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ISD trustees approve tax increase

BY LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Big Spring ISD trustees approved a 5 cent hike to the tax rate in a 5-1 vote Thursday evening following a public hearing held at the high school board room.

The approved rate of \$1.42 per \$100 valuation for maintenance and operation that includes debt service is essentially returning to the same tax rate the district has maintained for the past seven years with the exception of last year, Debbie Green, BSISD Chief Financial Officer pointed out.

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Voting for the increase

were Jeff Brorman, Irene Rodriguez, Chad Wash, Tony Kennedy and Maria Padilla. Trustee Fabian Serrano was absent from the meeting.

Voting against the hike was Julie Harris.

"I am committed to this school district and I believe in this district," Harris said after the meeting. "After hearing from many of my constituents and the way this economy is, I just don't think this is a good time. I know personally some of my family has had to take cuts."

Following the meeting,

Scott Emerson thanked Harris for her vote.

Emerson is a part of a group of citizens making the rounds to public entities asking them to hold the line on raising taxes. The group has been prompted to action by the recent hike in property values, especially on the north side of town.

Unlike several of the recent hearings, most of the members of the group arrived shortly after the tax hearing and didn't have the chance to voice their concerns with the increase. Several voiced they

thought the meeting began at 5:30 p.m. It began at 5:15 p.m. They did stay following the meeting to specifically speak with trustees.

The rate hike will not do much to staunch the loss of revenue for the district which looks to lose \$3.4 million, \$800,000 in local revenue and another \$2.4 from state appropriations, according to district figures. Green said Taxable values dropped by \$75 million this year for BSISD.

"The key to this is, at the See **TAX**, Page 3



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

This pair take advantage of the sunny, warm morning to head out on the Comanche Trail Lake with their kayaks to find the perfect spot for a day of fishing. The Cross Roads area is soon to say goodbye to an unusually cool and wet summer as the fall and winter months are soon to greet the area.

Coleman man dies in wreck

BY LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

A 23-year old man was killed Wednesday night after a one-vehicle accident eight miles north of Big Spring on Highway 87.

According to the Department of Public Safety release, Jacob Kyle Cantu of Coleman, Texas was heading southbound in a 2006 Dodge Ram truck on Highway 87 when he veered west off the roadway and overturned.

Justice of the Peace Robert Fitzgibbons pronounced Cantu dead at the scene of the accident. DPS received the call at 7:40 p.m. Weather conditions were clear.



DPS on the lookout

Troopers enhance patrols for Labor Day enforcement period

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is increasing DWI patrols through Sept. 7, which includes the Labor Day holiday weekend. During this period, DPS troopers will focus DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent.

"Impaired drivers who take to the roadways put other travelers in harm's way, and these increased patrols during the Labor Day holiday are designed to save lives by getting these dangerous drivers off the road," said DPS Director Steven McCraw.

"The department urges all drivers to do their part to keep our road and highways safe by obeying traffic laws and not drinking and driving."

The increased patrols that target impaired driving are funded through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

DPS offers the following tips for safe travel during the Labor Day holiday:

- Don't drink and drive. Designate a driver or take a cab.
- Eliminate distractions, including the usage of mobile devices.
- Buckle up everyone in the vehicle – it's the law.
- Slow down – especially in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.
- Slow down or move over for police, fire and EMS vehicles as well as tow trucks and TxDOT vehicles stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated – it's the law.
- Don't drive fatigued.
- Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.
- Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.



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Obituaries

Melinda Garcia



Melinda Melie Garcia, 49, of Big Spring was born July 25, 1966, in Big Spring. She passed from this life Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2015, at 1:35 p.m. in Midland Memorial Hospital. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and had worked at Walls Industries, Wal-Mart and Pizza Hut. She also did daycare. She loved shopping at Wal-Mart, going to garage sales and decorating her home for the holidays. She was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

She is survived by her mother and step-father, Mina and Tin Garcia of Big Spring; father, Salvador Garcia Sr. of Big Spring; one brother and sister-in-law, Salvador Garcia Jr. and his wife Anita; two nephews, Jacob Garcia and Salvador Garcia, III, both of Big Spring; two nieces, Monica Garcia and Zoei Garcia, both of Big Spring; one great niece, Maylee Garcia of Big Spring; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She had a love for all children in her care, but especially "Little Daniel."

Special thanks to Mona and Davie Marquez of San Angelo, Linda Flores of Midland, Midland Memorial Hospital nurses and doctors, and especially Dr. Van Husen and Dr. P. K. Patel.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

Paid obituary

Police/Sheriff

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity:

- **JOSE DOLORES FRANCO JR.**, 42, of 1206 Sycamore St. was arrested on charges of injury to an elderly person with intent to cause bodily injury.
- **ANGELA DENISE COOPER**, 35, of 2612 Albrook Dr. was arrested on a warrant for hindering secured creditors more than \$500 but less than \$1500.
- **RONALD STANLEY HASELBY**, 64, of 1302 Tucson St. was arrested on charges of public intoxication.
- **MATTHEW WADE GOOSEN**, 43, of 2203 FM 2945, Cisco, Texas was arrested on a warrant from another agency.
- **MICHAEL BRYAN BRYANT**, 39, of 206 Circle Dr. was arrested on a two warrants from other agencies.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 500 block of Hillside Dr. and the 1500 block of Johnson St.
- **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1200 block of E. 17th St. and the 3600 block of W. Hwy

80.

- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 400 block of Ryon St. and on 10th St. near the ATC.
- **DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 3300 block of Auburn Ave.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1800 block of S. Gregg St.
- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1400 block of W. 3rd St.

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

- Note - Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.
- **MICHAEL BRYAN BRYANT**, 39, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for two counts of driving while license invalid.
- **ANGELA DENISE COOPER**, 35, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for hindering secured creditors more than \$500 but less than \$1500.
- **ANTHONY CHRISTIAN DIAZ**, 30, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for motion to revoke probation - driving while

intoxicated.

- **JOSE DOLORES FRANCO JR.**, 42, was booked by the BSPD on charges of injury to child/elderly/disabled with intent to cause bodily injury.
- **MATTHEW WADE GOOSEN**, 43, was booked by the BSPD on charges of public intoxication.
- **ENRIQUE HERNANDEZ HINOJOS**, 54, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for hindering officers discharging official duties.
- **DAVID CORNELIUS WESTBROOK**, 21, was booked by the HCSO on warrants for two counts of bail jumping and failure to appear.
- **DAVID LYNN DOW**, 32, was booked by the BSPD on charges of littering.
- **ANGELA CELESTE DUGGER**, 37, was booked by the BSPD on warrants for motion to revoke probation - theft of property, more than \$50 but less than \$500 and theft less than \$50.
- **DANNY RAY ELLIOTT JR.**, 24, was booked by the HCSO on a warrant for bondsman off bond - criminal mischief.

Take Note

• Big Spring Chapter No. 60 Rainbow Girls and pledges are invited to an evening of fun, food and games at 7:15 p.m., Sept. 8, 2015. All girls between the age of seven to 18 and their parents are welcome to come. For more information about the service group, call Howard Steward at 432-935-0582 or Eunice Thixton at 432-270-4847.

• The Big Spring High School Class of 2017 will hold a ragball tournament Sept. 5-6 at the Roy Anderson Sports Complex.

Each team must have a minimum of 10 players. Co-ed teams will be comprised of five boys and five girls (16 and under teams have no co-ed requirement).

Cost is \$10 per player, and registration will be held prior to the beginning of play Sept. 5.

For more information, contact Kellie Wash at 432-213-3206.

• Home Hospice is in need of volunteers of all ages. The organization is requesting volunteers to sit with patients, make items for patients and help with office work. Volunteers set their own hours. For more information, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7911 or 432-213-0150.

• Mobile meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Kim Plew at 263-4016 or 213-7960.

• Crossroads Hospice needs volunteers for patient care. Contact Eva at 263-5300.

• A hungry child cannot learn. Food2Kids-Big Spring was created to provide nutrition for hundreds of children who do not get a substantial meal on the weekends. F2K serves more than 300 children weekly. Once the need has been identified, F2K fills a sack of food to send home each Friday during the school year. You can help. Volunteers are needed and donations can be sent to Food2Kids - Big Spring, P.O. Box 1641, Big Spring 79721. For more information call, Muffet Bomar 432-935-3998 or Peggy Hopper 214-773-6775. Find us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/Food2Kids

• An account has been set up at Western Bank (account number 1017623) for Blantyn Gusman and Zachary Duncan, who were seriously injured in an ac-

cident.

• 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, contact Sara Basaldua at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• The Big Spring Symphony Board of Directors meets every second Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street.

• Order of the Eastern Star Big Spring Chapter 67 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 219 Main St. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Lodge meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Jimmy Ruth at 271-2176.

• 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

9-11 a.m. and get two for one, plus a rehab meeting.

• The Howard College Music program is offering a season ticket allowing a person to gain entrance to all of its performances for the season including guest solo recitals, chamber concerts and all student recitals as well.

