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## Robbery suspect killed in Lubbock

**Herald Staff Report**

An 18-year-old man wanted in connection with an aggravated robbery in Big Spring, died early Wednesday morning in Lubbock from stab wounds.

According to a press release from Lubbock police, officers found Fabian Rios lying in the grass near the front porch



Rios

of 2023 89th St. in Lubbock with stab wounds to the chest, a little less than an hour after midnight. Rios was pronounced dead at the scene and homicide and crime scene detectives were called in for a follow-up. Officers had initially

responded to a call regarding a man who had been shot in the head.

According to Lubbock police, Rios was believed to have been in Lubbock for about a week.

Lubbock Police believe Rios' killer left the scene in a black Ford Explorer Sport-Trac SUV with a small pickup bed and a New Mexico

license plate. Anyone with information on the case can call Crime Line at 806-741-1000.

Rios was wanted in connection with the aggravated robbery of Big A's Shaved Ice which occurred June 9. A second subject, Heriberto Medina-Torres, 21, of Big Spring, was interviewed the next day of the robbery by police resulting from citizens'

tips. During the interview, he confessed to the robbery, according to Big Spring Police. Medina-Torres was arrested on a charge of aggravated robbery.

On June 12, the Big Spring-Howard County Big Spring Crime Stoppers Facebook page posted Rios as a fugitive wanted in connection to the crime.



### Gone fishin'

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Rayman Overton, left, and Steven Savell enjoy a cool morning at Comanche Trail Lake fishing. Big Spring residents woke up to cooler than normal July weather brought in from a storm front last night which also dropped some much-needed rain in the area.

## Patients fake, but skills real

HC dental students to employ sims for training

BY LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Howard College dental students will have another tool in their educational belt starting sometime in the fall.

Howard College trustees approved a \$169,020 bid this week for eight SmartSim Hygiene Models to be used for practice by dental hygiene students on the Big Spring campus.

College officials believe the simulation models will be ready to be used sometime in the fall semester, according to Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Howard College president.

Once ready, students will practice on the simulation equipment to hone their skills, but the new edition will not be a



Sparks

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## GAO: HealthCare rollout lacked effective planning

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Management failures by the Obama administration set the stage for computer woes that paralyzed the president's new health care program last fall, nonpartisan investigators said in a report released Wednesday.

While the administration was publicly assuring consumers that they would soon have seamless online access to health insurance, a chaotic procurement process was about to deliver a stumbling start.

After a months-long investigation, the Government Accountability Office found that the administration lacked "effective planning or oversight practices" for the development of HealthCare.gov, the portal for millions of uninsured Americans.

As a result the government incurred "significant cost increases, schedule slips and delayed system functionality," William Woods, a GAO

**"Millions of taxpayer dollars were wasted to build a website that didn't work, all because of bureaucratic incompetence."**

Sen. Orrin Hatch  
 R-Utah

contracting expert, said in testimony prepared for a hearing Thursday by the House Energy and Commerce Committee. The GAO is the nonpartisan investigative agency of Congress.

Spokesman Aaron Albright said the administration takes its responsibility to contract oversight seriously and has already started carrying out improvements that go beyond GAO's recommendations. The congressional investigators recommended a cost-control plan and other changes to establish clear procedures and improve oversight.

But Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, one of the lawmakers who requested the investiga-

tion, said, "Millions of taxpayer dollars were wasted to build a website that didn't work, all because of bureaucratic incompetence."

Investigators found that the administration kept changing the contractors' marching orders for the HealthCare.gov website, creating widespread confusion and adding tens of millions of dollars in costs. Changes were ordered seemingly willy-nilly, including 40 times when government officials did not have the initial authority to incur additional costs.

The report faults the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service for ineffective oversight. Known as CMS, the

agency is part of the Health and Human Services Department and was designated to administer Obama's health care law.

The GAO concluded:

— Contractors were not given a coherent plan, and instead jumped around from issue to issue.

— The cost of a glitchy computerized sign-up system for consumers ballooned from \$56 million to more than \$209 million from September 2011 to February 2014. The cost of the electronic backroom for verifying applicants' information jumped from \$30 million to almost \$85 million.

— CMS, representing the administration, failed to follow up on how well the contractors performed.

— A third contract, for fixes to the website, grew from \$91 million in January to \$175 million as of last month.

Two contractors initially took the lead building the system:

Virginia-based CGI Fed

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# Take note

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Jesse Trevino, Antonio Subia Valencia, Armando Vera, Richard Vera, Carl Van Veet, Joyce Walker, Herbert Ward, Roy Lee Warren, Glee Webb, James Webb, Betty L. Welch, Michael David Wiggins, Rocky Wooley and Manuel Ybarra.

• The hang gliders will be in Big Spring Aug. 2 and 3. Tandem flights will be available at \$100 per flight. To schedule a flight, contact Russell Brown at 352-516-8616.

• The Cross Roads Young Marines are now taking applications for another boot camp. For more informa-

tion, call 432-517-4791. Young Marines welcomes boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are still attending school.

• A bank account has been set up to help defray funeral expenses for the family of Shelly Lopez. To make a donation to the Shelly Lopez Memorial fund contact the Big Spring Educational Employee Federal Credit Union at 263-8393 located at 1110 Benton.

• Mitchell County Senior Citizen Dance, Colorado City Civic Center, 157 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Colorado City, Texas, July 24 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., \$5 per person. Live music, Mike Porter and Friends. Bring snacks to share.

• Crossroads Hospice is looking for volunteers. Come and be part of our team. Contact Eva at 432-263-5300.

• Help Kids Succeed is asking the public to help local struggling families with back to school expenses. The average family spends between \$200 and \$600 per child. Jury Padron and her husband Peter Padron hope to "pay it forward" by helping these families with donations of clothes, shoes or school supplies. To make a donation, go to [www.gofundme.com/ams9v8](http://www.gofundme.com/ams9v8) or in person by cash, check or money order. To make a supply donation or for more information call Jury at 638-0861 or Peter at 270-5228.

• Friends of the Library is asking the public to begin gathering books for donation to the annual book sale. Books should be in good condition. Please, no magazines or condensed books. Friends will let the public know when to begin bringing books

to the Howard County Library.

• Forsan School – All Class Reunion will be held Saturday, Aug. 2, 2014, from 9:30 a.m. until late. Lunch will be held at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person. The meeting will be held at the Forsan High School cafeteria. Dress is casual. All ex-students, spouses, teachers and friends of the school are invited. Volunteers are needed to help as well as donations for door prizes. For more information, call 432-264-9580, 432-270-7086, 432-267-2414.

• The Big Spring Senior Center dance is open to all ages. No alcohol or smoking. Our parking lot is now well lit, and we are handicapped accessible. The cost is \$8 per person.

• The Powwow Committee of Big Spring has been restructured and is seeking new members, according to committee secretary Greg Bodin. "Please accept our invitation to attend a meeting." For more information, call 432-267-4843 or 432-935-0125.

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

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eral built HealthCare.gov, the consumer-facing portal to subsidized private coverage for the uninsured. The site serves 36 states, while the remaining states built their own systems, with mixed results.

QSSI, based in Maryland, was responsible for an electronic back office that helps verify personal and financial information to determine whether consumers are eligible for tax credits to help pay their premiums.

The consumer end of the system locked up the day it was launched, Oct. 1, and was down most of

that initial month. The electronic back office had fewer problems.

A few months before the launch, the CMS agency notified CGI it was so dissatisfied that it would start withholding payments. Then it rescinded that decision.

CMS ultimately paid nearly all of CGI's \$12.5 million in fees, withholding only \$267,000, the report said. The agency later ended its contract with CGI. Another contractor, Accenture, was brought in to make website fixes.

Confronted with a public relations disaster, the White House sent in a troubleshooter, management consultant Jeff Zients. He removed CMS as project leader, relegating it to a sup-

porting role.

