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Law enforcement officials set up a barricade near the intersection of E. Eighth Street and Main this morning, part of a 150-foot safe zone established in front of State National Bank, at 901 Main St. According to Sgt. Tony Everett, public information officer with the Big Spring Police Department, a suspicious package was discovered on the steps of the bank this morning. At the time of this report, law enforcement officials had evacuated the area and were awaiting the arrival of bomb technicians from Midland. See the Tuesday edition of the *Herald* for more details.

2 killed in wreck on I-20

Herald Staff Report

Two Big Spring residents were killed late Friday evening when the vehicle they were in rolled several times along Interstate 20.

Thirty-year-old Reginald Vanderbilt and 40-year-old Tashanna Forman were pronounced deceased by Justice of the Peace Kathryn Wiseman shortly after 11 p.m.

According to law enforcement reports, they were traveling eastbound in a 2001 Lexus RX3 when the vehicle went out of control, rolled several times and came to rest in the I-20 median. Vanderbilt and Forman were both ejected from the vehicle. They were found to be deceased by first responders. No other occupants had been in the vehicle.

Police reports do not indicate who was driving but Big Spring Police Department Public Information Officer Sgt. Tony Everett noted that the accident is under investigation.

Autopsies were ordered on both victims. It is unknown if alcohol was involved, pending toxicology results.

Accident reports indicated that the Lexus RX3 lost a wheel during the accident, which was subsequently struck by another vehicle, causing damage to the vehicle's undercarriage. No injuries were reported as a result.

Leaders needed

Leadership Big Spring deadline extended

Herald Staff Report

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce has extended its deadline for applications for the Big Spring Leadership program, set to begin Sept. 12 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

"We still have space available and we would like to have anyone join us who can," said Debbye ValVerde, chamber executive director.

Deadline for applications to be turned in is now 3 p.m. Sept. 5.

This program is designed to increase leadership skills and learn more about the community. We are anticipating another successful year.

"Employers, If you have new

employees or administration personnel new to the community, this would be a good program for them to learn more about Big Spring and Howard County and get involved," said ValVerde. "This not only benefits the participants, but also the business that sponsors them. That employee will be promoting your business and will get involved in the different organizations in the coming year and will keep your business informed as to what is going on in the community and how you as a business can get involved."

Applicants must be willing to commit to one full day (the second Thursday) each month for nine months. Those who have demonstrated management and/or leader-

ship ability, have shown an interest in community affairs and have time and talent to offer the community, are invited to apply.

"We are certain someone in your organization or in your acquaintance will be able to profit from this excellent opportunity," said ValVerde.

Tuition fee is \$400 for Chamber members in good standing and \$600 for non-members. Tuition includes transportation for tours, meals, leadership skills and information.

Applications are available at the Chamber Office and can be faxed or e-mailed to you. The program is limited to 25 participants. For more information, contact Debbye or Nancy at the Chamber office, 263-7641.

Interim super expected to be named Tuesday

By STEVE REAGAN

Staff Writer

Big Spring school trustees are expected to hire an interim superintendent when they hold a special meeting set to begin at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday in the high school board room.

Trustees will spend most of the evening interviewing candidates before naming an interim succes-

sor for Dr. Steven Saldivar, whose last day as BSISD superintendent will be Wednesday.

Saldivar, who has headed the local school district since 2008, announced earlier this month he had accepted a similar position at Anthony ISD, located west of El Paso on the New Mexico border.

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TxDOT begins road surface improvements

Special to the Herald

Heading toward Lamesa?

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is scheduled to begin work this week on a \$11.3 million project to make roadway improvements to more than 19 miles of U.S. Highway 87 in Dawson County, from the south Y in the city of Lamesa to the Martin County Line.

"The project will make needed improvements to the pavement, but is also expected to enhance the overall safety of U.S. 87," said James Combes, P.E., TxDOT Brownfield area engineer.

Starting today, motorists traveling on U.S. 87 will see traffic reduced to one-lane at various times and locations throughout the project as contractor Duinink Inc., of Roanoke, Texas, mills and then resurfaces the outside north- and southbound driving lanes of the roadway. Travelers can expect night-time lane closures, Combes added.

Work to mill and repave the driving lanes is anticipated to be completed in mid-December, with work crews returning in the summer of 2014 to seal coat the roadway.

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Obituaries

Virginia Shaw Black Fikes



Virginia Shaw Black Fikes, a thoughtful, persevering and adventurous soul with a wide range of interests has left us after making the world a happier place for those around her for 97 years. Virginia died in Robert Lee, Texas on Aug. 16, 2013.

While mourning her loss, family and friends give thanks for the joy that her wit, intelligence, goodness, generosity and grace brought to their own lives. She remained independent and active until her last week and left this life in the same manner in which she lived it. A memorial service will be held at Robert Lee Baptist Church at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2013. Arrangements are with Robert Massie Funeral Home.

Born on Oct. 25, 1915, Ginny was the second daughter of Ollie and Dixie Blankenship Shaw. Her early childhood was spent in Kaufman, Texas. The family later moved to Palestine, Texas, where she was a 1933 PHS graduate. Virginia attended Howard Payne and then San Angelo became her home.

Virginia and Ed Black married March 18, 1939. Ginny worked for San Angelo National Bank until moving to Big Spring. She served as Howard County auditor for 13 years. Later, Ed and she moved to Austin, where she worked for Bob Bullock in the State Comptroller office.

After Ed's death, Virginia retired and moved back to San Angelo, where she was active in volunteer work for Immanuel Baptist Church and various agencies in San Angelo and Concho Valley. Virginia was elected and served four years as one of the first Silver Haired Legislators from San Angelo.

She then served on the Silver Haired Legislature Foundation Board for the next 12 years. Baptist Memorials also benefited from her service on their board of directors.

Virginia and Weldon Fikes married April 4, 1996, and thus she acquired three 'chosen' daughters. After living in Robert Lee for several years, Weldon and Ginny moved to San Angelo. They enjoyed their Baptist Memorial neighbors on West Street and Immanuel Baptist Church family before health issues necessitated a move back to Robert Lee.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Ed Black and Weldon Fikes; parents; sister and brother-in-law, Kathleen and Watson; and her nephew, Ben Watson.

Survivors include her three chosen daughters and sons-in-law, Elaine and David Miller of Abilene, Marion and Jimmy Stewart of Midland, Farrell Jean and Wes Washam of Robert Lee and their children. Ginny was blessed with a plethora of special friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Robert Lee Baptist Church.

Paid obituary

Pablo 'Paul' Silva



Pablo "Paul" Silva, 71, of Big Spring died Friday, Aug. 16, 2013, at Odyssey Hospice in Lubbock. Vigil Service will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Jan. 15, 1942, in Lubbock to Librada and Vicente Silva. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County. He married Andrea Perez on Aug. 18, 1962, in Big Spring.

He was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Paul worked in law enforcement for 35 years with the Big Spring Police Department, Howard County Sheriff's Department and Cornell Corrections.

