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BSISD to begin search for new superintendent

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 Big Spring Independent School District trustees will soon begin searching in earnest for a new superintendent.
 Current Superintendent Steven Saldivar, who headed BSISD since 2008, announced Tuesday he will be leaving within the next few weeks to accept a similar position with Anthony ISD. Saldivar's hiring at Anthony is expected to become official Aug. 20.
 "He helped our school district," Board President Irene Rodriguez said. "I have nothing but good things to say about Steven ... and I wish

"We need to hire (an interim superintendent) as soon as we can get one. That way, the entire process will get easier."
 —Irene Rodriguez, BSISD board president.



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Family Dollar Manager LeAnne Garrett arranges school supplies at the store's new location at 2112 FM 700, across from Trinity Baptist Church. Officials will hold a grand opening for the store beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday.

United Way kickoff coming up

Items are needed for silent auction

By AMANDA DUFORAT
 Special to the Herald
 The tradition stays alive as the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County gear up for the 69th annual campaign kick-off Aug. 17 at the Big Spring Country Club, starting at 6 p.m.
 "As always, the entire board

is ready to jump feet first into what we are expecting to be another successful campaign," said Ann McClarty, United Way of Big Spring and Howard County president.
 Tickets are \$25 per person. Due to the venue, there will be limited seating. The evening will include heavy hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, live

music from Freeride and a silent auction.
 "We have seen tremendous support from the community when it comes to donation items for the silent auction. This year there will be a wide selection of items to bid on, including a Rockhounds package, an autographed Texas Longhorn football, artwork, an assortment of gift baskets — and that's just the tip of the iceberg," said Larry Rodgers, campaign chair.
 "The silent auction always seems to be a big hit and we

aren't expecting anything different this year. It's truly amazing the unique items that you can find included in the auction that are made by or donated by people from right here in our community."
 The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County is still in the process of accepting donations for the silent auction. Donations can be dropped off at the United Way office or by contacting any United Way board member.
 "The board has been hard at

work getting the plans for the event together and we are all looking forward to seeing the members of the community come out and enjoy a good time while supporting an amazing cause," UW Executive Director Sandy Stewart said. "It is going to be a fun-filled night with great music, good food and friendship."
 In addition to the board members announcing the goal for the campaign and other fundraising ideas

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Texas will continue to lead U.S. oil boom

By EMILY PICKRELL
 Houston Chronicle
 HOUSTON — The growth in the energy sector is expected to continue to grow like gangbusters — led by Texas, according to Karr Ingham, a petroleum economist for the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers and creator of the

Texas Petro Index, speaking at the Petroleum Club on the latest release of the index.
 "We would be the 14th largest oil producing country on the planet, if Texas were a country," Ingham said. "You have the Permian producing 925,000 barrels a day and the Eagle Ford escalating to

540,000 barrels a day — that is just extraordinary."
 The Texas Petro Index was established in 1995 and reflects growth in several elements that drive the energy industry, including crude oil and gas prices, the rig count, drilling permits, well completions, oil and gas production

rates and employment in the industry.
 The Permian Basin and the Eagle Ford have helped make Texas the producer of almost half of all crude oil and a quarter of natural gas produced in the United States,
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New student registration under way at BSISD

By STEVE REAGAN
 Staff Writer
 Parents of students new to Big Spring Independent School District can register their children for classes now, officials said.
 Registration times will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the BSISD

records office (old Goliad Elementary building) at 2000 S. Goliad.
 The registration is for students enrolling in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten classes, as well as one student between the ages of 5 and 21 who resides within the

district but was not enrolled in BSISD on at the end of the 2012-2013 school year, officials said.
 Pre-kindergarten students must be 4 years old by Sept. 1 and meet at least one of the following requirements: limited English proficiency; fam-

ily income qualifies for free or reduced-price lunches; family is homeless; a parent is a member of the U.S. armed forces; or the child has been in foster care.
 Any student who is 5 years

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Obituaries

Raymond L. McKee



Raymond L. McKee, 81, went to be with his Savior on Tuesday, July 30, 2013, surrounded by the love of two daughters, two granddaughters and two sisters. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Monroe Teeters and the Rev. Randy Cotton officiating.

Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Raymond was born June 6, 1932, to Lewis and Veda (Walker) McKee in rural Howard County. As a young man, he went to work for Smith & Coleman Oil Company. Later changing professions, he went to work as a used car manager for Pollard Chevrolet and Farris Pontiac.

He had a love for music and in his spare time he played stand up bass at the legendary Stampede with Hoyle and Ben Nix. He became fast friends with Hoyle's son, Jody Nix, who was just a child. They remained lifelong friends and Jody was faithful in his weekly visits until Raymond's passing.

He enjoyed rodeos and was a calf roper. He introduced his children to horses at a very young age when he taught them to compete in the Howard County Youth Horseman Club and Rodeos. He followed bull riding for many years. In 1975, Raymond moved to Salado, Texas, where he and his wife Joan founded Cowboy's Bar-B-Que. At that time, he acquired the nickname "Cowboy" and to many that is all they knew him by.

In 2001, he returned to Big Spring to be closer to his family where he rekindled old friendships and made new ones. At that time, he became a born again Christian and a member of Salem Baptist Church. His jokes and sense of humor made him a joy to be around.

Raymond is survived by four daughters, Verlinda Phillips and husband Stanley, Rhonda Hayes, Brenda Canady and husband Clifton, all of Big Spring and Terra Lawrence and husband James of Tyler; two sons, Rance McKee and wife Cindy of Belton and Preston McKee and wife Gloria of Hobbs, N.M.; and seven sisters, Rachel Shaffer and Neva Shaffer, both of Big Spring, Mary Eggleston of Midland, Sue Whitaker of San Angelo, Karen Murphy and husband John of Odessa, Jennie Shaw and husband Ronald of Smyer and Delores Andrews and husband Ray of Odessa.

Raymond was preceded in death by his parents, Lewis and Veda McKee; one sister, Frances Thomas; one grandson, Bryan McKee; one son-in-law, Dr. Robert Hayes; and four brothers-in-law, L.B. Thomas, Jack Shaffer, Roy Shaffer and Bill Eggleston.

Pallbearers are Rance McKee, Preston McKee, Joey Fernandez, Zachary Fernandez, Trevor Williams, Chad Williams, Ricky Prater and Joey Jackson. Honorary pallbearers are Ty Lawrence and James Lawrence.

The family would like to give special thanks to Parkview Nursing and Rehabilitation staff, along with Crossroads Hospice staff for their gentle care and compassion.

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

Paid obituary

A.G. Martinez II



A.G. Martinez II, 85, of Big Spring died Tuesday, July 30, 2013, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil services will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with Msgr. Bernard L. Gully and Deacon Victor Lopez officiating. Burial will be at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Dec. 13, 1927, at Encinal, Texas, to Eloisa and Adelaido Martinez Sr. He married Paula Munoz in 1945 in Big Spring. In his earlier years, he worked at Big Mike's Liquor and Allied Van Lines. He retired as head custodian at Big Spring High School. He was a resident of Howard County for 70 years and was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Paula M. Martinez of Big Spring; six sons, Jack Martinez and wife Melanie of Cape Coral, Fla., Joe Martinez and wife Debra of Pecos, Fidel Martinez and wife Margie, Adelaido Martinez Jr. and Ricky Martinez, all of Big Spring, and David Martinez and wife Mikki of Elgin; three daughters, Yolanda Bryant and husband Ray and Lupe Pattin Hodges and husband Hubert, all of Big Spring and Mary Lopez and husband Deacon Victor Lopez of Midland; 32 grandchildren; and a number of great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Janie Lownes; one granddaughter; four brothers; and four sisters.

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

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Aug. 31, 2013 and 7 a.m. today:

- JOLANDA JIMENEZ GONZALLES, 44, of 408 West Fifth Street was arrested Wednesday on a warrant from another agency.
- DANIELA NOELDA MONGE, 26, of 201 South Carlise, Whiteface, Texas was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- JOHN PERRY PICHLA, 41, of 222 Bobby, Levelland, Texas was arrested Wednesday on a charge of public intoxication.
- RAYMOND EARL OVERTON, 34, of 120 Hooser was arrested Wednesday on a warrant for duty on striking fixture or landscaping greater than \$200.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF WAS REPORTED at the 3200 block of East FM 700.
- FORGERY was reported at the 3600 block of West Highway 80.
- HARASSMENT was reported at the 2300 block of Carl.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at the 1700 block of South Gregg.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 1200 block of Settles.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 79 inmates at the time of this report.

