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Elvis impersonator Harvey McFadden of Winters entertains Parkplace Retirement Living residents Thursday afternoon.

Foul play not found in deaths of local women

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

The bodies of two Big Spring women who were discovered in the bathroom of their home Monday afternoon died of natural causes, according to law enforcement officials. Autopsies on 83-year-old Helen Thomason and her daughter, 51-year-old Carol Thomason were performed Wednesday, according to officials with the Big Spring Police Department. "The autopsy confirmed (there was) no foul play with either victim," Sgt. Tony Ev-

erett, public information with the BSPD, said. "It appears the daughter, Carol Thomason, had fallen in the bathroom and due to her physical condition, was unable to get up. Her mother, Helen Thomason, attempted to help her daughter and, in doing so, suffered a fatal stroke. At that point Carol was unable to summon help and died from heart failure." The bodies of the two women were discovered Monday afternoon at their home. See **WOMEN**, Page 3

Howard College breaking ground for expansion

By **CINDY SMITH**
 Special to the Herald

SAN ANGELO — Growing pains ... not a bad thing to have at all if you are the San Angelo campus of Howard College. Thanks to the record growth over the last several years, the campus is finally getting two new buildings. The official ground breaking is set for 4 p.m. Wednesday at the West Texas Training Center campus on U.S. Highway 67. "We are very excited about this new opportunity for growth on our San Angelo campus," said Dr. Cheryl T. Sparks, Howard College president. "We have come a long way over the last several

years and we are proud to be taking this next step in our development in San Angelo." The buildings are considered phase one of the master plan and include one building for classroom and instructional purposes and one for student services, totaling 45,000 square feet. The construction will also include additional parking. "Howard College San Angelo has been a part of the San Angelo community for 40 years," noted Provost LeAnne Byrd. "Through the implementation of the master plan, the campus will now create See **ANGELO**, Page 3



Comedian, inspirational speaker to head HC's speaker series here

Special to the Herald

When faced with an obstacle there are two choices: let it be a road block or a building block. At 7 p.m. Sept. 5, Derrick Tennant hopes to inspire people to make the right

choice. His presentation, part of the Fall Speaker Series, will be held in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. "The Howard College Foundation is pleased, once again, to partner with Scenic Mountain Medical Center Healthy Woman program to present Derrick Tennant as guest speaker for the Fall Lecture Series," Jan Foresyth, Director of Institutional Advancement, said. Twice a year, the Howard College Foundation Speaker



Tennant

Series brings in an individual to inspire and motivate members of the community. This year will be the fifth year and things are changing up just a little bit when it comes to the speaker. The event is free, but a ticket is required. "We are still sticking with the motivational story of how one person can overcome the obstacles thrown into their life, but we are taking a See **SPEAKER**, Page 3

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Weary Texas lawmakers again tackle road funding

By **PAUL J. WEBER**
 Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Wearily dragging into an unusual eighth month of the Texas Legislature, a House committee on Thursday again approved boosting spending for overcrowded and crumbling roads, a plan twice sunk at the Capitol this summer by turmoil and no-show lawmakers.

The ongoing failure to ratify an extra \$900 million for transportation is raising political stakes on the eve of the campaign season for 2014, when Texas faces a major shake-up of leadership with the departure of Gov. Rick Perry. Perry, the longest-serving governor in Texas history, wants more roads to meet the needs of a booming Texas

population before he goes. He lashed out at the House and ordered a third special session — the first since 2006 — when a second try fizzled out this week. On Monday, House members will revisit what is largely the same transportation bill they failed to pass last time, with a new twist: a requirement that the Texas Department of Transporta-

tion cut internal costs by \$100 million before being handed more money for highways. Democratic Rep. Joe Pickett, who is carrying the bill, said the reductions would not mean layoffs of state employees. "That's not going to happen," Pickett said. "There's a lot of ways for an agency See **ROADS**, Page 3

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Obituaries

Joyce Ann Barrett



Joyce Ann Barrett, 78, of Coahoma died July 31, 2013, in her home. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 2, 2013, at Coahoma Cemetery.

She was born March 11, 1935, to parents Samuel Hicks and Ruby Elliott in Coahoma, Texas. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Barrett Sr.; and brothers, Roger Hicks and Bobby Hicks.

Joyce graduated from Coahoma High School in 1952. After high school, she worked as a bookkeeper for various companies for more than 50 years. She surrounded herself with family and friends. She loved to prepare food, whether it was for family or her community and was best known for her homemade ice cream. Her hobbies included decorating, collecting recipes, cookbooks, playing the piano and reading.

She is survived by a daughter, Lynda Long of Coahoma; sons, Dale Holder and wife Debbie of Overton and Dean Holder of Lubbock; her brothers, Henry Hicks of Lubbock and Ricky Hicks of Coahoma; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

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

David Ybarra Sr.



David Ybarra Sr., 46, of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 31, 2013, at his residence. Vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will be held at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Stanton.

He was born Aug. 19, 1966, in Fresno, Calif., to Mary and Jesse Ybarra. He worked in the oil field and was a two year member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring.

He is survived by his wife, Carmelita Ybarra of Big Spring; five sons, David Ybarra Jr., Michael Ybarra, Jordan Ontiveros and Jarred Ybarra, all of Big Spring, and John Ontiveros of San Antonio; mother, Mary Helen Rodriguez of Big Spring; three brothers, Jesse Ybarra of Midland, Richard Ybarra of Menacato, Minn., and Johnny Ybarra of Concord, Calif.; one sister, Lisa Ybarra of Big Spring; and two grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, David Anthony Ontiveros in 1990.

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Mary Helen Wells



Mary Helen Wells, 85, of Jal, N.M., formerly of Big Spring died Wednesday, July 31, 2013, at her residence. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, 2013, at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Feb. 21, 1928, in Borden County, Texas, to Dollie (Reed) and S.D. Moore. She married James Wells on July 1, 1947, in Hopkinsville, Kent. She lived in Dawson County from 1948 until 1975, coming to Howard County. In 2004, she moved to Jal, N.M. She was a retired school cafeteria worker, an avid bowler and a member of the Church of Christ.

She is survived by one son, Dennis Wells and wife Gail of Big Spring; three daughters, Sandra Nanny, Kay Riddle and Laurie Green and husband Will, all of Jal; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers, Louie Moore of Springdale, Ark., and Sammy Moore of Cleburne; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband in 2000; a granddaughter; and one brother, Milton Moore.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

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Kathryn Stewart

Kathryn Stewart, 63, of Stanton died Friday, Aug. 2, 2013, in a Stanton nursing home. Her services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 7 a.m. Aug. 1, 2013 and 7 a.m. today:

- THOMAS ROY WHITE, 22, of 303 Ramsey, Coahoma, Texas was arrested Thursday on charges of criminal mischief \$50 but less than \$500 and driving while license invalid.

- BILLY BOB ALVARADO, 34, of 905 East 14th Street, was arrested Thursday on a warrant from another agency.

- KEITH GLENN GRAHAM, 45, of 104 Parkview Drive, Mansfield, LA, was arrested Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.,

- CHAD RICHARD TORRE, 48, of 4006 West Van Buren, Phoenix, AZ, was arrested Thursday on charges of resisting arrest, search or transport and failure to identify giving false/fictitious information.

- SHOTS FIRED reported at the 1500 block of Lincoln.

- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported at the 900 block of North Lamesa Highway.

- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported at the Village By The Spring.

- DISTURBANCE was reported at the 1400 block of Runnels, 400 block of Runnels.

- THEFT was reported at the 500 block of Interstate Highway 20, 2300 block of Wasson, 2600 block of Albroom, 2900 block of West Highway 80 and the 2000 block of South Gregg.

- INTOXICATED SUBJECT reported at the 100 block of Whipkey.

- BURLARY OF A HABITATION was reported at the 1000j block of 19th Street.

- SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY was reported at Exit 195.

Sheriff

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

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

- KEITH GLENN GRAHAM, 45, was booked by the BSPD Thursday on a charge of public intoxication.,

- BRENDAN MICHAEL ROMAN, 18, was booked by the BSPD Friday on a charge of minor in consumption.

Take Note

- Spring Creek Fellowship will hold a fundraiser, "We Sent Our Harts to Zambia," Saturday at Big Spring State Park. Pre-registration will guarantee a commemorative T-shirt. Registration and sign in will be at 8 a.m. on top of Scenic Mountain. Entry fee is \$30. Race will begin at 9 a.m. Awards for all participants. Medals for the top three finishers. For more information, contact Shawn Hart at 432-238-0642 or Lauren Hart at 432-213-0790. Proceeds will be used to send the Harts to Zambia.

- Donations are needed for Rene Hinojos and Deborah Pearce, who lost everything in a Tuesday morning fire. Donations can be made to account 6705393395 at BBVA Compas Bank, 1500 Gregg St., Big Spring. Make checks payable to Shannon Galan in care of Hinojos/Pearce.

- Spring of Siloam Christian Women's Job Corps is accepting applications for its fall semester classes through the final week in August. For more information, call 432-517-4627.

- The Howard County Sheriff's Posse will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6 at Crispy's Cafe, located near the intersection of Birdwell Lane and FM 700. The local group is looking for new members and would like to encourage anyone interested in joining to attend the meeting. For more information on the Howard County Sheriff's Posse or the meeting, contact Steve Gray at 432-213-6104 or Bert Sheppard at 432-263-4483.




