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County approves new map

Redistricting plan receives OK

By **THOMAS JENKINS**
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners gave its proposed precinct boundaries a thumbs up Monday morning, with the proposed redistricting design expected to be presented to the U.S. Justice Department for final approval.

The county was forced to make minor changes to its previous redistricting model due to lines shifted by the city of Big Spring during its most recent meeting on the matter, but the changes proved to be little problem for attorney Robert Bass, who is handling restricting duties for both entities.

According to County Elections Administrator Sandra Bloom, should the proposed changes be approved by the federal government, it will spell crunch time for her and her staff in preparing for the march political party primaries, which will include a hotly contested presidential contest.

"Redistricting won't go into effect until Jan. 1, so it won't have any effect at all on the constitutional amendment election in November," Bloom said. "However, the voter registration cards can't be sent out until after the new plans are approved, so they will most likely go out a little bit later than normal this year if the plan is approved by the U.S. Justice Department."

"If, for some reason, the plan isn't approved by the DoJ, or if it gets held up, we'll have to revert back to our previous plans. It could spell a pretty serious crunch time for our office, but I can't see any reason why it won't make it's way through the federal government smoothly."

Like most situations involving federal approv-

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HERALD photo/Amanda Moreno
Teachers and students examine some of the books for sale at the Big Spring Junior High School book fair this morning. The fair continues through Friday at the junior high library.

CFOT effort hitting high gear

By **AMANDA MORENO**
Staff Writer

Everyone enjoys receiving a gift at Christmas, especially those fighting for our country.

Christmas for OUR Troops — a program started in 2004 — is aimed at making sure troops receive packages during the Christmas season.

Debbie Burrow, Big Spring area coordinator for Christmas for OUR Troops, said the goal for this year is 2,500 boxes. In 2004, five boxes were packaged and shipped after Scott Davis and USAF Captain Steven Giv-

ler became friends and sprouted the idea.

"The program works off of donated items, which are then packed and mailed out to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan," Burrow said.

In order to fill the 2,500 boxes, community support is needed, in more ways than one. Burrow said the first thing the community is asked to do is submit the names and APO addresses of any military personnel who will be deployed during this year's Christmas season. Secondly, the community is asked to donate

the items needed to fill these packages, along with spreading the word.

This year, the program is expanding by adding "Adopt a Hero." Burrow said this part of the program gives classes, groups and individuals an opportunity to pack one box — each box is made up of a list of certain items — after collecting or purchasing the items.

"This year, 500 of the boxes will be packed in Big Spring," Burrow said. "Last year, we col-

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Obama urges action to create jobs

By **JIM KUHNHENN**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama is pressing for passage of his full \$447 billion jobs package in the face of certain congressional defeat while embracing more modest administrative remedies to the nation's sluggish economy and unwaveringly high unemployment.

Continuing his personal campaign for the legislation, Obama was traveling to Pitts-



burgh Tuesday, making a plea for support in a state crucial to his re-election hopes. At the same time, the Senate was scheduled to vote on whether to proceed to the legislation — a step that would require a 60-vote supermajority that was beyond reach.

Eager to demonstrate that his administration was nevertheless taking steps to ease the economic crunch, Obama planned to join his presidential jobs council of corporate and labor leaders in Pittsburgh as they unveiled a report calling for sweeping and urgent changes in government policies. The White House also was announcing steps to speed up environmental and other regulatory approvals for 14 public works projects across the country.

Decrying the human toll of the nation's economic and financial crisis, Obama's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness is laying out a series of policy overhauls sure to please and irritate Democratic and Republican partisans alike, from liberalized immigration and greater spending on infrastructure to less restrictive regulations and a more business-friendly tax system.

Topping the council's list is a plea for improvements in the nation's network of roads and bridges, for airport upgrades and modernized ports, and for updated electric grids, water and wastewater systems.

"If Washington can agree on anything, it should be this — and it should be now," the

report states.

While in Pittsburgh, Obama will tour an International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers training center. Later, Obama will travel to Orlando, Fla., where he will attend fundraising events for his presidential campaign and for the Democratic National Committee.

The 27-member jobs council is headed by General Electric Chairman and CEO Jeffrey Immelt, and includes AFL-CIO President Richard Trumka, AOL co-founder Steve Case and Facebook chief operating officer Sheryl Sandberg.

The 50-page report carefully avoids taking a stand on Obama's \$447 billion jobs

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Obituaries

Gary F. Thurman



Gary F. Thurman, 65, of Sand Springs, was born on Jan. 20, 1946, in Seymour, Texas and passed from this world into a better place on Oct. 10, 2011. A private internment will be held at a later date.

Gary married Sharon Williams on Jan. 20, 1971, in Breckenridge. He was a carpenter and he and his wife did remodeling for many families in the area for over 20 years.

Gary was proud of his service in the U.S. Air Force. He will be greatly missed and will remain in our hearts forever.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon Thurman of Sand Springs; one son, Rockie Harber of San Antonio; one sister, Barbara Tucker and husband, Jerry of Wichita Falls; two grandchildren, Trennis and Dailen Harber; two nephews and one niece.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Alton and Corene (Worth) Thurman.

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

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Robert 'Bob' Lebkowsky



Robert L. "Bob" Lebkowsky passed away at 84 on Oct. 6, 2011, surrounded by family and loved ones. He was a very kind man with a big heart who loved his many friends and family. His quick wit, sense of humor and ability to tell stories brought smiles and laughter to those close to him.

Bob was born to A. K. and Florence Lois Lebkowsky in Haskell, Texas on Oct. 30, 1926.

He was an Army Veteran of World War II, serving from February 1945 to November 1946. He was honorably discharged as a Technician Fifth Grade, having served in the Army Signal Corp. After his service, Bob settled in Big Spring, Texas, joining his father and brother, Vance, in the family wholesale beer business. He came to El Paso in 1976 and retired with Sears, working in the installed floor covering department.

Bob was an active member of Masonic Fraternity No. 1111, in El Paso and enjoyed his participation in all Masonic activities.

The family would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the staff at Ambrosio Guillen Texas State Veterans Home for the loving care and attention they provided our dad. God bless and keep you all.

Bob is survived by his son, Michael of Webster, Texas; and stepchildren, Doug Rountree, also of Webster, and Karen Rountree Chrane of Austwell, Texas; and many grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his close personal friend and companion, Shirlee Smith of El Paso and her faithful companion, "Cricket."

Visitation will be held from 3-6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10, 2011, at Sunset Funeral Home Northeast, with a funeral service to begin at 4 p.m. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011, at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring, Texas.

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

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Police blotter

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

- RACHEL LYNN MCSWAIN, 25, of 1103 E. 13th St., was arrested Monday on a charge of theft – shoplifting.
- ROBERT RUBEN SANCHEZ, 47, of 1405 Wood St., was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- MARY ANN GARZA, 34, of 1204 Frazier, was arrested Monday on a warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- SHAWN MICHAEL OVERTON, 23, of 1503 Lincoln Ave., was arrested Monday on a charge of failure to identify – giving false information.
- CHRISTOPHER RAY TEICHMAN, 38, of 1207 Hilltop Rd., was arrested Monday on a charge of public intoxication.
- CODY JAMES NALL, 27, of 602 E. 17th St., was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.
- NEAL LAVEL SAMPLE, 17, of 1811 Settles, was arrested Monday on a warrant from another agency.
- THEFT was reported: In the 800 block of W. FM 700. In the 2000 block of S. Gregg Street.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 1500 block of Sycamore.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2500 block of Gunter Circle.

Sheriff

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

- Note – Officials with the Howard County Jail reported having 67 inmates at the time of this report.
- MARY ANN GARZA, 34, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a municipal capias warrant for failure to maintain financial responsibility.
- CODY JAMES NALL, 27, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of illegal dumping.
- SHAWN MICHAEL OVERTON, 23, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of failure to identify as a fugitive – giving false information.
- CHRISTOPHER TEICHMA BEASLEY, 38, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of public intoxication.
- NEAL SAMPLE, 17, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of bail jumping – failure to appear.

Support Groups

TUESDAY

• Big Spring Parkinsons Support Group meeting at the Big Spring Senior Center at 10:30 a.m. the second Tuesday of the month. This is a group for those with Parkinson's Disease, Young Onset Parkinson's, caregivers, and those interested in learning more about the illness. There is time for socializing and information. For more information about the support group or about Parkinson's Disease, contact Jody at 432-699-6640 or midlandparkinsons@yahoo.com or Jo Bidwell at the Lubbock APDA office at 806-785-2732.

• Special Parents for Special Children support group meets the first Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at Elbow Elementary. Contact Kerri Rosenbaum at 432-816-3320 or kerriroosenbaum9488@msn.com

• Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; closed discussion meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

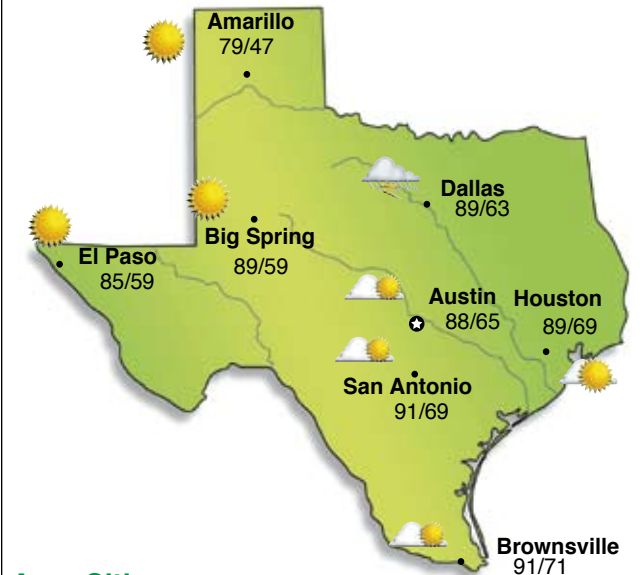
Today's Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Wed 10/12	Thu 10/13	Fri 10/14	Sat 10/15	Sun 10/16
89/59 Sunny skies. Warm. High 89F. Winds NW at 5 to 10 mph.	83/59 Mainly sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	86/59 Sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	85/59 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	84/61 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 60s.
Sunrise: 7:47 AM Sunset: 7:17 PM	Sunrise: 7:48 AM Sunset: 7:16 PM	Sunrise: 7:49 AM Sunset: 7:15 PM	Sunrise: 7:49 AM Sunset: 7:14 PM	Sunrise: 7:50 AM Sunset: 7:12 PM