- LETICIA GARCIA, 44, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of tampering with a government/school record.
- JOLANDA JIMENEZ GONZALLES, 44, was booked by the BSPD on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.
- MELISSA ROSE, 34, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of impairing or interrupting public service.
- THOMAS ROY WHITE, 21, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of criminal mischief greater than \$50 but less than \$500.
- BILLY BOB ALVARADO, 34, was booked by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property greater than \$50 but less than \$500.

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

David Ybarra

David Ybarra, 46, of Big Spring passed away Wednesday, July 31, 2013, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Mary Wells




Mary Wells, 85, of Jal, N.M., died Wednesday, July 31, 2013, at her residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Joyce Barrett

Joyce Barrett, 78, of Coahoma died Wednesday, July 31, 2013, at her residence. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at Coahoma Cemetery. Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersand-smith.com

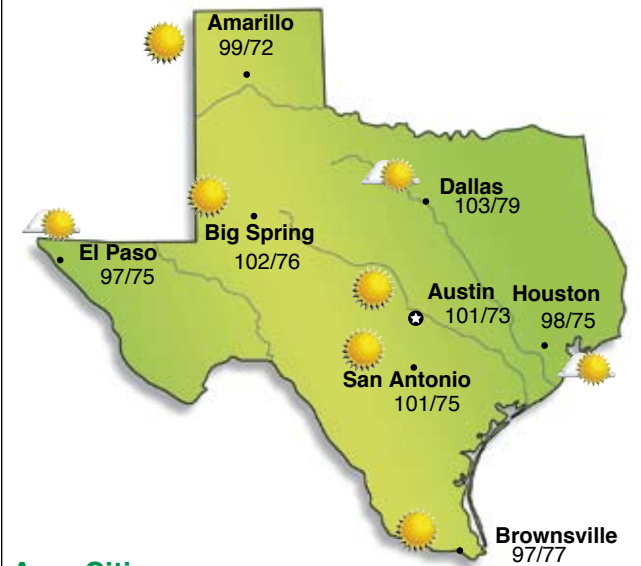
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Fri 8/2	Sat 8/3	Sun 8/4
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Sunrise: 7:02 AM Sunset: 8:42 PM	Sunrise: 7:02 AM Sunset: 8:41 PM	Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 8:41 PM



Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	101	78	sunny	Kingsville	100	76	sunny
Amarillo	99	72	sunny	Livingston	99	72	sunny
Austin	101	73	sunny	Longview	99	76	mst sunny
Beaumont	96	75	mst sunny	Lubbock	99	73	sunny
Brownsville	97	77	sunny	Lufkin	98	73	mst sunny
Brownwood	104	76	sunny	Midland	102	77	sunny
Corpus Christi	96	79	sunny	Raymondville	100	76	sunny
Corsicana	101	76	mst sunny	Rosenberg	99	74	mst sunny
Dallas	103	79	mst sunny	San Antonio	101	75	sunny
Del Rio	103	79	sunny	San Marcos	102	74	sunny
El Paso	97	75	mst sunny	Sulphur Springs	100	78	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	99	73	sunny	Sweetwater	101	76	pt sunny
Gainesville	101	77	mst sunny	Tyler	99	77	mst sunny
Greenville	101	76	mst sunny	Weatherford	102	77	mst sunny
Houston	98	75	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	105	79	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	89	69	sunny	Minneapolis	79	57	mst sunny
Boston	84	64	rain	New York	84	71	sunny
Chicago	78	65	t-storm	Phoenix	103	83	pt sunny
Dallas	103	79	mst sunny	San Francisco	64	54	pt sunny
Denver	88	64	pt sunny	Seattle	71	58	cloudy
Houston	98	75	mst sunny	St. Louis	87	74	t-storm
Los Angeles	78	61	mst sunny	Washington, DC	87	71	mst sunny
Miami	88	77	t-storm				

Moon Phases



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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.

• Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at Baptist Temple Church Fellowship Hall, 400 E. 11th Place. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

FRIDAY

• AA open discussion meeting from noon until 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Open Big Book study meeting, 8 p.m. until 9 p.m.

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

• Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.

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Texas briefs

17-year-old suspect to stand trial as adult

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A judge has ruled that a teen charged with capital murder in a fatal shooting during a San Antonio carjacking will be tried as an adult.

With the judge's ruling Wednesday, Aaron Nicholas Ruiz faces up to life in prison with the possibility of parole if convicted of fatally shooting 18-year-old Christopher Hinojos. He would have faced a maximum of 40 years if he'd stayed in the juvenile system.

Ruiz, now 17, was 16 when Hinojos was killed. The San Antonio Express-News reports Ruiz also faces two counts of robbery, one count of aggravated robbery, one count of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, one count of harassing a police officer, one count of assaulting a police officer and one count of evading arrest in a motor vehicle.

Fort Bliss wants El Paso to better market itself

FORT BLISS, Texas (AP) — Fort Bliss officials think El Paso has an image problem that civic leaders in the West Texas city need to work harder to remedy.

The Army post's commanders are appealing for El Paso's help in reversing that negative perception that's preventing them from luring top military talent.

Maj. Gen. Sean MacFarland will address the perception Thursday in his State of the Military address. The Fort Bliss commander gives the annual speech to update the community on the state of the post and future plans.

Maj. Joe Buccino, a Fort Bliss spokesman, says many Army soldiers and officers believe El Paso is a boring, crime-ridden city with failing schools. He said these characterizations are untrue, but Fort Bliss wants to see the schools and the city promote

their benefits better.

Randy Travis discharged

PLANO, Texas (AP) — Country music star Randy Travis is out of the hospital three weeks after he was admitted with congestive heart failure and later suffered a stroke.

A statement Wednesday says Travis has been discharged from The Heart Hospital Baylor Plano near Dallas, where he'd been admitted July 7.

The statement from publicist Kirt Webster goes on to say Travis has been moved to a physical therapy center for further treatment for a stroke he suffered July 10.

The 54-year-old singer developed the heart failure due to a viral illness. The stroke prompted surgeons to operate to relieve pressure on his brain.

Road-rage killer of 2 executed

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A former financial analyst with a history of disruptive behavior was executed Wednesday for the road-rage shooting deaths of two truckers in the Dallas area 15 years ago.

Douglas Feldman, 55, received lethal injection for gunning down Robert Everett, 36, of Marshfield, Mo., and Nicholas Valesquez, 62, of Irving.

Feldman mimicked the announcement a judge or jury makes when announcing a verdict, using the names of his victims and declaring he had found them guilty of crimes against him.

"I have sentenced them both to death. I personally carried out their executions," he said in a loud voice, adding that he carried out their executions in August 1998.

"As of that time, the state of Texas has been holding me illegally in confinement and by force for 15 years," Feldman said. "I hereby protest my pending execution and demand immediate relief."

He appeared very nervous, breathing quickly and his feet twitching under a sheet. As the drug began

taking effect, he grimaced twice, took a few deep breaths and began snoring. Then all movement stopped.

Feldman was pronounced dead 13 minutes after the lethal drug was injected at 6:28 p.m. CDT.

Feldman, from Richardson, was riding his motorcycle the night of Aug. 24, 1998, and said Everett, driving an 18-wheeler, cut him off on a Dallas County freeway so he took out his 9 mm pistol, pulled up alongside the truck cab and shot him. Feldman testified at his capital murder trial that he was still angry about 45 minutes later when he spotted Valesquez, a gasoline tanker driver filling a Dallas service station, and shot him.

"A security camera catches him shooting the man in cold blood," Jason January, the former Dallas County assistant district attorney who prosecuted him, said. "Several counties were frightened as this unidentified motorcyclist was out acting like 'The Terminator.'"

Feldman was arrested more than a week later, after shooting and wounding a man at a fast-food restaurant and driving off. A bystander saw the shooting and reported his license plate number to police, who tracked him down and found Feldman with two pistols and nearly 300 rounds of ammunition. Ballistics tests confirmed one of the guns was used in all three shootings.