- Diabetes and Nutrition will be the August Healthy Woman event in Room 215 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Paula Sue Sisson, new SMMC dietitian, will be the featured speaker. Find out about inpatient and upcoming outpatient services regarding diabetes and nutritional consultations. The event, set Aug. 8 with a Lunch n Learn at 11:30 a.m. and refreshments and light snacks at 5:30 p.m., is free to the public, as always. For more information or to RSVP, call 268-4842 or 268-4721.

- Howard College Foundation Speaker Series and Scenic Mountain Medical Center's Healthy Woman

program present "The Love Chromosome" featuring Derrick Tennant as the Fall Speaker Series on Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Tickets are free, but a ticket is required for admittance. Tennant is a motivational speaker and comedian. He will be speaking about the challenges in his own life and how people can turn their own obstacles into building blocks instead of road blocks.

Today's Weather

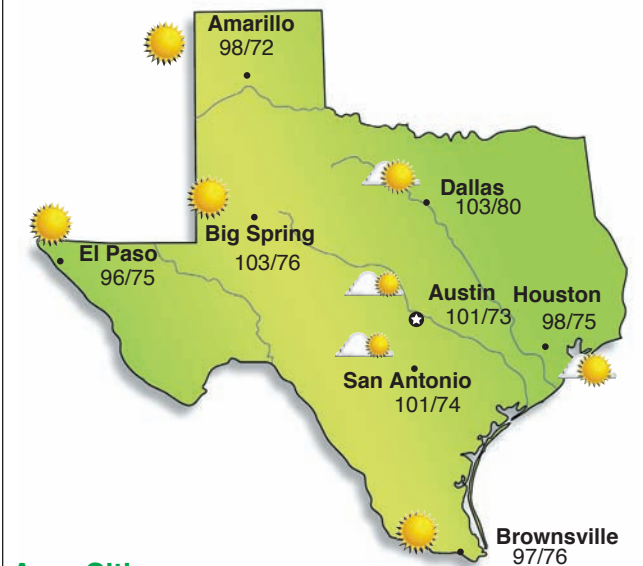
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Amarillo	98	72	sunny	Livingston	99	72	sunny
Austin	101	73	pt sunny	Longview	99	75	pt sunny
Beaumont	96	75	mst sunny	Lubbock	99	72	sunny
Brownsville	97	76	sunny	Lufkin	98	73	sunny
Brownwood	104	76	sunny	Midland	102	77	sunny
Corpus Christi	96	79	sunny	Raymondville	101	76	sunny
Corsicana	101	77	mst sunny	Rosenberg	99	74	mst sunny
Dallas	103	80	mst sunny	San Antonio	101	74	pt sunny
Del Rio	103	79	sunny	San Marcos	102	74	pt sunny
El Paso	96	75	sunny	Sulphur Springs	100	78	mst sunny
Fort Stockton	99	73	sunny	Sweetwater	101	76	sunny
Gainesville	101	77	mst sunny	Tyler	99	76	pt sunny
Greenville	101	76	mst sunny	Weatherford	103	77	mst sunny
Houston	98	75	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	105	78	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	89	70	sunny	Minneapolis	78	57	mst sunny
Boston	84	63	rain	New York	85	71	sunny
Chicago	81	65	t-storm	Phoenix	101	83	pt sunny
Dallas	103	80	mst sunny	San Francisco	64	54	mst sunny
Denver	88	64	mst sunny	Seattle	69	58	cloudy
Houston	98	75	mst sunny	St. Louis	87	74	t-storm
Los Angeles	77	61	pt sunny	Washington, DC	87	72	mst sunny
Miami	88	77	t-storm				

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For more information or to reserve a free ticket, call Amanda Duforat at 432-268-4842 or Jan Foresyth at 432-264-5051.

- Parenting classes will be held in room A-10 at Howard College from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month. For more information, call 263-2673 and ask for Linda.

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

- Howard County Fair Association is seeking volunteers to help with the Howard County Fair which will be held Sept. 26-28. To find out more information or to volunteer, contact Jamey Stegall at 214-717-9210 or jamey.stegall@gmail.com. The fair association is also accepting applications for exhibitors at the fair. All booths rent for \$100. Contact Stegall for more information.

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



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Area news

Women's Fair & Expo

MIDLAND — "Be Inspired" is the theme of The 4th Annual Women's Fair & Expo scheduled for Aug. 10-11 at the Midland county Horseshoe.

Nearly 60 vendors will be offering everything from home products & décor, health & homoeopathic products to purses, clothing, footwear, makeup, jewelry and gifts galore. And, since this will be the Tax Free Weekend, you'll save even more money on lots of items. There will also be fashion shows and Kid's & Women's Workshops.

Dr. Leslie Chupp, MD/ FACOG, regional director of the

Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health will present a lecture on various types of pelvic disease, symptoms associated with these diseases and treatment options available. Audience members will be able to ask questions during the Q&A portion or during the presentation via Twitter at #pdirl.

Also making presentations at The Expo are Patty Pisklak, executive director of CASA, Stacy Wilson with the Gladney Center for Adoption and Dianne Eggemeyer, founder of ABC Ministry (Angle Baby Creations).

For more information on The Women's Fair & Expo and the schedule of events go to www.wfetx.com.

WOMEN

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located at 1420 Stadium, after a postal worker asked police officials to perform a welfare check.

"A postal worker delivering mail noted that the mail box at the residence was full and was concerned," Everett said. "Officers were dispatched in reference to a welfare con-

cern. When they arrived, they found the front door unlocked."

Everett said upon entering the home, officers discovered two badly-decomposed bodies in the bathroom.

"Neighbors advised that an elderly woman and her daughter lived in the home but they had not been seen for several weeks," Everett said. "Officers entered the residence and discovered two bodies in the bath-

room. Both were females and were badly decomposed. The medical examiner's officer was able to identify the women as the Thomasons."

The women were pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Bennie Green, who also ordered the autopsy to be performed.

Everett said the case is expected to be closed today.

"In a lot of other cases,

you would have to wait for toxicology reports and other tests before you could close the case," he said. "However, when it's a situation where the medical examiner finds a stroke and heart failure like this, there's no reason to keep it open."

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SPEAKER

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slightly different slant in the presentation," Amanda Duforat, SMMC marketing coordinator, said. "In previous years, our speakers have taken the motivational speaking route to deliver their message, but this year we are going to add some comedy to the mix."

Tennant was noted as a promising athlete until he suffered an unexpected injury that left him in a coma and resulted in limited mobility of his left side. After three days in a coma, undergoing brain surgery, adjusting to life in a wheelchair and spend-

ing years in rehab, Tennant was able to get back on his feet. Since his injury, he has decided to take his life down a new path and travel the country as a comedian and motivational speaker.

"I didn't really plan on being a public speaker. It really just kind of happened. After my injury and overcoming that obstacle I realized everybody has big obstacles, they just may not be as obvious as mine. I wanted to be able to share what I had learned," Tennant said.

While a promising athletic career may not have been in the cards for Tennant after his injury, he wasn't going to let that stop him

from having a successful life. After his injury, he worked hard to overcome the physical challenges and continues to work hard in helping others overcome their trials.

"The main focus of my speeches is to show people how to overcome their obstacles. It's important that you use them as opportunities and focus on loving life instead of letting the bad things get you down," he said.

In order to achieve this goal, he uses comedy and inspirational speaking. His travels include a wide array of presentations, from club acts, corporate presentations, church functions and more. Along the

path, Tennant formed BLEEPFREE Comedy, which allows people to catch a respectable clean act in clubs across the country.

"The biggest lesson that I have learned from all of this — and I can't stress it enough — is that while we may all be dealing with our own obstacles there is no reason that we can't find success or happiness in our lives. It's all about the perspective that we take on things that can really make us or break us. In the end, it is our choice," he said.

Duforat added, "Times are tough, but we are hoping that with this show we will be able to provide a little bit of inspiration for the resi-

dents of Big Spring and Howard County. We are all dealing with something, but that doesn't mean we have to get knocked down and stay down. There is always the option to get back up and sometimes we can come out even further ahead of our plans."

"I am hoping that those who attend will be able to leave with a healthy, new perspective and be sore from laughing," Tennant said.

To reserve your ticket, visit howardcollege.edu or visit www.SM-MCCares.com and click on the Healthy Woman tab or call Duforat at 432-268-4842 or Anita Cline at 432-268-4721 or call Howard College at

ROADS

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with (billions of dollars), through efficiencies and savings, to come up with \$100 million."

Pickett said the cost-cutting aims to appease critics wary of giving TxDOT more funds without assurances that the agency is committed to spending every dollar wisely.

TxDOT Executive Director Phil Wilson told the House Select Committee on Transportation Funding that the reductions were possible.

"We're doing everything we can to reduce spending," Wilson said.

Road capacity has sorely lagged behind population growth in Texas the past quarter-century. One major stream of highway construction revenue comes is a gas tax that charges drivers 20 cents per gallon at the pump. But the tax rate hasn't budged in decades, while the population has soared and cars have become more fuel-efficient.

With tax hikes of any kind unpopular in the Republican-controlled Legislature, lawmakers hatched a plan to siphon money currently funneled to the state's Rainy Day Fund and put it to-

ward roads. Pickett has proposed giving budget-writing lawmakers authority to regularly set a minimum balance for that reserves fund.

Even given another \$900 million, it's still only a sliver of the \$4 billion more that TxDOT said is needed just to maintain the status quo on roads.