CMS administrator Marilyn Tavenner later personally apologized to Congress, saying, "The website has not worked as well as it should."

Zients' rescue operation got the site working by early December. Eventually, some 8 million people managed to sign up, far exceeding expectations.

Nonetheless, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius stepped down amid complaints by White House officials that the president was blindsided by the problems.

The original contractors testified to Congress that they did not have nearly enough time to test the system before it

went live.

Indeed, Tavenner took the unusual step of signing the operational security certificate for HealthCare.gov herself, after CMS security professionals balked. The site has since passed full security testing.

The GAO's findings added to earlier conclusions in a report by Zients after his team got the website to work.

Beyond a maze of technical problems, Zients said he found "inadequate management

oversight and coordination" that "prevented real-time decision making and efficient responses."

Obama has already weathered the worst storms from the bungled health care launch, so the report is unlikely to create major political problems for the White House and Democrats generally.

But it does shine a light on what was going on behind the scenes even as administration officials fostered the

impression that signing up for health care would be simple, like shopping online.

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substitute for live practice, Sparks said. Howard College will continue to provide low-cost, dental services to the community as part of its training program.

"The dental hygiene clinic is open to the public. You just have to make reservations," Sparks said. "Because it is a training situation and the instructors are going to be closely monitoring the process, it does take a little longer than a normal cleaning. I can tell you that it is very thorough and the instructors are assuring that everything is being done exactly as it should be.

"The students are not allowed to start working

on individuals until they are ready to do so," she continued. "This simulation lab is an extra opportunity to practice in a simulated environment before they have an opportunity to move into the real setting."

Funds for the purchase was made available by a private donation from Marie Hall given late last year to support the expansion of the dental hygiene program. The gift is funding the expansion in three phases that

includes support for a dental faculty chair and a dental assisting faculty chair, faculty development and student support services, the simulation lab, extended online education courses, and satellite clinical sites.

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# Opinion

# Doing well by doing good

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## DAILY PRAYER

Help us to always find some good in every situation, oh Lord, no matter how bad it seems.  
**Amen**

How curious to watch “60 Minutes,” the famously hard-hitting TV newsmagazine, bless JPMorgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon with prime-time beatification for hiring some interns from poor backgrounds. The segment’s headline is “Jobs program benefits Fortune 500 and underprivileged youth.”

“Many of the country’s most powerful CEOs are finding that they can do well by also doing good,” growls Morley Safer like the war correspondent he once was.

The subject is Year Up, a “boot camp” that grooms struggling young people for corporate jobs. Let’s say this right off: Year Up is a wonderful program. Founded by tech entrepreneur Gerald Chertavian, it deserves the highest praise.

But there’s Dimon sharing the glory for doing the smallest of good — very small, given the Wall Street behemoth’s \$18 billion annual income. Safer’s questions are so affectionate that Dimon almost seems embarrassed being asked them.

“Now firms like J.P. Morgan are actually paying Year Up \$23,000 per intern,” Safer says with awe. Actually, the investment bank’s hotshots spend more than that on one month’s American Express bill.

“Has that investment paid off

for you?” Safer asks.

Yes, it has, answers Dimon. His company has done well by doing good.

But it’s done so much better by doing bad.

For instance, JPMorgan Chase recently settled government charges that it palmed garbage mortgages on unsuspecting investors. At the bottom of this subprime-mortgage food chain were the low- and moderate-income borrowers milked by exploding interest rates and punishing upfront fees. Many lost their houses in the inevitable financial collapse.

Since 2011, JPMorgan Chase has made an estimated \$185 million helping American companies renounce their U.S. citizenship to avoid paying taxes in this country — all the while staying put. We speak of the “inversion” loophole, whereby a company merges with a smaller one in a lower-tax country and then claims to be based there.

President Obama has called companies exploiting this tax trick “corporate deserters.” Exploitation of the loophole is expected to deprive the U.S. Treasury of close to \$20 billion over the next decade. Other taxpayers will have to fill the gap — or we could cut government programs, including those that help “underprivileged youth.”

The investment banks say that if they don’t do the deals, their competitors will. That may be true, but Wall Street owns Congress. If JPMorgan Chase really wanted to make a patriotic gesture, it could lead an industry-

wide campaign urging Congress to end the dodge.

Don’t these societally damaging activities rate at least a dishonorable mention on “60 Minutes”? Worry not. The newsmagazine markets itself as hard-nosed investigative journalism, so it will get around to the “uncomfortable” part — to the ugly details. Right?

“It’s no secret that Wall Street’s image has been tarnished over the last couple of years,” Safer eventually says, letting mild skepticism creep into his voice. He’s so scary that Dimon feels obliged to respond with a sheepish laugh.

Safer goes on: To what extent is this activity “window dressing” to show “civic responsibility”?

Dimon responds: “I think we are civically responsible. We don’t want to drive successful people down. You want to get people who don’t have the opportunity, you want to give them the opportunity.”

And “60 Minutes” lets it go at that.

“60 Minutes” still does some great investigative pieces, but sheesh. Sometimes that clock ticks down in a sad way.

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# Dr. Politics on Biden’s big chance

Ask Dr. Politics! You are fair, and we are unbalanced!

Dear Dr. Politics: Is President Barack Obama going to be impeached?

**Answer:** Only if the Republicans go totally nuts — which means it’s possible.

Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., has said:

“We see thuggery going on in the White House. We’re not going to take it.”

Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, has said: “From my standpoint, if the president (enacts more executive actions on immigration), we need to bring impeachment hearings immediately before the House of Representatives.”

GOP intellectual Sarah Palin, who would have been a heart-beat away from the presidency if Americans could have stopped laughing at the prospect, has said that “the many impeachable offenses of Barack Obama can no longer be ignored” and that if “he’s not impeachable, then no one is.”

And Obama’s senior aide Dan Pfeiffer told reporters recently he would not discount the possibility of impeachment. He thinks House Speaker John Boehner “has opened the door to Republicans possibly considering impeachment at some point in the future.”

But who would benefit most from an Obama impeachment? It wouldn’t be the Republicans. It would be Vice President Joe Biden.

If Obama were to be impeached by the House and removed by the Senate, Biden would become president right at the start of the 2016 presidential race. And he would be in a very strong position to run for election as an incumbent.

It is possible Hillary Clinton might even decline to run against a sitting Democratic president. Maybe Biden would offer her the vice presidency. Maybe Biden, who will turn 72 this year, would agree to run for only one term so Hillary could run in 2020.

All of which is highly unlikely — which is why it might happen.

**Dear Dr. Politics:** Should Obama have gone to the Mexican border to visit all those sad migrant children? Wouldn’t that have been good optics?

**Answer:** Optics is a tricky thing. First, the press has become obsessed with how events are staged, which is not surprising, seeing as serving in public office has become an extended theatrical performance, an elaborate roadshow. So when staging goes wrong, it becomes a story unto itself.

Remember when George W. Bush, wearing a flight suit, climbed out of a Lockheed S-3 Viking jet after landing aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln on May 1, 2003?

Even if you don’t remember that, I’ll bet you do remember one thing: the banner behind him, which said, “Mission Accomplished.” That was optics, but it was the worst kind of optics.

So what would have happened if President Obama had gone to one of those grim, overcrowded detention centers where migrant children are being kept along our border with Mexico? The kids would have crowded around him, their faces beaming.

Those who spoke English might have said, “We love you!”

And President Obama might have said: “I love you back! Which is why I have asked Congress for billions of dollars to speed your deportation!”

The kids might have been a little downcast at that. And downcast kids usually don’t make for good TV.

“But don’t worry,” President Obama might have said. “Once you return home to your dangerous, poverty-stricken countries, you will be free to get in line and apply for refugee status to come to the United States. Sure hope you make it. Goodbye and good luck!”

Then, as the kids burst into tears, Obama could have gone down the rope line, posing for selfies with them.

