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Rodeo Bible Camp Sunday through Wednesday

Registration currently open for kids13 to 18; rodeo scheduled for Wednesday

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Now in its 11th year, Pampa's Texas Rodeo Bible Camp is currently accepting registrations from cowboys and cowgirls aged 13 through 18 for a camp that will last Sunday through Wednesday at Recreation Park.

Jamie Greene, co-camp director, believes the camp is an opportunity for kids to learn about rodeo events and faith, but also life lessons.

"In rodeo events, you have to deal with a horse, bull or an animal with an unknown," said Greene. "Sometimes they make a pretty ride and everything clicks, but lots of times, you may draw a calf that doesn't run straight or something else might go wrong.

"(The kids) learn about not giving up. It's like life, too. Problems come along, and you have to keep trust in god that things will work out."

Kids can register online at texasrodeobiblecamp.com for \$150. Kids ride in the arena from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a break for lunch, and will also participate in swimming and bowling. Campers have two Bible studies each day, and chapel each night at 7 p.m. On Wednesday at 8:30 a.m., the camp will host a small rodeo for its participants.

Kids sign up for the event they want to participate in, and the arena is sectioned *CAMP* cont. on page 3

THREE-COLOR DISPLAY



staff photo by *Mollie Bryant*

Seventeen-year-old Nathan Rodibaugh sets up an Independence Day display on Monday at Heard-Jones Health Mart on Cuyler Street.

County OKs bid for new terminal

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At its regular meeting Monday morning at the Gray County Courthouse, the Gray County Commissioners Court accepted a bid for \$633,000 from Tri-State General Contracting Group in Amarillo for construction of a new terminal building at Perry Lefors Airport.

The project will be covered by a \$300,000 grant from the Pampa Economic Development Corporation and a \$300,000 grant from the Aviation Division of the Texas Department of Transportation, with the county covering the additional costs.

Funds covered by the county would include the \$33,000 that exceeds the grants for the project, as well as other costs associated with moving the terminal building and relocating electric lines prior to the building's construction.

In other business, the commission:

- approved 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer's forfeiture expenditures;
- allowed a commissioner to collect bids for three miles of sealcoat; and
- allowed staff the option of participating in a technology program with Vision Computer Services.

Chamber seeks photo entries for permanent art display

Steele: M.K. Brown Room to be decorated with 'scenes of Pampa past and present'

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The Pampa Chamber of Commerce is giving itself a makeover, and it's asking for the public's help.

"We're doing a facelift down here," said Jane Steele, the Chamber's executive director. "We kind of think we need to do some sprucing up. It's about time. Every 10 years or so, we need to do that.

"We have some wonderful assistants who are in charge of it ... and one of the ideas they had was, in the M.K. Brown Room, we would like to have large photos of Pampa that we will enlarge (to) poster size. We'll frame them and mat them so that room represents, well, Pampa. We're looking at historical pic-

tures, but we're also looking for current photos — any scene that the public or an individual thinks represents

Steele said that the Chamber currently has some "signed, numbered and gorgeous" prints that were donated for other parts of the office. With the M.K. Brown Room used so often for community events, though, the Chamber wanted to go a different route and tap the community at large for its decor.

"This is the meeting place," Steele said. "We want it to be used even more as the meeting place for Pampa. We just felt that it would be neat to have photos of Pampa that people can say, 'Oh, I remember that,' or 'I didn't know the streets used to look like that, is that really Cuyler Street?' We want places to be easily identifiable as Pampa, and we thought if we could

get the public involved, then it would be perfect. We thought, why not make it sort of a contest?"

The deadline for entries is Wednesday, Aug. 1, with winners to be chosen by the Chamber's Executive Board and Tourism Committee.

Photos selected to be displayed will be part of a permanent exhibition and will be enlarged, framed and displayed with a brass plate recognizing the contributors. Original photos can be returned after they are enlarged, Steele said.

A prize for the chosen entries has yet to be decided, although Steele said that tickets to local events and attractions are being considered and an announcement will be made at a later date.

To submit photos, bring them to the Chamber of Commerce office, 200 N. Ballard.





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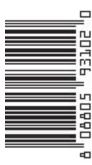
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Wednesday







Low 70

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High 94 Low 70

Today:

Sunny, with a high near 93. South wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Mostly clear, with a low around 70. South wind 10 to 20 mph.

Independence Day:

Sunny, with a high near 95. South wind 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday Night:

Mostly clear, with a low around 70. South wind 15 to 20 mph.

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Obituaries

Richard Brian Stone, 65

Richard Brian Stone was born June 12,1947, in Binger, Okla., to Rufus Brian and Florence Mae Kerbo Stone. He passed away June 28, 2012, in Amarillo at the age of 65 years. R.B. and Florence moved their family to Santa Paula, Calif., in 1951. Rick graduated from Santa Paula High School in 1966.

Rick enjoyed working, singing, playing the bass guitar, collecting and trading Native American artwork, knives, guns and jewelry. Other joys of his were collecting baseball cards with his sons and singing with his daughter. He also enjoyed making his family laugh.

Rick married his wife Sandi Lee Doerr on Sept 12,1981. He worked for Ventura Regional County Sanitation District for many years in California. He and Sandi moved their family from Santa Paula to Binger in Oct of 1982. He worked for Caddo County and the City of Anadarko while living in Binger and played a major role in beginning the polycart program in Caddo County and other surrounding counties. He then went to work for Process Design, Incorporated in Cordell for a time before he and Sandi moved their family to Pampa, in May of 1991 where he went to work for the City of Pampa. He was very proud of heading up the recycle program and many other projects while working in Pampa up until an accident on the job on Jan 15,2001, forced him

into early retirement.

Rick was preceded in death by one unborn child; his parents, Rufus Brian and Florence Mae Stone; father-in-law, Joseph Doerr; grandparents, Carson and Luria (Mimmie) Kerbo, Rufus Stone and Ruth Corlee; and one brother-inlaw, Timothy Shields.

