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Members of the Midland Antique Automobile Club visited Big Spring Saturday afternoon to tour the recently renovated Settles Hotel.

Sen. Seliger files bills relating to key issues: education, water

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

State Sen. Kel Seliger has filed a pair of bills with the legislature he hopes will address two of his most important concerns for his District 31 constituents: education and wa-

Seliger filed SB 225, which focuses on public education in the Lone Star State and will help streamline the graduation process for students and reform the existing highstakes tests.

"The bill reduces high stakes testing for all students to five tests that are required for graduation," Seliger said. "This will allow students more flexibility in choosing electives that will pave the way for



to do after high school, be that seek an industry certification, employment or attend a community college or university."

whatever they choose

If passed, the bill would:

• Restructure graduation plans, including the current requirement of four years each of math, science, English and social studies, so that all students graduate under the new Foundation High School Program, which includes 26 credits.

· Make it so 16 credits are required in core subject areas, including two years of foreign language, plus 10 elective credits.

- Endorsements may be earned with the successful completion of five credits in any one area of study, including: Humanities, Business & Industry, Human Services, or Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM).
- Authorize the Commissioner of Education to approve courses that count toward graduation require-

Seliger said he has worked closely with the real stakeholders in the bill — educators and students — to determine the kind of impact it can

"I always draft bills impacting

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Candidate filings set to take off

By STEVE REAGAN

Recent history suggests that, when it comes to school board elections, it's a matter of "if, not when."

School board elections are traditionally

held in conjunction with municipal elections each May, but in the past several years, contested races have been the rare exception rather than the rule.

Area school districts will see if that trend continues or is interrupted in the coming weeks as they issue calls for the 2013 elec-

Candidate filings begin Wednesday and continue through March 1, officials said.

Area school districts holding elections this may include (terms are for three years unless otherwise noted):

• Big Spring ISD — Three single-member district seats are up for election this year

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Texas Senate holds school safety hearing

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas lawmakers want to hear from experts and the public on ideas for improving school safety in the wake of last month's shootings at a Connecticut elementary school.

The Senate has scheduled a hearing Monday. Lawmakers are already considering having the state pay for special weapons training for teachers and other

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John Hafternick of the Dry Creek **Chili Cookers** team stirs his entry in the West **Texas Center's** annual Children in Need Fund benefit chili cookoff at the Eagles **Lodge Saturday** morning. **HERALD** photo/Steve

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Scott Randall Whitlow

Scott Randall Whitlow, 35, of Big Spring died Monday, Jan. 21, 2013, at his residence. Memorial services will be held at a later date.

He was born Oct. 30, 1977, in Pecos, Texas, to Deborah and Kenneth Whitlow. He lived most of his adult life in Big Spring and Monahans. He worked

He is survived by one daughter, Amanda Whitlow of Victoria, Texas; and two brothers, Roger Whitlow of Waxahachie, Texas and Jim Whitlow of Grand-

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral

Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Gilbert Webb

Gilbert Webb, 87, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2013. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Dorothy 'Dottie' Jones

Dorothy "Dottie" Jones, 81, of Big Spring, died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2013, in a local nursing home. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Support Groups

MONDAY

- · Alcoholics Anonymous open discussion meeting, noon-1 p.m., 615 Settles.
- PEP Parent Education Program for CPS participating and non-participating parents, single parent, grandparents, adoptive or fostering parents. Every first and fourth Monday of the month from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Northside Community Center. Classes are free. For information, call 263-2673.
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7-8 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) TX 0021 meets at First Christian Church at 10th and Goliad, in the dining hall on the east side of the building. Weighin starts at 5 p.m. and meeting starts at 5:30 p.m. We have a different program each week. For more information, please call 213-1342 or 263-6819.
- Circle of Hope, a Celebrate Recovery group. meets at 6:30-8 p.m. at Spring Creek Fellowship, located in the College Park Shopping Center. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered recovery program dealing with life's hang-ups, hurts and habits, covering many areas. Circle of Hope group is a ministry of Spring Creek Fellowship. For further information, contact Dale at 432-270-8462
- · Reformers Unanimous International is a faithbased addictions program helping people find freedom from addiction. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trinity Baptist Church in Big Spring. Enter at the back of the church.

TUESDAY

- Big Spring and Snyder Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for all Parkinson's disease patients, spouses and caregivers. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-0942.
- Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerrirosenbaum9488@msn.
- VA Alcoholics Anonymous support group, 7:30-8:30 p.m., Veterans Healing Center.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Al-Anon, 615 Settles for family members and friends of alcoholics meets at 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

- RSD (Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy, a chronic pain disease), a new support and informative group meets at 213 Circle. Call Lucy at (432) 517-9207 for more information.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; open 12 & 12 study meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Stepping Stone Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at the Gold Rush Tobacco Shop, 800 E. Third Street. Open meeting at 7 p.m.

