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Construction workers continue to move forward with the water park at Comanche Trail Park, which is expected to be open by Memorial Day. The water park is being constructed where the previous city pool was and will include slides, a lazy river and picnic areas.

Dozens indicted

Drugs, credit card abuse, DWI among the various charges

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

A Howard County grand jury handed down more than two dozen indictments last week, including numerous true-bills for possession of a controlled substance.

The grand jury met Thursday but because of the Easter holidays, results were not released until Monday afternoon.

Among those indicted were:

- Jesus Castaneda Bustamante, 69, of 605 S. Nolan, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
- Jimmy Escovedo Rodriguez, 53, currently being held at the county jail, possession of a controlled substance (third-degree felony, enhanced).
- Devon Lee Butler, 25, of 1415 Sycamore, burglary of a habitation with intent to commit other felony (first-degree felony) and driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).
- Christina Jean Diaz, 28, of 1002 N. Main St., possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony).
- Kaydra Nicole Franco, 21, of 503 N. Goliad, possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony).
- Abel Yharte Gomez, 26, of 1306 Johnson, possession of a controlled substance (second-degree felony).
- Robert Ramirez Gonzales, 45, of 805 E. 18th St., possession of a controlled substance (first-degree felony, enhanced).
- Rodolfo Gonzales Jr., 49, of 1601 S. Johnson, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).
- Roy Hulin Jr., 50, currently being held at the county jail, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
- David L. Humphrey III, 46, of 1317 Mulberry, driving while intoxicated

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Entry fee just \$10 for Saturday event...

Post 506 to host fajita cook-off

By **AMANDA MORENO**
 Staff Writer

It's fajita time. American Legion Post 506 Seventh Annual Cook-Off is Saturday, starting at 9 a.m.

There will be winners in two categories, chicken and beef. Of course, the cooking won't be the only thing judged; there will be an award for best looking spot and even an award for the person who causes the most trouble.

"We are hoping that this year we are able to add a few more cooks," Barbara Clark, secretary/treasurer of the American Legion, said. Entry fee is \$10 per person. Those

taking part in the cook-off will be able to start cooking at 9 a.m. and entries will be judged at 11 a.m.

"They are allowed to marinate their meat at home, but the cooking has to be done on the premises," Clark said.

Those wanting to sample the fajitas will be able to do so for \$10 a plate, beginning at noon. The winners will be announced at 2 p.m. Awards will be given for best beef fajitas, first through third place and chicken fajitas, first through third place.

"All the money we raise will benefit the legion," Clark said. "The money will go towards improve-

ments and repairs to the legion building as well as helping with the fund-raisers that are put on throughout the year, including the Christmas toy run."

In addition, there will be a plant/cake walk. For \$1 people can have the opportunity to walk away with a plant or cake.

"It is going to be lots of fun for everyone," Clark said. For more information, call 263-2084. Post 506 is located at 3208 W. Highway 80.

Contact Staff Writer Amanda Moreno at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at life@bigspringherald.com

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Large item pickup planned Friday in city's District 2

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
 Staff Writer

Area residents of Big Spring's District 2 will get the chance to get rid of some of their oversized garbage Friday, as the city continues its annual large item pickup service.

The program, which began last month with District 1, will target District 2 — represented by City Councilman Manuel Ramirez Jr. — this time around, part of a six-month project designed to help residents get rid of items too large to be transported by

usual means to the landfill.

"Some of the more typical items we pick up are appliances that don't work anymore, couches and mattresses," said Chad Averette, code enforcement supervisor for the city of Big Spring. "Those are the kind of things that we can take to our landfill and we're allowed to pick up. However, we can't pick up any household hazardous waste. That means any kind of chemicals including lawn chemicals, car batteries and tires and things of that nature. We also won't be picking up any tree

branches, shrubs or things like that.

"We're trying to target people who are elderly, handicapped or otherwise don't have the means to get these large items to our landfill. This is a service the city is going to provide as a courtesy to those people and give them the opportunity to get things off of their property they might not be able to otherwise."

While the program originally targeted elderly and

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Hawk Jam! concert is Thursday

The Howard College band/choir, the Hawk Jam!, will be presenting its spring concert, Let's Start a Riot! at 7 p.m. Thursday in the main auditorium of the Hall Center on campus. Admission is free, but seating is limited.

This concert will feature a variety of music and include student compositions.

Contact Eddie Vandewalker at 432-264-5145 or evandewalker@howardcollege.edu for more information.

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Obituaries

Clara Mae Fletcher Brown



Clara Mae Fletcher Brown, age 97 of Roby, Texas passed away April 24, 2011, in Rotan.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at Roby Church of Christ with Jason Alton officiating.

Burial will follow at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring. Arrangements are under the direction of Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home of Sweetwater.

Clara was born Jan. 24, 1914, in Fort Cobb, Okla., to Mary Etta and W.T. Bradley.

She grew up in Rochester. She met Olbert Fletcher, while visiting a sister in Forsan, and married him on Jan. 19, 1935. They resided in Forsan until his death in 1958. She worked at the Forsan School cafeteria until 1970 when she met and married Elvin A. Brown. Big Spring was their home until they moved to Sweetwater, where they resided until his death in 1993. In 1994, she moved to Roby until her stroke in 1998 when she was moved to a Rotan long term care facility until her death.

She is survived by three daughters, two sons-in-law, seven grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. Her daughters are Lela and Jim Porter of Abilene, LoVelle and Freddie Stuart of Sylvester and Sherrie Bordofsky of Roby. Grandchildren are Dana and Roy Hartstein, Brad and Glenna Stuart, Ellen and Randy Patterson, Britt and Lisa Stuart, David and Darla Bordofsky, Alan and Keena Porter and Terry and Lysette Bordofsky.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husbands, five brothers and five sisters.

Grandsons are pallbearers and will have a part in the service.

Paid obituary

Marvelene Bradford Dickson



Marvelene Bradford Dickson, 80, of Kingsland, formerly of Big Spring died Sunday, April 24, 2011, in Kingsland. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 28, 2011, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at the funeral home.

Marvelene was born Dec. 10, 1930, in Dallas. She married Bobby Bradford on Feb. 1, 1980, in Big Spring, and he preceded her in death Dec. 25, 1993. She then married Edwin E. "Red" Dickson Sr. on July 17, 2001, in Coahoma and he preceded her in death March 19, 2010.

Marvelene graduated from Knott High School and attended Howard College. She received her LVN license and worked several years at various clinics and hospitals. She was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ.

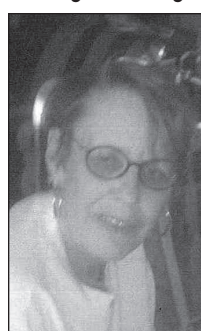
She is survived by her children, Mike Mundell and wife Jeanette of Temple, Tresa Spencer and husband Dean of Kingsland, Steve Mundell and wife Wanda of Big Spring and Toni Mundell of Thomasville, N.C.; six stepchildren, Kenny Bradford and wife Sherri, Kathy Donohue and husband Mike, Jay Bradford and wife Dana, Jennifer Bullard and husband Randy, Edwin Dickson and wife Kim and Sabrina Hammel and husband Roger; two sisters, Joyce Ditto of Big Spring and Lou Ellen Romine and husband Herschel of Gravit, Ark.; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, James and Grace Bayes Kemper and one brother, James Ollie Kemper.

The family suggests memorials be made to American Cancer Society, c/o Carolyn Brooks, P.O. Box 2121, Big Spring 79721-2121; or to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kan., 66675-8516.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Kay Doyle



Marion Kay Doyle, 68, of O'Donnell died April 23, 2011. She was born in Iran on March 21, 1943, to Carl "Mutt" and Helen Elizabeth (Baldwin) Black. Kay married Lonnie Allen Doyle on Feb. 27, 1967, in Seminole. She was a graduate of Seminole High School.

She is survived by a daughter, Kimberly Doyle of Big Spring; two sons, Carley Mac Doyle of Lubbock and Maxie Allen Doyle of Big Piney, Wyo.; one brother, Ricky William Black of Marfa; one sister, Carla Beth Blacksher of Lubbock; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Doyle was preceded in death by her parents; grandparents, William Kibby and Ida Marion Baldwin; and one nephew.

Visitation will be held 6 p.m. until 7 p.m., Monday, April 25, 2011, at Combest Family Funeral Homes in O'Donnell. Celebration of Life Services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, 2011, at Church of Christ in Lamesa. Interment will be held at Gail Cemetery.

Please join us in celebrating Kay's life by visiting www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

Police blotter

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

- ARMANDO JOSE CERVANTES, 18, of 1304 Madison, was arrested Monday on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon causing serious bodily harm to a family member, consumption of alcohol by a minor and failure to appear.
- MARTIN ANTHONY RAMIREZ, 20, of 2008 Nolan, was arrested Monday on warrants for assault – family violence and failure to appear.
- ADRIANNA BIANCA GARZA, 20, of 703 W. 18th St., was arrested Monday on warrants for consumption of alcohol by a minor (two counts), failure to appear and permitting an unlicensed operator to drive.
- ROBBY CARROLL ATKINSON, 32, of 110 Scout Hut Rd., was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license suspended/invalid – no insurance.
- PRINCE CORPEL VANDERBILT, 24, of 1502 Lincoln, was arrested Monday on a warrant for tampering with/fabricating physical evidence.
- FERNANDO KYONG ARRIAGA, 34, of 606 N.W. Eighth St., was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency and a warrant for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
- RICARDO GARZA, 49, of 701 Anna, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MARIA DELCARMEN CERVANTES, 34, of 1103 E. 12th St., was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.
- ROGER KENDALL JOHNSON, 40, of Denver City, was arrested Monday on charges of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense and resisting arrest, search or transportation.
- STUART RYAN SHADE, 21, of 1108 E. 13th St., was arrested Monday on warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.
- THOMAS EDWARD AKIN, 44, of 1904 E. 25th St. Apt. 216, was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 200 block of N. Gregg Street.
- THEFT was reported in the 100 block of Highland Cove.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 800 block of Kent Avenue.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS was reported in the 200 block of FM 700.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 500 block of N.E. 10th Street.

Sheriff

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

Note — Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 81 inmates at the time of this report.

- MARTIN ANTHONY RAMIREZ, 20, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for assault – family violence and failure to appear.
- ADRIANNA GARZA, 20, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for permitting an unlicensed person to operate a motor vehicle, minor consuming alcohol (two counts) and violation of a promise to appear.
- ROBBY CARROLL ATKINSON, 39, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction or suspension.
- JOHNNY RAY VIERA JR., 25, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on charges of theft, possession of marijuana – two ounces or less and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- LUIS ALBERTO VIERA, 24, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of theft.
- JACE MINCE, 21, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of criminal trespass.
- MELITON RENEE VIERA, 21, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of theft.
- PRINCE VANDERBILT, 24, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of tampering with/fabricating physical evidence.
- FERNANDO KYONG ARRIAGA JR., 34, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on charges of bail jumping – failure to appear and a motion to revoke probation for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.
- RICARDO SALCEDO GARZA, 49, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- THOMAS EDWARD AKIN, 44, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- STEWART RYAN SHADE, 21, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on municipal warrants for possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.
- MARIA DEL CARMEN CERVANTES, 34, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a charge of bail jumping – failure to appear.
- ROGER KENDALL JOHNSON, 40, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on charges of driving while intoxicated – third or more offense and resisting arrest, search or transportation.

Fire/EMS

The Big Spring Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services reported the following activity:

- MEDICAL was reported in the 2000 block of Gregg Street. One person was transported to SMMC.
- TRAUMA was reported in the area of Moss Lake. Service refused.