Good optics? I think he was better off golfing.

**Dear Dr. Politics:** Did Rep. Curt Clawson, R-Fla., really mistake two senior U.S. officials testifying before the House Foreign

Affairs Committee as officials from India and make a complete jackass out of himself?

**Answer:** You be the judge. Even though members of the committee had been given biographical information about the two witnesses and even though Clawson has said he is an expert on the Indian subcontinent and loves Bollywood movies, he found himself faced with two people named Nisha Biswal and Arun Kumar.

So naturally, Clawson assumed they were Indians. After all, they had Indian names and dark skin. Clawson forgot that not all Americans have pale skin and names like Clawson.

In fact, Biswal is the assistant secretary of state for South and Central Asian affairs, and Kumar is the assistant secretary of commerce for global markets and director general of the U.S. Commercial Service. Both, needless to say, are American citizens.

But how could Clawson have known that? Sure, it was on a piece of paper in front of him, but both names sounded as if they could have been those of Bollywood movie stars.

“I’m familiar with your country; I love your country,” Clawson told them as his colleagues sat aghast. “Anything I can do to make the relationship with India better, I’m willing and enthusiastic about doing so.”

When afterward Clawson found out about his mistake, he did what elected officials do: He blamed his staff.

“I made a mistake in speaking before being fully briefed and I apologize,” he said in a statement. “I’m a quick study, but in this case I shot an air ball.”

Dr. Politics would like to help Clawson avoid further air balls. If he is wandering the halls of Congress and meets a guy named Chaka Fattah, Clawson shouldn’t welcome him to America. Fattah was born in Philadelphia.

*Roger Simon is Politico’s chief political columnist. His new e-book, “Reckoning: Campaign 2012 and the Fight for the Soul of America,” can be found on Amazon.com, BN.com and iTunes.*

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FROMA HARROP



ROGER SIMON

## It's yearbook time...



Courtesy Photo/Coahoma ISD

**Blake Zitterkopf and Faith Parum are the editors of the 2014-2015 Coahoma High yearbook staff.**

### Parum, Zitterkopf attend yearbook workshop

Faith Parum and Blake Zitterkopf, members of the Coahoma High School yearbook staff, joined Coahoma Yearbook adviser Carole Cole at the 2014 Yearbook Workshop held in Lubbock, Texas, on July 22-23.

The workshop, sponsored by Jerry Clark, Balfour company representative, was held at Lubbock Christian University, and drew

yearbook representatives from 21 West Texas schools.

Bradley Wilson, PhD, associate professor, Midwestern State University, was the featured instructor. Formulating the 2014-2015 yearbook theme and incorporating current design elements highlighted this year's workshop.

Faith and Blake will take the lead role as

editors of the 2014-2015 Coahoma yearbook and will be joined by several additional students when school begins in August.

The staff will be busy preparing the 2014-2015 Bulldog yearbook for publication in the summer of 2014. Contact the Coahoma yearbook staff at 432-394-5000 to reserve your copy of the 2014-2015 Bulldog today.

## Teens love vacation selfies

**BETH J. HARPAZ**

AP Travel Editor

NEW YORK (AP) — Jacquie Whitt's trip to the Galapagos with a group of teenagers was memorable not just for the scenery and wildlife, but also for the way the kids preserved their memories. It was, said Whitt, a "selfie fest."

For this generation, "digital devices are now part of the interpretive experience," said Whitt, co-founder of Adios Adventure Travel.

Indeed, many parents love seeing their kids taking selfies and posting to social media when they travel. It shows "they are engaged and excited about where they are and what they are doing," said Susan Austin, a photographer and Iowa mom. "To some, it might be bragging, but I think it's more about a way today's teens connect with and feel part of a group."

But some adults think there's a downside to vacation selfies. They see them as narcissistic distractions that can detract from the travel experience. And they point to controversial examples — like a smiling selfie from Auschwitz posted to Twitter — as proof of the potential for poor judgment when young travelers use social media.

In addition, when traveling teens spend time taking selfies, "they're so busy documenting, I wonder whether they're actually experiencing it," said Peg Streep, who writes about psychology and millennials. "What should be an experience of learning and growth instead just says, 'Look at me.' It's a narcissistic moment that's really about getting likes."

Streep pointed to a study by Linda Henkel of Fairfield University in Connecticut that found museum visitors remember more about what they've seen if

they don't take photos of the objects they're viewing. That suggests that any type of picture-taking can take "you out of the moment of the experience and shifts your attention."

Another concern is practical. A real-time selfie from a far-off place tells the world you're not home. Leora Halpern Lanz, of Long Island, New York, loves it when her three kids take vacation selfies because it's their way "of validating where they were." But they're not allowed to post images until the trip is over: "I don't need their friends or friends of friends knowing the house is empty."

Lanz says the widely criticized Auschwitz selfie also shows "the risks of kids posting on social media" when they don't know what's appropriate.

Breanna Mitchell, the young woman who took the smiling Auschwitz selfie, received death threats and messages urging her to kill herself after the image went viral. In a video interview with TakePart Live, Mitchell said the selfie was misinterpreted. She'd studied World War II history with her father and they'd planned to visit historic sites together, but he died before they could make the trip.

Her selfie from the grounds of the concentration camp was her way of saying, "I finally made it here. I finally got where me and my daddy had always said we were going to go," she told TakePart Live. Looking back now on the selfie, she says, "I just went so wrong with that."

Still, most travel selfies are innocent and purely celebratory — as well as being a way for teens to keep in touch with peers. Taylor Garcia, 17, who traveled to Texas this summer on a family road trip from Oklahoma, says

selfies are a fun way to remember places like Disney, SeaWorld and the Caribbean, but she also takes them "because I want to show my friends what I'm doing."

Her mom, Melissa Garcia, who posts her own family trip photos on her blog, ConsumerQueen.com, encourages the selfies. "It's a great way to preserve memories," she said, adding that other families have contacted her after seeing the photos to get advice for their trips.

Austin's daughter Abigail, 18, who shared selfies from a trip to Portugal, doesn't see the point of posting travel pictures without familiar faces in them. She wants a photo that shows, "Hey, I'm having fun! And I like seeing them of other people, too."

But at least one tour company, Tauck, has a written policy discouraging digital devices. For Tauck's Bridges program, which specializes in multi-generational family trips, guests are asked to "turn off and stow their smart phones, tablets and other portable electronic devices during shared group time."

Tauck spokesman Tom Armstrong says the company understands that digital devices can help teens pass the time during long car rides, flights or other downtime, "and we have no issue with that." But "when the tour director is giving commentary, or during museum visits, we think that our younger guests will actually get much more out of their trip if they're engaged in the experience and not distracted."

The bottom line, says Whitt: "Like all new emerging technology, the devices can be fun and wholesome, entertainment for all ages, or misused."

### Teacher who survived Sandy Hook has book deal

NEW YORK (AP) — A Connecticut teacher who helped save students' lives during the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre has a book deal.

G.P. Putnam's Sons announced Tuesday that "Choosing Hope: Moving Forward from Your Life's Darkest Hour" by teacher Kaitlin

Roig-DeBellis will be released next spring. The publisher says the book will be a "poignant account of personal triumph over unbearable tragedy." Robin Gaby Fisher is co-writing it.

Roig-DeBellis hurried 15 first-graders into a bathroom upon hearing gunfire at the school in Newtown, Connecticut,

on Dec. 14, 2012, saving their lives. The gunman eventually shot himself to death after gunning down his mother, six teachers and 20 children.

Last year, Roig-DeBellis founded Classes 4 Classes, a non-profit that advocates teaching children that all lives are connected.



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## Permian Basin Area Foundation awards area student scholars

AP—The Permian Basin Area Foundation awarded numerous scholarships during its 18th annual scholarship dinner.