He is survived by his wife, Andrea of Big Spring; three sons, Jesse Paul Silva and wife Pam, Louis Silva and wife Kathy and Michael Silva, all of Big Spring; one brother, Joe Silva of Lubbock; one sister, Maria Camarillo of Garland; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Arrangements are made by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Please pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com

Alvin Gillion

Alvin Gillion, 53, of Big Spring died Friday, Aug. 16, 2013, at his residence. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Tashanna Forman

Tashanna Forman, 40, of Big Spring died Saturday, Aug. 17, 2013. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Reginald Vanderbilt

Reginald Vanderbilt, 30, of Big Spring died Saturday, Aug. 17, 2013. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 9 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today:

- JOSHUA MIER, 30, of 407 S. Johnson, was arrested Sunday on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.
- CHANCE R. ATKINSON, 17, of 2703 Cindy, was arrested Sunday on a charge of reckless driving.
- MICHAEL ANTHONY GOMEZ, 21, of 1902 S. Johnson, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- DENNIS MICHAEL RICHARDSON II, 28, of 1104 Mulberry, was arrested Sunday on a warrant for speeding.
- JOSEPH BLAKE GIST, 38, of 1011 S. Johnson, was arrested Sunday on a charge of shoplifting – more than \$50 and less than \$500.
- JONATHAN LEE CUELLAR, 28, of 2206 S. Nolan, was arrested Sunday on a warrant from another agency.
- MICHAEL ERICK WILLIAMS, 20, of 3618 Connally, was arrested Sunday on two warrants from other agencies.
- GILBERT DAVIS, 36, of Arizona, was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- DANIEL RIOS, 27, of 905 E. 16th St., was arrested Sunday on charges of assault on a public servant, resisting arrest, search or transportation and bail jumping – failure to appear.
- KIM ANN RUEDA, 25, of Lakewood, Texas, was arrested Sunday on charges of manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 700 block of W. Interstate Highway 20.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported: In the 800 block of E. 13th Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 200 block of W. FM 700.
- BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 500 block of S. Benton.

Sheriff




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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 91 inmates at the time of this report.

- ROBERT CLAY SHERROD, 35, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- ALEX GUTIERREZ, 38, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear (two counts) and expired driver's license.
- MUZAFER MEMECI, 30, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by DPS on a charge of theft of property by check – more than \$20 and less than \$500.
- THOMAS LOYD BALES, 38, was arrested Saturday by the HCSO on an Ector County warrant for theft.
- CASEY LYNN SMITH, 21, was booked into the county detention center Saturday by the BSPD on charges of no driver's license – when unlicensed, ride not secured by safety belt and violation of a promise to appear.
- JOSHUA MIER, 30, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of hindering officers discharging official duties.
- MITCHELL ALAN DUSH, 35, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor.
- RYAN MATTHEW ZAPATA, 28, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the Sterling County Sheriff's Office on a charge of driving while intoxicated – blood alcohol more than 0.15.
- CHANCE RYAN ATKINSON, 17, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of reckless driving.
- DOUGLAS WITTER, 32, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- WILLIAM BEAN, 33, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by DPS on a charge of public intoxication.
- DANIEL RIOS, 27, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on charges of bail jumping – failure to appear, assault of a public servant and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- MICHAEL ANTHONY GOMEZ, 21, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of possession of marijuana – two ounces or less.
- DENNIS MICHAEL RICHARDSON, 28, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a municipal capias warrant for speeding.
- JOSEPH BLAKE GIST, 38, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a charge of theft of property – more than \$50 and less than \$500.
- JONATHAN LEE CUELLAR, 28, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on a Medina County warrant for violation of probation – manufacture of a controlled substance.
- KIM ANN RUEDA, 25, was arrested Sunday by the HCSO on motions to revoke probation for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance.
- MICHAEL ERIK WILLIAMS, 20, was booked into the county detention center Sunday by the BSPD on charges of minor in consumption of an alcoholic beverage and violation of a promise to

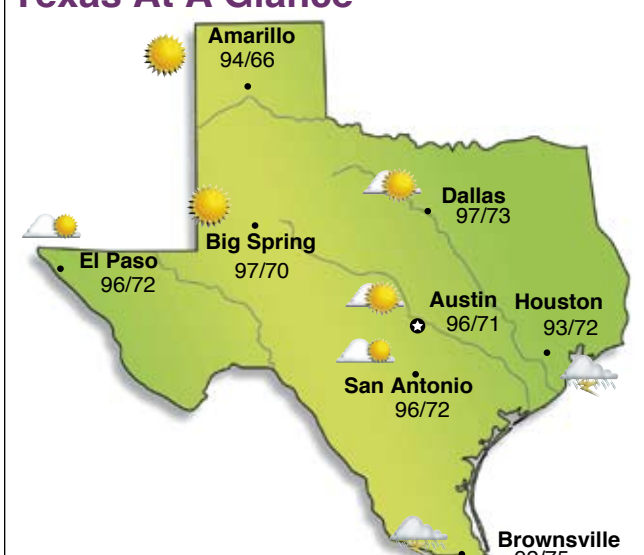
Today's Weather

Local 3-Day Forecast

Tue 8/20	Wed 8/21	Thu 8/22
 97/70 Sunny skies. High 97F. Winds SE at 10 to 20 mph.	 97/72 More sun than clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.	 97/72 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 70s.
Sunrise: 7:14 AM Sunset: 8:24 PM	Sunrise: 7:14 AM Sunset: 8:23 PM	Sunrise: 7:15 AM Sunset: 8:22 PM

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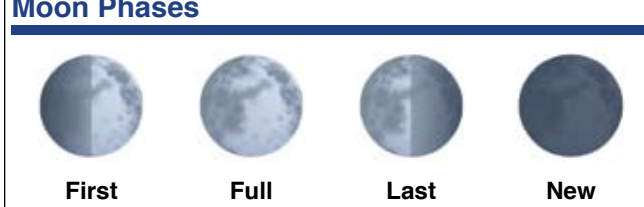
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	94	71	sunny
Amarillo	94	66	sunny
Austin	96	71	mst sunny
Beaumont	93	72	t-storm
Brownsville	92	75	t-storm
Brownwood	97	71	mst sunny
Corpus Christi	93	76	t-storm
Corsicana	96	71	mst sunny
Dallas	97	73	mst sunny
Del Rio	98	76	mst sunny
El Paso	96	72	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	94	68	sunny
Gainesville	95	69	sunny
Greenville	95	69	mst sunny
Houston	93	72	t-storm
Kingsville	95	74	t-storm
Livingston	95	69	t-storm
Longview	95	70	mst sunny
Lubbock	94	67	sunny
Lufkin	96	69	pt sunny
Midland	96	71	sunny
Raymondville	93	74	t-storm
Rosenberg	94	71	t-storm
San Antonio	96	72	pt sunny
San Marcos	97	71	pt sunny
Sulphur Springs	96	71	mst sunny
Sweetwater	94	69	sunny
Tyler	96	72	mst sunny
Weatherford	96	71	sunny
Wichita Falls	97	69	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	83	71	t-storm
Boston	87	64	sunny
Chicago	88	68	sunny
Dallas	97	73	mst sunny
Denver	90	64	pt sunny
Houston	93	72	t-storm
Los Angeles	81	63	pt sunny
Miami	90	80	t-storm
Minneapolis	93	70	sunny
New York	87	70	sunny
Phoenix	105	85	pt sunny
San Francisco	70	61	pt sunny
Seattle	75	56	sunny
St. Louis	88	69	mst sunny
Washington, DC	88	72	pt sunny

Moon Phases



UV Index

Tue 8/20	Wed 8/21	Thu 8/22
11	11	11
Extreme	Extreme	Extreme

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale, 0 being the lowest and 11 being the highest. A higher UV Index shows the need for greater skin protection.

appear.

• GILBERT DAVIS, 36, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.

• STEVEN LANE BROCKMAN, 44, was booked into the county detention center Monday by DPS on a charge of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

• JOSEPH EASTEN MCBETH, 26, was booked into the county detention center Monday by the BSPD on charges of assault causing bodily injury – family violence and unlawful restraint.

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. Weight-in 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 517-4922 or 935-6306.

• 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.

Sen. Seliger making annual tour; to visit Howard County Aug. 27

Herald Staff Report

State Sen. Kel Seliger's annual tour of Senate District 31 continues with county town hall meetings across the Panhandle, South Plains and Permian Basin.

Among other topics, he will discuss the activities of the 83rd Legislature. "I am excited to start the very important process of reporting to my bosses in District 31 and getting their ideas," said Seliger.