"It feels wonderful to cause their death and to watch their pain," he said in one of 81 letters he wrote to a former girlfriend while awaiting his trial. The writings from the magna cum laude Southern Methodist University graduate were introduced into evidence.

"God forbid I ever had my finger on the button to launch a nuclear explosive device because I guarantee that I would wipe as many of these bastards off the face of the planet as I am able!" he said in another letter.

Without remorse, he also acknowledged the killings while testifying at his capital murder trial.

SUPER

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him and his family the best at Anthony."

His departure, coming so near to the start of the school year Aug. 26, means school trustees will have to hurry to at

least get an interim superintendent on board.

That process will begin when trustees hold their next meeting Aug. 15, Rodriguez said.

"We'll meet and discuss the process," she said. "At that time, we'll know more information as to an interim superintendent and what

kind of search firm we want to hire to hire applicants."

With a new school year about to start and most districts' administrative staffs set for the next several months, it might be awhile before BSISD finds a permanent replacement for Saldivar.

"That's one of our concerns," Rodriguez conceded. "We'll just have to wait and see how many applications we get. This is just what we've been dealt right now."

The more immediately priority, she said, is hiring an interim superintendent to at least buy

the district some time in finding a permanent replacement.

"We need to hire one as soon as we can get one," she said. "That way, the entire process will get easier."

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reporter@bigspringherald.com

UW

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coming up, representatives from each of the 17 supported agencies will be on hand. The 2014 agencies are: The

Salvation Army, The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club, Isaiah 58, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, YMCA, Northside Community Center, Emergency Services Chaplain Corp., Spring

of Siloam, Girls Scouts of the Desert Southwest, Buffalo Trail Council Boy Scouts of America, American Red Cross West Texas Chapter, CASA of West Texas, Council on Aging Mobile Meals, Howard County

Humane Society, Rape Crisis/Victim Services of Big Spring, Westside Community Day Care Center and Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

To purchase Boots and

Bling tickets or to make a donation, stop by the United Way office, located at 215 W. Third or contact any of the 23 board members. For more information, call the United Way office at 432-267-5201.

OIL

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Ingham said. "The Permian is still the big dog on the block, in Texas — and nationally," Ingham, the Amarillo economist who prepares the Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index for Midland Development Corp. and Security Bank, said. "It means Texas will maintain its position as the big dog on the block nationally."

The index has gone through a three-year period of growth, Ingham said, as shale drilling spurred production.

In October 2008,

the 18-year-old index reached an all-time high of 287.5, driven by 'extraordinary prices and a run up in activity in all these elements,' Ingham said.

The domestic economy contracted as the financial crisis deepened at the end of 2008, and the index bottomed out at 188.5 in December 2009.

Since that time, it has since steadily climbed to 284.2 as of June 2013, and looks poised for further increases, now only 1.2 percent shy of its all time high. Stability in crude prices at high levels, a strong rig count and a slower than expected decline in gas production are all con-

tributing to the expected index increase.

"This expansion has been driven by entirely different factors from the 2008 run-up," Ingham set, noting that both oil and gas prices have fallen dramatically from 2008. "The scenario has flip flopped."

Areas of Texas where the growth is the most acute, such as Odessa in the Permian Basin, are having a difficult time keeping pace with the growth in production, and demand for employment in areas such as education, has also peaked.

The energy sector also contributes about 25 percent of all taxes

collected by the state of Texas.

"That is an extraordinary burden that is carried on the shoulders of the Texas oil and gas industry," Ingham said.

The oil boom has also created a growth frenzy in North Dakota, home to the Bakken Shale. The North Dakota led the nation in economic growth with a robust 13.4 percent in 2012. The Texas economy grew

4.8 percent in the same time period.

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old by Sept. 1 and lives within the school district may enroll in kindergarten classes, officials said.

Parent need to bring the following documents to registration: the child's birth cer-

tificate; immunization records; the student's Social Security card; proof of residence such as a utility bill or lease agreement; parent's driver's license; and proof of guardianship.

Parents can pick up the necessary forms from the BSISD records office during normal business hours. They

can also print the forms from the district's web site, www.bsisd.esc18.net.

For more information, contact the records office at 264-3622.

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OTHER VIEWS

Real patriots don't shut down the government to score political points

Richard Burr, a North Carolina Republican senator, calls it the dumbest idea he's ever heard and we agree: Some tea-party Republicans on Capitol Hill, including U.S. Sens. Ted Cruz of Texas, Marco Rubio of Florida and Rand Paul of Kentucky, presidential prospects all, seek to enlist others in a plan to shut down the U.S. government this fall if President Obama doesn't agree to defund his legacy achievement — the 2010 Affordable Care Act.

Don't get us wrong. This paper repeatedly railed against Obamacare when Democrats crafted it in 2009 and 2010. We condemn any policy that demands companies and businesses, under penalty of added taxation, take health insurance benefits, restructure them to meet exacting and intrusive federal regulations, then provide them to employees.

As we've noted, we also see this act fast unraveling under the weight of its many flaws, several of which we've cited. Even our nation's major unions now concede it endangers such bedrock principles as the 40-hour work week.

This is one reason we backed Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan in the 2012 election. We believed Romney, with his business expertise, and Ryan, with his insights into the finer workings of government, might be able to fix Obamacare (and health care today is a crisis that needs fixing, not ignoring). But the Republicans lost that presidential election. Worse, they offer no options for Obamacare other than gutting it. And the U.S. Supreme Court, where conservatives hold the edge, ruled the health-care law constitutional, however flawed.

And we're still a nation of laws. We're happy to note level-headed Republicans ranging from John McCain to John Cornyn to Tom Coburn are dismissing this crazy plan. Coburn, an Oklahoma lawmaker who unlike some Republicans battled government spending before Obama got to the White House, noted in Politico.com that shutting down the government is failed policy because, for one thing, "backbones don't hold long" afterward.

He and others also believe it's an excellent way to hand the House over to Democratic control in the 2014 elections.

Why then are some conservatives in the House and Senate pushing for this latest showdown? Possibly because political theater plays well to the mob.

But any lawmaker who signs on to a plan to make government services sacrificial pawns in a political bid to score points with certain voters ranks as no statesman or patriot — and should never again be entrusted with elected office, particularly the presidency.

Anyone even remotely connected with this scheme should walk away now. Right now.

The hard work ahead involves Republicans working earnestly with willing Democrats, independents, health experts, business leaders and insurance executives to tweak, revamp, even overhaul health care in this nation. Health care costs impact everyone sooner or later. It would sure help if lawmakers and the president acted as if their own health depended mightily on ours.

— THE WACO TRIBUNE-HERALD

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DAILY PRAYER

Show us the way, dear Lord, that we might show others.

Amen

Stepping up, speaking out

I've never been much of a fan of the Catholic church, a fact my friends and family would be happy to attest to with a sarcastic, "No, really?!" or "Wow, Thomas, we never would have guessed that." And trust me, when I say the vast majority of my friends and family have a strong clasp on sarcasm, they do ... especially as it applies to yours truly.

However, I recently read an interview with Pope Francis that forced me to stop and consider the face — if not the overall direction — of one of the largest ministries on the planet.

Pope Francis, while speaking to reporters on a flight back from his first excursion from Vatican City — a week-long tour of Brazil — spoke out regarding the church's stance regarding homosexuality.

"If a person is gay and seeks God and has good will, who am I to judge them?" the pontiff said. The Pope went on to say homosexuals should not be marginalized — by the church or society — and efforts should instead be made to integrate them.

Now, before you throw up that rainbow-brigade banner and kick off your victory dance, bear in mind, the Catholic church has maintained the idea homosexual acts were sinful, but homosexual orientation was not, for quite some time now.

However, Pope Francis' remarks do show a continued softening by the church toward the LGBT community.

The freshly-seated pontiff also said gay priests should be forgiven — remember, homosexuality is considered a major sin by

most Christian religions — and their transgressions forgotten. I'd certainly call that a huge step forward for a church still dealing with the fallout from its silent consent of the slave trade and the massacres surrounding the Salem witch trials.

