubs, while East has the Q-9 of spades and South the A-J. A club lead from dummy obliterates East's apparently invincible trump trick, and the contract is home.

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# BSHS ready for postseason debut

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

When talking to Big Spring Head Softball Coach John Sparks, it's hard not to notice how much he enjoys working with his playoff bound team.

"I'm having a ball and know the girls are, too," Sparks said as the Lady Steers make preparations for a postseason run. "Our practices have been relaxed the last couple of days. I wanted them to settle down and think about things. We will be having some heavy-duty practices starting today, though. We will work on our hitting — driving the ball, not popping it up."

After missing the the opportunity to play in a bi-district game last season, Sparks' seniors are ready to get going Monday against Fort Stockton.

"They battled for the district championship, but lost to Presidio," Sparks said. "They are one of those teams we'll have to be ready to play. We'll have to be focused — they can sneak up on you."

The Lady Panthers could pose an offensive threat.

"Thier pitching is not so strong, but they hit the ball well when I went and scouted them," Sparks explained. "They will put it in play. That's probably their biggest asset. We'll have to be on top of our game as far as defense."

Sparks believe his squad has the advantage from the circle.

"The strongest point is Logan (Yarbar)," Sparks said. "She's really on her game lately and she works real hard. This bunch of seniors has all worked hard. Haley Dimidjian has been with me four years. Angelina Castillo, Gabi Torres and Ayanna Gomez have been with me for three years. They've proven to me what teamwork is all about. And to themselves."



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Big Spring's Gabi Torres smacks a double during a game earlier this season. The Lady Steers (5-5) will be traveling to Odessa on Monday to face Fort Stockton in the bi-district round of the playoffs. Game time is set for 5 p.m.

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## Sports Calendar

### FRIDAY

#### Track

- Big Spring at regional meet (through Saturday), Fuller Track, Texas Tech.
- Coahoma at regional meet (through Saturday), Odessa.

#### Baseball

- Howard College at Clarendon College (four-games, through Saturday), noon.
- Wylie at Big Spring, Steer Park, 7 p.m.
- Winters at Forsan, 7 p.m.

#### Softball

- Howard College at Clarendon College (doubleheader), 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

### SATURDAY

#### Softball

- Forsan vs. Clyde-Eula, bi-district playoff, San Angelo Central field, noon.
- Howard College at Frank Phillips College (doubleheader), 1 p.m. & 3 p.m.

### MONDAY

#### Softball

- Big Spring vs. Fort Stockton, bi-district playoff, Odessa College, 5 p.m.
- Coahoma vs. Post, bi-district playoff, Snyder High School, 6:30 p.m.

To submit a calendar item, please call 263-7331, ext. 237, or e-mail sports@bigspringherald.com

## Rangers shut down Angels

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Yu Darvish is tough enough to handle when he's not getting any run support. When the Texas Rangers are hitting the way they did for him Wednesday night, it's almost a fait accompli.

Nelson Cruz capped a nine-run fourth inning with a three-run homer, Lance Berkman had four RBIs, and the Rangers helped Darvish cruise to an 11-3 victory over the Los Angeles Angels in the rubber game of the series.

Darvish (4-1) allowed three hits over six scoreless innings, struck out 11 and lowered his ERA to 1.65 after getting staked to an 11-0 lead. It was the right-hander's

11th double-digit strike-out performance in 34 major league starts.

"That's the best fast-ball he's had since I've been catching him," A.J. Pierzynski said. "He was throwing it down and away to righties and lefties and changing speeds with it. His pitch count ran a little bit high because he had a bunch of strikeouts, but that's as good as a you can throw as a starting pitcher with a big lead. He had it all going tonight, obviously. Other than the leadoff walk to (Peter) Bourjos in the first, he was pretty locked in."

Darvish, who did not allow a runner

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## Parker leads Spurs to 102-91 win over Lakers

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The SAN ANTONIO Spurs kept insisting the playoffs were a new season and that their woe-ful finish to the regular season was not as grave as it appeared.