Recipients include the following area students:

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• Della and Tom Campbell Family Scholarship: Logan Yarbar

• Sharyland Utilities Scholarship: Ali Knight

• Permian Honor Scholarship: Jeri Duenes, Nathan Jimenez, Amanda King and Antonio Solis

• West-Tex Telephone Cooperative Scholarship: Brett Borman, Sarah Melendez and Matthew Mims

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• Bob and Dorothy Deavenport Scholarship: Christian Arndt

• Grace Loveless Jones Scholarship: Sarah Baker, Drew Snellgrove

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# Steers adjust volleyball, football schedules

**TOMMY WELLS**  
Sports Editor

Big Spring High School football and volleyball players and fans will see a few changes in their teams' schedules in the coming weeks. That is because BSHS officials were forced to make several changes in recent days.

One of the bigger changes

to the upcoming fall sports schedule will include the Big Spring freshman, junior varsity and varsity football teams. According to BSHS Athletic Secretary Kay Cook, the site of Steers' upcoming scrimmage with Lubbock Estacado has been changed. The teams, who are scheduled to face off in preseason workouts on Aug. 22, will now hold their

scrimmage in Lubbock.

The freshman team will lead off the scrimmage outing beginning at 5 p.m. The junior varsity team will follow, with the varsity squads taking to the field at approximately 7 p.m.

The Steers will open the 2014 season on Aug. 30 at Bobcat Stadium in San Angelo against Kerrville.

The BSHS volleyball team

will also be adjusting to a new schedule - although not a major one.

The Lady Steers were forced to trim one day off their schedule when Abilene Independent School District officials announced the annual Key City Invitational had been shortened from a 2-day tournament to one day.

The tournament, which

had originally be scheduled for Aug. 22-23, will be held on Aug. 23.

The BSHS volleyball team will begin its 2014 season on Aug. 12 when they travel to Abilene to face off with Abilene Cooper and Abilene High. They will also play in Abilene on Aug. 15-16 in the annual Bev Ball Invitational Tournament.

# Cowboys ink Tyron Smith to 8-year extension

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Tyron Smith has a new contract that will probably make him the most important blocker for the next Dallas quarterback after Tony Romo.

The Pro Bowl left tackle signed an eight-year, \$98 million extension Wednesday that pushes the total value of his deal to \$110 million over 10 years, locking him up through 2023.

The extension includes a \$10 million signing bonus and \$40 million in guaranteed money. Smith joins Romo as the only Cowboys with contracts valued at more than \$100 million.

Smith was just 20 when the Cowboys took him ninth overall in 2011 out of Southern California. That was Jason Garrett's first draft as coach.

"That first one says a lot about what you believe," Garrett said. "He's something else. We really emphasize the importance of mental toughness. We believe that's a distinguishing trait in players and in teams. And he represents that in spades. He's off the charts."

In a statement through his marketing agency, Smith said the Cowboys approached him with what is a cap-friendly deal for the franchise, and the lineman asked his agents to weigh the pros and cons of signing it.

Smith said part of his reasoning was rewarding owner Jerry Jones for standing by him during a difficult time that included Smith's lawyer accusing the player's parents of taking money from him after he had set up a way to give them a portion of his rookie contract.

"They've looked out for me and I just wanted to look out for them," Smith told reporters after Wednesday's late practice. "The deal they of-

## Jones: Brent out of rehab, NFL next?

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones says former defensive tackle Josh Brent is out of rehabilitation and could have his future with the NFL resolved before the team leaves training camp in California in two weeks.

Jones said Wednesday from training camp that Brent was released from rehab this week.

The 26-year-old Brent was convicted in January of intoxication manslaughter for the December 2012 crash that killed Jerry Brown, a Cowboys practice squad player. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail and 10 years' probation. He left jail last month and entered a rehab facility in Dallas.

A spokeswoman for the Dallas County District Attorney's Office didn't return a message.

The release from rehab came about the same time the Cowboys lost rookie defensive end DeMarcus Lawrence for at least two months with a broken right foot.

Dallas is revamping its defensive line after releasing franchise sacks leader DeMarcus Ware in March.

ferred me, didn't really need much and it's something I was really comfortable before I took it."

Executive vice president Stephen Jones said the Cowboys wanted to make Smith the highest-paid left tackle in the NFL.

## Tribe makes trade with Cards

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Indians had little choice but to give up Justin Masterson. The trade doesn't mean they're going to surrender the season.

"We will never raise the white flag," Cleveland manager Terry Francona said. "That's not an option. Anybody who stands next to me in the dugout knows that will never happen."

Protecting themselves in case the 29-year-old Masterson left as a free agent af-

ter the season, the Indians traded the right-hander on Wednesday to the St. Louis Cardinals.

The trade of Masterson could be followed by other moves by the Indians, who entered Wednesday 6 1-2 games behind first-place Detroit in the AL Central and in a scramble with five other teams for the league's second wild-card spot.

The Indians could also trade shortstop Asdrubal Cabrera before the deadline.

## Rios injured in Rangers' win

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Right fielder Alex Rios has left the Texas Rangers game Wednesday after getting hit by a pitch on the left quad.

The Rangers called the move precautionary after Rios left Wednesday night's game against the New York Yankees.

Rios, considered a potential trade possibility before Thursday's non-waiver trading deadline, stayed in the game to run after getting hit by a pitch thrown by Hiroki Kuroda in the third inning. But Daniel Robertson replaced Rios in right field in the next inning.



## Getting close ...

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers will get their preseason practices under way on Monday. Practices times and sites will appear in this weekend's edition of the Big Spring Herald.

# Rangers get rare series win with 3-2 romp over Yankees

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers starter Colby Lewis did a bit of reminiscing when he noticed the stands filling up while he warmed up in the bullpen before the game.

The veteran right-hander went out and provided a promising flashback performance against the New York Yankees, even after another lead-off homer by Brett Gardner. The Rangers clinched their first series in a month with a 3-2 victory Wednesday night.

Lewis retired the last 13 batters he faced in seven strong innings, much like the 2010 AL championship series when he beat the Yankees twice — including the Game 6 clincher at home that got Texas to its first

World Series. He had since missed the last half of 2012 because of elbow surgery and missed all of 2013, when he had an unprecedented hip procedure for a major league pitcher that was just short of a full hip replacement.

"I was definitely an adjustment period getting used to a prosthetic hip, I guess," Lewis said. "As the weeks have kind of transitioned into the second half, I feel like every time I take the mound, I feel like I'm getting stronger."

The Rangers had lost seven consecutive series since taking two of three Minnesota from June 27-29.

Texas went ahead to stay with three runs in the first off

Hiroki Kuroda (7-7). Elvis Andrus had an RBI double and scored the tiebreaking run on a single by Adrian Beltre, who came home on Leonys Martin's single.

Lewis (7-8) allowed four hits, with four strikeouts and New York didn't have another runner after Carlos Beltran's two-out single in the third.

"He made some adjustments along the way, and he just showed his presence and his veteran presence out there," manager Ron Washington said.

Neftali Feliz pitched a perfect ninth for his third as many chances since re-assuming the closer role.

## Dodgeball tourney set for Aug. 2 at 'Y'

A dodgeball tournament has been slated for Aug. 2.

The tournament is sponsored by the Scenic Mountain Medical Center/Family Medical Center Cancer Crushers Relay for Life team.

Registration begins at 9

a.m. and the game starts at 10:30 a.m. at the YMCA. Each team is limited to 10 people and the cost is \$6 per person. Pre-registration is available. Prizes will be given for first and second place.

Concessions will be available during the tourney. On

tourney day, please wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel.

All proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the annual Relay for Life.

For more information, call Beverly Grant at 432-935-4291 or 432-268-4952.

## BSHS football season tickets on sale

Season tickets for the Big Spring High School Steers' upcoming football season are now available.

Season tickets went on sale on July 21 and will be available to fans until Aug. 14. Tickets can be purchased from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

from Monday through Thursday at the Dorothy Garrett Athletic Training Center, which is located adjacent to Blankenship Field.