How these ideas will eventually trickle down to Catholics all over the world remains to be seen, but I have to admit I'm a bit proud of the newly elected pontiff for taking a rather controversial stand against the kind of hate which has followed the LGBT movement for as long as I can remember.

Also during the interview, Pope Francis told reporters the role of women in the church should be deeper, although he quickly brushed any possibility women might be allowed to be ordained as priests.

"The church says no. That door is closed," he said.

He also commented the church's cardinals were currently exploring the question of whether divorced people should be allowed to receive communion, which they are currently banned from doing.

And while most popes of years past have fiercely stuck to their notes when addressing the media, it's worth noting Pope Francis not only spoke off the cuff on these issues, he seemed to do so with a considerable amount of ease and comfort.

Bear in mind, the current pontiff is by no means the first progressive leader of the Catholic church. Many would agree Pope John XXIII — who led the church from 1958 until 1963 — was the most progressive, helping to usher in more changes than any other pontiff for more than 1,000 years. He was passionate about equality — both within the church and society — saying, "We were all made in

God's image, and thus, we are all Godly alike."

With all that in mind, what will Pope Francis' views on homosexuality and the LGBT community mean for the church and its followers? That's a tough call to make, especially when you consider how many religious institutions and groups have already denounced his views on gay priests and efforts to welcome those souls a bit different from our own into the whole of humanity.

Then again, I honestly never thought I'd live to see the day the Boy Scouts of America would allow gay members within their ranks.

I suppose, in the end, as society's overall tolerance of alternative lifestyles increases, we begin to get a peek at the bigger picture, one painted with sweeping hues of understanding and acceptance.

Many minorities — whether they were made so by the color of their skin, their religious beliefs or lifestyles — have fought to be recognized and respected during the years.

From Dr. Martin Luther King and his dream of a united American people to Mahatma Gandhi's non-violent efforts to free India from Great Britain's grip, it takes men and women of character and substance to step up and speak out to correct the many mistakes we've made through history.

Will Pope Francis be one of these leaders? Will he set an example for the rest of the world to follow?

Honestly, it's hard to say. However, it's certainly worth hoping for.

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THOMAS JENKINS

Hillary, Weiner and Snowden. Enough?

Ask Dr. Politics! We read the stories you would rather forget so you don't have to remember them!

Q: Whatever happened to that really insufferable jerk, the guy who has delusions of grandeur, who I got really sick of hearing about?

A: Edward Snowden or Anthony Weiner?

Q: Start with Snowden. Last I heard, he has sought asylum from every place but Disneyland.

A: I am not sure asylum is his true goal. He is currently living in an airline terminal outside Moscow. While some portray this as grim, Dr. Politics wonders if a Moscow airline terminal is any less grim than Moscow. Dr. Politics likes airline terminals. He has spent much of his professional life in airline terminals. He could easily see himself living in the A Terminal at Midway Airport in Chicago, where there is a Manny's.

Q: But doesn't Snowden want to get out of Russia so he can go to South America and become an international playboy and global superstar?

A: He used to, but now we hear he is planning on running for election as Tsar of All the Russias, so he can run around in a sleigh pulled by three horses, while he wears an ermine cape and a jewel-encrusted crown.

Q: That's nutty.

A: Much of Snowden's life has been nutty. He sees himself as a superhero in a video game. As The Washington Post wrote, "His fascination with games continued even as he rose to

more responsible positions" in the intelligence community. "I woke this morning with a new name," he announced excitedly in 2010, referring to his gaming avatar. "That name is Wolfking. Wolfking Awesomefox."

Q: Sounds like Doofuss Awesomefox would be more accurate. Why should I care about him?

A: Exactly because he is a doofuss. He still has, according to columnist Glenn Greenwald, unreleased information that could cripple the U.S. government.

"Snowden has information enough to cause more damage to the U.S. government in a single minute than any other person has ever had in the history of the United States," Greenwald told the Argentine newspaper La Nacion.

"The U.S. government should be on its knees praying every day that nothing happens to Snowden, because if something does happen, all the information would be revealed, and this would be its worst nightmare."

Q: You think that's true or just bluster?

A: Probably bluster. Or just a pathetic attempt by Snowden to keep himself in the public eye.

Q: Sounds like a pretty dangerous game.

A: It is. He would be better off just marrying a Kardashians.

Q: What about the Weiner guy? And is it pronounced Whine-er or Wee-ner?

A: It's spelling would suggest Whine-er, but he prefers Wee-ner, for obvious reasons. Like Snowden — and this is why psychiatrists make a fortune — Weiner chose another identity for himself: Carlos Danger.

Q: Why has the press turned against him?

A: The press doesn't mind sex scandals, and it doesn't mind politicians lying about sex scandals — just look at the resurrection of Bill Clinton. But the rule is this: Once you've had the sex scandal and lied about the sex scandal and apologized for the sex scandal, you can't keep having more sex scandals. It's unfair. There are so many new pols having sex scandals, the press can't get bogged down with the old pols having sex scandals.

Q: So Weiner won't become mayor of New York?

A: No, he has not only outraged the public, he has outraged Hillary and Bill Clinton, which is a political death sentence for a Democratic politician. As Dee Dee Myers said on "Face the Nation" Sunday, "This isn't a story that anybody, particularly the Clintons, are happy to see splashed over the front pages and all over the news relentlessly, and I think they as much as anyone would like to see this go away."

Q: Last question for you: I want Hillary to become president in 2016, and everyone I know wants Hillary to become president in 2016. So can't we skip the campaign and just make her president? By poll or something?

A: Well, we could, but it would be completely illegal, totally unconstitutional, and it would subvert our democratic process. So, yeah, it's possible.

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Animal rehab center has growing needs

By **CINDY HORSWELL**
Houston Chronicle
MAGNOLIA, Texas
— The motherless fawn peers with luminous brown eyes from behind a hay bale in a Montgomery County barn.

Eventually, the skittish fawn inches over to lick the outstretched hand of a volunteer who has been bottle-feeding the animal for weeks after a car struck and killed its mother.

Residents have brought a record 64 fawns — all orphaned by car strikes — to the Friends of Texas Wildlife in Magnolia to be nurtured until they can be released to survive on their own.

That represents more than a 50 percent increase from the number the center normally receives each year and is indicative of the huge 30 percent jump in injured and orphaned wildlife of all varieties pouring into the center.

“Montgomery County is growing so fast. Wildlife is being displaced, and animals aren’t dealing with it well,” said Jeanette Winkelmann, the center’s president.

Lisa Wolling, the center’s director and an animal rehabilitator, agreed, “Animals are being squeezed from their normal habitat. Roads are being built where they had not been before. People are moving to where animals once lived.”

“The booming development will only worsen with the loss of the Boy Scout’s 70-year-old campgrounds, Camp Strake, she added. The camp, which covers 2,200 acres and includes six natural lakes, is under a pending contract with a real estate developer.

The CNN Money survey, which ranked this county as having the fourth best job market in the nation, noted Anadarko Petroleum is building a second skyscraper here for 1,700 workers while Exxon Mobil is busily constructing a 385-acre cam-

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pus for 2,000 employees. “We’re growing exponentially,” said the Montgomery County judge’s chief of staff, Doris Golemon. “But we want to preserve the quality of nature and wildlife that we have here, too.”

None of the other large state-permitted wildlife rehabilitators in East Texas have been as overrun with animals as the Montgomery County center.

Wildlife Center of Texas in Brazoria County has seen only a slight uptick in wildlife submissions, and the Gulf Coast Wildlife Rescue in central Houston has seen an 18 percent hike, about half the jump as in Montgomery County, officials there report.

Matt Wagner, the state parks’ wildlife division director, said rehabilitators must be trained before licensed by the state to treat and then release injured and orphaned wildlife back into the Texas landscape.

But he stressed these groups receive no tax dollars and must find private money to do the job: “We get a lot of calls about hurting animals and we would have no place to put them without volunteer rehabilitators.”

Because of the huge influx of critters, Winkelmann has already spent her entire budget for the year and is now having to scavenge for more. She hopes that she won’t be forced to turn any helpless ani-

mals away. “Fawns are the most expensive. They cost \$1,000 each because you have to give them formula for three months and they drink a lot of it. It’s like raising a little horse. Then they need apples, grapes and grain,” she said.