Upcoming stops on Senator Seliger's town hall meeting schedule include:

- Tuesday, Aug. 27**
Glasscock County
9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.
Glasscock County Courthouse, 117 East Currie, Garden City
- Howard County
1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Hotel Settles, 200 East Third, Big Spring

Martin County
3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
Martin County Library, 200 St. Mary's Street, Stanton

Wednesday, Aug. 28
Ector County
8 a.m.-9 a.m.
Odessa College, Student Union Building, Zant Community Room, 201 West University, Odessa

Andrews County
11 a.m.-noon
Holiday Inn Express, 1100 South Main, Andrews

Gaines County
3 p.m.-4 p.m.
City Hall, 302 South Main, Seminole

World briefs

San Diego mayor set to return to City Hall after undergoing therapy, faces recall drive

SAN DIEGO (AP) — According to the age-old saying, time heals all. But for Mayor Bob Filner, his troubles have only continued to mount while he was away in therapy.

Even the local Hooters restaurants have posted signs saying he is not welcome there.

Filner is expected to appear at City Hall on Monday, when he has said he will return to work after undergoing an intensive two-week therapy program.

More than a dozen women, including a university dean and a retired Navy rear admiral, have gone public with accusations. Some contend he cornered them, groping and slobbering them with kisses.

Filner's former communications director, Irene McCormack Jackson, filed a lawsuit claiming that he asked her to work without panties, demanded kisses, told her he wanted to see her naked and dragged her in a headlock while whispering in her ear.

Superstorm task force says as coasts rebuild, they should prep for rising seas, future floods

NEW YORK (AP) — A presidential task force charged with developing a strategy for rebuilding areas damaged by Superstorm Sandy has issued a report recommending 69 policy initiatives, most focused on a simple warning: Plan for future storms in an age of climate change and rising sea levels.

The report released Monday by the Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force says coastal communities should assume floods are going to happen more frequently and realize that spending more now on protective measures could save money later. It calls for development of a more advanced electrical grid less likely to be crippled in a crisis, and the creation of better planning tools and standards for communities rebuilding storm-damaged areas.

TXDOT

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weakening the roadbed," Combes said. "Seal coating also reduces deterioration and cracking of the asphalt surface, which prolongs the life of the pavement."

Other seal coat benefits include an improved non-skid surface in wet or icy conditions and an anti-glare and increased reflective

BSISD

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During their regular monthly meeting Thursday, trustees announced they would accept applications for the interim post until the close of business today. The number of applicants received so far has not been released by BSISD officials.

Typically, school districts seek out retired superintendents to act on an interim basis until a permanent replacement is found. Such was the case for Big Spring after former Superintendent Michael Downes resigned in 2008 — the school board hired Dr. Michael Stevens, former head of Hereford ISD, as interim chief administrator until Saldivar was hired.

Whoever is named interim chief of BSISD likely will be here for awhile — Board President Irene Rodriguez said earlier this month that it will probably be several months before a permanent superintendent is named.

The new school year begins locally Aug. 26.

Contact Staff Writer Steve Reagan at 263-7331 ext. 235 or by e-

Area roundup

Head to jail before Labor Day

ODESSA — Head to jail before Labor Day will be held at 9 a.m. Aug. 26 at the University of Texas at Permian Basin courtyard, 4901 E. University Blvd. in Odessa.

Event Details:
Put on an orange jumpsuit and step inside jail to get your mug shot taken. Of course, this is simulated jail. Texas Department of Transportation is bringing its "Drink. Drive. Go to Jail." mobile jail cell to campus — complete with a toilet, sink and bunk bed. The Labor Day holiday should be fun, not deadly.

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why you'd never drink and drive.

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Gary Allan in concert

MIDLAND — Gary Allan will be in concert Aug. 22 at the City Bank Ballpark.

What: Gary Allan in concert with Special Guest Cody Canada and The Departed; Opening act: Alyssa Bagley

When: Thursday, Aug. 22, 6 p.m., all ages

Where: City Bank Ballpark, 5514 Cham-

pions Dr., Midland, Texas

Tickets: \$40/\$50 (there are also group packages available)

Contact: www.garyallan.com or www.milb.com

Genealogy Fair

SAN ANGELO — In addition to hosting over 40 exhibits on Concho Valley history and genealogy, the San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society will be giving away \$1,300 in door prizes at the Genealogy Fair on Aug. 27.

Prizes include subscriptions to MyHeritage.com, Ancestry.com, World Deluxe, GenealogyBank.com, Newspapers.com and Fold3.com.

Midland Planned Parenthood will close by end of August

AP EXCHANGE

By RACHAEL GLEASON
Midland Reporter Telegram

Planned Parenthood of West Texas announced Friday its decision to shut down the Midland health center by the end of the month.

The group cited political attacks from state lawmakers for the decision, which comes one month after Gov. Rick Perry approved a controversial bill that toughened statewide restrictions on abortion.

A Planned Parenthood partner out of South Texas will offer health services through its San Angelo health center, according to spokeswoman Mara Posada.

Local anti-abortion groups applauded this decision.

"This is something we've been fighting for, for so long," said Monsignor James Bridges, an outspoken anti-abortion advocate and pastor of St. Stephen's Catholic Church, after hearing the news Friday night. "It makes me feel like all of this has been worthwhile. It's a fight worth winning."

Choose Life Midland board member John Savage was pleasantly surprised by the decision but said his supporters noticed a difference in the center's activity over the past two months. The local organization has offered anti-abortion services

in the building across from the center on Secor Street since November 2011 and recites rosaries three times a week.

"All of a sudden it was different. We had no idea what was going on. It hasn't been very active in the past couple of months," Savage said. "There's still a need in a number of different areas. There are plenty of situations where we can divert our attention."

Michael Banschbach, coordinator for ProLife Midland since 2000, said he didn't realize this day would come so soon.

"There are a lot of people in the Midland area who have put their hearts and soul into this. Certainly through prayers and efforts, physical presence, interactions with clients and employees — it's all played a role in coming to this day," he said. "Planned Parenthood has always tried to dress up abortion and call it health care. I always thought it was deceptive. What is healthy about abortion? It's not healthy for the child getting aborted. It's not healthy for the mother, either."

Planned Parenthood of West Texas has closed about a dozen health

centers over the past 30 years, according to its website. Banschbach said changes in how the Midland center was run over the past two years hinted at possible problems.

Jeffrey Hons, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Trust of South Texas, said the 2011 Texas Legislature's policy to end family planning contracts and Perry's decision to dismantle the Women's Health Program forced Planned Parenthood to close its health center in Midland.

"Some additional health centers will close, and some will open," Hons said in a statement. "I hope there will be a time in the future when we can restore Planned Parenthood's service to the women in Midland and Odessa."

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Six tips to weigh the best resale home improvements

By ALEX VEIGA

AP Business Writer

Homeowners are opening their wallets. A rebound in the housing market has made them more willing to invest in renovations that could boost the value of their homes even more in a rising market.

Spending on home remodeling has picked up over the past 18 months and is expected to rise nearly 20 percent to \$151 billion by the fourth quarter, according to a recent report by the Joint Center for Housing Studies at Harvard University.

Many homeowners decide to make upgrades with the idea that the bigger kitchen or finished basement will make their home more enjoyable. But those looking to sell should know that not all home improvement projects will boost the value of a home.

Here are six tips when considering investing in home improvement projects:

1. CONSIDER ALL BUYERS

The classic example here is installing a swimming pool.

A pool could make your home a tougher sell and it's unlikely you will recover your expenses, says Richard Borges, president of the Appraisal Institute, a professional association of real estate appraisers.

It may be a deal-killer for buyers who might not want to take on maintenance costs or safety risks for small children. "It's not going to contribute a full measure of its cost of installation because its utility is so limited," Borges says.