The ticket is \$50 for the general public and \$40 for Howard College faculty. The 2015-2016 season is expected to feature from 15 to 20 concerts from up and coming professional musicians including concerts for trombone, brass quintet, flute, clarinet, two trumpets, cello, piano, tuba, solo and group voice recitals, saxophone quartet, a trio featuring cello, trumpet and piano. To reserve a ticket, call 432-264-5145.

• An account has been set up at Wells Fargo Bank for Briana Mendoza to help with medical cost. Briana was recently diagnosed with cancer.

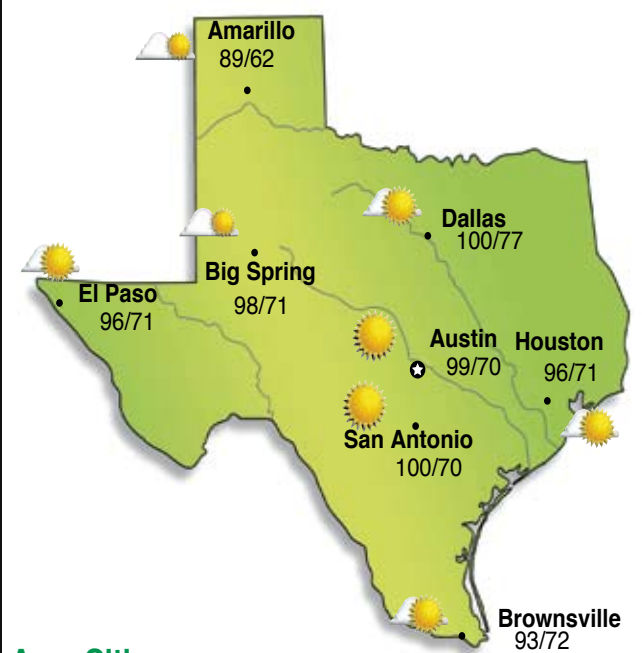
• Staked Plains Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. (dinner is at 6 p.m.) at 219 1/2 Main St.

• The Crossroads

Local 5-Day Forecast

Sat 8/29	Sun 8/30	Mon 8/31	Tue 9/1	Wed 9/2
98/71 Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 98F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph.	95/68 Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	95/69 Sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.	96/70 Mainly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.	95/69 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 7:18 AM Sunset: 8:15 PM	Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 8:14 PM	Sunrise: 7:19 AM Sunset: 8:13 PM	Sunrise: 7:20 AM Sunset: 8:11 PM	Sunrise: 7:20 AM Sunset: 8:10 PM

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	100	73	mst sunny	Kingsville	95	68	mst sunny
Amarillo	89	62	pt sunny	Livingston	95	68	pt sunny
Austin	99	70	sunny	Longview	94	69	sunny
Beaumont	93	66	pt sunny	Lubbock	95	66	mst sunny
Brownsville	93	72	mst sunny	Lufkin	95	66	pt sunny
Brownwood	100	71	mst sunny	Midland	100	74	pt sunny
Corpus Christi	93	75	mst sunny	Raymondville	94	69	sunny
Corsicana	98	74	pt sunny	Rosenberg	96	71	pt sunny
Dallas	100	77	mst sunny	San Antonio	100	70	sunny
Del Rio	102	72	mst sunny	San Marcos	101	70	pt sunny
El Paso	96	71	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	95	73	sunny
Fort Stockton	100	72	pt sunny	Sweetwater	100	72	pt sunny
Gainesville	98	75	mst sunny	Tyler	95	72	sunny
Greenville	96	73	pt sunny	Weatherford	100	75	mst sunny
Houston	96	71	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	100	73	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	86	67	mst sunny	Minneapolis	68	58	rain
Boston	79	62	mst sunny	New York	83	68	sunny
Chicago	78	65	cloudy	Phoenix	106	81	mst sunny
Dallas	100	77	mst sunny	San Francisco	77	63	pt sunny
Denver	86	57	mst sunny	Seattle	66	60	rain
Houston	96	71	mst sunny	St. Louis	87	70	pt sunny
Los Angeles	93	71	mst sunny	Washington, DC	87	66	mst sunny
Miami	90	80	t-storm				

Young Marines is taking applications for another boot camp. For more information, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

• The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol or smoking. We are handicapped-accessible. Cost is \$8 per person.

• Victim Services is a non-profit independent community-based program serving victims of all violent crime, including, but not limited to, assault, sexual assault and domestic violence. If you can commit to 30-hour training, an interview process and a background check, call 432-263-3312.



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**Comanche Warrior
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Sept. 18-19:
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News in brief

Businesses reopening at scene of on-air shootings; gunman remembered for bizarre outbursts

ROANOKE, Va. (AP) — Businesses are reopening at the scene of this week's on-air shooting as more details surface of the gunman's long history of confronting and bullying co-workers at a succession of television and customer-service jobs.

Friday's reopening of Bridgewater Plaza comes two days after Vester Flanagan, 41, killed two journalists from a Roanoke TV station where he once worked, and wounded the Smith Mountain Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce official they were interviewing. The chamber's lakeshore visitor center is set among tourist shops and restaurants in the strip mall in Moneta, about 20 miles southeast of Roanoke.

Flanagan's hair-trigger temper became evident at least 15 years ago at WTWC-TV in Tallahassee, Florida, said Don Shafer, who hired him there in 1999. Shafer recalled Flanagan as a good reporter and a "clever, funny guy" — but said he also had conflicts with co-workers "to the point where he was threatening people."

"Had some physical confrontations with a couple of people, and at one point became such a distraction that we finally had to terminate him," said Shafer, now news director with XETV in San Diego.

After stints in California, Florida and North Caro-

lina, Flanagan's last television job was at WDBJ in Roanoke. On the day he was fired in 2013, he pressed a wooden cross into his boss' hand and said, "You'll need this," as two police officers escorted him out. Cameraman Adam Ward filmed Flanagan's departure.

Police say 71 dead migrants in Austrian food truck, 3 arrested

VIENNA (AP) — Austrian police say three people have been arrested in connection with the deaths of 71 migrants found in a food truck on an Austrian highway.

The toll includes eight women and four children, one of them an infant.

The death toll and the arrests were announced at a news conference Friday, a day after the vehicle was found on the main highway between Vienna and Budapest, Hungary.

Libya authorities collect bodies from latest migrant disaster after drownings off coastal city

ZUWARA, Libya (AP) — Libyan authorities were collecting the bodies of migrants who drowned off the Libyan coastal city of Zuwara, with some 200 feared dead on Friday in the latest disaster involving desperate people trying to reach Europe.

An Associated Press photographer at the scene saw workers removing bodies from the water, and pulling a flooded boat into the harbor that contained several drowned victims floating face down. At least one victim, a man, was wearing a life vest. They were put into body bags and lined up on the waterfront.

In a statement, the United Nations refugee agency said that up to 200 people were missing and feared dead, after the Libyan coast guard carried out rescue operations Thursday for two boats carrying an estimated 500 migrants.

Puerto Rico braces for Tropical Storm Erika

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Tropical Storm Erika lashed Puerto Rico early Friday with heavy rains and wind after killing four people and causing devastating floods in the eastern Caribbean island of Dominica, where several people remained missing.

The storm was expected to dump up to 12 inches (31 centimeters) of rain across portions of the drought-stricken northern Caribbean as it carved a path toward the U.S.

Forecasters said Erika might fall apart over Hispaniola or Puerto Rico or possibly strengthen into a hurricane as it nears South Florida.

Support groups

- SATURDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 8 p.m. until 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m. Covered dish supper at 7 p.m.
- SUNDAY**
- Alcoholics Anonymous closed meeting from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 7 p.m. until 8 p.m.
- MONDAY**
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
 - Reformers Unanimous International is a faith-based addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the main entrance of the

- church.
- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza (inside the mall, next to Attitudes Hair Salon, down by Bealls). Open meeting at 7 p.m.
- TUESDAY**
- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942
 - VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
 - Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.

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Melinda Garcia, 49, died Tuesday. Vigil services will be at 7:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be at 9:30 AM Saturday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

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A Cheater's Dream: Can't Trust, Can't Verify

Lying is Iran's diplomatic tool of choice. No wonder most Americans don't believe the Obama Deal will stop Iran from cheating—or catch them when they do.

Iran has cheated shamelessly on all its international nuclear agreements. Not only does President Obama's Iran Deal fail as promised to halt Iran's nuclear weapons program, its verification regime is so weak it will be impossible to catch most violations. But even if we catch them, we have little power to stop them. It adds up to a deadly dangerous deal.

What are the facts?

Despite strict international sanctions and treaties, Iran has operated covert illegal nuclear facilities since the mid-1980s. In 2002, Iranian dissidents revealed to a surprised world that the Islamic Republic was building a uranium enrichment plant at Natanz, as well as a heavy water plant at Arak, the likes of which is capable of producing plutonium for nuclear bombs. In 2009, the U.S and other Western states discovered Iran constructing another secret enrichment plant—this one fortified deeply underground—known as Fordow. Notwithstanding all evidence to the contrary, Iran has insisted its nuclear program is peaceful. While Iran is a signatory to the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) found back in 2003 that "Iran's many failures and breaches of its obligations to comply with its NPT Safeguards Agreement...constitute non-compliance."