The Legislature a month ago was poised to ratify the spending, but that was before Democratic Sen. Wendy Davis embarked on an 11-hour filibuster to block new abortion restrictions. Her marathon speech ran out the clock on the first special session, with the help of shouting protesters in the Senate gallery, leaving no time for the transportation bill.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who has faced criticism from fellow Republicans about his handling of that ses-

sion, acknowledged this week that he could have put the transportation bill up for a vote first.

"I take full responsibility for not foreseeing the effect of the international socialist movement organizers and the different groups that simply overwhelmed our security," said Dewhurst, who faces a stiff primary challenge for his job next year.

Perry called a second special session, during which GOP lawmakers pushed through the

abortion restrictions, but the TxDOT funding was left undone.

Democrats have used the twice-stalled transportation funding to blast Republicans for failed leadership. Those critics include Davis, who is weighing a run for governor.

The House had a second chance to approve more highway dollars earlier this week, but the absence of 23 lawmakers for the vote hampered the bill's prospects. Some lawmakers

believe the measure might have prevailed in a full chamber, but attendance is waning as the summer drags on.

The Texas Legislature is supposed to handle its business in 140 days every two years. Thursday marked Day 203.

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A. G. Martinez, II, died Tuesday. Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Holy Trinity Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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DAILY PRAYER

Let us remember, Lord, that you created all creatures, large and small.

Amen

Is Pfc. Manning a hero or traitor?

During the trial, the prosecution sought to paint U.S. Army Pfc. Bradley Manning as an anarchist and a traitor, while the defense portrayed him as naive and well-intentioned. The judge, rightly, rejected both characterizations, finding Manning not guilty of “aiding the enemy” but guilty of violations of the Espionage Act for releasing information that could cause harm and stealing government property.

Neither side got exactly what they wanted, which is often the sign of a just result. Manning may have been “well-intentioned” in the colloquial sense, but legally speaking, he intentionally violated the law. He did not steal the files “by mistake.” He is a trained intelligence officer. He knew exactly what he was doing, and he knew exactly what WikiLeaks would do with the files He may have been hoping for a spirited debate, but he knew the files would be seen by both our friends and our enemies. Those who intentionally violate the law must know — and must accept — the consequences of doing so.

It doesn't matter whether he was seeking fame or better policy, at least not in terms of guilt.

Many in the civil liberties community, while relieved that Manning was acquitted of the most serious charges, worry that

the convictions will nonetheless chill whistleblowers and leakers, who are critical sources for national security reporting. Many others, from military leaders to mothers with children serving this country in harm's way, worry that individuals, even well-intentioned ones, can endanger our country and their children when they decide they know best what should be made public.

There are, in short, legitimate concerns on both sides.

I've taught the First Amendment for decades, but I don't pretend to have any easy answers. The First Amendment is not a license to steal.

It does not empower the individual to ignore the rules, damn the majority and decide that he or she knows best. The issue here is not whether news organizations have a right to print material that was wrongfully taken (they do, with extremely limited exceptions), but whether those who steal it, knowing it is wrong to do so (as Manning certainly did), are above the law.

They aren't.

Manning's case was, in some respects, easy because it was so extreme. We are not talking about a document, not a sheaf of documents, not about leaking unlawful activity being done by the government that the government refuses to acknowledge. Manning stole 700,000 files, including 250,000 diplomatic cables, front-line reports and dossiers of Guantanamo prisoners. Did he really think there would not be serious, very serious, consequences to doing

so? Did he really think he had the right to decide that everyone else in the government was wrong about the need for security, that only he knew better? Did he really think the rules didn't apply to him?

But “aiding the enemy” was going too far. Classic prosecutorial overreaching, as one of my smartest friends put it.

Technically speaking, in criminal law terms, you can be held to have intended consequences that you know will result: Manning surely knew the information he was stealing would be seen and, to the extent possible, used by our enemies.

But he is not an agent of al-Qaida. If he were, he would have given the information to them — not to the press. Had he been convicted, he would have instantly become a martyr — endangering the very principles his prosecution was intended to vindicate.

That would have been a victory for our enemies.

The only remaining question has to do with exactly how many decades Manning will be incarcerated. It will be decades. Even without the conviction for aiding the enemy, he will, as my friend put it, still have plenty of time to contemplate his actions.

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The new king of intolerance

He has become toxic material in Washington D.C. Even the leaders of his own party are running away from him and strongly condemning the waste that keeps coming out of his mouth. But Iowa Rep. Steve King is undeterred. He has a narcissistic need for attention, and he is determined to get it by bashing on immigrants.

It's not a new phenomenon. In recent history, we've had quite a few poster boys for American xenophobia: Former California Gov. Pete Wilson, former California Rep. Bob Dornan, former Colorado Rep. Tom Tancredo and former Arizona Senate President Russell Pierce.

Yet, aside from having been obnoxious demagogues when they were in office, the thing they still have in common is the word “former” preceding their elected titles.

Is King heading in the same direction? Are his constituents getting tired of his embarrassing diatribes? Is there a pattern here?

Not quite. Unlike the other poster boys who represented states and districts where the Latino vote was significant, King represents the overwhelmingly white and conservative 4th Congressional District in southwest Iowa, where he is now in his sixth term and where minority voters still are a tiny minority.

Apparently, he feels he can afford to be obnoxious.

In his latest diatribe — the one that is getting all the headlines — King went after the young undocumented immigrants who were mostly brought here by their parents when they were children. With absolutely no basis for his conclusion, he determined that for every so-called “Dreamer” who is a valedictorian in an American high school, “there's another hundred out there that weigh 130 pounds, and

they've got calves the size of cantaloupes because they're hauling 75 pounds of marijuana across the desert.”

And while these remarks were condemned even by some GOP leaders, including House Speaker John Boehner and House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, although they used words like “wrong,” “hateful” and “inexcusable” to describe King's diatribe, you have to wonder what took them so long to at least pretend that they are offended by King's conduct.

After all, it's not like this was the first time King has made offensive remarks. It's not like we didn't know that he actually thrives on repulsive comments. If “Intolerance” was a country, this guy could be its King!

You have to wonder why the GOP leadership didn't react this way when King has compared human beings to livestock and dogs, or when he said 80 million out-of-work Americans were “slackers,” or when he characterizes undocumented immigrants as criminals, or when he has tried to deny American citizenship to U.S.-born children of undocumented immigrants, or when he warned against the “optics” of an Obama presidency, or when much more other toxic waste came out of King's mouth is the past few years.

You would think Boehner and Cantor would have been similarly offended when King suggested we build an electrified Mexican-border fence that could shock immigrants who tried to enter the country without proper documents — because, “We do it with livestock all the time.” Or when King suggested that this country should select immigrants like hunters select their dogs by choosing “the pick of the litter” from “every donor civilization on the planet.”

So why now? Why is the House GOP leadership suddenly concerned about immigrant bashing? Could it be because they suddenly care about immigrants or because they suddenly need to pretend that they care?

Have they really changed their ways? Or are they simply

trying to keep King from annoying Latino voters across the country? Even if he is safe in his own district, surely his national grandstanding can hurt other Republicans with Latino voters throughout the United States.

Obviously, this is more about damage control than a real change in direction for the Republican Party.

After all, this is still the same party where not too long ago, King wasn't the only wacko trying to deny citizenship to “anchor babies” or to electrify border fences or to make life so difficult for 11 million undocumented immigrants that they would want to “self-deport.”

Expecting Boehner and Cantor to suddenly become more tolerant of immigrants is unrealistic, especially when so many of their conservative House colleagues still are obsessed with persecuting these people. Their reactions to King's latest insults were nothing more than an act — cheap theater, lip service!

But what about King's constituents? They may be 95 percent white, but according to a recent poll, 65 percent of them already favor a path to legalization for undocumented immigrants. Sure, they still are very conservative, and they want a Congressman who represents their values. But can't they find someone who could do that without promoting ignorance and hatred?

When the last xenophobia poster boy, Russell Pierce, was recalled from office in Arizona in 2011, it was because another Republican, Sen. Jerry Lewis, had vowed to stay away from “hateful rhetoric.”

Surely, Iowa must have Republicans with a little more wits and a lot more class.

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Church News

Spring Tabernacle

Thanks to all the community support we have an over abundance of clothes and shoes for everyone, some furniture and lots of household goods.

We will be giving everything away Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. We want everyone to come and please bring your own bags or boxes. We want to invite everyone to come and please bring your own bags or boxes. Get there early, it goes fast!

College Baptist Church

Pastor Ken McMeans brought another "Fearless Faith" message Sunday morning. The sermon from the New Testament book of Hebrews told of many in the Bible who had this kind of faith. There was Abraham who obeyed God when he was called out to go to the land of his inheritance, not knowing where he was going.

His wife Sarah, being too old to have children, was told by an angel that she would give birth to a son. At first she laughed, but she did have a child in her old age and the Bible shows how her faith grew.

In Hebrews 11:7, being warned of a great flood that would destroy every living creature in the world, Noah built an ark. He knew nothing of building a boat but God gave him the blueprints and through faith, he built it.

People called him foolish, they laughed at him and harassed him as he worked but he told them that the rains would come and continued to work. This is fearless faith!

On Sunday evening, the R.A. Boys and their leaders shared a video of their trip to New Mexico and the great time they had there.

One of the younger boys happily told everyone that he got saved at R.A. Camp. The youth of the church are on a camp trip to Big Bend National Park. Maybe this trip will kind of reward them for the work they have been doing to help out church members with jobs they needed help with. They have mowed lawns, helped people with moving heavy loads and any other jobs that they could help with.

The youth group under the leadership of Chris Pugh, our youth minister, have adopted a young Asian girl named Etti. They are bringing a small amount of money each Wednesday night to help with her support.