The principle holds true for other large projects that can alter the structure of the property, such as adding a second garage. In some neighborhoods, they may be a common feature that becomes a selling point. But if it's not common, it could discourage buyers who don't have a need for it.

2. DON'T 'OVERIMPROVE'

Some home improvements can help lift a home's resale value, especially updates to features like cabinets and appliances that are clearly dated.

The key is to select finishes and appliances that don't go well beyond what a buyer might find in similarly priced homes in the area. The term appraisers have for that is "overimprovement."

Consider a homeowner in a neighborhood with modest homes who splurges on pricey countertop finishes like quartz or marble. They're not likely to recoup the cost when apprais-



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ers look at recent sales of comparable homes that may not have such lavishly appointed kitchens.

This applies to everything from lighting to flooring and bathroom fixtures.

3. CONSIDER RISKS OF EXPANDING FOOTPRINT

One of the home improvement projects that's least likely to produce a return on the investment is a room addition that expands the size of a home beyond its original floor plan, says Borges.

Projects that require tearing down an exterior wall often involve moving doors, windows and other features, which can drive the costs higher than, say, converting an attic into a bedroom, which uses existing space in the home.

The more expensive the project, the harder it can be to recover one's costs.

Also, making major changes to the original structure, even when permitted by the city, runs other risks.

"When you become the oddball, the only home in the neighborhood with four bedrooms, probably the fourth bedroom is not going to be that desirable," Borges says.

4. CONSIDER COST-TO-VALUE

One way to gauge whether a home improvement project is worthwhile is to estimate how much of what you spend will be recovered at resale.

For example, if you spend a \$1,000 on siding, and it only adds \$500 to the resale value of your home, that upgrade is giving you a 50 percent return on your investment.

Remodeling magazine's latest cost-

value-study, which is based on surveys of real estate agents, can help provide a ballpark reference. You can find it here: www.remodeling.hw.net/2013/costvsvalue/national.aspx

That said, when home prices are rising fast enough, like during the last housing boom, it's easier to recover costs spent on home improvements, regardless of the upgrade. The alternative scenario also holds true.

5. PRIORITIZE REPAIRS AND CURB APPEAL

Making the master bedroom bigger or converting a downstairs closet into a half-bath might seem like good investments, but not if you need to upgrade your roof or fix window seals.

Those fixes may not be aesthetic upgrades, but often make a home easier to sell.

Replacing your front door might cost you \$1,500, but it's the type of upgrade that can make a home attractive to buyers, says Sal Alfano, editorial director of Remodeling magazine.

The magazine says replacing the front entry

with a 20-gauge steel door is the upgrade from which homeowners can expect to recoup the most money among renovations that cost less than \$5,000. The magazine estimates a recovery of 85.6 percent of the cost.

6. CONSULT AN EXPERT

Before moving forward on a home improvement project, consult with a real estate agent or an appraiser who knows your market.

They should be able to gauge how the upgrade could affect the sales price of your home. That can help you determine how much of your investment you're likely to recoup.

Almost all appraisers are independent and set their own fees. A consultation could cost between \$500 and \$1,000.

Real estate agents might be willing to offer their assessment for free, perhaps with the understanding that they might earn your business when it comes time to sell.

"Classic" Ann Landers®

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 just turned 25, and my mother is trying to marry me off to the son of one of her friends. I have an excellent job and am not worried about being unattached. I don't date much, which is OK for now. My mother told her friend which days I had off so her son could see me. He called my mother, and she set up a lunch date for next week. Of course, I have to go.

My mother has talked about my dating situation with my aunt and my sister, and now, I am beginning to feel pressured on all sides. I tried to explain to Mom how demeaning this is, but she became hostile and said she is only trying to help me. Don't get me wrong, Ann. I love my mother, and we get along fine, but this is more than I can take.

My mother is desperate for me to get married, but I'm not interested in wedding bells at this point in my life. Even if the guy turns out to be great, I still resent my mother's maneuvering. What can I do about this galling situation? — *Oahu Mess*

Dear Oahu: You can tell your mother you do not want her to arrange any more dates and that if she tries, you will refuse to go. Then, keep your word.

Dear Ann Landers: I am engaged to a wonderful man who treats me like a queen, is considerate and thoughtful, and has excellent manners. He is hardworking and has been there for me through thick and thin. "John" is 28, and I am 27. We have known each other for three years and have lived together for 11 months.

My father has never given John a chance. Dad says it is because he didn't ask for permission before our first date, which is a mighty lame excuse. I thought Dad would change his mind when John and I became officially engaged seven months ago, but it hasn't happened.

My father is zealous about his religious beliefs and said he will not attend our wedding because John is not "religious enough." Also, Dad looks down on John because he has only a high school education and I have a college degree. Dad says a woman should never marry beneath herself "education wise."

Finally, John's job is manual labor — he drives a moving truck. Dad thinks when John gets older and can no longer do that sort of work, he will become dependent on me. The truth is that John makes a lot of money working for an international company, and his retirement plan is far superior to mine.

This situation hurts my mother and me, and it is hard to explain to John. My uncle will be walking me down the aisle. I have cried a bucket of tears over this, and no one has been able to change Dad's mind. Any ideas, Ann? — *Woodbridge, Va.*

Dear Virginia: Your father is mean-spirited and punitive. His reasoning is faulty, and his values are cockeyed. Ignore his stubbornness, and make plans without him. I fear he is going to pay dearly for his dominating ways and heavy-handedness. Have a wonderful wedding, dear, and be a beautiful, beaming bride.

Dear Ann Landers: You performed a great service when you published that letter from "Bill in Illinois." He pointed out that stroke victims often behave inappropriately — laughing when they are sad and crying when they are happy.

I, too, suffered a stroke, and despite much therapy, I still cannot speak clearly. And, like Bill, my emotions manifest themselves in unusual ways. I've showed your column with Bill's letter to my therapist. He said you really do a splendid job of educating the world. — *Dick in Kentucky*

Dear Dick: I feel privileged to have been given the opportunity. Thank you for the warm compliment.

Feeling pressured to have sex? How informed are you? Write for Ann Landers' booklet "Sex and the Teenager." Send a self-addressed, long, business-sized envelope and a check or money order for \$3.75 (this includes postage and handling) to: Teens, c/o Ann Landers, c/o Creators Syndicate, 737 3rd Street, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254. To find out more about Ann Landers and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Annie's Mailbox®

Dear Annie: We have three adult children in their 30s. The oldest two are married and have good lives.

The youngest, "Moira," is a nurse and lives with her fiancé, "Bud," in a town not far away. Moira and Bud like to drink.

Bud hasn't had a full-time job in nearly five years. He dresses poorly, and I don't think his hygiene is particularly good.

He doesn't speak to his father because Dad keeps telling Bud to get a job. Bud's parents and siblings do not behave like this, and I know it hurts them as much as it hurts us to see Moira and Bud wasting their lives.

As long as the two of them live together, we believe they will keep drinking themselves into a state of deterioration.

We keep hoping Moira will wake up and leave

him. She is smart and good-looking. But time is slipping by. We are sick about the situation and can't sleep. Any ideas? — *Mom Out West*

Dear Mom:

There's not much you can do about a grown child who descends into drug or alcohol abuse, especially when she is attached to a partner who is equally addicted. Even if Moira would prefer to stop drinking, she may feel obligated to continue or tolerate Bud's drinking because she mistakenly believes this is being "supportive." It is not. It is enabling.

Let Moira know you

love her and that she can come to you if she decides she wants help. We doubt she is ready to admit this.

