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# New PRMC owners in media spotlight over 'upcoding' 

- Groups allege Prime Healthcare guilty of false diagnoses; Prime denies claims


Two-year-old John West revs up his bike at the Pampa High School Band Carnival earlier this week. For more CARNIVAL PHOTOS, turn to page 3A.
last week, has been accused of a trio
of questionable business practices. The allegations include refusing to transfer patients and a violation of patient privacy confirmed by the California Department of Public Health. The company, however, has received
most of its media attention on most of its media attention on a practice called "upcoding," which involves a
hospital exaggerating or falsely reporthospital exaggerating or falsely report-
ing diagnoses for higher payout from Medicare. About 85 percent of Prime's

California patients rely on Medicare,
MediCal, indigent care or self-pay for health care coverage, according to tes timony from Michael Sarrao, Prime's Vice President and general counsel, during a February hearing in California Over the last few years, SEIU Unite UHW), a union based in the wester United States, has raised concerns about the hospital chains' rates of a severe PRIME cont. on page 6A

PHS' Larkin to aid in Harvard ed conference

Molle Bryant

Tanya Larkin, Pampa High School principal, has been selected for a
Raise Your Hand Texas scholarship to attend a leadership programf at Harvard University's Principals' Center, a program out of its Graduate School of


Larkin "It was life to attend. It was a life-changing event for me
professionally to be amongst the top education professionals in the world, and to spend two weeks with them," she said. "It saved my soul as an educator, and inspired me to stay the course and remember that this work is worth
doing." "Through this experience, I have a network all over the country and world," she added. "They've been helpful to me in solving problems and getLARKIN cont. on page I have been for LARKIN cont. on page 6A

June 30 fundraiser in Lefors for 11-year-old girl with epilepsy
 run, pancakes, live music

| Arnie Aurellano |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| "Help Get a Dog for Kat," a and poker run, is set for Satur Civic Center, 103 N. Court. <br> The event is a fundraiser <br> of treatment and a seizure Campbell, an 11 -year-old suff "On July 3 of last summe nally of Skellytown. "She'd h |  |
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Today: Mostly sunny, with a high 12 Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 92 .
Breezy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph , with gusts as high as 35 mph .
Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 60. Breezy, with a south wind between 20 and as 30 mph .

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 94. South-
west wind between 15 and 20 mph , with west wind between
gusts as high as 25 mph .

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 61 . West wind between 10 and 15 mph , with gusts as high as 25 mph
Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 83. Breezy, with a north northeast wind between
15 and 25 mph , with gusts as high as 30

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of with a low around 62. East wind between 10 and 15 mph .
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Texas' ninth grade STAAR results 'sobering' DALLAS (AP) - If the final and make them available to districts
standards were already in place, so that they would realize we all standards were already in place, so that they would realize we all
more than half of Texas high school
have a lot of work to do if we're gofreshmen would have failed the
new, more rigorous end-of-course standardized tests in five key areas, figures released Friday by the state
education agency show education agency show. The new State of Texas Assess-
ments of Academic Readiness, STAAR, end-of-course tests are gradually replacing the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills or TAKS. This spring, more than
319,000 ninth-grade students took the STAAR exams for the first time in biology, world geography, alge-
bra 1, and English 1-writing and reading.
When
When their scores were judged against the state's final standards,
which will be used in 2016, the passing rate in biology was 41 percent. "I English writing, it was 34 percent. obering," Debbie Ratcliffe, a Texas Education Agency spokeswoman said. "We wanted to present them
ing to keep these s." But not all is as it appears, as the first passing standard is the easiest. Measured against the current standard, the ninth-graders' scores
ranged from 87 percent passing biology to 55 percent passing English writing.
The tougher passing standards are gradually being phased in to give
students time to adjust. Standards students time to adjust. Standards
will rise in both 2014 and 2016 . State law now requires students to pass 15 of the tests throughout high school to graduate. And those who failed them this year can take them again in July.
an adjustment know there is always and teachers in period for students gram, results from the first STAAR assessments are encouraging overall, showing that students generally
performed all, showing that students generally
performed as expected or better,"

Texas Commissioner of Educatio State education officials say school districts and teachers will need to adjust their lesson plans to insure
students in elementary and middle school will be prepared for the high school end-of-course exams. The education agency will make STAAR training available for teachers this
summer - much of it online - and predicts that more children will en roll in summer school than ever be fore. The Houston school district, the on its website Friday saying its board will hire 228 additional summer school teachers. The district summer session begins Monday. hoping for higher scores," said Bill Hammond, President and CEO of he Texas Association of Business. While the results are disappointing,
and in some cases surprising, this also inows us why we need a stronig STAAR cont. on page 6A