The sponsoring gives Etti Bible teaching, food, shelter, clothing and schooling.

It is good how they are willing to share with others. Just one more thing about the R.A. boys of College Baptist. They recently collected pennies for the Miles for Missions Project. They counted 37,934 pennies.

This money will go for Disaster Relief. Congratulations R.A.s.

Forsan Baptist Church

We are continuing our Sunday morning message series on angels this week with the subject of seraphim found in Isaiah Chapter 6. Who are these incredible servants and what is their responsibility in God's kingdom? Join us this Sunday morning for worship and find out.

We have begun a new home Bible study on Thursday evenings at 6:30. If you are interested in joining us it is not too late to get on board. We are going through Rick Warren's

"The Purpose Driven Life." On Sunday evenings we are conducting a verse-by-verse survey of the Book of Romans, and on Wednesdays we are in the midst of a verse-by-verse trek through the Old Testament.

Our church is located at 201 Main in Forsan. Sunday School begins at 9:50, with worship services at 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday youth activities will continue throughout the summer, but Wednesday night meals will be suspended until the fall. 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.

First Baptist Church

Today, Youth Pastor Jonathan Raffini will be taking a group to 'Rock the Desert', leaving at 3:30 p.m. and returning at 12:30 a.m.

They will also attend Saturday's concerts, departing at 3:30 p.m. and returning at 11 p.m. FBC youth group is open to students going into 7th grade through 12th grade. Come and be a part of this dynamic, Christ centered fellowship.

Sunday, Aug. 4, Dr. Ladd Hoffman will bring our message entitled 'A Breath of Forgiveness', taken from Genesis 50:15-21.

Morning praise and worship service begins at 10:50 a.m., with Sunday School small groups for all ages preceding the service starting at 9:30 a.m.

Come early for coffee and fellowship. Tuesday Aug. 6, Valerie Caesar of the Christian Women's Corp, will be the guest speaker at LLL (Living Longer and Loving It)club. Join us at noon in the dining room (come in the east doors). We'll have lunch and enjoy the program and the great company.

Backpack Blessings school supply distribution has been moved to Aug. 11.

Bring your donated school supplies to the church and place on the table inside the west doors.

Also, if you are in need of supplies to start the upcoming school year, please stop by or call FBC at 267-8223 to be placed on the confidential distribution list.

FBC food pantry will be open Thursday Aug. 8 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. It is located on Lancaster behind HEB.

Wednesday evenings at FBC begin with a meal served from 5 to 6, followed by Youth Group, 'Wacky Wednesday' activities for the kids, Adult choir practice, and prayer meeting. You are invited to stop in for a time of refreshments and fellowship. We would love to get to know you.

Our prayers are with Pastor Mark Lindsey and wife Sherry, as they attend a Missions Conference followed by some vacation time.

First Baptist Church is located at 705 W FM 700. See you Sunday.

Blessed Hands Deaf Church

Blessed Hands Deaf Church meets at 9:30 Sunday mornings for Bible Study, followed by worship service at 10:50. Pastor Jim Walterhouse and wife Debbie invite you to be a part of this growing church that is bringing new worship opportunities to the deaf community in the area.

Currently, Blessed Hands Church meets inside First Baptist Church at 705 West FM 700. Stop by or call (432)267-8223 for more information.

Cornerstone Covenant Church

Cornerstone Covenant Church would like to invite you to join us Sunday, Aug. 4 at 10:30 a.m. for wor-



Real faith is blind

One of my favorite stories is a fable about six blind men who went to see an elephant. Retold in my own words, the tale goes like this: The first blind man rubbed the

thick skin on the elephant's broad side and declared that an elephant is like a wall.

The second man felt of the elephant's long, round trunk and assumed that an elephant must be like a snake.

When the third blind man touched the elephant's sharp tusk, he argued that an elephant must be like a spear. The fourth blind man, who ran his fingers up and down the elephant's stout leg, insisted that an elephant must be like the trunk of a tree.

Yet, the fifth man rubbed the elephant's big floppy ear and was convinced that an elephant is more like a fan.

Finally, the last blind man clasped the elephant's tail and concluded that an elephant is more like a rope.

Several years ago, a friend suggested to me that forgiveness is like the fable of the elephant and the blind men because we each have our own perception of what forgiveness means based on our own experiences.

While I have shared her analogy many times, I believe that

the fable is also an illustration of faith.

We also define faith according to our own perceptions.

We tend to limit faith to our own experiences without ever touching the whole elephant.

In his second letter to the Corinthians, the apostle Paul wrote, "For we walk by faith and not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7 NASB).

Most of us are happy if we can see the road ahead and feel that we have some control over our destiny.

However, sometimes the road makes an unexpected turn, causing our faith to be tested.

That's when we are forced to walk by faith and not by sight. We either walk by faith or not at all because sometimes there is no sight.

The author of the book of Hebrews also wrote, "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1 NASB).

Faith is not just trusting God when we can see what is down the road ahead.

Faith is that unseen elephant of assurance in our lives. It is that invisible, thick-skinned conviction that God is in control even when we can't see beyond our immediate circumstances. Real faith is always blind faith.

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ship followed by the Word. Our 2013 Vision Focus is "Restoring Hope to the Hopeless."

Discipleship 101 Bible Study is held on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the main sanctuary.

Overcomers: Recovery and Restoration class continue meeting each Thursday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the

Misfits Lounge.

Mark your calendar and plan to join us Saturday Aug. 24, noon, as we gear up for back to school with our Annual Back to School Picnic. We will be located at Comanche Trail Park in The Old Settlers Pavilion.

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Celebrating the future king of England

The announcement was placed on an easel outside Buckingham Palace. The next day the Royal guard fired a 62-gun salute at the Tower of London and a 41 gun salute at Green Park in honor of the newborn prince.

The bells at Westminster Abbey rang for three hours and the world celebrated. George Alexander Louis was born Monday, July 22, at 4:24 p.m. The future king of England weighed 8 pounds and 6 ounces.

Two years ago, I wrote about William and Kate when they beamed into each other's eyes and repeated their vows. Last week they were both beam-

ing as they presented their baby boy to the world.

Every mother who has ever given birth and every father who has ever held his infant son or daughter knows that every birth is a miracle

When I held each of my children in my arms, I was overcome with the same thought: "This is my flesh breathing in another breast, my heart beating in another chest, my blood flowing in a child at rest."

God created us male and female and blessed us with

the miracle of procreation.

Every one of us is the result of this mysterious design since the beginning of creation, the union of a man and a woman producing a new and unique life.

We can never escape this profound mystery.

When David reflected on this profound mystery he wrote, "You wove me in my mother's womb.

"I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well.

"My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, and skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth; your eyes have seen my unformed substance;

and in Your book were all written the days that were ordained for me, when as yet there was not one of them." (Psalm 139).

Just as the world celebrated the birth of England's young prince, God celebrates the birth of every baby that is born.

They are precious in his sight. If every hair of our head is numbered and if a single sparrow does not fall without His knowledge, how much more does God treasure the first cry of every infant born in the most obscure village or the poorest slum.

Of course, there is one birth that defines all others. Every event in history is dated in reference to it. By His birth our own life is elevated to

eternal significance and we find our connection with the Creator.

The prophets predicted His birth saying, "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

The angel announced it, "She shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins."

Bill Tinsley reflects on current events and life experience from a faith perspective. Visit www.tinsleycenter.com Write bill@tinsleycenter.com



BILL TINSLEY

CHURCH

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We will be located at Comanche Trail Park in The Old Settlers Pavilion.

There will be lots of food, games, fun and fellowship, plan to come and bring a friend.

CCC offers ministries in the following areas: New Beginnings (Newborn to 18 months); Tiny Tots (19 mos. - Kindergarten); Kovenant Kids (1st-6th grade); Chosen Generation (7th - 12th grade); Covenant U - College Ministry (18-24 yrs.); Men's and Women's Ministries; and Marriage Enrichment.

CCC meets on Wednesdays at 7pm for Discipleship 101 Bible Study and Sundays at 10:30 am for worship.

Sunday morning services are recorded, so if you'd like a free copy of a CD for those services - please see our multimedia department, Mother's Lounge and Children Church are offered for both mid-week and Sunday services.

CCC is located at 706 East 12th Street, (on the corner of 12th and Owens St.)

For more information please contact us at 264-0015, visit us on the web at www.cccbigspring.org or check out Covenant Connect on Facebook or Twitter.

First Presbyterian Church, Big Spring

The Lectionary Bible study, led by Craig Holstedt and Tom Koger, meets at 5:17 p.m. Wednesday.

The Chancel Choir will practice at 10 a.m.

Sunday morning, before the worship service.

Regular Wednesday rehearsals will begin Aug. 7 at 6 p.m.

The Youth Group meets at 6 every other Sunday evening, usually for movies in the theater room.

The next meeting will be Aug. 2 at the Mark Morgans for a pool party, where we will be hosting Carlos F. Tamez Ruiz from Costa Rica, who attended both the Youth Triennial and the Synod Workshop with youth from our presbytery.

The Service Committee is collecting school supplies for Back to School Kids and asks that members bring such items as paper, pens, pencils, crayons, red pens and pencils, spiral notebooks and rulers to leave in a cart in the narthex Sunday Aug. 4.

The Committee also asks for toilet articles, especially personal sizes of toothpaste, shampoo, deodorant,

lotion, and toothbrushes.