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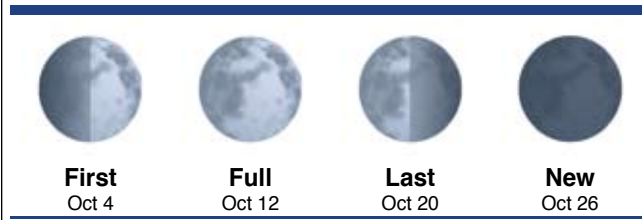
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City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ablene	87	59	pt sunny	Kingsville	94	69	mst sunny
Amarillo	79	47	sunny	Livingston	90	63	pt sunny
Austin	88	65	pt sunny	Longview	87	61	t-storm
Beaumont	89	65	mst sunny	Lubbock	83	50	sunny
Brownsville	91	71	pt sunny	Lufkin	92	62	pt sunny
Brownwood	90	61	pt sunny	Midland	90	60	sunny
Corpus Christi	91	71	pt sunny	Raymondville	95	70	pt sunny
Corsicana	89	63	pt sunny	Rosenberg	90	68	sunny
Dallas	89	63	t-storm	San Antonio	91	69	pt sunny
Del Rio	89	66	pt sunny	San Marcos	89	65	pt sunny
El Paso	85	59	sunny	Sulphur Springs	86	61	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	88	59	sunny	Sweetwater	86	59	sunny
Gainesville	86	58	t-storm	Tyler	88	60	t-storm
Greenville	87	59	t-storm	Weatherford	87	58	pt sunny
Houston	89	69	mst sunny	Wichita Falls	86	57	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	78	56	mst sunny	Minneapolis	74	55	rain
Boston	62	57	rain	New York	62	61	rain
Chicago	74	55	rain	Phoenix	94	67	sunny
Dallas	89	63	t-storm	San Francisco	75	61	pt sunny
Denver	70	43	sunny	Seattle	59	45	rain
Houston	89	69	mst sunny	St. Louis	77	57	t-storm
Los Angeles	88	63	sunny	Washington, DC	67	59	rain
Miami	90	73	pt sunny				

Moon Phases



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lected the items and took them to Midland and the boxes were put together there.”

Once all donations have been received, the boxes will be packaged at First Christian Church at 6 p.m. Dec. 7. Volunteers are needed to help pack the boxes.

Those wanting to submit the name of serviceman or servicewoman should email them to debburrow@sbcglobal.net or www.christmasfourtroops.org.

“Christmas is a hard time to be away from home ... away from your family and friends. As Americans, we owe it to our deployed military to thank them for their service on behalf of our country,” Burrow said. “Let them know we remember them at Christmas time by participating in the Christmas for OUR Troops program this year.”

Local drop off points are Hardison Appliance Service, Wal-Mart, Harris Lumber, First Methodist Church, Jazzy's, Allan's Furniture, First Christian Church, Christy's Hair Studio & Spa, Senior Citizens Center, Baptist Temple, Alive in Christ Lutheran Church, Wells Fargo Bank, Scenic Mountain Medical Center and many area schools. Donation jars are in various business locations around town. Local citizens and organizations contribute miscellaneous items such as Bibles, handmade small wooden crosses and small Christmas stockings.

“Cash donations are vital to our ability to acquire ex-

tra items, such as RemOil, gun bore cleaner, wide bottom travel mugs and pocket knives,” Burrow said. “A big portion of it is used for the postage, which costs \$12.95 per box.”

More information can be obtained by calling Burrow at 432-267-7165 or 432-270-8554. Monetary donations can be mailed to Debbie Burrow at 1606 E. Third St. or CFOT, PO Box 10549, Midland, Texas 79702. All donations need to be received by Nov. 30.

For those donating items, a list is provided. In order to keep the boxes similar, those donating are asked to stick to the items and sizes below when shopping.

Tylenol (100 tablets), Pepcid (30 tablets), Claritin (10 tablets box), antibacterial ointment (½ to 1 ounce)

Anti-bacterial soap (8 ounce liquid), cough drops (20-30 droplet package), eye drops (½ ounce), deodorant (2.5 ounce), Kleenex (small pocket size), toothpaste (4.5 ounce), tooth brushes, cocoa (individual packages), powdered Gatorade (small packages), powdered lemonade (small packages), trail mix (6 ounce), sunflower seeds (+3 ounce), nuts (+3 ounce), jerky (3.5 ounce), socks (medium and large white or black athletic), batteries (AA 4 or 8 per package), DVDs and CDs, magazines/paperbacks (auto, motorcycle, hunting, sports, etc.), handmade Christmas cards, toys (small to give out to local children) and knit caps (black or olive drab).

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

JOBS

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package. Instead, it offers recommendations that are bound to meet resistance from one party or the other.

The president, however, will probably find comfort in the report's demand for new infrastructure. His jobs bill proposes spending \$30 billion to modernize schools and \$50 billion on road and bridge projects.

The council's report calls on Congress to reauthorize surface transportation legislation instead of simply approving temporary extensions. It proposes additional ways of leveraging private sector investment in public works projects, including a national infrastructure bank that would be seeded with public money to attract private money — a proposal that has bipartisan support and is also in Obama's job's bill.

To speed up projects, the council has recommended a streamlined approval process that prevents delays over environmental reviews or other permits.

As a start, the Obama administration on Monday announced 14 major public works projects that will receive accelerated environmental and permit reviews, with a goal of completing federal review within 18 months. The projects include replacement of the Tappan Zee Bridge over the Hudson River in New York and a wind generation project in California's San Bernardino National Forest.

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The new review process incorporates the council's recommendations, but it's also a nod to Republicans and the construction industry. Both have long complained about government bureaucratic delays and regulatory red tape.

Last June, Obama conceded that even public works projects financed by his 2009 economic stimulus faced permitting delays. “Shovel-ready was not as shovel-ready as we expected.”

The projects listed by the administration include a highway connector in Provo, Utah; a 14-mile rail transit line in and around Baltimore; an Interstate 95 bridge over the Merrimack River in Massachusetts; a

light rail project extension near Los Angeles International Airport; and a series of pending oil and gas applications for wells and pipelines in the Dakota Prairie and Little Missouri National Grasslands in North and South Dakota.

Another focus of the jobs council is increasing entrepreneurship by reducing regulations and providing incentives for private firms and startups to go public. It calls for eliminating capital gains taxes on investments of \$25 million or less in a privately held company so long as that investment is held for at least five years. And it encourages new graduates to take entrepreneurial risks by creating a student loan repayment plan based on income.

It also steps into the politically charged debate over immigration. It proposes eased immigration rules for high-skilled foreigners, including automatic work permits or provisional visas to all foreign students after they earn science, technology, engineering or math degrees

“We are sympathetic to the political sensitivities around the topic of immigration reform,” the council report states. “But when it comes to driving job creation and increasing American competitiveness, separating the highly skilled worker component is critical. We therefore call upon Congress to pass reforms aimed directly at allowing the most promising foreign-born entrepreneurs to remain in or relocate to the United States.”

COUNTY

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al, according to bloom, county officials will wait to “hurry up and wait.”

“The hope, at this point, is to be able to have the redistricting plans in place and the new registration cards printed and mailed out in time for the March primaries,” she said. “Just like most situations involving the federal government, we have to hurry up and wait. It's going to be a pretty tight timeframe, but that's what we'll be working toward.”

Bloom said changes in the state's district lines

— which determine districts for state representatives and senators — shouldn't play a large role in the process, but how those redistricting plans will work out are anyone's work.

“Until we are told otherwise, we simply proceed forward under the assumption we will have the same representatives we have now,” Bloom said. “We're really not expecting to see any changes with those seats, but until the state redistricting is completed, there's really no way to say for sure.”

Howard County is currently represented by District 31 Sen. Kel Seliger and District 85 State Rep. Jim

Landtroop.

Also during Monday's meeting, the court finalized an inter-local agreement with the city of Big Spring to provide funding for the Big Spring State Park, which recently found itself on the state's fiscal cutting block.

Both local governments agreed to chip in \$10,000 each — to be paid the TPWD — to help fund the continued operation of the Big Spring State Park.

County Judge Mark Barr said it would be at least two years — when the legislature next meets — before there will be any chance of the state picking up the whole tab from the local

facility.

Officials with Howard County and the city of Big Spring stepped in shortly after the list of state parks to be placed on the fiscal cutting block was released earlier this year.

The legislature, faced with a massive budgetary shortfall that cut into the TPWD 2012-2013 budget by more than 20 percent, handed down a whopping \$162 million cut to the department's estimated coffers. Part of those cuts involves TPWD transferring more than a half-dozen parks out of state control, as well as the elimination of two state park regional offices. The park will remain

in the ownership of TPWD and maintain its state park designation, a matter which was of utmost importance to local officials.

“The state park designation makes it a travel destination, so that was one of the things we were ready to fight for,” County Judge Mark Barr said.

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A fantasia guide to the Republican primary politics

You can't blame Chris Christie for not running. Monied Republicans had been urging the popular New Jersey governor to seek their party's nomination for president. But by deciding against it, Christie spared himself the ordeal through which all Republican moderates must go: the Night on Bald Mountain.

You remember the last segment in Walt Disney's "Fantasia." Angry spirits fly up the jagged peaks and spend the restless night carrying on. They torment their foes, throwing them into the fire pits.

The Republican primary contest is kind of like that. Before conventional candidates can run a broad-based campaign, they have to endure months of frenzied scrutiny by agitated members of the Republican base. If they have ever done something open-minded or worked well with Democrats, the activists will demand groveling apologies. To prove themselves worthy, the candidates have to do distasteful things, like question accepted theories in science and refuse to back any budget compromise, thus rendering themselves unintelligible on the deficit problem.

It's been a very long night for Mitt Romney. As Massachusetts governor, Romney raised revenues by closing tax loopholes. For example, he stopped letting Massachusetts banks transfer assets into real estate investment

trusts that paid almost no taxes. Banks are not real estate companies, and so this was something of an obvious scam. But to the tax-a-phobes, ending an abusive loophole was a cave-in.

As he contemplated the 2008 race, Romney renounced his previously sensible stance on taxes and signed Grover Norquist's ludicrous no-new-no-taxes pledge. Next thing you know, he is joining other GOP candidates in saying he'd oppose a deal that cuts spending by \$10 for every \$1 of new taxes.

And he's still not getting love on Bald Mountain, where Rick Perry remains a favorite (though the Texas governor was pelted after he supported letting illegal immigrants pay in-state tuition at public universities).

Businessman Herman Cain, meanwhile, has shown himself an able climber.

Christie would have posed serious competition for Romney among traditional Republicans. But would he have gotten through the night?

Would the base have forgiven him for naming as superior court judge a Muslim lawyer who defended Muslims held after the Sept. 11 attacks? Or for his response to complaints after the appointment? "I'm tired of dealing with the crazies."

Christie is an environmentalist. He pushed a law to promote offshore wind energy, even though a study said it would raise electricity costs 2 percent. He opposed oil drilling off the New Jersey coast and put a one-year ban on "fracking" — a controversial means to extract natural gas. He wants to phase out coal-fired power plants

in the Garden State.