## Obituaries

Robert "Bob" Floyd Arthur Jr., $71 \begin{gathered}\text { Mr. Arthur died June 7, } 2012 \text {, in Chandler. He was born } \\ \text { July 14, 1940, in Pampa. He retired from Halliburton, }\end{gathered}$
 was active in the United Methodist Men's Organization, a marathon runner, and part of the 1964 Sun Bowl Team. Survivors include wife, Leota Arthur of Chandler; son,
Robert Floyd Arthur III and wife Winter of Chandler; Robert Floyd Arthur III and wife Winter of Chandler;
step-daughters, Terri Lynn Harris of Amarillo, Tammy step-daughters, Terri Lynn Harris of Amarillo, Tammy
Lou Hughey of Houston, Tracie Lois Timmons and husband Steve of Wheeler; brothers, John Arthur and wife Carol of Houston, Jim Arthur and wife Judy of Lake
Jackson, 10 grandchildren, and four Jackson, 10 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.
In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made
to the Brownsboro High School Athletics department. Visitation will be Sunday, June 10, 2012, from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

## Fortherecord



## MORNINGRUSH

Vet believes he was injured in war DALLAS (AP) - A soldier-tumed-TV conestant whose claims of being injured in battle were dismissed
by military officials says he believed he was telling the truth, but he doesn't know what is real.
Timothy Michael Poe appeared on Monday's episode
of the NBC show "America's Got Talent," claiming he was injured by a grenade in Afghanistan in 2009, though Minneso
Poe, who now lives in Texas, cried in portions of an interview aired Friday on WFAA-TV in Dallas. He told
the station he doesn't know why he "believed things that he station he doesn't know why he "believed things that
happened to me, and they might not have?" Poe won over the crowd and celebrity judges on the
talent show with a moving story about how he blocked a grenade blast to save his buddies. He said the blast broke his back and left him with a brain injury.
The Nasiured in combat said military records show Poe crist injured in combat in Afghanistan, and he has been

- especially by veterans - since he made his injury claims.
Poe also prover
Poe also provided a photo to the NBC talent show of a ally shows Staff Sot. Norman Bone in Afgato actu2006. Bone said Friday that Poe's alleged lies disrespect all men and women who've served in the military, and he
called Poe's actions "completely wrong."
Poee's fiancée, Carrie Morris, has said Poe accidentally Poe's fiancée, Carrie Morris, has said Poe accidentally
submitted the photo because he was rushed. Poe has submitted the photo because he was rushed. Poe has
declined requests for interviews from The Associated

Court overturns drug judgment AUSTIN (AP) - The Texas Supreme Court has tion drug maker Centocor Inc., that blamed the company or a Corpus Christi woman's illness after she took medi-
ation to treat an existing condition. A Texas appeals court had upheld a jury's findings that the Johnson \& Johnson subsidiary was liable for fraud for misrepresenting its drug Remicade as a treatment in 2001 for Crohn's disease, a bowel condition. The woman, Patricia Hamilton, contended an instructional not possible adverse reactions.
Centocor appealed to the high court, which unanimous-
ly ruled Friday that existing case law shows it's up to the escribing physician existing case law shows it's sp to the discuss side effects with the patient
Men sentenced, stole from army EL PASO (AP) - Authorities say three West Texas is on probation for stealing $\$ 290,000$ worth of aviation fuel from the Army.
Tomas Quintero and Luis Campos were employed by a contractor that supplied fuel to military aircraft at Biggs
Army Airfield in EI Paso. They would steal the fuel and Army Airfield in El Paso. They would steal the fuel and gravel trucks, the office of the Comptrollers Criminal Investigation Division said in a statement Friday. All four have pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit theft. Quintero received a 30 -month sentence while Campos got four months in prison. Fernando Baca, also 15 -month sentence while Ricardo Baca is on five years probation.
Man guilty in health care fraud HOUSTON (AP) - Prosecutors say a 45 -year-old
fouston man has pleaded guilty to participating in a massive health care fraud conspiracy. U.S. Attorney Kenneth Magidson said Friday that eneficiaries to City Nursing Services of Texas Inc. in exchange for illegal kickbacks. The plea agreement states that Brooks received 32
checks totaling $\$ 13,700$ for referring beneficiaries to Checks totaling own $\$ 100$ for referring City Nursing's owner, Umawa sentenced to more than 27 years in prison Imo was sentenced to more than 27 years in prison
last year for his main role in the conspiracy. Imo billed
Medicare and Medicaid more than $\$ 45$ million for physiMedicare and Medicaid more than $\$ 45$ million for physical therapy services at City Nursing that never occurred.
Brooks was allowed to remain on bond pending senencing Sept. 20. He faces up to five years in prison and
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## phs band carnival

 Jordan Shook, 11, throws a ball into a bucke to
One-year-old Kayleigh holds on to the carousel as The carnival ends tonight

staff photo by Mollie Bryant
Courtney Andrews, 13, and Emory Smith, 12


Brooklyn Swanson, 1, and Bryce photo by Andrew Glover a ride on a boat merry-go-round at the band carnival.