Indeed, in 2003 then nuclear negotiator and now president Hassan Rouhani bragged that "While we were talking with the Europeans in Teheran" about preventing Iran from enriching uranium, "we were installing equipment in parts of the [uranium conversion] facility at Isfahan."

In just the past year during the P5+1 negotiations, despite generous easing of international sanctions offered as incentive, Iran has cheated at least three times on related agreements. First, in violation of the Joint Plan of Action, which prohibited Iran from enriching uranium in new centrifuges, the IAEA in November 2014 caught the Islamic Republic using advanced, high-powered IR-5 centrifuges. Second, in February 2015, Iran was discovered to have about 300 kilograms of banned, gaseous low-enriched uranium, which can be used as reactor fuel. Third, Iran swore to the IAEA it would answer questions about the Possible Military Dimensions (PMD) of its previous nuclear programs, but to date it has mocked this commitment, revealing virtually nothing.

This consistent history of lying, cheating and weaseling

secret facilities for 24 days minimum (and possibly much longer) in a bureaucratic jungle—plenty of time to spirit away all traces of disallowed nuclear activity.

What's worse, astoundingly, neither the United States nor any of the P5+1 nations will be involved in inspecting Iranian nuclear sites. Instead, inspections will be administered by the IAEA, which has negotiated secret terms for these protocols with Iran, the wily sanctions evader, which we will never see.

But what if we actually do catch Iran cheating? Even if Iran is caught violating Iran Deal terms, the P5+1 has tied its own hands. The only penalty the P5+1 can levy against Iran is a "snapback" return to the sanctions—which could take months of negotiations among P5+1 partners. What's more, at the instant sanctions are reinstated, Iran has the right to abandon the entire agreement, flip its centrifuge switches and return to full-speed nuclear weapons development. By then it will have collected its \$150-billion reward and have little left to lose, but a nuclear arsenal to gain. With such stakes, it's certain no Western nation will want to upend the agreement for the kind of small, consistent incremental violations that have characterized so much of Iran's cheating in the past. We can also be sure that once British, French, German and Russian firms have lined up multi-billion-dollar oil and weapons contracts with Iran, they will be reluctant to kill those lucrative programs by reinstating sanctions.

In short, if Iranians are determined to cheat, as they surely are, this deal leaves U.S. allies no means to catch them or force them to comply. Only if the U.S. Congress defeats the Iran Deal can the international community avoid a nuclear-armed terror state—and the near certainty of a Middle East or world war. Call your Senators and Representative to voice your opposition today: (202) 225-3121.

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end of the day, this is a loss for the district," said Borman said following the vote on the tax rate.

On top of that, school districts are preparing to lose more in tax revenue from an expected state-wide increase in the homestead exemption. During the last legislative session, law makers approved a \$10,000 increase in the state-wide homestead exemption upping the exemption to \$25,000. This increase will be dependent on the its passage during the November 2015 election. Trustees and BSISD officials said they felt secure the general public would approve the exemption.

As it works now, Big

Spring ISD exempts 20 percent of a home owners property value and then subtracts the state exemption before determining the taxable value, according to Green. Earlier this summer, trustees opted not to change the 20 percent off the top exemption even though they knew if they didn't make a change then, the district would be locked in to the 20 percent rate for five years, Green said.

If a person has a homestead exemption in their district, Green stressed, they will pay less taxes on their property.

According to figures provided by Green, a person with a home value of \$100,000 will pay \$103.57 less taxes for 2015 due to the change.

With the projected loss of funds, BSISD will head into the next fiscal year with a \$1.4 million

budget deficit which was also approved by trustees during Thursday's meeting.

"It's an extremely tight budget," Green said. "There is no capital expenditures, no new bus purchases this year. ...We are going to have to be careful for the year."

Superintendent Chris Wigington added the budget does not include any across-the-board raises and the district has cut back in personnel particularly at the administrative level through attrition.

"We have for many years tightened our belt," Rodriguez said. "This school district is always careful about what we spend or don't spend."

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Opinion

Surrendering a birthright

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Republican presidential candidates often invoke Jesus, but lately they sound more like Jehovah. The Old Testament says, “I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.” Punishing kids for their parents’ sins is the idea behind proposals to revoke birthright citizenship.

Donald Trump started the discussion with an immigration plan that promised to stop letting all those born in America automatically become Americans. Ted Cruz agrees, as do Rand Paul, Rick Santorum, Ben Carson, Lindsey Graham and Bobby Jindal. Scott Walker said he did, but then hedged. Chris Christie is open to the suggestion.

Under established law, a child born here is a U.S. citizen, even if the parents are present without permission. That rule derives from the Fourteenth Amendment, which grants citizenship to “all persons born or naturalized in the United States.”

So changing the rule would mean amending the Constitution. Even if that were a serious possibility, it would be a bad idea. Getting rid of it would create a raft of problems without delivering any offsetting benefits.

In the first place, it would consign many people born, raised and educated here to inferior status, forever. They could be deported to countries that many have never seen. Most would stay, because we lack the resources to find and banish them all. But they’d be blocked from full assimilation, lacking any particular reason to be loyal to the land of their birth.

This scenario is not speculation. In the 1960s, Turkish migrants were allowed to live and work in Germany, but until 1991, neither they nor their

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descendants were eligible for German citizenship. So they were estranged from the rest of the country.

As The New York Times reported in January, this population lived in “tightknit communities largely isolated from Germans except in the workplace. That sentiment of separation lingers to this day.”

Likewise, abolishing birthright citizenship in the United States “would lead to the establishment of a permanent class of unauthorized persons,” said a 2010 analysis by the Migration Policy Institute (MPI).

If two people born here but deprived of citizenship grew up and had children together, those kids would also be deprived of citizenship.

The MPI study estimates that by 2050, there would be a million third-generation “foreigners” living here.

Trump deems birthright citizenship “the biggest magnet for illegal immigration,” which is like saying Trump is the main reason people move to New York. Unauthorized immigrants come here in search of jobs or family reunification, not the nearest maternity ward.

Many reproduce, because that is what human beings tend to do, especially if they are young and fertile, as this group tends to be. “Anchor babies,” as their offspring are pejoratively known, are the byproduct of unauthorized immigration, not the cause.

A 2011 study by the Pew Hispanic Center reported that only “9 percent of the unauthorized foreigners who had babies in 2009-2010 had arrived in the U.S.

in 2008 or later.” More than 60 percent arrived before 2004.

Santorum points out that most countries in the developed world don’t offer such “enticements to illegal immigration.” He fails to note that even without it, the nations of the European Union have millions of unauthorized immigrants. Rich countries have a way of attracting natives of poor nations, even if they try to keep them out.

Anti-immigration groups bewail “birth tourism,” in which foreign women travel here near the end of their pregnancies. That practice is rare. There were just 8,583 births to foreign, non-resident mothers in 2013 — one out of every 459 births.

Trump and others don’t realize the change would have consequences for all the children whose parents didn’t sneak in. Gregory Chen of the American Immigration Lawyers Association says that today, nearly everyone uses a birth certificate to prove citizenship. Under a revised rule, “you’d need a new bureaucracy to verify each and every newborn child’s eligibility.”

Americans would have to apply to the federal government just to assure their kids the prerequisites of citizenship. If he gets his way, Trump’s grandchildren may not thank him.

As policy changes go, this one stands out for a sort of perverse genius: It would tangibly benefit no one, while harming not only unauthorized immigrants and their American-born kids, but also American citizens and theirs. And for all those who can attest with pride that they were born in the U.S.A., it would offer a sour retort: So what?

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May we remain diligent about reading Your word, Lord, for our life.

Amen

The politics of fighting wildfires

As wildfires plague much of the American West, one must ask, Who is paying to put them out? The answer is largely the American taxpayer. By that, we mean the taxpayers of Maryland, Tennessee and New Jersey — as well as those in California, Oregon, Washington and Montana, the states where the worst fires now rage.

Given this reality, we can also wonder at Western conservatives’ passion for transferring federal lands to the states or into private hands. Do they really want the cost of protecting this considerable acreage placed on the shoulders of their locals?

Some Western politicians, such as Montana Gov. Steve Bullock, have thought this through. His state owns 5.2 million acres — the size of Massachusetts — and a good part of it is in flames.

“I could spend \$40 million on fires alone,” Bullock, a Democrat, recently told me.

Western conservatives should know that other conservatives are asking why U.S. taxpayers are spending so darn much money putting out their fires. And they are joined by environmentalists, who argue that the federal government’s enthusiasm for suppressing wildfires encourages bad land planning and unnecessary tree removal.

