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## Local cyclists ride to 'Remember the Wounded'



**Top: Scot King (far left)** leads an entourage of local cyclists into Pampa's VFW Post on Saturday. A group of motorcyclists followed behind. **Bottom: Grady Rose (left)** speaks with King after he rides into the Post. King stopped through Pampa during the weekend as part of a cross-country cycling tour called Remember the Wounded Ride, which is raising awareness and funds for combat wounded veterans.

## Halliburton 2Q profit flat, still tops estimates

NEW YORK (AP) — Success has a downside for Halliburton. Like other energy service firms, Halliburton has become so good at helping natural gas companies boost production that U.S. supplies are now larger than ever. That means lower prices, however, and Halliburton's business is now suffering as its customers cut back on new natural gas operations.

Halliburton Co. said Monday that second-quarter net income dipped slightly to \$737 million, or 79 cents per share, from \$739 million, or 80 cents per share, a year earlier. That was despite record revenue at \$7.2 billion. It was Halliburton's first decline in quarterly net income since the first quarter of 2010.

The results still beat Wall Street estimates, and shares rose 2.4 percent to \$31.51.

Halliburton relies more on its North American natural gas business than other major services companies. So, as companies cut back on drilling in the U.S. following a plunge in natural gas **HALLIBURTON** cont. on page 10

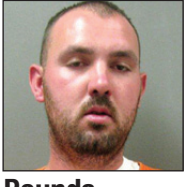
## Top O' Texas Kid Pony Show Winners Announced

- MOLLIE BRYANT**  
 mbryant@thepampanews.com
- Below are the results from the Top O' Texas Kid Pony Show on Sunday. All contestants were awarded blue participant ribbons.
- Calf Riding, Group 2  
 First place: Taylor Pritchett, Joshua  
 Second place: Gage Hoganson, Pampa
  - Third place: Gavin Wash, Bushland
  - Stick Horse Race, Boys Group 1  
 First place: Zane Wash, Bushland  
 Second place: Chace McLaughlin, Pampa  
 Third place: Christian Silva, Pampa
  - Stick Horse Race, Girls Group 1  
 First place: Brylee Madill, Amarillo  
 Second place: Harlee Gomez, Shamrock  
 Third place: Abby Pritchett, Joshua
  - Goat Ribbon Race, Boys Group 1  
 First place: Chace McLaughlin, Pampa  
 Second place: Zane Wash, Bushland  
 Third place: Trey Stark, Pampa
  - Goat Ribbon Race, Girls Group 1  
 First place: Harlee Gomez, Shamrock  
 Second place: Abby Pritchett, Joshua  
 Third place: McKayla Winkler, Pampa
  - Flag Race, Boys Group 2  
 First place: Gavin Wash, Bushland  
 Second place: Gage Hoganson, Pampa
  - Third place: Colin George, Pampa
  - Flag Race, Girls Group 2  
 First place: Brook Madill, Amarillo  
 Golfette, Boys Group 1  
 First place: Hazen Lamb, Borger  
 Golfette, Girls Group 1  
 First place: Brylee Madill, Amarillo  
 Golfette, Boys Group 2  
 First place: Colin George, Pampa  
 Second place: Gage Hoganson, Pampa
  - Third place: Taylor Pritchett, Joshua  
 Golfette, Girls Group 2  
 First place: Brooke Madill, Amarillo  
 Walk and Lead Barrell Race, Group 1  
 First place: Harlee Gomez, Shamrock  
 Second place: Zane Wash, Bushland  
 Third place: Brylee Madill, Amarillo
  - Barrel Race, Boys Group 1  
 First place: Zane Wash, Bushland  
 Second place: Hazen Lamb, Borger  
 Third place: Chace McLaughlin, Pampa
  - Barrel Race, Girls Group 1  
 First place: Harlee Gomez, Shamrock  
 Second place: Brylee Madill, Amarillo
  - Barrel Race, Boys Group 2  
 First place: Gavin Wash, Bushland  
 Second place: Colin George, Pampa  
 Third place: Taylor Pritchett, Joshua
  - Barrel Race, Girls Group 2  
 First place: Brooke Madill, Amarillo  
 Second place: Marley Hernandez, Pampa  
 Third place: Kamre Mask, Nazareth

## Man arrested for unlawful firearm possession by a felon

**MOLLIE BRYANT**  
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The Gray County Sheriff's Office arrested a man for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon on Saturday afternoon.



Following an investigation of a known felon attempting to sell or trade a handgun, deputies received information that a suspect, Tyson Pounds, 27, of Pampa, had made arrangements to exchange the handgun.

After deputies stopped Pounds on a traffic violation, they arrested and charged him with unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

Pounds was released on a \$10,000 bond.

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## PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Wednesday	Thursday
		
High 96 Low 71	High 96 Low 72	High 94 Low 68

**Today:** Partly sunny, with a high near 96. South southwest wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Tuesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Wednesday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 96. South southwest wind 15 to 20 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 72. South wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Thursday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 94. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east northeast in the afternoon.