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## Viewpoints

## Today in History


Today's Highlight in History:
On June 9, 1972, heavy rains triggered record
flooding in the Black Hills of South Dakota; the resulting disaster left at least 238 people dead an $\$ 164$ million in damag
On this date:
In A.D. 68 , the Roman Emperor Nero committed suicide, ending a 13 -year reign.
In 1870, author C
Hill Place, England.
In 1909, Alice Huyler Ramsey, 22, set out from New York in a Maxwell DA on a journey to become
the first woman to drive across the United States. (Ramsey and three female companions arrived in

In 4911, Carrie (sometimes spelled "Carry") A Nation, the hatchet-wielding temperance crusader,
died in Leavenworth, Kan., at age 64 . In 1940, during World War II, Norway decided to urrenert one wiass.
In 1949, Georgia Neese Clark was unanimously
confirmed by the U.S. Senate to be the first female Treasurer of the United States.
In 1954, during the Senate-Army Hearings, Army special counsel Joseph N. Welch berated Sen.
Joseph R. McCarthy for verbally attacking a member of Welch's law firm, Fred Fisher, asking
McCarthy, "Have you no sense of decency, sir? At McCarthy, "Have you no sense of decency, sir? A
long last, have you left no sense of decency?"

In 1969, the Senate confirmed Warren Burger to
be the new chief justice of the United States, suc ceeding Earl Warren.
In 1973, Secretariat became horse racing's first Triple Crown winner in 25 years by winning the
Belmont Stakes.
In 1978, leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints struck down a 148 -year-old
policy of excluding black men from the Mormon
In 1985, American educator Thomas Sutherland was kidnapped in Lebanon; he was released in Waite.

In 1986, the Rogers Commission released its report on the Challenger disaster, criticizing NASA and rocket-builder Morton Thiokol for management proberms leading to the explosion that claimed the
lives of seven astronauts.

Ten years ago: President Jacques Chirac's main-
stream right prevailed in a first round of elecstream right prevailed in a first round of elec-
tions for France's 577 -seat National Assembly. Thousands of Russian soccer fans rioted in Moscow after their country's loss to Japan in the World Cup.
Albert Costa won the French Open over fellow Albert Costa won the French Open over fellow
Spaniard Juan Carlos Ferrero, $6-1,6-0,4-6,6-3$. Se Chan $61,6=0,4,6,6-3$. the youngest woman to claim four major champion-
ships.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush,
denounced by anti-American denounced by anti-American protesters on the
streets of Rome, defended his humanitarian record as he met at the Vatican with Pope Benedict XVI, tion in Iraq." A day after being ordered back to jail Paris Hilton said she wouldn't appeal her sentence or a prof filly to win the Belmont Stakes since 1905 Justine Henin claimed her third consecutive French
Open title with a $6-1,6-2$ victory over Ana Ivanovic. Open title with a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Ana Ivanovic.
One year ago: The entire top echelon of Newt Gingrich s presidential campaign resigned in a mass tion in tatters; the former House speaker vowed defiantly to remain a candidate. Alabama passed a tough law against illegal immigration, requiring
schools to find out if students were in the lawfully and making it a crime to knowingly give an illegal immigrant a ride. (Federal courts have since blocked parts of the law.
Today's Birthdays: Actress Mona Freeman is 86. Media analyst Marvin Kalb is 82 . Actor Joe
Santos is 81 . Sports commentator Dick Vitale is 73 Author Letty Cottin Pogrebin is 73. Rock musician Jon Lord is 71 . Mystery author Patricia Cornwell is 56. Actor Michael J. Fox is 51 . Writer-produce actress Gloria Reuben is 48 . Rock musician is 49 . Felber (Hootie \& the Blowfish) is 45. Rock musician Dean Dinning is 45 . Musician Ed Simons is 42. Country musician Shade Deggs (Cole Deggs and the Lonesome) is 38. Bluegrass singer-musician amie Dailey (Dailey \& Vincent) is 37. Actres Michaela Conlin is 34. Actress Natalie Portman is

1. Actress Mae Whitman is 24

Thought for Today: "Imagination was given to man to compensate him for what he isn't. A sense of humor was provided to console him for what he is.

- Horace Walpole, English author (1717-1797).