Susan Holstedt is in charge of Take Ten for Sunday, Aug. 4. Kay and Danny Kennemur, Lucy and Paschal Odom and Nancy Koger are communion servers for this month.

The lectionary for the Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost is Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21.

The Reverend Craig Holstedt will present the sermon and the choir will be back in the choir loft to lead in the music worship.

They will offer "Sing a New Song" by Douglas Wagner for the anthem and "Praises Let Us Sing" by J.J. Mauret as the offertory anthem.

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 the Rev. Holstedt.

First Church of the Nazarene

Gotta Move VBS starts Aug. 12 through 16 from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for ages 3 through the 6th grade.

There will be music, games, snacks, crafts and lots of fun around fruits of the Spirit.

Pre-registrater online at nazfamily.org or visit us on Facebook.

You are also welcome to join us for all of our services, classes and groups: Sunday Service at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary, Sunday Morning Youth and Children's Classes at 9 a.m.,

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

Tuesday night prayer at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and Wednesday Evening Adult/Children/Youth Classes at 6:30 p.m.

If you are unable to come to church Sunday morning listen to KBST 95.7 at 10 a.m. for a live broadcast of our service.

View streaming footage inside the sanctuary on our webpage at www.nazfamily.org

First Church of the Nazarene is located at 1400 Lancaster. For more information, please contact the church office at 267-7015.

First Presbyterian

Church of Coahoma

Join us for Java with Jesus Sundays at 10 a.m. in the Social Hall as we share warm coffee, a light snack and friendly conversation as we prepare for worship.

We gather for Adult Sunday School at 10 a.m.

The book we are studying is "The Messy Church." It has been enlightening as we look at our relationships within the church and try to understand each other's wants and needs a little better.

Youth Sunday school is also at 10 a.m. We have been gathering coins since fall and will decide which animals we will purchase to share with needy families around the world. Ducks, geese, chickens, cow?

Our pulpit will be filled this coming Sunday by James Blischke of Midland, Texas. Communion will be celebrated and all are welcome to our table. Our worship service begins at 11 a.m. Pew pal bags filled with quiet games and coloring sheets are available for youth during worship service. The Garden of Eden Club joins together on Tuesday at 5 p.m. Join us for a quick prayer and help in planning our new Serenity Garden.

Prayer Group meets at 6 p.m. Wednesdays as we join hands and prayers to ask for God's blessings to all those in need. After prayer group, we walk inside with a Leslie Sansone DVD. If you are thinking about getting healthy, come join us.

Thursday evenings at 5 brings Prayer Blanket sewing, learning how

to crochet with Don Nell Luce and sewing Little Dresses for Africa. Things are moving along at the church this week. Painting in the halls and classrooms nears completion. The social hall and restroom renovations will take place next.

The works of art Pam Hicks has been working on will soon be ready for the unveiling party. Work also continues with painting on the red front doors.

We began a prayer vigil for several days of continuous prayer.

The focus for this vigil is committing and praying for God's will for the church and guidance on calling a minister. This week we will be preparing backpacks for area youth filled with school supplies. Blessing bags for transients will be packed this week with food and sanitary items.

Plans will be made for the next R.V. Park Ministry visit. Join us for planning of the first Vacation Bible School our church has had in quite some time. We will show a movie on a Friday night and have youth activities on the next day. We will discuss a Coahoma ISD prayer vigil for staff and youth. The Presbyterian Women will get together a few minutes after church to discuss plans for the 2013-2014 year. If you are an instrumental musician and need a place to play think about joining us Sundays at 11 a.m. Call 517-0187 for more information.

Check out our website at fpccoahoma.com, our Facebook page at First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma or email us at fpccoahoma@outlook.com.

Reader's Corner

Ruth

She will be 80 on her next birthday. But the smile on her beautiful face is unmarred by time. She's happy just to be here.

In her life she has had many titles. Daughter-sister-wife-mother-grandmother-teacher and friend.

Life hasn't always been kind to her. Her heart has been hurt many times. But she doesn't give up. Because of her strong faith in God

she takes what she has left and goes on with her life.

She is happiest when she is giving her time and heart to help others. Happy Birthday Ruth....

Written to honor Ruth Nanny who will be 80 July 31.

Lana F. Anguiano

Rosebud

She's like a fragile rosebud that blooms in the hot Texas sunshine. She wilts a little from the heat, but she stands proudly and her beauty shines

brightly to those who know and love her. There are no other roses as beautiful as her....

Written to honor Jodi Baird and to ask that you will pray for God to heal her as she fights a battle with cancer.

There is no sweeter gift to give than a heart sent prayer. For prayers are our link with the one who can fix everything he is God - our Lord and Savior - Jesus Christ.

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News in brief

Snowden's asylum enrages U.S., but won't destroy already challenged ties with Russia

WASHINGTON (AP) — Russia's decision to grant asylum to Edward Snowden has upset the Obama administration and enraged Congress. But if the United States wasn't prepared to scrap its maddeningly difficult relationship with Russia because of missile defense, human rights or Syria's civil war, it's unlikely the 30-year-old National Security Agency leaker alone will sour ties irrevocably between two powers that both have moved past their half-century Cold War for global supremacy.

After Snowden left the transit zone of Moscow's airport and officially entered Russia on Thursday, the White House declared itself "extremely disappointed" and suggested President Barack Obama would reconsider his autumn summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow.

American lawmakers threatened worse, from demanding Russia forfeit its right to host a summit of the world's biggest economies to questioning whether Washington and Moscow can now cooperate at all. Some in Congress have spoken of boycotting next year's Winter Olympics in the southern Russian city of Sochi.

"Russia's action today is a disgrace and a deliberate effort to embarrass the United States. It is a slap in the face of all Americans," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said. "Now is the time to fundamentally rethink our relationship with Putin's Russia."

Retaliation against Russia comes at a cost, however. Putin has proved over more than a decade in power that he'll respond to perceived offenses from the United States, whether in the form of a missile defense network in Europe or U.S. support for pro-democracy demonstrations in Ukraine, Georgia and other neighboring nations. And for all the tough talk in Washington, the U.S. knows it needs Putin to promote a range of American national security interests and has tried to temper its reaction to Putin's provocations.

1 of 3 Cleveland victims tells kidnapper she 'spent 11 years in hell' but knew she'd escape

CLEVELAND (AP) — Free and safe, one of three women kidnapped and raped over a decade in a ramshackle home smiled lightly as her tormentor was led out of court in chains, a method he had used to control them.

Gemini moon wants information

People fear what they don't understand — understanding more equals fearing less. The problem occurs when bad people use their intelligence to gain power. They make others feel needlessly afraid by keeping them in a misinformed or uninformed state. The Gemini moon encour-



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ages open conversation to prevent such evil from spreading.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Sometimes opposition comes from across the globe, and sometimes you are nose-to-nose with it. Today's opposition is but a step from you. If you change direction for a moment, you'll be right in line with it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Because you love yourself, you'll do the things that are good for you and be a role model for others. Everything falls in line from there. So dare to love yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June

Michelle Knight, the first of the victims kidnapped after accepting a ride from Ariel Castro, spoke in a soft but determined voice Thursday in front of a judge who followed a plea deal and gave Castro life in prison without parole plus 1,000 years.

"We said we'll all get out alive someday, and we did," Knight said.

"You took 11 years of my life away, and I have got it back," she said in the hushed courtroom. "I spent 11 years in hell. Now your hell is just beginning."

Knight, who spoke just a few feet from Castro in the courtroom, finished her statement and returned to her seat without looking at him. Earlier, he had tried to make eye contact, but deputies quickly stepped into his line of vision.

U.S. closing embassies, consulates in Muslim world Sunday after receiving unspecified threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States is shuttering its embassies and consulates throughout the Muslim world on Sunday after receiving an unspecified threat, officials said.

State Department officials said Thursday that they were taking action out of an "abundance of caution."

Spokeswoman Marie Harf cited information indicating a threat to U.S. facilities overseas and said some diplomatic facilities may stay closed for more than a day.

Other U.S. officials said the threat was in the Muslim world, where Sunday is a workday. American diplomatic missions in Europe, Latin America and many other places are closed on Sunday.

Those officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak publicly about the matter.

Global interest grows in New Zealand's designer drug law: You can sell them if they're safe

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — A novel New Zealand law that could legalize some designer drugs is being scrutinized with interest by other countries struggling to keep up with the proliferation of "party pills" and similar products.

The law, enacted two weeks ago, represents a U-turn from the traditional approach of banning synthetic drugs. Instead, New Zealand will attempt to regulate them, allowing their sale if they go through rigorous safety testing similar to that for

pharmaceuticals. Giving users a high wouldn't be a reason to ban them, a government health official said, though they would need to come with warnings, such as not driving while under their influence.

The policy is getting some attention globally. A group of British parliamentarians this year recommended adopting a similar policy. Australian officials have contacted their New Zealand counterparts to learn more. And the New York-based nonprofit Drug Policy Alliance, which advocates legalizing marijuana, said this week that it wants to get a similar bill introduced in Congress.

But while the new law is giving fuel to some politicians and lobbying groups, most countries are likely to adopt a wait-and-see approach. If anything, the U.S. has become more aggressive in prosecuting cases since President Barack Obama signed a federal law last year banning 26 new synthetic substances.

Sold under street names such as "spice," and "bath salts," the drugs often mimic banned substances such as marijuana, ecstasy and methamphetamine. The U.S. National Institute on Drug Abuse says bath salts, a meth-like stimulant, can produce feelings of euphoria and increased sex drive and sociability, but also can have side-effects including paranoia.