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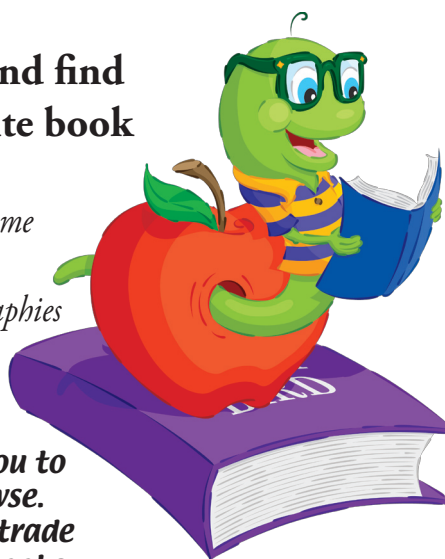
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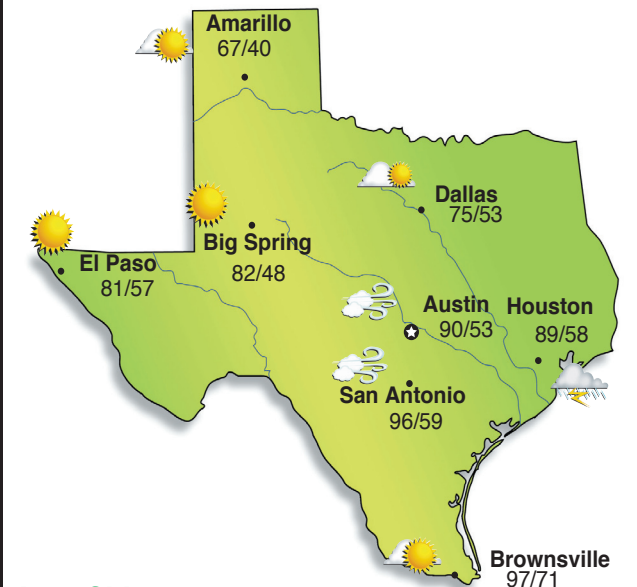


Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

| Wed 4/27 | Thu 4/28 | Fri 4/29 | Sat 4/30 | Sun 5/1 |
|--|--|---|---|--|
| | | | | |
| 82/48 | 92/60 | 99/63 | 98/53 | 77/49 |
| A mainly sunny sky. High 82F. Winds NNW at 15 to 25 mph. | Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the low 60s. | Sunny and wind. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 60s. | Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 90s and lows in the low 50s. | Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 40s. |
| Sunrise: 7:04 AM Sunset: 8:24 PM | Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 8:25 PM | Sunrise: 7:02 AM Sunset: 8:25 PM | Sunrise: 7:01 AM Sunset: 8:26 PM | Sunrise: 7:00 AM Sunset: 8:27 PM |

Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|----------------|----|----|-----------|-----------------|----|----|-----------|
| Abilene | 76 | 49 | sunny | Kingsville | 98 | 63 | pt sunny |
| Amarillo | 67 | 40 | mst sunny | Livingston | 86 | 51 | t-storm |
| Austin | 90 | 53 | windy | Longview | 76 | 50 | windy |
| Beaumont | 89 | 56 | t-storm | Lubbock | 73 | 43 | sunny |
| Brownsville | 97 | 71 | mst sunny | Lufkin | 84 | 52 | pt sunny |
| Brownwood | 82 | 50 | sunny | Midland | 82 | 52 | sunny |
| Corpus Christi | 95 | 64 | pt sunny | Raymondville | 99 | 66 | pt sunny |
| Corsicana | 76 | 51 | pt sunny | Rosenberg | 90 | 56 | t-storm |
| Dallas | 75 | 53 | pt sunny | San Antonio | 96 | 59 | windy |
| Del Rio | 95 | 60 | sunny | San Marcos | 91 | 54 | windy |
| El Paso | 81 | 57 | sunny | Sulphur Springs | 73 | 50 | windy |
| Fort Stockton | 85 | 53 | sunny | Sweetwater | 79 | 48 | sunny |
| Gainesville | 71 | 48 | mst sunny | Tyler | 76 | 50 | windy |
| Greenville | 72 | 49 | mst sunny | Weatherford | 75 | 49 | sunny |
| Houston | 89 | 58 | t-storm | Wichita Falls | 74 | 46 | mst sunny |

National Cities

| City | Hi | Lo | Cond. | City | Hi | Lo | Cond. |
|-------------|----|----|-----------|----------------|----|----|----------|
| Atlanta | 83 | 58 | t-storm | Minneapolis | 44 | 39 | mixed |
| Boston | 70 | 59 | rain | New York | 72 | 62 | t-storm |
| Chicago | 52 | 41 | rain | Phoenix | 88 | 62 | sunny |
| Dallas | 75 | 53 | pt sunny | San Francisco | 62 | 50 | pt sunny |
| Denver | 57 | 35 | rain | Seattle | 52 | 41 | rain |
| Houston | 89 | 58 | t-storm | St. Louis | 61 | 46 | rain |
| Los Angeles | 82 | 59 | pt sunny | Washington, DC | 80 | 66 | t-storm |
| Miami | 89 | 76 | mst sunny | | | | |

Take Note

• All Coahoma High School alumni are invited to an all-school reunion on July 23. This year's program will focus on CHS music, to include honoring anyone associated with former CHS bands, choirs, musical groups, etc. Please help spread the word by sharing this information with any CHS alumni among your family/friends. The Reunion Planning Committee is meeting every other Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Coahoma Dairy Queen. The next meeting is Thursday and we welcome participation by any CHS alumnus. Contact Joyce York Baumann at 432-816-1588 or Patti Lee Meeks at 432-267-6688 for additional information, or with mailing addresses for CHS alumni. Addresses can also be e-mailed to Harold Aberegg at aberegg66@gmail.com.

• Big Spring Rotary Club is hosting a miniature golf fund-raiser from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday to benefit PolioPlus. Admission is \$36 per two-person team or \$18 per individual. There will be door prizes, food and drinks. The event will be held at the Park and Putt Family Fun Center, located on South U.S. Highway 87

• A fund has been established at T&P Federal Credit Union for the Gary Nelson family, who lost their home to a fire. Funds raised will go toward rebuilding the home. Anyone who would like to help can do so by contacting the credit union at 101 Main or by calling 263-1631.

• Fridays are live band dance nights at Big Spring Senior Center, 1901 Simler. Senior adults are invited to an evening of fellowship (and good exercise) from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. each Friday. Cost is \$6 per person. For more information or to find out what band is playing, call the Senior Center at 432-267-1628.

• May 5 is National Day of Prayer. Locally, a non-denominational prayer service will be held at 7 p.m. that day in the Howard College Cactus Room. Everyone is invited.

• The Salvation Army has funding for Texas Military Personnel now serving or has served in Iraq or Afghanistan. The military member or their family member may apply at 811 W. Fifth St. or call 267-8239. The grant is funded by the TRIAD Fund of Permian Basin Area Foundation.

• The HCV Section 8 waiting list for the Big Spring Housing Authority is open. The authority is accepting new applications. The office is located at 201 NE Seventh in Big Spring.

• Mobile Meals is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound elderly in Big Spring. If you can donate at least one hour a week, call Macaria Cantu at 263-4016 and leave a message.

• An account has been set up to help Bob and Jeanine Fishback with Bob's medical and travel expenses: Bob Fishback Medical Account 915967, Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union, 1110 Benton, Big Spring 79720. For more information, call 263-8393.

• A fund has been established at Citizen's Credit Union for the Lupe Chavarria family, which lost all of its possessions in a house fire. For more information, contact the credit union at 267-6373.

• Do you have a minute? An hour? How about making a difference in someone's life? Become a hospice volunteer. One hour a month can make a difference. Whether visiting a patient, or working in the office, or helping with a craft, you can make a difference. We can work around your schedule. If interested, please call Michelle Coutermarsh, at Compass Hospice, 263-5999 or apply in person at 1003 E. FM 700 in Big Spring.

• Weight Watchers meets at 6 p.m. Thursdays at St. Paul Lutheran Church. Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Weigh-in is confidential and you don't have to talk if you don't want to. Flexible payment options.

• Big Spring Band Boosters meet the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the BSHS Band Hall. All band parents are welcome.

• The mission of CASA of West Texas is to promote and support quality volunteers who speak for the best interest of abused and neglected children in court in an effort to find each child a safe, nurturing and permanent home. We currently have 55 children in foster care without a volunteer. We need your help. If you're interested in volunteering please contact Suzy Milliken at 1-877-316-8346 or visit www.BecomeaCASA.org or www.casawtx.org.

• Legal Aid of Northwest Texas is accepting appointments from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• Big Spring and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

INDICTED

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- (third-degree felony).
- Virgil David James, 53, of 3810 Rice, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).
- Abel Martinez, 36, of 1312 E. Sixth St., evading arrest (state jail felony).
- Phillip Mendoza, 59, of 108 N.W. Eighth St., possession of a controlled substance (third-degree felony).

- degree felony).
- Danibelle Miller-Olivarez, 32, of 538 Westover Rd. (apartment number not provided), debit card abuse (state jail felony).
- Richard Norman Ramirez, 45, of 611 N. San Antonio, driving while intoxicated (second-degree felony, enhanced).
- David Rodriguez, 44, of 301 S. Furrh in Coahoma, driving while intoxicated (third-degree felony).

- Michelle Zundalane Rodriguez, 36, of 701 N. Tubb Rd., debit card abuse (state jail felony).
- Charlie Jake Turner, 31, currently being held at the county jail, robbery (first-degree felony, enhanced).
- Phillip Rene Alcantar, 22, of 500 N. Runnels, possession of a controlled substance (state jail felony).
- Steven Merl Corson, 53, of Midland, theft - more than \$1,500 and less than \$20,000 (state

- jail felony).
- Hector DeLaRosa, 57, of Dover, Fla., unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (state jail felony).
- Gaye Preston Johnson, 43, of 1017 Private Road 3872, fraudulent possession of a controlled substance prescription Schedule I/II (two counts, both third-degree felonies, enhanced).
- Edwin Lee Matthews, 48, of 1311 W. Second St., possession of a controlled substance (state

- jail felony).
- Mary Guthrie Nelson, 49, of 800 Edwards Blvd., forgery (two counts, both third-degree felonies, enhanced).
- Eufemio Ortiz Jr., 19, of 1403 S. Aylesford, burglary of a building (state jail felony) and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle (two counts, both state jail felonies).
- Priscilla Perez, 22, of 1900 Martin Luther King Blvd. Apt. 502, forgery (third-degree felony).

- Jeremy Don Rainey, 22, currently being held at the county jail, theft-grave (state jail felony).

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TRASH

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disabled residents, Averette said the program is now open to all city residents. "In the past, the program was simply aimed at residents who didn't have the means to get these large items off their property and to the landfill," said Averette. "Last year, however, we began opening it up to everyone. This is all part of an effort to go through each district

and get rid of code violations." All items must be by the curb in the city's right-of-way no sooner than 24 hours before the scheduled pick up. Items need to be separated as much as possible for its trip to the municipal landfill, added Averette. "To be placed on the pick up list, all residents have to do is call 264-2504 or 264-2501, and we'll get them set up," he said. "If they don't call and get on the list, we can't pick up their items."

Averette said customers need to be aware of gas, water and electricity meters and lines when they put their large items out to be picked up. "A lot of time we have to bring in equipment to pick those large items up," he said. "If you cover the meters up, it's hard for us to know where they are. Using the equipment makes the pick up go quicker and we want to make sure our employees are safe while they are picking these things up."