It's been quite an interesting week

Correct me if $\mathrm{I}^{\prime} \mathrm{m}$ wrong.. I am usually up against a dead
line when writing this column, Ine when writing this column, so
I seldom check my facts. Recently a couple of folks have shed some light on things that weren't exact-
ly accurate. Nancy Coffee informed me that her father is the one who bough
the First Baptist Church build ing in Canadian to keep it from being razed. Dr. Abraham bought it from him and turned it into
a home, then the Citadelle a home, then the Citadelle Ar
Museum. Jay Gist (of Chicken Express
fame) said that the recent "Taste of Pampa" was not the first-that years ago. years ago
Thanks for the info, Nancy and Jay. I'm always glad to set the
record straight. (Well, usually, record straight. (Well, usually
anyway!)

What a Week! Incident \#1 Went to the carnival Monday night (in the rain!) to buy a
hot dog and do my bit for the hot dog and do my bit for the Harvester over to speak to band director Barrow, a young and pretty student tripped over a cable and fell right inf front of me into the mud She was not hurt, but I though
"if I had done that I would have broken into 17 piel would hav After she got sort of cleaned up and walked away, I went on over to Joe and told him "I won't
say a pretty young girl has never say a pretty young girl has never
thrown herself at my feet...but it thrown herself at my!"eet...but
has been a long time!" (Actually, none ever has. I had I finally caught one-a keeper

What a Week! Incident \#2
I stopped in Americinn this week to pick up a copy o
Travelhost Magazine. As I Traveinost Magazine. As I chat
ted with the very nice desk clerk, she asked if I would like to see a room. I thanked her and told her that I had gotten a tour some time back. I mentioned "inciden \# 1 're going to tell everyone that a woman invited you to a hotel room, aren't you?"'I just laughed and thought "Yep!
What a Week! Incident \#3
What a Week! Incident \#3
Coffee Memorial Blood Cen


In the same vein Last week I made a lot of comments about marriage. Since it
was a milestone for us, and since our daughter has been dating
fellow pretty steadily fellow pretty steadily, I have
been trying to figure out how been trying to figure out how one
knows when one is in love. My wife (whose ancestors came from Norway) and I were discussing our own relationship. She com
mented that I was the first boy mented that I was the first boy
she had dated that she hadn' gotten tired of within a short time. I told her I was in it for the romance. She looked at me quiz
zically. "Yeah", I said. "I misun-
derstood.
Somebody
called Norwegians 'fish kissers' and I thought they said 'French kiss-
ers'.' And then it was time to leave.
(Incidentally, she says she Incidentally, she says she
still has not gotten tired of me Disgusted, irritated, angry, furious, revolted, annoyed, provoked nauseated, appalled, and dis
mayed...but never tired.)

On a serious note
I got a chance this week to meet Pampa Regional Medical Cen of I ampa Regional Med ed enter the Chief Operating Officer of Prime Healthcare, the new owners of the hospital. I believe Pampa has reason to be hopeful abou
this arrangement. Brad is a native West Texan (from San Angelo) and already getting involved in the community. He mentioned that he had met Mike Ruff, bu I told him there are some prett goor ...
What's in a Name... I referred to Nancy Coffee
earlier in the column. When earlier in the column. When worked the recent election,
thought it odd that she and a woman named Starbuck came in within moments of each other. (I also wondered if we'd had any
Folgers or Maxwells come in


## We welcome your letters

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## Sunday in History

Today is Sunday, June 10, the 162
There are 204 days left in the year.

## Today's Highlight in History:

On June 10, 1942, during World War II, German forces massacred 173 male residents of Lidice for the killing of Nazi official Reinhard Heydrich.

On this date:
In 1692 , the first official execution resulting place as Bridget Bishop was hanged.

In 1861, during the Civil War, Confederate
troops routed Union soldiers in the Battle of Big troops routed Union soldiers in the Battle of Big
Bethel in Virginia.

In 1907, eleven men in five cars set out from (Prince Scipione Borghese of Italy was the first to arrive in the French capital two months later.)

In 1921, President Warren G. Harding signed
into law the Budget and Accounting Act which created the Bureau of the Budget and the General Accounting Office.

In 1922, singer-actress Judy Garland was born
Frances Ethel Gumm in Grand Rapids, in Grand Rapids, Minn.
In 1935, Alcoholics Anonymous was founded in Akron, Ohio by Dr. Robert Holbrook Smith and
William Griffith Wilson.