Oh, yes, he's for gun control, particularly a ban on assault weapons. The National Rifle Association has yet to chime in.

For these positions and reforming public-employee benefits, Christie enjoys high approval ratings in his generally Democratic state. But in the court of right-wing opinion, being liked by the wrong people could be used as evidence against someone.

Another interesting GOP candidate, former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman, has run afoul of the hyper-partisans for having served as President Obama's ambassador to China. Imagine that, working with a Democrat. What country does he think he's living in? Huntsman has been getting very little traction on Bald Mountain.

Any moderate Republican who can squeeze through the canyons of unyielding ideology and reach the first light of dawn would be a formidable match against Obama. But before the church bell rings and the angels sing "Ave Maria," he has to survive the night — preferably with some dignity intact. The Night on Bald Mountain is something that Christie, understandably, has decided to skip.

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President Obama's behavior seems to be getting worse

Obama's Thursday news conference was a sober reminder of the nature of the man in the Oval Office. I infer that even many of his supporters in the liberal media are finally catching on to the magnitude of his personality disorders.

How could a man in his important position continue to act so childish, accepting no responsibility for his policies and behavior and demonizing everyone who dares to disagree with or oppose him? It's worse than embarrassing; it's unsettling.

From the conference we are reminded that Obama believes that:

—Only "big and bold" intervention by the government can get an economy moving; so long as he cites a few "expert economists" who agree with him, there can be no other legitimate opinion.

—Anyone who disagrees with or opposes him is engaging in partisan politics rather than acting in good faith, on principle and in the best interests of the country. Republicans have blocked him for partisan reasons for not just the past six months, but the past 2 1/2 years. He has "gone out of (his) way in every instance to find common ground" with Republicans. You know, as with "I won, John" and "I don't want the folks who created the mess to do a lot of talkin'" and "stay in the back seat."

—If Republicans continue to oppose his jobs bill, it will be because they don't want laid-off policemen, firefighters and teachers working again.

—The failure, waste and corruption in his \$868 billion stimulus package are irrelevant when considering whether to embark on another such reckless venture. He doesn't need to explain away the damning empirical data on his stimulus bill, because econo-

mists told him it would work and therefore it did work. If he hadn't spent all that borrowed money, we would have experienced another great depression. Anyone who disputes this is either a rube or improperly motivated.

—It doesn't matter that he famously breached his promise that unemployment would not exceed 8 percent if Congress passed his stimulus bill or that studies show that only 7 percent of the stimulus money went toward infrastructure despite his commitments to the contrary. Nor does it matter that he cavalierly joked about having lied about the existence of a plethora of "shovel-ready jobs." He is a well-meaning liberal, after all.

—His good intentions also exempt him from accountability on the Solyndra scandal, because his ideology inclines him toward a blind faith in the existence of cataclysmic man-made global warming, which in turn requires him to mandate government subsidization of "green technologies." Those allegedly noble intentions further entitle him to a pass for ignoring those who warned the government not to proceed with the project.

His intentions relieve him from responsibility for Solyndra's abject failure to meet the projections of the same kind of geniuses he is berating us for not following on his jobs bill.

—He still isn't the slightest bit concerned about our national path toward bankruptcy, addressing it only with a few throwaway lines about how this bill would pay for itself, even though no bill of his has paid for itself.

—He is going to stick to his lies that a) his bill is a "jobs bill," b) it would implement the "Buffett Rule" when Warren Buffett himself said he is only for raising taxes on the super-rich, c) the "rich" aren't paying their fair share of taxes, and d) Republicans have not put forward an economic plan.

—He is going to continue to pretend or fool himself into be-

lieving that the American people still back his socialist approach to economic problems, his class warfare approach to influencing public opinion, his demagogic approach to entitlement reform and his hyper-partisan approach to problem-solving.

—He has complete confidence in Eric Holder, so he doesn't need to worry about the facts on "Fast and Furious," either; Holder's dubious testimony is of no concern to Obama, and he doesn't have to answer for it, because he trusts Holder, and therefore, so should we. Besides, even if it should turn out that Holder did something wrong, Holder is the attorney general and Obama's not responsible for him.

—He is never going to stop blaming everyone and everything but himself for the problems he has caused. Thursday, he told us yet again that our economic mess was created by George W. Bush, the Japanese tsunami, the two wars, the Republicans' gamesmanship over the debt ceiling, and Europe's financial instability. Oh, yes, and many of our problems even "predate the financial crisis."

Our chief executive either is a mastermind at Machiavellian manipulation or has deep psychological and emotional problems. I've never seen an adult in an important leadership position — especially not the president of the United States — show such frightening immaturity and self-absorption.

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MEET THE KOALA

With its big, black shiny nose, large fluffy ears and round body covered with soft fur, the koala looks like a cuddly teddy bear.

But it's not! It's neither a toy, nor a bear. Koalas are related to opossums, wombats and other marsupials.

Marsupial moms carry their young around in pouches that are part of the body! The word **marsupial** means "having a pouch."



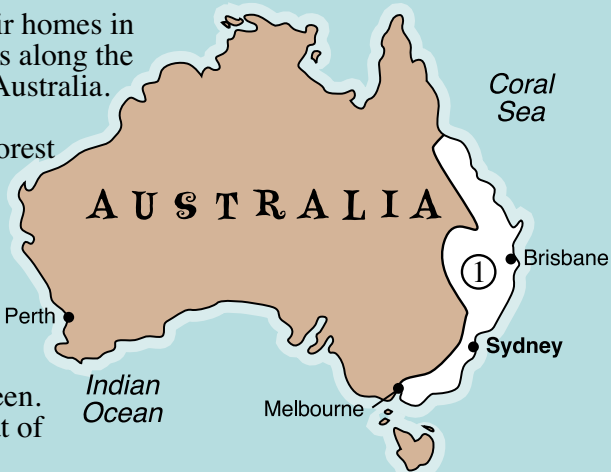
Standards Links: Health / Nutrition: Classify food and food combinations according to the food groups.

Where to Find Koalas

Koalas make their homes in eucalyptus forests along the eastern coast of Australia.

The eucalyptus forest provides food, shelter, and water—nearly everything the koala needs to survive.

Color area ① green. This is the habitat of the koala.



Tree of Life

An adult koala is a **folivore**, which means it is a leaf-eater. Eucalyptus leaves are low in nutritshun and contain some poisonz that make most animals sick. But, for the koala, this is the diet they prefer.

Koalas only eet leaves from about 50-60 of the 600 different kinds of eucalyptus tres that grow in eastern Australia.

Koalas get most of the watur they need from dew on the leaves and from the leaves themselves.

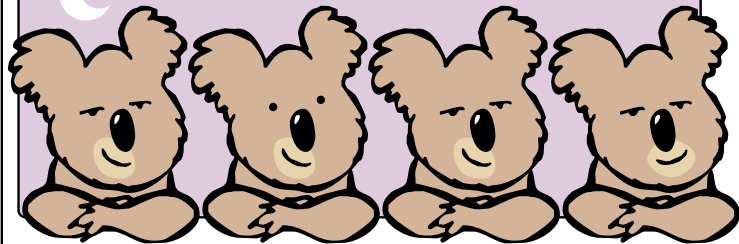
Koalas are excellent climbers, but slow runners. By staying up in the trees, they avoid predators.

Ahhh... Naptime!

Koalas are **nocturnal**, which means they sleep during the day and are active at night. Koalas sleep about 18 hours each day.

Koalas don't build nests or platforms. When they get sleepy, they find a nice cozy fork in the tree branches. Though the hard branches of a tree wouldn't seem cozy to us, the koala has a thick layer of fat and fur on its behind—its own built in pillow!

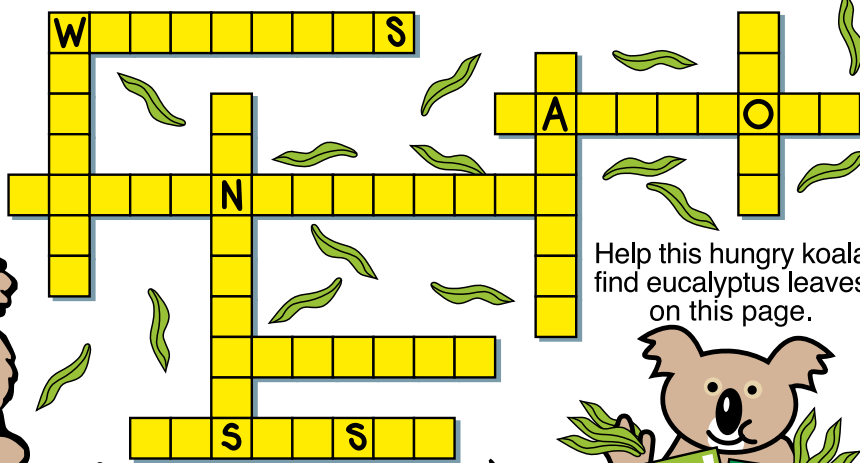
Which two sleepy koalas are identical?



Mixed Marsupials

Fill in the names of these marsupials in these boxes.

- Kangaroos
- Wombats
- Tasmanian devil
- cuscuses
- Opossum
- Wallaroos
- bandicoot
- quoll
- wallaby



Help this hungry koala find eucalyptus leaves on this page.



Describing Words

Look through the newspaper and find five adjectives that describe a koala. Then find five verbs that describe how a koala moves. Using your adjectives and verbs, write one or more sentences about a koala.

Standards Links: Grammar: Recognize verbs and adjectives; write sentences using descriptive words.

Feet Made for Tree Climbing

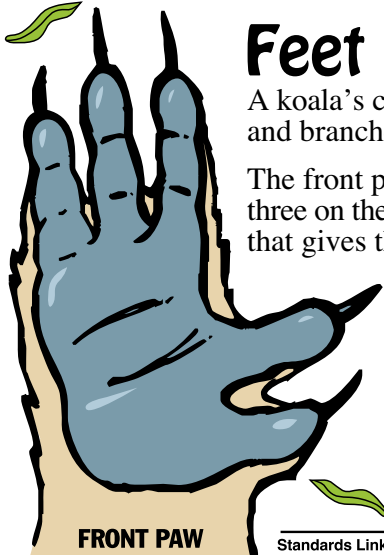
A koala's claws are just right for _____ on to tree trunks and branches.

The front paws have five toes—two on one side of the foot and three on the other. That's like having two thumbs, an arrangement that gives the koala a strong _____.

The toes on the back paws are different from those on the front. In back, there's a "big toe" without a claw, plus three other toes, two of which are joined. These joined toes are _____ for grooming.

Replace the missing words.

- GRIP
- USED
- HOLDING
- ROUND



FRONT PAW



BACK PAW

Standards Links: Life Science: Know that animals have distinct structures that serve specific functions in survival.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Koalas By the Numbers

Use the code to reveal some impressive koala facts.