About two-thirds of the cost of fighting wildfires comes out of the federal coffers, and the U.S. Forest Service accounts for the lion’s share. Its fire suppression actives include both firefight-

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ing and fire prevention. For the first time this year, the Forest Service will devote over half its budget to wildfire suppression. By 2025, large wildfires could consume two-thirds of that budget, according to a new report by the Department of Agriculture, which oversees the agency.

A warming climate is adding size and intensity to the blazes — making them more expensive to put out. And there’s a stiff human price: Three Forest Service firefighters died recently trying to contain a wildfire in north-central Washington.

But much of the Forest Service’s fattening bill for suppressing wildfires comes from the rising costs of protecting isolated residences in the so-called wildland-urban interface.

About 10 million houses were built in fire-prone rural areas last decade — on top of 6 million in the 1990s.

The building continues apace because of a growing desire for homes with nice views and proximity to national forests. And because the feds deal with the worst fires, the state and local governments approving this development have little incentive to curb it.

The federal government also has a variety of post-fire rehab programs. One helps rebuild the homes, 75 percent of which are

uninsured or underinsured.

“Many say the insurance companies should be creating a moral hazard when they insure homes on the interface,” Sue Stewart, a scientist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison who was formerly with the Forest Service, told me. Homeowners in fire-prone zones should bear the costs of the added risk, not unlike those on flood plains.

Local governments can also assume more responsibility, writes Randal O’Toole at the conservative Cato Institute. One suggestion is “turning firefighting over to the states and paying the states the same fixed annual amounts per acre that private forest land owners pay.”

O’Toole speaks approvingly of the federal Bureau of Land Management’s policy of letting enormous wildfires in Alaska burn largely unattended.

In Berkeley, California, meanwhile, angry environmentalists are protesting a plan to lessen fire hazards by leveling over 400,000 eucalyptuses and other trees in the East Bay hills. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has offered to write the check.

In assessing federal fire suppression programs, one must distinguish between mindless budget cutting and thoughtless spending. As we can see, not always an easy call.

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Did you ever wonder?: Moses

The story in Scripture takes us abruptly from Moses' rescue from the River. It jumps to the incident, 40 years later, when Moses realized just how badly the Hebrew slaves were being treated.

Exo 2:11 next says, "It happened in those days that Moses grew up and went out to his brethren and observed their burdens..."

A very interesting story about Moses' early life comes to us from the scholars. For many years Moses had received the best education available. He studied many languages, geography, mathematics, calculus, physics, government, and war, just to guess at a few.

Egypt's authority over a fertile and prosperous piece of land was chal-

lenged. The land was Cush, which is approximately present day Ethiopia. Egypt had sent numerous expeditions to disperse the intruders.

The direct route to Cush was to cross both a swamp and a strip of desert. Several generals leading armies had died in the swamp from quicksand and malaria. Others, who made it through the swamp, were killed by swarms of very poisonous snakes that inhabited the desert.

Moses had been studying the problem. He stepped forward and volunteered for the mission. Pharaoh's ministers laughed at the impertinence of such a young and inexperienced man. Would he, indeed, lead an army across such terrain and into battle against a very formidable foe?

In the end Moses was made General of an army. The ministers had another laugh when the young general left Egypt in the wrong direction!

Moses had studied the terrain he was to cross. He planned to take a

longer but safer route around the swamp. Having passed the swamp, his army was faced with the strip of desert with the poisonous snakes.

Moses had his men set up camp and rest. He was waiting for the seasons to change. Eventually migrating birds swooped down and ate the poisonous snakes. Moses' army crossed the strip of desert unharmed.

They finally came to the fortress of the occupying king. This fortress was built on an island formed by a fork in a river. The fortress had high rock walls and was well manned. Many Egyptians were killed as they tried to cross the river, so Moses withdrew his troops to a place of safety. They carried rocks and moved boulders to block the flow of water on one branch of the river. Then they quickly marched across the riverbed and stormed the fortress.

In the battle that ensued, Moses' men took the fortress and killed the Cushite King. The people were so

impressed with Moses' wisdom and skill that they wanted to make him their new king.

But Moses realized that if he took became king of this land, he would instantly become the enemy of Pharaoh. Instead, he set up a strong Egyptian government loyal to Pharaoh and Moses left.

He returned to Egypt as a conquering general, which greatly increased the stature of so young a man!

Bear in mind this story is not from Scripture. It was unimportant to the story in Scripture. Probably it was recorded by an Egyptian scholar of the time. But it does give us an insight into Moses' life before he met God in the Burning Bush.

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First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church is located just off Greg Street at the corner of 4th and Scurry in downtown Big Spring. Services are held each Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. The 10:50 a.m. service is broadcast live each week on radio station KXCS-105.5 FM.

This Sunday, our Senior Pastor, Bill Ivins, will conclude a sermon series in the Old Testament book of Nehemiah. This Sunday's message is titled "Preserving the Vision" and comes from Nehemiah 13. Congregational music includes "Onward, Christian Soldiers," "All the Way My Savior Leads Me," and "Take Time to Be Holy."

Next Wednesday at Noon Bible Study, Pastor Ivins will launch a new study on The Apostles' Creed entitled "Rooted: Living the Apostles' Creed." In this series we'll dive into the important truths articulated in the creed, the scripture behind it, and how to apply it to our lives. A meal is served for a small fee. The meal ser-

vice begins at 11:50 a.m. each Wednesday.

The adult Celebration Choir rehearses each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the upstairs music suite. New members are always welcome. For more information, please phone 267-6394.

On Sunday, Sept. 20, First United Methodist Church will begin offering people a choice in worship styles. Beginning that day, the 9 a.m. "Traditions" services will feature our beautiful pipe organ, the Celebration Choir, and the classic hymns of the faith.

However, if casual is more your style, "The Bridge" at 11 a.m. may be what you're looking for. The Bridge will include a worship band with upbeat music and a more contemporary flair.

Pastor Ivins will bring the message at both services each week. We'll also be providing childcare at the 9 a.m. "Traditions" service as well as "The Bridge" at 11 a.m. A children's church will be available during both services as well.

For more information on any activity, please visit our website at www.fumcbs.com or phone the church

office at 267-6394.

First Baptist Church

Sunday service is at 10:50 a.m. Pastor Mark Lindsey will bring the message titled "All Your Strength." Drawn from Mark 12:30, the sermon is part of the ongoing series focusing on the Great Commandment, in which Jesus reveals that our priority as believers should be to love God with every ounce of our being, and to love people as He does. If you are unable to attend, you may watch the service through the live stream on our website at: fcbigspring.org.

At 9:30 a.m., Sunday School classes for all ages meet throughout the building, and greeters are available to help you find your class. These groups are a great way to get acquainted, build friendships, and study the Bible.

At 5:30, come enjoy a time of fellowship, fun, and food in the Family Life Center as the Missional Community Groups gather together for the last time this summer. You do not have to have participated in a group to attend the event. Everyone's welcome.

On Tuesday, come join the Triple LLL (Living Longer and Loving It) club in the church

dining room at noon. Bring a friend, enter through the east kitchen doors and enjoy some great fellowship and a tasty lunch.

Our Mother's Day Out program is open each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Contact Tracy Boeker at 267-8223 about available openings for your children.

With the start of a new school year, our youth will be participating in many new activities. Friday Sept. 4, a 'Fifth Quarter' is planned from 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. in the FBC Family Life Center. Contact Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini at 270-8332 for details.

Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 6 p.m., Pastor Mark Lindsey will be leading the Bible Study "Experiencing God". Don't miss the blessing of this wonderful study.

Wednesday evening begins with a meal served in the Family Life Center from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., followed by activities for all age groups. Call 267-8223 or go to fcbigspring.org for more information. Join us Sept. 2 for chicken and rice.

FBC is located at 705 W FM 700.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Come praise the Lord with us as we gather to worship Sunday at 10:50 a.m. and 2 p.m. Pastor Jim Walter

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house, wife Debbie, and the people of Blessed Hands Deaf Church invite you to choose the service time that best fits your schedule and join them in praising God and exploring His word, the Bible, each week. Currently, BHDC meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 W FM 700. For additional information about Blessed Hands Deaf Church, including Wednesday evening schedule and activities, contact Pastor Jim at: jwalterhouse@gmail.com.

First Presbyterian Church - Big Spring

The regular Wednesday church activities are the following: 5:17 p.m., the Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger; 6 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal will not occur on Wednesday. Members will be contacted by Mike Mitchell about practice time.

Susan Dawes will resume music classes beginning the week of Sept. 13. She hopes to have the same schedule as last year, but with changes in some of the bus schedules, there may have to be some alterations in the Wednesday schedule. The schedule last year was as follows: Wednesdays: Children's Choir, 4:15 p.m.; Young Women's Choir, 5:10 p.m.; Sundays: Young Men's Choir, 5:15 p.m.; Youth Handbells, 6:30 p.m.

All women in the church are invited to a baby shower for Caitlin Jones Griffin and her son Conner Randolph Griffin, at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Fellowship Hall.