Survivors include his wife, Sandi Lee Stone of the home; three sons, Jerry Stone and wife Brandi of Roseburg, Ore.; Shawn Stone, of Roanoke; Mark Stone of Amarillo; one daughter, Tamara Clark and husband Charles of Lacey, Wash.; one grandson, Austin Stone; three granddaughters, Whitney Stone, Victoria Clark and Samantha Clark.

Annie Dell Foy,

Annie Dell Foy, 77, died July 1, 2012, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Foy

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72 hour period ending Monday, July 2 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 35 traffic-related incidents.

Animal Control agents and the Pampa PD reported 15 animal-related incidents.

Pampa EMS, the Pampa Fire Department and the Lefors Volunteer EMS responded to 14 medical calls. occurred at the 1100 block Friday, June 29

Endangerment of a child or elderly person was reported.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 2000 block of North Coffee.

block of East Frederic. Fraud was reported.

A burglary occurred at the 200 block of North Faulkner.

Harassment was reported block of North Dwight. at the 500 block of North

Magnolia.

Harassment was reported. A burglary occurred at the

A runaway was reported North Wells. at the 2100 block of North Duncan.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1100 block of South Sumner.

An offense against family and children occurred at the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported at the 600 block of East Craven. North Wynne.

of Juniper. A suspicious person was reported at the 400 block of

South Gillespie. A domestic disturbance occurred at the 100 block of Panhandle and the 700

A theft occurred at the 600 block of North Sumner. Violations of city ordinances occurred at the 1100 reported at the 500 block of East Craven. block of Huff, the 900 block of South Wells and the 400

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Saturday, June 30

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curred at the 1100 block of South Varnon. A burglary occurred at the

1100 block of Prairie. Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1600 block of

Highway 60. A robbery occurred at the 500 block of North Russell

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Firm settles in billing allegations

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Federal prosecutors in North Carolina say an operator of urgent care clinics in six states will pay \$10 million to settle allegations it submitted false and inflated bills to taxpayer-supported benefit programs.

U.S. Attorney Anne Tompkins in Charlotte said Monday the settlement involves Mesa, Arizona-based NextCare Inc. It owns and operates more than 50 walkin medical clinics in Arizona, North Carolina, Colorado, Texas, Ohio and Virginia.

Prosecutors say NextCare billed for unnecessary allergy and other tests. The company allegedly submitted false claims to Medicare, the military health care system TRICARE, and the Medicaid programs of Colorado, Virginia, Texas, North Carolina and Arizona.

The lawsuit was aided by former NextCare employee Lorin Cohen of Wilmington, who reported the company's activities to the government. She will receive \$1.6 million in recovered payments.

Capital murder for day care head

SAN MARCOS (AP) — The director of an Austin-area day care center has been convicted of capital murder in the death of a 10-week-old child left in her care.

A Hays County jury returned the verdict against Christina Suzanne Lyons on Monday. Since prosecutors weren't seeking the death penalty, Lyons is automatically sentenced to life imprisonment without parole.

Prosecutors say she caused intentional blunt force trauma to the head of Benjamin Spencer at her home child-care center in Kyle on Nov. 18. The child died on

Lyons hinted that her 4-year-old daughter caused the child's death while she was out of the room.

Art back in Governor's Mansion

AUSTIN (AP) — Crews have returned the iconic painting "Fall of the Alamo" to Texas Governor's Mansion as a \$25 million restoration of the historic mansion nears completion.

In a statement, a spokeswoman for Gov. Rick Perry says crews returned the 1903 painting by Robert Jenkins Onderdonk to the mansion, which first became home to the Texas governor in 1858.

The painting depicts Davy Crockett and other Alamo defenders engaged in hand-to-hand combat at dawn of March 6, 1836, the day the Alamo fell to Mexican forces Lubbock County, where a under the command of Gen. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna Perez de Lebron.

The painting was donated anonymously to the Friends of the Governor's Mansion in 1981 and moved from the mansion to the Governor's Office in October 2007 to make way for the renovation project.

Danny Glover meets with janitors

HOUSTON (AP) — Actor Danny Glover met with Houston janitors to talk about the wages they earn for cleaning offices in some of the city's largest companies. Glover then spoke to more than 300 people at a rally

Sunday also featuring U.S. Reps. Sheila Jackson Lee and Al Green, both Houston Democrats. The Houston Chronicle reports many Houston janitors

make about \$9,000 a year. Glover says that "as citizens, it is our duty and respon-

sibility to stand up for a living wage."

For the last month, more than 3,000 members of the some dry vegetation, but not Service Employees International Union Local 1 have near the drought level we been working without a contract after asking for an had last year," he said. hourly wage increase from \$8.35 to \$10 phased in over four years. Employers offered a raise of 50 cents an hour Fire Marshal Dale Little over five years.

After drought forced ban, fireworks back

(AP) — Fireworks will light up the sky in Texas this Fourth of July, a year after record heat and one of the worst droughts in state history prompted most cities and counties to ban holiday displays.

While communities in Colorado, Tennessee and other states are restricting fireworks because of drought and extreme heat this year, Texas weather is back to normal after spring rains greened up most of the state. But officials still urged residents to exercise caution, even if lawns and shrubs don't appear dry.

'It's not on anybody's radar anymore, so it's important to remind people that (fires) can happen," said April Saginor, spokeswoman for the Texas Forest Service. "We have had several consecutive days of hundred degree temperatures that are drying out your grass. Even if you have had rain somewhat recently, it can dry out real quickly and put us back at danger."

West Texas is still dealing with drought, and areas like El Paso and Hudspeth counties have banned fireworks, although professional shows are still on.

"The conditions are just perfect for everything to burn," El Paso emergency official Scott Calderwood said.

There's no ban in disaster declaration last year also meant canceling professional shows, emergency official Clinton Bedford

Recent rains have brought temporary relief, Bedford said, lowering the moisture index used to determine forest fire potential. The state defines a drought as 575 or higher using this index, known as the Keetch-Byram Drought Index. The KBDI in Lubbock County hovered around 525 the weekend before July 4, Bedford said.