Koalas eat about _____ pounds (1 kg) of leaves every day.

In the wild, koalas live about _____ years.

Koalas sleep about _____ hours a day.

That's about _____% of a koala's weight.

An adult koala weighs about _____ pounds (9 kg).

KOALA CODE
 0 = [] 2 = [] 4 = [] 6 = [] 8 = []
 1 = [] 3 = [] 5 = [] 7 = [] 9 = []

Standards Links: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- AUSTRALIA
- OPOSSUMS
- SHELTER
- SURVIVE
- POISONS
- KOALA
- AVOID
- SLEEP
- LAYER
- COAST
- GRIP
- COZY
- SLOW
- WILD
- DEW

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

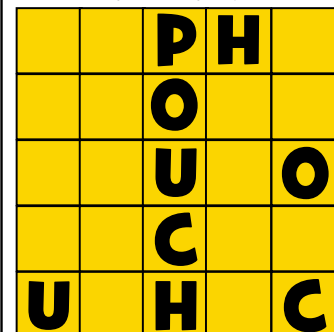


Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Standards Links: Writing: Use strategies to edit written work.

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Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word **POUCH** in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

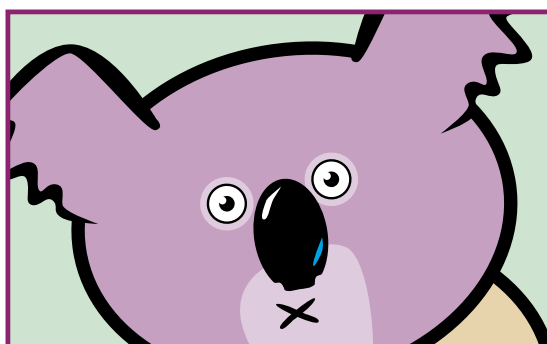


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Newspaper Article Mix-Up

Cut out an article from the newspaper, which you then cut into four pieces. Give the pieces to a friend to see if he or she can put the article back together in the right order.

Standards Links: Reading Comprehension: Use meaning clues to understand text and sequence events.



What's small and cuddly and bright purple?

ANSWER: A koala holding his breath!

Write On!

Cutest Animal on Earth

What do you think is the cutest animal on earth? Why? Write a few paragraphs to convince others of this.

Bird Poop: A bale to you, a nest to them

Dust stirred by equipment was noticeable on any horizon. From before dawn until after dark, farmers were taking advantage of mild days during a record fall harvest.

Marking the numerous, rectangular structures made possible by timely rains, a man shook a spray can again and again as he left an identifying number on the ends. Once his product was scooped from the ground and delivered to the gin, he would be grateful for the price it received.

As he returned from his truck with another can of paint, he counted the remaining modules. Noticing that the next to the last one had a corner that had sloughed off, he wasn't surprised.

With the acreage he and his neighbors were stripping, it had been awhile since they had entered this segment of farmland. With poor compaction in spots, some of the cotton was bound to wind up on the ground. Also, the lack of covers for all of his stacks to keep them dry and clean might have been a factor.

Approaching the cotton piled on the ground, he looked down the side of the module. The other end had

also been affected. After affixing another number, he walked to the second pile only to discover deeper sloughs on the opposite corner.

"Why would one stand of cotton be damaged more than any of the others," he thought. Then he noticed a depression toward the top of the module.

Even on tiptoe, he could barely look into the opening to judge its depth. As if excavated, the large hole seemed to offer an ample entry, sides and a compacted roof overhead. Staring back at him at the rear of the cavity were five sets of dark eyes, in long heart-shaped faces.

The largest bird began a hissing sound that cautioned the man to keep his distance. As two others joined its protest, they dipped their wings backwards, lowered their heads and swayed from side to side. Covered with thick, buff-colored down, the older trio continued to defend their nest, while two smaller, fuzzyheaded, dingy-white younger ones cowered behind their larger siblings.

Knowing the birds might be killed in the process of removing the cotton module from the field, the man decided he would have to remove them from their unique home. Leaving to finish his numbering routine, he would later go home to get a ladder, gloves and carrier for the owls.

In describing their re-

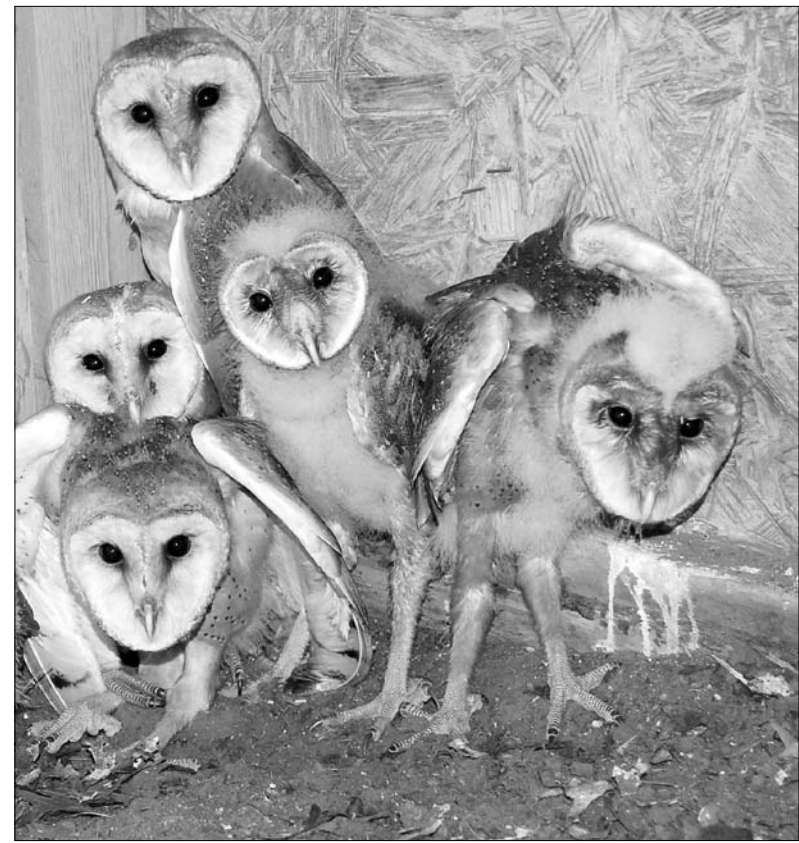
moval, the man told me he was met by screaming voices and sharp talons as the owls fell on their backs and struck outwardly with their feet. He aptly described the guano-like odor and filth left from uneaten rodents.

My first question was to ask how long he had the nestlings. For three days, he had trapped mice in an old, abandoned barn. Fortunately, his wife had volunteered to cut the rodents into small pieces. Quickly realizing the owls would require even more mice and rats in the weeks to come, the couple decided to give us a call.

When we opened the box the man had provided, we noticed the two youngest barn owls were filthy. As the older owls had moved about the nest, they had carried waste on their feet and stepped on the younger ones. Despite the conditions in which they lived, all five appeared to be healthy.

Taken to South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Lubbock, the owls would progress from incubator to playpen. When each bird was large enough, it could be placed with surrogate parents for feeding and nurturing. Soon all five would be together again while growing rapidly.

In the wild, barn owls would leave their nest between seven to eight weeks after hatching. Although they would remain in the area, their parents would



Courtesy photo

Threatening hisses from deep in their throats warn anyone that these young barn owls will follow with flailing feet and talons in their defense. Their heart-shaped faces make them easy to identify. As adults, these birds of prey will hunt silently in open fields during the night.

feed them.

These owls could only attain their freedom by learning to kill live mice and showing their flight ability and agility in a flight cage at the center. Placement would be in the barns of farmers who needed the mousers.

As we drove home, I tried to remember how many different nesting areas had been mentioned by those bringing barn owls to us, and

in our own rescues. Joining airplane hangars, barns, oil field vessels, deer blinds, pipes, open vents, attics and natural cavities in bluffs was a cotton module. It was just the barn owls' way of coping with nature.

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Let's praise the possum

I feel sorry for possums. I think this is one of the most underrated animals we have out here in West Texas. We know possums, actually named Opossums, are solitary, reclusive animals who are basically defenseless, despite giving the appearance of being able to defend themselves, and they have often been the target of unnecessary cruelty, especially in urban areas.

Let's look at the benefits of having them as useful neighbors.

Possums are usually non-aggressive and non-destructive. They do not dig into the soil, nor do they destroy property. They will not harm people or pets; however, they are wild animals and should not be handled. They have 50 sharp teeth and will defend themselves if necessary.

They help maintain a clean and healthy environment. They eat all types of insects including cockroaches, crickets, beetles, etc. They catch and eat rats and mice. They consume dead animals of all types.

They like overripe fruit, berries and grapes that have fallen to the ground and they think snails and slugs are

a delicacy. They are one of the few animals that regularly prey on shrews and moles.

They are really little sanitation engineers. In general, they present a far lower health risk to humans than dogs and cats and

some tests have shown them to be more intelligent than dogs. They have a naturally high level of immunity to diseases and are more resistant to rabies than any other mammal, but they do carry fleas and will bite if provoked.

Possums are transient, staying only a couple of days in an area before moving on. They do not have a territory but are always on the move, going to wherever the food is. Females stay in a smaller area while they care for their young.

Their dens are located in a variety of areas including stumps, vine tangles, attics, garages, hollow trees, rock piles, under buildings and in the abandoned burrows

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New Maine law aims to eliminate wolf-dog hybrids

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Wolf hybrids, animals that are a cross between wolves and dogs, will vanish from Maine over time if a new state law works as designed.

The law prohibits people from acquiring wolf hybrids without a special wildlife-in-captivity permit, and it requires current owners to have the animals neutered.

Supporters of the law say wolf hybrids have been responsible for numerous brutal attacks around the country, particularly against children. Wolf hybrids are predatory and should be in the wild, said state Sen. David Trahan, who sponsored the bill that outlaws them.

“Wolf hybrids are not pets,” he said. “Would people consider bringing a coyote or mountain lion into their home crossed with another cat or another dog?”

Jim Doughty, who operates a wolf hybrid refuge in Bristol that is not affected by the law because it is already licensed by the state,

said people who want the animals will skirt the law by licensing them as shepherd or huskie mixes rather than wolf hybrids. The law is misguided and unfairly brands the animals, said Doughty, who keeps four wolf hybrids at the Wolf Ledge Refuge.

“Any animal, no matter whether it’s a pure wolf or a Chihuahua or a pug or anything else, depends on the person and how they raise it,” he said. “It’s the same thing with your kids. If you’re abusive toward your kids, they’re not going to be so good. If you work with them, they’ll be great.”