The Youth Group will meet on Sunday evenings Aug. 30 and Sept. 6 to paint and refurbish the youth room (as a mini mission project) in readiness for regular activities, which will begin Sept. 13, at 6 p.m.

Sunday, the Church Life Committee invites everyone to a breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. to honor Sunday School teachers and students. This will take the place of the 10:30 Take Ten fellowship for this Sunday. Sunday School classes for all ages resume on Sunday, Sept. 13.

The children begin a 10-session study of the Ten Commandments from September through November. They will alternate between DVDs and the rotation workshops that reinforce the particular commandments highlighted in the previous week's DVD. They will be conducting interviews with the different Sunday School classes to find out their favorite commandment.

The Youth Sunday School class will be under the leadership of Jenn Patterson and Sarah Salinas. They will begin with a 24-session DVD study called NOOMA, written by Presbyterian pastor Rob Bell. They express thanks to Christine and Don Boling for their leadership for the youth over the past several years.

John Ferguson leads the adult Covenant Class in a new study called "The Christian Community Comes Alive," based on the book of Acts. Unit 1 for September is entitled "What We Bring to God."

The adult Discovery Class begins a six-session study called "Soul Keeping - Caring for the Most Important Part of You." This study is done by John Ortberg, who takes the participants on an exploration of the soul from the perspective of someone who has struggled to understand and care for their own soul.

Buddy Cochrane is in charge of Take Ten for this Sunday.

The lectionary for the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost (or 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time) is Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23. Rev. Craig Holstedt will

deliver the sermon. The Noisy Offering will be collected during the service. The Chancel Choir will present "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," arranged by Mark Hayes as the offertory.

Please note that our worship service begins at 10:50 a.m. for announcements and parish concerns before our radio broadcast starts at 11.

If you cannot attend worship, you may listen in on KBST 1490 AM., beginning at 11 a.m. If you wish to have a printed bulletin for Sunday services, please call the church office at 263-4211. You may also see what's happening at the church by visiting our website: www.fpcbs.org. On our website, you can find a link that will enable you to listen to several recent sermons by Rev. Craig Holstedt. We would be pleased for you to Like us on Facebook.

First Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Cal will be leading service on Sunday morning on our new movement in the church. Join us on Sept. 20 as it will all come together for Back to Church Sunday with a pot luck lunch following.

You can also listen to any of our previous Sunday services by going to our webpage at nazfamily.org. Also, look for the service notes on the YouVersion Bible app under live events.

We also invite you to come check out all the remodeling that has taken place. If you would like to help with donations please visit our website.

Sunday Morning Youth, Adult and Children's Classes at 9 a.m. throughout the campus.

Sunday Service begins at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Children's Church at 10 a.m. Sunday in the Fellowship Hall Sunday Evening Youth Activities are Sunday Evening at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday nights we have weekly prayer starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary while children and youth classes are in other classrooms.

You can also listen each Sunday to KBST 95.7 at 10 am for a live broadcast of our service.

We are located at 1400 Lancaster. Contact the church office at 432-267-7015.

Spring Creek Fellowship

We would like to invite you to our first official day of Worship Services in our new church home this Sunday at Spring Town Plaza. We are so excited to share this event with you. Please come and celebrate with us.

See Cody Carnes at United Night of Worship on Sunday at 6 p.m. at the Big Spring High School Auditorium. The whole community is invited.

Prayer Team meets at Spring Town Plaza from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. They have lunch at either Evita's or Brooklyn's Deli at 11:30 and then pray after lunch. You can bring your own lunch if you prefer or come after lunch to pray with the group.

If you are a musician or singer and would be interested in being a part of our Worship Team, contact Clint Bratcher.

Weekly Happenings:
Sunday
9:15 a.m.-10:15 a.m. — Sunday School/Connection Groups
10:15 a.m.-10:45 a.m. — "Holy Grounds Café" is open with snacks and fellowship.
10:45 a.m. to noon — Worship Service

4 p.m. — "Grief Share" meets at SCF.

Tuesday

Noon to 2 p.m. — Prayer Team meets at Spring Town Plaza

Noon — Narcotics Anonymous meets at Spring Town Plaza

6 p.m. — Pain Management Group meets at church.

Friday

7 p.m. to 8 p.m. — Narcotics Anonymous meets at SCF.

Saturday

7:30 a.m. — Weekly Men's Prayer Breakfast & Fellowship

10 a.m. — "Sowing Seeds of Hope" Crafting fellowship

Sunday

If you would like any further information regarding any of our ministries or events, please contact the church office or visit our website.

Spring Creek Fellowship meets at the College Park Shopping Center at 501 Birdwell Lane in Big Spring, Texas. Across from Denny's. Contact us at 432-714-4584 or visit our website at www.springcreekfellowship.org

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you to join us Sunday at 10:30 a.m. as we continue in our current series titled "Soul Winner: Each One Reach One." Also, be sure to come out and join the surrounding churches later that night at 6 p.m. at the BSHS auditorium for a night of amazing worship. With musical guest artist Cody Carnes.

• Wednesday at 7 p.m. Join us for Mid-week Bible Study, CCC offers classes for all ages. Also our, Chosen Generation, youth ministry meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Youth Sanctuary located in the down stairs portion of the east wing.

• Sept. 8 at 7 p.m. Our Men's Ministry will be gathering at 706 E 12th St. in the CCC Green Room for the "Bri-gade Meeting".

• Sept. 14 at 6 p.m. Our Far above Rubies Women's Ministry will be gathering at in the CCC Green Room. More details to come.

• Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. Our Single's Ministry will be gathering at Bean's World Cafe, 100 South Main Street, Big Spring for a night of fellowship and encouragement for single's who love the Lord.

Lastly, we serve a free fellowship breakfast each Sunday morning at 10 a.m. in the Misfits Lounge. Please join us every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. for worship. CCC offers nursery and children church for both mid-week and Sunday services.

We are located at 706 East 12th Street. For office hours contact our Administrative Office at 432-264-0015. You can also find us at facebook.com/CCCBigSpring; or visit us at www.ccsbig-spring.org if you would like more information.

Forsan Baptist Church

This Sunday our message is titled, "Finders Keepers," and comes from Psalm 119:49-56.

This week we will continue our study series on Sunday evenings called, "Heaven: Now and Then." This study will focus on what Heaven may be like as we enter it now, and what it will be like when Jesus returns. This Sunday evening our topic of discussion will be, "The Tribulation, Part III: Breaking the Seals."

Regular youth and children's activities resume next Wednesday with special afternoon classes at 4 p.m. Anyone who comes to the church at that time must participate in the classes. The first class offered will be American Sign Language. Youth and children's meal will be served at 5:30, and age-appropriate classes will begin at 6 p.m. We will be offering CHAOS for youth, GA's for girls, RA's for boys, and Heroes in Training for kids age 3-5.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday School begins at 9:50 a.m., with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday services begin at 6 p.m. Rides for all youth activities are available if arranged ahead of time. Call the church at 432-457-2342 or Pastor Darren Weaver at 432-213-2348.

Tells us about your church activities

Church news submissions are due at noon Wednesday for the following Friday's edition of the Big Spring Herald.

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Bautista blunder helps Texas to 4-1 win, end Jays' streak

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Jose Bautista charged hard and reached down. Toronto's right fielder quickly realized that the ball under his glove and was rolling toward the warning track.

Bautista's error in the seventh inning led to three Texas runs, as Delino DeShields kept running all the way home, and the AL East-leading Blue Jays closed an otherwise-impressive trip with a 4-1 loss Thursday. It ended their five-game winning streak.

"Obviously, the road trip was a successful one. It would have been a superb one if we'd been able to pull that one out," Bautista said. "I opened up the score for them. But mistakes happen. I don't think this loss is going to affect us in any way."

Toronto went 6-2 on the trip, taking sole possession of the AL East lead from the New York Yankees by winning the first two games at the wild card-chasing Rangers.

"I'm very pleased with the way the guys played," manager John Gibbons said, referring to the trip.

Yovanny Gallardo (11-9) threw 5 1-3 scoreless innings for his 100th ca-

reer victory. The right-hander gave up three hits while striking out two and walking three on 101 pitches.

The Blue Jays lead the majors with 5.4 runs per game, and had outscored opponents 54-19 during their recent winning streak. Gallardo has thrown 13 2-3 scoreless innings in two starts against them this season.

Gallardo became the fourth native of Mexico to win 100 games, joining Fernando Valenzuela (173), Esteban Loaiza (126) and Ismael Valdez (104).

"It just shows a lot of hard work, throughout the years, and it's definitely exciting," said Gallardo, the right-hander who improved to 100-73 in 241 career games with Milwaukee (2007-14) and Texas.

DeShields had a part in every run even without an RBI. On the ball he hit in the seventh, slow-running catcher Bobby Wilson was going to be held up at third until the ball got past Bautista. Rather than bases loaded, Wilson and Hanser Alberto scored with the speedy DeShields following close behind.

"I just attacked the ball too hard. The outfield grass is cut kind of funky. You get a lot of

balls that kind of snake around," Bautista said. "I knew who was running at second. I knew they were going to stop him."