**Thursday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south after midnight.

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# Obituaries

## Bob Ousley, 67

Bob Ousley, 67, died July 23, 2012, in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Ousley was born September 20, 1944, in Pampa. He was a lifelong resident of Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School in 1962 and attending culinary school in Muskogee, Okla.. Bob worked for Ideal Food Store, Albertson's and United Supermarket for many years, retiring in 2006. He was a member of Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ. He loved vintage cars and belonged to a local car club.

Survivors include his sister, Nancy Ramirez and husband Jaime of Tyrone, N.M.; two nephews, Jeffrey Neuburger of Dallas, and Chad Howie and wife Nikki of Las Vegas, Nev.; a niece, Jennifer Castenada and husband Jorge of Benicia, Calif.; a brother-in-law, Ralph Neuburger of Dallas; special friends, J.L. Furgason and wife Helen of Pampa; and several great nieces and great nephews. Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Hansford and Billie Ousley; and by a sister, Linda Neuburger.

Memorials may be made to Odyssey Healthcare, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, TX 79106.

Sign the online register at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

# For the record

## Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72 hour period ending Monday, July 23 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 36 traffic-related incidents.

Animal Control reported 28 animal-related incidents.

Pampa EMS, the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department and the Lefors Volunteer EMS responded to 21 medical calls.

**Friday, July 20**

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1500 block of North Zimmers.

A suspicious person was reported at the 100 block of South Dwight.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the 300 block of West Foster.

A violation of a protective order was reported.

Identity theft was reported.

A theft was reported.

A suspicious person was reported at the 700 block of North Banks.

A hit and run occurred at the 600 block of North Dwight.

A theft occurred at the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Phone harassment was reported at the 400 block of North Hill.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 600 block of North Wells.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1000 block of West 19th.

An assault occurred at the 600 block of North Magnolia.

A violation of a protective order was reported.

An offense against family and children occurred at the 200 block of North West and the 100 block of West 30th.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 600 block of Magnolia.

An offense against family and children occurred at 19th and Hamilton.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 900 block of North Mary Ellen.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 600 block of Hazel.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 300 block of

North Banks.

An offense against family and children occurred at the 1500 block of West Alcock.

**Saturday, July 21**

A suspicious person was reported at Foster and Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 500 block of West Montagu.

A suspicious person was reported at the 300 block of North Hobart, the 2200 block of Perryton and the 2100 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 200 block of East Browning.

A suspicious person was reported at Ripley and Nelson.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 200 block of East Browning.

A suspicious person was reported at the 300 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1000 block of South Faulkner.

A suspicious person was reported at the 2500 block of North Perryton.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 100 block of South Purviance.

A suspicious person was reported at the 100 block of South Starkweather.

A missing person was re-

ported at the 1200 block of North Wells.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1300 block of North Starkweather.

An accident occurred at the 12600 block of US Highway 60.

A theft occurred at the 600 block of North Hobart.

A burglary occurred at Tyng and Russell.

Endangerment of a child or elderly person occurred at the 800 block of North Dwight.

A theft occurred at the 2800 block of North Charles.

Endangerment of a child or elderly person was reported at the 2800 block of North Charles.

Fraud was reported at the 2100 block of North Sumner.

A suspicious person was reported at the 100 block of West Craven.

An accident occurred at the 12600 block of US Highway 60.

Endangerment of a child or elderly person was reported at the 2800 block of North Charles.

A theft occurred at the 700 block of North Dwight.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 1000 block of South Christy.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 700 block of North Wells.

**Sunday, July 22**

A suspicious person was reported at the 100 block of East Randy Matson.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 700 block of North Wells, the 400 block of Doyle, the 100 block of West 30th and the 1700 block of West Buckler.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1400 block of North Russell.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1100 block of Barrett.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 1800 block of West Alcock and the 500 block of South Barnes.

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# MORNINGRUSH

## 14 dead after pickup truck crash

GOLIAD (AP) — A 14th person has died following the crash of a pickup truck overloaded with illegal immigrants in South Texas.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokesman Greg Palmore says nine people remain hospitalized following the most recent death.

Palmore says the 11 men and three females who died include illegal immigrants from Mexico, Honduras and Guatemala.

The accident occurred in rural Goliad County, about 90 miles southeast of San Antonio Sunday evening. Authorities say 23 people were packed into the pickup when it ran off the road and crashed into trees.

## Eminent domain a pipeline issue

AUSTIN (AP) — Pipeline owners and operators called for Texas lawmakers to pass laws protecting them following a Supreme Court ruling against them.

Representing Denbury Associates, Greg Schnacke (schNAH-key) said the court's decision to allow property owners to challenge his company's eminent domain authority could hurt the entire oil and gas industry in Texas. He testified Monday before the House Land and Resource Management Committee.

The Texas Supreme Court ruled that receiving a state permit to build a pipeline did not automatically give that company eminent domain powers to condemn the land along the pipeline's route. The Court ruled that property owners can challenge the company's authority in court.

Industry representatives say the ruling will lead to multiple challenges in different courts and make pipelines for new oil and gas fields more difficult.

## A&M dedicates biodefense center

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M University has formally dedicated a new national biodefense center where researchers work on strategies to respond to bioterrorism and develop vaccines in the event of a pandemic or some chemical or biological or nuclear threat.

The A&M Center for Innovation in Advanced Development and Manufacturing is one of three such national centers announced last month. Others are in Maryland and North Carolina.