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Take Note

- The Freaks of Nature car club and C&D Truck Accessories will be holding a car show Feb. 2 to benefit the Gonzales family at Sugars Bar — located at 3430 E. Interstate Highway 20 — from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Sergio Gonzales was killed in a traffic accident on U.S. Highway 87 on Dec. 13. Proceeds from the benefit will go to benefit the family and offset costs. Entry fee for the show is \$10. Musical band Forgotten Road will perform from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. There is a \$5 admission. For more information, call 432-714-4311.
- Big Spring State Hospital patients are in need of warm clothing. Clean items should be taken to the Community Relations Office near the south entrance of the hospital, 1901 N. U.S. Highway 87. Clothing that cannot be used by the patients will be taken to the hospital's Chalet Resale Shop for sale to raise money for patient needs. Men's clothing and larger-sized clothing are always in need. For more information, call Melissa Adams, BSSH program coordinator, at 432 268-7730.
- The Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council needs assistance in The Chalet Resale Shoppe, 115 East Second St. The Chalet Resale Shoppe is a fast-paced retail shop specializing in gently worn clothing and small household appliance. Volunteers are needed to sort, price, check out and stock donated items. Volunteer hours are flexible. The Chalet is open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, contact Jamey Stegall at james.stegall@dshs.state.tx.us or 432 268-7535.
- · Compass Hospice is in need of your help. If you would be interested in offering your love and God's comfort to those who are suffering, or to their families, contact Michelle Coutermarsh at 263-5999 or come by 602 S. Main. Volunteers are needed in many categories includ-

ing patient care. You may give as much or as little time as you wish. Any amount of time is greatly appreciated. Training is offered free of charge.

- Every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. until 10 p.m. is dance night at the Senior Citizen Center. The cost is \$8 per person.
- Mobile Meals is in need of volunteer delivery drivers. If you can donate one hour per week to help deliver meals to the elderly, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016.
- Spring Tabernacle Ministries, 1209 Wright St., has a brief, inspirational message before giving away food and clothing on Thursday mornings. It's a great way to work off community service and get help, too. Be there at 9 a.m.-11 a.m. and get two for one plus a rehab meeting.
- Home Hospice is seeking volunteers. Volunteers are needed for in office duties as well as sitters, deliveries and crafts. To find out more information or to volunteer contact Sherry Hodnett at Home Hospice by calling 264-7599.
- Hangar 25 Air Museum needs your help. We are in need of volunteers to fill a variety of positions such as tour guides, front desk, clerical, events, and many others. Set your hours and days of the week you are available. Meet new people and enjoy a rewarding experience. For more information, contact Emma Bogard at 432-267-2963.
- The Salvation Army is holding its annual heater drive and is in need of heaters. Community members can donate new or used heaters. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Donations can be made at the main office, located at 811 W. Fifth St., Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- The Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) is an independent national nonprofit dedicated to helping distressed homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure. If you want to stop foreclosure and are in need of foreclosure help, the time to call 888-995-HOPE is now. The Homeowner's HOPE hotline is a counseling service provided by HPF to work with you to find a solution to your problem.



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Senators reach agreement on immigration reform

ERICA WERNER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) A bipartisan group of leading senators has reached agreement on the principles of sweeping legislation to rewrite the nation's immigration laws.

The deal, which was to be announced at a news conference Monday afternoon, covers border security, guest workers and employer verification, as well as a path to citizenship for the 11 million illegal immigrants already in this country.

Although thorny details remain to be negotiated and success is far from certain, the development heralds the start of what could be the most significant effort in years toward overhauling the nation's inefficient patchwork of immigration laws.

President Barack Obama also is committed to enacting compreimmigration hensive legislation and will travel to Nevada on Tuesday to lay out his vision, which is expected to overlap in important ways with the Senate effort. The eight senators

expected to endorse the new principles Monday are Democrats Charles Schumer of New York, Dick Durbin of Illinois, Robert Menendez of New Jersey and Michael Bennet of Colorado; and Republicans John Mc-Cain of Arizona, Lindsey Graham of South

Carolina, Marco Rubio of Florida and Jeff Flake of Arizona.

Several of these lawmakers have worked for years on the issue. Mc-Cain collaborated with the late Democratic Sen. Edward M. Kennedy on comprehensive immigration legislation pushed by then-President George W. Bush in 2007, only to see it collapse in the Senate when it couldn't get enough GOP support.

Now, with some Republicans chastened by the November elections demonstrated which the importance of Latino voters and their increasing commitment to Democrats, some in the GOP say this time will be different.

"What's changed, honestly, is that there is a new, I think, appreciation on both sides of the aisle — including maybe more importantly on the Republican side of the aisle — that we have to enact a comprehensive immigration reform bill," McCain said Sunday on ABC's "This Week."

"I think the time is right," McCain said.

The group claims a notable newcomer in Rubio, a potential 2016 presidential candidate whose conservative bona fides may help smooth the way for support among conservatives wary of anything that smacks of amnesty. In an opinion piece published Sunday in the Las Vegas Review-Journal, Rubio wrote that the existing system amounts to "de facto amnesty," and he called for "commonsense reform."

According to documents obtained by The Associated Press, the senators will call for accomplishing four goals:

—Creating a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants already here, contingent upon securing the border and better tracking of people here on visas. —Reforming the legal

immigration system, including awarding green cards to immigrants who obtain advanced degrees in science, math, technology or engineering from an American university. —Creating an effec-

tive employment verification system to ensure that employers do not hire illegal immigrants. -Allowing more low-

skill workers into the country and allowing employers to hire immigrants if they can demonstrate they couldn't recruit a U.S. citizen; and establishing an agricultural worker pro-

The principles being released Monday are outlined on just over pages, leaving plenty of details left to fill in. What the senators do call for is similar to Obama's goals and some past efforts by Democrats and Republicans, since there's wide agreement in identifying problems with the current immigration system. The most difficult disagreement is likely to arise over how to accomplish the path to citizenship.