Texas never trailed after DeShields drew a walk from Marco Estrada (11-8) in the first and scored on Mitch Moreland's single. DeShields finished 2 for 2 with three walks.

Estrada struck out six in six innings, and has allowed only nine runs in his last six starts.

Edwin Encarnacion stretched his hitting streak to 22 games, the longest in the majors this season, with an RBI double in the Toronto eighth. He hit a scorching liner that got past DeShields in right-center as Bautista scored from first.

Shawn Tolleson worked the ninth for his 26th save in 28 chances. He had converted 12 straight before Tuesday night's series opener, when he gave up two runs in the ninth inning of a 6-5 loss.

TULO THE DH
Troy Tulowitzki was the DH for the first time in his 10 major league seasons. Gibbons had planned to give him a day off, but Tulowitzki entered a .458 career hitter (11 for 24) against Gallardo. Tulowitzki

was 0 for 5 in the series finale. His first three at-bats came against Gallardo before grounding into an inning-ending double play against Sam Doble with the bases loaded in the seventh.

LEFT PLAYS
Ben Revere of the Blue Jays made a back-handed catch with his arm fully extended and running into the left-field corner to rob Alberto of a hit in the fifth. That was the second-best play by a left fielder in the game. Recently acquired Texas outfielder Will Venable made a long run, then leaped in the air to make a back-handed catch before falling flat to the ground in the left-center gap to end the second and strand a runner. "Really, if he doesn't make that catch there, it's a different story in this ballgame," manager Jeff Banister said.

TRAINER'S ROOM
Rangers: 2B Rougned Odor missed his second straight game since splitting the nail on the middle finger of his right hand Tuesday night. Banister had said Odor could possibly pinch-hit or pinch-run, but wasn't used Thursday.

UP NEXT
Blue Jays: After an eight-game trip, Toronto opens a nine-game

Steers open season with familiar foe

Taylor Ellis

Sports Editor

Big Spring opens the season Saturday against the Kerrville Tivy Antlers #12 in San Angelo for a rematch of last year's game.

Last season was a showcase of offensive firepower that made old school football people crazy. Big Spring scored on the first and last play of the game, driving 85 yards in 17 seconds to upset the Antlers.

While Big Spring won't have the same offensive prowess this time around, Tivy will certainly pose a tough first challenge for the Steers' defense.

"They run as good a spread offense as we'll see all year. Every play is a run pass option for the quarterback, who is one of the most accurate quarterbacks we'll see," head coach Phillip Richey said. "They force you to cover every inch of the field and stay disciplined."

homestand Friday night against Detroit.

Rangers: Cole Hamels starts for the Rangers in the opener of a three-game series Friday night

The prolific Tivy offense is led by Cade Dyal, who has been a key focal point in Big Spring's preparation the past week.

"We've been telling our kids you need to stay dialed in on defense or else he'll dial us up," Richey said.

Tivy will undoubtedly look to make Big Spring a one-dimensional offense by shutting down the running game. If the Steers are to win receivers Daniel Luna, Jonny King and Leon Mathews will have to be threats outside.

The Steers will look to create a great running attack using Preston Alexander and Manuel Galvan, two bruising runners. If the Steers establish a running game they'll be able to keep Dyal on the bench, and the Antlers' off the board.

The game begins at 6:00 p.m. at San Angelo Stadium.

against fellow wild-card contender Baltimore, which has won five of its last six games in Texas.

Cowboys secondary will lean on depth

OXNARD, Calif. — Orlando Scandrick's season-ending knee injury was a flashback for Dallas coach Jason Garrett to losing linebacker Sean Lee during the off-season a year earlier.

There is one difference, though. This time, the Cowboys think they have the cornerbacks to absorb the blow.

"With this position, we're less likely to go outside and look for Orlando Scandrick's replacement," Garrett said Wednesday, a day

after Scandrick tore the anterior cruciate ligament and medial collateral ligament in his right knee in practice at training camp. "We feel good about the guys we have on the team right now."

Undrafted second-year player Tyler Patmon is already being touted as the new slot cornerback, a position held by Scandrick before he emerged as the best cover guy on the team the past two seasons and played outside as well.

It's been an eventful camp for Patmon, who first emerged last year with a big game in the preseason at Miami to earn a roster spot.

He fought with All-Pro receiver Dez Bryant early in camp, was in the middle of several melees when the St. Louis Rams visited last week and now looks like he'll break camp Thursday with a shot to be the equivalent of a starter given how often three cornerbacks are on the field.

"I have worked in the slot since I got here last year," Patmon said. "I've always been ready to play the slot. This year that was my role. If something were to happen to Orlando, I was supposed to be able to go into the slot."

Patmon has shown the same feisty attitude as Scandrick, who was returning to the Dallas area for surgery Thursday or Friday.

"His strengths are the instinctive way he plays, his ability to

feel for the game," Garrett said. "He's a great competitor, he's feisty, he fights, he battles and scratches and claws. So we're going to give him an opportunity in there first."

The Cowboys traded for linebacker Rolando McClain before training camp last year after Lee tore his left anterior cruciate ligament in the first offseason workout. And McClain was a boost for an improving defense that helped Dal-

las win the NFC East at 12-4.

This time, not only has Patmon had a good camp, but the Cowboys have seen enough from first-round pick Byron Jones to believe he can be a factor as a rookie.

Scandrick's injury also clears the way for 2012 top 10 pick Morris Claiborne to reclaim a starting spot after three disappointing, injury-plagued seasons. Garrett said Claiborne,