The state of Texas has committed \$40 million to the nearly \$300 million project on the Texas A&M campus in College Station. The federal government is contributing \$176 million.

Top officials from the Texas A&M University System, U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and federal Health and Human Services officials cut a ceremonial Aggie maroon ribbon Monday to open the center.

## Texas man confesses to murders

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Police in Oregon say a 63-year-old man called authorities in Texas and confessed to two Portland homicides in the 1970s.

Portland detectives arrested Jeffrey Paul Cutlip over the weekend in Brownsville, Texas. Police said he admitted his involvement in two murders, in 1975 and 1977. Authorities haven't released the names of the victims or other information about the crimes.

Cutlip is being held in the Cameron County Jail awaiting extradition to Portland.

Oregon Department of Corrections records show Cutlip has spent most of the past three decades behind bars, in and out of prison for crimes including sodomy, burglary and robbery. He was required to register as a sex offender following a 1982 sodomy conviction. Records say he targets adult female strangers using threats and weapons to gain compliance.



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# Pampa Country Club Tri State Senior's 2012 Final Results

Monday's Scramble

- First Place 58**
1. Kelly Everson
  2. Boyd Spurlock
  3. Bob Swope
  4. Kim Pickett

**Second Place 60**

1. Bill Kellogg
2. Gene Hall
3. Jack Cox
4. Bob Hulsey

**Last Place 71**

1. Carl Brown
2. James Cunningham
3. Jim Osborne

## Memorial set for Colorado shooting victim

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The brother of one of 12 people killed in a shooting rampage at a movie theater in Colorado says the family will have a memorial service for her in Texas.

The service for 24-year-old Jessica Ghawi will be Saturday at Community Bible Church in San Antonio. That's according to an email sent Monday to The Associated Press by her brother, Jordan Ghawi.

Jessica Ghawi lived in San Antonio most of her life before moving to the Denver area to pursue a career in sports broadcasting. An avid social media user, she blogged about escaping a recent shooting in Toronto.

A former boss says Ghawi was an intern at a radio station in San Antonio before changing her name to Redfield because she thought it would be easier to pronounce.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Tuesday, July 24, the 206th day of 2012. There are 160 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On July 24, 1862, Martin Van Buren, the eighth president of the United States, and the first to have been born a U.S. citizen, died at age 79 in Kinderhook, N.Y., the town where he was born in 1782.

### On this date:

In 1783, Latin American revolutionary Simon Bolivar was born in Caracas.

In 1847, Mormon leader Brigham Young and his followers arrived in the Great Salt Lake Valley in present-day Utah.

In 1866, Tennessee became the first state to be readmitted to the Union after the Civil War.

In 1911, Yale University history professor Hiram Bingham III found the "Lost City of the Incas," Machu Picchu, in Peru.

In 1923, the Treaty of Lausanne, which settled the boundaries of modern Turkey, was concluded in Switzerland.

In 1937, the state of Alabama dropped charges against four of the nine young black men accused of raping two white women in the "Scottsboro Case."

In 1952, President Harry S. Truman announced a settlement in a 53-day steel strike.

In 1959, during a visit to Moscow, Vice President Richard Nixon engaged in his famous "Kitchen Debate" with Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev.

In 1969, the Apollo 11 astronauts — two of whom had been the first men to set foot on the moon — splashed down safely in the Pacific.

In 1974, the Supreme Court unanimously ruled that President Richard Nixon had to turn over subpoenaed White House tape recordings to the Watergate special prosecutor.

In 1983, a two-run homer by George Brett of the Kansas City Royals was disallowed after New York Yankees manager Billy Martin pointed out there was too much pine tar on Brett's bat. However, American League president Lee MacPhail reinstated the home run. (The game was completed Aug. 18, 1983 with the Royals beating the Yankees, 5-4.)

In 1987, Hulda Crooks, a 91-year-old mountaineer from California, became the oldest woman to conquer Mount Fuji, Japan's highest peak.

**Ten years ago:** Nine coal miners became trapped in a flooded tunnel of the Quecreek Mine in western Pennsylvania; the story ended happily 77 hours later with the rescue of all nine. The House, by a vote of 420-1, expelled Rep. James Traficant, D-Ohio, who'd been convicted of bribery, racketeering and tax evasion; it was only the second time a sitting member had been banished since the Civil War.

**Five years ago:** President George W. Bush, speaking at Charleston Air Force Base in South Carolina, sought to justify the Iraq war by citing intelligence reports he said showed a link between al-Qaida's operation in Iraq and the terror group that attacked the United States on Sept. 11, 2001. A grand jury in New Orleans refused to indict Dr. Anna Pou, who was accused of murdering four seriously ill hospital patients with drug injections during the desperate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Five Bulgarian nurses and a Palestinian doctor, sentenced to life in prison in Libya for allegedly infecting children with HIV, were released after 8½ years behind bars. The U.S. minimum wage rose 70 cents to \$5.85 an hour, the first increase in a decade.

**One year ago:** Thousands of protesters angry about Spain's brutal economic woes once again filled Madrid's downtown Sol square after many had spent weeks marching hundreds of miles from far-flung cities across the country. Cadel (kuh-DEHL) Evans won the Tour de France, becoming the first Australian champion in cycling's greatest race.