She still has a job and undoubtedly believes that the two of them are doing OK. Addicts rarely recognize a downward spiral until they hit bottom. In the meantime, please contact Al-Anon (al-anon.alateen.org) for support and information.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Worried Family Members," whose son's estranged wife has reported him to child protective serv-

ices repeatedly, and he is always cleared of the charges. She has convinced people that he is abusive, even though he has never done anything to merit the charge. He has become so paranoid that he's afraid to leave his house.

Please let this man out! He needs a GPS tracking device so he can have recorded proof that he wasn't close to his ex-wife. This device would be much cheaper than a lawyer. If he needs a third party to witness his child visitations, that person should record those visits with a camcorder on a tripod.

I think legal action against the ex is well overdue. Her behavior connotes a person with mental illness and one who should not have custody of children. —

Witness to a Deranged Relationship

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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Lady Steers look good at Classic

By BRIAN MCCORMACK

Sports Editor

ABILENE — Big Spring volleyball enjoyed a successful weekend at the Bev Ball Classic Tournament, at which the state-ranked Lady Steers won four-of-six matches against a wide array of schools.

After losing to Lubbock Coronado and Burleson on Friday, BSHS rebounded with a win over Water Valley to close out the evening. Saturday, The Lady Steers racked up wins against Brownwood, Sweetwater and San Angelo Lake View.

Big Spring Head Coach Lynn Osborne prefers a tough preseason schedule, which has proven helpful in a competitive district with three-of-six teams boasting a Top 20 state ranking.

The Lady Steers will host Andrews on Tuesday at the high school, with varsity taking the court at 6 p.m.

Bev Ball Classic results:

FRIDAY

Big Spring v. Lubbock Coronado

L-13-25, 19-25

Setters: Morgan Seaton, 7 assists, 5 kills, 2 digs; Kinsey Wash, 7 assists, 1 ace, 2 digs.

Offense: Kelsie Guinn, 6 kills, 3 blocks; Erin Pollard, 2 kills, 1 ace, 2 digs, 4 blocks; Leksey Yarbar, 2 kills, 4 blocks.

Defense: Ebony Zavala, 11 digs, 1 kill; Julianna Rodriguez, 8 digs, 1 assist.

Big Spring v. Burleson

L-18-25, 17-25

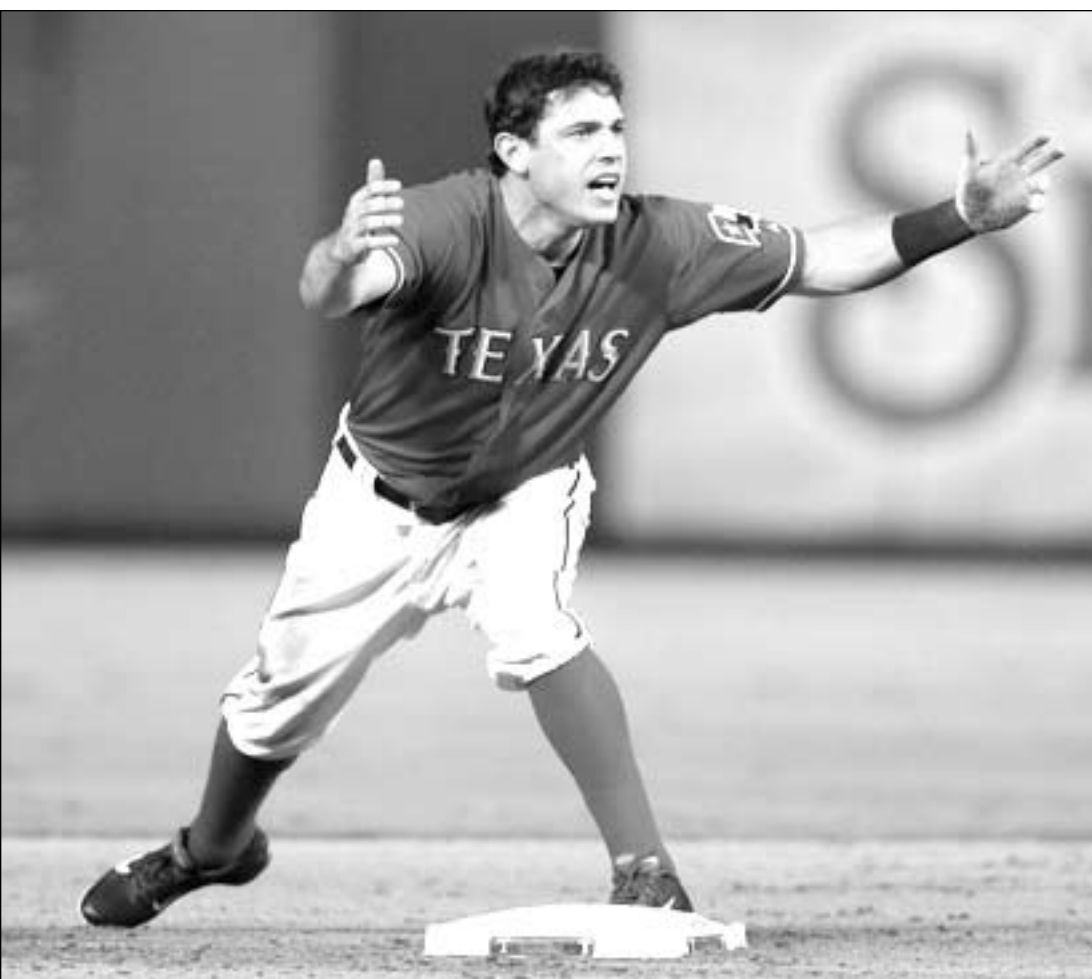
Setters: Morgan Seaton, 6 assists, 12 kills, 2 aces,



Courtesy photo

The Big Spring Lady Steers had a strong showing in Abilene over the weekend at the Bev Ball Classic Tournament, winning four-of-six matches. BSHS will host Andrews on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

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AP photo

Texas' Ian Kinsler argues with umpire Doug Eddings after being called out on a stolen base attempt during the Rangers' 4-3 loss to the Seattle Mariners Sunday.

Darvish falters in Texas' loss to Seattle

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Coming off a 15-strikeout performance in his last start, Texas ace Yu Darvish looked sharp through the first four innings Sunday afternoon against the Seattle Mariners.

The next four innings were a different story as the Rangers' right-hander allowed the lead-off batter on base in each frame, resulting in three runs, and closer Joe Nathan also let the leadoff batter score in the ninth as the AL West-leading Rangers lost 4-3 to Seattle on Saturday.

"He just lost his command," Texas manager Ron Washington said of Darvish. "Earlier he was spotting it up and then as we got past the fifth inning there, he was just a little erratic with his command. But then again, he was able to pitch around a lot of that trouble also."

After each team scored single runs in the fifth, sixth and eighth innings, Seattle's Kyle Seager

took a pitch from Nathan that was nearly in the dirt down the right field line for the game-winning RBI double in the ninth.

The Mariners took two of three runs from Texas, and they scored three runs in 7 1-3 innings against Darvish in the series finale.

In Darvish's previous start, he took a no-hit bid into the eighth against Houston. The two-time All-Star from Japan struck out seven on Sunday against the Mariners, raising his major league-leading total to 214.

"In many games I have trouble with my command in any inning I throw, but today it happened after the sixth inning," Darvish said through a translator. Darvish gave up five of his seven hits and all four of his walks after the fourth. Darvish, who had 50 strikeouts in his last five starts, left after throwing 120 pitches. He walked four after walking a total of four

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Local briefs

Youth Football Association sign-ups being held now

Crossroads Youth Football is holding its last round of sign-ups for players and cheer squads at the Big Spring Mall, today through Friday, from 6-8 p.m.

Flag football (5-7 years), will be \$85 per child; tackle (8-9 and 10-12 years), will cost \$160; and cheer (K-12 years) will be \$125.