After 16 straight post-season appearances, San Antonio should know what it's talking about.

Tony Parker had 28 points and seven assists and the Spurs beat the Los Angeles Lakers 102-91 on Wednesday night to take a 2-0 lead in their Western Conference first-round playoff series.

Tim Duncan and Kawhi Leonard had 16 points each, Manu Ginobili added 13 points and Matt Bonner had 10 for San Antonio, which had lost three straight entering the series.

"I thought we played

two pretty good games on the defensive end of the court back-to-back," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "That was our goal at the beginning of the season and we did it for most of the year, as I said, until maybe the last three weeks of the season it dissipated. We got it back for these two games."

Dwight Howard and Steve Blake had 16 points each to lead Los Angeles. Metta World Peace and Pau Gasol added 13 points each, but no other player had more than nine as the Lakers shot 45 percent from the field.

Game 3 is Friday night in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles said a key to winning was shooting better, and they did - but so did San Antonio.

"They are just much more efficient than we are," Los Angeles coach Mike D'Antoni said. "They are playing better than we are right now."

The Spurs shot 51 percent from the field after shooting 38 percent in Game 1. San Antonio was 7 for 14 on 3-pointers, including 5 for 7 in the first half.

Parker had 15 points in the third quarter after going 1 for 6 in the first half. He scored 12 straight points on a series of layups and floating jumpers against Blake. Parker's run gave the Spurs a 75-65 lead with 3 minutes left in the third.

"You see Tony tonight and that's probably the best part of the whole game,"

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## Local briefs

### Chubby Abrego Scholarship Fund tourney this weekend

The Comanche Trail Golf Course will be hosting the Chubby Abrego Scholarship Fund golf tournament Saturday.

The proceeds benefit Coahoma High School student-athletes.

It will be a four-person scramble format with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is \$70 per person. Mulligan packages (4) are available for \$20.

A meal is included and prizes will be awarded. For more information contact Delloyd Hooser at 816-9051 or Gene Piercefield at 816-1134.

### Big Spring C.C. to host 2013 Cancer Scramble

A tournament benefiting the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life will be held at the Big Spring Country Club on Saturday and Sunday.

It will be a four-person scramble format. Form your own team or be assigned.

Field is flighted by first round scores. Prizes will be awarded for longest drive and closest to the pin. First through third place will receive BSCC Golf Shop gift certificates.

Entry fee is \$80 per person plus a \$26 cart fee. Private carts are welcome.

## Cowboys could keep up draft trend of moving around

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys are sending signals that they might trade down in the draft tonight.

If so, they would do well to remember their disastrous "special teams" draft of 2009, the last time Dallas focused on stockpiling picks.

Not one player remains from the class with the ill-fated label from owner and general manager Jerry Jones, who didn't have a first-round pick and focused on depth believing the Cowboys had the pieces to contend even though they were coming off a 9-7 season.

Dallas did make the playoffs that year and picked up the franchise's only playoff win since 1996. But it wasn't because of any significant contributions from the 12 draft picks known as the "dirtiest dozen," a derisive reference to the 1975 draft that was called the "dirty dozen" after 12 Dallas rookies made the roster for a team that went to three of the next four Super Bowls.

Plus, the Cowboys haven't been back to the postseason since, and last season they kept signing players off the waiver wire when they

didn't have the depth to endure injuries on defense.

"We've got to do a better job going forward of taking your lumps early, but developing these guys and putting them in your lineup," executive vice president Stephen Jones said at the team's draft preview Monday.

Dallas sits at No. 18 this year, possibly too low for an immediate upgrade needed for the offensive line. While there is a theory that a draft short on elite talent makes it a

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
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DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT  
IN A NON PRODUCTIVE  
FORMATION**  
Cato Operating, Inc., P.O. Box 397 Coahoma, Texas 79511 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres Formation, Loveless SWD Lease, Well No. 1. The proposed injection well is located 3.5 miles Northeast of Coahoma, Texas in the Coahoma (Miss) Field, in Howard County, Texas. Fluid waste will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2,200 to 2,650 feet.  
LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.  
Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).  
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**Full Scorpio Moon and Lunar Eclipse**

What happens in Vegas is supposed to stay there, but sometimes it ends up bouncing around the globe in the form of cellphone data instead. The full Scorpio moon has a similarly precarious sense of wild safety around it, but the partial lunar eclipse urges you not to be fooled. Keep your inner animal on a leash.