Maine legislators last spring passed emergency legislation aimed at getting rid of wolf hybrids, which are also known as wolf dogs or wolf-dog hybrids. Trahan introduced the legislation after people in his district raised concerns about Doughty’s wolf hybrid refuge, which he opened last year and is licensed to have up to 20 of the animals.

Wolf hybrids have been responsible for at least 84 attacks that have either maimed or killed people in the past three decades, said Merritt Clifton, editor of Animal People, an animal protection newspaper based in Washington state. Of those attacks, 69 involved children and 19 resulted in deaths.

Clifton, who has tracked dog attacks nationally for decades, said that’s a huge number considering wolf dogs make up only an estimated 1/100th of 1 percent of all dogs in the U.S.

Under Maine’s law, people are prohibited from acquiring wolf dogs unless they have a permit issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife to possess wildlife in captivity.

The Department of Agriculture is charged with compiling a list of wolf hybrid owners from towns where the animals are licensed. When people license their animals, they have to provide a record of a

rabies vaccination, which must include the breed of animal and be signed by a veterinarian.

Nobody’s sure how many wolf hybrids are in Maine, but state officials should get an idea soon when it starts compiling the list of owners.

“I expect that list will be at its highest this winter, and if people follow the law it will slowly start to decline,” said Don Hoenig, Maine’s state veterinarian.

Maine joins a growing number of states that have passed laws banning the animals. Forty states effectively forbid the ownership, breeding and importation of wolf dogs, while others impose some form of regulation upon ownership, according to the Illinois-based National Wolfdog Alliance.

Beth Duman, who has studied wolves for nearly 40 years and testified last spring on Maine’s law, said the number of wolf hybrids in her home state of Michigan has dwindled to nearly nothing since the state

passed a law prohibiting them about a decade ago, she said. Duman is a wolf educator who has written a book about wolves and wolf hybrids in the Great Lakes region.

“We have no more hybrids advertised,” she said. “They’re not coming into the pounds. It’s a made a big difference.”

In Maine, the controversy continues in Bristol over Doughty’s refuge, where he takes in wolf hybrids from people who don’t want or can’t take care of them. Last month, one of Doughty’s animals, Luna, showed up in a neighbor’s backyard after running off when somebody inadvertently left Doughty’s front door open.

“I heard my chickens going crazy and I looked out and it was attacking one of my chickens, shaking it, feather flying everywhere,” said Stacey Simmons, who helped organize a petition last year trying to prevent the refuge from opening.

Simmons came out on

her back deck, screamed at the animal, threw a rug at it and grabbed her golden retriever and put it inside. Luna wasn’t fazed by anything and eventually retreated to the woods with the chicken in her mouth, Simmons said. The chicken — bloodied and distraught — reappeared the next day.

But the episode shows that wolf hybrids have no business being in a neighborhood, she said.

“What’s going to be next? A kid being attacked?” she said.

Doughty doesn’t consider wolf hybrids to be dangerous, although he said he wouldn’t recommend them for people with small children or who don’t have the space to let the animals run.

And he doesn’t think the law will eliminate wolf dogs from Maine.

“Owners are going to list it as another dog,” he said. “The vet might know it and everybody else might know it, but nobody’s going to say a word.”

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Annie’s Mailbox



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knowing how much power she has had over your life for the past 40 years. And you have given her that power by clinging to your hurt. The best revenge is to live a terrific, rewarding life in which this woman is insignificant. You need to heal from this grievous wound, and it requires forgiveness and acceptance so you can move forward without anger and regret. Please return for counseling. One session is not enough to work through this.

Dear Annie: My husband is a retired supervisor from a local government job. As a result, we often go to functions where all employees are invited, both the retired and those still working.

One of the people my husband hired before he left singles me out and makes embarrassing remarks about me in front of the group, but only when my husband is out of the room. I have tried to politely ignore him and have also asked for some support from my husband. He thinks I should just suck it up. As a result of this unkind behavior, I no longer wish to attend these functions.

Now my husband is angry with me. What am I supposed to do? — *Sad*

Dear Sad: When ado-

lescent boys had a crush on a girl, they would pull their pigtails. When this man makes inappropriate comments about you, put on your sultriest look, smile and say loudly for everyone to hear, “My, my. You are really desperate for my attention, especially when my husband isn’t around.” No matter what he says after that, you should respond as if he is trying to hide an infatuation. That should do it.

Dear Annie: This is in response to “Spell Check,” whose college friend cannot spell and is a special-ed teacher.

I, too, am a special education teacher and can’t spell to save my life. But it has never impeded the ability of my students to learn. I even use my weakness to my benefit. I announce at the beginning of the school year that I am dyslexic. I explain that if I misspell something, they may politely raise their hand and correct me and receive an extra-credit point toward their next quiz. You should see the additional participation and improved grades!

Being a bad speller does not mean I’m unintelligent, nor does it mean I cannot teach. I have earned my degree and my job. — *Dyslexic and Proud in Utah*

Dear Annie: Our mother has Alzheimer’s disease, and we don’t think Dad is taking proper care of her. Mom seems undernourished. Dad thinks a slice of toast or a cup of coffee constitutes adequate caloric intake for her. If she says “no” to food, he simply accepts that response without trying to encourage her to eat. Her clothes are now several sizes too big.

Mom has emotional outbursts and periods of uncontrollable crying, and she frequently screams out, thus making a good night’s sleep impossible for either of them. It is difficult for her to walk more than 15 feet. Dad doesn’t assist her consistently, and she has fallen numerous times.

Personal hygiene seems a thing of the past. Their home, which once sparkled, is now dirty and disorganized. We have offered to clean, do household chores, etc., but our

offers fall on deaf ears. We gave Dad the name of a local specialist, but he refuses to call. We contacted their family doctor, who said he was unable to convince Dad that Mom needs to go into assisted living.

Dad seems to relish being the martyr and constantly complains about having to do everything. We understand that after 50-plus years of marriage, this must be extremely difficult for him. My siblings, our spouses and the grandchildren do not know what to do next. — *Caring Kids in California*

Dear Caring: It can be traumatizing for one spouse to place another in a facility of any kind, and a certain paralysis can set in, preventing major decisions and

changes. You and your siblings need to step up to the plate right now. Call the Eldercare Locator (www.eldercare.gov) at 1-800-677-1116 and ask for assistance. If you can afford it, also try the National Association of Professional Geriatric Care Managers (caremanager.org).

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News in brief

GOP candidates hone their criticism of Romney

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — They're coming to what is essentially his home turf — and they are ready to challenge Republican presidential contender Mitt Romney on the economy, the central issue to the former Massachusetts governor's campaign.

And don't expect Romney's rivals to stop at the economy when criticizing him during Tuesday night's debate at Dartmouth College. With time running out before the first votes are cast in the GOP nominating process, the race is quickly becoming a scattershot effort to deny Romney the nomination by any means necessary.

"Even the richest man can't buy back his past," Texas Gov. Rick Perry's campaign said in a web video that describes Romney as the inspiration for President Barack Obama's national health care overhaul.

Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota urged conservative voters not to support a candidate who isn't one of them. "It's not good enough to settle for anyone but Barack Obama," she said while campaigning in New Hampshire on Monday.

Even lower-profile rivals tried to knock Romney off his game.

Senate Republicans poised to scuttle Obama's jobs plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama's jobs bill, facing a critical test in the Senate, appears likely to fail because Republicans oppose its spending components and its tax surcharge on millionaires.

Obama has been waging a campaign-style effort to rally public support behind the \$447 billion measure, which was expected to be the subject of a Senate vote Tuesday. The plan combines payroll tax cuts for workers and businesses with \$175 billion in spending on roads, school repairs and other infrastructure, as well as unemployment assistance and help to local governments to avoid layoffs of teachers, firefighters and police officers.

The key elements of the jobs package reprise parts of Obama's \$800 billion-plus 2009 stimulus measure and a Social Security payroll tax cut enacted last year. Unlike the controversial stimulus bill, the jobs measure would be financed by a 5.6 percent surcharge on income exceeding \$1 million, raising more than \$450 billion over a decade.

In making the case for the bill, the White House cites economists like Mark Zandi of Moody's Analytics, who predicts that the measure would add 2 percentage points of growth to the economy, add 1.9 million payroll jobs and reduce unemployment by a percentage point. But Republicans point to optimistic predictions about the 2009 measure that didn't come to pass; unemployment hovers just above 9 percent nationwide.

Republicans say the 2009 stimulus measure was an expensive failure and say the current plan is just like it.

7 survive 20 hours at sea by clinging to cooler, capsized boat

MARATHON, Fla. (AP) — Eight relatives had set out to fish in less-than-ideal conditions off the Florida Keys. It was raining, seas topped 7 feet and winds were whipping up to 38 mph.

Before they knew it, two waves hit suddenly Saturday, capsizing their anchored 22-foot boat and knocking them into the sea about 3 1/2 miles offshore. Seven, including a 4-year-old, survived by clinging to their capsized vessel and a small blue cooler for nearly 20 hours, suffering exhaustion, jellyfish stings and hypothermia. A 79-year-old woman, the matriarch of the group, was missing

and presumed drowned.

"When the will to live kicks in, human beings can do amazing things," Coast Guard Petty Officer Nick Ameen said.

The women grabbed the girl and the 2 1/2-foot cooler. One of the men tried to rescue his mother, but she slipped through his grasp and disappeared into the water. The women said the boat turned over so quickly that there wasn't time to grab life jackets for anyone except the child, said Kendra Graves, a seaman with the Coast Guard.

Almost immediately, the two groups — the three women and girl and three men — drifted apart.

Schools raise concerns over NYPD spying on Muslim students

NEW YORK (AP) — With its whitewashed bell tower, groomed lawns and Georgian-style buildings, Brooklyn College looks like a slice of Colonial Virginia dropped into modern-day New York City. But for years New York police have feared this bucolic setting might hide a sinister secret: the beginnings of a Muslim terrorist cell.

Investigators have been infiltrating Muslim student groups at Brooklyn College and other schools in the city, monitoring their Internet activity and placing undercover agents in their ranks, police documents obtained by The Associated Press show. Legal experts say the operation may have broken a 19-year-old pact with the colleges and violated U.S. privacy laws, jeopardizing millions of dollars in federal research money and student aid.

The infiltration was part of a secret NYPD intelligence-gathering effort that put entire Muslim communities under scrutiny. Police photographed restaurants and grocery stores that cater to Muslims and built databases showing where people shopped, got their hair cut and prayed. The AP reported on the secret campaign in a series of stories beginning in August.

The majority of Islamic terrorism cases involve young men, and infiltrating student groups gave police access to that demographic. Alarmed professors and students, however, say it smacks of the FBI spying conducted on college campuses in the 1960s. They are calling on college administrators to investigate.

"It's really about personal freedom," said Moustafa Bayoumi, an English professor at Brooklyn College. "The government, through the police department, is working privately to destroy the private lives of Muslim citizens."