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Scoreboard

BASEBALL				AMERICAN LEAGUE			
East Division				West Division			
Toronto	71	56	.559	—	—	—	—
New York	69	57	.548	1½	—	—	—
Baltimore	63	64	.496	8	—	—	—
Tampa Bay	63	64	.496	8	—	—	—
Boston	58	69	.457	13	—	—	—
Central Division				West Division			
Kansas City	78	49	.614	—	—	—	—
Minnesota	65	62	.512	13	—	—	—
Chicago	60	66	.476	17½	—	—	—
Cleveland	60	66	.476	17½	—	—	—
Detroit	60	67	.472	18	—	—	—
West Division				East Division			
Houston	71	57	.555	—	—	—	—
Texas	65	61	.516	5	—	—	—
Los Angeles	65	62	.512	5½	—	—	—
Seattle	59	69	.461	12	—	—	—
Oakland	55	73	.430	16	—	—	—
Wednesday's Games				Thursday's Games			
Houston 6, N.Y. Yankees 2	Seattle 8, Oakland 2	Detroit 5, L.A. Angels 0	Cleveland 6, Milwaukee 2	Minnesota 5, Tampa Bay 3	Toronto 12, Texas 4	Baltimore 8, Kansas City 5	Boston 3, Chicago White Sox 0
Friday's Games				Saturday's Games			
Detroit (Boyd 1-4) at Toronto (Dickey 8-10), 7:07 p.m.	Boston (Owens 2-1) at N.Y. Mets (Harvey 11-7), 7:10 p.m.	Kansas City (Volquez 11-7) at Tampa Bay (E.Ramirez 10-4), 7:10 p.m.	L.A. Angels (Heaney 5-2) at Cleveland (Salazar 11-7), 7:10 p.m.	N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 9-6) at Atlanta (W.Perez 4-4), 7:35 p.m.	Baltimore (Gausman 2-5) at Texas (Hamels 1-1), 8:05 p.m.	Houston (Kazmir 7-8) at Minnesota (Gibson 8-9), 8:10 p.m.	Seattle (Walker 9-7) at Chicago (White Sox (Joh.Danks 6-11), 8:10 p.m.
NATIONAL LEAGUE				East Division			
West Division				Central Division			
Oakland (S.Gray 12-5) at Arizona (Ch.Anderson 6-5), 9:40 p.m.	Saturday's Games			Detroit (Farmer 0-2) at Toronto (Hutchison 12-2), 1:07 p.m.			
Boston (J.Kelly 7-6) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 12-6), 4:05 p.m.				Kansas City (Medlen 2-0) at Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 6-6), 6:10 p.m.			
Houston (Fiers 1-0) at Minnesota (Pelfrey 6-7), 7:10 p.m.				L.A. Angels (Richard 12-10) at Cleveland (Bauer 9-10), 7:10 p.m.			
N.Y. Yankees (Severino 1-2) at Atlanta (Wisler 5-4), 7:10 p.m.				Seattle (Ludwig 1-1) at Chicago White Sox (Samardzija 8-10), 7:10 p.m.			
Baltimore (U.Jimenez 9-8) at Texas (M.Perez 1-3), 8:05 p.m.				Oakland (Doubont 1-1) at Arizona (Chacin 0-1), 8:10 p.m.			
Thursday's Games				Friday's Games			
L.A. Dodgers 7, Cincinnati 4				Cleveland 6, Milwaukee 2			
Pittsburgh 7, Miami 2				St. Louis 3, Arizona 1			
San Francisco 4, Chicago Cubs 2				N.Y. Mets 9, Philadelphia 5, 13 innings			
Washington 4, San Diego 2				Pittsburgh 2, Miami 1			
St. Louis 5, Arizona 3				St. Louis 5, Arizona 3			
Friday's Games				Saturday's Games			
Colorado (J.Gray 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Liriano 9-6), 7:05 p.m.				Miami (Conley 1-1) at Washington (Scherzer 11-10), 7:05 p.m.			
San Diego (Kennedy 8-11) at Philadelphia (Nola 4-1), 7:05 p.m.				Boston (Owens 2-1) at N.Y. Mets (Harvey 11-7), 7:10 p.m.			
N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 9-6) at Atlanta (W.Perez 4-4), 7:35 p.m.				Cincinnati (R.Iglesias 3-5) at Milwaukee (Jungmann 7-5), 8:10 p.m.			
Oakland (S.Gray 12-5) at Arizona (Ch.Anderson 6-5), 9:40 p.m.				Chicago Cubs (Hammel 7-5) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 10-6), 10:10 p.m.			
St. Louis (Wacha 15-4) at San Francisco (Leake 9-6), 10:15 p.m.				Baseball			
Baseball				Baseball			
RHP Nick Martinez from Round Rock. Sent 1B-OF Kyle Blanks to Round Rock (PCL) and INF Jurickson Proffar to Hickory (SAL) on rehab assignments.				Waived PK Brandon Bogotay. Released LB Orié Lemon.			
National League				HOCKEY			
CHICAGO CUBS — Acquired RHP Fernando Rodney from Seattle for cash.				National Hockey League			
American Association				CAROLINA HURRICANES — Agreed to terms with F Elias Lindholm on a two-year contract extension.			
AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS — Signed INF Kori Melo. Traded RHP Leondy Perez to Laredo for a player to be named.				LOS ANGELES KINGS — Signed D Damir Sharipzayov to a three-year contract.			
SIoux FALLS CANARIES — Released LHP Dennis Neal.				IDAHO STEELHEADS — Agreed to terms with F Andrew Carroll.			
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Signed OF Brent Clevlen.				COLLEGE			
Can-Am League				FAYETTEVILLE STATE — Named Tyreece Brown men's and women's cross country coach.			
QUEBEC PATRIOTES — Signed RHP Graham Tebbit.				FRESNO STATE — Suspended LB Michael Lazarus and RB Chris Moriga from its Sept. 3 opener against Athlone Christian for violations of athletic department policy.			
SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Released LHP Dustin Pease.				HAMPDEN-SYDNEY — Named Tommy Kestermann assistant lacrosse coach.			
BASKETBALL				LEES-MCRAE — Named Jaclin Poole softball coach.			
NBA Development League				LOYOLA OF CHICAGO — Named Bennie Seltzer men's basketball assistant coach.			
BAKERSFIELD JAM — Named Chris Jent coach.				MIDDLE TENNESSEE — Added transfers F Jacorey Williams (Arkansas) and G Aldonis Foote (Trinity Valley CC) to the men's basketball program.			
FOOTBALL				NC STATE — Suspended RB Shadrach Thornton two games for a violation of athletic department rules.			
National Football League				NOTRE DAME — Announced DE Ishaq Williams has been ruled ineligible for the season by the NCAA, ending his college playing career.			
NFL — Suspended Green Bay DT Letroy Guion for the first three games of the regular season for violating the NFL Policy and Program for Substances of Abuse. Reinstated Atlanta president Rick McKay as chairman of the Competition Committee after suspending him from the post for the use of artificial noise at Atlanta home games.				PENN — Named Andrew Blum women's assistant rowing coach.			
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Signed ST Will Hill to a two-year contract.				PURCHASE — Named Shiva Senthil men's assistant basketball coach.			
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed QB Pat Devlin. Waived OL Ryan Seymour.				RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE — Named Joe Cabral men's assistant basketball coach.			
GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed WR James Butler.				SAINT LEO — Named Adrian Wainwright and Connor Callahan assistant cross country coaches.			
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Waived OT Mark Asper and LB Cameron Gordon. Released DT Antonio Johnson.							
NEW YORK JETS — Signed QB Josh Johnson. Waived QB Jake Huac.							
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Agreed to terms with PK Connor Barth on a two-year contract. Signed LS Brandon Hartson.							
TEXAS RANGERS — Optioned RHP Spencer Patton to Round Rock (PCL). Recalled							
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Placed OF Desmond Jennings on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Joey Butler from Durham (IL).							

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The facility is located west of Natural Dam Lake, approximately 12.6 miles west of Big Spring on the 137.47 acres of tract as being a part of the T. & P. R. Co. Survey 17, Block 30, Abstract 7 in Martin County, and the T. & P. R. Co. Survey 17, Block 30, Abstract 527 in Howard County, Texas, which is owned by Wes Hughes Farms.

The permit application is requesting authority to receive non-hazardous RCRA-exempt materials for surface landtreatment. The RCRA-Exempt materials will include oil/water based drilling mud and cuttings, tank bottoms, oil and gas vacuum truck washout waste, soil impacted by crude oil or hydrocarbon condensate, produced formation sand and other oil and gas related solid wastes.

The nonhazardous RCRA-exempt materials will be applied to the land within the containment berms by pressure hose, liquid spreader dump truck or other farming or offloading equipment over the assigned target treatment area. The application method will use common farming techniques to disc, turn, and plow the received materials. A farm tractor hitched to a cultivator disc or disc harrow implement will be used to work the soil.

As part of this process, the applicant W TX Land Farm Resources 1, LLC is asked to publish a public notice of the filing of this application pursuant to Rule 8(d)(6)(c) of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Pursuant to Commission rules, affected persons may protest this application. Requests for public hearing or protest from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of proposed application must be submitted **IN WRITING**, and must be received by the 15th days after the last date of publication of this notice. The last date of publication of this notice is expected to be on September 4, 2015, which means protests, should be received no later than September 19, 2015.

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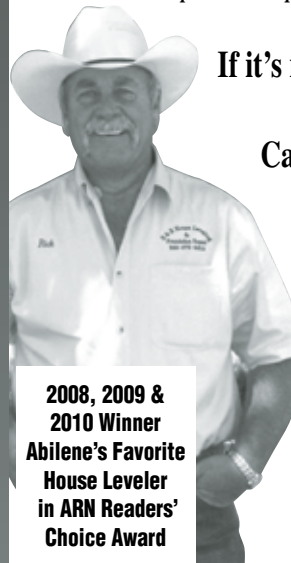
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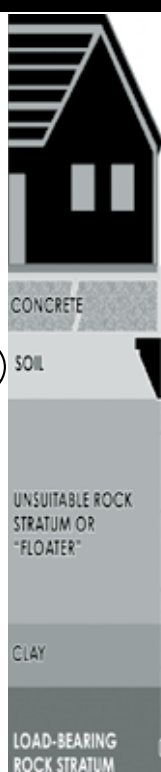
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

With the flaws, or "quirks" as you like to think of them, out in the open, someone is likely to fall in love with you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You haven't been saying "I love you" as often as you'd like, and this is because your nearest and dearest don't always behave in a way that inspires such a proclamation. Say it anyway, if only to change the trend.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The good thing about getting very far off track is that it has a way of galvanizing you to get back on track. Today you'll feel determined to return with new zeal to your mission.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The spending money is sizzling in your pocket, and the day brings worthy choices, too. Whatever deal you are offered, apply your famous charm as you ask for a better one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Don't

agree to disagree -- keep talking your ideas through. Compromise will be lucrative. The agreement you come to together will be better than the one you originally had alone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll keep company with talented people, and that makes you want to practice and improve your own bag of tricks. The command you have over your gifts is more important than the particular gifts you have.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Exercise is a miracle drug. It will do wonders for your body and even more for your mind. Bonus: It doesn't hurt your love life, either. Get back on track with your routine.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's not that the stress doesn't get to you -- you feel it, all right. It's just that you've learned what kind of good comes from panicking (none whatsoever). You'll tap your talent for discovering serenity in unlikely places.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Tomorrow, the cat will be out of the bag, the beans will be spilled, the rooster will crow, and the bubble will burst. Because you know the text will be irretrievably sent, today is the best day to consciously craft it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A goal that no one knows you have will be the most exciting one of all to work on today. The secret status of this aim builds up that mischievous part of you -- irresistible.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Ambition alone can't take you where you want to go; diplomacy is crucial. Don't know what the others want? You won't come up with a successful strategy until you find out. Ask outright if you have to.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 28). What you put your money into is the least of your investments in 2016. You'll attract support from those who understand that relationships are the true wealth in your life. When your time and attention help your personal life grow in satisfying directions,

you'll be on top of the world. Leo and Sagittarius people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 31, 45, 17, 1 and 48.