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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). If you request things repeatedly, you'll sound like a nag, and you'll be tuned out. So instead, you'll take matters into your own hands and

make it look like fun, too. Others will rush to hop onto your moving train.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). The task you've been dreading won't be so bad. Today's high energy level will make it much easier. Once you get over your initial resistance, it will be smooth sailing.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). You're a social person, but crowds can still cause you stress, especially when you have to keep track of someone or stick with a group. Evening offers just the tranquility you need to calm your nerves.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). Does acting "as if" something is true really make it so? Test the theory by assuming a warm familiarity with someone you hardly know. You'll be surprised at how little time it takes to feel like you're old friends.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Big projects require big efforts. But perhaps one of the most important efforts you can make right now is simply to get more sleep. Taking great care of yourself will set you up to do optimal work in the days to come.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your manner of speaking may be different from that of others, but oh, how you get your point across! The language of emotions is universal, at least in the way you're communicating now.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The difficulties of the past have made you strong and determined to do something remarkable with your life. Those who've had it easy may not relate to your past story, but they will be affected by the future you create.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your talents will be highlighted, especially your artistic and interpersonal gifts. This creates a sheen of glamour around you, and you'll enjoy how others react to you.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have many friends, but the one who encourages you

to give full, enthusiastic expression to your ideas is truly special and will be cherished as such.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). As your guiding planet pulls across the sky from the sun, you might be tempted to do whatever it takes to reach a goal. Take a step back and think about this. A righteous process is the ultimate success.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The reason you go forward with duties you aren't particularly thrilled to carry out is that you know a valuable secret: The bigger life happens beyond the small world of what you want to do.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Your understanding of human motivation and behavior will save you from a hassle — that is if you act on what you instinctively know. Don't be swayed by strong personalities. Stand up for yourself.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (April 25). Your limited view of yourself will be challenged this year. You'll rip up the plan and love how your life follows a natural course through the next seven weeks. Then it's back to the drawing board, and a new goal shapes your decisions. August brings the first in a series of small victories that add up to an October prize. Cancer and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 4, 33, 12 and 30.

**FULL SCORPIO MOON:** Scorpio is the most misunderstood energy of the zodiac. It doesn't help that Scorpio's symbol is a creature with a painful sting, or that Scorpio rules the sex organs, or that it is associated with the death card of the tarot. You might say that

Scorpio specializes in the kind of topics one might avoid in polite conversation. But it just so happens that there wouldn't be a context for polite conversation if not for the energies that Scorpio rules: life, death, regeneration, existence.

This particular Scorpio moon is pregnant with the profound feeling that your existence is so improbable that you had very well better do something interesting with it, if not something downright great. The lunar eclipse will be a momentary "reset" — a cosmic do-over button that allows a different approach, a fresh attitude or a second shot at what's important to you.