In order to satisfy the concerns of Rubio and other Republicans, the senators are calling for the completion of steps on border security and oversight of those here on visas before taking major steps forward on the path to citizenship. Even then, those here

illegally would have to qualify for a "probationary legal status" that would allow them to live and work here — but not qualify for federal benefits — before being able to apply for permanent residency. Once they are allowed to apply they would do so behind everyone else already in line for a green card within the current immigration system. That could be a highly

cumbersome process, but how to make it more workable is being left to future negotiations. The senators envision a more streamlined process toward citizenship for immigrants brought here as children by their parents, and for agricultural workers. The debate will play

out at the start of Obama's second term, as he aims to spend the political capital afforded him by his re-election victory on an issue that has eluded past presidents and stymied him during his first term despite his promises to the Latino community.

Texas Briefs

Vandals cause \$100K

in damage at Waco cemetery

WACO, Texas (AP) — Waco police say vandals caused an estimated \$100,000 in damage at a cemetery by destroying some monuments, grave markers and statues.

Large crosses were broken off their bases and fullsize angel statues were on the ground at Oakwood

Police say the vandalism happened sometime between late Friday and early Saturday.

Waco police Sgt. W. Patrick Swanton says some of the destroyed items are believed to be irreplaceable because of their age and historical value. The large cemetery was established in 1878 and

has more than 36,000 graves. It is the final resting place for several notable figures, including some Civil War leaders, former Texas governors and the inventor of Dr Pepper.

Investigation continues in boy's sand pile death SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Authorities continue to

found inside a sand pile at a horse training facility. Wyatt McDaniel was playing on Friday with his 5-year-old brother Logan while their father, head instructor Charles McDaniel, was giving a lesson. Authorities say that Logan ran to get his father and

tell him that his brother was stuck in the sand.

investigate how a 7-year-old boy died after being

Wyatt died later at an area hospital.

The San Antonio Express-News reports no cause of death is expected to be released until this week.

Bexar County sheriff's spokesman Paul Berry says it appears no one saw how Wyatt may have ended up in the pile. The accident occurred at the Wild Sunday Farm.

about 30 miles north of downtown San Antonio.

Skydiver, 90, jumps 11,000 feet onto South Padre

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, Texas (AP) — A 90-yearold man has successfully skydived from 11,000 feet on South Padre Island. Russell Louden tells the Brownsville Herald he's

wanted to jump out of a plane ever since he tried to become a paratrooper during World War II. On Jan. 19, the Weslaco resident made the jump. His plane took off from Brownsville/South Padre

International Airport and dropped him over the island. He landed in the warm sand.

About 20 of his friends came to cheer him on before his jump.

The company that took him on the jump, Skydive South Padre, says Louden is the oldest person to skydive from one of its planes.

FILING

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- District 5, currently held by Chad Wash; District 6, currently held by Jeff Brorman and District 7, in which Phil Fugueron is the incumbent.

Application can be obtained at the BSISD business of-

fice during normal business hours Monday through Fri-

 Coahoma ISD — Two atlarge seats — currently held by Michael Brooks and Craig Ferguson — will be decided. Applicants can file their candidacies at the CISD administration office Mondays through Fridays up until the

deadline.

- Forsan ISD Two at-large seats (held by Tom Bill Kuykendall and Chris Evans) are up for election. Applications can be obtained at the superintendent's office.
- Stanton ISD Two singlemember seats will be decided — District 1, in which Daniel Ramos is the incumbent, and

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District 5, currently held by Darren Patrick. Prospective candidates can pick up applications at the superintendent's office during normal business hours. • Sands CISD — At-large

seats held by Michelle Zant and Jody Howard will be decided. Also, a special election will be held to fill the remaining two years of the at-large seat which was held by Bill Barnes before his recent resignation. Applications can be obtained at the district's business office.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

SELIGER

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public education with the input of educators, and this one is no exception," Seliger said. "I will continue to work with my colleagues and stakeholders to ensure the best possible outcome."

Seliger's second bill — SB 224 — concentrates on funding for the Texas Water Development Board.

SAFETY

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school personnel. The state's largest teachers

group has opposed that.

Three Houston area

lawmakers want to set

up special taxing dis-

tricts to pay for school

security. And Attorney

General Greg Abbott

has called on schools to

School safety ranks

among the top issues for

lawmakers this session

after the shootings in

Newtown, Conn., left 26

dead, including 20 chil-

At least two Texas

school districts allow

some teachers and ad-

ministrators to carry

concealed weapons.

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review security plans.

According to the senator, over a 50-year period the bill will free-up more than \$40 million for the Texas Water Development Board for assistance to local water providers, such as the Colorado City Municipal Water District.

the state's obligation of the water plan of \$26.9 billion and water providers such as CRMWD will, for the first time since the creation of the plan, be able to ac-

"This bill fully funds

cess the state's share of financing for the projects they have already included in the plan,' Seliger said.