The cost for the 4-game package is \$20 per booklet. Each ticket booklet contains passes to the Steers' home

games.

The Steers' home schedule will feature games with Hereford (Sept. 14), Andrews (Sept. 28), Stephenville (Oct. 24) and Brownwood (Nov. 7).

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1) County Indigent ealth Care Program, County Welfare and howard County Juvenile Probation Office.  
2) Howard County Detention Center  
Specifications may be obtained at the County Indigent ealth Care Office, loctaed at the Howard County Courthouse, 300 Main Street, Room 310, Big Spring, texas 79720. Bids will be presented to the Commissioners' Court for their consideration on Monday, August 11, 2014. The court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.  
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**Public Notice**

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Equipment 75000.00

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Schools & Conferences 300.00

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Equipment 1500.00

**County Attorney**  
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#8397 July 30, 2014

## Annie's Mailbox

**Dear Annie:** I have two daughters who have their biological father's last name. He never phones or visits. In six years, he has seen them once for an hour.

I would like to change their last name to my maiden name. I have full physical and legal custody of my girls. My ex has supervised visitation that he hasn't taken advantage of. I married a wonderful man seven years ago, and he is truly their father.

I have no idea where their biological father lives. I've asked his sister, and she, too, has no clue. He has been in and out of jail on drug charges, and seeing as he isn't paying child support or showing any interest in the girls, I don't feel they should have to use his last name.

How do I go about changing their names with the least amount of trouble? I can't afford a lawyer. My girls are 8 and 9 years old, and I'd like to get this done. -- *L.A., Calif.*

**Dear L.A.:** Contact your state or county courthouse and find out what forms are necessary to request a name change for minor children, and follow whatever additional instructions are required. (Should your ex reappear and contest this at a later date, you may need to contact a lawyer.)

Before taking this step, however, consider how your girls will feel down the road. They may be

perfectly content to be totally disconnected from their biological father, but we caution you not to make your animosity toward him part of the package. When they are older, please allow them to have their background information should they request it.

**Dear Annie:** When it comes to relationships, whether family or friends, I've always had to be the one to pursue communication with them. They rarely call to say hello or ask how things are going.

I recently moved from Tennessee to Indiana and feel like I'm by myself. I have few friends here. What would you suggest I do? -- *Lonely Hoosier*

**Dear Hoosier:** It takes time to make friends in a new location. We recommend you get involved in local activities through your church, community centers, gyms, volunteer organizations, etc., as well as groups that hold interest for you, such as choirs, theater troupes, political organizations, book clubs and so on, which you can find online or through meetup.com.

Some people, like you, are better at maintaining communication than others. But you also could ask some close friends or family members why they so rarely call. Sometimes there are problems that can be easily remedied.

**Dear Annie:** Can I add one more story to the

replies to "Frustrated with Noise," about children crying in church?

Many years ago, my family and I attended a large church in Groton, Conn. It was always packed to capacity. Sitting in front of us was another family with small children. As soon as the service started, the child who was sitting on his parent's lap started screaming demonically. I had never heard any human being scream that loudly. Neither parent made any attempt to quiet the child. They sat there like petrified stone.

The child continued screaming as the preacher attempted to give his sermon. Even though he was using a microphone, he could not override the child's screaming. Suddenly, the preacher said in a booming voice: "In the name of Jesus Christ, I command you to be quiet!" The child stopped screaming instantaneously, and we didn't hear a peep out of him for the rest of the service. -- *C.*

*Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please email your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.*

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Mercury Enters  
Leo

Mercury, road manager and minister of communication, leaves the domestic realm of Cancer for the splashier realm of Leo. External validation feels wonderful, but it's a slippery slope. If you're always going for the applause, you'll lose your moral center and become a slave to public opinion. So take your bow, but keep things in perspective, too.



HOLIDAY  
MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). It will be as though the world is providing a pause to help you gracefully transition to a new idea. Accept the lull - it's a gift. Don't be too quick to move the action along.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). New problems keep you sharp. Of course, you prefer to think of them as "situations" that are all well within your capability even though that's yet to be proved. Because your attitude is so positive, you'll prevail.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Sometimes you get lucky and stumble upon a free ride, but generally speaking, you have to buy the ticket first. The opportunity to invest in

your "ticket" will come along this afternoon, and that window will close tonight.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). There's power in stillness because stillness is potential. Also, people project their inner desires onto a still surface. Your inner stillness enables you to reflect the hopes and wishes of others back to them.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Temptations abound, but you know a trap when you see one. Maybe you'll get away with the prize, but is it worth the risk? As a fellow Leo suggested, "Better shun the bait than struggle in the snare." -- John Dryden

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Relationships spark to the subtlest changes. Add or subtract one element, and everything will be different. For

instance, your experience may be transformed by adding music.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It takes maturity to separate yourself from your problem, and you have a mature view, as you attempt to walk around it, rise above it and observe it from as many angles as possible.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). As a rule, you prefer not to be the most interesting person in the room. You'd rather be where there are so many interesting people that you don't even know whom to talk to first. That's the kind of room you'll encounter today.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be hyper-aware of the "time is money" theme of the day. Small talk may build rapport, but you have little patience for it now, as there's some pressure

to get to the business at hand.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When you're putting yourself out there, criticism comes with the territory. You welcome it. In fact, you may even ask for it. You want your work to be the best, and that means processing some feedback.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You woke up with a certain person on your mind, and this person is outside of your circle of daily interactions. Take it as the sign it is, and reach out to that person. You two are due for some communication.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Sometimes the feeling that you know something is preferable to the actual knowledge. Understandable. You have bravely, repeatedly stepped into the unknown, and now you're ready for comfort and reprieve.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (July 31). Pursue impossibilities this year because you have no idea what is really possible. The one who enters your life in August does so with unforgettable style. You both will be transformed by the connection. In September, risk will be good fortune's accomplice, so do not back off. Your curiosity ignites a new passion in October. Cancer and Taurus people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 2, 14, 3 and 11.

**ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS:** "I desperately hope for one outcome and fear another. Which do you think will happen?" On an energetic level, "desperate hope" and "fear" are very close in vibration. The outcome you desperately hope for is laced in fear, as well. Why are you desperate? Desperation pushes what is desired away.

"Desperate hope" and "fear" are both intense and powerful, and with consistency, they will bring into being whatever they are focused on. Let's strike both outcomes from your mind, just as an exercise, because they both have a negative, grasping lack-mentality attached to them.

What would it take to move yourself into a better emotional space? Try to move through the spectrum of emotions step by step, as it won't help to command yourself toward optimism. Instead, move up from fear and desperation into neutrality. What can you feel peaceful and neutral about? Once neutral feelings are achieved, strive for more. What would make you comfortable? What would make you giggle? What would be cool? Then go for higher feelings. What would be awesome? Learning to lead yourself through different emotional states is a life-changing skill and one worth devoting your attention to.

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Happy birthday to "Harry Potter" creator J.K. Rowling, a.k.a. Robert Galbraith, a.k.a. Joanne Rowling. One of the perks of being a writer is the liberty to adopt a new pen name and carry on anew! Rowling was born when the sun was in Leo, the sign of entertainment, but her moon, Mercury, Venus and Pluto were all in Virgo, suggesting an extremely shy individual who would rather entertain from afar.

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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

Contract  
Bridge

By Steve Becker  
**The Introspective Approach**

East dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♦ A J 9 6 5 3  
♥ 10 5 2  
♦ A K 10 4  
♣ —  
**WEST**      **EAST**  
♠ —      ♥ 7 4  
♦ K 7 6      ♥ J 9 8  
♦ Q 3      ♦ J 9 7 6 5  
♣ Q J 10 9 8 7 5 4      ♠ A 6 2  
**SOUTH**  
♦ K Q 10 8 2  
♥ A Q 4 3  
♦ 8 2  
♣ K 3

The bidding:  
East    South    West    North  
Pass   1♠     5♣     6♠  
Opening lead — queen of clubs.