In her pregnant phase, the Scorpio moon wants us to hold on to hope. Possibilities exist in situations that seem impossible. You never know when and how things will turn around. There is nothing, and then suddenly there is everything. Life is more magical for those who choose to believe.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Academy Award-winning Taurus Renee Zellweger is busy with the development process for the much-awaited "Bridget Jones's Baby" movie. With a remarkably balanced astrological chart that presents major planetary influences in every element, Zellweger has a way of simultaneously showing many facets of herself. She is loveable, dazzling, funny, glamorous and earthy all at once.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INVITATION TO BID**  
Pursuant to Texas Education Code §11.153 and Texas Natural Resource Code §71.005, Big Spring Independent School District ("BSISD") hereby gives public notice of its intention to lease its mineral interest in certain real property (the "Mineral Interest"), located within Howard County, Texas, and legally described as:  
\*Beginning at a 3/4 "Iron Pin in the South right of way line of Midway road from which a 1" I.P. in Concrete, the N.W. corner of Section 3, Block 32 Township 1 South, T&P RR. Co. Surveys, Howard County, Texas bears N. 14 deg. 40' W. 40.0 ft/ and S. 75 deg. 20' W. 1266.7 ft. Said 3/4" Iron Pin being the N.W. corner of this tract;  
\*Thence N 75 deg. 20' E along the South right of way line of said Midway Road and parallel to the North line of said Section 3, 600.0 ft. to a 3/4"  
\*Thence S. 14 deg. 40' E. at a right angle to the North line of said Section 3, 400.0 ft. to a 3/4" Iron Pin for the S.E. corner of this tract;  
\*Thence S. 75 deg. 20' W. parallel to the North line of Section 3, 600.0 ft to a 3/4" Iron Pin for the S.W. corner of this tract;  
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Notwithstanding anything to the contrary, the term "Mineral Interest" does not include hard minerals such as, but not limited to, coal or lignite, that require surface mining.  
BSISD will accept sealed bids for the lease of the Mineral Interest in the above-described property. Bidders must be willing to implement all reasonable procedures and precautions to maintain student safety, as deemed necessary by the District, in accordance with the District's mineral lease.  
Sealed written bids should be addressed to "BSISD Oil and Gas Lease Bid c/o Debbie Green, Business Manager, Big Spring ISD, 708 E. 11th Pl., Big Spring, TX 79720." Sealed written bids for the

lease of the above-described mineral interests may be submitted, beginning April 25, 2013. All bids must be received by the BSISD business office no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 13, 2013. Sealed written bids may be submitted by U.S. mail or hand delivery. No faxed bids, electronic bids or late bids will be accepted. Bids received after the deadline will be returned to sender unopened. Prospective bidders may obtain a copy of the District's proposed mineral lease and bid instructions by contacting Debbie Green, Business Manager, at (432)264-3620.

Bids will be presented to the Big Spring Board of Trustees at the regular Board meeting on May 16, 2013, at which time the Board will conduct a public hearing for consideration of such bids. Big Spring ISD Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids, to waive any and all technicalities, and accept the bid of the highest and best bidder in accordance with Texas Natural Resources Code §71.006. The transfer of any interest real property, including the Mineral Interest, by Big Spring ISD to any successful Bidder is subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

**WAIVER OF CLAIMS: BY TENDERING A RESPONSE TO THIS INVITATION TO BID, THE BIDDER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT HAS READ AND FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMITTING A BID AND THE PROCESS USED BY THE DISTRICT FOR SELECTING A HIGHEST AND BEST BIDDER. FURTHER, BY SUBMITTING A BID, THE BIDDER FULLY, VOLUNTARILY AND UNDERSTANDINGLY WAIVES AND RELEASES ANY AND ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE DISTRICT AND ANY OF ITS TRUSTEES, OFFICERS, AGENTS AND/OR EMPLOYEES THAT COULD ARISE OUT OF THE ADMINISTRATION, EVALUATION, OR RECOMMENDATION OF ANY BID SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO THIS INVITATION TO BID.**  
#7753 April 25 and May 2 & 9, 2013

Legals

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT IN A NON PRODUCTIVE FORMATION**  
High Roller Wells, L.L.C., 1008 Southview Circle, Center, TX 75935 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the Glorietta/San Andres Formation, HRW Howard SWD lease, well number 1. The proposed injection well is located 11.5 miles WNW of Big Spring, Texas in the Spraberry (Tend Area) Field, in Howard County. Fluid waste will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3,500 to 5,000 feet.  
LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).  
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Our senior leadership has been amazing.”

Though beating Fort Stockton and advancing to the area round is certainly on the minds of Sparks

and the Lady Steers, he also stresses the importance of having a good time.