'We're somewhat concerned because there is

In Midland County, said the KBDI sat around 500 the weekend before Independence Day, and he urged residents to light fireworks with caution because a low number on the scale doesn't mean the county is in the clear.

"We are still in a drought," Little said. "We're every bit as dry as last year."

Officials from the weather service forecast temperatures in the low- to mid-90s across the state for the week. Though the southeastern coast received rainfall the weekend before July 4, the rest of the state has remained dry, said Victor Murphy, climate program manager for the National Weather Service in Fort Worth.

"It looks like typical Fourth of July weather," Murphy said.

Even in places where fireworks were legal last year, stand owners said they lost business.

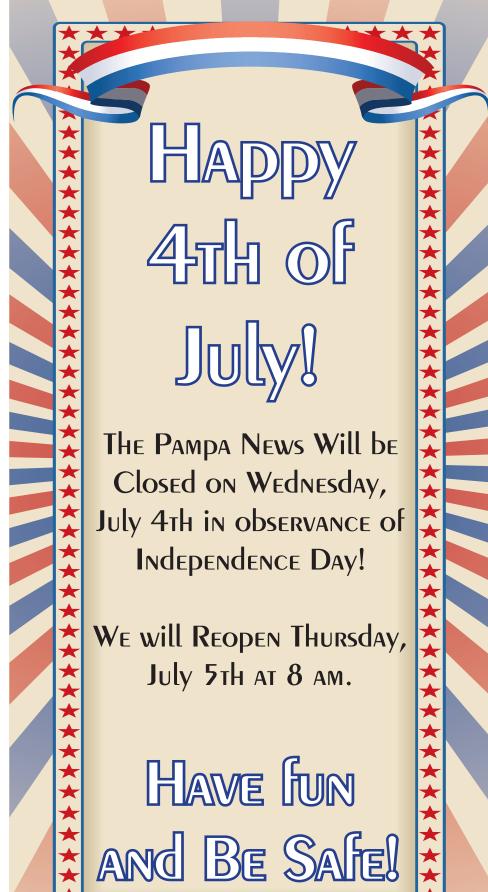
Rex Nelson, co-owner of Nelson's Fireworks, which has stores across the state, said his business fell off because customers were "in panic mode" after hearing about fire dangers across the state.

Jim Harris normally opens close to 30 Truckload Fireworks stands across West Texas. The 56-yearold said he lost hundreds of thousands of dollars last year, though he agrees with the ban for residents' safety. Harris, who has owned his fireworks business for 28 years, works as a welder during the off-season and said he expects his business to be back on track this year.

"They completely banned every county I was in last summer," said Nelson, who was in Caddo Mills on Monday. "It was hot, it was dry, so I just cried, but I cried alone.







Camp

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off for different events.

"It's a circus out there, with someone always practicing on roping or riding," said Greene.

"It's more about Jesus than learning about events," she added.

For more information or to register, people can call Jamie Greene at 806-665-8850 or co-camp director Kathleen Greene at 806-665-8067.





viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, July 3, the 185th day of 2012. There are 181 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 3, 1962, French President Charles de Gaulle signed an agreement recognizing Algeria as an independent state after 132 years of French rule. (The same day, U.S. President John F. Kennedy sent a congratulatory message to the Algerian people.)

On this date:

In 1608, the city of Quebec was founded by Samuel de Champlain.

In 1775, Gen. George Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Mass.

In 1863, the three-day Civil War Battle of Gettysburg in Pennsylvania ended in a major victory for the North as Confederate troops retreated.

In 1890, Idaho became the 43rd state of the Union.

In 1898, the U.S. Navy defeated a Spanish fleet outside Santiago Bay in Cuba during the Spanish-American War.

In 1944, during World War II, Soviet forces recaptured Minsk.

In 1950, the first carrier strikes of the Korean War took place as the USS Valley Forge and the HMS Triumph sent fighter planes against North Korean

In 1971, singer Jim Morrison of The Doors died in Paris at age 27.

In 1979, Dan White, convicted of voluntary manslaughter in the shooting deaths of San Francisco Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk, was sentenced to 7 years and 8 months in prison. (He ended up serving 5 years.)

In 1987, British millionaire Richard Branson and Per Lindstrand became the first hot-air balloon travelers to cross the Atlantic, jumping into the sea as their craft went down off the Scottish coast.

In 1988, the USS Vincennes shot down an Iran Air jetliner over the Persian Gulf, killing all 290 people aboard.

In 1992, the first U.S. Air Force C-130 from Operation Provide Promise arrived in the besieged Bosnian capital of Sarajevo.

Ten years ago: Jean-Marie Messier (zhan muh-REE' meh-see-AY'), chairman of Vivendi Universal, was formally removed from his post and replaced by Jean-Rene Fourtou of the pharmaceutical company Aventis.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush refused to rule out an eventual pardon for I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby after already commuting his prison sentence in the CIA leak case (as it turned out, Bush didn't pardon Libby). Japan's defense minister (Fumio Kyuma) resigned after drawing furious criticism for suggesting the U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki were inevitable. The Alinghi team from Switzerland succeeded in defending sailing's coveted America's Cup, beating Emirates Team New Zealand 5-2. Saxophonist Boots Randolph ("Yakety Sax") died in Nashville at age 80.