Averette said he and his officers are looking at following a similar plan for District 3 in May. For more information on the large item pick-up program - which will target one city district each month - and maps of the six city districts, visit the city of Big Spring website at mybigspring.com, or call 264-2504.

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OUR VIEWS

Putt-putting to try and put an end to polio

Polio isn't a problem U.S. citizens hear a lot about anymore, but that doesn't mean it's gone away.

Polio is a crippling and potentially fatal disease that primarily affects children, pregnant women and the elderly. At one time, polio impacted almost every community in America, and that includes Big Spring. Today, most outbreaks occur only in Africa and Asia.

Polio was a worldwide epidemic between 1840 and the 1950s until vaccines were developed to eradicate the disease. Once vaccines were in wide use, cases dropped from hundreds of thousands a year to about 1,000. Today, polio still exists in areas where the vaccines are not readily available.

More than 20 years ago, Rotary International, UNICEF and the World Health Organization began a global effort to wipe out polio. Through the vaccines and education, they've been very successful. Today, polio is largely confined to Nigeria, India, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Outbreaks do occur in other parts of the world, but usually because the contagious disease is transmitted by coming into contact with someone from those countries.

This weekend, the battle to rid the world of the polio virus makes a small but significant stop in Big Spring.

Yes, even in our small West Texas town, there are ways to help fight this disease. Saturday, the local Rotary Club is hosting a family event to raise money to benefit the PolioPlus program.

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. families are encouraged to go to the Park and Putt Family Fun Center and enjoy some miniature golf. Entry fee is \$18 per person. There will be food, fun and great prizes available.

Sometimes, being a world away makes it difficult to see the affect of the help you provide. That doesn't mean your efforts go unnoticed. Remember, polio has been eradicated in every country except four. With your help, it can be wiped out completely, and no young toddler will ever again have to endure the pain and suffering it causes.

Funds raised from the PolioPlus program are put towards ensuring the vaccine is getting out. Rotary volunteers donate their time to taking part in the immunization delivery and distribution as well as educating the public.

If you are up for helping a good cause, being part of solving the polio problem or just looking to share some family time, take part in the putt putt event. If miniature golf is not your thing, consider stopping by and making a donation.

Park and Putt Family Fun Center is located on South Highway 87.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we let Your understanding, Lord, guide us through our days. Amen

To retire our national debt, we must retire President Obama

Everyone but the blind and reckless agrees that the United States faces a dire financial crisis. But only one of the two major political parties is offering a plan that has a reasonable chance of averting this crisis and restoring the nation to financial health.

Obama's ever-changing proposals, allegedly designed to tackle the problem, simply could not work. One of the following must be true: He doesn't agree that the crisis is grave, doesn't understand that his policies can't work, doesn't have the same vision about America as most of us, or doesn't intend for his policies to work. Some people believe he's intentionally damaging America, because they believe he's too smart not to know that we face a crisis and that his policies can't work.

I don't pretend to comprehend the inner child of his past that apparently impels him to pursue this current path of destruction. My educated guess is that his leftist ideology blinds him to the inefficacy of failed liberal prescriptions but also that this same ideology tells him that if things don't get appreciably better, then that's OK, too, because America's had more than its fair share of prosperity anyway.

Think about it. Through every fiber of his being runs a sense of injustice at what he perceives to be a grossly inequitable distribution of income in America. He largely blames these inequities on capitalism. Please don't call me an extremist for saying that, either; I hear it in almost everything he says and see it in what he does.

I correspond with liberals like Obama every day, whose angst reflexively attaches to those who have succeeded under our system: villainous corporations, oil companies, fat cat bankers and wealthy individuals. It's not

just that capitalism is inherently flawed for fostering a climate that guarantees such disparities in prosperity but also that those who have exploited these flaws are evil.

As the leftists' sense of fairness and "economic justice" tells them that people's incomes in this country should be more equitably distributed, it likewise tells them that the wealth of the world's nations should be more equitably distributed. Call it "balance," the administration's most recent euphemism of choice.

I only indulge in this brief inquiry into Obama's mindset because it enables us to see that he doesn't view the nation's financial problems with the same degree of urgency as most of us do. To him, the stakes don't seem quite so high, because if we fail, the worst that could happen is that we get our comeuppance and/or become a European socialist state — and what's so bad about that?

Obama's ideology tethers him to the idea that the central government should be the primary engine of economic growth and the super-arbiter of the winners and losers in our economy.

He cannot countenance the possibility that Keynesian stimulus spending does not appreciably stimulate and probably does just the opposite; never mind that we can't afford it. He can't process that we cannot tax ourselves into prosperity or out of debt. He is viscerally unwilling to restructure the programs that have us committed to \$88 trillion in unfunded liabilities. And he either cannot comprehend or is morally hardened to the evil and ineffectiveness involved in the government's making command-control decisions rather than free people through the invisible hand of the market, especially in health care. He cannot understand or is rebellious against the truth that capitalism is morally superior to and produces greater prosperity across the board than any other economic system, bar none.

Paul Ryan's plan is light-years

from being radical, but it is eminently realistic and promising. He proposes phasing in his Medicare reforms so as to keep the government's faith with those who've already reached retirement age and converting it into supplemental government aid while introducing market forces; restructuring Medicaid as block grants to the states; and establishing a deferred trigger for Social Security reform. Not being a slave to class warfare thinking or a defiant scoffer of the 10th commandment, he has proposed, along with Obama's deficit commission, tax cuts that would stimulate economic growth, which is indispensable to reversing our debt picture.

Obama, captured in his maximum-security class warfare prison mindset, has proposed even higher taxes on the already overburdened producers, which would further smother the economy and prevent economic recovery, growth and abatement of the national debt. His only real remedy for Medicare is to empower the Independent Payment Advisory Board to ration health care according to its one-size-fits-all lunacy. This might artificially control some costs, but not without destroying the quality of health care and defeating Obama's stated purpose of Obamacare: to make health care vastly more accessible.

There can be no workable compromise with Obama because his plan could not work to retire the debt and avert our national crisis. The only solution is to retire him.

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Curbing the cost of medicare

About 10 years ago, a new radiation treatment for prostate cancer came

on line. A single course of "intensity-modulated radiation therapy" cost Medicare about \$42,000. The older radiation therapy cost \$10,000. Hospitals bought the new machines and stopped using the traditional method. This tacked another \$1.5 billion per year to Medicare spending on prostate cancer alone.

Did the fancy new machines do a better job than the old ones? Medicare did not inquire. It just paid. Amazing.

A new McClatchy/Marist poll has 80 percent of Americans opposing cuts in Medicare and Medicaid spending to reduce deficits. Well, 80 percent of Americans don't quite understand Medicare's reimbursement system and how crazy it is.

Forget the Republican plan to squeeze Medicare spending by moving to a voucher system. First, look at the existing setup. For most any treatment deemed "reasonable and necessary," Medicare pays the cost plus some profit. This has turned the program into a brainless check-writing machine for the medical-industrial complex.

Not long ago, an article in Health Affairs used the above prostate cancer example to show the ludicrous way Medicare pays for things. "Coverage is determined without any requirement for evidence demonstrating that the service in question is equally

or more effective than other available options," write Steven Pearson, president of the Institute for Technology Assessment in Boston, and Peter Bach, a critical-care physician at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York.

Enter "comparative effectiveness research" — perhaps the most boring term in public policy today, but essential to containing the explosively rising costs of Medicare, Medicaid and private health coverage. (I suggest "best for less" as a catchier name.)

Comparative effectiveness research studies different treatments for the same condition and identifies those that do the job with the fewest side effects.

Medical economists generally agree that our system groans with pricy treatments that provide outcomes no better — and sometimes worse — than less-expensive alternatives.

The 2009 stimulus bill and the health-reform legislation contained spending for this research, which Republicans and some Democrats fought tooth and nail. They expressed concern that it would discourage medical innovation. Their unstated worry was that taxpayers would become resistant to sending big checks to equipment makers and other medical providers for bells, whistles and exotic names that add nothing to the quality of care. Much of political Washington has a vested interest in the vested interests.

Pearson and Bach have come up with an intriguing way to use comparative effectiveness research without stifling the development of improved technology. They would use this research

to have Medicare pay the same thing for services that provide equivalent results. But it would reimburse new technologies at the higher rates for, say, three years. If they prove to be superior, then Medicare continues to pay more for them.

What the 80 percent of Americans who oppose spending cuts on the government health plans really want is the assurance that they can get state-of-the-art medical care when they need it. Responsible leaders must impress upon them that enormous savings can be found in Medicare without reducing quality one iota. Furthermore, the perverse incentives in our reimbursement system encourage too much care, which itself can hurt patients.

There's no need for a radical voucher plan that saves money by sending the elderly to private insurers, then curbing payments to the insurers. The government can continue picking up the bills if Medicare starts considering value received for the checks it writes.

Patients would be happy. Taxpayers would be happy. Some vested interests would not be happy, and they have lots to spend on scaring the public. The question at the end of the day is: Who matters more to our politicians?