“They know they are capable of winning,” Sparks added. “I have been talking to them about having fun and enjoying the ride. They’re a great group of girls. I’m going to miss them.”

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good idea to surrender picks to grab one of the top prospects, the Cowboys seem to be leaning the other way.

“Typically you save those big move ups for your skill players ... whether it’s a corner or a pass rusher on defense, a quarterback, running back, receiver,” Stephen Jones said in a radio appearance Tuesday. “You’re usually willing to give up a player later in the draft to really get a guy you want. I don’t necessarily see that for us this year.”

The Cowboys have moved up twice in the three drafts since the whiff of 2009, with what appear to be good results.

Dallas jumped three spots to grab a sliding Dez Bryant late in the

first round three years ago, and the receiver had a breakthrough season in 2012. The Cowboys moved way up last year, from 14th to sixth, and took cornerback Morris Claiborne. He had modest numbers for an underperforming and depleted defense, but was one of the reasons the team felt it had the personnel to switch back to the 4-3 after nearly a decade in the 3-4.

The best of the past four drafts for Dallas was the one time Jerry Jones stood pat. In the first three rounds of 2011, the Cowboys got tackle Tyron Smith, linebacker Bruce Carter and running back DeMarco Murray. All three are expected to be cornerstones in the coming years.

The 2009 draft may not have been Jones’ worst. Facing similar constraints in 2001 —

no first-round pick thanks to a bad trade — the Cowboys traded down in the second round and took quarterback Quincy Carter at least two rounds ahead of where he was projected.

Carter was one of many post-Troy Aikman failures, and Jones didn’t take another quarterback until 2009, his next truly bad draft. Stephen McGee went in the fourth round and was never more than a third-stringer behind Tony Romo and a host of backups.

Still, Jones is undeterred on the idea of trading down if that’s what fits.

“There’s enough depth in this draft that you sure want to keep your ears open for trades, because you very well could get as good or a better player at another level,” Jones said. “We will have our minds open.”

SPURS

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Duncan said. “He’s getting his rhythm back. He felt good tonight. He shot the ball well tonight. He looked like Tony of mid-season tonight and that’s great for us.”

The Lakers shot 37 percent (9 for 24) in the first quarter, a slight improvement over their 7-for-20 performance (35 percent) in the opening quarter of Game 1.

Gasol posted early, tipping in a miss by Howard for the game’s opening basket and missing a 5-footer before Duncan blocked his 5-foot hook.

Gasol was 5 for 14 overall, including 1 for 6 in the second half.

“I didn’t get into a good rhythm out there,” Gasol said. “This first half was better, but in the second half I struggled with my shot. I can’t be short on my shots; fatigue kicked in a little bit and I’m fighting through some stuff myself physically. But at this point, we’re in fight mode; we’ll fight through whatever is on the table. Try to stay alive in this series and fight for our lives.”

The Lakers went to the perimeter following the block, resulting in consecutive 3s by Blake and

World Peace for an 8-6 lead with 8:23 left in the first quarter.

Ginobili once again energized the Spurs, sparking runs of 13-4 and 10-3 to close the first and second quarters. He had 12 points in the first half and was 3 for 4 on 3-pointers.

“He’s playing very well right now,” D’Antoni said. “There’s not a whole lot of adjustments; we try to push him to his weak hand and try to get up in him, but at some point you just have to man up and just do the best you can.”

Ginobili had six points with two assists and a block in 6 minutes to bridge the first and second quarters.

He hit two 3s in the final minute of the second quarter, including one off his initial pass that bounced off DeJuan Blair’s head but eventually found its way back to him. He also fed a streaking Leonard for a dunk off a turnover.

“You have to give credit to them,” D’Antoni said. “When the ball hits somebody in the head, bounced around and went over to the 3, that didn’t help any. That’s why they are good. They are a better team.”

In the first quarter, Ginobili hit a step-back

3 and then drew the defense and fed Gary Neal for an open 3, which he made to give the Spurs a 28-23 lead at the close of the first quarter.