WEEKEND LOVE FORECAST:
ARIES: You may feel comfortable being yourself in all circumstances, but your friend is not as outgoing and will need you to loosen things up. **TAURUS:** You'll be given a gift. Maybe it's not something you'll use, but the sentiment will be priceless. **GEMINI:** Your public image gets a boost. **CANCER:** It's not true that money doesn't matter. You'll make more money and feel sexier because of it. **LEO:** You can think of a dozen romantic things you'd like to do with a certain someone. Pick one and go for it. **VIRGO:** You know you're really crazy about someone when you act like you haven't seen each other for a month even though it's only been a few days. **LIBRA:** The way you give a gift will bring even more joy than the gift itself. **SCORPIO:** You're ready to give your relationship more definition. This has to do with the rules by which you live and love and also with the way you

think of the relationship. **SAGITTARIUS:** The mad-love feeling is mutual. What next? **CAPRICORN:** This is lucky -- the one with your same interests is still different enough to surprise you. **AQUARIUS:** You'll forgive and move forward with a generous heart. **PISCES:** A person of few words has much to say to you. **COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND:** What do Pisces and Virgo have in common? On the surface, it may seem like the answer is "not much," but there's a karmic bond, nonetheless. These two are zodiac opposites, joined along the same cosmic line, each pulling from their end in a dance of tug-o'-war. As the full Pisces moon reflects the glory of the Virgo sun, these two signs can't help but acknowledge and explore their connection.

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Full Moon Pre-Show

The Aquarius moon is the opening act for tomorrow's spectacular astral concert featuring the full moon in Pisces. Like excited fans, we'll give our attention to the show, which encourages audience participation. Friends, funny people, oddities, unusual interests -- these are all part of the offerings of the Aquarius moon.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The difficult people don't scare you. You see the good in them and find a positive way to interact. This is why in the future they will want to deal only with you. You'll turn them into fans and clients.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You let people know up front what they are getting when they get you. Just be careful.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker
Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Diamonds, and North leads the K-A of spades. You ruff and cash the ace of trumps, on which North shows out. How would you play the hand?

West: ♠8, ♥KQ, ♦AKQ95, ♣A9743
East: ♠J5, ♥AJ943, ♦10762, ♣K6

2. You are West, defending against Three Notrump after the auction: North—One Diamond, South—One Notrump, North—Three Notrump.

North: ♠K93, ♥J9, ♦KQJ109, ♣AKQ
West: ♠J74, ♥108652, ♦A8, ♣872

You lead the five of hearts, dummy plays the nine, East the three and declarer the queen. South leads a diamond, which you win with the ace. What do you play next and why?

1. To try to ruff a club in dummy by playing the K-A and another club would subject you to a possible over-ruff if South started with a doubleton (or singleton) club. A much safer method of play is to cash the K-Q of hearts. Once you get

by this hurdle (the chance of South having one or no hearts is relatively small), you lead a club to the king and start to run dummy's hearts. If South ruffs at any point, you overruff and draw his remaining trumps to score the rest of the tricks. If South discards as dummy's hearts are led, you finish by taking a trump finesse to make the slam.

2. The only play that has any chance to defeat the contract is the jack of spades. You know from the play to the first trick, where partner could not beat dummy's nine, that declarer has the A-K-Q of hearts. You therefore can't afford to play another heart, because declarer will then score three hearts, four diamonds and three clubs to finish with 10 tricks. What you hope is that South has something like:

♠852, ♥AKQ, ♦742, ♣10965

It is known from the bidding that South does not have the ace or queen of spades, since he would not have bid one notrump (six to 10 points) if he had either of those cards plus the A-K-Q of hearts. Your only real hope, therefore, is that partner has four or five spades headed by the A-Q-10. Note that a low spade return would not succeed in that case, since declarer would play low from dummy to safeguard his contract.

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Ex-NBA star Darryl Dawkins, aka 'Chocolate Thunder' has died

Darryl Dawkins was once summoned in the Philadelphia 76ers' locker room to come meet a celebrity who wanted to meet the man known for dunking with backboard-breaking force.

The guest was Grammy Award winner Stevie Wonder. The entertainer is blind, yet even he could tell there was something very unique about Dawkins' game.

"A guy who never saw me," a beaming Dawkins said in a 2011 televised interview, "gave me the name 'Chocolate Thunder.'"

The name stuck, and the rim-wrecking, glass-shattering dunks remain unforgettable — as will the giant of a man who changed the game with them. Dawkins died Thursday at a hospital in Allentown, Pennsylvania, according to the Lehigh County coroner's office. He was 58, and even though officials said an autopsy would be performed on Friday his family re-

leased a statement saying the cause of death was a heart attack.

"Darryl touched the hearts and spirits of so many with his big smile and personality, ferocious dunks, but more than anything, his huge, loving heart," his family said. "His family, wife Janice, children Dara, Tabitha, Nicholas and Alexis, along with countless family, friends, and fans, all mourn his loss."

"More than anything Darryl accomplished in his basketball career as the inimitable 'Chocolate Thunder,' he was most proud of his role and responsibility as a husband and father," his family added.

Dawkins, the first player to go from high school into the first round of the NBA draft, spent parts of 14 seasons in the NBA with Philadelphia, New Jersey, Utah and Detroit. He averaged 12 points and 6.1 rebounds in 726 career regular-season games.

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said Dawkins was "beloved around the league."

"The NBA family is heartbroken by the sudden and tragic passing of Darryl Dawkins," Silver said. "We will always remember Darryl for his incredible talent, his infectious enthusiasm and his boundless generosity. He played the game with passion, integrity and joy, never forgetting how great an influence he had on his legions of fans, young and old."

Dawkins was selected No. 5 in the 1975 draft by the 76ers. His two backboard-shattering dunks came about a month apart early in the 1979-80 season, one against Kansas City, the other against San Antonio.

"You were one of my favorite players of all time," Houston center Dwight Howard posted Thursday on Instagram under a photo of Dawkins dunking in a game. "You were very inspira-

tional to a lot of young players. Thank u for the long talks and great memories. I can't believe that you're gone. But you are in a better place. You were the

charm, infectious smile and unparalleled sense of humor will be sorely missed. 'Chocolate Thunder' will always have a special place in our hearts. His family is in our thoughts and prayers."

Dawkins was, by any measure, a character. His love for the game was unquestioned and unwavering — he appeared at an 76ers alumni event earlier this month and recently posted a photo to his Twitter account of him coaching a summer-league girls team.

Dawkins was as revered off the court as he was on it. He remained enormously popular after his playing days were done, even during his stint as a member of the Harlem Globetrotters. He would name his dunks — the "look out below," the "yo-mama" and the "rim wrecker" among them — and often boasted that he hailed from the "Planet Lovetron."

In actuality, he was born and raised in Orlando, Florida, growing

up impoverished with dreams of giving his mother and grandmother better lives.

"A great man, entertainer, athlete and ferocious dunker," former NBA guard Kevin Johnson wrote on Twitter. "He will be missed but not forgotten."

Injuries plagued Dawkins late in his NBA career, and he went overseas for several more years to play in the Italian league. He also briefly had stints in the Continental Basketball Association and the International Basketball Association. He also coached at times, at both the minor-league and junior-college levels.

He averaged double digits in nine consecutive NBA seasons, with his best year likely being the 1983-84 campaign for New Jersey. He averaged a career-best 16.8 points that year, with only foul trouble — 386 that season, still a league record — holding him back.

"Darryl Dawkins is the father of power dunking," Shaquille O'Neal once said. "I'm just one of his sons."

"More than anything Darryl accomplished in his basketball career as the inimitable 'Chocolate Thunder,' he was most proud of his role and responsibility as a husband and father," his family added.

Sports Calendar

FRIDAY

Big Spring Volleyball- Varsity competes in the Friendship Tournament from August 28-29
Howard County Bowl- Forsand and Coahoma face off at Memorial Stadium at 7:00 to start the season

SATURDAY

Big Spring Volleyball- Varsity competes in the Friendship Tournament from August 28-29
Big Spring Football- Varsity takes on Kerrville Tivy at 6:00 in San Angelo
Coahoma Volleyball- Varsity will face Lorraine in Lorraine at 11:00 a.m.

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who was limited to four games last year because of a torn patellar tendon in his left knee, was likely to make his pre-season debut Saturday night at home against Minnesota.

Brandon Carr, who

broke his right hand early in camp but is practicing again, is the other starting cornerback. He and Scandrick, in their eighth seasons, share the longest NFL tenure among Dallas defensive backs.

Before drafting Jones, Dallas claimed Corey White off waivers from New Orleans in the off-season.

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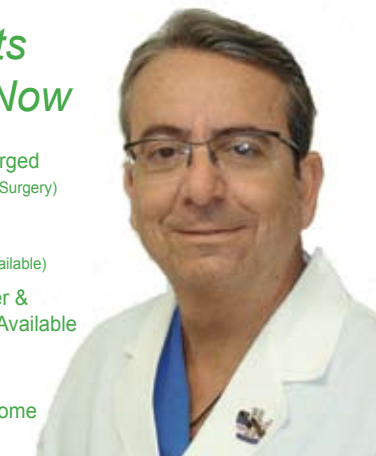
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