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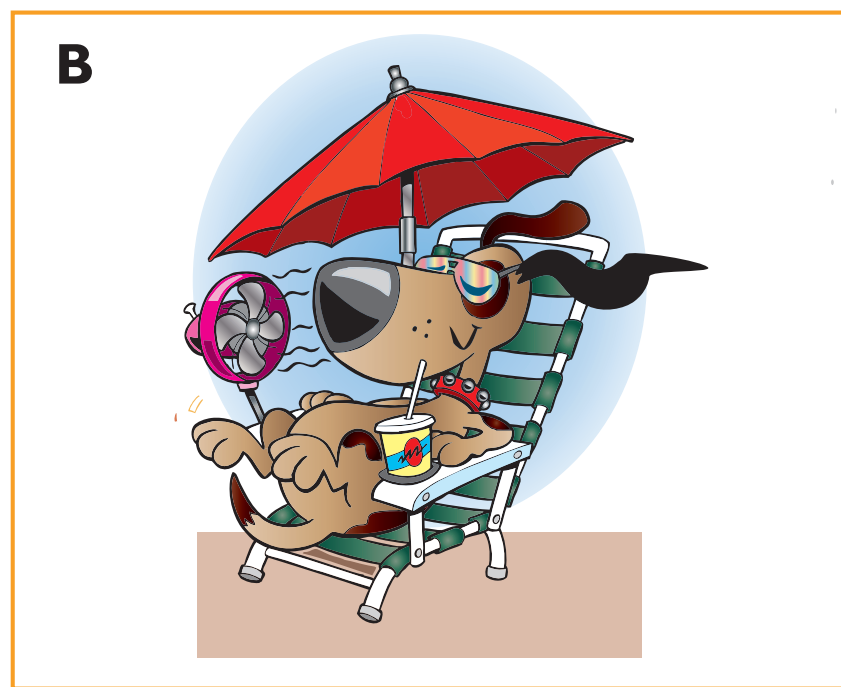
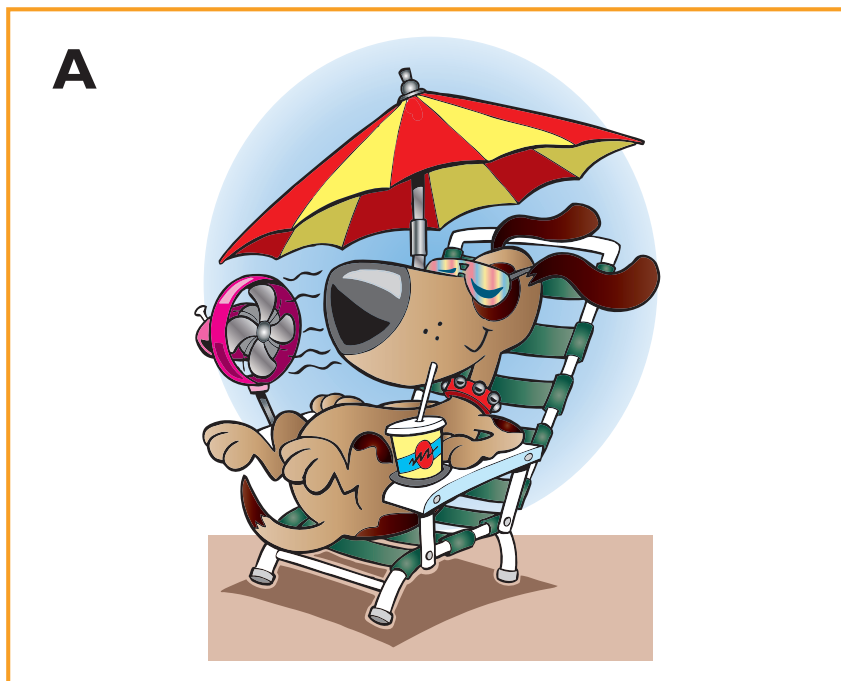
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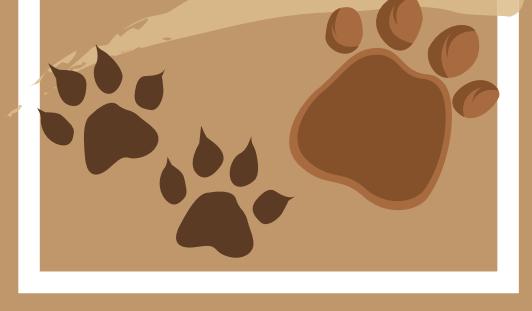
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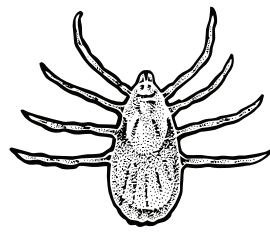
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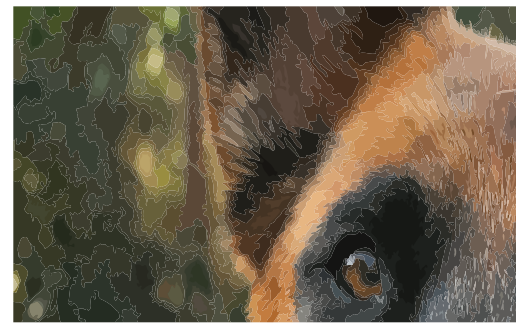
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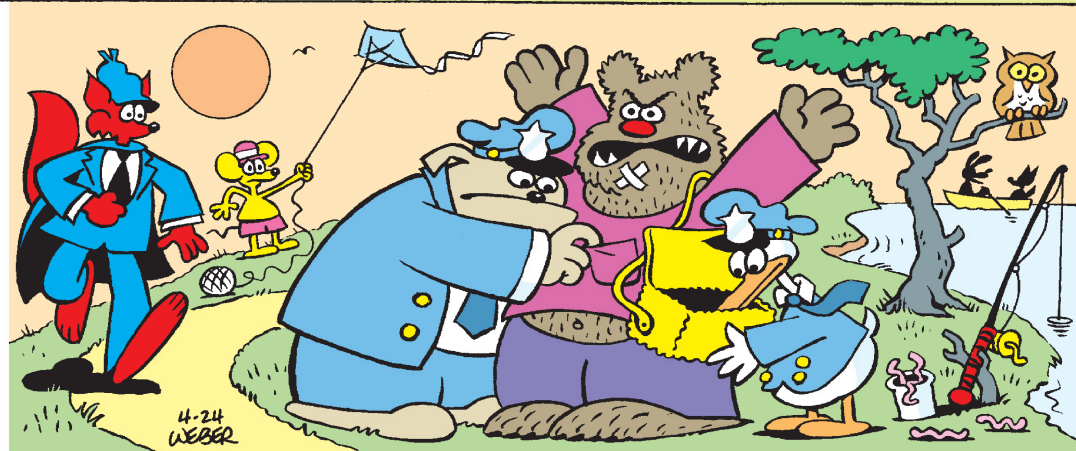
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ANSWER: DOG

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Buford Bear snatched a gold necklace from Rachel Rabbit. A witness saw the robber run into the park. The police found him, but were unable to recover the necklace. Fortunately, Slylock Fox was more successful. Where did Slylock find Rachel's gold necklace?



Answer -- The necklace was attached to the hook on the bear's fishing line.

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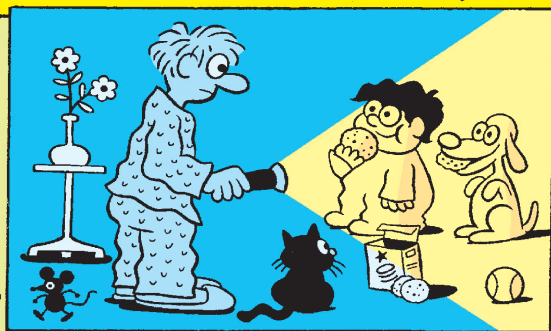
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Which of the following creatures can be found in salt water and fresh water?

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- b) Otter
- c) Crocodile
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Answer-- All of these animals primarily inhabit fresh water, in salt water.

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Answer -- Cookie, box, pajamas, leaf, table leg and cat's whiskers.

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New Mexico woman killed in attack by four dogs

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, N.M. (AP) — New Mexico authorities say a woman from Truth or Consequences has died after she was attacked by four pit bull mix dogs while out for a walk.

Police say 48-year-old Margaret Salcedo was out walking Sunday afternoon when the dogs mauled her for several minutes.

A witness told KOB-TV she heard the commotion and immediately called 911.

The police chief says an officer quickly arrived on scene and shot into the air to scare the dogs, and when one of the animals charged at the officer he shot and killed it. The other dogs then ran off.

Police say the dogs likely got loose from a nearby home. KOB reported the district attorney is deciding whether to file charges against the owners.

Rights group says dozens detained in Syria after deadly army raid on city at heart of uprising

BEIRUT (AP) — A Syrian human rights group says dozens have been detained across the country, a day after the army's deadly raid on a southern city at the center of the uprising against President Bashar Assad.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights says the arrests occurred early Tuesday in several Damascus suburbs and in a northern coastal city of Jableh. SOHR's chief Rami Abdul-Rahman didn't provide a precise figure.

The arrests follow Monday's raids on Daraa, where the uprising started last month. At least 11

died there Monday. The raids reflect the regime's effort to impose military control on the centers of the protests.

Abdul-Rahman says phone lines with Daraa have been cut.

Rights groups say the crackdown since mid-March has killed more than 350 people in Syria.

Levees ready to burst as rivers rise in central US, with more rain expected for days

POPLAR BLUFF, Mo. (AP) — Relentless, driving rain is pounding southern Missouri, leaving levees ready to burst and sending residents to higher ground — and the rain isn't expected to stop for days.

Tuesday brought the promise of more showers and thunderstorms to the area around Poplar Bluff in southeast Missouri, one of many river towns in the Mississippi and Ohio river valleys threatened by floodwaters.

The already swollen Black River was rising even further, pouring over more than three dozen spots along the levee that protects the southern part of the town of 17,000 residents in the Ozark Mountain foothills, surrounded by the Mark Twain National Forest.

More than 1,000 homes were evacuated as murky flood water crept into hundreds of yards and even some houses. If the levee breaks completely, many homes will be left uninhabitable. Sandbagging wasn't an option — the river, spurred on by 10 inches or more of rain since last week, simply rose too quickly.

"By the time we realized what was happening it

was too dangerous to sandbag," Butler County Presiding Commissioner Ed Strenfel said.

Ukrainian leader asks for funding for new Chernobyl shelter on accident's 25th anniversary

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich on Tuesday used the 25th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster to renew calls for money to build a new shelter over the damaged reactor, saying no nation can battle such a tragedy alone.

"We have paid for the peace of the planet with the lives and health of thousands of compatriots," Yanukovich said in a statement on his website.

"But not a single nation, even the most powerful, can overcome the consequences of a catastrophe of such a scale by itself," the leader said.

Ukraine still needs to raise some \$300 million for the project after an international donors conference held here earlier this month.

Ukrainians, Russians, and Belarusians — the three nations most affected by Chernobyl — began marking the anniversary of the world's worst nuclear disaster in the wee hours of Tuesday. Yanukovich and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev were to participate in memorial events later in the day.

Angry farmers bring cows to Tokyo in protest to demand compensation for nuclear contamination

TOKYO (AP) — Angry farmers brought two cows to Tokyo where they shouted and punched the air Tuesday in a protest to demand compensation for products contaminated by radiation spewing from Japan's crippled nuclear plant.

The 200 farmers from northeastern Japan wore green bandanas, held aloft cabbages they said they couldn't sell and carried signs saying "Stop nuclear energy" outside the headquarters of Tokyo Electric Power Co., the operator of the plant damaged in the March 11 tsunami.

"My patience has run out. The nuclear crisis is totally destroying our farming business," said 72-year-old Katsuo Okazaki, who grows peaches and apples.

Radiation leaking from Fukushima Dai-ichi plant — about 140 miles (220 kilometers) north of Tokyo — has been found in milk, water and vegetables such as spinach from around the plant.

Authorities have banned the sale of raw milk from some towns near the plant, as well as spinach, cabbage, broccoli and several other leafy vegetables from throughout Fukushima prefecture, though most restrictions in nearby prefectures have been lifted.

Poll: More boomers say age no issue at work

WASHINGTON (AP) — Feel like the office geezer? Age may be an asset at work, or no issue at all, according to an AP-LifeGoesStrong.com poll.

Nearly half of those born between 1946 and 1964 now work for a younger boss, and most report that they are older than most colleagues. But 61 percent of the baby boomers surveyed said their age is not an issue at work, while 25 percent called it an asset.

Only 14 percent classified getting older as a workplace liability.

In fact, most of those who have reached age 50 noted that co-workers seek their counsel more now than when they were younger. And a third said their employer treats them with greater respect.

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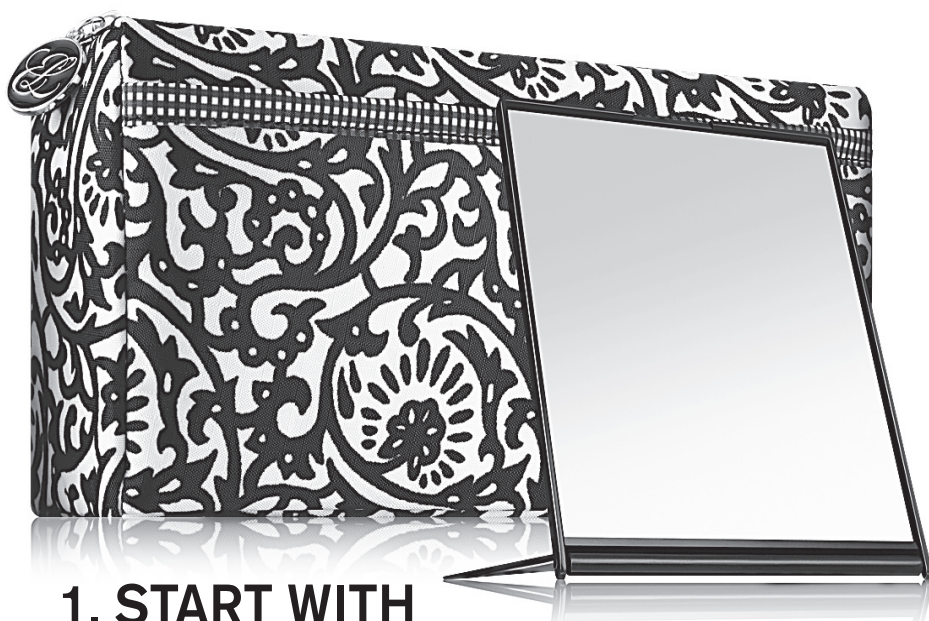
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Yes, there's a mouse in my coffee cup

As a driver for Freightliner of Odessa, Jason neared the soccer field at UTPB. Glad he wasn't involved in the traffic on Highway 191, he quickly looked upward to see if any cliff swallows were swarming around the mud nests tightly glued to the sides of the overpass. Glancing back at the road, he was surprised by a fuzzy creature standing in the middle of the road under the bridge. With no one immediately behind him, he pulled over on the shoulder.