One year ago: A chartered fishing boat, the Erik, sank in Mexico's Sea of Cortez, leaving one Northern California man dead and seven still classified as missing. Yingluck Shinawatra, the sister of Thailand's fugitive former prime minister, Thaksin Shinawatra, led his loyalists to a landslide election victory, a stunning rout of the militarybacked government that had crushed protests by his supporters. Novak Djokovic won his first Wimbledon, beating defending champion Rafael Nadal 6-4, 6-1, 1-6, 6-3.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Tim O'Connor is 85. Jazz musician Pete Fountain is 82. Playwright Tom Stoppard is 75. Writer-producer Jay Tarses is 73. Singer Fontella Bass is 72. Attorney Gloria Allred is 71. Actor Kurtwood Smith is 69. Actor Michael Cole ("The Mod Squad") is 67. Country singer Johnny Lee is 66. Humorist Dave Barry is 65. Actress Betty Buckley is 65. Rock singer-musician Paul Barrere (Little Feat) is 64. Actress Jan Smithers is 63. Actor Bruce Altman is 57. Former Haitian President Jean-Claude Duvalier is 61. Talk show host Montel Williams is 56. Country singer Aaron Tippin is 54. Rock musician Vince Clarke (Erasure) is 52. Actor Tom Cruise is 50. Actor Thomas Gibson is 50. Actress Hunter Tylo is 50. Actress Connie Nielsen is 48. Actress Yeardley Smith is 48. Singer Ishmael Butler is 43. Rock musician Kevin Hearn (Barenaked Ladies) is 43. Actresssinger Shawnee Smith is 43. Actress-singer Audra McDonald is 42. WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is 41. Actor Patrick Wilson is 39. Country singer Trent Tomlinson is 37. Actress Andrea Barber is 36. Singer Shane Lynch (Boyzone) is 36. Actor Ian Anthony Dale is 34. Actress Elizabeth Hendrickson is 33. Rhythm-and-blues singer Tonia Tash (Divine) is 33. Country singer-songwriter Sarah Buxton is 32. Actress Shoshannah Stern is 32. Actor Grant Rosenmeyer is 21. Actress Kelsey Batelaan is 17.

Thought for Today: "Perhaps too much of everything is as bad as too little." — Edna Ferber. American author and playwright (1885-1968).



Ruling changed political playing field

The Supreme Court's 5-4 decision upholding the Obama administration's health care legislation was a victory for the president, his administration and his party. Their most ambitious legislative achievement has not been nullified, and they are not left in obvious disarray.

But it is only a partial victory and in some ways not a victory at all, both in the short run electorally and in the long run in terms of the constitutional order.

Politically Obamacare, as its critics call it, remains highly unpopular. It's possible that the court decision will boost its support, but unlikely.

Most voters want this law repealed. Mitt Romney and the Republicans want to repeal it. Barack Obama and the Democrats want to preserve it. It's not a winning issue for the incumbent.

Constitutionally, many conservatives are unhappy that Chief Justice Roberts and the four justices generally considered liberal voted to uphold the mandate to buy health insurance as a tax, which Congress is clearly empowered to levy.

But the fact remains that a majority of five justices, including Roberts, also declared that Congress' power to regulate commerce does not authorize a mandate to buy a commercial product. This will tend to bar further expansion of the size and scope of the federal government.

Moreover, the Constitution's limits on congressional power have now become, for the first time in seven decades, a political issue. They're likely to remain one for years to

This would not have been true had not the constitutional case against the mandate been advanced by Washington lawyer David Rivkin, Georgetown law professor Randy Barnett and many others.

They did not quite prevail in the



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Supreme Court, but they changed not only the legal but also the political debate in a way almost no one anticipated three years

Unhappy conservatives grumble that Congress get around the

declaration that a mandate is beyond Congress's enumerated powers by labeling it a tax -- or just by relying on five justices declaring it one.

But there's usually a political price to pay for increasing taxes. That's why Barack Obama swore up and down that the mandate was not a tax. It's why Democratic congressional leaders did not call it one.

Roberts' decision undercuts such arguments, now and in the future. Members of Congress supporting such legislation will be held responsible, this year and for years to come, for increasing taxes.

And the Constitution's provision that tax bills must be originated in the House of Representatives means that the party controlling the House can effectively block such measures. That will be an argument for Republican congressional candidates for the indefinite future.

It should not be forgotten that the Supreme Court did overturn part of the Obamacare legislation, the provision allowing the federal government to cut off states from all Medicaid funding if they refuse to vastly expand Medicaid eligibility as the legislation requires.

Here, another novel legal argument, advanced by Vanderbilt law professor (and my law school classmate) James Blumstein, found favor with a majority of justices. The idea is that Congress can't use the leverage of partial federal funding to force the states to increase the size and scope of government.

This seems like a principle that could work powerfully against big government policies. Medicaid has been vastly expanded over the years in this manner. Now the Court seems to be saying that that game is over.

The court's decision elicited sighs of relief from the White House. The president's entire administration is not in disarray.

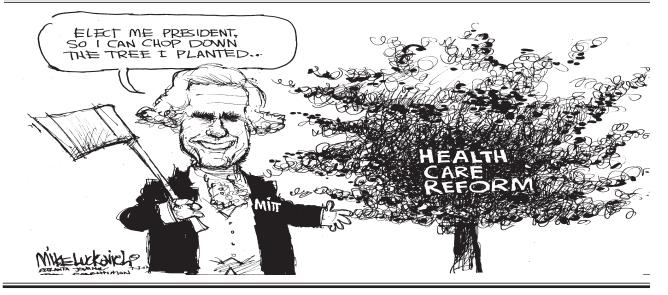
But the basic assumptions that he brought to office have proven unwarranted. Obama followed the New Deal historians in portraying history as a story of progress from minimal government to big government and in arguing that economic distress would make Americans more supportive of big government policies.

The unpopularity of Obamacare and the stimulus package have proven the latter assumption wrong. Most Americans are skeptical about the supposedly guaranteed benefits of centralized big government pro-

And history does not move in one direction toward big government, even if it did from 1929 to 1945. Mercantilism was replaced by free trade in the 19th century, New Deal regulation by deregulation in the 1970s and 1980s.

The Supreme Court's decision, while upholding Obamacare, tilts the legal and political playing field away from big government more than anyone anticipated three years ago, and probably for years to come

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Letter to the Editor

Welcome, Prime, to Pampa

To the Editor:

Several months ago, I came in second in a kicking contest with a longhorn cross steer. Second prize was a ruptured quadriceps tendon, and other injuries resulting in a leg that wouldn't work.

Through the artful surgery of Dr.

David Hampton and the rehab skills of Colleen and Jimmy at Pampa Regional Medical Center, I am ambulatory once again.