In 1940, Italy declared war on France and
Britain; Canada declared war on Italy.
In 1967, the Middle East War ended as Israel and Syria agreed to observe a United Nations-mediated cease-fire.
In 1971, President Richard M. Nixon lifted a two-decades-old trade embargo on China

In 1982, the play "Torch Song Trilogy," by
Harvey Fierstein, opened on Broadway.
In 1985, socialite Claus von Bulow was acquitted by a jury in Providence, R.I., at his retrial
on charges he'd tried to murder his heiress wife, Martha "Sunny" von Bulow.
In 1991, 11 -year-old Jaycee Dugard of South
Lake Tahoe, Calif Lake Tahoe, Calif. was abducted by Phillip and
Nancy Garrido, Jaycee was held by the couple for 18 years before she was found by authorities.
Ten years ago: Organized crime figure John
Gotti died at a prison hospital in Springfield, Mo., Gotti died at a prison hospital in Springfield, Mo., parts of eastern Asia, the Pacific Ocean and North America.
Five years ago: President George W. Bush was enthusiastically welcomed to Albania. The crews
of Atlantis and the international space station greeted each other after the space shuttle arrived at the orbiting outpost. At the French Open,
Rafael Nadal defeated Roger Federer, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. Suzann Pettersen shot a 5 -under 67 for a
one-shot victory over Karrie Webb at the LPGA Championship. "Spring Awakening" was named best musical at the Tony Awards; "The Coast of Utopia," best play. HBO aired the final episode of ing that left fans intrigued, puzzled - and in some cases, infuriated.

One year ago: In a stern rebuke, Defense Secretary Robert Gates warned in Brussels that the at risk because of European penny pinching and a distaste for front-line combat. Tony La Russa managed his 5,000 th game as his St. Louis Cardinals lost to the Milwaukee Brewers 8-0
Today's Birthdays: Britain's Prince Philip is 91. Columnist Nat Hentoff is 87 . Attorney F. Lee
Bailey is 79. Actress Alexandra Stewart is 73 . Singer Shirley Alston Reeves (The Shirelles) is 71 . Actor Jurgen Prochnow is 71. Media commentator
Jeff Greenfield is 69 . Country singer-songwriter Jeff Greenfield is 69 . Country singer-songwriter
Thom Schuyler is 60 . Former Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., is 59. Actor Andrew Stevens is 57. Singer Barrington Henderson is 56. Former New York Governor-urned-media commentator Eliot Spitzer is 53 . Rock musician Kim Deal is 51 . Singer Maxi
Priest is 51 . Actress Gina Gershon is 50 . Actress Jeanne Tripplehorn is 49. Rock musician Jimmy Chamberlin is 48. Actress Kate Flannery is 48 . Model-actress Elizabeth Hurley is 47. Rock musician Joey Santiago is 47. Actor Doug McKeon
is 46 . Rock musician Emma Anderson is 45 is 46 . Rock musician Emma Anderson is 45 .
Country musician Brian Hofeldt (The Derailers) is 45 . Rapper The D.O.C. is 44 . Rock singer Mike Doughty is 42 . Rhythm-and-blues singer JoJo is 41. Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal is 41. Rhythm-and-blues singer Faith Evans is 39. Actor Hugh Dancy is 37 . Rhythm-and-blues singer Lemisha
Grinstead (702) is 34 . Actor DJ Qualls is 34 . Actor Shane West is 34 . Country singer Lee Brice is 33 . Singer Hoku is 31 . Actress Leelee Sobieski is 30 . Olympic gold medal figure skater Tara Lipinski is
30. Presidential daughter Sasha Obama is 11.

Thought for Today: "Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version
of somebody else." - Judy Garland (1922-1969).