She also has to buy a steady supply of mice that she feeds to her adult raptors - birds of prey - injured when they swoop down to retrieve a rodent from a roadway. These predators keep their eye on the prize and never notice the car barreling toward them at 60 miles per hour, she said.

Two red-tailed hawks — with massive wing spans, talons and sharp beaks — are just about ready for release after recuperating from their injuries, as are 13 small screech owls.

Most any native Texas wildlife can find a haven there.

One volunteer rehabilitator, Anne Mayeux, displays some baby opossums, squirming inside an animal carrier with their long tails wrapped around the bars. Mayeux proudly explains how she’s weaned them off tube-feeding and moved them to solid foods.

Melony Jackson, another volunteer, cuddles a soft ball of fur, a baby skunk that isn’t old enough yet to make his presence “smelt.” “I live in a subdivision where all the lots have been mowed down,” she said. “There’s nothing left for wildlife to eat. We want to try to keep things in balance.”

While wildlife rehabilitation can be costly and time consuming, Winkelmann believes it’s worth the effort to keep native wildlife from being completely driven out of Montgomery County.

“But that’s getting harder and harder,” she said. “They keep building homes closer and closer to the woods where animals used to survive for hundreds of years.”

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Last year’s tax rate:	General Fund	Special Road/Bridge Fund
Last year’s operating taxes	\$9,914,339	\$901,695
Last year’s debt taxes	\$ 905,833	\$0
Last year’s total taxes	\$10,820,172	\$901,695
Last year’s tax base	\$3,548,528,139	\$3,595,275,120
Last year’s total tax rate	\$0.304920/\$100	\$0.025080/\$100

This year’s effective tax rate:	General Fund	Special Road/Bridge Fund
Last year’s adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$10,793,361	\$899,489
+ This year’s adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$3,249,560,605	\$3,249,560,605
= This year’s effective tax rate for each fund	\$0.332148/\$100	\$0.027680/\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$0.359828/\$100	

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings)

This year’s rollback tax rate:

Last year’s adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)	\$9,890,843	\$899,489
+ This year’s adjusted tax base	\$3,249,560,605	\$3,249,560,605
= This year’s effective operating rate	\$0.304375/\$100	\$0.027680/\$100
x 1.08 = this year’s maximum operating rate	\$0.328725/\$100	\$0.029894/\$100
+ This year’s debt rate	\$0.030001/\$100	\$0/\$100
= This year’s rollback rate for each fund	\$0.358726/\$100	\$0.029894/\$100
This year’s total rollback rate	\$0.388620/\$100	

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Howard County adopts a 2013 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.359828 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2012 taxes by \$-3.797.

Schedule A: General Fund - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit’s property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$7,500,000
Road & Bridge	\$1,000,000
Equipment Operating	\$135,000
Tobacco	\$2,300,000

Schedule B: General Fund - 2013 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment To Be Paid From Property Taxes	Interest To Be Paid From Property Taxes	Other Amounts To Be Paid	Total Payment
General Obligations Bonds Series 2005	\$135,000	\$7,680	\$0	\$142,680
General Obligations Bonds Series 2008	\$335,000	\$470,024	\$0	\$805,024

Total required for 2013 debt service	\$947,704
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A	\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources	\$0
- Excess collections last year	\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2013	\$947,704
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 97% of its taxes in 2013	\$29,310
= Total Debt Levy	\$977,014

Schedule A: Special Road and Bridge Fund - Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit’s property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
	\$0

Schedule B: Special Road and Bridge Fund - 2013 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment To Be Paid From Property Taxes	Interest To Be Paid From Property Taxes	Other Amounts To Be Paid	Total Payment
	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Total required for 2013 debt service	\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A	\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources	\$0
- Excess collections last year	\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2013	\$0
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 0% of its taxes in 2013	\$0
= Total Debt Levy	\$0

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates’ calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 315 Main Street (County Annex Bldg.) Big Spring, Tx.

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tunities in or near our town. They've offered to let me live rent-free in the house if I stay in the area after college.

These "suggestions" are starting to pile up, and graduation seems so far away. I can't let myself fall into the same trap that got me to stay with them at the start of college. How do I say I'm leaving for good? — *Nobody's Baby Boy*

Dear Nobody: Your parents don't "get it" because they see no indication that you are leaving anytime soon. They'll believe it when it happens. While many kids would appreciate their parents' offer to stay rent-free, we agree that you should strike out on your own. Loving parents guide their children to be independent. You don't

need to keep saying you are moving out. Simply save your money and find a place you can afford, in whatever city you prefer. Research job and educational opportunities. What you cannot do is expect your parents to cover your expenses when you no longer live at home. Good luck.

Dear Annie: I'm a married female in my early 50s and haven't had a real friend in more than 20 years. It's not a question of meeting people. They just don't seem to gravitate toward me. I'm considerate and clean and have a good sense of humor. I'm a bit on the shy and quiet side, but I'm friendly and a sympathetic listener. I have often made the first move and invited some-

one to join me for lunch. They accept and seem to enjoy our time together, but they never reciprocate. At work, everyone seems to buddy up with someone else, and though everyone appears to like me, I have no buddy of my own.

I've been to counseling twice and have read books on making friends, and neither has helped. I appreciate that I have a good marriage, a good job, great kids and a nice home, but the absence of just one good friend saddens me greatly. Do you have any advice? — *Lonely for Friends*

Dear Lonely: It can take a long time to get to know someone in middle age, when friendships are already entrenched from work, church and community. You would need to make a greater effort, inviting someone for

lunch several times, before the comfort level promotes a closer friendship. In the meantime, please look into the Red Hat Society (redhatsociety.org) and meetup.com for people in your area who are actively looking to make new friends.

Dear Annie: Your answer to "Loved the Show, Disliked the Seat," the person whose seat at a Broadway show was partially taken over by a "rather large" woman, was totally off the mark. You said to show tolerance. That's absurd. The person whose personal seating space is being invaded needs to go to an usher or, better yet, to management and request another seat. Chair arms at performance spaces are there for a reason. If someone feels that he or she

needs more space than the establishment has allotted, he or she should make arrangements for special seating.

Obese people are required to buy two seats on airplanes. Why not do the same for theaters and sports stadiums? — *Been Sat On at a Performance, Too*

Dear Sat On: Going to an usher or management is a perfectly valid way to address this. Unfortunately, it usually necessitates missing part of the show to locate someone in authority and finding equally desirable, unoccupied seats elsewhere. Charging double for theater seats is an argument we don't have space for here.

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2013 Property Tax Rates in
Howard County Junior College District

This notice concerns the 2013 property tax rates for Howard County Junior College District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$4,546,672
Last year's debt taxes	\$1,705,391
Last year's total taxes	\$6,252,063
Last year's tax base	\$3,539,918,807
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.176616/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$6,236,534
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$3,246,656,748
= This year's effective tax rate	\$0.192090/\$100

(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings)

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare expenditures)	\$4,535,923
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$3,246,656,748
= This year's effective operating rate	\$0.139711/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.150887/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$ 0.052858/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.203745/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Howard County Junior College District adopts a 2013 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.192090 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2012 taxes by \$-2.085.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Unencumbered M&O Funds	0

Schedule B - 2013 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payments
General Obligation Bond Series 2007	\$825,000	\$808,438	\$400	\$1,633,838
Total required for 2013 debt service				\$1,633,838
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2013				\$1,633,838
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95% of its taxes in 2013				\$85,991
= Total Debt Levy				\$1,719,829

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The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♣	Pass	4♣	

Opening lead — ten of clubs.

One of the more common defensive signals is the so-called trump echo. When the setting is right, this convention can be worth its weight in gold.

Here is a typical case. West leads the singleton ten of clubs against four spades. East wins with the ace and returns the deuce of clubs, West ruffing with the five. Back comes West's fourth-best diamond, East's king los-

ing to South's ace.

Declarer enters dummy with a heart and leads the nine of trumps, trying to look for all the world like he is planning to finesse in the hope of inducing East — if he has the ace — to play low. But East alertly goes up with the ace as South follows with the three and West the deuce. Now, if there were no such convention as the trump echo, East would have a difficult problem to solve.