The quality of life in Pampa and surrounding counties is truly enhanced by the presence of an orthopedic surgeon of the caliber of Dr. Hampton, and the excellent facilities and services available at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

The new owner of the hospital,

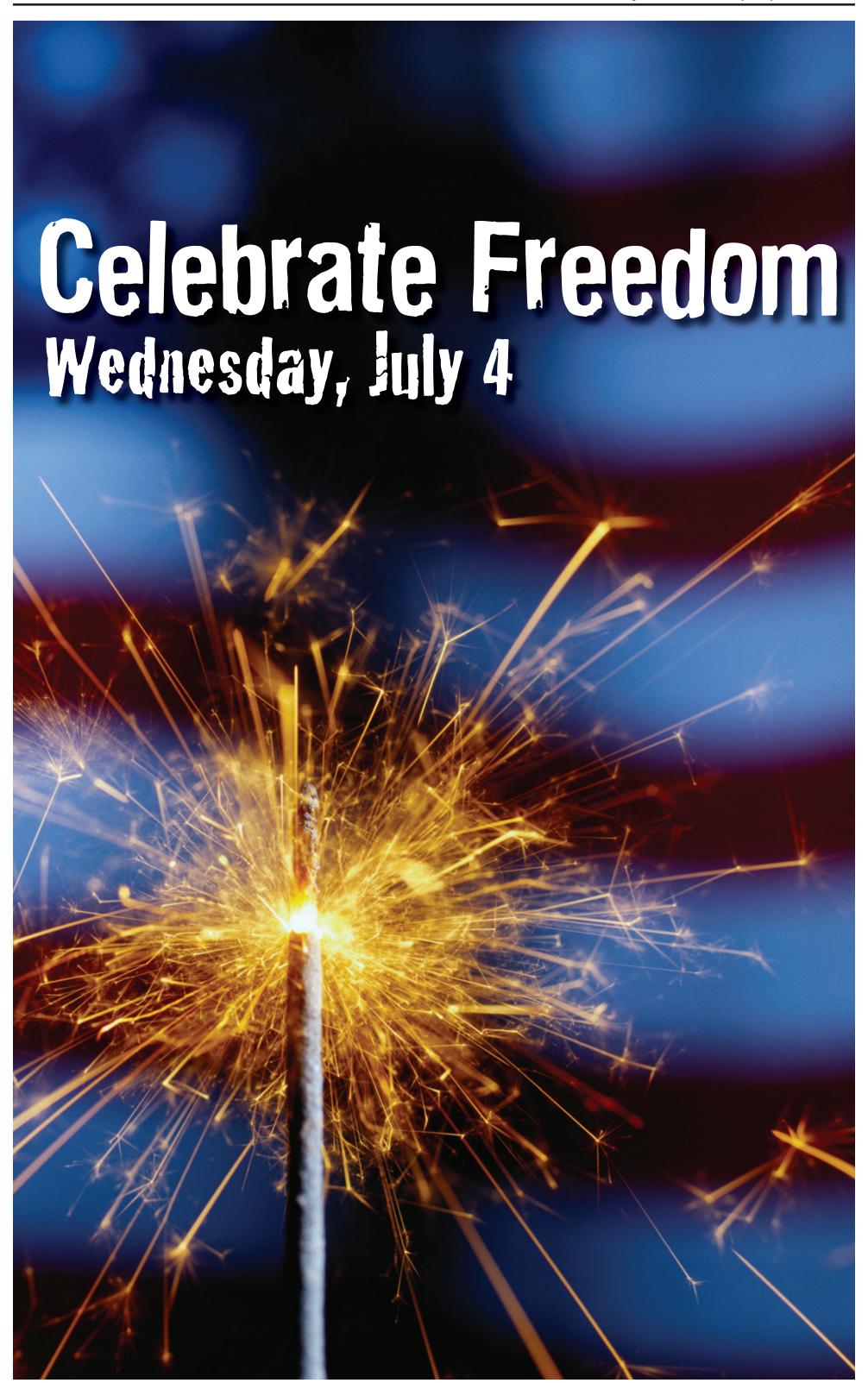
Prime Healthcare Services, seems poised to raise the bar. It appears that they have crossed swords in California with the notorious, economy-killing Service Employees International Union. If so, they must be doing something right. Welcome, Prime Healthcare Services, to Pampa!

Ken Fields Pampa

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Nest Heads





HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, July 4, 2012:

This year you could change your focus from being the person who values family and home above all else to the person who seeks different yet basic answers to questions of life and death. You might wonder: Why are we here? Some of you might become more involved with the esoteric arts. If you are single, you could meet someone who provokes deep thinking or has a lot of depth him- or herself. If you are attached, your conversations might be very important in designing your future years together. You might look at more traveling as well. AQUARIUS seems cool, but he or she really cares.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

attention, yet it will find you. When you finally kick back and stop worrying, the fun mood of celebration allows you to join in on one of the biggest birthday parties of the year. Tonight: Where the action is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance who might be very important to you. You have experienced a lot of tension, and finally relaxing feels good. A discussion could become very lively. You could wonder what is going on. Tonight: Where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Dedicate the morning and, if possible, most of the day to a loved one. You might notice that a child seems unusually restrained. Try to be clear when communicating. Travel is possible in the near future. Tonight: Choose something you haven't done before.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Listen to a family member who might have a case of the blues. A parent or older friend startles you with his or her actions and decisions. If you become upset, do not take it out on someone else. You demonstrate unusual caring. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might want a lazy, easy pace, yet you have difficulty honoring your own desires. An element of the unexpected runs riot, but the end results could be quite delightful. Others seek you out with lastminute invitations. Tonight: Where the party is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Maintain an easy pace. You'll want to resist offering too much of your time and skills. To be generous is delightful, but not to the point where you jeopardize your well-being. A partner or friend could act in an unexpected manner. Tonight: Only what you want. Rearrange plans if need be.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You add that extra touch of merriment to any situation. Stop for a snooze if need be, but once you rev up your engine, you might not want to stop. A partner delights you with his or her reaction. You feel unusually whole with a child. Tonight: Play the night away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Stay on top of a situation sur-★★★ You might shy away from some rounding a family member. You might need to air out a problem to feel totally like yourself again. Invite friends and family over to celebrate. You might enjoy seeing everyone interact with each other. Tonight: Know that you do not need to add any fireworks.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Friends clearly want your attention, and the sooner, the better. Enjoy seeing and visiting with people who you rarely have a chance to see. The unexpected runs through your plans. Be spontaneous, and you will have a more memorable day. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Bring others together for a planned or spontaneous get-together. A change at home could allow more flexibility. Dealing with an older relative or friend could be taxing. Allow others to be as spontaneous as you are. Tonight: Observe a tendency to overindulge yourself and others.