Knowing it was a matter of time before a vehicle hit it, Jason scooped the downy being into his hands and ran back to the truck. Once inside he could decide what to do next.

Taking the youngster home, he proceeded to feed it baby-bird formula and mealworms. Three days later, our phone rang.

Offering to meet us in Stanton, Jason was convinced the bird he had saved was an owl. After hearing of his improvised diet for the raptor, we knew what to expect.

After opening a cardboard box, we were greeted by the inquisitive eyes of a nestling great horned owl.

Downy, but starting to feather out, the bird was probably a little more than three weeks old.



Courtesy photo

When torrential rains flooded U.S. Highway 87 in O'Donnell, the highway was closed for days and caused this nestling great horned owl to spend additional time with the McCaslands. Throughout that year, great horned, barn, and burrowing owls were rescued.

When it emptied itself of Jason's offerings, the only description I could think of was "pudding." After thanking the young man for his effort in saving the owl, we described the mouse diet that we would be offering instead.

Once home, our guest snuggled and slept in soft bedding deep inside our baby owl box.

After tiny mice

known as pinkies thawed, the little bundle of fuzz and emerging feathers could be fed.

Since it was baby-bird season, the dishwasher was making ready another day's dishes for incoming birds. Extra bowls, chipped cups and platters were in the sink soaking in bleach. Desperate for anything to fill with water to defrost the mice caused me to grab what I thought was the last receptacle available.

Meanwhile, baby bird season prompted callers to continue to ask numerous questions of what-to-do with fledglings they had found. After answering their queries, I looked at my watch. The mice would be soft, pliable, and ready for the great horn.

Before feeding the bird Art readied our new scale. The weight of a bird could often indicate not only its heft or lack thereof, but overall health.

As I placed the young owl on the scale, it seemed eager to weigh in as it tried to perch atop the flat surface.

Being tempted with a pinkie, it readily swallowed the small mouse. Leaning toward my hand, it sought another while still balanced atop the scale.

Rushing to get his camera while the nestling looked about the room, Art found the bird a willing subject as long as we had mice. Finally appeasing its hunger, I returned the owl to its nest box for a long nap.

Letting Gail Barnes of NightWings in Lubbock know the status of this owl, we thought we'd be able to transport it in a day or two. Mined mice would replace the furless pinkies on its menu.

After completing that conversation, I wondered if this year would be another "Year Of The Owl." In previous years, especially during rainy ones, the owl populations had been encouraged to produce offspring.

Returning the scale to its shelf brought a smile and gratitude. Somehow, from the protection of a bridge's structure had come a new life that had struggled to survive. For a brief time, we could experience its emerging growth and ravenous appetite.

Emptying the dishwasher and quickly refilling it prompted me to be sure and collect a remaining piece of Corning ware that required my usual ritual. Having thawed more than the nestling could

eat meant I'd also need to refreeze one pinkie.

As I entered the room to fetch it, Art stood holding my improvised bowl. The look of surprise on his face gave me an instant clue as to what he had discovered.

Quickly confirming what he had seen, I admitted guiltily, "Yes, there's a mouse in my coffee cup."

BIRD POOP

By BEBE McCASLAND



Bebe McCasland is author of "The Scoop From Bird Poop." She is federally and state licensed to rehabilitate wild birds.

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.

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Quotes I have found

With all the budget problems and financial unrest we have experienced lately I would like to share a few quotes that I have found that might just seem to fit the situation.

"Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress ... but then I repeat myself." —Mark Twain

"I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle. —Winston Churchill

"A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul." —George Bernard Shaw

"A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money" —Gordon Liddy

"Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner." —James Bovard, Civil Libertarian (1994)

"Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries." —Douglas Casey, classmate of Bill Clinton at Georgetown University

"Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavors to live at the expense of everybody else." —Frederic Bastiat, French economist (1801-1850)

"Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps

moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it." —Ronald Reagan (1986)

"I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts." —Will Rogers

"If you think health care is expensive now, wait until you see what it costs when it's free!" —P.J. O'Rourke

"In general, the art of government consists of taking as much money as possible from one group of citizens to give to the other." —Voltaire (1764)

"Just because you do

not take an interest in politics doesn't mean politics won't take an interest in you!" —Pericles (430 B.C.)

"No man's life, liberty, or property is safe while the legislature is in session." —Mark Twain

"Talk is cheap ... except when Congress does it." —Unknown

"The government is like a baby's alimentary canal, with a happy appetite at one end and no responsibility at the other." —Ronald Reagan

"The only difference

PARENT'S CORNER

By DARRELL RYAN



between a tax man and a taxidermist is that the taxidermist leaves the

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By Steve Becker

For the Good of the Team

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ K Q
♥ 10 9 8
♦ 9 4
♣ A J 9 6 4 2

WEST EAST
♠ 8 2 ♠ 6 5 3
♥ K J 6 ♥ Q 7 4 2
♦ K Q J 10 6 3 ♦ A 8 7 2
♣ 8 5 ♣ K 7

SOUTH
♠ A J 10 9 7 4
♥ A 5 3
♦ 5
♣ Q 10 3

The bidding:
South West North East
1♠ 2♦ 3♣ 3♦
3♠ Pass 4♣

In the vast majority of deals, the defenders achieve their optimum result by working closely together as a team and guiding each other carefully toward their common goal — defeat of the contract. Consider this deal where thoughtless defense allows declarer to make four spades while thoughtful defense defeats it.

Let's say West leads the king of diamonds and East signals with the eight. When West obeys his partner by leading another diamond, the con-

test is over. South ruffs, draws trumps and finesses the queen of clubs. East wins, but South takes the rest of the tricks, depositing his heart losers on dummy's clubs.

Now let's suppose that East takes a bit more time to assess the situation before he plays to the first trick. For starters, he can easily deduce from dummy's high cards and his own that West almost surely has six diamonds for his overcall, so continuing diamonds would serve no constructive purpose. This would leave hearts as the only real hope for the defense.

Accordingly, he overtakes the king of diamonds with the ace at trick one and shifts to the deuce of hearts. If South follows low, West wins with the jack and continues with a heart, and declarer eventually goes down one, losing two hearts, a diamond and a club.

Once East appreciates the futility of a diamond continuation at trick two, he is forced to pin his hopes on the possibility of his side scoring two heart tricks. But since he is in a much better position to make this assessment, he should take command of the situation.

Overtaking the king of diamonds with the ace may appear overly dramatic, but under the circumstances, it is absolutely necessary.

Tomorrow: Is there a doctor in the house?

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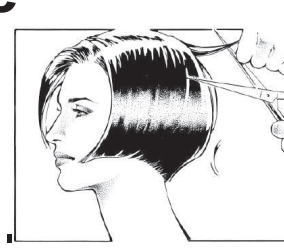
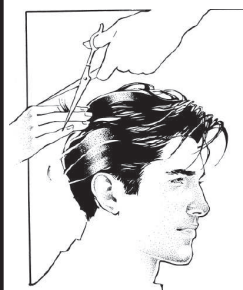


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Storms, tornadoes lash North, East Texas

DALLAS (AP) — Persistent, severe thunderstorms lashed parts of Texas throughout the afternoon and night Monday, spawning more than a dozen tornadoes that authorities said caused widely scattered damage, although there were no immediate reports of injuries.

Multiple suspected tornadoes were reported about 9:30 p.m. Monday that ravaged the area in and around the East Texas town of Crockett, about 130 miles north of Houston.

Widespread damage was reported county-

wide, but the severity was unclear because many affected areas were without power, Houston County Fire Marshal David Lamb said. Many trees also had been blown down, either by tornadoes or straight-line winds, he said.

Earlier in the day, tornadoes were reported as touching down in portions of North Texas, authorities said. The twisters and funnel clouds generated by the afternoon storm were relatively weak, mostly striking open country south of the Dallas-Fort

Worth area, but there were some reports of damage to a mobile home, metal shed and uprooted trees.

As of late Monday, authorities said they had no reports of storm-related injuries anywhere in the state.

The storms were associated with an atmospheric boundary between moist and dry air and a stationary front that has been oscillating between North Texas and southern Oklahoma.

National Weather Service meteorologist David Huckaby in Fort Worth said the storm was cyclical, meaning that as one end was losing strength, the other end was regenerating. That kept the storm raging all afternoon long until after sunset, when the heat that fueled it was lost.

However, Huckaby said more of the same was expected Tuesday in North Texas.

At least two funnels that formed briefly, then dissipated, were televised live from news helicopters flying in open country south and southwest of Dallas-Fort

Worth. The first televised funnel formed briefly around midafternoon Monday about 30 miles southwest of Fort Worth, between Cleburne and Glen Rose. It was unclear how long it was on the ground, but spotters reported that it touched down briefly. A thin, rope-like funnel was later seen near Itasca, about 50 miles southwest of Dallas.

Ellis County emergency management coordinator John Patterson said five people were left homeless when a suspected tornado tore the roof from their mobile home in the Avalon community, 40 miles south of Dallas. They were given shelter in the gymnasium of community school, which also suffered damage.

Roofs were damaged and trees blown down near the rural community of Emhouse, 45 miles south of Dallas, said Eric Meyers, Navarro County emergency management coordinator.

Otherwise, reported damage was mostly confined to uprooted trees in Cleburne State Park,

Possum Kingdom Lake fires said closer to being put out

FORT WORTH (AP) — Rainy conditions have helped crews battling wildfires in North Texas do more to control the stubborn blazes.

The Texas Forest Service on Monday reported the Possum Kingdom Lake wildfires, which scorched nearly 127,000 acres, are nearly 70 percent contained. At least 167 homes and two churches were destroyed by this month's wildfires in the recreational area located

70 miles west of Fort Worth.

Meanwhile, the agency reported 75 to 80 percent containment on the West Texas Trans-Pecos Complex north and west of San Angelo, where forecasters had been worried that dry, windy weather would create ideal conditions for wildfires on Tuesday.

More than 840 wildfires have consumed more than 2,000 square miles across Texas this year, destroying 402 homes.

Hints from Heloise

One page or two?
Dear Heloise: As a longtime resume writer, I take issue with your advice that "Typically, a resume should be limited to one page, but this can vary." (The original column was about suggestions for people entering the job market for the first time. — Heloise)

We never expect an employer to read the entire document, no matter how long it is, and many people with several years of experience will benefit from pushing some items to a second page. You should keep the most important information on the first page as much as possible, and also draw the eye to areas of importance, such as showing achievements and results in bold or indented. Making a resume fit on one page does not allow for the kind of "marketing" that the document should provide on behalf of its owner! — L.E. Kidder, Houston

Thank you for this good advice for people who have years of work experience, but for people who are just starting out, one page probably is sufficient.