Egyptians chant against military ruler at funeral march

CAIRO (AP) — Tens of thousands of Egyptians chanted overnight and early Tuesday against the ruling military council during a massive funeral procession for 17 Christian protesters killed in a Cairo protest.

Mourners packed the Coptic Christian Cathedral in Cairo since late Monday, filling hallways and corridors as funeral prayers were led by top assistants to Pope Shenouda III.

Slogans of "down with military rule" interrupted the prayers, as many accuse the military of bearing primary responsibility for the violence which led to the deaths of 26 people and the injury of more than 500 others on Sunday.

"The people want to topple the Marshal", the mourners chanted in reference to Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi, the head of the ruling military council, which took over power on Feb. 11 after the ouster of Hosni Mubarak in a mass uprising.

The slain protesters were marching toward Cairo's television headquarters when they came under attack. Forensic reports said many deaths were caused by armored vehicles that ran down protesters, or by gunshots.

With budget cuts looming, NYPD spends \$2M and counting on Wall Street protests

NEW YORK (AP) — The protesters demonstrating against Wall Street were out in force, several hundred of them marching around the Financial District. Keeping an eye on them as they marched and also at their home base in Zuccotti Park were a number of police officers.

The police presence is a constant one at the protest, and one that comes with a price tag. The New York Police Department already has spent \$1.9 million, mostly in overtime pay, to patrol the area near Zuccotti Park, where hundreds of protesters have camped out for several weeks. Though cold weather is on the way, protesters don't plan on leaving anytime soon. They're prepared to stay put for the long haul. That means the cops will continue to be out there, too.

That comes at a time when Mayor Michael Bloomberg has ordered citywide budget cuts.

"The bottom line is that people want to express themselves, and as long as they obey the laws, we allow them to," Bloomberg told reporters Monday when asked about the protesters' staying power. "If they break the laws, then we're going to do what we're supposed to do — enforce the laws."

Last week, Bloomberg ordered all agencies to prepare to cut expenses by a total of \$2 billion during the next 18 months. Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said the budget cuts may cause the cancellation of a new class of police officers entering the academy in January.

Social media companies 'friend' the presidential race for business reasons, coolness factor

NEW YORK (AP) — Social media companies have "friended" the 2012 presidential contest at a level almost unimaginable just four years ago, hosting debates and sponsoring presidential town halls while remaining indispensable tools for candidates looking to connect with voters in the digital sphere.

Social networking giants like Facebook and Google cast their involvement as civic engagement, saying they are eager to help facilitate the national political conversation and encourage people to vote. But their stepped-up political presence comes as those companies and others hire lobbyists, form political action committees and nurture their relationships with lawmakers.

"The exposure — being branded as 'the' place to go for social media — has huge economic consequences for these companies," says Heather LaMarre, a journalism professor at the University of Minnesota who studies politics and the Internet. "When they appear to be socially active and engaged in democracy, they develop a vast well of good will with the political elites who have the ability to make or break them in the future."

Facebook, by far the largest and most influential of the online social networks, formed a PAC this month to make contributions to candidates. The company also spent \$550,000 for 21 lobbyists in the first half of this year to help it navigate potential legislative battles over privacy, patent and regulatory issues.

POSSUM

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of other animals.

If attacked and unable to fight or run from danger. It can give the appearance of being

really good at defending itself, but as a last resort, it will collapse and play dead. This is an involuntary response that causes the possum to become comatose for a period from 40 minutes to four hours and even have the smell of

decay.

Do not try to dispose of a "dead" possum until you are sure it is dead.

Few possums survive to become adults and those who do have a life expectancy of only one to two years, due to its many predators, man being the worst.

If there is a possum in your area, just leave it alone, it should move on in a couple of days. If it is in your garden, it is helping you by eating

the harmful pests that do damage.

If you find an injured or orphaned opossum, contact the State Department of Environmental Conservation and ask for referral to a wildlife rehabber who will humanely capture and relocate your visitor.

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

Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Solution to a Problem

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 9 8 5
♥ A 7 4
♦ Q J 9 8
♣ Q 2

WEST
♠ K 4 2
♥ 10 6 3 2
♦ 10 3
♣ A 9 6 5

EAST
♠ 7 6
♥ J 8
♦ A 7 5 2
♣ J 8 7 4 3

SOUTH
♠ A J 10 3
♥ K Q 9 5
♦ K 6 4
♣ K 10

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

Opening lead — ten of diamonds.

You can't see declarer's cards when you're a defender, but it is often possible to visualize them almost as if they were faceup on the table. The relevant inferences may be drawn from either the bidding or the play, but usually it is necessary to examine both of these areas.

Consider this case where East had to make a crucial decision at trick one. West led the ten of diamonds, on which declarer played dummy's jack,

and East had to decide whether the diamond lead was a singleton or a doubleton.

If East decides that the ten is a singleton, he should win the jack with the ace and return a diamond for West to ruff. If East had reached this conclusion in the actual deal, South would have made the contract easily, losing only a spade, a diamond and a club.

But East donned his thinking cap and decided that the lead was almost surely a doubleton. Accordingly, he signaled with the seven of diamonds instead of taking the ace. When West later gained the lead with the king of trumps, he returned a diamond to East's ace and ruffed the diamond return to put the contract down one.

East knew from the bidding that declarer had four spades and four hearts. (North's two-club bid was Stayman, asking South to bid a four-card major suit if he had one, and South had bid both.) It followed that South could not have four diamonds, since that would mean he had opened one notrump with a singleton club.

West's lead therefore had to be a doubleton, and the best chance of stopping the contract was to proceed on the assumption that West could gain the lead before all the trumps were drawn and could then secure his diamond ruff.

Tomorrow: A psychological play.
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Rangers Cruz to Detroit up 2-0

ARLINGTON (AP) — Two innings after Nelson Cruz crumbled to the ground writhing in pain, the slugger provided a grand finish for the Texas Rangers.

Cruz hit the first game-ending grand slam in postseason history, sending the defending AL champions to Detroit with a 2-0 lead in the American League championship series after a 7-3 victory over the Tigers in 11 innings Monday.

"That's the guy you want to see right now," Elvis Andrus said. "He's getting hot again. That's what we're looking for."

The high drive to left off Ryan Perry was the second homer of the game for Cruz, and his third in the ALCS after struggling so badly in the playoffs (1 for 15 with only a single against Tampa Bay).

He now has the Rangers on Cruz control in the ALCS. They are two wins away from their second consecutive World Series after having never won a postseason series before last year.

"When Nellie gets going like he's going, he's tough to beat," Ian Kinsler said. "Hopefully he can continue that and carry us."

Game 3 is Tuesday night in Detroit. Colby Lewis, 4-0 in five career postseason starts, pitches for Texas against Doug Fister.

Lewis was on a flight ahead of the team, and was probably already

in Detroit before the 4-hour, 25-minute marathon ended in Texas. Fister flew home with the rest of the Tigers.

Cruz doubled early and chased Tigers starter Max Scherzer with a tying homer in the seventh. Then he was hit near the right wrist by a Jose Valverde fastball in the ninth, when the Rangers blew a bases-loaded chance — same as Detroit had done in the top half of the inning.

"When I got hit, I thought it was worse," Cruz said. "In that situation, you want to stay in the game. Thank God I got a chance to win the game."

Manager Ron Washington said Cruz "was a little scared" because the area where he got hit was already black and blue.

"But after the doctor checked him and told him he was fine, then Nelson got up," Washington said. "We certainly needed everything he gave us tonight. He tied the ballgame, and he won it."

Michael Young, the Rangers' career hits leader, snapped an 0-for-15 postseason slide when he led off the 11th with a single. The fifth Detroit pitcher, Adrian Beltre and Mike Napoli followed with singles, the latter on a liner to right-center that looked as though it would be caught. Instead, right fielder Andy Dirks let the ball glance off his glove as center fielder Austin Jackson ran behind him.

"It was one of those balls that's a little between us, should have been caught," Dirks said, adding there was no miscommunication between him and Jackson.

The ball dropped for a single that loaded the bases. That brought up Cruz, who also homered in Texas' 3-2 win in the series opener.

Just before his game-ending blast, Cruz fouled a ball into the stands near the pole. He stood briefly and watched when he connected again before a trip around the bases that ended with him getting mobbed at the plate by the Rangers.

"It was amazing," said Cruz, who is 4 for 7 with three homers, a double and six RBIs in the ALCS. "First two pitches, I hit the ball. I hit the too — foul ball, I hit the ball — foul ball, foul ball. So after that, I told myself just slow down and try to hit a fly ball to the outfield."

STATS LLC said Cruz's slam was the first to end a postseason game — with a postscript. Robin Ventura sent a bases-loaded drive over the fence to finish a New York Mets victory against Atlanta in the 1999 NLCS, but was swarmed by teammates between first and second.

Ventura never made it around the bases and was officially credited with an RBI single. His 15th-inning drive for a 4-3 Mets win in Game 5 came to be known as "the grand slam-single."



AP file photo
Nelson Cruz hits an 11th inning walk-off grand slam to push the Rangers past Detroit Monday night.

Instead of the scheduled travel day Monday, the Tigers and Rangers played Game 2, which was postponed Sunday because of a forecast that called for more rain that never came a night after the twice-delayed series opener.

Detroit left 13 runners in the first two innings, and is now in an 0-2 hole that only three teams have overcome since the league championship series became a best-of-seven in 1985.

"It's just been two close games and could

have gone either way," said cleanup hitter Victor Martinez, who is 0 for 7 in the series. "Unfortunately, we end on the losing side, but ... we're going home. We've been doing it the whole season: turn the page, come back tomorrow and keep on going."

Mike Adams, the sixth Texas pitcher, got the win with a pair of strikeouts in a scoreless 11th inning.

Scherzer bounced off the mound pumping his fist and glove after getting out of a two-on, none-out jam in the sixth

with a 3-2 lead. There was a conversation with Leyland after he got to the dugout, and the right-hander went back out for the seventh.

That was one batter too long because Cruz led off the inning by pulling a ball down the left-field line that ricocheted off the pole.

"If he got Cruz out, I was going to let him keep going," Leyland said. "I thought he was throwing great. He was throwing tremendous. ... He tried to elevate one in the strike zone, and he didn't get it there."

CTLGA plays back nine for team scramble

The Comanche Trail Ladies Golf Association saw Trish Gabbard record the fewest putts when they got together for their individual play format tournament Monday. Connie Fowler won the low gross and Gus Leonardi won the low net.

When the group met for Thursday's couples play, two teams tied for first place on Comanche Trail's back nine, shooting three under par. Jimmy and Deanna Foresyth, along with Howard and Trish Gabbard made up one of the teams, while the second team Ron and Daury Booth manned the second team, along with John and Gus Leonardi.