Everyone errs in bridge; the game is too complicated for anyone to expect to always play perfectly. The correct philosophical approach on those occasions when you err is to try to determine afterward why you made the mistake in the hope that you will learn how to avoid repeating it in the future.

Assume you're in six spades and West leads the queen of clubs. You

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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ruff in dummy, cash the K-Q of trumps and play the A-K-4 of diamonds, ruffing the four.

You next ruff the club king in dummy, trump the ten of diamonds, re-enter dummy with a trump and lead a low heart, on which East plays the eight. It doesn't matter what you do now; you eventually lose two heart tricks and go down one.

When you later review the sequence of plays, you suddenly realize that making the slam was as easy as pie. All you had to do to virtually guarantee the contract was to discard a heart from dummy at trick one! East would win with the ace, but sooner or later, you would discard another heart from dummy on the club king and in that way assure the slam regardless of the location of the heart king.

While it is true that many readers would make the slam with little difficulty on this line of play, the column is addressed to those who might not have made it. If you are one of those, you should ask yourself why and try to track down the reason. In that way, misfortune can be turned into a learning experience, and a potential future error of the same type may be averted.

## Sudoku Answer On Page 12

## sudoku

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

		8						6
2		3			9			
		1			5	3		
1	5		9	3			2	7
8	9	6		1	7			3
				6				5
6	3		7					2
7		1						

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TV schedule table listing channels (KMGD, UNI, KPEJ, KOSA, KTLE, KWES, WTBS, KMLM, KPBT, KWWT, DISC, AMC, SPIKE, TNT, BET, DISN, ESPN2, ESPN) and programs for 5 PM to 1 AM.

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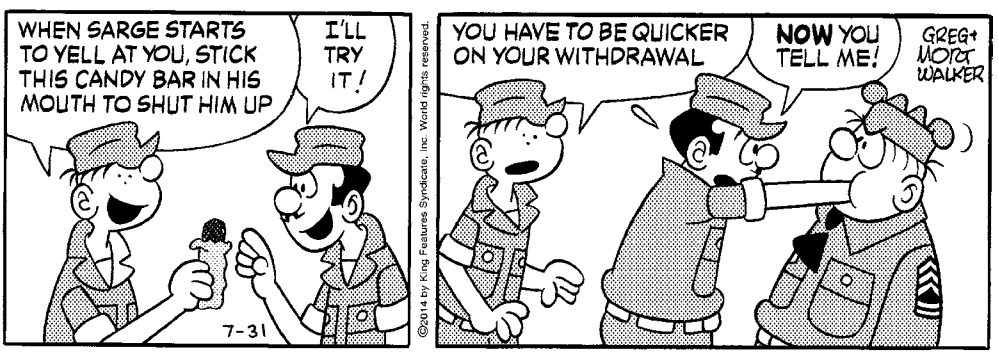
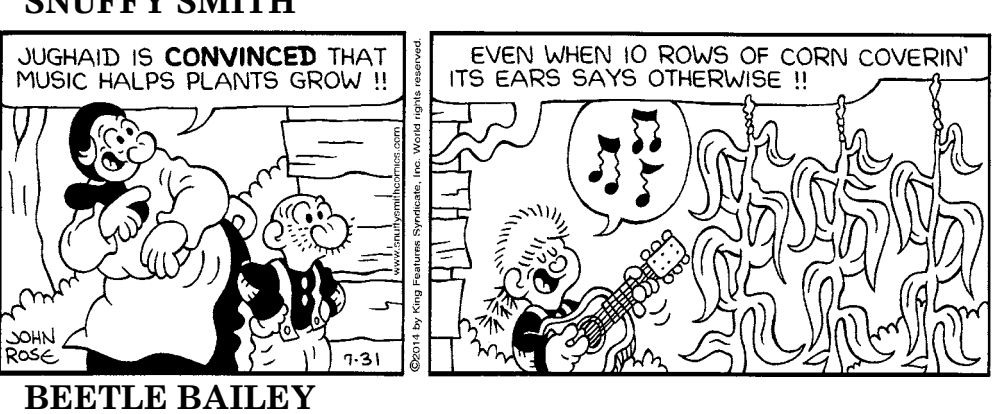
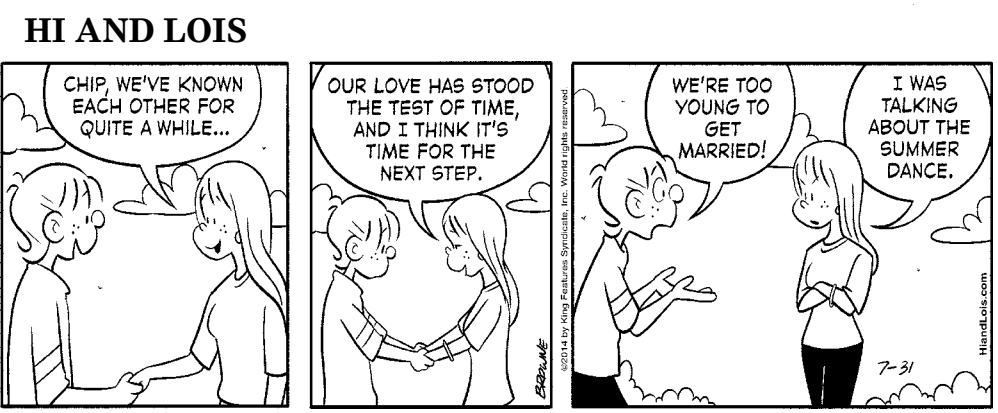
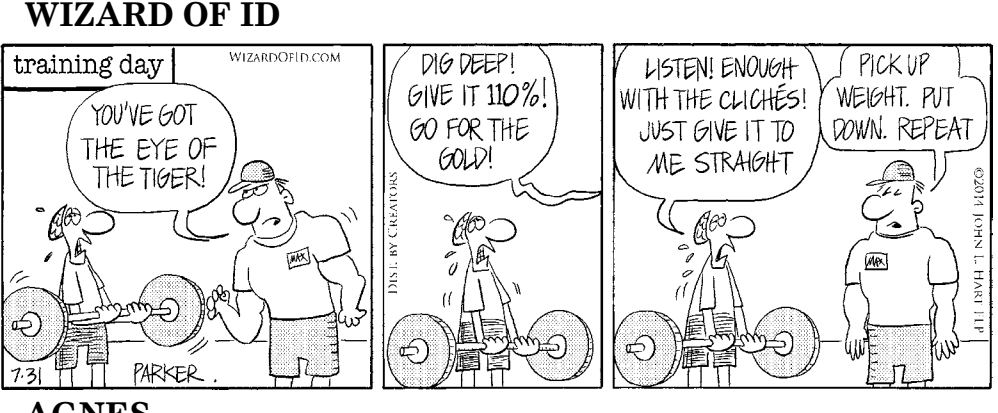
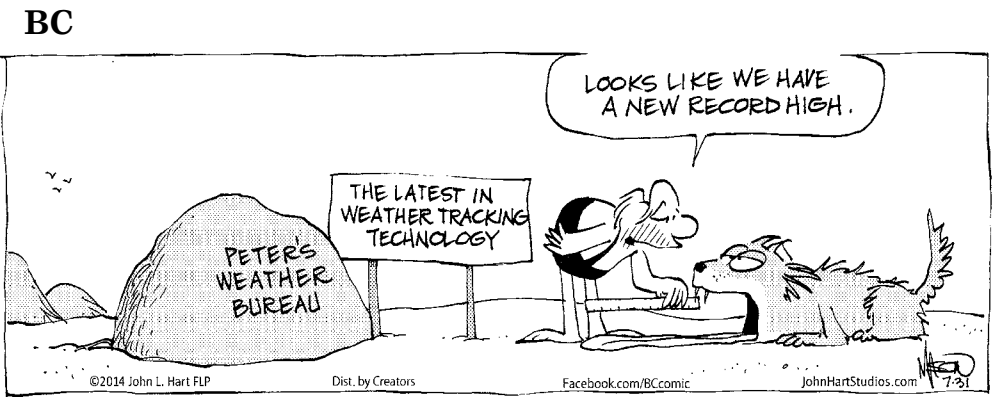
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This Date In History

Today is Thursday, July 31, the 212th day of 2014. There are 153 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History: On July 31, 1964, the American space probe Ranger 7 reached the moon, transmitting pictures back to Earth before impacting the lunar surface. On this date: In 1777, the Marquis de Lafayette, a 19-year-old French nobleman, was made a major-general in the American Continental Army. In 1875, the 17th president of the United States, Andrew Johnson, died in Carter County, Tennessee, at age 66.