He would not know whether to return a diamond, hoping to find West with the queen, or a club, hoping West had another trump. But the problem is easily solved if East is familiar with the trump echo.

West ruffed the club return at trick two with the five and later played the two on East's ace. This high-low in trumps is called a trump echo and indicates that its user originally held an odd number of trumps, which in the present case would have to be exactly three. Had West ruffed with the deuce and later played the five, he would have shown an even number of trumps — two in the given situation.

East therefore has no doubt about returning a club at trick six, since he knows full well that his partner will ruff to defeat the contract.

Tomorrow: Test your play.

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HERALD photo/Andrea Medlin
Courtney Meyers (foreground) serves up the ball to Rebecca Pearson (white shirt, black shorts) on Wednesday at the Big Spring Athletics Volleyball Camp for incoming grades 7-9. The four-day camp is instructed by BSHS Head Volleyball Coach Lynn Osborne and former Lady Steers Cerbi Ritchey and Taylor Seaton. Two-a-day volleyball practices begin Monday, with the first scrimmage set for Aug. 9 at San Angelo Central.

Local briefs

Crossroads Youth Football Association sign-ups being held Saturdays

Crossroads Youth Football Association is holding sign-ups for players and cheer squads at the Big Spring Mall on Saturday, from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 10, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.; and Saturday, Aug. 17, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Flag football (5-7 years), will be \$85 per child; tackle (8-9 and 10-12 years), will cost \$160; and cheer (K-12 years) will be \$125. For more information, visit www.freewebs.com/cyfa/

BSHS season tickets on sale now

Steer training fans can now pick up their season tickets at the Athletic Training Center. The books — which can be purchased the Monday through Thursday, from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m., until Aug. 23 — cost \$20 apiece and includes admission to all four home games, rapid access to the stadium and guaranteed seating in Section C. Call the athletic office at 264-3662 for more information.

Country Club to host low ball tourney

The Big Spring Country Club will be hosting a two-person, low ball tournament Saturday and Sunday. The \$100 entry fee (plus cart costs, private carts welcome), includes registration for tourney, Mulligans and barbeque on the course Saturday. Field will be pre-flighted with handicaps required at entry. Number of flights determined by number of participants. For more information, call the Pro Shop at 267-5354.

Comanche Trail holding City Championship tourney

Howard County residents holding a membership to the Big Spring Country Club or Comanche Trail Golf Course are invited to play in the 36-hole individual play City Championship tournament Saturday and Sunday. There will be three divisions: Mens, Senior Mens and Women. Tee Times can be made for Saturday at player convenience, while Sunday will be flighted according to Saturday's scores. Entry fee is \$40 per person. For more information, contact the pro shop at 264-2366.

Sports physicals due by Monday

If your son or daughter is in grade 7, 9 or 11 and plans to participate in a fall sport, completed physical examination records must be turned in by Monday. The fifth also marks the start of two-a-day practices for most fall sports in the area. Big Spring parents can contact Jim Campbell at 264-3627 for more information.

Hidden Gems basketball skills showcase coming to Big Spring

Three nationally known women's college basketball scouts will be joining Roy Green in hosting the Hidden Gems in West Texas individual showcase Aug. 9 and 10. Girls interested in taking their basketball game from the high school court to a college arena are invited to participate. The focus will be on the recruitment process and each player will be evaluated by experienced college personnel representing Division II, Division III, NAIA and JUCO schools. The cost is \$75 each. For more information, email rgreen10@att.net

Over 80 Scramble to be held at Country Club

The Big Spring Country Club will be hosting the Over 80 Scramble — meaning the combined age of each two-person team must add up to 80 or more — Aug. 17-18. A shotgun start will be held each day, with the field flighted by first round score. The \$100 entry fee per player includes both rounds, Mulligans and barbeque on the course Saturday. Cart fees apply. For more information, contact the Pro Shop at 267-5354.

Rangers do it again

3rd straight walk-off homer wins game

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Los Angeles Angels reliever Michael Kohn knew the ball was going into the seats without even have to turn and look.

Every game of their series at Texas ended the same way.

Adrian Beltre connected on a 2-2 fastball over the plate leading off the ninth, and the Texas Rangers won 2-1 on Wednesday night to wrap up a three-game series sweep in which they

won each with a game-ending homer.

"It was supposed to be down and away, but I left it middle in," Kohn said. "He did what he does when you make a mistake. Lately, we've made a lot of mistakes. ... It was really a rough trip overall."

The Angels have lost six in a row since winning only the opener of this trip. They now go home for seven games — four against Toronto before hosting

Texas next week. Texas won the series opener Monday night when A.J. Pierzynski and Geovany Soto both homered in the ninth inning off Frieri, Soto's Ernesto Frieri and won 14-11 after Leonys Martin hit a

Then on Tuesday, after trailing four times, the Rangers again scored in the ninth off Frieri and won 14-11 after Leonys Martin hit a

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AP photo
Texas' Adrian Beltre rounds the bases as teammates leave the dugout to congratulate him for hitting a walk-off home run to defeat the L.A. Angels 2-1 Wednesday.

A-Rod could face lifetime ban

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez might not make it back to the Yankees this year. Or ever.

Major League Baseball is threatening to kick A-Rod out of the game for life unless the New York star agrees not to fight a lengthy suspension for his role in the sport's latest drug scandal, according to a person familiar with the discussions.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on Wednesday on condition of anonymity because no statements were authorized.

Whether Commissioner Bud Selig would actually issue a lifetime suspension was

unclear and a permanent ban could be shortened by arbitrator Fredric Horowitz to about 200 games, the person said.

The number of players likely to be disciplined stood at 14 Wednesday.

Front and center is Rodriguez, baseball's highest-paid player and the most prominent one linked in media reports over the past seven months to Biogenesis of America, a closed Florida anti-aging clinic that allegedly distributed banned performance-enhancing drugs.

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6 FAMILY Garage Sale: 2307 Grace (Corner of Wasson & Grace), Saturday 8-3. Lots and lots of Bargains.....

DOWN SIZING Sale: 2413 South Anderson Rd., Saturday 9:00-2:00. Windberg prints, Peter Hurd prints, saddles, horse clocks, oak furniture, Montarray western ware, Fred Roberts china, Powder River Head Gate, misc. items. Call (432)267-3547.

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is asleep and that it's time to have a little fun. The Gemini moon encourages conversation, sharing and taking part in the games of the moment. Candy Crush, anyone?

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The fast lane forces everyone to go fast because the flow of traffic will endanger you if you don't. Because you prefer to go at your own speed, not a speed that's dictated by those around you, getting out of the fast lane may be wise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The things that scare you might be worth

doing. You're in a particularly bold mood today and are likely to leap from the high dive into the warm swimming pool of life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You don't mind if, once in a while, your loved ones get a little bossy or speak to you in an intimate kind of shorthand that's less than polite. But if it happens more than not, start sticking up for yourself or it will only get worse.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). In order to act when it's time, you have to know when it's time. Trust yourself. The temptation to move too soon or too late is ever-present, but only if you don't trust yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You may wish for a laboratory to try out your ideas. This could be as simple as a table and a few supplies or as elaborate as a fully staffed company. It begins with today's wish.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). With fame comes gossip. Is it worth it? You'd rather be anonymous than have to think about everything you say and how it might be construed and what it will look like to others if you're simply yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your gentle courtesy will bring you to the top of a list. Finally you're being considered for the position you really

deserve, and you didn't have to brag about yourself to get here.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Usually disinclined to make foolish moves, today something impulsive in you wants to put it all on the line. It might be argued that by risking everything you are making sure that you have fully lived.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're not about to count your blessings as blessings until the end game is upon you, and even then you won't really know. So instead you'll enjoy what is. For now, it's safe to say, "It's all good."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Aim high and usually your arrow still winds up at ground level. But the view it will witness between the sky and the dirt will be far broader and more interesting than if you hadn't shot into the sky.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). An imaginary encounter with yourself will be better than an actual encounter with the one you think is standing in your way. It turns out that moving yourself out of the way will clear your path of all other obstacles.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Between thinking and doing is planning. You don't need a written agenda for this day to go smoothly, but it honestly wouldn't hurt. You'll save

yourself time in the end because writing helps you remember key details.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 1). Good fortune sprinkles your next five weeks. You'll be promoted through a system of ranks and in September and find yourself exactly where you planned to be and ahead of schedule. Relationships shift to accommodate new wishes and needs in November. Long distance travel leads to increased income. Pisces and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 1, 2, 30 and 16.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Multi-talented Leon Thomas III played multi-talented Andre Harris on Nickelodeon's Victorious. The young musician, actor and dancer made his Broadway debut when he was a 10-year-old in The Lion King, and he hasn't stopped entertaining since. Thomas was born under a musical Aquarius moon and has Venus in Gemini, indicating a love of trends and the ability to stay ahead of them.