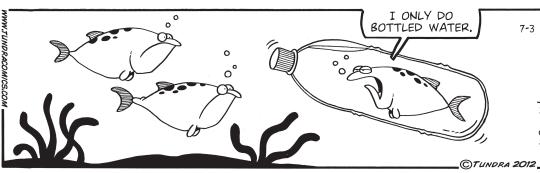
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Beam in more of what you want. A call from someone at a distance could make you a little sad or sway you not to go through with plans. Relax with the moment and just go with the flow. Take

action if someone seems reticent. Tonight:

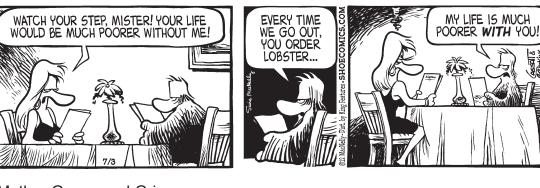
Leader of the gang. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Take your time, pull back and do some hard thinking before joining in on the local celebrations. Continue using care with your finances. A partner could be touchy and difficult. Unfortunately, there is no way around it. A relationship is changing. Tonight: Don't feel like you have to do something.

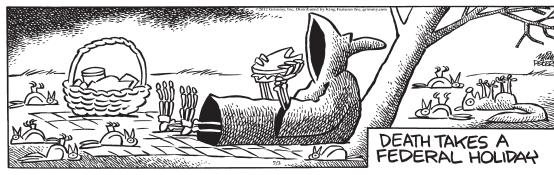
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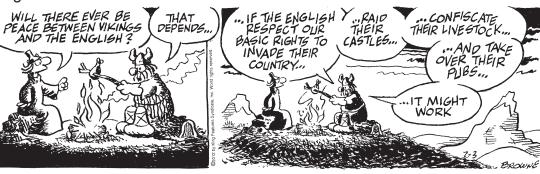


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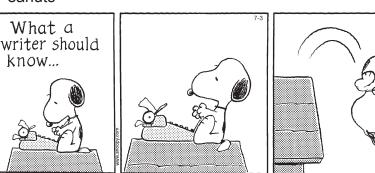
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Nest Heads



HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July 5, 2012:

and clear. You have a way of penetrating others' natural defenses and drawing strong reactions. A new level of intimacy becomes the norm for you in building stronger and more bonded relationships. If you are single, you will demand more from potential suitors than in the past, as attached, you start to change, and though your significant other might have an adverse reaction at first, it all works for the better. AQUARIUS seems as intense as you are, as he or she intellectualizes a lot.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

 $\star\star\star\star\star$ Be where people are, whether it is at a baseball game, an organization or a fun restaurant. Those of you who must work today will relax with others, even grumpy bosses. Confirm sible. your meetings and plans. Tonight: Follow your friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Whether you are entertaining or just enjoying yourself, you relax. An element of the unexpected allows you to flow in a new way and get past a problem. Think positively, and others will start reacting like that, too. Tonight: Hone in on your desires.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Reach out for someone at a distance. You naturally make the right choice. A misunderstanding could be in the offing if you do not clarify or ask for clarification. Honor your instincts involving a child or loved one. Tonight: All smiles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You could feel pushed to the max by someone. This person just likes you so much and wants you closer. In a professional context, you might produce quality work that is unique to your usual style. Tonight: Togetherness works.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You always do so much for others -- why not kick back for a day and do for yourself? Curiosity might draw a friend or loved one forward; you seem to be MIA. The unexpected weaves its way once more through your day. Tonight: Confusion arises.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Others pace themselves, as This year your message is heard loud they know they still have a lot to do. You will throw yourself into whatever project you need to finish. Remember, you only need to do your own stuff. Don't worry so much about being helpful to others. Tonight: Make it as easy as possible.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Sometimes you just cannot you are capable of giving more. If you are resist. So don't. Enjoy whatever or whomever is enticing you to become involved. Your reaction could surprise even you. Make calls and touch base with a loved one. Good news seems to come from this person more often than not. Tonight:

Whatever catches your fancy. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Slow down and take a break. When you are deep in thought, others often perceive you as slowing down. Make this time different, and let go of your thoughts. Pretend to be in meditation. Tonight: Avoid an irritating person, if pos-

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Sometimes others might consider you to be blunt. Today is a prime example. Others' good moods will help pull you out of a difficult situation. A child or loved one delights you with his or her quirky, imaginative ways. Tonight: Return calls and emails.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Curb a desire to indulge if ultimately it is going to be damaging in some way. You are so tightly wound that when you let go, your energy goes to the opposite extreme. Try to alleviate some of the wild swings. Tonight: Continue as you are. You don't want to change gears anyway.

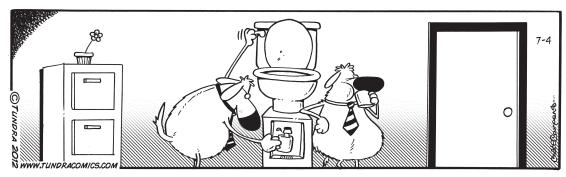
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You have reason to smile. News that heads in your direction could force you to regroup. Infuse more creativity into a project and your day-to-day life. The sense of reward is high. Understanding naturally evolves. Tonight: You are the director. You decide.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★ If you can, take some long-overdue personal time. You are known as a giver, and many people respond by taking. Learn to say "no" more often, but also take better care of yourself. A family member or loved one enjoys reversing roles with you. Tonight: Bathe in someone's caring.