The bill also:

- Makes \$1.6 billion from the economic stabilization fund available for use by the Texas Water Development Board.
- Through a revolving loan, \$1.6 billion meets the state's obligation of \$26.9 billion in 30 years.
- The revolving loan method of finance al-

Development Board to remove the agency's debt from the constitutional debt limit in addition to eliminating the need for any General Revenue. "The state water plan

lows the Texas Water

process is a locally driven process whereby 16 regional water planning areas throughout the state submit a list of local projects that have been vetted and determined to meet the community's needs,"

liger said. "Submitted projects must include information regarding the need, people affected and the dollar amount necessary to complete a project in order to be included in the plan. By funding the plan fully,

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all projects in the state water plan will have access to funding." Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-

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News in Brief

Fire at Brazil club kills more than 230 as partiers stampede toward exit, choke on toxic smoke

SANTA MARIA, Brazil (AP) — The bodies of the young college students were found piled up just inside the entrance of the Kiss nightclub, among more than 230 people who died in a cloud of toxic smoke after a blaze enveloped the crowded locale within seconds and set off a panic.

Hours later, the horrific chaos had transformed into a scene of tragic order, with row upon row of polished caskets of the dead lined up in the community gymnasium in the university city of Santa Maria. Many of the victims were under 20 years old, including some minors.

As the city in southern Brazil prepared to bury the 233 people killed in the conflagration caused by a band's pyrotechnic display, an early investigation into the tragedy revealed that security guards briefly prevented partygoers from leaving through the sole exit. And the bodies later heaped inside that doorway slowed firefighters trying to get in.

"It was terrible inside — it was like one of those films of the Holocaust, bodies piled atop one another," said police inspector Sandro Meinerz. "We had to use trucks to remove them. It took about six hours to take the bodies away."

Survivors and another police inspector, Marcelo Arigony, said security guards briefly tried to block people from exiting the club. Brazilian bars routinely make patrons pay their entire tab at the end of the night before they are allowed to leave.

Experts: New clues to sinking of Confederate sub

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Scientists say a pole on the front of the Confederate subma-



By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer. North-South vulnerable

This deal occurred in the 1991 world team championship final between leeland and Poland. The bidding shown took place when the Polish pair of Adam Zmudzinski and Cezary Balicki held the North-South

cards The bidding requires explanation. The Polish pair were using a system wherein an opening onediamond bid indicates zero to seven points, which explains South's initial bid. West's two-heart overcall, by agreement, showed specifically four hearts and at least six diamonds. After East jumped to four hearts,

Balicki came in with a daring fourspade bid at the adverse vulnerability.

West, Jon Baldursson, made the unusual lead of a low heart from the K-Q-7-3, hoping his partner could win the trick and give him a club ruff. East, Adalsteinn Jorgensen, played the ten, and declarer, unaware of the impending danger, let the ten hold. He was planning to win the expected heart return and ruff a heart in dummy before drawing trumps.

The play to the first trick was not

lost on Jorgensen. Since declarer had not taken the ten with the king or queen, West had to have both of those cards. All Jorgensen had to do was to work out why Baldursson had not made the normal lead of the king.

With five clubs in his own hand

ummy. Jorgensen had no trouble finding the answer. He cashed the club ace, gave his partner a club ruff, won West's diamond return and gave West another club ruff. Down two, 500 points to Iceland. Of course, had Balicki won the opening trick and drawn trumps, he would have made his contract for a gain of 790 points.

At the other table, the Polish East-West wound up in five diamonds doubled, down one, an excellent result considering North-South could make four spades. As it was, though, Iceland gained 100 points at one table and 500 at the other for a 12-IMP pickup on the deal.

Tomorrow: The one and only hope. ©2013 King Features Syndicate Inc

rine H.L. Hunley designed to plant explosives on enemy ships may hold a key clue to its sinking during the Civil War.

The experts are to release their findings Monday at a North Charleston lab where the hand-cranked sub is being preserved and studied. The Hunley was the first submarine in history to sink an enemy warship.

The pole, called a spar, was once placed at the front of the sub and used to plant a powder charge into the Union blockade ship Housatonic in 1864. The Housatonic sank, while the Hunley and its eight-man crew never returned.

The sub was found in waters off South Carolina in 1995 and raised five years later. It's been in the laboratory ever since.

Washington casts wary eye at Muslim Brotherhood

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama begins his second term straining to maintain a good relationship with Egypt, an important U.S. ally whose president is a conservative Islamist walking a fine line between acting as a moderate peace broker and keeping his Muslim Brotherhood party happy with anti-American rhetoric.

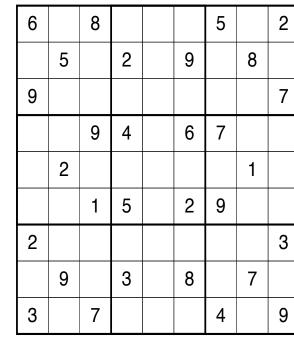
The White House last summer had hoped to smooth over some of the traditional tensions between Washington and the Brotherhood, a party rooted in opposition to Israel and the U.S., when Egypt overthrew dictator Hosni Mubarak and picked Mohammed Morsi as its first democratically elected leader.