For more information, visit www.freewebs.com/cyfa

Big Spring Youth Soccer Association registration open

Kids ages 3-15 are invited to participate in the Big Spring Youth Soccer Association. The final week of Sign-ups are slated at the Big Spring Mall on today through Friday, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

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BSHS season tickets on sale until Friday

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Mistake-prone Cowboys bested by Cards

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys had a gift for Bruce Arians in his first home game as Arizona coach.

Six of them, actually.

The Cowboys committed six turnovers, five in the first half, and the Cardinals sputtered to a 12-7 preseason victory Saturday.

Arizona's Jay Feely kicked field goals of 25, 53, 40 and 22 yards. He missed one from 30.

Dallas' Tony Romo completed 7 of 10 passes for 142 yards but was undone by two fumbles by his receivers. He also overthrew a wide-open Terrance Williams for what looked to be a sure touchdown.

"Obviously, turnovers are going to get you beat in this league. It is paramount that we don't let that happen again," Romo said. "We are going to have some hard teaching sessions going over this tape, and it will be good for guys."

The Cowboys scored on a 5-yard pass from fourth-string quarterback Alex Tanney to Gavin Escobar with 10:55 to play, the first points allowed by Arizona (2-0) in the preseason. The Cardinals won at Green Bay 17-0 last week.

"I think special teams is exactly where it needs to be and defensively I like where we're at," Arians said. "Offensively, we're a work in

progress."

Arizona's Carson Palmer was 7 of 15 for 66 yards.

Dallas, which entered the game with two turnovers total in its first two preseason contests, fumbled the ball away three times, then backup Kyle Orton threw two interceptions, all before the half came to an end. Arizona got another interception with 1:40 to play.

Arizona managed just nine points despite Dallas' five first-half turnovers.

"It's not anything we were physically beat on or beat with

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Oscar Pistorius indicted on murder charge

PRETORIA, South Africa (AP) — Oscar Pistorius was indicted Monday on a charge of murdering his girlfriend, and prosecutors said witnesses heard a woman screaming before the sound of fatal gunshots fired by the double-amputee Olympian in the early hours of Valentine's Day.

Pistorius, who was in court for the indictment and wept before proceedings began, also will face

a charge of illegal possession of ammunition when he goes on trial March 3 in a court in the South African capital, Pretoria.

The much-awaited indictment in the Pretoria Magistrate's Court yielded new detail about how prosecutors will pursue a case that has gripped the world because of the celebrity status of Pistorius, who overcame his disability to become a global phenomenon. His

model girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp, would have celebrated her 30th birthday on Monday.

Prosecutors said Pistorius shot "with the intention to kill a person," and a prosecution spokesman said after the hearing that it was premeditated murder.

The prosecution also will attempt to show the couple argued before she was killed as part of its case that Pistorius in-

tended to kill Steenkamp.

"Some of the state witnesses heard a woman scream, followed by moments of silence, then heard gunshots and then more screaming," the prosecution said in the 11-page indictment.

The court set March 3-20 as the trial period for Pistorius, who has said he shot Steenkamp by mistake, believing

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While lifting the morning's mental fog, the intellectual Aquarius moon gears up for tomorrow's very special lunar phenomenon: the third full moon in a season of four full moons, a.k.a. a true blue moon. (Confession: I added the "true" part as a distinction between this moon and what is popularly called a blue moon: the 2nd full moon in a calendar month.)



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Tomorrow's Horoscope

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Most people would be stressed by today's financial decisions, but not you. You'll remain calm and in control, assigning no special power to the dollars and cents in question. It's just money.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You don't have to reach to come up with solutions. Your imagination is overflowing with creative fixes. It seems to be an endless resource for entertainment, as well.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have romantic mojo at your fingertips, and whomever you touch will feel happier, lighter and more loved because of your attention. You'll spend most of the day simply spreading good energy.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There is a message in the timing of things. What happens easily and quickly will bring you good fortune. If it's taking too long, bail. Today, it's better to do nothing than to stand in a long line for something you're not sure about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Some cry for help at the slightest provocation. You like to deal with things on your own. A rescuer will step in today, whether or not you deem the situation dire. It's all relative.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Families may seem to come as a package deal today. You won't get to pick and choose from the group you want to spend your time with. It's all or nothing.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Wrong turns are no big deal as long as you quickly try to find the way back to the right road. There is absolutely no sense in staying on a road that clearly is not leading you in the direction you want to go.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You don't want to hear declarations of love. You'd rather know that someone really appreciates the way you think and operate. Your true love is the one who pays the closest attention to detail.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). May is your chance to be on stage in some way. You will sell a group on your ingenious idea or clever solution. Improvements in June make your environment attractive and peaceful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). As long as you're making plans, you may as well include your most capable, generous and talented friends. They will contribute unexpected nuances and create memories in the process.

tightly to an idea in your head of what will make you happy might prevent you from seizing the opportunity for even greater happiness, the likes of which you've never conceived. Stay open.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Even if you are the only one who is limiting you, self-limitation can be the hardest to overcome. So talk through your situation with a friend who might shed light on the part that is so familiar to you that you can't see it.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 19). You feel; therefore you are. Your confidence will strongly affect the success of your efforts. In September, don't get lazy just because things go so right. You'll have to work for the bonus you get in October, but this will ready you for the next professional challenge. You'll be favored in a decision in December. Cancer and Scorpio people adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 4, 44, 28 and 10.

ONCE IN A BLUE MOON: Some things, like organizing the sock drawer or touching base with an "ex" from long ago, are best done every once in a while. Any more often, and they would lead down a dark path or be categorized as

"obsessive" or "strange." So what will you do tomorrow that is best attempted only once in a blue moon? Here are some ideas: ARIES: Skip the next few workouts guilt-free. The high-energy ram needs time for muscle repair.

TAURUS: Get stressed out. Every so often, it's good to actually feel the full force of stress so you can benefit from the resulting cortisol bump released into your bloodstream: a motivational gift courtesy of your biology that will help you get organized and energized to succeed.

GEMINI: Curse. For the sign of communication, there is a particular kind of release that comes from cursing that can't be achieved any other way. Not your style? How about admitting something you've been holding inside that is completely inappropriate. CANCER: Indulge in the food or drink you usually stay away from. A little dip into the world of vice will provide a sense of balance. LEO: Be completely selfish for a change. The constant generosity and compromise were getting old, weren't they?

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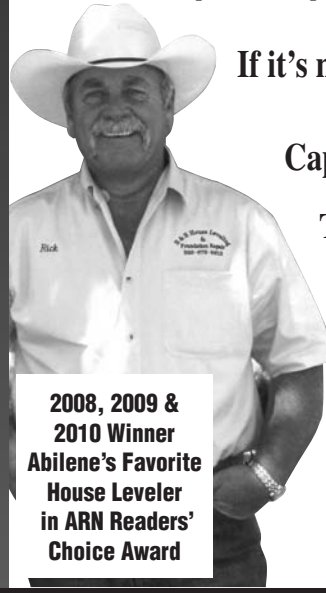
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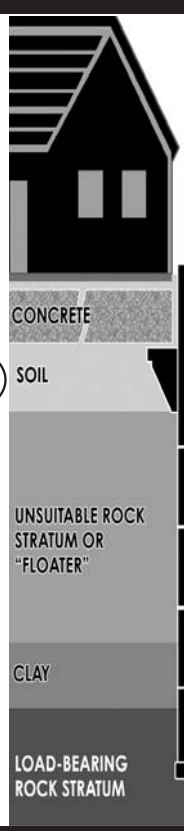
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"I FOUND A PASTA-MAKER IN THE DUMPSTER!"

This Date In History

Today is Monday, Aug. 19, the 231st day of 2013. There are 134 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 19, 1848, the New York Herald reported the discovery of gold in California.