Readers, input? Employers, your opinion? I'll print as many comments as possible. — Heloise

Sympathy cards
Dear Heloise: I would like to comment on addresses for funerals. After going through and reading all the nice cards for a funeral, you really appreciate when the card has an address label or address inside the card. Also, in the book that is signed at the wake or funeral, please put your full address.

The secretary at our funeral home said she

always asks people to put their full name and address, and the response from some people is, "They know where I live." Sure, we know where they live, but we don't know their address. — GiGi from Minnesota

Auto-light caution
Dear Heloise: I make weekly long-distance trips, and every week on the way home I see at least two cars with only running lights on, even though it is dark. People need to remember that running lights do not give you rear lighting, and at night other cars see only brake lights and somewhat dimmer headlights. — Lorrie M., via email

Hmm — it seems common sense that a person would turn on lights at night! — Heloise

Prescriptions for college kid
Dear Heloise: You remarked that children away at college may need prescriptions refilled, so a doctor faxes the prescription to a local pharmacy.

I have found that most large chain pharmacies will transfer prescriptions from one store to another. A friend who visits has done this many times. — Bob Smith from California

Bob, it's good to remind folks that most national chains will refill a valid prescription if it is in their computer system. — Helois

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RYAN

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skin." —Mark Twain
"There is no distinctly American criminal class ... save Congress." —Mark Twain
"What this country needs are more unemployed politicians." —Edward Langley, artist (1928)
"A government big enough to give you everything you want is strong enough to take everything you have." —Thomas Jefferson
Did you notice anything that resembles today?

Darrell Ryan is director of federal programs for the Big Spring Independent School District.

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Forsan boys, Coahoma girls make playoffs

Herald Staff Report

COLORADO CITY — New year, new classification, same postseason hopes for the Forsan Buffaloes.

The Forsan buffaloes clinched a spot in the Class 2A state high school baseball playoffs with a 12-5 victory over Colorado City Monday afternoon.

Forsan came into the game needing a win to hold off Coahoma for the final District 3-2A playoff spot. A loss to C-City would have dropped the Buffs into a tie with Coahoma and forced a one-game playoff between the teams.

Slaton and Lubbock Roosevelt ended the season tied for first in District 3-2A and will face each other in an extra game to determine seeding.

Despite the lop-sided final score Monday, it wasn't until the Buffaloes pushed across six runs in the sixth inning that they finally gained full control of the contest.

"(Colorado City) has struggled some this season, but they've played everyone close and we

knew going in this would be a tough game," Forsan Head Coach Jason Phillips said. "So when we had that big inning, I felt my blood pressure finally dropping back to normal levels."

Zane Herrin was 5-for-5 at the plate with three RBI, while Patrick Robles and Trevor Burchett each had two hits and Foster Burchett drove in three runs. Pitcher Payton Parker took the win for Forsan.

The Buffs will face Tornillo in the first round of the Class 2A playoffs at a place and date to be determined.

Despite moving up in classification this year, Phillips is proud of his team for earning a third straight trip to the postseason.

"It was definitely tougher this year," Phillips said. "Every team in this district could play. There wasn't one day when you could take the night off ... They had to fight and compete every single day, and they definitely met the challenge."

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File photo

Payton Parker, shown in action earlier this year, was the winning pitcher for Forsan as the Buffaloes clinched a spot in the Class 2A high school baseball playoffs with a 12-5 victory over Colorado City Monday. Forsan will face Tornillo at a time and place to be determined.

HC cowgirl qualifies for CNFR

By CINDY SMITH

Special to the Herald

After a 12-year drought, a Howard College cowgirl will be representing the school at the College National Finals rodeo.

Hawk barrel racer Kaci Smith became the first Howard cowgirl to claim a spot in the CNFR since 1999, when Kim Green brought home the Reserve National Champion award in barrel racing.

"Kaci is doing what Kaci does best right now," said Greg Kernick, Howard College rodeo coach. "She's done a great job throughout the entire season and has peaked at just the right time."

The pint-sized powerhouse came to Howard College from her home-

town of Purvis, Miss. After competing in rodeo events since the age of 3, Smith admitted she had reached a crossroads.

"I wasn't sure if I was going to college or going on to find my way in the pros," said Smith. "Then I met Coach Kernick and found out about the rodeo team here at Howard and decided to make my way to Texas and try something new."

Being a part of a strong rodeo team has been crucial for Smith.

"I love my teammates here at Howard," said Smith. "Everyone is so supportive of each other whether we're winning or not, and it makes riding a lot more fun

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Courtesy photo

Howard College cowgirl Kaci Smith has clinched a spot in this year's Collegiate National Finals Rodeo, to be held later this year in Laramie, Wyo.

Sports Calendar

FRIDAY

Class 3A softball playoffs — Big Spring vs. Iowa Park, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Graham.

Class 2A softball playoffs — Forsan vs. Crane: Game 1, 6 p.m., MUGS Field, Midland.

JUCO softball — Howard College at Odessa College (DH), 1 p.m.

JUCO baseball — Frank Phillips at Howard College (DH), noon.

Judge lifts NFL lockout

By DAVE CAMPBELL

AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — The NFL is a long way from playing football again.

Handfuls of players showed up at team facilities Tuesday morning, let inside but told they would not be allowed to work out. And the federal judge who stopped the NFL lockout will take at least another day to consider whether she should put her order on hold.

U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson has given the players until 9 a.m. Central time Wednesday to reply to the league's expedited motion for a stay that would freeze her decision pending further appeals.

So it was an unusual day, and then some, as the NFL's 32 teams and its players tried to figure what to do.

Two Redskins players were met by general manager Bruce Allen and told they were allowed in the building

but could not work out. Both left after a few minutes.

"It was a little weird," receiver Anthony Armstrong said. "It felt like you were sneaking into the club or something like that, and they knew you weren't supposed to be in there but they hadn't done anything about it yet. Just a little awkward."

He said he would call other teammates to let them know there wasn't much reason to show up.

"It was not a scene or nothing," Alexander said. "I do have a workout bonus, and since the lockout is lifted out, I wanted to make sure I took full advantage to come up here and work out because I don't want some technicality to happen later: 'You didn't show up. You didn't come.' And then I'm out of my workout bonus."

Carolina Panthers kicker John Kasay, who served as the team's union player represen-

tative before decertification on March 11, spent about 10 minutes inside Bank of America Stadium.

"We're just walking through the process," he said, declining further comment.

Jets players Brandon Moore, Mike DeVito, D'Brickshaw Ferguson and Jerricho Cotchery all reported to the team facility. Pittsburgh Steelers safety Ryan Clark was in the team's training room, but he said there weren't any strength coaches there.

"I assumed when the lockout was lifted that things would go back the way it was," Clark said.

Not so much. And it may be a while.

Nelson lifted the 45-day lockout Monday, writing in an 89-page order that she believed it is causing "irreparable harm" to the players. The NFL immediately filed notice of an appeal and the questions began.

Bills safety George Wilson confirmed that the NFLPA emailed players after Nelson's ruling suggesting they show up at team facilities. He said players were told if they are denied access that teams would be in violation of the judge's ruling.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said any player who shows up at team facilities will be allowed in and "treated courteously and with respect."

"As soon as Judge Nelson lifted the lockout this afternoon, a number of my teammates called and asked me if they could return to work," Browns linebacker Scott Fujita said. "Basically, I told them I don't see why not."

Others weren't ready to go that far.

"The ruling created more questions than answers," said Kyle Vanden Bosch, a Detroit Lions player represen-

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In brief

Howard to hold cheerleader tryouts

The Howard College Cheerleading Squad will hold try-outs Saturday, April 30 at 9 a.m. in the Harold Davis Fitness Center on the Howard College campus.

A clinic will be held for applicants to learn all try-out material Thursday, April 28 and Friday, April 29 from 4-6 p.m. in the fitness center.

All interested persons need to fill out the online application, found at www.hchawk.com.

For more information, contact Hollie Allred at 432-264-8538.

Volleyball showcase May 21 in San Angelo

Registration is now open for the West Texas Volleyball Showcase, scheduled for May 21 in San Angelo.

The tournament will be officiated by TASO-approved officials.

Registration fee is \$225 per team. Registration deadline is May 15.

Play will be held in two divisions — big school (Class 3A and up) and small school (Class 1A and 2A, as well as junior varsity). There is a 20-team limit. For more information, contact Chris Cardenas at 325-374-2910.

San Angelo will be the site for a volleyball summer league, which begins June 7.

Registration fee is \$25 per player.

For more information, contact Chris Cardenas at (325) 374-2910.

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tative. "It seems like the dust still has to settle over the next couple of days."

Vikings linebacker Ben Leber, a free agent and one of the nine NFL players who are plaintiffs in the still-pending antitrust lawsuit against the league, said he was assured by NFLPA leadership that liability should not be a concern in what he called a "Wild West" setting.

"We should feel free to try to get workouts in and try to resume any sort of normalcy that we had before," Leber said.

The NFL has filed a notice of appeal questioning whether Nelson exceeded her jurisdiction, seeking relief from the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis.

But if her injunction is upheld, the NFL must resume business in some fashion.

It could invoke the 2010 rules for free agency, meaning players would need six seasons of service before becoming unrestricted free agents when their contracts expire; previously, it was four years. The requirement for restricted free agents would be four years rather than the three years before 2010. There also was no salary cap in 2010, meaning teams could spend as much — or as little — as they wanted.

All of this was in the background for this week's draft, which has a weird feel as teams prepped for picks without free agency or the ability to swap personnel.

Jim Quinn, an attorney for the players, said the pressure is on the league.

"They better act quickly, because as of right now there's no stay and, presumably, players could sign with teams," Quinn said. "There are no guidelines as of right now, so they have to put something in place quickly."

Nelson's ruling was another rebuke of the NFL in the federal courts in Minnesota, which was established years ago as the venue for the league's collective bargaining system. Three weeks ago, NFL attorney David Boies suggested to Nelson that she shouldn't have jurisdiction over a dispute with an unfair bargaining accusation against the players pending with the National Labor Relations Board.

In her ruling, Nelson rejected that contention and recognized the NFL Players Association's decision to "de-unionize" as legitimate because it has "serious consequences" for the players.

Nelson even referenced her colleague, U.S. District Judge David Doty, who has frequently ruled for the players in the past. Not only did she declare that players are likely to suffer harm by the lockout, a legal requirement for granting the injunction, Nelson wrote they're already feeling the hurt now.

She cited their short careers, arguing that monetary damages wouldn't be enough relief.

What Nelson didn't do, however, was tackle the issue of the antitrust lawsuit filed last month when the union broke up. That, she wrote, "must wait another day."

In an opinion piece posted late Monday on the Wall Street Journal website, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell wrote that Nelson's ruling "may significantly alter professional football as we know it."

By blessing this negotiating tactic (recognizing the players' right to dissolve their union), the decision may endanger one of the most popular and successful sports leagues in history."

Owners imposed the lockout after talks broke down March 11 and the players disbanded their union.

Nelson heard arguments on the injunction at a hearing on April 6 and ordered the two sides to resume mediation while she was considering her decision. The owners and players, who failed to reach consensus after 16 days of mediated talks earlier this year, met over four days with a federal magistrate but did not announce any progress on solving the impasse.

They are not scheduled to meet again until May 16, four days after Doty holds a hearing on whether players should get damages in their related fight with owners over some \$4 billion in broadcast revenue.

With appeals expected, the fight seems likely to drag on through the spring. The closer it gets to August, when training camps and the preseason get into full swing, the more likely it becomes that regular-season games could be lost.

Mavs bounce back with win

DALLAS (AP) — Tyson Chandler is the active, energetic big man the Dallas Mavericks have never had before. He's also a pretty good strategist.