But a spate of recent steps — from Brotherhoodled attacks on protesters, to vague protestations of women's freedoms in the nation's new constitution, to revelations of old comments by Morsi referring to Jews as "bloodsuckers" and "pigs" — have raised alarm among senior U.S. officials and threatens \$1 billion in American aid to Egypt.

Though the Brotherhood was founded in Egypt, its influence and affiliates have spread across the Mideast and into North Africa — where two recent terrorist attacks and a French assault on Islamist militants in Mali have presented Obama with a new front in the battle against extremism for his

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The White House has little interest in picking a fight with the Muslim Brotherhood, which has grown in size and stature across the region since the Arab Spring revolts. The Brotherhood and similar Islamist movements are regarded warily by monarchies in Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Morocco. Its members are part of the opposition coalition seeking to oust Syrian President Bashar Assad. It has small followings in Qatar, Algeria, and a like-minded — although not officially affiliated — ally in Tunisia.

American pastor sentenced to 8 years in Iran

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — An American pastor who has been jailed in Iran since September has been sentenced to eight years in prison, the U.S. State Department said Sunday.

Spokesman Darby Holladay said the department is calling on Iran to respect Saeed Abedini's human rights and release him.

Earlier this month, Iran's semi-official news agency, ISNA, quoted Abedini's attorney, Nasser Sarbazi, as saying his client stood trial in the Revolutionary Court on charges of attempting to undermine state security by creating a network of Christian churches in private homes.

The pastor, who is of Iranian origin but lives in Boise, Idaho, has rejected the charges.

"Mr. Abedini's attorney had only one day (Jan. 21) to present his defense, so we remain deeply concerned about the fairness and transparency of Mr. Abedini's trial," Holladay said.

Following the court presentation, ISNA quoted Sarbazi as saying the court would issue its verdict later, and that Abedini would be allowed to leave Iran and meet his family in the U.S. after posting "The promise of his release was a lie," said the

pastor's wife, Naghmeh. "With today's develop-

ment, I am devastated for my husband and my family. We must now pursue every effort, turn every rock, and not stop until Saeed is safely on Ameri-Her comments were provided by the Washington-

based American Center for Law and Justice, which focuses on constitutional and human rights law around the world.

The center is representing the pastor's family in

Holladay said the State Department is in close contact with Abedini's family and actively engaged in the case. Abedini and his wife have two children.

"We condemn Iran's continued violation of the universal right of freedom of religion," Holladay said.

Clashes in Cairo a day after Egypt's president imposes state of emergency to curb unrest

CAIRO (AP) — Police are firing tear gas at rockthrowing protesters in Cairo a day after Egypt's president declared a state of emergency in three provinces hit hardest by political violence.

The clashes Monday near Tahrir Square mark the fifth consecutive day of street violence in Egypt. Late Sunday, thousands of protesters demon-

strated in Port Said, Ismailiya and Suez to reject President Mohammed Morsi's declaration of a 30day state of emergency in the three Suez Canal cities and their surrounding provinces.

Those provinces have been the hardest hit by a weekend wave of unrest that has left more than 50

Morsi declared the state of emergency in a televised address late Sunday and warned that he would not hesitate to take more action to stem Egypt's latest eruption of violence.

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Lady Hawks roll past Ranger

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

The Hawks have already gotten out the brooms.

After sweeping Temple College on Friday to open the softball season, Howard College kept the momentum going with back-to-back wins in Saturday's doubleheader against Ranger College.

The Hawks were down 5-3 in the fifth inning of Game One when the offense finally got going.

Leadoff hitter Micherie Koria went 3-4, Megan Grenado went 2-2 and Jazzmin Arrant went 2-4, propelling HC to a 7-6 extra innings

Newcomer Kendall Maddox had seven strike outs during the outing.

"(Maddox), a freshmen pitcher did a really good job," HC Head Coach Kelly Raines said. "We expect big things from her. I am proud of the way the girls played. They showed they could overcome adversity and come back and win."

Game Two was all Hawks.

Arrant went 3-3 with two home runs and Koria picked up three hits and four stolen bases in what would be a 12-0 rout, with the game being called midway through the fourth inning due to the run-rule.

combined fro five Ks.

Now 4-0 on the season, it looks first game. like the Hawks are poised to make another postseason run. The only question is just how deep into the playoffs they may go. Last year, Howard went to the national champisonship in St. George, Utah.

Raines — despite losing six starters — is confident her squad can compete in the tough Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

"I think we are off to a good start," Raines added. "The girls have played hard so far. Obviously, we have some stuff to work on, but I think we have a good team and we have some depth in the pitching department."

Next on the schedule for the Hawks will be a four-game affair with Cisco College.

Game One is slated for Friday at 1 p.m. and Game Two at 3 p.m. Game Three will begin Saturday at 1 p.m. and the finale will begin Saturday at 3 p.m.

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Howard College won both games of a doubleheader against Ranger College on Saturday, taking Game One by a score Amber Marlett and Nicole Wilson of 7-6 and dominating in Game Two, ending the game after four and half innings in a 12-0 run-rule victory. Jazzmin Arrant (top) hits her second home run of the nightcap. Lani Muñoz (bottom) is slides safely into second during the



NFC blows out AFC 62-35 in Pro Bowl

HONOLULU (AP) — A handful of shenanigans and plenty of points — yet still another ho-hum Pro Bowl.