In 1919, Germany's Weimar (VY'-mahr) Constitution was adopted by the republic's National Assembly. In 1930, the radio character "The Shadow" made his debut as narrator of the "Detective Story Hour" on CBS Radio. In 1933, the radio series "Jack Armstrong, the All-American Boy," made its debut on CBS radio station WBBM in Chicago. In 1942, Oxfam International had its beginnings as the Oxford Committee for Famine Relief was founded in England. In 1954, Pakistan's K2 was conquered as two members of an Italian expedition, Achille Compagnoni and Lino Lacedelli, reached the summit. In 1964, country singer-songwriter Jim Reeves, 40, and his manager, Dean Manuel, were killed when their private plane crashed in bad weather near Nashville.

Newsday Crossword

SEARCH ME by Charles Slack Edited by Stanley Newman www.stanxwords.com

- ACROSS: 1 Court order of a sort, 4 Spending restraints, 8 Was in accord, 13 Don't just seem, 14 Continental prefix, 15 Faculty achievement, 16 Pistachio portion, 18 TV promo descriptor, 19 Banjo-eyed ne'er-do-well of the comics, 21 Financial backer, 22 Elemental form, 26 "Fancy that!", 27 Name of six popes, 30 Dreamer's activity, 31 Plugs away, 33 Most contemptible, 36 Brute in a 1728 novel, 39 Thin out, 40 Covered in goo, 41 It may be awkward, 42 Fortysomethings' group, 43 Mad Men broadcaster, 46 Composer from Lombardy, 50 Legendary engineer Jones, 52 Matthew Perry on Friends, 56 Restraint, 59 Of the first Roman emperor, 60 Mag-space sellers, 61 Force along, 62 Picnic supply, 63 South American capital, 64 Awards show superlative, 65 Good to go, 15 Facebook photo labels, 17 Most-passed bill, 20 Safflower product, 23 8 Down Cookies 'N Creme ingredient, 24 100 Sonoran centavos, 25 911 respondent, 27 Crying shame, 28 Aladdin prince, 29 Linguistics topic, 31 Trash-bag closer, 32 No longer in effect, 33 Short-tailed feline, 34 Symbol of strength, 35 "Could you explain that?", 36 Pundit, 37 Little warbler, 38 Many a Sister Act role, 39 Smack into, 42 Bar bottle, 43 In reality, 44 Threaten, 45 Tiny trumpeter, 47 Small choir, 48 Italy's longest river, 49 Covers in goo, 50 20 Down holder, 51 Middle muscles, 53 Paint poorly, 54 Draw in, 55 Incites, with "on" source, 56 Online help, 57 www.tulane., 58 Cycle starter

Crossword grid with numbers 1-65 indicating starting positions for the clues.

# Stern sees Sterling saga ending well, lauds Silver

NEW YORK (AP) — Former Commissioner David Stern praised the NBA's handling of the Donald Sterling controversy and predicts it will "end well" for the league.

Stern said his successor, Adam Silver, has been "forceful" but also "demonstrated a compassionate side" in his reaction to the racist remarks that were made by the Los Angeles Clippers owner.

"He's done great. He has been forceful, he has been reflective, he has been buttoned-down and I think he has also demonstrated a compassionate side as well," Stern told The Associated Press on Wednesday during a phone interview.

Silver fined Sterling \$2.5 million and banned him for life after the recorded comments became public. Sterling's wife, Shelly, later agreed to sell the

team to former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer for a record \$2 billion, a transaction the league believes will close shortly even as Donald Sterling continues trying to fight in court.

Stern retired after 30 years as commissioner in February. He will be enshrined into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame next week.

During his tenure, Shelly and Donald Sterling faced al-

legations that they discriminated against tenants based on race in Los Angeles according to a lawsuit filed by U.S. Department of Justice in 2006. The Sterlings, who at the time owned and managed about 119 apartment buildings or 5,000 apartments throughout Los Angeles County, agreed to settle the suit for \$2.725 million.

Stern has remained an adviser to the league and remained

in frequent contact with Silver, who worked under him since 1992.

Silver was the commissioner for less than three months when TMZ released audio of Sterling's remarks.

Silver handed out his punishment days later and has navigated the league as it tries to oust Sterling, who owned the Clippers franchise even before Stern became commissioner.

## Scoreboard

BASKETBALL				
WNBA				
Eastern Conference				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	16	9	.640	—
Washington	13	14	.481	4
Indiana	12	14	.462	4½
New York	11	14	.440	5
Chicago	10	16	.385	6½
Connecticut	10	17	.370	7
Western Conference				
W	L	Pct	GB	
x-Phoenix	22	3	.880	—
x-Minnesota	20	6	.769	2½
San Antonio	13	14	.481	10
Los Angeles	12	15	.444	11
Tulsa	10	17	.370	13
Seattle	9	19	.321	14½
x-clinched playoff spot				
Thursday's Games				
New York at Chicago, 8 p.m.				
Phoenix at Minnesota, 8 p.m.				
Atlanta at Tulsa, 8 p.m.				
Indiana at Seattle, 10 p.m.				
Friday's Games				
Connecticut at San Antonio, 8 p.m.				

San Diego	48	59	.449	12½
Arizona	47	61	.435	14
Colorado	44	63	.411	16½
Wednesday's Games				
Milwaukee 5, Tampa Bay 0				
N.Y. Mets 11, Philadelphia 2				
Arizona 5, Cincinnati 4				
Washington 4, Miami 3				
San Francisco 7, Pittsburgh 5				
Colorado 6, Chicago Cubs 4, 10 innings				
L.A. Dodgers 3, Atlanta 2, 10 innings				
San Diego 12, St. Louis 1				
Thursday's Games				
Colorado (P.Hernandez 0-0) at Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 5-2), 2:20 p.m.				
St. Louis (S.Miller 7-8) at San Diego (Despaigne 2-2), 3:40 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Cl.Lee 4-5) at Washington (G.Gonzalez 6-6), 7:05 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Cueto 11-6) at Miami (Koehler 7-7), 7:10 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Locke 2-2) at Arizona (Collmerant 8-5), 9:40 p.m.				
Atlanta (Teheran 10-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 12-2), 10:10 p.m.				
Friday's Games				
Philadelphia (R.Hernandez 5-8) at Washington (Fister 10-2), 7:05 p.m.				
Colorado (F.Morales 5-5) at Detroit (Verlander 9-9), 7:08 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Latos 2-3) at Miami (Ja.Turner 4-6), 7:10 p.m.				
San Francisco (Vogelsong 5-8) at N.Y. Mets (Niese 5-6), 7:10 p.m.				
Milwaukee (W.Peralta 12-6) at St. Louis (Wainwright 13-5), 8:15 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Volquez 8-7) at Arizona (Nuno 0-2), 9:40 p.m.				
Atlanta (Minor 4-6) at San Diego (Stults 3-13), 10:10 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 1-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Haren 8-8), 10:10 p.m.				