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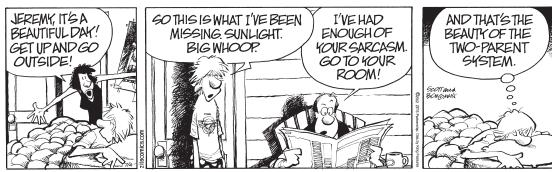
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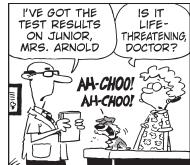


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Sports

Pampa Gold Sox riding wave of summer momentum



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The Pampa Gold Sox show off their trophies after taking the top spot in the Memorial Day Woodward (Okla.) tournament. Pictured are (back row, from left) Coach Brady Aiken, Nathan Furgason, Austin Hernandez, Braxton Maul, Joseph Radke, Colton Thompson, Thomas Haley, Ryan Powell, Adam

Zuniga, Coach Dylan Henley; (front row, from left) Coach Jake Craig, Zach Hill, Ty Hooper, Braden Keown, Rhett Harden, Jordan Green and Coach Keenan Davis.

Hamilton: 'Blessed' to get record All-Star vote

ARLINGTON (AP) — Five months ago, Texas Rangers slugger Josh Hamilton was in the same interview room at Rangers Ballpark apologizing for a relapse with alcohol.

This time, Hamilton was talking about how blessed he was for how many people voted for him to be an All-Star starter

Nearly 11.1 million votes, more than ever before for any player, were cast to send Hamilton to his fifth consecutive All-Star game.

"Oh man, that's crazy," Hamilton said after the All-Star rosters were announced Sunday. "It just means a lot, fans vote you in, and to get that many votes is obviously pretty special. ... It's just as exciting this time as the first time.'

Hamilton's first All-Star appearance was in 2008 included that powerful display in the Home Run Derby at old Yankee Stadium by going deep 28 times in the first round. It was part of the inspiring story of the former No. 1 overall pick who then fell into the depths of drug and alcohol before overcoming his addictions and becoming one of the best players in the major leagues.

It was after his second known relapse with alcohol that Hamilton publicly apologized Feb. 3, weeks before spring training began.

"The biggest thing, everything that happened since the last time I was in this room, is realizing how I ended up in this room the first time," Hamilton said. "And it always goes back to not doing the things that I need to do to live my life how I should live it, and that's obviously my relationship with Christ, and the fellowship and praying, getting in the (Bible), doing all those things.

"It's pretty simple for me to look back on now, but I talked after the '09 incident, we just kind of swept it under the rug, 'Oh, it happened, oh well.' After this one, we wanted to figure out what it was.'

Hamilton described himself at peace, on and off the field. He said it is important for him to be aware of things on a daily basis, and to surround himself with people who encourage and support him.

Despite hitting only .223 in June, Hamilton went into Sunday's games still sixth in the American League with a .319 average. His 25 homers matched his total of last season.

JONATHAN POLASEK The Pampa News

The Gold Sox, Pampa's 13- to 15-year-old Babe Ruth All-Stars, have had tremendous success thus far this summer.

They have gone 7-1 through the two tournaments leading up to the state competition on July 14-16 in Dumas, including three run-rule victories in a championship run in Woodward, Okla., over Memorial Day weekend. The Gold Sox' dominant sweep of this past weekend's games has only reinforced their momentum.

The team now expects to be in the top seedings in the upcoming tournament, and, if they win the upcoming state tournament, they will be headed to Mississippi for the National Babe Ruth League Championship.

The team has impressed

by averaging just fewer than 11 runs a game and beating opponents by an average of seven runs per victory. Their defense and pitching have been lights out; through these eight preliminary games to state, the team has given up just over four runs per game, included one shutout and two games with just one run surrendered.

Despite the impressive stats that the kids are putting up, though, assistant head coach Guy Green says that the team's success is all about what isn't physical.

"Most of them have a very good attitude and that reflects in their teamwork," Green said. "Their talent level is so high that there really isn't a big drop off 1 through 15.3

Green also says that no matter how far the kids get, it's still all about the funda-

"We will continue to work fundamentals every single day, then we will just play, and stay in that game environment. We need to stay ready to play the better teams like Dumas, and some other ones from down state."

Asked about the thought of more interviews after possibly winning state, Green just chuckled.

"I'll be looking forward to it," he said.

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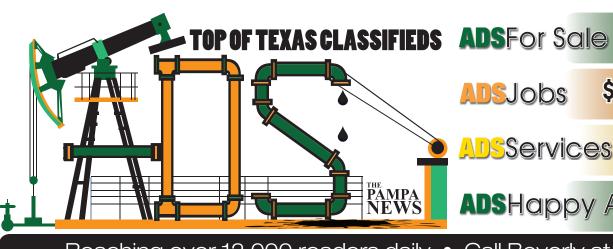
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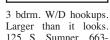
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DEAR JANET: Thank you Seeing her letter gave me a for a heartwarming letter. It's spark of hope. I sought and found gratifying to know you were helped because of something you read in my column. I

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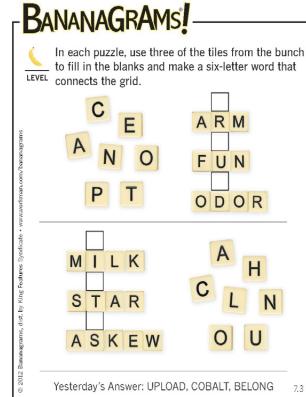
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DEAR ABBY: We have a ing meetings. I took a sponsor hope your success will inspire friend who lives in another city and am in recovery from the others who also suffer from and takes a lot of trips. She vis-

Anonymous a large photo album from her most recent vacation and insists we sit down with her so she can give us a running commentary about each snapshot. Abby, her travelogues last an hour or more.