Knowing the season was basically on the line in Game 5 of their first-round series against Portland, Chandler went to coach Rick Carlisle on Monday morning with a suggestion. Instead of always playing on the weak side of the offense, he wanted to move around to try getting more involved and to have a better chance at grabbing rebounds.

Go for it, Carlisle said. Chandler wound up with 14 points and 20 rebounds, but his most important contribution might've been setting the aggressive, exciting tone the Mavericks needed to bounce back from a devastating loss and beat the Trail Blazers 93-82. Dallas leads the series 3-2, with two days to rest up before trying to close things out in Game 6 on Thursday night in Portland.

"He's got to be active for us, and he knows that," Mavs star

Dirk Nowitzki said. "Hyping the crowd, being vocal in the huddle. That's what he's been doing for us all year long. If he keeps playing like that, with energy, we'll be OK."

The Mavs were fresh off blowing a 23-point lead over the final 14 minutes of Game 4.

Instead of having the Trail Blazers on the brink of elimination, they'd given the No. 7 seed new hope of pulling off the upset. Carlisle called it a must-win, a nod to Dallas being 0-4 in Portland this season and to the club having lost eight straight playoff road games.

Between Chandler's new role and a healthy use of a zone defense, the Mavs again found themselves up by double-digits early in the fourth quarter. Only this time they were able to protect it, forcing 10 straight misses and playing smart on offense.

Although Dallas' shooting touch was off — the Mavs missed their first 10 3-point tries of the second half — they got to the foul line and won the rebound-

ing battle.

Dallas not only outrebounded its taller foe 49-37, the Mavs grabbed a whopping 20 offensive rebounds.

Chandler had 13, and swatted several more to guards near midcourt. His offensive boards were the most ever by a Dallas player in the playoffs and the most for anyone in the playoffs since Shaquille O'Neal had 14 in 1995.

"They played like they wanted it more than we did," said Portland's Brandon Roy, who went from scoring 24 points in Game 4 to just five in 26 minutes. "They played harder than we did. I thought they played a little tougher than in the first four games. They had more of a sense of urgency. Now it's our turn to show that same sense of urgency."

Nowitzki led Dallas with 25 points, 11 coming in the third quarter, when the Mavericks broke open a tight game with a 15-5 run. Still, everyone was waiting to see whether they could protect it this time.

Spurs on the brink of elimination

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The Memphis Grizzlies are one win away from more franchise history, and Shane Battier is expecting quite a fight from the San Antonio Spurs.

The Grizzlies routed the Spurs 104-86 on Monday night and need just one victory to become the second No. 8 seed to knock off the top seed in a best-of-seven series in the NBA playoffs.

Game 5 is Wednesday night in San Antonio, and Battier is trying to prepare his younger teammates for what lies ahead.

"It's a very difficult situation," he said. "These guys know this could be it. They are going to fight as hard as they have ever fought before as a group. We have to be able to match that intensity and surpass it."

The Spurs won 61 games in the regular season and only lost the NBA's best record by dropping the final two games. But

the four-time NBA champs are on the verge losing their opening playoff series 4-1 for the second time in three years.

Battier thinks that makes Wednesday night very dangerous.

"I'd feel better if it was against someone other than the Spurs," he said. "They are very capable of winning three straight in a playoff series. All we've done is held home court."

Memphis made franchise history by winning the series opener for its first playoff victory, then added its first playoff win at home. A win Wednesday night would put the Grizzlies alongside the 2007 Golden State Warriors as the only No. 8 seeds to eliminate the top team since the NBA expanded to a best-of-seven series.

"I know a lot of people didn't expect us to be here," Grizzlies guard Mike Conley said. "It's

not like we were expected to be up 3-1 at this point. In our locker room, we're just playing it game by game. We want to come into San Antonio looking to end it there. We're focused and want to be able to move onto the next round."

The Spurs now are placing their hopes in making a stand Wednesday night on their home court. Coach Gregg Popovich pulled his starters with 5:43 left to start resting them for that game.

"They'll need their juice for the next game," Popovich said.

Conley had 15 points and seven assists. Darrell Arthur added 14 points for Memphis. Tony Allen scored 12, and Zach Randolph and O.J. Mayo each had 11 points.

Tony Parker scored 19 of his 23 points in the first half for the Spurs, but also had seven turnovers.

COWGIRL

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that way."

Smith is no stranger to winning and championships — she won the Mississippi high school barrel racing title in two of her four years in high school and placed third

during the other two.

Currently, Smith is sitting in second place in the tough Southwest Region. She will finish no less than third place in the standings, which will be enough to book the trip to the CNFR in Casper this June.

"Right now, Kaci is guaranteed a spot,"

said Kernick. "Her performance this coming weekend will determine her final placing in the region but she's done enough already to make her way to Casper."

Smith will join the rest of the HC rodeo team this weekend as it competes in the final rodeo of the regular season at Tarle-

ton State University in Stephenville. The rodeo will be a crucial one for several other Hawks on the brink of punching their own tickets to the CNFR as well.

For more on the HC Rodeo Team and updated schedule and results, visit www.hchawk.com.

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Bulldogettes earn

playoffs spot

SNYDER — It took an extra game, but the Coahoma Bulldogettes earned themselves another trip to the state high school softball playoffs.

The Bulldogettes, who have made the playoffs every year of the program's existence, had

to struggle a bit to keep that streak going, but punched another ticket for the postseason by downing Post, 10-0, in an extra District 3-2A game Monday in Snyder.

The teams had ended the regular season tied with identical 7-5 district records, which forced Monday's extra game.

The Bulldogettes cranked out 12 hits against Post pitcher Chelsi Hair, three of which went for extra bases. Jo Anna Gonzales had a home run, while Jennifer Castilaw and Savannah Neff each had a double.

"We hit the ball pretty well," Coahoma Coach Tracy Tadlock said. "We had contributions from everybody, up and down the lineup. Everybody had at least one hit except one girl, and she walked three times."

Starting pitcher Kyla Clanton earned the complete-game victory for Coahoma, allowing three hits while striking out five and walking two.

Youth and injuries forced Coahoma into an unaccustomed fight to earn a playoff spot this season.

"We had three girls lost for the season with

(knee injuries) and another girl had a shoulder injury which limited her to just running the bases for us," Tadlock said. "I am really proud of the way they came through at the end of the season. I think we're playing better right now than we have all season. We're peaking at the right time, which is definitely what you want."

The Bulldogettes will face Kermit in the first round of the Class 2A softball playoffs at a site and time to be determined.

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to help, but
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ARIES (March 21-April
19). You'll be in a
mischievous mood, and
you'll have an audience
egging you on. This
question may cross your
mind: Is the world ready
for your kind of fun?



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TAURUS (April 20-May
20). The messenger is
always in a precarious
position. When the news
is bad, he gets blamed.
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GEMINI (May 21-June
21). Tell people how to
handle you. You're a star
because of the thing
you're very good at. Let
the others know that you
want to focus there,
because you won't be in
the mood to take on
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CANCER (June 22-July
22). You'll be an asset to
your group in hectic
times. When you need to,
you can tap into that
relaxed, laissez-faire part
of your personality. The
more excited things get
the calmer you become.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).
You may become
genuinely mad about
something, but be careful
not to lose your
composure publicly. Blow
off steam in private. Your
anger will die down
almost as fast as it comes
up, and all will be
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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.
22). If you keep up the
optimism over the next
three days, things will
start to go very well for
you. You'll pull off a few
miracles in a row. Not
only will you succeed
magnificently, but you'll

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.
23). You know how to
tell the truth in a way that
is fair and constructive for
all involved. Your
honesty earns you a place
of respect in the hearts,
minds and actions of
your peers.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov.
21). You'll be presenting
yourself to people who
are distracted, to say the
least. Assume that you
must capture their
attention before you
impart anything
important.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov.
22-Dec. 21). Simplicity is
an ideal that is usually
much more difficult to
attain than it looks. Your
ability to sense what
matters and stay on track
will be in high demand.
You'll make other
people's lives easier.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19). Anyone can
describe a problem. You
take it two steps further,
proposing a solution and
gaining the cooperation
of anyone connected to
that solution. It's why
you'll be paid and paid
well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-
Feb. 18). Your methods,
though not exactly
madcap, are somewhat
contrary to the
conventional approach.
This is what earns you
fans and friends today,
so go with those offbeat

instincts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20). Though you're all for
working smart instead of
hard, sometimes there's
just no getting around it.
Roll up your sleeves and
prepare to get dirty.
Today, the smart work
and hard work will be
one and the same.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY
(April 26). Exercise
improves your life —
start a new regime. In the
next five weeks, a special
relationship thrives. June
and July will focus on
balancing work and
pleasure. You'll find more
effective ways of
supporting your hobbies
and leisure time.
Finances improve with
higher education. Virgo
and Pisces people adore
you. Your lucky numbers
are: 35, 21, 25, 39 and 15.

**ASTROLOGICAL
QUESTIONS:** "I'm a
landscaper by trade and
have worked hard all of
my life. My family owns
several acres of orange
groves on the Florida
coast. My brothers and I
have inherited some of
the land, and my younger
brother wants to sell his
part of it and live in
style. My wife wants me
to do the same, but it just
doesn't feel right to me.
This land has been in our
family for generations. I
would like to have
something to pass down
to my children, if I ever

have them. You should
know that my wife is 43
and doesn't want
children. This has always
been a problem between
us. Should I sell the land
or keep it? My birthday is
May 14, 1965, and I was
born at 1 p.m. EST in Key
West, Fla."

The fifth house of your
astrological chart speaks
to your creative talents
and powers of
imagination. It also has
to do with children. You
do not have planets in the
fifth house, which
indicates that this part of
your destiny is unwritten
— it is completely up to
you. With Pisces in the
fifth house, you are
susceptible to romantic
persuasion. Hold on to
your land and all that
you feel strongly about.

**CELEBRITY
PROFILES:** Barbra
Streisand will soon team
up with Seth Rogen in a
comedy about an
inventor and his mother.
The exquisitely talented
Taurus diva, with four
luminaries in the sign of
the voice, has a
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Dear Annie: My in-
laws emptied out my
husband's bank account
and put thousands of
charges on his credit
cards. They refused to
return the money, and it
took us six years to pay
off the debt they
incurred.

My in-laws recently
retired without any
savings and rely on
Social Security to make
ends meet. It didn't stop
them from remodeling
their home via credit
cards. Now we are told
we must assist them
financially during their
retirement. This would
cut into our own
retirement savings,
leaving our future
questionable. They claim
their children owe it to
them in their old age.

We only hear from my
in-laws when they want
something, and if they
don't get their way, they
resort to name-calling.
Are we wrong to refuse?

— *Not a Money Tree*

Dear Not: If your in-
laws were destitute
because they lost their
jobs and savings, we
would tell you to help
them. But since they
have stolen from you and
refuse to live within their
means, we see no reason
to continue pouring
money down the
sinkhole. Make sure your
husband is on board with
this, and then suggest his
parents seek financial
counseling through the
National Foundation for
Credit Counseling
(nfcc.org) at 1-800-388-
2227. Offer to go with
them if necessary.
Explain that they cannot
count on others (even
their children) to bail
them out repeatedly, and
they will benefit in the
long run by learning how
to live within a budget.

Dear Annie: Birthdays
and holidays have always
been important in our
family, and we never

miss an occasion for our
nieces and nephews. We
always send a gift and
keep them posted with
current pictures of our
children.