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress **Jacqueline Brookes** is 82. Actor **John Aniston** (TV: "Days of Our Lives") is 79. Political cartoonist Pat Oliphant is 77. Comedian Ruth Buzzi is 76. Actor Mark Goddard is 76. Actor Dan Hedaya is 72. Actor Chris Sarandon is 70. Comedian Gallagher is 66. Actor Robert Hays is 65. Former Republican national chairman Marc Racicot (RAWS'-koh) is 64. Actor Michael Richards is 63. Actress Lynda Carter is 61. Movie director Gus Van Sant is 60. Country singer Pam Tillis is 55. Actor Paul Ben-Victor is 50. Actor Kadeem Hardison is 47. Actress-singer Kristin Chenoweth is 44. Actress Laura Leighton is 44. Actor John P. Navin Jr. is 44. Actress-singer Jennifer Lopez is 43. Basketball player-turned-actor Rick Fox is 43. Actor Eric Szmanda is 37. Actress Rose Byrne is 33. Actress Summer Glau is 31. Actress Elisabeth Moss is 30. Actress Anna Paquin is 30. Actress Mara Wilson is 25. TV personality Bindi Irwin is 14.

**Thought for Today:** "It is easier to do a job right than to explain why you didn't." — Attributed to President Martin Van Buren (1782-1862).



## Our founders' wisdom on reducing crime

Who wasn't shocked and disheartened by yet another tragic mass shooting, this time in Aurora, Colo.?

Like millions of Americans, my wife, Gena, and I send our heartfelt condolences and prayers to the victims of this murderous spree and their families.

We, too, commend the heroes who gave their lives to save others. Truly, every victim of this reprehensible executioner is in some way heroic, for the victims were injured or died in the midst of a culture war in which even our theaters and schools have become battlegrounds.

Moreover, we salute and support the Colorado peace officers, emergency medical and relief personnel, bomb squads, counselors, crisis management workers, etc. -- all of whom care for violent crime victims and rally to reduce the increasing tides of illegal conduct and misguided behavior, just as their colleagues across our country do.

As Americans, we are all concerned with figuring out what we can do about the increase in violent crime. Marisa Randazzo, a psychologist who contributed to an extensive study of school shootings for the Secret Service, said, "The intensity and frequency of the attacks have increased since the events at Columbine."

So how can we continue to help reduce and prevent violent crime in our communities?

First, as with most societies' ills, the key to curbing crime is not more government expansion and spending. Nor is the answer dissolving our Second Amendment rights; countries with super-strict gun ownership laws have equally violent crimes and also proved that taking guns from good guys doesn't prohibit bad guys from obtaining them. Our Founding Fathers had a far better solution than more government and taking away guns from law-abiding citizens.

Though our founders initiated our government, they didn't expect it or the law of the land to establish and maintain civility. As proud as they were of their newfound republic, they would turn to and trust in God and "We the People" to usher in life, liberty, happiness, decency, respect, morality, honesty and restraint, to name a few.

George Washington warned us in his Farewell Address about a time in America's future in which we might be tempted to



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discard the pillars of civility: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism who should labor to subvert these great pillars of human happiness, these firmest props of the duties of men and citizens. The mere politician, equally with the pious man, ought to respect and to cherish them. A volume could not trace all their connections with private and public felicity. Let it simply be asked: Where is the security for property, for reputation, for life, if the sense of religious obligation desert the oaths which are the instruments of investigation in courts of justice? And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion. Whatever may be conceded to the influence of refined education on minds of peculiar structure, reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle."

Curbing violent crime is still more about what we do than it is about what government does. The answer is still more about nature's law within us than it is about man's law outside of us.

We must return to being a nation in which mutual respect is king -- in which I am my brother's keeper and we agree to disagree agreeably. It's time to renew our commitment to the basic premise of humanity: Do unto others as you would have them do to you, and love your neighbor as you love yourself.

In today's world, each American also must be vigilant against crime. We must have zero tolerance for our volatility to violence. We must come together as community leaders to brainstorm solutions rather than expect our politicians in Washington to come up with the answers. We must be equally willing to reach out to those lost souls who feel marginalized and disenfranchised by the world around them. We also must reconsider the power of our own models on our families and realize that our children likely will model our treatment

of others.

Beyond enhancing these internal and inherent qualities, we need to come together as individuals, families, community groups, schools, churches and local law enforcement to strategize and communicate, educate community residents about victims' rights, enhance public awareness about what we all can do to increase our survival in the midst of fatal crimes, make plans to offer victims assistance (via intervention, food closets, temporary shelter, mental health counseling, legal help and other emergency services), track violent offenders, further crack down on family violence violations, ensure additional necessary securities and network through the Internet with other help agencies.

I might play a tough guy who protects victims from bad guys on-screen, but in real life I'm also an advocate for those who are at risk, particularly through our KickStart Kids foundation. Gena and I consider KickStart Kids our lives' mission. KickStart Kids means building strong moral character in our youth through the martial arts. Its purpose is to help raise self-esteem and instill discipline and respect, which so many children are lacking today.