## Let'sEat!

Texana's Kitchen: My dirty little secret

Christine Friesenhahn Texana's Kitchen
We all have them Skeletons in our closets... It could be the wild Spring Break in Cabo, or the weekend in Las Vegas that you don't quite remember. that put soap in the town's water fountain just before he Christmas parade, or pulled the fire alarm at your graduation ceremony.
Maybe you have more than a passing attraction o chemical substances, expensive shoes or Justin
Bieber. It may be Bieber. It may be that you hork down bacon when your vegan friends aren't looking. You know who you are. But we are not
here to judge. We are here to come clean.
By day, and most nights, am a soccer mom. A loyal wife, a loving mother, a believer in the Divine,
and a baker of cookies. I rescue abandoned animals, and kiss babies on the cheek. I cry when I
hear the National Anthem hear the National Anthem,
and stand when the colors pass by. I will never lie to you, talk behind your back, or wear white shoes after Labor Day. But on Sunday September, the Skeleton comes out of my closet. My name is Christine, and Yam a True Blood A-Holic. Yep. A card-carrying, by-
God certified True Blood addict. A Fangbanger. A Trubie. I cannot get enough. Not enough fair ies, witches, shape-shifter maenads, brujos, or ghosts.
Not enough LaFayette Not enough LaFayette
Reynolds, and his famously Reynolds, and his famously sarcastic, butt-kicking drag-
queen self. Not enough queen self. Not enoug-a
Jason, and his dumb-as-a stump-but-hot-as-Hades personae. But mostly, cannot get enough vamp Eric Northman
tall blond Swedish Heaven with fangs. Or guess I should say Valhalla with fangs. I didn't think 1 outd ever really like Eric the Devil. Showing me Eric's steadfast mission to avenge the murders of his family, his devotion to the
almost Christ-like Godric and what appears to be a and what appears to be a
fiercely loyal nature was sneaky, sneaky, sneaky.
Why, oh why, does one have to choose Team Bill
or Team Eric? Who made up that stupid rule? Of course, I am also
Team Pam. She has a fabuTeam Pam. She has a fabu-
lous collection of designer ous collection of designer
shoes, keen fashion sense, and a fond appreciation for vintage Cartier. And I just adore her notoriously smart mouth and dry sense of humor. Pan would be
fantasy shopping date. fantasy shopping date.
And mostly, I love some Bill Compton, and his Southern Gentleman vampness. That smoldering gaze, and southern lilt are enough
to make me go weak in the knees. Of course, when he says "Sookie is mine", I know this is just acting. He really means to say
"Christine is mine." Yes he does. Shut up.
This coming Sunday evening, Season 5 kicks off, and looks to be an exciting is back, still looking to avenge the death of his mate Talbot, who was educed to a pile of bloody goo in Season 3. Season
4 also closed out with a
sighting of Rene Lenier, the tion, 1 am still Team Bill. possible death of Tara, and Eric is hot and all, but ash her from Terry's past where I come from, you
that he thought was long- dance with who brung ya dead. So, maybe zombies dance with who brung ya. this season? Or more nec- is mine. romancy? Season 4 seems Eric's V-Juice Cocktail to have gotten rid of Head- (Vegetable Juice Cocktail) Witch-In-Charge, Marnie, Makes about 1 gallon so we'll see. Lots of excit- -232 oz cans
ing unknowns to consider ing unknowns to consider other inhabitants, of Bon Temps.
But one But one thing is certain. Do not call me, text me, or
interrupt my line of sight to the television for the next 12 Sunday evenings or you will be the next skeleton found in my closet. That's Oh, and by the way, lest
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 horseradish $.11 / 2$ tablespoon lemon $\cdot \cdot 7-1 / 4$ cups water, or as Worcestershire sauce ${ }^{2}$ teaspoo - $1 / 2$ cup sugar $1 / 2$ cup sugar
$.11 / 2$ tablespoon salt se tablespoon salt the vegetables. Place all of he juice into a large pot. Add remaining ingredients to make a thin consistency
(add more water if neces(add more water if neces-
sary). Simmer for 20 minutes. Taste and adjust seasoning if neces
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money to cover some of the expenses. "My brother-in-law (Kenny Forsyth) and
my sister (Lindy Forsyth), Linda Stanton my sister (Lindy Forsyth), Linda Stanton
(of the Pirates Cove restaurant) and some of people in Lefors, they came up with the idea of the pancake breakfast and tee poker run," Kim said. "It's just such a blessing. It's unbelievable and it's extremely humbling. It's very difficult to accept the kind of love and attention that Kathryn is getting, and we are very, very grateful. It
we have even imagined.
"You grow up in a small town, and you she added. "Sometimes, that's taken in a
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## Prime