However, my husband's
brother and his wife
never reciprocate. Our
children are only 3 and 6
years old, but they
wonder why they get
presents from all their
relatives except these
particular cousins. It
bugs me, too, since I go
out of my way to hit the
post office to mail stuff to
their children. We only
get lame excuses from my
sister-in-law, who often
says she has gifts for the
kids, but hasn't gotten
around to sending them.

I know I should let this
go, but it bothers me that
another holiday season
has passed without so
much as a current photo.
They frequently post
pictures on Facebook
about the parties they
attend and their recent

purchases, so I know it's
not a financial issue. And
frankly, even a card
would be nice. Should I
say something or
continue to watch my
children's quiet
disappointment?

— *Annoyed in the Midwest*
Dear Annoyed: Your
brother already knows
they are remiss when it
comes to gifts. You
cannot demand presents,
but you can ask if they
would please send a
current photograph. Your
other choice is to stop
sending their children
gifts unless you receive
something in return. But
please do not encourage
your children to make an
issue of this. Most kids
don't notice what is
missing unless someone
points it out.

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| 6:PM | Jeopardy! | Cuando Me | Two Men | News | Caso Cer-rado | News | King | McDonald | Business | 70s Show | Cash Cab | Auction | Bones | | | Wizards | QB Camp | E:60 |
| 7:PM | Wheel | | Two Men | Ent | | Millionaire | King | Alewine | PBS News-Hour | Seinfeld | Deadliest Catch | Auction | | | | Wizards | QB Camp | |
| 8:PM | Jamie Oliver's Food | Teresa (SS) | Glee | NCIS | Aurora (SS) | The Biggest Loser | Office | Upd | Latin America | One Tree Hill | Deadliest Catch | Movie: Death Wish II | Repo | NBA | Movie: Stomp the Yard, Ne-Yo | | Football | Year/Quarterback |
| 9:PM | Dancing With Stars | | | NCIS: Los Angeles | Herederos-Monte | The Voice | Office | Cortes | Frontline | Hellcats | Deadliest Catch | Repo | Basketball: First Round: Teams TBA. | | | Deck | Baseball | SportsCenter |
| 10:PM | (:01) Body of Proof | Triunfo del Amor | Simpsons | The Good Wife | La Reina del Sur | | Office | | Independent Lens | Payne | Hogs Gone Wild | Movie: Death Wish II | Auction | NBA | Fa. Affair | Wizards | | |
| 11:PM | News | Impacto | How I Met | News | Noticias | News | Office | | Conan | Roseanne | Deadliest Catch | Repo | Basketball: First Round: Teams TBA. | | | Shake It | Year/Quarterback | SportsCenter |
| 12:AM | Nightline | Noticiero | Raymond | Letterman | El Cartel | Jay Leno | | | Brad New | Roseanne | Deadliest Catch | Repo | Basketball: First Round: Teams TBA. | | | Shake It | Year/Quarterback | SportsCenter |
| 1:AM | Jimmy Kimmel Live | Para Volver a Amar | Law & Order: SVU | Late | Decisiones (SS) | Late Night | | | Lopez Tonight | Ministerio-Vida | Deadliest Catch | Movie: Big Trouble in Little China | UFC 129 Countdown | | Hannah | SportsNation | Baseball | |
| 2:AM | Extra | Destilando Amor | Paid | Insider | Pagado | News | | | Conan | Upd | Alewine | MAN | Inside the NBA | Movie: King's Ransom, Kellita Smith | Wizards | NASCAR | SportsCenter | |
| 3:AM | Paid | Mujer... | TMZ | Ent | Pagado | Poker After Dark | | | Lopez Tonight | Light of the Southwest | | MAN | Southland | | Wizards | NBA | SportsCenter | |
| 4:AM | Paid | Cero | King-Hill | (:37) Up to | Pelicula: El | | | | | | | Amazing Video | | | Suite Life | 2010 Poker | SportsCenter | |

DENNIS THE MENACE

4-26

"WHEN BEIN' A KID STOPS BEIN' FUN... THEN I'LL GROW UP."

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

4-26

"When I'm older will I get to snore like you?"

HAGAR

4-26

LET'S SEE... YOU FOLKS ORDERED FIVE LARGE BOILED LOBSTERS... ...WOULD YOU LIKE A BOWL FOR THE SHELLS, OR WILL YOU EAT THEM?

BLONDIE

4-26

...AND WITH THIS FABULOUS GLOBAL WEATHER RADIO YOU CAN EVEN GET HOURLY UPDATES FROM THE FIJI ISLANDS? WHY WOULD I NEED HOURLY UPDATES FROM THE FIJI ISLANDS? YOU GOT SOMETHING AGAINST THE FIJI ISLANDS? WHAT'S THAT YOU'RE LISTENING TO, DAG?

BC

4-26

SHE SEEMS NICE... WHY DON'T YOU ASK HER OUT? SHE'S ONLY 34. SO. SHE'S UNDER 50. CHRIS HANSEN MIGHT BE WATCHING.

WIZARD OF ID

4-26

HEY! THAT GIRL IS EYING YOU OVER THERE. YOU KNOW I CAN'T TALK TO GIRLS SOBER. NONSENSE! THAT'S A COP-OUT. FINE, I'LL GIVE IT A SHOT. FLIB-FROOB YOOF IN MIB... WOW! HE WASN'T KIDDING.

AGNES

4-26

AS WELLNESS WOMAN, I HAVE DECIDED THAT I WILL ADDRESS THE MORE ORPHANED ASPECTS OF BEING WELL. FOR INSTANCE, VOLUMES ARE WRITTEN ABOUT NUTRITION, BUT SO LITTLE IS SAID ABOUT THE HAZARD OF BITING THE INSIDE OF YOUR CHEEK WITH SOMETHING SALTY IN YOUR MOUTH. I DID ALL THE ILLUSTRATIONS MYSELF! WOW... WHERE DID YOU FIND A SCAB-COLORED CRAYON?

HI AND LOIS

4-26

ALL MY FRIENDS WERE NAMING THEIR BABIES AFTER CITIES... THERE'S BROOKLYN, MADISON, ORLANDO, DALLAS, CHARLOTTE, ASPEN... I HAD TO BE DIFFERENT. BUT "MINNEAPOLIS"? ISN'T IT PERFECT?

THE OTHER COAST

4-26

CUTE DOG. WHAT'S HER NAME? XENA, WARRIOR PRINCESS. SAKURA. IS SHE WELL-BEHAVED? QUIET AS A MOUSE. SHE'S A REAL YAPPER. DOES SHE LIKE KIDS? SHE LOATHES THEM. WOULD IT KILL YOU TO TELL THE OCCASIONAL WHITE LIE?

SNUFFY SMITH

4-26

SO HOW MUCH DID YOU BOYS FRITTER AWAY AT TH' CARD GAME THIS TIME? HOW'D THEY KNOW THAR WUZ FRITTERS?! AN' THAT ALBIE WUZ CHARGIN' US FER 'EM !!

BEEBLE BAILEY

4-26

THIS OFFICE ISN'T BIG ENOUGH FOR BOTH OF US! I AGREE. BUMP. I'LL LOSE A FEW POUNDS IF YOU'LL LET SOME AIR OUT OF YOUR EGO.

Newsday Crossword

ACROSS

- Puts up, as a picture
- 6 Ochs and ___
- Baby goat
- In progress
- "__ what you think!"
- Poem of praise
- Coffeehouse order
- Off-limits
- Devoured
- Fully unencumbered
- Young boy
- Sound booster
- Pekoe packets
- Unwanted e-mail
- Archery bow wood
- Whirlpool tub
- Historical period
- Juliet's love
- Confess (to)
- Workshop smoother
- Keyboard goofs
- Eyeglasses, slangily
- US soldiers
- May honoree
- Homonym of "ewe"
- Regarding
- Drivers' organization, familiarly
- College degs.
- Coop dweller
- Suspected of wrongdoing
- Double-curve letter

DOWN

- 50%
- Miles off
- Quick jotting
- Cheerleader's cry
- Water vapor
- "__ girl!" (encouraging cry)
- Moby-Dick captain
- Behavior pattern
- Mall tenants
- Bearlike beast
- Dog-collar attachment
- Accomplishments
- Soft drinks
- Watch secretly
- Cry like a baby
- Religious faction
- Say grace, for instance
- Seniors' org.
- CPR specialists
- Teary-eyed
- Firmly determined
- Cream-filled cookie
- Reminds too much
- Group of troops
- Mexican money
- Stately splendor
- Diver's gear
- Lowly, as a task
- In dreamland
- Over yonder
- Repair a fairway
- Map within a map
- "It's __!" ("See you then!")
- Ad-agcy. customers
- A Great Lake
- Colonel or captain
- Honolulu's island
- Secondhand
- Poor grades

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, April 26, the 116th day of 2011. There are 249 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 26, 1986, a major nuclear accident occurred at the Chernobyl (chur-NOH'-bul) plant in Ukraine (then part of the Soviet Union) as an explosion and fire caused radioactive fallout to begin spewing into the atmosphere. At least 31 people died fighting the plant fire, but the number of other deaths resulting from the disaster remains in dispute.

On this date:

In 1607, English colonists went ashore at present-day Cape Henry, Va., on an expedition to establish the first permanent English settlement in the Western Hemisphere.

In 1785, American naturalist, hunter and artist John James Audubon was born in present-day Haiti.

In 1865, John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Abraham Lincoln, was surrounded by federal troops near Bowling Green, Va., and killed.

In 1909, Abdul Hamid II was deposed as sultan of the Ottoman Empire.

In 1937, planes from Nazi Germany raided the Basque town of Guernica during the Spanish Civil War.

In 1945, Marshal Henri Philippe Petain (an-REE' fee-LEEP' pay-TAN'), the head of France's Vichy (VEE'-shee) government during World War II, was arrested.

In 1961, Roger Maris of the New York Yankees hit the first of his 61 home runs during a 162-game season (compared to Babe Ruth's 60 home runs during a 154-game season) as he hit a roundtripper off Paul Foytack at Tiger Stadium.

In 1968, the United States exploded beneath the Nevada desert a 1.3 megaton nuclear device called "Boxcar."

In 1970, the Stephen Sondheim-George Furth musical "Company" opened at the Alvin Theatre in New York.

In 2000, Vermont Gov. Howard Dean signed the nation's first bill allowing same-sex couples to form civil unions.

Today's Birthdays: Actress-comedian Carol Burnett is 78. Rhythm-and-blues singer Maurice Williams is 73. Songwriter-musician Duane Eddy is 73. Singer Bobby Rydell is 69. Rock musician Gary Wright is 68. Actor Giancarlo Esposito is 53. Rock musician Roger Taylor (Duran Duran) is 51. Actress Joan Chen is 50. Rock musician Chris Mars is 50. Actor-singer Michael Damian is 49. Actor Jet Li (lee) is 48. Rock musician Jimmy Stafford (Train) is 47. Actor-comedian Kevin James is 46. Actress Marianne Jean-Baptiste is 44. Country musician Joe Caverlee (Yankee Grey) is 43.

Answer to previous puzzle

| | | |
|--------|---------|--------|
| BOAS | PLOT | PEDAL |
| LALA | ROPE | ARESO |
| ASIS | ASEC | DRAIN |
| HIGH | PITCHED | RAG |
| SNEER | STEED | |
| | SNITS | ADLIBS |
| ESS | NEATO | MAIN |
| GETBY | NOR | AORTA |
| GLEE | GREEN | YEP |
| SLEEVE | MONKS | |
| | PRISM | SLUSH |
| CPR | STIFF | NECKED |
| ROOST | LIRA | HARE |
| OMAHA | EVER | ATOP |
| CEDES | REEL | SENT |

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