Two other warriors who are raising the bar of societal and youth decency are our dear friends Darrell and Sandy Scott, who spearheaded Rachel's Challenge in memory of their beautiful and kind daughter, Rachel, who was murdered at Columbine High School in 1999. Rachel said, "I have this theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion, then it will start a chain reaction of the same." KickStart Kids and Rachel's Challenge recently partnered to further help American youth and families.

Lastly, regarding the victims of the Aurora shooting, let us remember this promise in the Bible: "What others mean for harm, God will turn around and use for the good." The Bible also says that "God is near to the brokenhearted."

May God's nearness be a comfort to the Colorado victims and their families.

*Chuck Norris contributes his columns to the Creator's Syndicate is the star of television's Walker: Texas Ranger.*

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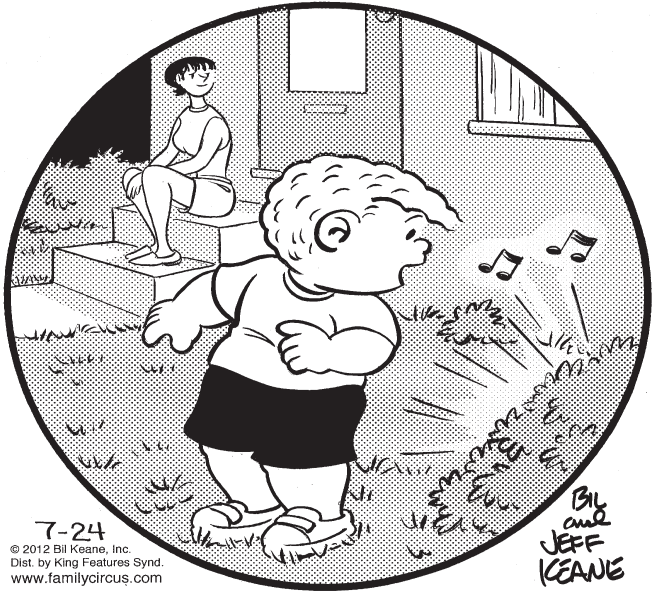
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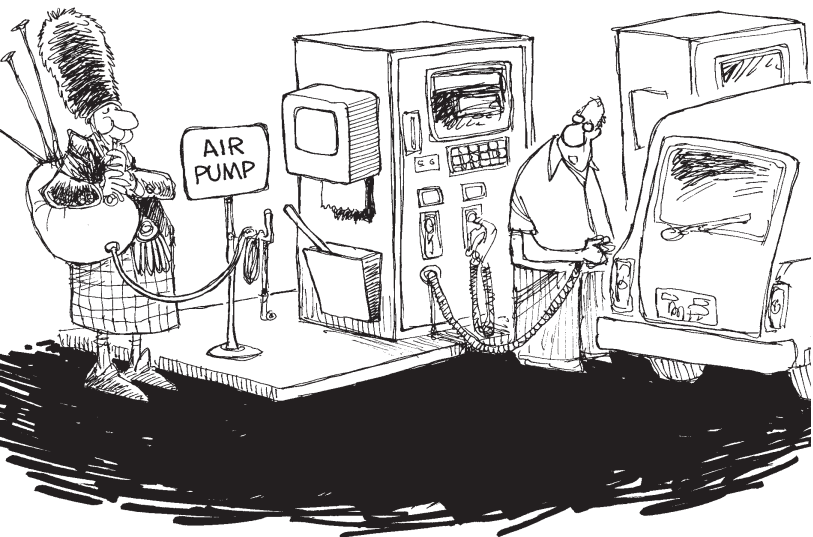
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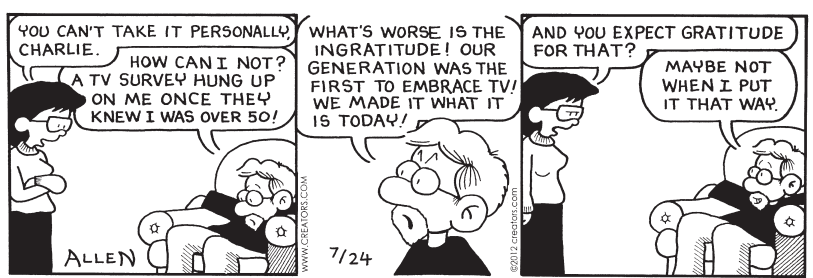
“Listen! That cricket just turned on his music.”