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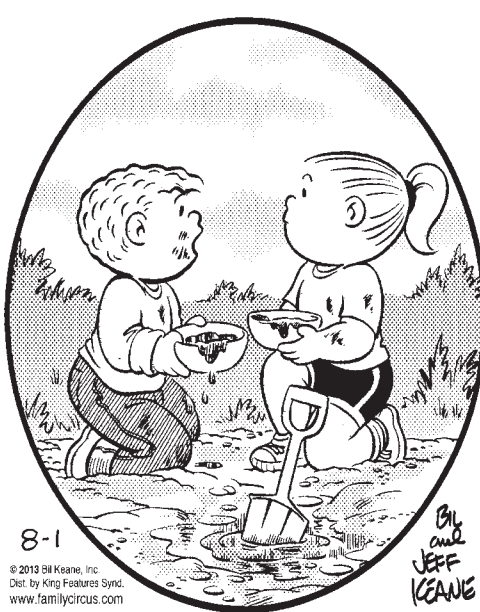
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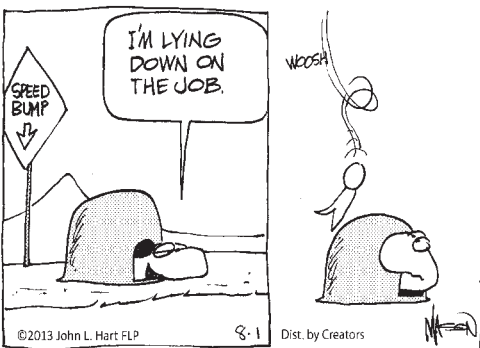
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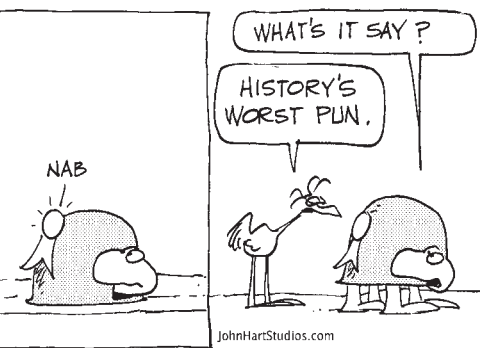
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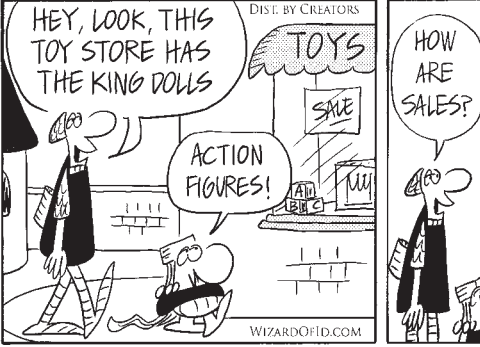
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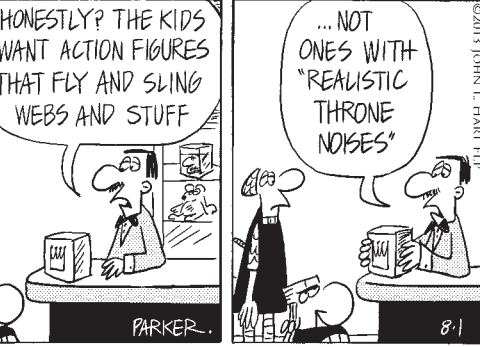
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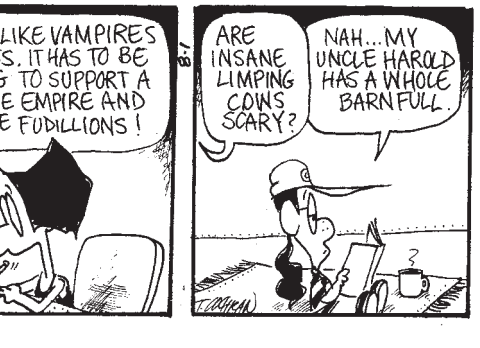
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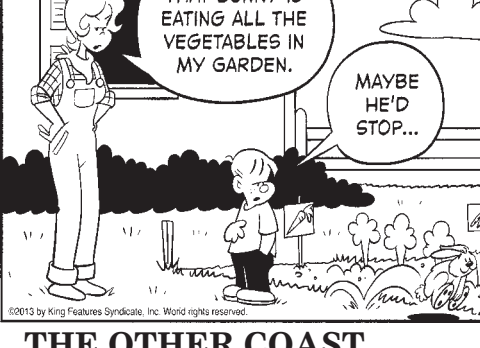
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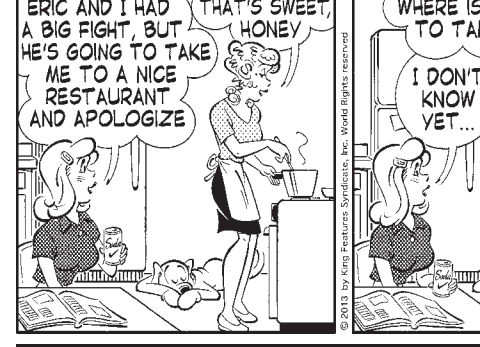
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, Aug. 1, the 213th day of 2013. There are 152 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 1, 1913, the Joyce Kilmer poem "Trees" was first published in "Poetry: A Magazine of Verse."

On this date:

In 1714, Britain's Queen Anne died at age 49; she was succeeded by George I.

In 1876, Colorado was admitted as the 38th state.

In 1907, the U.S. Army Signal Corps established an aeronautical division, the forerunner of the U.S. Air Force.

In 1933, the National Recovery Administration's "Blue Eagle" symbol began to appear in store windows and on packages to show support for the National Industrial Recovery Act.

In 1936, the Olympics opened in Berlin with a ceremony presided over by Adolf Hitler.

In 1943, rioting broke out in New York City's Harlem neighborhood after a false rumor spread that a police officer had shot and killed a black U.S. Army soldier who in fact had only been wounded; six people were killed in the violence.

In 1944, an uprising broke out in Warsaw, Poland, against Nazi occupation; the revolt lasted two months before collapsing.

In 1957, the United States and Canada agreed to create the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD).

In 1966, Charles Joseph Whitman, 25, went on a shooting rampage at the University of Texas in Austin, killing 14 people. Whitman, who had also murdered his wife and mother hours earlier, was gunned down by police.

In 1973, the movie "American Graffiti," directed by George Lucas, first opened.

In 1988, conservative commentator Rush Limbaugh began broadcasting his nationally syndicated radio program.

In 2007, the eight-lane Interstate 35W bridge, a major Minneapolis artery, collapsed into the Mississippi River during evening rush hour, killing 13 people.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-

director Geoffrey Holder is 83. Singer Ramblin' Jack Elliott is 82. Former Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., is 76. Actor Giancarlo Giannini is 71. Basketball Hall of Fame coach Roy Williams is 63. Blues singer-musician Robert Cray is 53. Singer Michael Penn is 60. Rock singer Joe Elliott (Def Leppard) is 54. Rock singer-musician Suzi Gardner (L7) is 53. Rapper Chuck D (Public Enemy) is 53. Actor Jesse Borrego is 51. Actor Demian Bichir is 50. Rapper Coolio is 50. Actor John Carroll Lynch is 50. Rock singer Adam Duritz (Counting Crows) is 49. Movie director Sam Mendes is 48. Country singer George Ducas is 47.