On this date:

In 1807, Robert Fulton's North River Steamboat arrived in Albany, two days after leaving New York.

In 1812, the USS Constitution defeated the British frigate HMS Guerriere off Nova Scotia during the War of 1812, earning the nickname "Old Ironsides."

In 1918, "Yip! Yip! Yaphank," a musical revue by Irving Berlin featuring Army recruits from Camp Upton in Yaphank, N.Y., opened on Broadway.

In 1934, a plebiscite in Germany approved the vesting of sole executive power in Adolf Hitler.

In 1936, the first of a series of show trials orchestrated by Soviet leader Josef Stalin began in Moscow as 16 defendants faced charges of conspiring against the government. All were convicted and executed.

In 1942, during World War II, about 6,000 Canadian and British soldiers launched a disastrous raid against the Germans at Dieppe, France, suffering more than 50 percent casualties.

In 1951, the owner of the St. Louis Browns, Bill Veeck (vehk), sent in 3-foot-7 Eddie Gaedel to pinch-hit in a game against Detroit. In his only major league at-bat, Gaedel walked on four pitches and was replaced at first base by a pinch-runner.

In 1960, a tribunal in Moscow convicted American U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers of espionage. Although sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment, Powers was returned to the United States in 1962 as part of a prisoner exchange.

In 1976, President Gerald R. Ford won the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in Kansas City.

In 1980, 301 people aboard a Saudi Arabian L-1011 died as the jetliner made a fiery emergency return to the Riyadh air-

HI AND LOIS

"I HAVEN'T CLEANED IT UP YET."

THE OTHER COAST

"MY MOUNTAIN BIKING TRIP WAS A BIT OF A BUST, VICKY."

SNUFFY SMITH

"FLAPPA-SQUAWK! CLUCK! CLUCK! FLUTTER!!"

BEETLE BAILEY

"BEETLE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING UP THERE?!"

Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Head of the company

5 Wisdom tooth, e.g.

10 Military no-show: Abbr.

14 Weak, as an excuse

15 Humiliate

16 Colt's mother

17 Z _ "zebra"

18 Nickels and quarters

19 "Not guilty," for one

20 Goes

23 Boxing-match enders, for short

24 Seacoast

25 "Identical" siblings

27 Hotel-room fees

30 Asparagus servings

33 Air-gun ammo

36 Thaws

38 Attach with needle and thread

39 Waikiki's island

41 Small rug

42 Computer input

43 Words of defeat

45 Thunder-and-lightning event

48 Informal event

49 Crowbars, essentially

51 Parody

53 Makes changes to text

55 Folk stories

58 Appliances that cool: Abbr.

60 Goes

64 Life stories, briefly

66 Jumped

67 Carve with acid

68 "Sidewalk" eatery

69 Flood protector

70 Birch or banyan

71 Like fluffy slippers

72 One-pot meals

73 Identical

DOWN

1 Boring

2 Desert haven

3 Common surname like Jones

4 Electric eye, for example

5 Sugar-cane cutting tool

6 Woodwind instrument

7 Lion's den

8 Often _ (half the time)

9 Cuts again, as a board

10 Unit of current

11 Goes

12 Sandwich cookie

13 Meadowlands

21 Disney World shuttle

22 Quick swims

26 Can't do without

28 Stately shade providers

29 Numerical facts

31 Learning method

32 Break sharply

33 Start to bubble on a stove

34 Hay bundle

35 Goes

37 "Cut that out!"

40 Pre-owned

44 Quick haircut

46 Takes turns

47 Sound of discomfort

50 Plays for time

52 Groups of ships

54 Clay-pigeon sport

56 Crowd-scene actor

57 Command to a guard dog

58 Kindergarten basics

59 Italian "Toodle-oo!"

61 Roof overhang

62 Eject, as lava

63 "... of _ I sing"

65 Full collection

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Answer to previous puzzle

REBECCA	STORAGE
ABELARD	COLEMAN
CRAMPED	UNISIZE
YOU	EDSEL GENE
GROUPPHOTO	
BEEF	PITY SALK
CLUEIN	CODA CEO
HUCKLEBERRY	FINN
ASH	MORN ACADIA
THAW	NUTS ASSN
RODSTEWART	
MIRO	ARENA OIL
BESTPAL	ENMASSE
ONTHEDL	TABLING
BUSYDAY	SNAPSTO

CHARGE

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she was an intruder in his upscale home in Pretoria. Prosecutors submitted a list of more than 100 witnesses, including Pistorius' uncle Arnold, sister Aimee and brother Carl, as well as a number of people who lived in the same gated community where Steenkamp was killed.

If convicted, Pistorius could face a life sentence with a minimum of 25 years in prison before parole. There is no death penalty in South Africa.

Prosecutors said Steenkamp died just after 3 a.m. on Feb. 14 of multiple gunshot wounds, according to the autopsy. The state will attempt to show that the couple could have fought before Pistorius shot four times through a locked toilet cubicle door, hitting Steenkamp three times and killing her.

Pistorius has said he thought Steenkamp was in bed and he shouted at her to call the police, believing there was a dangerous intruder in his bathroom, and that he didn't know she was in the toilet cubicle.

Pistorius, 26, appeared in court for Monday's indictment, crying and holding hands with his siblings before

proceedings started. Wearing a dark suit, the athlete wiped away tears with a tissue and sat in the dock with his head bowed.

Pistorius also stood and spoke twice, first responding to the magistrate's question on whether he was OK by saying: "Under the circumstances, ja (yes)." He also was asked if he understood the indictment and he said he did.

The case will be sent to the North Gauteng High Court in Pretoria, where a judge will ultimately pronounce the athlete innocent or guilty. South Africa does not have trial by jury.

Although the word "premeditated" was not contained in the indictment, prosecutors said afterward that it was a case of premeditated murder.

"When you talk of intentional, it's premeditated. Intentional. He wanted to do that," prosecution spokesman Medupe Simasiku said. "In as far as a sound case, let the court decide on that. We believe it will go through in our favor."

Prosecutors said the second charge of possession of illegal ammunition relates to a lack of proper licensing for .38 caliber bullets found at Pistorius' home. Pis-

torius shot Steenkamp with his licensed 9mm handgun.

This month, the office of South Africa's police commissioner said in a statement that detectives, forensic experts, ballistics experts, psychologists and other professionals are confident they have the evidence to convict Pistorius.

The most telling evidence — apart from the witness testimony — may be in records on cellphones found at Pistorius' home and through examination of the toilet cubicle door through which Pistorius shot.

The angle or trajectory of the bullets could show if Pistorius was standing on his stumps when he shot, as he says, or if he was on his prosthetics, as the prosecution maintains — a marked difference in the two accounts along with the alleged fight between him and Steenkamp.

There was no mention in the indictment of whether prosecutors still believed Pistorius was on his prosthetic legs when he shot.

COWBOYS

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speed," Palmer said, "it was silly, sloppy things. I put that on my shoulders and it's unacceptable to have nine points off the opportunities that we had."

Arizona has had red-zone issues in both of its games.

"Just like last week, we play extremely well all over the field until we get inside the 20, and then we have a ton of mental errors," Arians said. "It baffles me."

Dallas coach Jason Garrett called the six turnovers "inexcusable" but he praised the defense for its response to that adversity.

"To have six turnovers and give up 12 points is pretty darn good," he said.

Cardinals cornerback Jeraud Powers recovered two fumbles and intercepted a pass. Rookie Tony Jefferson had two interceptions.

The first Dallas turnover came after Arizona went three-and-out in its first possession.

Dwayne Harris gathered in Dave Zastudil's

56-yard punt and was in immediate distress. Justin Bethel stripped Harris of the ball, then Stephan Taylor jumped on it for Arizona at the Dallas 22.