Japan minister refuses to step down over remarks seen as praising Nazis

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese Finance Minister Tarō Aso refused Friday to resign or apologize over remarks suggesting Japan should follow the Nazi example of how to change the country's constitution stealthily and without public debate.

Following protests by neighboring countries and human rights activists, he "retracted" the comments on Thursday but refused to go further.

"I have no intention to step down" as Cabinet minister of lawmaker, Aso, who is also deputy prime minister, told reporters. The government also said it is not seeking Aso's resignation, which some opposition members have demanded.

Aso, who is known for intemperate remarks, drew outrage for saying Japan should learn from how the Nazi party stealthily changed Germany's pre-World War II constitution before anyone realized it. He also suggested that Japanese politicians should make visits to Tokyo's Yasukuni war shrine quietly to avoid controversy.

Tomorrow's Horoscope

21). Visualization works, especially with the brilliant intellectual vibration you're buzzing along today. You'll mentally revel in the sparkling details then hop to your feet and actually do something about these dreams.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There will be moments to remind you of something you've been missing from relationships — something you didn't even realize you needed or wanted, but your feelings will tell you otherwise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The things you think you will need are much different from the things you will actually need. It may feel as though you've been packing all wrong for this journey called life.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you catch a tiger by the tail, will it eat you? Or will it see you as more of an annoyance than a threat and merely snarl to scare

you off? Today, much depends on the degree of risk you're willing to take.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Many who have achieved in the highest ranks can't say they are happy — something to consider when you're choosing what to want. Striving won't bring profit. To be content with where you are is the greatest satisfaction there is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The day requires you to be both decisive and committed. As Homer said in the *Odyssey*: "The minds of the everlasting gods are not changed suddenly."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be in charge of leading people and teaching them, but really you will just be helping them find something that was already inside themselves.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Communication devices will be used to help us

get around, meet and connect. Bonus: They can also be used to gather a multitude of need-less details from distant places and bring them to clutter up the place where we are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's time to check in with your various relationships. You'll be setting things right in the social balance. You'll pass on a favor or return it. You'll issue invites where due or overdue.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have more kindred spirits in the world than you would have thought. Proof of this will be in the eyes of someone you meet today. There will be a glimmer of recognition upon first meeting.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 2). You have a special gift for knowing what people need and want and will use this to make both friends and money. You'll come out of September with

an entirely updated identity. November is your chance at a prize you've long had your eye on. January and February are the most romantic. Capricorn and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 38, 2, 13, 40 and 22.

COUPLE OF THE WEEKEND: Cancer moon and Leo sun give special zing to relationships between these two signs over the weekend. Both love to connect with the childlike energies of creativity. Leo tends to direct playfulness outwardly by putting on an informal show for Cancer, telling stories or crafting other delights. Cancer, the sign of mothers, takes the energy in a nurturing direction, providing comfort and kindness to Leo.

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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Test Your Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Hearts, and North leads the queen of diamonds. How would you play the hand?

West	East
♠ A 10	♠ J 8 3
♥ A J 9 6 2	♥ K 10 7 4
♦ A K	♦ 5
♣ A K 7 3	♣ Q 10 6 4 2

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North leads the queen of diamonds, South playing the seven. How would you play the hand?

West	East
♠ 8 5 4 3	♠ A Q 7
♥ 6 4	♥ A K Q 7 3
♦ A 3	♦ 8 5
♣ 8 6 5 3 2	♣ A K Q

1. You are sure to make the contract — even if you lose a trump trick — provided the clubs are divided 2-2 or 3-1, since you can eventually discard your spade loser on dummy's fifth club. The same is true if the clubs are divided 4-0 and North has all four of them, since in that case you can overcome his jack with a finesse and thus get home safely.

The only real danger, therefore, is that South has the J-9-8-5 of clubs, so you should plan the play on that

basis. Once you consign four clubs to South and none to North, it follows that North is far more likely to be longer in trumps than South.

Accordingly, at trick two you should play the ace of hearts, planning to continue with a heart and finesse the ten. This method of play makes it extremely unlikely that the slam will fail.

2. Let's assume you duck the diamond queen and North continues with the six to South's king. You win with the ace, and the question is whether it is better to lead a spade to the queen at trick three or cash the A-K-Q of hearts in the hope that the opposing hearts are divided 3-3.

There is no doubt that, percentage-wise, the better play is to rely on the spade finesse rather than a 3-3 heart division. In the long run, North will be dealt the king of spades 50 percent of the time, while the hearts will divide evenly only 36 percent of the time, so the spade finesse is clearly superior.

It is only fair to add that in situations like this, the right play sometimes turns out to be wrong, and the wrong play sometimes succeeds. Even so, over the long haul, it is much better to go with the odds.

Tomorrow: Foresight.
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Darvish Ks 14 in Rangers' 7-1 win over Arizona

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Inconsistency was the key for Yu Darvish.

With a devastating slider going in different directions and command of his fastball, Darvish matched his major-league high with 14 strikeouts and the Texas Rangers won their fourth game in a row, 7-1 over the Arizona Diamondbacks in a makeup game Thursday night.

"Some of (the sliders) were dropping down, some of them were going sideways," Darvish said through an interpreter. "The movement on my slider was really inconsistent and that worked in my favor."

Darvish (10-5) certainly had the Diamondbacks hitters baffled, 78 of his 111 pitches were thrown for strikes and fewer scoreless innings. He had no walks and scattered five hits in his 50th major league start.

"As a hitter you have a lot of different



Texas' Nelson Cruz takes a cut during the Rangers' 7-1 win over the Arizona Diamondbacks Thursday. Starting pitcher Yu Darvish recorded 14 strikeouts during the outing. AP photo

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Local briefs

Youth Football Association sign-ups being held now

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 football season tickets on sale now

Steer football fans can now pick up their season tickets at the Athletic Training Center. The books — which can be purchased 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-flight-ed 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 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 Aug. 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 Green at 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.

Cowboys counting on Carter and Lee as playmaking pair

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Sean Lee dismisses talk of how good the Dallas defense could be if he and Bruce Carter started together at linebacker for a full season.

It hasn't happened yet. So until it does — and until the Cowboys get back to the playoffs — Lee's not listening.

"Until you win a Super Bowl, until you've got it on tape week to week, it means nothing," Lee said. "That's all hype. If we lean on that hype, we're never going to be good."

The Cowboys are counting on this playmaking pair to be good.

Dallas won three straight games last season when both were sidelined by season-ending injuries — Lee with a badly damaged toe in the sixth game at Carolina and Carter with a dislocated elbow on Thanksgiving against Washington.

But the defense ultimately faltered without them. The Cowboys couldn't stop Drew Brees' passing game and got run over by Washington rookie Alfred Morris in a pair of season-ending losses that kept them out of the playoffs for the third straight year.

Carter and Lee aren't watching anymore, though.

They're at the center of a defensive makeover that started soon after the season, when the Cowboys fired defensive coordinator Rob Ryan and replaced him with Monte Kiffin so they could return to the more linebacker-friendly 4-3 defense after nearly a decade in the 3-4.

"When you're playing the 4-3 defense, those ... (linebackers) are protected a little bit more," coach Jason Garrett said. "They gotta get to the football and make plays."

Both have shown they can. Lee has a knack for interceptions, something that was sorely missing last season on a defense that tied a franchise low with seven. Lee has that many in 35 career games, a high number for a linebacker.

Carter could have led the Cowboys in tackles last season if he hadn't been injured. His strength is speed, and he'll get his best chance to show it in the new scheme because one of the weakside linebacker's biggest jobs is running down plays away from him.

"I think guys are doing it well," Carter said. "Coaches kind of in-

roduced a little slow just to get guys the whole grasp of the whole scheme. Now we're out here just flying around, getting to the ball."

Carter and Lee joined the Cowboys a year apart and followed similar paths.

Both were second-round draft picks who played quite a bit as rookies but never started. Both earned starting jobs going into their second seasons. When Lee injured his toe last year, Carter calling on the field.

Even though he missed the final five games, Carter's first season as a starter did plenty to help him prepare for a leading role.

"A whole lot more comfortable," he said. "The more years you play, the more experience you gain, it just makes the game a lot slower for you. Especially for me, a guy coming off an injury."

Lee has missed at least one game in each of his three seasons after an injury-filled career at Penn State.

Last year's injury — when he got his foot stuck

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Cruz unsure whether he will appeal if suspended

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers slugger Nelson Cruz said Thursday he hadn't decided whether to appeal if he is suspended as a result of Major League Baseball's latest drug investigation.

When asked before a game against Arizona if he had been told specifically what penalty could be forthcoming, Cruz responded, "No, I can not tell you, sorry."

The All-Star right fielder, whose 25 home runs and 73 RBIs lead the Rangers, was in the lineup batting sixth against Arizona.

"I've heard a lot of stuff," Cruz said, though he wasn't specific about what and from whom before saying he couldn't comment further on that.

He sighed when asked if there was any indication when he might know something, then said, "It's tough. Sorry."

Cruz is among 14 players targeted for discipline because of their relationship to Biogenesis of America, a closed Florida anti-aging clinic accused of distributing banned performance-enhancing drugs. He appears to be facing a 50-game suspension as a first offender under baseball's drug program.

Discipline could be announced by Monday. "It's tough. I mean we're in a good situation now, we're close to first place and close to the wild card, also," Cruz said. "Hopefully everything plays well."

After three consecutive victories on game-ending home runs to sweep the Los Angeles Angels, Texas was within four games of idle Oakland in the AL West. The Rangers were a half-game back in the wild-card chase.