> We're pleased that our friend enjoys her trips, but we no longer wish to be subjected to her 'presentations." We would never expect her — or anyone — to view all the pictures we take on our travels. How can we gently explain this to her? — WEARY IN THE WEST

DEAR WEARY: The next time your houseguest hauls out her photo album, try this: Tell her vou'd love to hear about her trip, but you'd like her to show you only two or three of her "favorite" pictures from her most memorable destination. That may narrow the field and shorten the monologue.



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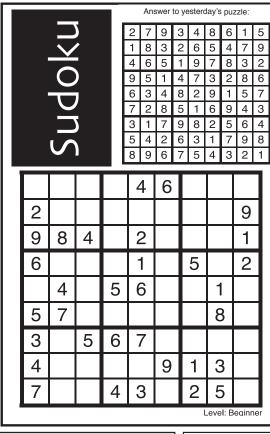
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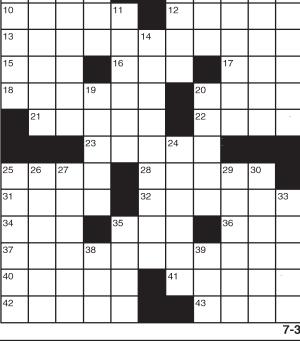
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an alcoholic. He keeps telling me he can handle it as You already know it won't long as there is no abuse. I feel I'm taking advantage ker down and wait for the of him and that he deserves explosion, keeping in mind told him so.

I have been in rehab several times and tried AA, tion will be. Nothing worked. I always want to lose the love of inside that he has to put up with my drinking problem. — NEEDS HELP IN **FLORIDA**

DEAR NEEDS HELP: in your relationship substance abuse. Until you finally decide that there is something more important than a drink, you will remain stuck in your addiction. And as long as your partner continues to accept and "handle it," he will be your enabler. Where you go from here is up to you, but getting counseling for your low self-esteem and going back to AA would be giant steps in the right direction.

DEAR ABBY: It seems that every other letter you print concerns a demanding relative (a parent, inlaw, sibling, etc.). The writer always wants to know how to avoid unreasonable demands without causing "unpleasantness." May I say a word to these folks?

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Above all, do go back to drinking. Where be drawn into a fight! and positive reinforcedo I go from here? I don't Controlling people love to fight, and they are good at my life, but it's killing me it. Your weapon should be meetings. Screen your calls. Ignore letters and emails unless they contain an apol-There IS abuse going on desire for change. It may Fourth of July, everyone! shock your domineering

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If not, you haven't lost a a wonderful man. We had know their control over you thing. You may even find both come out of very long depends on temper tantrums that your life is less compliand abusive relationships and/or fits of sulking and cated without them. Draw when we met. He works tears. They'll pitch these the line and let your family know that future relationships will be based on love AND respect, or there will be no future relations. You won't regret it. - BEEN THERE, DONE THAT, KNOXVILLE, TENN.

DEAR BEEN THERE: People who have spent a lifetime trying to please others may find your recbetter than this, and I have that the longer you have ommendations difficult to been a doormat, the more put into practice. Habits can become so entrenched that they are hard to break without coaching ment. That is why I advise those who feel constantly put upon to consider takpolite withdrawal. Refuse ing classes in assertiveness training.

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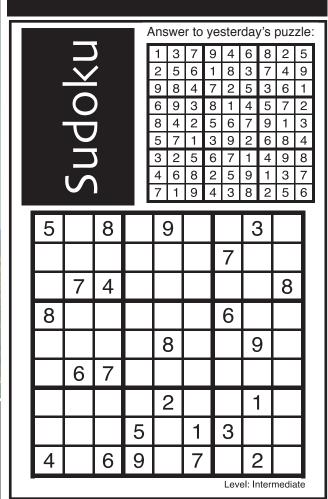
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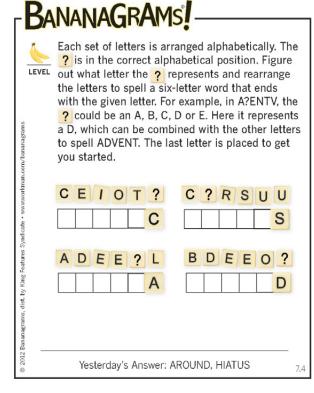
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The best decisions are made by analyzing facts, but these days the financial facts seem to change day by day. That argues for staying pat in a balanced strategy if you're an investor. When markets are irrational, you must stay disciplined, especially when so many key issues are truly out of our control.

Europe's Financial Crisis: Each rescue plan has failed to solve the inherent problem that was created when Europe brought diverse countries into an economic union and a common currency without any control over the individual countries' taxing and spending policies. Europe has fallen into recession.

Why does it matter to our economy? As Walt Disney noted many years ago, "It's a small world, after all." Many of America's largest companies — think McDonald's and Coca-Cola — derive a significant portion of their earnings from Europe. As Europe slows down, it affects U.S. corporate earnings - and thus, the stock market. Also, many of our largest banks still own European debt. Fears of a European banking collapse disrupt the global flow of funds, further slowing growth in Europe and in America.

China's Economic Slowdown: For the past few

The Savage on money

decades, China's growth has depended on its exports to the United States and to Europe. So with America in an economic slowdown and Europe clearly in recession, China's exports have dropped, affecting their economy. That has caused the Chinese central bank to cut interest rates in an attempt to stimulate growth. But many global economists worry about the extent of China's economic decline, noting that their statistics are not always reliable

Why does it matter to us? China is also a market for many U.S. exports, including machinery and agricultural products. A slowdown in their demand is ultimately a negative for significant parts of our economy. The good news coming out of China's economic slowdown is that they have cut back on their purchases of many global commodities. That is part of the reason for the falling price of oil, which leads to lower gasoline prices here.

Supreme Court Health Care Ruling: Many corporations had been waiting anxiously to see how the Supreme Court's ruling on the constitutionality of parts of the health care reform law would affect

Meanwhile, the global economic slowdown puts pressure on our economy, on job creation and on our stock market. Even the Fed is powerless to create enough stimulus to get our economy growing again in the face of all that negativ-

Banks have money, but they aren't confident

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