Arkansas	21	18	.538	—
NW Arkansas	19	20	.487	2
Springfield	17	22	.436	4
x-Tulsa	16	23	.410	5
South Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Midland	24	16	.600	—
x-Frisco	23	17	.575	1
San Antonio	20	20	.500	4
Corpus Christi	18	22	.450	6
x-clinched first half				
Wednesday's Games				
Frisco 3, Midland 0				
Springfield at Tulsa, p.p.d., rain				
San Antonio 6, Corpus Christi 0				
Thursday's Games				
Northwest Arkansas at Arkansas, p.p.d., rain				
Friday's Games				
Arkansas at Springfield, 7:10 p.m.				
Corpus Christi at Midland, 8 p.m.				
NW Arkansas at Tulsa, 8:05 p.m.				
Frisco at San Antonio, 8:05 p.m.				
Arkansas at Springfield, 8:10 p.m.				

Toronto	1	4	2	110	149
West Division					
W	L	Pts	PF	PA	
Calgary	4	0	8	99	52
Edmonton	4	1	8	130	84
Winnipeg	4	1	8	141	114
Saskatchewan	2	2	4	96	93
B.C.	2	3	4	102	92
Thursday's Game					
Winnipeg at Hamilton, 7 p.m.					
Friday, Aug. 1					
Toronto at Montreal, 7 p.m.					
B.C. at Calgary, 10 p.m.					
Saturday, Aug. 2					
Saskatchewan at Ottawa, 7 p.m.					

to Tulsa (TL) for a rehab assignment. Recalled RHP Rob Scahill from Colorado Springs (PCL).

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Sent RHP Jonathan Martinez to the Chicago Cubs to complete an earlier trade. Optioned INF Darwin Barney to Albuquerque (PCL). Designated LHP Scott Elbert for assignment.

MIAMI MARLINS — Optioned OF Jake Marisnick to New Orleans (PCL). Recalled INF Ed Lucas from New Orleans.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Released C George Kottaras. Transferred RHP Michael Wacha to the 60-day DL. Traded OF James Ramsey to Cleveland for RHP Justin Masterson.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Designated 2B Tony Abreu for assignment. Optioned 3B Adam Duvall to Fresno (PCL). Selected the contract of 1B Travis Ishikawa from Fresno. Recalled OF Juan Perez from Fresno.

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES — Signed G Mo Williams.

SACRAMENTO KINGS — Signed F/C Eric Moreland to an undisclosed contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL — Suspended Buffalo LB Nigel Bradham one game for violating the NFL Policy and Program for Substances of Abuse. Suspended Cincinnati CB Chris Lewis-Harris for two games for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy.

BUFFALO BILLS — Signed RB Fred Jackson to a one-year contract extension.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed WR Marlon Moore, OL Ryan Lee and S Jim Leonard.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Signed OT Tyron Smith to an eight-year contract extension.

DETROIT LIONS — Claimed WR Quintin Payton off waivers from Tampa Bay.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed executive vice president, general manager and director of football operations Ted Thompson to a multi-year contract. Claimed WR Gerrard Sheppard off waivers from Baltimore.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed OT Mike Farrell.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed RB Phillip Tanner.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed TE Brett Brackett and DE D'Aundre Reed.

BASEBALL				
American League				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Baltimore	59	46	.562	—
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Toronto	59	50	.541	2½
New York	55	52	.514	5½
Tampa Bay	53	55	.491	8
Boston	48	60	.444	13
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Detroit	58	46	.558	—
Kansas City	54	52	.509	5
Cleveland	53	54	.495	6½
Chicago	52	56	.481	8
Minnesota	48	58	.453	11
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Oakland	66	41	.617	—
Los Angeles	63	43	.594	2½
Seattle	55	52	.514	11
Houston	44	64	.407	22½
Texas	43	65	.398	23½
Wednesday's Games				
Milwaukee 5, Tampa Bay 0				
Houston 8, Oakland 1				
Baltimore 4, L.A. Angels 3				
Cleveland 2, Seattle 0				
Detroit 7, Chicago White Sox 2				

Chicago White Sox	1	0	0	0
Texas 3, N.Y. Yankees	2	0	0	0
Kansas City 3, Minnesota	2	0	0	0
Thursday's Games				
Chicago White Sox (Joh. Danks 9-6) at Detroit (Smyly 6-9), 1:08 p.m.				
L.A. Angels (Skaggs 5-5) at Baltimore (B.Norris 8-7), 7:05 p.m.				
Seattle (C.Young 9-6) at Cleveland (McAllister 3-6), 7:05 p.m.				
Minnesota (Correia 5-13) at Kansas City (Ventura 7-8), 8:10 p.m.				
Toronto (Hutchison 7-9) at Houston (Cosart 9-7), 8:10 p.m.				
Friday's Games				
Seattle (Elias 8-8) at Baltimore (W.Chen 11-3), 7:05 p.m.				
Texas (Williams 2-4) at Cleveland (Salazar 3-4), 7:05 p.m.				
Colorado (F.Morales 5-5) at Detroit (Verlander 9-9), 7:08 p.m.				
L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 8-3) at Tampa Bay (Hellickson 0-0), 7:10 p.m.				
N.Y. Yankees (Capuano 1-1) at Boston (Lackey 11-7), 7:10 p.m.				
Minnesota (Darnell 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (Sale 10-1), 8:10 p.m.				
Toronto (Happ 8-5) at Houston (McHugh 4-9), 8:10 p.m.				
Kansas City (Guthrie 6-9) at Oakland (Gray 12-3), 9:35 p.m.				

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TRANSACTIONS

Major League Baseball

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

— Suspended Atlanta RHPs Victor Joaquin and Alvaro Silvestre (DSL Braves) 72 games for violating the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Sent RHP Ubaldo Jimenez to Aberdeen (NYP) for a rehab assignment.

BOSTON RED SOX — Traded LHP Felix Doubront to the Chicago Cubs for a player to be named. Recalled RHP Brandon Workman from Pawtucket (IL).

MINNESOTA TWINS — RHP Matt Guerrier refused outright assignment and chose free agency.

TEXAS RANGERS — Sent LHP Derek Holland to Frisco (TL) for a rehab assignment.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Sent OF Cole Gillespie to the GCL Blue Jays for a rehab assignment.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Announced the retirement of 3B Eric Chavez.

ATLANTA BRAVES — Placed RHP Shae Simmons on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Sunday. Recalled RHP Juan Jaime from Gwinnett (IL).

COLORADO ROCKIES — Sent RHP Christian Bergman

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

BROOKLYN NETS — Named Paul Westphal, John Welch, Tony Brown, Joe Wolf and Jay Humphries assistant coaches and Jim Sann assistant coach/advance scout.

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS\_ Waived C Hilton Armstrong.

MIAMI HEAT — Signed F-C Chris Bosh to a five-year contract.

FOOTBALL					
Arena Football League					
Playoff Schedule					
First Round					
Saturday, Aug. 2					
National Conference					
Spokane at San Jose, 7 p.m.					
American Conference					
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 7 p.m.					
Sunday, Aug. 3					
National Conference					
Portland at Arizona, 6 p.m.					
American Conference					
Pittsburgh at Orlando, 2 p.m.					

Canadian Football League					
East Division					
W	L	Pts	PF	PA	
Hamilton	1	3	2	74	92
Ottawa	1	3	2	80	113
Montreal	1	3	2	70	113



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National League				
East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Washington	58	47	.552	—
Atlanta	58	50	.537	1½
Miami	53	54	.495	6
New York	52	56	.481	7½
Philadelphia	47	61	.435	12½
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	60	49	.550	—
Pittsburgh	57	50	.533	2
St. Louis	56	50	.528	2½
Cincinnati	53	54	.495	6
Chicago	44	62	.415	14½
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	61	47	.565	—
San Francisco	58	50	.537	3

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