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### Nest Heads



# daily horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, July 25, 2012:

This year you demonstrate the ability to handle the unexpected, difficult and irritating parts of your life. Your flex and understanding can only evolve. You also seek answers with a newfound need for depth, which causes many debates. If you are single, you want someone romantic and intense. This person could appear through a friendship. If you are attached, you gain appreciation for each other through socializing more as a couple with others. Make special time for the two of you, too. **SCORPIO** inspires a whole new life perspective.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Others try to lure you into their way of thinking. An unexpected insight about someone really has you rethinking your interaction with this person. Do not let a conversation get too heavy; otherwise, the other party might lock onto one comment and get depressed. Tonight: With a favorite or special person.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You could go beyond the call of duty for an associate. Do not anticipate this person's reaction; stay centered. You might find that you cannot count on this person as you would have liked. Try to accomplish as much as possible. Tonight: Out on the town.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You exude a sense of well-being and caring when you are among others. This attitude tends to win the confidence of many people. Your buoyancy helps push a project forward, and at the same time, you are able to lift someone's spirits. Tonight: Make it early.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your comfort level is always the highest at home. For that reason, if you can work or stay close to home, do. News that changes the big picture comes forward. Do not sink into negativity. A change in the status quo could be good. Tonight: Paint the town red.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Your words do not fall on deaf ears. Others have a very different style of letting you know that they hear you. Remain sensitive to the possibilities that are offered, and take your time when making a decision. Stay in the present, if possible. Tonight: Head on home.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ A partner's whimsical statement or action starts quite a conversation. Try to understand where this person is coming from. You could feel financially limited at this point in time, so you might not feel as if you can make the offer you would like. Tonight: Join a friend.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You feel as if someone had asked you to do something you did not want to do but unfortunately said "yes" to. Once you see a shortcut, do not hesitate to take it. A person you look up to shares a plethora of suggestions. Tonight: Your treat.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your mindset colors everything you do. Do not hesitate to indulge in some spontaneity to help change your mood. Could you be taking a statement further than it was intended? Probably. Let it go before you affect a relationship. Tonight: Feeling like yourself again.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max. You work well with others. Expect surprises from a child or new friend. It always helps to maintain a sense of humor. You could become very demanding when reacting to one key person. Tonight: Not to be found.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You will stand up for yourself with a superior. You might be surprised by this person's reaction. Situations that were predictable might not be any longer. Someone you count on might not be as available as in the past. Tonight: Find your friends.

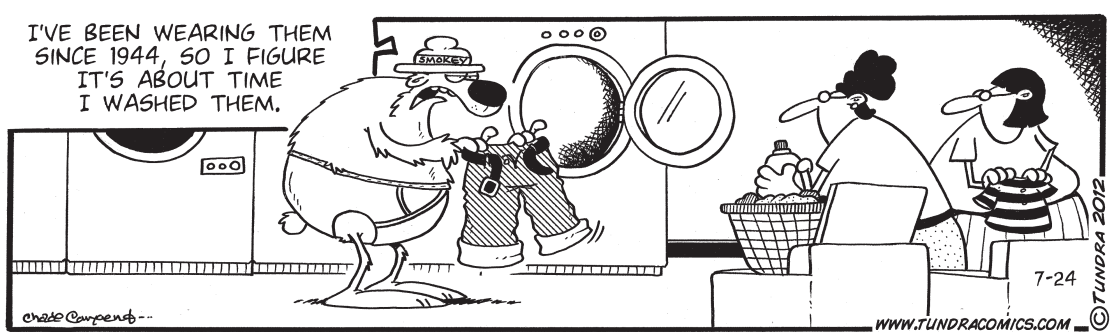
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Do all your research and questioning during the daylight hours. You could hit a wild situation where you might be flooded, which is unusual for you. Conversations are animated, to say the least. Remain enthusiastic, even if you are in a changeable situation. Tonight: Out and about.

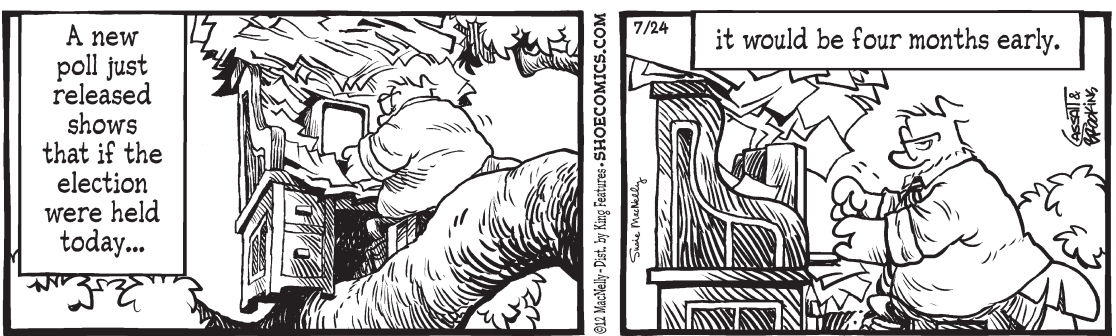
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Keep reaching out for a key person in your life whom you can talk to on a very deep level. You might need to deal with his or her mood first before you can launch into the conversation you want. Know how and when to try to connect on this level. Tonight: Try a new nightspot.