## Larkin

them, too." Although the conference
Al brings together people from around the world, Larkin in the things they dealt with as educators. "We have a different cul-
ture of students in the dige ture of students in the digi-
tal age," she said "There, tal age," she said. "There's
higher engagement, and they higher engagement, and they
are inundated with information, and they use it differently. It's the culture of the generation. Some informa-
tion is so easily accessible,
and they know what to do with it and how to use it." "We have to come to terms keep educating we can't we always have," she added. We have to prepare students to be flexible and adaptable." Larkin added that students
today think of themselves as global citizens. "They don't see the walls of the community the way we do with social networks and technology," she said.
There are no walls or limits,
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and the world is smaller to hem. It's all in their fingerLarkin said she was honLarkin said she was hon-
ored to be considered to ored to be considered to
attend, and she hopes to represent Pampa and Texas "The experience puts me back in the position as a
learner, and it's where I need to be to be focused here," she said. "I hope to come back and communicate my vision
to the staff and community." to the staff and community
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bloodstream infection called septicemia, as well as a group of other illnesses including kwashiorkor, a rare
form of malnutrition associated with famine. Prime is form of malnutrition associated with famine. Prime is
currently involved in a lawsuit with SEIU-UHW that currently involved in a lawsuit with SEIU-UHW that
alleges the union and Kaiser Permanente, a non-profit managed-care consortium, were conspiring to drive
Prime out of the market. Representatives from Kaiser Prime out of the market. Representatives from Kaiser
Permanente declined to comment on this story. Rare diseases like kwashiorkor can signififactly raise
Medicare payments, in some cases, by about $\$ 6.000$ per Medicare payments, in some cases, by about $\$ 6,000$ per
patient. During 2009 , Prime operated 7 of the 12 hospitals with the highest septicemia rates in the country, and
after Prime acquired the Shasta Regional Medical Center after Prime acquired the Shasta Regional Medical Center
in Redding, California in 2009, its septicemia rate almost Adam Weisberg, a data analyst with SEIU-UHW, was struck by Prime's rates for about 10 severe diseases
while working on a data project for the union. "When we started working on this, we had no idea
whether we were looking at upcoding or extremely high rates of infection," said Weisberg. "But when you see
1,000 kwashiorkor patients, it's impossible that those patients really had what Prime was billing for."
Critics of the company have alleged that its abnormally high rates for diseases like septicemia don't jibe with its
hospital stays, which are shorter than average. During testimony at the recent hearing, Jonathan Gluck, a senior executive and counsel at Heritage, noted that 64 percent
of the provider's patients who are admitted to a Prime
emergency room have a one or two-day stay, compared with about 36 percent of one or two-day stays at other

like septicemia and malnutrition.
"If they're really treating the most severe cases in them to have a lot of long stays and not a lot of short
stays," he said. "And nobody is in their universe on the severity they are reporting; they are the highest in
America. So, it looks like ereat quality because their
hospital bills report these incredibly sick patients who hospitar bills report these incredibly sick patients who
are surviving and getting out so quickly."

Brad Morse, the recently named CEO of PRMC denies any wrongdoing by Prime.,
"More than anything else, I don't traction to what we're trying to do or what we the a disbecause it truly is false allegations," he said. Morse maintains that the company is not engaging in upcoding, but rather, participating in "physician-to-
physician interaction and documentation."
"It's a peer-to-peer review system"" "It's a peer-to-peer review system," he said. "The doc-
tors are dealing with the doctors on making sure that care is appropriate, that the patient is actually getting what they need, that the documentation of what we're doing
is actually correct. That's the model as far as the medi is actually correct. That's the model as far as the medi-
cine goes. It just works better. Now that we've started cine goes. It just works better. Now that we've started
doing it, most of the hospitals that I know of out there
are doing it",
During the recent hearing in California, Prime's Sarrao
spoke spoke to the company's malnutrition rates, adding that
he believes the company is "ahead of the curve" in its he believes the company is "ahead of the curve" in its
documentation practices. Medical Center), we don't contract with a lot of the health plans, the patients that end up in our ER are
acutely ill, and that acute illness also causes that mal nutrition," he said. "So you have to realize that patients that end up at our hospital are more acutuely ill because
a lot of times they're in nursing homes, skilled nursing facilities. ...So, by the time they arrive at the ER, they're the ER also affect their malnutrition status" The Office of the Inspector General and MediCal were unable to confirm or deny any investigations of Prime within their agencies, but according to a California
Watch report, the company has been the Watch report, the company has been the subject of an
FBI probe. Morse maintains that the company's coding practices "Are we progressive?" he said. "Absolutely. Do we change things on a regular basis? Yes. Do other hospital
systems follow us? Yes, they do. That's one way we gol systems follow us? Yes, they do. That's one way we go
part of the (Thomson Reuters) Top 15-(health) systems in the United States. You wouldn't get that if there was something wrong."

## STAAR



In addition to its health system award, five of Prime's 100 best in the United States by Reuters. But according to Weisberg, Reuters calculates the winning hospials and health systems with analysis of the Medicare MEDPAR inpatient data set, the same data that indicates billed to Migh rates of conditions like kwashiorkor billed to Medicare.
and they say 'How Reuters award, they take that data for how sick they were when they measure a bunch of different outcomes, including their length of stay, their mortality rates and a few other measures, he said. "Just how sick the patient was. The problem is that if you're not really that sick, you don't need to stay in the hospital hat long. All of these measurements get inflated by the "ppoding itself", "They are looking for outliers, and a lot of times there