Whether the NFL's all-star game will return next season is something the league will ponder the next few months after the NFC's 62-35 blowout of the AFC on Sunday.

"It's been an unbelievable week," Seattle rookie quarterback Russell Wilson said, "And the thing was, if you watched us, everybody was competing today and it was really awesome."

Wilson at least got the crowd pumped up in the second half with some nifty scrambles and three passing touchdowns. There was also Houston's sack-happy defensive end J.J. Watt going out for a couple of passes as a wide receiver, and retiring Green Bay center Jeff Saturday snapping to two Mannings on opposite teams.

But while the NFC appeared unstoppable on offense, with nearly each player putting up fantasy-worthy lines in limited play, the AFC had five turnovers and scored most of its points well after the game was no longer

competitive. Minnesota tight end Kyle Rudolph was voted the game's MVP with five catches for 122 yards and a touchdown.

"Guvs were competing, guys wanted to win and guys want to keep the game here," Rudolph insisted. "That was the point before the game. We want to keep this game rolling for future Pro Bowlers."

Watt, who had 20 1/2 sacks for Houston, lined up as a wide receiver on the AFC's third play from scrimmage, but missed a pass from Denver quarterback Peyton Manning. He was targeted one more time, but didn't make a catch.

He later showed a television camera a bloody left pinkie, joking with NBC broadcasters that it was proof that the players were trying.

"Hey, Commish, we're playing hard," Watt said as he showed his finger. Roger Goodell has said the Pro

Bowl won't be played again if play didn't improve this year. Last year, fans in Hawaii booed as lineman were clearly not trying. On one play in that game, Minnesota defensive end Jared Allen did a barrel roll to switch positions with a teammate.

If players were coasting this time around, it was less obvious. The AFC just played poorly. And fans didn't boo much — the

stands were relatively empty

even though the game sold enough tickets to lift a local tele-

vision blackout. The game was trending on Twitter in the United States early on, but quickly gave way to the Screen Actors Guild Awards and the WWE Royal Rumble.

Saturday, retiring at the end of this season, played for both teams, though he came representing the NFC. He lined up on one play for the AFC to snap the ball one last time to Manning, his longtime former Colts teammate.

Saturday said it meant a lot to him that the Broncos quarterback, whom Saturday called a true friend, orchestrated the

"He's got a little more pull than I got," Saturday said. "He got it all set up and timed up for me, so it was really nice of him to do

Saturday played 13 seasons in Indianapolis, all with Manning except 2011, when Manning was out with a neck injury. Saturday then played later in the game for the NFC, snapping to Peyton's brother, Giants quarterback Eli

Manning. Saturday's last play on the field was a passing touchdown by Eli

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Manning.

Marion, Nowitzki lead Mavs past Suns

DALLAS (AP) Shawn Marion's 1,000th game was like so many others in his 14-year career.

He scored. He rebounded. He combined with Dirk Nowitzki to lead Dallas to another victory.

Marion had 18 points and nine rebounds, Nowitzki also had 18 while passing Allen Iverson on the career scoring list and the Mavericks beat the Phoenix Suns 110-95 on Sunday night.

It was the 10th straight home win for the Mavericks against the Suns, who haven't won in Dallas since March 14, 2007.

While Marion joined Nowitzki in the 1,000game club, he won't ever get where the big German is on the scoring list. He's always been known for other things anyway, such as defense. He frequently guards the opponent's best player, and he also had five assists against

the Suns. "I pride myself in getting better every year I've played in the league and helping my teammates get better as well," said Marion, who played 660 games in Phoenix and had brief stops in Miami and Toronto before joining Nowitzki in Dallas in 2009. "That's why I'm able to have such a long career."

Nowitzki passed Iverson for 18th on the NBA's scoring list on a third-quarter jumper that stopped a Phoenix run, and his 3-pointer early in the fourth started a surge that put Dallas in control for good.

Phoenix, playing its fourth game in five days under interim coach Lindsey Hunter, rallied from a firsthalf deficit and made it interesting before fading in the fourth

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

Catch the Success Contagion CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's something so attractive Is someone close to you advancing rapidly while you sharp-tongued about those stand by hopefully? More individuals who say exactly exciting advancements what's on their minds and don't accompany the upcoming change let anything get by them. You'll pick up on this energy and run in Jupiter, escalating this

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dynamic. Just remember that

when a friend does well, it's no

time to cut the strings. Success

is contagious. Keep the ego in

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

You may find yourself near a

person who is so relentlessly

positive that he or she makes

you feel, by comparison, like an

absolute whiner. Well, you both

have your reasons, and neither

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll give your best effort to

everything that matters. That's

why knowing what matters is so

crucial, and many are getting it

wrong these days. The efforts

that are in your control are the

only ones that count today.

check to avoid the

common pitfalls of

21-April 19). If you

run around doing

what you must,

you'll be too busy

to do what you

want to do. Step

back, and you'll see

that what you think

is your duty may

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ARIES

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The moon drifting through the last degrees of your sign is a reminder of how far you've come emotionally. What used to bother vou is no longer an issue. And vou have refined your tastes, too, so it's a bit harder to impress you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's not enough to have a plan. You must also have the energy and resources to execute it. That's why the best plans are simple. Today's aim might be so simple, in fact, that you could write it on the back of your hand.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You will likely get imperfect service that fills a need in some quirky, unexpected way. Though the service is flawed, the experience might be about as fitting as any.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The negotiating and handling of material goods will be part of the day's agenda. Listen carefully and talk sparingly, and you'll trade up in some measurable