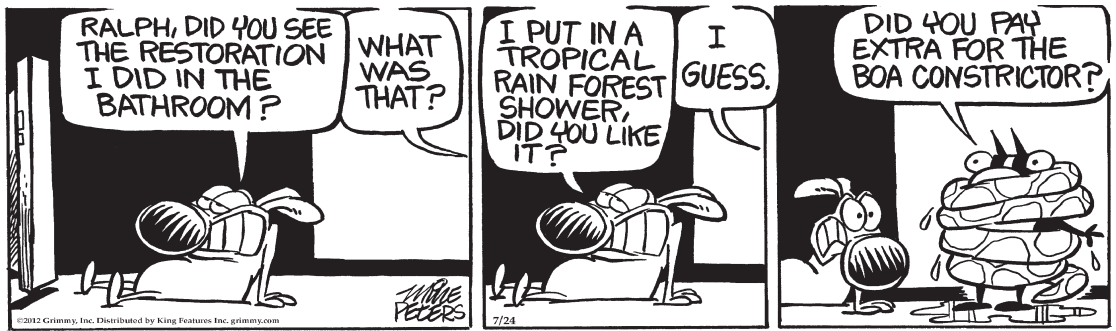
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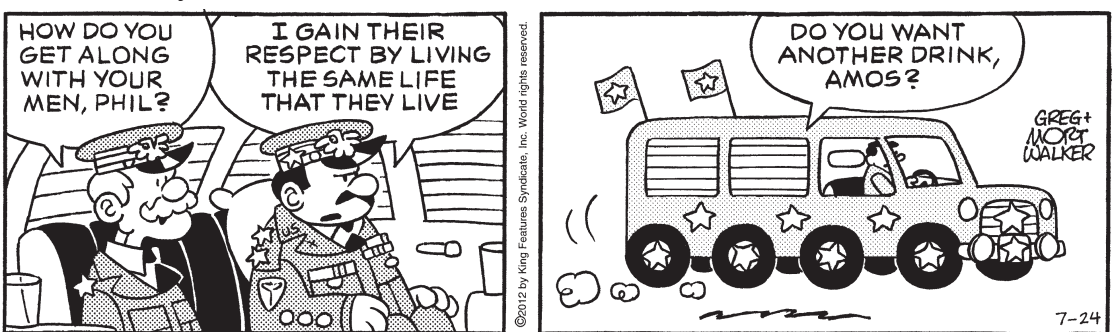
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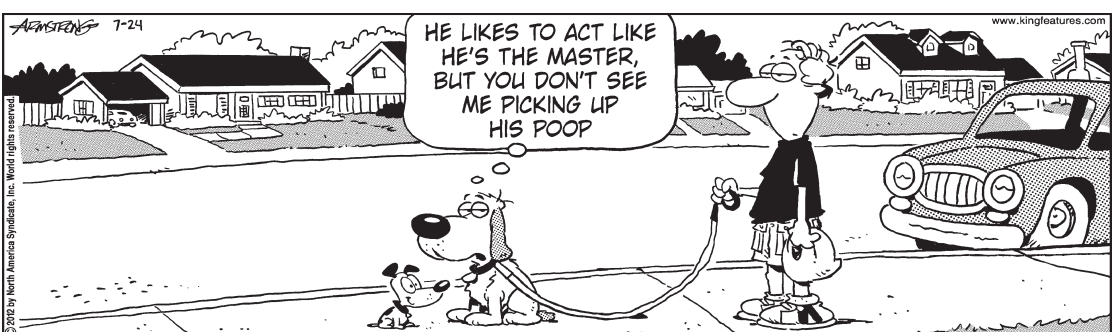
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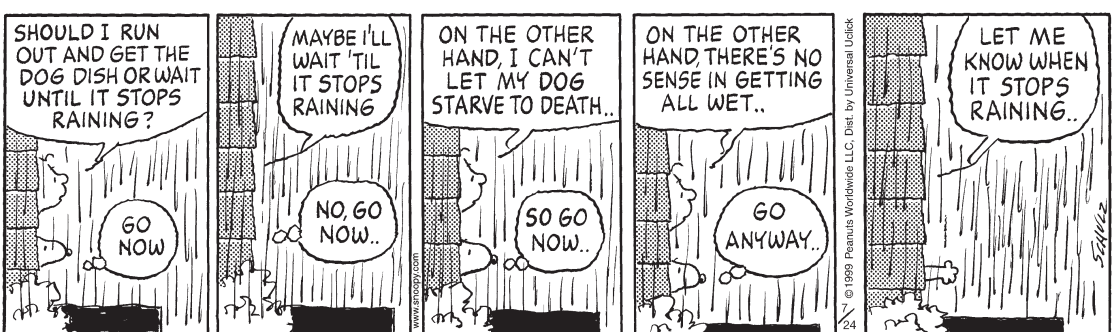
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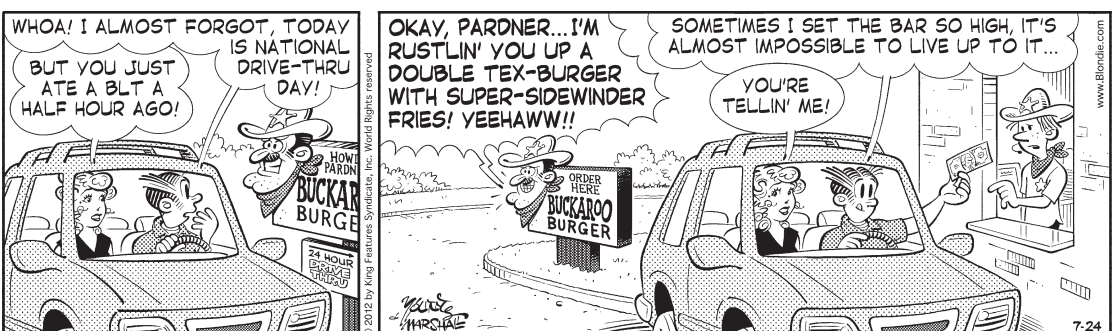
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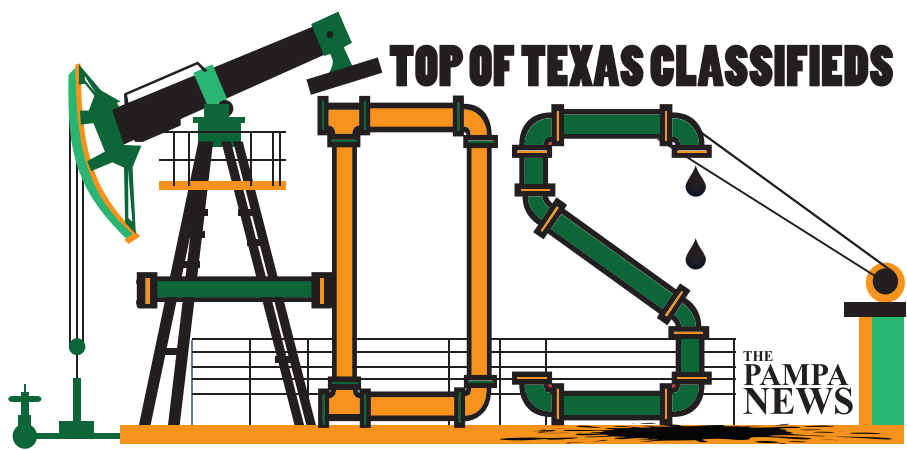
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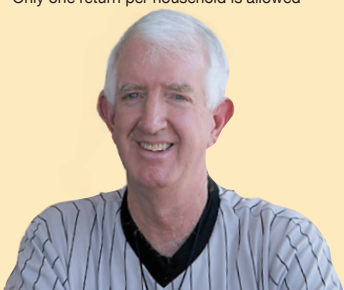