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A-Rod heads to Trenton, hopes to return to Yanks before suspension

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Alex Rodriguez will start a second minor league injury rehabilitation assignment on Friday at Double-A Trenton, hoping to return to the New York Yankees before any suspension by Major League Baseball.

Rodriguez played a simulated game Thursday at the team's spring training home, and New York said he will play for Trenton against Reading for two games through Saturday.

With the Yankees at San Diego on Sunday, there is little chance the team will tell him fly across the country after a night game.

If he's not suspended by then, the three-time MVP could rejoin New York for its series opener Monday at the Chicago White Sox. However, it appears MLB will suspend Rodriguez by then for ties to Biogenesis of America, a closed Florida anti-aging clinic accused of distributing banned performance-enhancing drugs.

Four years ago Rodriguez admitted using PEDs while with Texas from 2001-03, but he repeatedly has denied using them since.

Because of wet grounds, the Yankees moved Rodriguez's simulated game from their minor league complex across the Dale Mabry highway to Steinbrenner Field.

The ballpark was closed to media, who watched from a walkway behind the right-field bullpen. Rodriguez saw 31 pitches over six at-bats, played third and ran bases during the simulated game.

He appeared ready to talk as he was leaving the minor league complex, waving a group of writers to his car in the parking lot and rolling down the window. However, when A-Rod saw a second group with TV cameras approaching, he said "I'll talk to you guys, but no cameras."

Rodriguez closed the window and kept the car stationary for a moment, then left.

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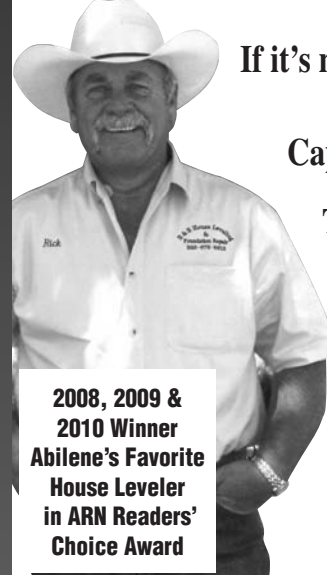
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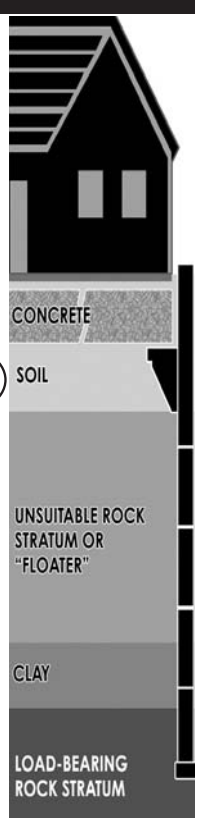
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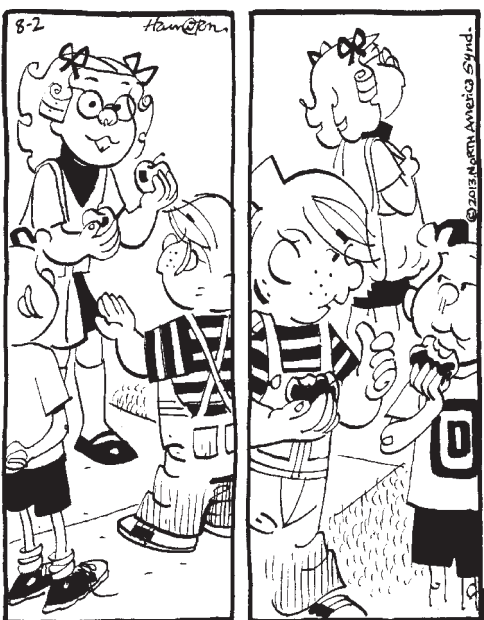
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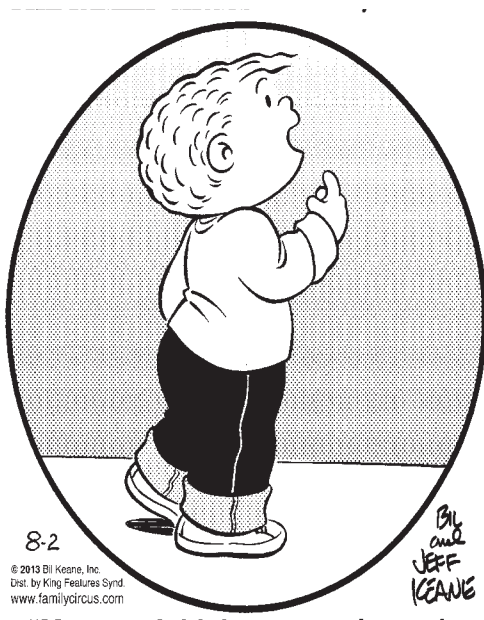
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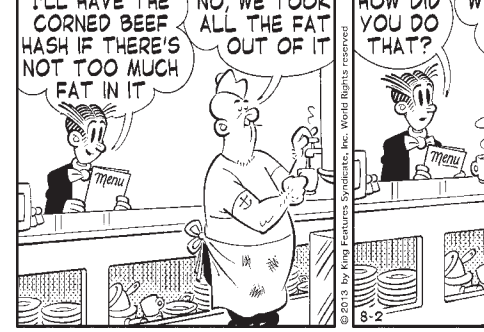


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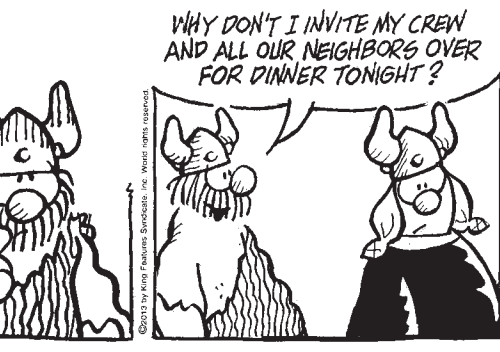
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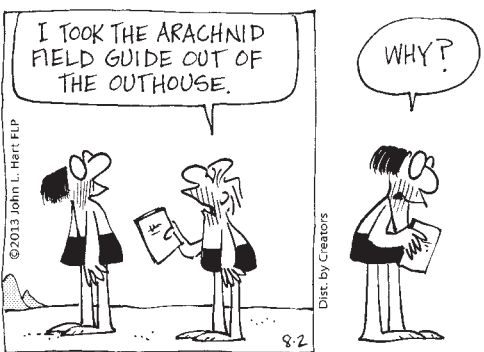
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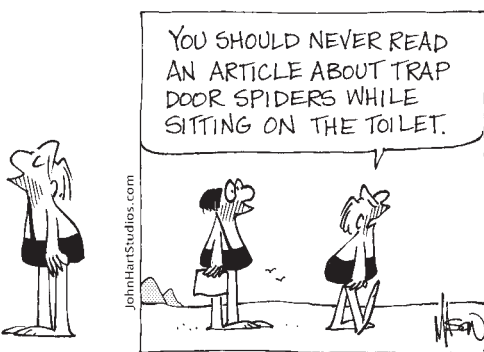
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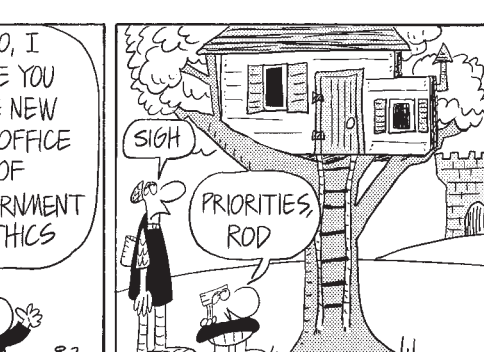
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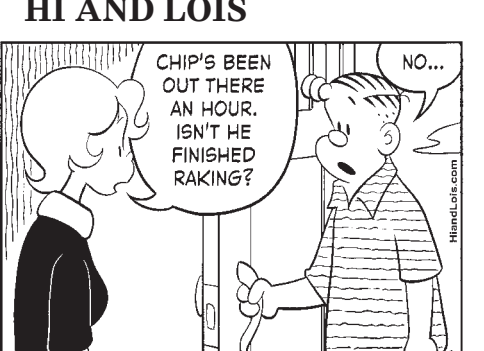
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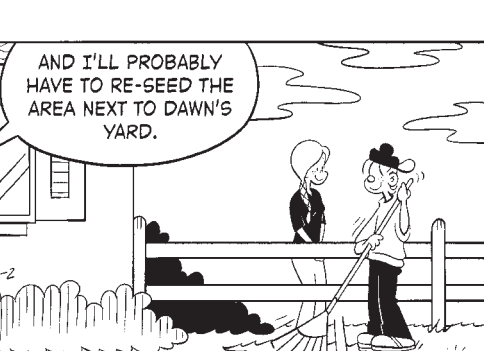
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This Date In History

Today is Friday, Aug. 2, the 214th day of 2013. There are 151 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 2, 1943, during World War II, U.S. Navy boat PT-109, commanded by Lt. (jg) John F. Kennedy, sank after being rammed in the middle of the night by the Japanese destroyer Amagiri off the Solomon Islands. Two crew members were killed; Kennedy led the survivors to nearby islands until they could be rescued.

On this date:

In 1776, members of the Continental Congress began attaching their signatures to the Declaration of Independence.

In 1862, the Ambulance Corps for the Army of the Potomac was created at the order of Maj. Gen. George McClellan during the Civil War.