Second place went to Bill and Bobbie Holden, with Vaughn Martin. Jimmy Foresyth shot closest to the pin on hole 11.

No deal reached in NBA labor talks

NEW YORK (AP) — Two weeks of NBA games are lost. Many more could be in jeopardy.

There's a "gulf" that separates owners and players, and they will have to close it quickly to avoid further damage to the schedule.

Sticking to his deadline, Commissioner David Stern wiped out the first two weeks of the season — exactly 100 games — after more than seven hours of negotiations Monday failed to produce a new labor deal and preserve the Nov. 1 season openers.

The cancellations mark the NBA's first work stoppage since the 1998-99 season was reduced to 50 games.

Clashing more over the salary cap system than economics — but still far apart on both — Stern said the sides are "very far apart on virtually all issues. ... We just have a gulf that separates us."

"With every day that goes by, I think we need to look at further reductions in what's

left of the season," he added.

Stern said last week that he would cancel the first two weeks of the season Monday without a new collective bargaining agreement to end the lockout. The two sides expect to remain in contact, but no additional formal talks have been scheduled.

Stern said he was "sorry" and "sad" to report the cancellations.

"We certainly hoped it would never come to this," he said. "I think that both sides worked hard to get to a better solution. We think that we made very fair proposals. I'm sure the players think the same thing. But the gap is so significant that we just can't bridge it at this time."

Union president Derek Fisher agreed, emphasizing that missing any games puts the season in jeopardy. He also stressed this was a lockout, not a strike, and that it was the owners' decision not to be playing basketball.

"This is not where we choose to be," he said. "We're not at a place where a fair deal can be reached with the NBA."

The cancellation includes all games scheduled to be played through Nov. 14, and affected arenas have been authorized to release those dates.

Based on last year's average announced attendance leaguewide (just over 17,300 per game) and the average ticket cost last season, those now-canceled 100 games represent nearly \$83 million in lost ticket sales — before the first concession or souvenir is sold and before the first car pays to park.

Season-ticket holders, however, get refunds, plus interest, for all canceled games.

Though disappointing to both sides and especially to fans, the result isn't a complete surprise. The union had warned players for years to save their money, knowing a work stoppage seemed

likely, and executive director Billy Hunter repeated that players won't cave once they start missing pay checks next month.

"I think it goes back to a comment that David made to me several years ago when he said, 'Look, this is what my owners have to have.' And I said, 'The only way you're going to get that is if you're prepared to lock us out for a year or two, and (this) indicated to me that they're willing to do it,'" Hunter said. "So my belief, my contention is that everything he's done has kind of demonstrated that he's following that script."

With another work stoppage, the NBA risks alienating a fan base that sent the league's revenues and TV ratings soaring during the 2010-11 season. And the cost of cancellations would be staggering. Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver said the

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Ribeiro's goal lifts Stars over Coyotes in shootout

DALLAS (AP) — Stars goalie Kari Lehtonen sees an NHL shootout as a game of chance — and like the odds with Mike Ribeiro and Loui Eriksson on his team.

Ribeiro beat Phoenix Coyotes goalie Mike Smith with the final shot of the first shootout round, giving Dallas a 2-1 victory Monday

night. Eriksson's first goal of the season tied the game with 28 seconds remaining in regulation and he scored on Dallas' first shootout attempt.

The shootout remained 1-0 until the last of the Coyotes' three attempts, when Shane Doan's shot deflected off Lehtonen and into the

top of the net. Ribeiro followed with a shot under Smith's right arm.

"It's like roulette," Lehtonen said of the shootout. "You get black or red, you have 50-50 odds and you have to be happy when you get the win. It's also nice to have guys like Loui and Ribby who are really skilled and usually they

score, and that makes it easier for me."

In the third period, Eriksson had deflected Sheldon Souray's drive from the left point over Smith's left shoulder to tie the score.

"Any time you give up a lead in the last minute of a period or a game, it's tough to rebound from, but our guys battled

hard tonight," Smith said.

Did he see the game-tying shot?

"Not really. There were a few guys in front there, I think Loui got a stick on it, and it found a way in," Smith said.

Coyotes coach Dave Tippett blamed a blown assignment.

"We missed the cov-

erage down low," he said. "It was just a shot that goes at the net and redirects in the net. It was probably a game we deserved a better fate, but if we play like that we'll get our amount of wins."

The game was scoreless until 5:55 of the

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ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're still not sure whether to attend an upcoming event. Sure, your friends will be there — and so will your

“frenemies.” You may be worried about how to bridge the divide. The whole thing seems like a lot of work.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Once you give someone a special place in your heart, you're not likely to get the space back. It will be like a tenant who never leaves — and maybe he or she is so solid that you don't ever want that tenant to go.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There is always something inconvenient about morality. Yet, if you really believe in the rightness or wrongness of an action, there will certainly be consequences for following through with it.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). When it comes down to presenting ideas, you'll have the winning delivery. Whether it's about where to go for lunch or how to invest money, your way of stating things will heavily influence others.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). This is a day to follow your own interests. Talk to people who stir your curiosity, and take pictures of the things you find beautiful. As you honor your preferences and inclinations, everything falls in line.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will be excited to go further into an area of study. You sense that what you know already is just the tip of the iceberg. There is much more to this than meets the eye.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The pretty things you want also happen to be expensive. Can you address practical matters such as your budget and still uphold your aesthetic ideals? If anyone can, it's you.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Staying balanced requires flexibility. Your level of grace depends on just how quickly you can make adjustments. It takes the right combination of strength and fluidity to dance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are times when you feel like you're just pretending to be yourself. Usually, this state reflects a change in your identity that you haven't quite caught up with yet.
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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You like so many things about your life these days. One of the things you like most is that you recognize your own power to change. You have the courage to create the next scene.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your extremely high expectations sometimes benefit you, though these expectations may cause you and others more stress than they're worth. Bring it down a few notches. You'll be happier — everyone will.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that West Texas Centers will accept General Contract bids for the replacement of HVAC unit/units (Air conditioning only) at their administrative headquarters, 319 Runnels, Big Spring, Texas 79720. Project will consist primarily of removal, disposal, and replacement of the existing HVAC (Air Conditioning only) components and associated parts at the 319 Runnels location. It is expected the replacement unit will be a roof-top installation. Project will require bidder to inspect and replace if warranted any connecting components between the roof top unit and internal air handling system. Project will require the bidder to repair any internal or external structural damage the installation may require. As much of the work is expected to be performed during business hours, bidders must provide assurance work will be conducted with as little interruption to WTC business as possible. Bids should be itemized and include expected installation time-frames. Sealed bids will be received by West Texas Centers until November 7, 2011, 10:00 A.M. Central Standard Time. Sealed bids will be opened at 10:00 A.M. November 7, 2011 at West Texas Centers, 409 Runnels, Big Spring, Texas. Specifications and other pertinent information will be available October 12, 2011. Specifications may be obtained at 409 Runnels, Big Spring, Texas and should be requested from Gail Wells or Vicki Robertson. A pre-bid site visit is required by each bidder. Site visits will be scheduled by contacting Gail Wells, 432-264-2650 or Debbie Moses at 432-264-3246. Each bid must be submitted in a

sealed envelope, addressed to West Texas Centers, 409 Runnels, Big Spring, Texas and marked “Procurement of 319 Runnels HVAC System- Contract No. WTC319”, on the outside of the envelope.

A bid security deposit in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid amount may be required. Project performance period is 90 days or less. If the contractor fails to complete the project in the working days specified in the final contract, liquidated damages of \$100.00 per day of delay may be assessed. The successful bidder shall also furnish a Maintenance Bond in the amount of one hundred percent of the contract covering defects of material and workmanship for one year following WTC final acceptance and approval of the work. Bidder must provide evidence of Texas Workers Compensation insurance. Bidder must be prepared to provide 2 years of company financial viability documentation if requested. Bidders must provide three business references for similar work performed. Historically Underutilized Businesses are encouraged to participate in this project. Contractors will be required to comply with all applicable Equal Employment Opportunity laws and regulations, all Federal, State, and local regulations for construction safety and health standards.

As the awarding authority, West Texas Centers reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposal applications, waive any informality, omissions, excess verbiage or technical defects in the bidding, investigate the ability of applicants to honor a bid, and West Texas Centers need not necessarily award the contract to the lowest Bidder if, in the opinion of West Texas Centers, it would be in the best interest of West Texas Centers to accept another bid. #7143 October 9, 10, and 11, 2011

Legals

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
OF PROPOSED
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT)
CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/ BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)
Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 0295-02-026 for SEAL COAT in BORDEN County, etc will be opened on November 01, 2011 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials

may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.txdot.gov and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 38065

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5:PM ABC	News	Quando Me	Big Bang Big Bang	News	Noticias Noticiero	News	King King	Scrivner Uri Harel	News Business	'Til Death Auction	Auction	Movie: Bulletproof, James Caan	Auction Auction	Bones	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Shake It Good	NFL32	SportsCenter
6:PM Wheel	Jeopardy!	Fútbol: Esta- dos Unidos vs. Ecuador. (SS)	Two Men MLB Base- ball	News	Caso Cer- rado	News	Seinfeld Cortes	McDonald Seinfeld	PBS News- Hour	Seinfeld Dirty Jobs			Auction	Bones		ANT Farm Phineas	Soccer: United States vs. Ecuador.	E:60
7:PM Last Man Standing				Ent	NCIS (DVS) Mi Corazón Insiste	The Biggest Loser	Big Bang Upd	Big Bang Alewine	History Detectives	90210	Auction	Movie: The Green Mile, Michael Clarke Duncan	King King	Bones	BET Hip Hop Awards 2011	Wizards Phineas and Ferb: The Movie		The Dotted Line
8:PM Dancing With Stars		Fútbol: Mé- xico vs. Brasil. (SS)		NCIS: Los Angeles	Flor Salva- je (SS)		Big Bang Light of the Southwest	Frontline	Ringer				Auction Auction	Bones		Phineas and Ferb: The Movie	Soccer	World, Poker
9:PM (01) Body of Proof				Unforgettable	La Casa de al Lado	Parenthood	Big Bang Big Bang		Women, War	Cops 'Til Death	American Guns		Repo Repo	Bones	Re.- Lines Re.- Lines	ANT Farm Phineas		World, Poker
10:PM Nightline	News	Impacto	How I Met Raymond	News	Noticias Sin Senos no	News	Conan	Scott New	Charlie Rose	King South PK	Auction		Repo Repo	Bones	Re.- Lines Re.- Lines	Wizards Vampire	Depth Chart: Auburn	SportsCenter
11:PM Jimmy Kim- mel Live	Noticiero	Law Order: CI	Late	Decisions (SS)	Late Night		Office Conan	Ministerios Vida	World T. Smiley (Off Air)	Roseanne Roseanne Focus 4	American Guns	Movie: The Green Mile, Michael Clarke Duncan	King King	CSI: NY	Wendy Wil- liams	Wizards Wizards	Baseball Tonight	
12:AM Paid	Extra	Rosa de Guadalupe	Raymond	Insider	Pagado	News	Upd	Alewine		Homecoming	Dirty Jobs		'Til Death MAN	CSI: NY	Movie: I Do... I Did!, April Scott	Good Random	World, Poker	SportsCenter
1:AM Paid	Par Ases	TMZ	Paid	Pelicula:	In Wine	Seinfeld	Light of the Southwest						MAN	Rizzoli & Isles	ANT Farm	World, Poker		SportsCenter

DENNIS THE MENACE

10-11

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

10-11

"First thing you need to know is, I didn't do it."