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Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Festive occasion
 - 5 Crumple into a ball
 - 10 African cobra
 - 13 Cut and paste
 - 14 Hold entranced
 - 15 Little legume
 - 16 Prince tune of '85
 - 19 Some Chevys
 - 20 Conducted here
 - 22 Install, as new shoelaces
 - 25 Swampy place
 - 26 Swampy place
 - 29 Casual top
 - 31 Zinger
 - 33 Sword sport
 - 34 Pwn name
 - 35 Does a double take
 - 37 Rough ruler
 - 40 Affleck employer in Argo
 - 41 Recipe amount
 - 44 Great Lakes port
 - 45 Masters tourney prize
 - 49 MPG agency
 - 50 Squeal of surprise
 - 51 Discuss, rumor-wise
 - 53 Swiss cereal
 - 55 The Sopranos psychiatrist
 - 59 Elvis tune of '56
 - 62 Furniture wood
 - 63 Grabs away
 - 64 Raise the roof
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 - 2 Sistine Chapel ceiling subject
 - 3 Talk like Daffy
 - 4 How bonds may be bought
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 - 7 Cable service add-on
 - 8 Road reversal, informally
 - 9 Craft commanded by JFK
 - 10 Financing figs.
 - 11 "Do whatever suits you!"
 - 12 Fast talk
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 - 18 Deadline preceder
 - 21 MD specialty
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 - 24 Shoebox spec
 - 26 Pellet gun filler
 - 27 53 Across morsel
 - 28 Actress who became a princess
 - 30 Bring in
 - 32 Party cheese
 - 36 Ensnaarl
 - 37 Fourth estate
 - 38 Cold-air quality
 - 39 Contents of some hot pots
 - 41 Courtroom VIPs
 - 42 BTU producers
 - 43 Spun out
 - 45 Prized possession
 - 46 Hot sandwich
 - 47 Support beams
 - 48 Male turkeys
 - 52 Political patriarch of India
 - 54 Basic arithmetic
 - 56 Temporary transfer
 - 57 Ward (off)
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 - 60 OPEC member
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The Yankees expected Rodriguez to be accused of recruiting other athletes for the clinic, at-

tempting to obstruct MLB's investigation, and not being truthful with MLB in the past. Baseball has considered suspending him for violations of his labor contract and drug agreement.

Even if he is banned from baseball, there is precedent for a shortened penalty: When pitcher Steve Howe was given a lifetime ban in 1992 in his seventh suspension for drug or alcohol use, an arbitrator reduced the penalty to 119 days.

A three-time MVP, Rodriguez acknowledged four years ago that he used performance-enhancing substances while with Texas from 2001-03.

He's been sidelined all season since hip surgery in January and then a quadriceps strain during a minor league rehabilitation assignment in July. The Yankees say he'll start another rehab Friday — Double-A Trenton appeared to be the likely destination.

"Hopefully Alex will be back shortly thereafter," Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said.

Rodriguez didn't stop to talk with reporters after his workout Wednesday at the team's minor league complex in Tampa, Fla.

At first, MLB and the union thought talks on the Biogenesis probe could be completed by Friday, but negotiations to avoid grievances are

likely to push back announcements until at least Saturday or Sunday.

Others accused in media reports of receiving performance-enhancing drugs from Biogenesis include a trio of 2013 All-Stars: Texas outfielder Nelson Cruz, San Diego shortstop Everth Cabrera and Detroit shortstop Jhonny Peralta.

Most of the players face 50-game bans as first offenders. Both sides felt an urgency to complete the process because by the middle of next week, teams will have fewer than 50 games left. And that would force players to complete suspensions during the playoffs or at the start of next season.

Detroit general manager Dave Dombrowski protected against a possible suspension of Peralta by acquiring slick-fielding infielder Jose Iglesias from Boston in a three-team trade Tuesday night.

"If it were a 15-day thing, like a typical injury, I think we could have comfortably dealt with it with the players we already have," Dombrowski said Wednesday. "But when you start

to talk about 50 days and a possible playoff run, we feel better going ahead with Jose."

While MLB told the union which players it intends to suspend, it hasn't issued formal notices of discipline. Because of that, the countdown hasn't started under baseball's Joint Drug Agreement, which says the suspensions are effective on the third business day after the notice is issued.

The sides also haven't decided whether suspensions for first-time offenders who challenge the penalty can be announced before an arbitration decision.

If some stars knew their seasons were about to be cut short, they weren't letting on Wednesday, at least publicly.

"I can't talk about nothing right now. Just wait for the news," Cabrera said Wednesday before playing against Cincinnati.

Peralta thinks he shouldn't be on the list of players linked to Biogenesis.

"It's wrong," he said. "But whatever happens, I need to fight and try to

move on." Toronto outfielder Melky Cabrera, Oakland pitcher Bartolo Colon and San Diego catcher Yasmani Grandal all were suspended for 50 games last year for positive tests for elevated testosterone. MLB informed the union they won't receive additional discipline for that violation, two people familiar with the probe said. They also spoke on condition of anonymity because no statements were authorized.

"Nothing's been told to me," Melky Cabrera said. "I served my suspension last year, but MLB has never told me that it's OK now."

Texas was unable to find a replacement bat to fill the void a suspension of Cruz would create.

"I don't think anybody's comfortable losing a significant part of your club, but it's out of our control," Rangers general manager Jon Daniels said. "We explored some deal like that. They just didn't come to a head. It wasn't for lack of interest or lack of effort. It was more lack of supply."

Sudoku Answer on Page 6

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

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three-run homer in the 10th.

According to Elias, the last team to win three consecutive games with game-ending homers was Detroit in June 2004. The last to sweep

a three-game series in that fashion was Arizona over Montreal in May 1999.

Nelson Cruz also homered Wednesday night for the Rangers, his 25th making it 1-0 in the second.

Josh Hamilton connected for the only Angels run, a 422-foot blast to right-center in the seventh. His 16th homered tied the game.

Texas had been shut out in three of their previous four games, and swept at Cleveland last weekend, before having three consecutive games end on homers for the first time in team history.

"It's overwhelming really," manager Ron Washington said. "We just kept battling, and you know when we're at our best, this is what you get. Not three walk-off home runs, but the different people getting it done. And that's what we need, is different people getting it done."

Rangers closer Joe Nathan (3-1) struck out two and walked one in the top of the ninth to win for the second night in a row. He had last won consecutive games in August 2005.

Jerome Williams of the Angels and rookie Martin Perez for Texas, the starting pitchers, each allowed only one run while pitching into the eighth. Both had been struggling before their duel.

Cruz is among several players waiting to find out if they will be suspended by Major League Baseball in its investigation related to the Biogenesis case. Discipline is expected to be announced by the end of the weekend.

The All-Star right fielder, who is eligible for free agency after the season, leads the Rangers with 25 homers and 73 RBIs.

"Very impressed," Washington said. "He's been a model citizen, to be going through what's he going through and able to do (what he's doing). ... He's been very good leaving whatever issue he has on the outside, and you've got to commend him for that."

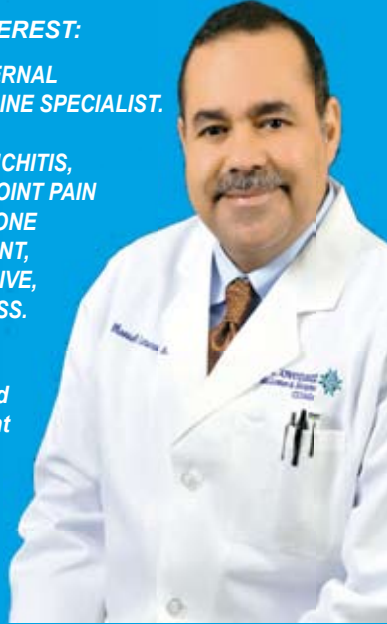
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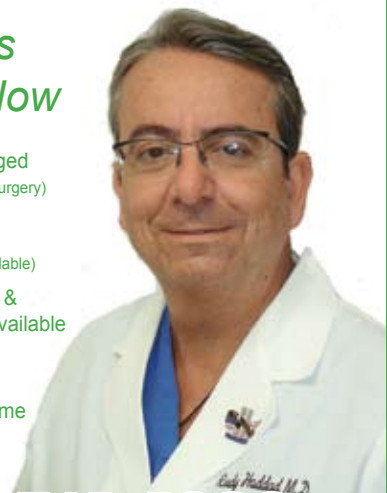
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