The Cardinals made it to the 7, but Palmer threw incomplete short to Andre Roberts on third-and-6, although Michael Floyd appeared to be open in the back of the end zone. Feely's 25-yard field goal made it 3-0.

The first offensive series for Dallas ended when, on third-and-one from the Arizona 47, the rookie Williams broke open down the sideline but Romo overthrew him.

Arizona took the punt and drove from its 11 to the Dallas 7 on its next possession, but on fourth-and-2 Palmer underthrew Mendenhall.

"It was a bad throw," Palmer said. "He did a good job, he was open. I've got to give him the chance to make a play, and I didn't."

On the first series of the second quarter, Romo threw short to Lance Dunbar, who evaded tacklers at the line of scrimmage and raced downfield to the

Arizona 7, with the ball coming loose as the receiver went down. The ruling was he was down by contact, but Arians challenged and was successful, with Powers recovering at the Cardinals 4.

The next time the Cowboys had the ball, Romo threw long to Dez Bryant at the Arizona 28.

But Bryant fumbled as he went down and Jasper Brinkley recovered for the Cardinals at their 24.

Arizona moved to the Dallas 36, and Feely's 53-yard field goal made it 6-0.

Orton's second pass of the game was picked off by Powers at the Cowboys 30, but Feely's subsequent 30-yard field goal try was wide ride.

Before the ugly half came to an end, Orton threw one more interception. Jefferson picked it off at the 31 and Feely's 40-yard field goal as the half ended put the Cardinals up 9-0.

Tannev completed 11 straight passes in one stretch, eight of them on Dallas' touchdown drive. Jefferson's pick of Tannev's pass came with 1:40 to play to clinch the victory.

RANGERS

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in his previous three August starts.

Elvis Andrus and Adrian Beltre each had a hit and an RBI for Texas. Mitch Moreland's RBI sacrifice fly in the fifth scored A.J. Pierzynski for Texas' first run. Craig Gentry scored Texas' other two runs.

Seager took a leadoff four-pitch walk and scored the go-ahead run in the eighth against Darvish, and his two-out RBI double off

Nathan won the game for the Mariners in the ninth.

Until an eighth inning, go-ahead home run against Texas on Friday, Seager has been 0 for 21, but he finished the weekend against Texas hitting 4 for 9 with a walk, two home runs, two doubles and four RBIs.

"I got ahead of Seager and made a pitch," Nathan said. "He hit a pitch that was probably going to be in the dirt if he didn't scoop it out of the ground before it got there. Hats off to him. Again he found a way to find the outfield grass when he needed it on a

pitch that out of my hand felt pretty good. I'll take my chance with those."

Nathan (3-2) took over to begin the ninth with the score 3-all. Endy Chavez led off with a single, Humberto Quintero laid down a sacrifice bunt and Nick Franklin drew a two-out walk before Seager's go-ahead hit.

Yoervis Medina (4-3) got the win and Danny Farquhar earned his seventh save in 10 tries. Starter Erasmo Ramirez had a solid outing, pitching seven innings and giving up two runs, one earned, while taking the no-decision.

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠K
 ♥Q 10 9 7 6 2
 ♦4
 ♣A K Q 7 5

WEST
 ♠A 5
 ♥A K 5 3
 ♦K Q 8 6
 ♣9 6 3

EAST
 ♠J 9 8 6 3
 ♥J 8 4
 ♦5 2
 ♣10 8 2

SOUTH
 ♠Q 10 7 4 2
 ♥—
 ♦A J 10 9 7 3
 ♣J 4

The bidding:
 East South West North
 Pass 2♠ Dble Pass
 Pass 3♦ Dble

Opening lead — king of hearts.

When this writer first began attending national bridge tournaments back in the '60s, virtually all the players were from one of the American Contract Bridge League's four member countries — the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Bermuda.

Today, all that has changed. National tournaments now attract scores of the world's top players from Europe, South America and the Far East — including mainland China. The result has been that many of the ACBL's most prestigious titles lately have been captured by visiting internationalists either independently

or in concert with North American players.

One of these successes was a victory in the 2001 Spingold Teams. Americans Ralph Katz and George Jacobs teamed up with four of the 2000 Olympiad champions, Giorgio Duboin, Alfredo Versace, Lorenzo Lauria and Norberto Bocchi of Italy, and scored a 48-IMP victory in the final over an upstart team captained by Mike Moss.

Today's deal from the final shows the Italians in action. Bocchi's opening two-spade bid showed spades and an unspecified second suit. West doubled for takeout, and when East left the double in for penalties, Bocchi retreated to his other suit.

West doubled this for penalties, and Duboin now made an excellent decision to leave his partner in diamonds despite holding a significantly better spade, as East was already known to be well-heelled in spades.

Three diamonds proved impossible to beat. Bocchi ruffed the heart lead and conceded a spade to West's ace, and West could score only his K-Q of diamonds from that point on. So the contract was made with an over-trick for a score of +570. At the other table, the American North played in four hearts, down three, for -150.

The two results combined gave the eventual victors a 12-IMP gain on the deal.

Tomorrow: Two for the price of one.
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CLASSIC

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3 digs; Kinsey Wash, 13 assists, 2 aces, 3 digs.

Offense: Kelsie Guinn, 2 kills, 1 dig, Ebony Zavala, 2 kills, 1 assist, 2 aces, 4 digs, Tulsi Patel, 2 kills.

Defense: Stevi Ward, 9 digs, 1 kill; Julianna Rodriguez, 8 digs, 1 kill.

SATURDAY Big Spring v. Water Valley
 W-25-16, 25-13

Setters: Morgan Seaton, 12 assists, 5 kills, 4 blocks; Kinsey Wash, 9 assists, 2 digs.

Offense: Erin Pollard, 7 kills, 2 aces, 2 blocks; Kelsie Guinn, 7 kills, 1 assist, 1 dig, 5 blocks; Ebony Zavala, 5 kills, 2 aces, 3 digs.

Defense: Stevi Ward, 8 digs, 1 kill, 1 assist, 2 aces; Julianna Rodriguez, 5 digs.

Big Spring v. Brownwood
 W-25-19, 25-12

Setters: Morgan Seaton, 9 assists, 5 kills, 5 aces, 1 dig, 2 blocks; Kinsey Wash, 7 assists, 1 kill, 3 aces, 2 digs.

Offense: Kelsie Guinn, 6 kills, 1 assist, 1 dig; Ebony Zavala, 4 kills, 1 assist, 2 aces, 4 digs.

Defense: Stevi Ward, 5 digs, 1 kill, 2 aces; Julianna Rodriguez, 8 digs.

Big Spring v. Sweetwater
 W-25-7, 25-18

Setters: Morgan Seaton, 12 assists, 5 kills, 4 digs; Kinsey Wash, 9

assists, 1 kill, 4 aces, 2 digs.

Offense: Erin Pollard, 11 kills, 1 dig; Kelsie Guinn, 5 kills, 2 digs, 1 block.

Defense: Julianna Rodriguez, 8 digs, 2 aces; Ebony Zavala, 5 digs, 4 kills.

Big Spring v. Lake View
 W-25-27, 25-14, 25-18

Setters: Morgan Seaton, 19 assists, 5 kills, 2 aces, 8 digs, 4 blocks; Kinsey Wash, 11 assists, 1 ace, 5 digs.

Offense: Erin Pollard, 12 kills 1 block; Kelsie Guinn, 8 kills, 2 digs, 2 blocks.

Defense: Julianna Rodriguez, 13 digs; Stevi Ward, 13 digs, 1 block, 5 kills, 1 assist.

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Sudoku Answer on Page 4

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.

				7		2	1	9
7	1		3	9			8	
						4		
			6					2
1	4		8		5		6	7
3					4			
		7						
	9			5	3		2	6
6	5	8		4				

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