HAGAR

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I ROB FROM THE POOR TO GIVE TO THE RICH

WHAT KIND OF BUSINESS IS THAT?

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SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO STOP AND SMELL THE FLOWERS...

WIZARD OF ID

10-11

RODNEY, I WANT YOU TO EMBARK ON A DANGEROUS RECON MISSION! FIND A WEAKNESS IN THE HUN'S ECONOMY

...AND DON'T COME BACK UNTIL YOU FIND ME SOME VALUABLE INTEL!

YES, SIRE

TIME AND PLACE, BUDDY!

BLONDIE

THAT SHIFTLESS, NO-GOOD, LAZY BUMSTEAD CAN FIND ANY EXCUSE NOT TO BE AT HIS DESK!

EASY, JULIUS...IT'S NOT LIKE DAGWOOD'S HUNKERED DOWN IN THE BREAK ROOM AVOIDING HIS DESK 'TIL THE LAST POSSIBLE MOMENT

DAG, ISN'T BREAK OVER?

NOPE, TEN MORE SECONDS

AGNES

10-11

INSTEAD OF CHANGING TO FIT SOME KIND OF MOLD THE WORLD WANTS ME TO FIT IN, I'M GOING TO CELEBRATE THE UNIQUENESS OF ME!

I HAVE MANY TALENTS! RARE QUALITIES! I AM GOING TO LET THE SHINE OF AGNES BRIGHTEN THIS WORLD FOR A CHANGE!

DIDN'T DO THE MATH HOMEWORK AGAIN, DID YOU?

NO, BUT I GLUED FIFTY DEAD BUGS INTO A PERFECT CIRCLE!

HI AND LOIS

10-11

IRMA SENT ME OVER FOR A CUP OF SUGAR.

SURE. NO PROBLEM.

CAN I POUR A BEER WHILE YOU POUR THE SUGAR?

This Date In History

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 11, the 284th day of 2011. There are 81 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 11, 1811, the first steam-powered ferryboat, the Juliana (built by John Stevens), was put into operation between New York City and Hoboken, N.J.

On this date:

In 1779, Polish nobleman Casimir Pulaski, fighting for American independence, died two days after being wounded during the Revolutionary War Battle of Savannah, Ga.

In 1890, the Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in Washington, D.C.

In 1910, Theodore Roosevelt became the first former U.S. president to fly in an airplane during a visit to St. Louis, Mo.

In 1932, the first American political telecast took place as the Democratic National Committee sponsored a program from a CBS television studio in New York.

In 1958, the lunar probe Pioneer 1 was launched; it failed to go as far out as planned, fell back to Earth, and burned up in the atmosphere.

In 1961, actor-comedian Leonard "Chico" (CHIH'-koh) Marx, 74, died in Hollywood, Calif.

In 1968, Apollo 7, the first manned Apollo mission, was launched with astronauts Wally Schirra, Donn Fulton Eisele and R. Walter Cunningham aboard. The government of Panama was overthrown in a military coup.

In 1984, space shuttle Challenger astronaut Kathryn Sullivan became the first American woman to walk in space.

In 1986, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev opened two days of talks concerning arms control and human rights in Reykjavik, Iceland.

In 1991, testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee, Anita Hill accused Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas of sexually harassing her; Thomas re-appeared before the panel to denounce what he called a "high-tech lynching."

Comedian Redd Foxx died in Los Angeles at age 68.

Today's Birthdays: Author Elmore Leonard is 86. Actor Earle Hyman is 85. Former U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry is 84. Actor Ron Leibman is 74. Actor Amitabh Bachchan is 69. Country singer Gene Watson is 68. Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., is 61. Rhythm-and-blues musician Andrew Woolfolk is 61. Actress-director Catlin Adams is 61. Country singer Paulette Carlson is 60. Actor David Morse is 58. Actor Stephen Spinella is 55. Pro Football Hall of Famer Steve Young is 50. Actress Joan Cusack is 49. Rock musician Scott Johnson (Gin Blossoms) is 49.

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THE OTHER COAST

10-11

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SNUFFY SMITH

10-11

DOES YORE HUSBAND LIKE HIS NEW CONSTRUCTION JOB, NORA?

YEP!! A LIL' TOO MUCH!!

KEEPS BRINGIN' WORK HOME WIF HIM!!

Newsday Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Western defense org.

5 Start to melt

9 Winter coaster

13 Sub tracker

14 Poison-ivy reaction

15 Pull apart

16 Make amends

17 Lake near Niagara Falls

18 Well-ventilated

19 Sort of social gathering

22 Grads.-to-be

23 Flip-chart holders

27 Short races

31 Burn slightly

33 Teachers' org.

34 Norway's capital

35 Futures replay, for short

36 Bit of sunshine

37 Get a new job

41 Small child

42 Get away from

43 Female choir voice

44 Source of silver

45 Gymnastics top scores

46 Welcoming words

48 Quit formally

50 Snapshot

51 Does some idiom inventing

58 Bullets, informally

61 Tennis-court dividers

62 External

63 Cash advance

64 Sandpaper coating

65 Fudd of cartoons

66 Outdoor parking areas

67 Feeling angry

68 Work station

DOWN

1 Phrase of denial

2 Author unknown: Abbr.

3 Sharp taste

4 Ultimatum

5 Lock of hair

6 Angelic instrument

7 China's continent

8 Lost person's query

9 Doesn't leave

10 Luau neckwear

11 Corn portion

12 Help with the dishes

13 ___ in "Saturday"

20 Hosp. areas

21 Fortune teller's deck

24 Sign up

25 Simple shed

26 Authoritative assertions

27 Med-school graduate

28 No longer sailing

29 Lists of candidates

30 Sweetie

31 Clumsy people

32 Sprinkler attachment

35 Reach across

38 Very beginning, slangily

39 Night times

40 Suffix for proverb

46 Mid-body joint

47 Reverberated

49 Computer symbols

50 Glue relative

52 Infamous Roman emperor

53 Mix together

54 Occupy the throne

55 24-hr. cash sources

56 Search for

57 Go wrong

58 Everyone

59 Dairy-farm sound

60 Small rug

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BEEBLE BAILEY

10-11

SARGE MAKES SUCH UNREASONABLE REQUESTS

WHAT DID HE WANT THIS TIME?

A 20-LAYER CAKE!

NBA

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league would lose hundreds of millions of dollars; Hunter estimated players' losses at \$350 million for each month they were locked out.

Now ushers, security personnel, parking lot attendants, concession workers, restaurant employees and others all stand to have their hours cut or join the country's 14 million unemployed. A few teams also have either trimmed their staffs or instituted sharp pay cuts — some

did that as the lockout began — and more layoffs could be forthcoming.

Hunter said he didn't think the full season was at risk yet and stressed it would be a mistake for the NBA to chance it coming off a season when revenues and TV ratings soared.

"I think it would be foolish for them to kill the season, and we're coming off the best season in the history of the NBA and I'm not so sure in this kind of economy that if there is a protracted lockout whether the league will recover," he said.

us a while to recover from the '98 lockout, and I think it will take us even longer to recover this time around."

For the second straight day the sides focused on system issues instead of the division of revenues. Stern rattled off concessions the league had made there, allowing guaranteed contracts, not rolling back salaries and giving players an option to shorten the deal.

Players say they moved there, too, offering to reduce the value of the midlevel exception to \$5 million for a maximum of four years, and reducing contract lengths

to five years for players resigning with their own teams to four years for changing teams.

The league wants those, currently six and five, down to four and three.

Insisting it needs a system that allows all teams to compete no matter the market size, Stern and Silver said the sides are still apart on annual raises for players and the luxury tax for teams. Players counter that the league's idea of making the luxury tax more severe would have acted as a hard cap, scaring too many teams from spending above the cap level.

"We're surprised that's what still separates us," Silver said. "We would think that the players in this league would also want a system in which players on every team, if they play for well imagined teams, are on equal footing. I think it'll create a better game, and we think it'll create hope for more fans in more communities and it'll ultimately lead to more interest in our game."

Stern said the players still proposed they get 53 percent of revenues, whereas the league proposed they get 47 percent.

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STARS

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third period, when Radim Vrbata scored 9 seconds into the Coyotes' sixth power play of the game.

The Stars had stopped

their first nine power plays in their two home games, and 15 of 16 this season, before Vrbata knocked in a rebound of Martin Hanzal's shot.

Dallas had been called for its second bench minor penalty of the game for having too many men on the ice.

The Coyotes won the ensuing faceoff from the left of Lehtonen. Doan moved the puck across the ice, Hanzal took his shot from just in front of Lehtonen and to his right.

The rebound slid in front of the net, where

Vrbata swatted it in from just outside the crease before the goalie could slide back across to his left.

"It was a broken-stick puck that changed speed," Stars coach Glen Gulutzan said. "It was an off-speed pitch that comes in at 60 miles per hour instead of 90 and goes off his pad. He had no chance."

Phoenix was 1 for 7 on its power plays, while killing all seven of the Stars' opportunities.

"We did a real good job on our PK," Gulutzan said. "Kari was real

good. Our power play was atrocious. We have to revisit it and also revisit our work ethic on the power play."

There were five power plays in the first period. The Coyotes had three of the extra-man opportunities and outshot Dallas 11-7.

The Stars survived another power play after captain Brenden Morrow drew a cross-checking minor along with 5 minutes for fighting with Coyotes defenseman Rostislav Klesla at 9:47.

Eriksson's goal made up for missing Dallas' best scoring opportunity of the game's first 59 minutes, on Phoenix's fifth power play. Less than 5 minutes into the third period, the Stars gained control of the puck, and Eriksson walked in alone on Smith.

The goalie stopped the bid for a short-handed goal mere 3 seconds before the penalty expired.

Notes: Smith came within a minute of his 12th NHL shutout. He is 2-0-2 against the Stars, whom he played from 2006-08.

Gulutzan said he wasn't concerned about Phoenix's 41-25 advantage in shots on goal. "The way we play, we'll give up some shots. It's OK if they're from the outside."

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