In 1876, frontiersman "Wild Bill" Hickok was shot and killed while playing poker at a saloon in Deadwood, Dakota Territory, by Jack McCall, who was later hanged.

In 1909, the original Lincoln "wheat" penny first went into circulation, replacing the "Indian Head" cent.

In 1922, Alexander Graham Bell, generally regarded as the inventor of the telephone, died in Nova Scotia, Canada, at age 75.

In 1923, the 29th president of the United States, Warren G. Harding, died in San Francisco; Vice President Calvin Coolidge became president.

In 1934, German President Paul von Hindenburg died, paving the way for Adolf Hitler's complete takeover.

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman, Soviet leader Josef Stalin and British Prime Minister Clement Attlee concluded the Potsdam conference.

In 1964, the destroyer USS Maddox suffered light damage from North Vietnamese patrol torpedo boats in the Gulf of Tonkin.

In 1974, former White House counsel John W. Dean III was sentenced to one to four years in prison for obstruction of justice in the Watergate coverup.

(Dean ended up serving four months.)

In 1985, 135 people were killed when a Delta Air Lines jetliner crashed while attempting to land at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

In 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait, seizing control of the oil-rich emirate. (The Iraqis were later driven out in Operation Desert Storm.)

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. Paul Laxalt, R-Nev., is 91. Actor Peter O'Toole is 81. Rock musician Garth Hudson (The Band) is 76. Movie director Wes Craven is 74. Singer Kathy Lennon (The Lennon Sisters) is 70. Actor Max Wright is 70. Actress Joanna Cassidy is 68. Actress Kathryn Harrold is 63.

Answer to previous puzzle

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 - 10 Little hisser
 - 13 Out-the-door priced
 - 14 Slippery
 - 16 Track figure
 - 17 Film credit
 - 18 Start of a giggle
 - 19 Book illustrations
 - 20 Microbe
 - 21 Julie Andrews title
 - 24 Light-footed
 - 26 Review closely
 - 27 Finished
 - 28 Require (of)
 - 29 Reset, as a pedometer
 - 30 Edible tubes
 - 31 Be enjoyable
 - 33 Eve's Diary setting
 - 34 Page of Juno
 - 35 Impress deeply
 - 39 Hit the roof
 - 41 Recital piece
 - 42 Customized
 - 45 Truck compartment
 - 47 Play the lead
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 - 36 Baum barker
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 - 43 Author Welty
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Goodell satisfied Browns owner handling probe

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — The NFL is standing by Browns owner Jimmy Haslam. With Haslam embroiled in a legal scandal involving his family-owned truck-stop business, Commissioner Roger Goodell expressed his confidence in Cleveland's owner and said the league has no plans to intervene or discipline him at this point.

Goodell visited Cleveland's training camp on Thursday to launch a program between the league and Pop Warner with USA Football's Heads Up Football Program. Following a clinic with young players, Goodell said he's satisfied with Haslam's handling of the federal investigation at Pilot Flying J, and said the league is proud to be associated with its newest owner.

"Jimmy Haslam is a man of great integrity," Goodell said. "We're proud to have him as an owner in the NFL and think he's going to be a great owner for the Cleveland Browns and their fans. He's as disappointed as anybody in what happened at Pilot J and he's working hard to fix it and correct those issues, both from a structural standpoint and to make amends."

Goodell added that the league has no plans to intervene at this time.

"I don't think it's a matter for us at this moment," Goodell said. Haslam has been in the crosshairs of controversy since April 15, when the FBI and IRS raided Pilot Flying J's headquarters in Knoxville, Tenn., seizing documents and as part of a probe into wide-spread fraud at the company. Haslam has maintained he did not know about a program within his sales staff to cheat customers out of rebate and discount money. Seven employees have pleaded guilty to defrauding customers.

Goodell said Haslam assured him he knew nothing of the rebate scam.

"He's been very clear that he's had no knowledge of that and he's been clear publicly and clear with you all," Goodell said. "He doesn't need any pushing. This company means a lot to him and he's obviously not happy about what has happened and he's determined to fix it. Jimmy is more disappointed than anybody."

Pressed about what the league might do if Haslam were indicted, Goodell refused to presume anything.

"We're not going to play the hypothetical game," Goodell said. "Right now he's addressing the issues. We're confident he's going to deal with it properly. You're dealing with a bunch of hypotheticals. We're not going there."

Goodell said the league was thorough in its vetting of Haslam, who was a minority owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers before buying the Browns.

potential performance bonuses based plate appearances that would become unattainable. He is eligible for free agency after the season.

Lee says Carter shares his view that the talk means nothing. That's not news to linebackers coach Matt Eberflus.

"They work hand-in-hand," Eberflus said. "They're like two peas in a pod."

lot. He shows it in practice, too, chasing running backs and receivers and swiping at the ball long after the whistle blows and griping at referees over where the ball should be spotted in short-yardage work.

He doesn't disagree that it's on him and Carter to lead the way.

"We have to get better, and we have to get better fast," Lee said.

Zeke Spruill (0-1), who went four innings in his first major league start. Pierzynski later added a two-run single.

Those homers were all hit early for the Rangers, who came off a three-game sweep of the Los Angeles Angels with game-ending homers in each. They had been shut out in three of the four games before the short homestand, and will now play 10 in a row on the road.

"Our offense has woken up, and the key is to just keep going," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "We knew it was in there, it was just a matter of it coming out, and we're playing as a group."

Darvish struck out 10 of his first 13 batters, marking the 16th time since he joined the Rangers from Japan last season that he fanned at least 10. Dwight Gooden with 20 is the only other pitcher since 1900 with more in his first 50 starts.

"He was as good as I've seen him all year, counting the almost perfect game he threw the first start of the year. His stuff was just nasty," said Pierzynski, also the catcher when Darvish retired the first 26 batters at Houston four months ago. "He was throwing fastballs to the corners, he had a really good split, and obviously he always has a slider."

"He just kept mixing it up, and the strikeouts just kept coming and coming. Nights like that are fun."

It was the fourth game this season Darvish reached 14 strikeouts — there are only two

other 14-K games in the majors this season. It is the most 14-strikeout games in one season for the Rangers, surpassing Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan's three in 1990. Over seven seasons in Japan, Darvish had 15 strikeouts three times.

The only Arizona starter who didn't strike out was Cody Ross. Leadoff hitter Gerardo Parra, who had a 10-game interleague hitting streak, and All-Star first baseman Paul Goldschmidt both struck out three times against Darvish.

"He was using all his pitches, pounding the strike zone," Washington said. "Everything he threw up there, they just couldn't get on."

The Diamondbacks scored their only run in the ninth inning on Martin Prado's RBI single.

Arizona had to make a side trip to Texas, on the way from Tampa Bay to Boston, to make up the game postponed on May 29 because of unplayable field conditions. A severe thunderstorm hit the area about an hour before that scheduled game, and the grounds crew struggled to get the tarp on the field.

For the makeup, it was 101 degrees when the game started and still in the upper 90s at the end.

Texas right fielder Nelson Cruz is among 14 players targeted for discipline by Major League Baseball because of their relationship to a closed Florida anti-aging clinic accused of distributing banned performance-enhancing drugs. The All-Star was lifted for a pinch-hitter in the seventh because of tightness in his left quad.

Depending on the timing and length of any possible suspension, which could be announced this weekend, it could have been the last home game this season for Cruz. He leads the Rangers with 25 home runs and 73 RBIs and is eligible for free agency after the season.

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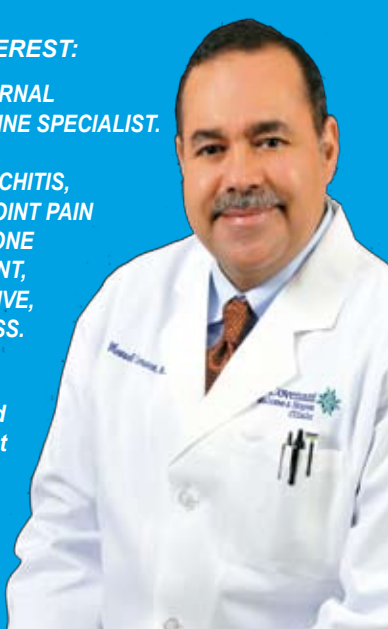
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awkwardly in a pile — came after he had a career-high 21 tackles against Seattle and just a week after he tripled his career best in quarterback pressures with six.

Lee uses the word "urgency" a

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thought processes in the box," Arizona's Adam Eaton said. "When you hit your spots and you have that many pitches, it's tough as a hitter to put the ball in play and get good swings on the ball."

Darvish also had 14 strikeouts when he faced the Diamondbacks just more than two months ago. But they managed to score four runs over 7 2-3 innings that night and won with a run in the ninth.

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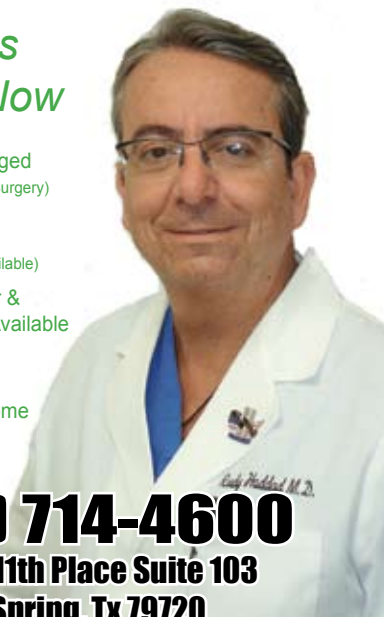
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