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your sun at birth．The sign situation in your dreams．member or friends．You this person to talk about 22－Jan．19）Thenies．
（Dee．This Week：Reach out
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following each sign should refer to the dates you do，enjoy yourself．change it．Tonight：Enjoy between you．Tonight：person in question．Keep $\begin{aligned} & \text { K } \\ & \text { following each sign．Someone might } \\ & \text { the gossip to a minimum．be angry，but make that }\end{aligned}$
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 This year you will expe－ 20 ）
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become more．You often involved．Once you start or finish up a project．You people when they see it，times when you need to Monday by working on overthink situations and to relax，there might not know where you want to especially since you are so let others take the initia－achieving a goal．
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the next few months．If next．Someone pushes to cross the line，you could be quite deep．Tonight：coming from．Do not hesi－（1965），President Barack
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erate Republicans and
Democrats when the
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evenly divided. After tea evenly divided. After tea
party members helped party members helped
form a $101-49$ form a 101-49 supermajority two years later,
conservative Republicans conservative Republicans
tried to depose Straus but failed.
Since then, grassroots groups have spent hundreds of thousands of
dollars to oppose Straus, dollars to oppose Straus, Brian Hughes of Marshall has announced his intent
to challenge the speaker for the House leadership.
Still more discord was on Still more discord was on
display when Hutchison $\begin{array}{ll}\text { gave a } \\ \text { andorsed } & \text { spech that } \\ \text { ex-Massacht }\end{array}$ endorsed ex-Massachu-
setts Gov. Mitt Romney's
 We have got a job to
do. We have the job of
electing Mit electing Mitt Romney," Hutchison said, drawing
boos from Ron Paul supboos from Ron Paul sup-
porters.
"The Democrats are trying to divide us. They are
saying we're not unite saying we're not united
behind Mitt Romney," Hutchison continued. few dissenters. ${ }^{\text {n }}$ Hutchison garnered
cheers from most of the cheers from most of the
hall when she said, "It is hall when she said, "It is
time for us to rally around Mitt Romney!"" "We're not distracted
and we're not divided,"
Hutchisen Hutchison added. As she
said that, a small said that a small group
chanted, "Ron Paul!" But a larger chant of "Romney! Romney!" drowned it out.
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## phs baseball/softball camps


staff photos by Andrew Glover LEFT: Brittney Gonzalez, 14 , runs to third during a scrimmage in softball camp Thursday. The camp
was run by the coaching staff and 2012 seniors. was run by the coaching staff and 2012 seniors.
RIGHT: Chance Kerbo, 12, throws a pitch as fast RIGHT: Chance Kerbo, 12, throws a pitch as fast
as he can during baseball camp Thursday. The as he can during baseball camp Thur
Harvesters hosted a four-day camp.

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## Word Search Answers




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"I graduated. They decided I AM a know-it-all!"
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 Nest Heads

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, June Till the wee hours.
11, 2012:
IIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 oo voice their thoughts. You also might there will be a problem; however, if you
discover that many people get confused do not act, there also will be a problem. An by your distinctive personality. If you are element of the unexpected can tum nearly
single, you could meet someone very sen- any situation unside down. Tonight: Nap,
sitive. The issue is that you have a salty then decide. sense of humor at times, which this person LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) could take too seriously. If you are attached, $\quad \star \star \star$ Focus on one project at a time. what you say and what you do often reveal Whatever you do, do it 100 percent if you
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
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hat forces some strong, fixed reactions - understand where others are coming from.
not only from you, but also from others. An You could find a pushy friend to be a diselement of shock runs through your actions. tinct problem. In fact, what this person Naturatly, misunderstandings will arise.
enter yourself. Tonight: Head home, relax TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
$\star \star \star \star$ While there is an element of
$\star \star \star \star$ You move slowly but successharsiness that surrounds you, do not lose fully. You might witness a lot of confuties appear later today, when people calm involved you want to be with the present
down. Straighten out a misunderstanding happenings, as a child or loved one could
down. Straighten out a misunderstanding
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leader is no fun. You inevitably will have
leader is no fun. You inevitably will have
o deal with a difficult situation. You have
at a certain point you need to cut the line
and deal with what is required. As a result,
someone might be e uuit resentful. Tonight:
Burning the candle at both ends.
CANCER (June e 1 -July 22)
$\star \star \star \star$ Do necessary research. Though
people could say some wild and outra-
geous things, you will not want to trigger
a reaction. If you need advice, detach from
your immediate situation. You might want
your immediate situation. You might want
to seek out an expert who is not involved in
the issue. Tonight: Could be la
LEO (Ju't 23-Aug. 22)
$\star \star \star \star$ Others try to come through
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nust on your own, but there could be a what is going on amound you Consider wh
liability that you have yet to see. You are is happening, and be careful as you decide walking a tightrope, and it might be close to how much to invest, emotionally and fina
impossible not to involve others. Tonight: cially. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.


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