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your guiding planet will change direction in a matter of days. You probably feel this in some way and will find yourself contemplating the momentous happening that is about to occur, depending on your next move.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Misunderstood? If one more person suggests that "it's all for the best" or some similar sentiment, you're likely to lose it. That's why you need to yourself surround with intelligent emotionally and empathetic types today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The state of "flow" you so often find yourself in this week is not just about doing good work. It's about happiness unimpeded by self-consciousness. It's about fully engaging in life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). With only so many hours in the day, you can't possibly interact with everyone. But you make time for the ones who propel you forward and also for the ones who deserve you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 28). The year is spiced with "blessons" (blessings that are also lessons), and you're a grade-A learner this year. You'll plunge into a different culture or environment — possibly a school. By the end of February, a change to your personal life will be set in stone. The journey you take in May leads to better pay. Capricorn and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 19, 50, 3 and 28.

ASTROLOGICAL

QUESTIONS: "I'm a Capricorn songwriter. I've had a few major hits and then a dry spell that lasted a decade. I'm starting to wonder whether I'll ever have another hit. Please encourage me. I'm feeling very old and past my prime now."

In ancient Greece, wreaths of the aromatic trees known as laurel represented honored achievement and were placed upon the heads of victorious competitors. You have a similar symbolic prize, but you're not about to measure your worth based on that historic proof of your skill. Neither are you likely to wear your version of the green crown around so that everyone is made aware of your glory days. You are loath to, as the phrase goes, "rest on your laurels."

Believe in the Capricorn Youth Secret, and it will be true for you: The young never rely on their past achievements, because either they have none, or said achievements are far less than they expect they'll do in their lifetime. Stay young relevant by holding fast to the longevity of your dreams. No matter how much time has passed, time still stretches before you full of wonder. Past victories are either forgotten or diminished by the promise ahead. You focus on the stretch before you and let it draw you magnetically forward.

"Classic" Ann Landers®: Wife's 'green-eyed monster' starting to appear

Editor's Note: Hundreds of Ann Landers' loyal readers have requested that newspapers continue to publish her columns. These letters originally appeared in 1999.

Dear Ann Landers: I have never cheated on my wife and am absolutely certain that I never will. We have been married for five wonderful

vears, and our marriage is rock solid. Here's the problem: About a year ago, during a moment of



LANDERS name of my friend. wife's best "Annabelle." You can imagine wife's my reaction.

Annabelle is single, in her early 20s and goodlooking, and she has a terrific figure. She moved out of town three years

I made it clear to my wife that nothing ever between went on Annabelle and me and that calling her name was just part of a harmless fantasy.

I tried to explain that fantasies are normal and I have no intention of acting them out. My wife accepted this explanation, and things seemed to be going well. Now comes the hard part. Annabelle visits us

once a year and stays for a week. Her visit is coming up soon, and my wife has started to turn very cold.

In fact, she's downright hostile. I know she is atraid I will be attracted to Annabelle and feels threatened. What can I do to reassure her and get things back on track? Faithful in Denver

Dear Denver: Since you have had sexual fantasies about Annabelle, your wife has some justification for feeling a bit threatened. Start immediately to line up some attractive men for Annabelle to go out with when she is visiting you. Make sure you are never alone with your and guest, most importantly, concentrate on finding a substitute fantasy woman. (Any star of stage or screen will do.) And be especially affectionate to your wife in Annabelle's presence. She will appreciate it.

Dear Ann Landers: My son's father has taken permanent leave of a absence from our lives. "Arthur" and I divorced when my son was 6. He is now 11.

divorce. After the Arthur was supposed to have custody of our son every weekend. The court order said he should pick up the boy on Friday evening and return him on Sunday night.

Arthur immediately made it clear that Friday nights were for bowling and he had to work on Saturdays.

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and return him Sunday. I told Arthur that wasn't good enough. I also said he needed to spend more than one evening a week with his son and should make whatever

arrangements necessary to follow the court order. At that point, Arthur became angry and stopped having contact with us. He said I made things too difficult. Arthur pays child

support, but he never calls or sees his son. He doesn't send birthday cards or Christmas gifts either. I feel very bad for our boy. He is growing up without a positive male role model in his life. I have not remarried, and my parents live another state.

Was I wrong to insist that Arthur follow the rules? Arthur says it's my fault he no longer sees his son. Should I have been more flexible about the scheduling? I would really appreciate your advice, Ann. - Single Parent in Iowa

Dear Iowa: Too bad you picked such a lemon for husband. Unfortunately, you two have a lot of deep-seated anger and unresolved problems. You are still fighting it out, and your son is the battleground. For the child's sake, you both need to be a lot more giving. After five years of living apart, the wounds should have healed. Apparently, they haven't, so please get some and learn counseling, how to resolve whatever differences you have.