The Lakers went on a 9-2 run to close within 33-32 with 8 minutes left in the first half. Nash opened and closed the run with jumpers.

Nash continued to play after tweaking his hamstring, finishing with nine points in 31 minutes.

Bonner’s 3 on an open look with 7 minutes left in the first half drew a cry of frustration from Gasol, who shouted at the bench and pointed at Bonner over an apparent missed assignment.

“(Bonner) was a key player for us today,” Ginobili said. “He was very active defensively. Of course he’s giving Dwight a big advantage in size, strength and quickness, and I could keep going. But he did a great job getting around him, fronting him from behind.”

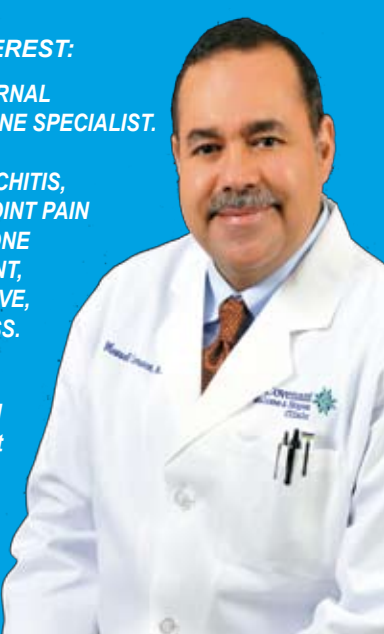
Howard had heated battles with Bonner and Duncan in the first half. After getting tied up midway through the second quarter, Duncan and Howard walked down the court glaring at each other with Howard jawing at Duncan.

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RANGERS

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past first base, is 5-1 with a 3.83 ERA in eight starts against the AL West-rival Angels — whom he has faced more than any other team since coming over from Japan last season.

Los Angeles second baseman Howie Kendrick, who had two homers and four RBIs Tuesday night — including a walkoff homer in the 11th inning — is hitless in 14 career at-bats against Darvish with seven strikeouts.

The first five Texas batters reached base against Roth in the fateful fourth. Pierzynski, whose ninth-inning

homer gave Texas a 7-6 win in the series opener, broke a scoreless tie with an RBI single and David Murphy singled home another run. One out later, David Carpenter relieved Roth and walked Ian Kinsler to force in a run.

“Obviously, you don’t count on scoring nine runs in an inning very often,” Pierzynski said. “But Adrian got on base, Nellie got him to third and I was just trying to get a ball up and it kind of got us going. Then we got rolling. It was fun to watch and fun to see guys have nights like that.”

Berkman drove in two more with a two-out single, Adrian Beltre walked and Cruz drove the next pitch to left-

center for his fifth home run and 24th of his career against the Angels. Fifteen of Cruz’s last 33 homers, in fact, have come against the Halos — including a 484-foot drive against Bobby Cassevah at Angel Stadium on June 3, 2012 after he got the green light on a 3-0 pitch.

“It seems like he comes up a lot in those big situations,” Kendrick said. “He’s a dangerous hitter, and hopefully when he comes up, there’s nobody on base. It’s funny because, when he was on second base earlier in the game, he said something about me hitting home runs. And I said: ‘Man, it seems like every time we play each other, you hit a home run.’ We make good pitches to him. But it seems like if you do make that one mistake, he hits it. And it just happens to be a home run every time.”

Pierzynski came up for the second time in the inning and tried to check his swing on a foul tip that struck umpire John Hirschbeck right in the groin. He crumpled to the ground and stayed there for a few excruciating painful minutes, but stayed in the game after getting checked out by Angels trainer Rick Smith.

The nine-run inning was the second at the “Big A” during this homestand. On Saturday, the Angels used a nine-run first to beat Rick Porcello and the Detroit Tigers 10-0.

Berkman made it 11-0 in the sixth with his second homer of the season, against Michael Kohn. The Rangers have scored seven or more runs in each of Darvish’s wins this year. Last season, they scored at least seven in 10 of his 16 victories.

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