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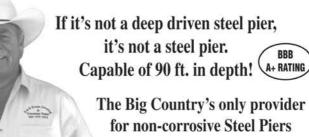
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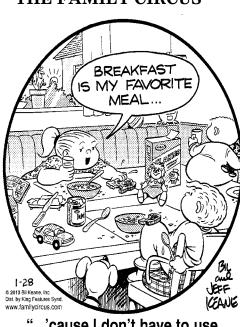
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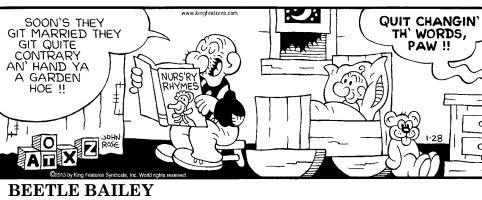








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WHY ISN'T BEETLE





This Date In History

Today is Monday, Jan. 28, the 28th day of 2013. There are 337 days left in the year. Today's Highlight

History: On Jan. 28, 1813, the novel "Pride and Prejudice" by Jane

Austen was first published anonymously in London. On this date: In 1547, England's King

Henry VIII died; he was succeeded by his 9-year-old son, Edward VI.

In 1853, Cuban revolutionary Jose Marti was born in Havana. In 1909, the United States

withdrew its forces from Cuba as Jose Miguel Gomez became president In 1915, the United States Coast Guard was created as

President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill merging the Life-Saving Service and Revenue Cutter Service.

In 1916, Louis D. Brandeis was nominated by President tne

Supreme Court; Brandeis became the court's first Jewish member. In 1945, during World War II,

Allied supplies began reaching

China over the newly reopened Burma Road. In 1962, the last of Washington, D.C.'s streetcars

made its final run. In 1973, a cease-fire officially went into effect in the Vietnam War.

who had avoided being taken hostage at their embassy in Tehran flew out of Iran with the help of Canadian diplomats. In 1982, Italian anti-terrorism

General James L. Dozier, 42 days after he had been kidnapped by the Red Brigades. In 1986, the space shuttle

liftoff from after Cape Canaveral, killing all seven crew members, including schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe. In 1988, a 13-day standoff in

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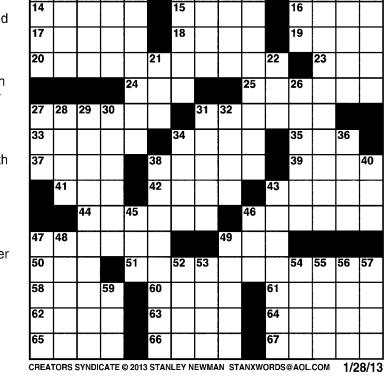
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quarter for a second straight night in Texas after losing at Western Conference-leading San Antonio. Goran Dragic led four players in double figures with 18 points.

"We're pretty tired today," said Marcin Gortat, who had eight points and a team-high eight rebounds. "Hopefully for the next game, we'll be more ready to play. It was a terrible first half."

Nowitzki's third-quarter jumper was the first basket in a 6-0 spurt that pushed Dallas' lead back to double digits after Phoenix had trailed by as many as 20 in the first half. Nowitzki has 24,375 career points, seven ahead of Iverson. Patrick Ewing is 17th at 24,815. Nowitzki stopped an-

other Phoenix run in the fourth with a 3-pointer after the Suns had pulled within five, sparking a 10-0 run that put Dallas ahead 91-76. Brandan Wright, who entered just seconds earlier after sitting four straight games, converted a three-point play and Vince Carter hit two free throws before getting a steal that turned into a layup by Dahntay Jones.

"I'm starting to feel better," said Nowitzki, who missed the first 27 games after knee surgery. "I have a little more pop on my jump shot. I have a little more lift."

Wright was the fourth center used by coach Rick Carlisle, who decided to give rookie Bernard James his first career start. Wright's three-point play put Dallas' lead back in double digits for good with 10:30 remaining. The lead was 17 with

about 5 minutes left when Marion stripped a driving Dragic, and Darren Collison flipped the ball to Jones for an easy dunk and a 102-83 lead.

BLOWOUT

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Peyton Manning said it was nice for the NFL to allow the play to happen.

"It's something that I'll always remember," he said, "that he'll always remember to kind of get that one, final snap together after the thousands that we've taken together."

Even as the NFC piled up touchdowns, the game struggled for memorable moments after Saturday's momentary switch.

In the second quarter, referee Ed Hochuli drew cheers when announcing a pass interference penalty on Denver cornerback Champ Bailey in the second quarter — the

first flag of the game.

"Yes, there are penalties in the Pro Bowl," Hochuli said, drawing laughs and loud cheers.

Giants wideout Victor Cruz broke a Pro Bowl record with 10 catches. Tampa Bay receiver Vincent Jackson had 91 yards and two touchdowns. Eli Manning threw for 191 yards and two touchdowns.

Cincinnati's A.J. Green had three TD catches for the AFC. NFL officials said earlier in the

week that the league wants to decide the future of the Pro Bowl by the time next season's schedule is released in April. "We understood exactly what (Goodell) wanted, guys were mak-

ing plays all over the field," Cruz said. "There was a little bit more high intensity than in years past and we were excited to play."





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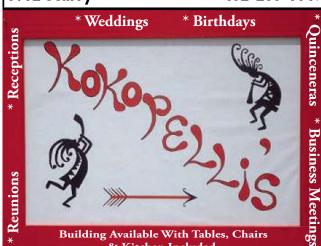
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