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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I was glad to see the letter you printed from "Fine With My Decision" (April 22). I placed a baby boy for adoption when I was 16. My parents were bitterly disappointed and sent me out of state. But despite my somewhat immature and rebellious nature, I was — and remain — glad my parents made me do the right thing.

In the years since, there has been a trend toward "open adoptions" and emotional reunions between birth mothers and adoptees who were separated under the "closed system." I think open adoption is probably healthier for everyone except in cases of rape, incest or abuse/neglect.

If the child I gave birth to were to come looking for me, I feel that's his right and I wouldn't turn him away. But I have never felt a desire to look for him. His birth was not a happy event in my life, and I don't care to revisit that chapter. I don't regard him as my son. The people who raised him are his parents, not the green kid who got herself in trouble.

I'm somewhat younger than the girls who gave up babies from the 1940s to 1960s, so I didn't get the "keep it a deep dark secret" advice. I also don't

feel I was unfairly coerced. I was 16 and couldn't support a child. When I think of how my life would have been if I'd kept him, I'm sure I did the right thing.

Thanks for writing, "Fine With My Decision." You've got company in me, and I'm sure there are plenty more of us out there. — FINE WITH MY DECISION, TOO

**DEAR FINE TOO:** Your letter expresses the sentiments of many women who responded, as I knew they would. Their comments:

DEAR ABBY: I gave up my daughter when I was 20. I have thought about her many times, but have no other feelings than hoping she's OK. I gave her up because I knew I wasn't ready for motherhood. I never married and have no other children.

I have enjoyed my life. I wish my daughter, wherever she is, the best, and I hope her life has been great. I'd love to meet her someday, to be sure she's all right, but if it never happens, that's OK, too.

Some people are born without that "mother" instinct, and it's best they not have children they really don't want. Too many people become parents because they think it's the thing to do, and the children suffer. —

SINGLE AND HAPPY

DEAR ABBY: I'm an adoptee and while our situations are not the same, I can assure the woman who wrote you that she's not a "freak." I applaud her honesty about her feelings and appreciate her willingness to give her child the chance to connect with biological relatives who do want a relationship. The support groups she has encountered exist because people who regret their decisions need support. It's not likely there would be groups for people who don't feel that sense of regret.

In my case, I was conceived because my birth parents wanted to make money. They were ahead of their time, shall we say, in terms of surrogate parenthood. I wish I could have met them, but both died long before I began my search.

Achieving adulthood for me was the realization that no matter how we start out, in the long run, our lives are our responsibility. I hope "Fine" stops beating herself up and uses that energy to nurture the relationships she does have, including the one she has with herself. — REV. J. IN NEW YORK

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# HALLIBURTON

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prices, Halliburton felt more of a pinch. Its North American profit dropped 14 percent. Second-quarter net income rose 5 percent at Schlumberger Ltd. and 30 percent at Baker Hughes Inc. largely on the strength of their overseas and offshore drilling operations.

Chairman and CEO Dave Lesar said well owners are still cautious about natural gas even though prices have improved this summer.

"We believe that recent volatility in oil and softness in natural gas liquids may prompt certain customers to adopt a more cautious tone," Lesar said.

Petroleum service firms perform a wide range of contract work for the industry. They analyze underground oil and gas deposits, and they rent specialized equipment for drilling and maintaining underwater wells. Halliburton also is a major provider of hydraulic fracturing, or "fracking," services that unlock oil and natural gas from underground shale deposits.

Lesar said those services were increasingly in demand internationally in the second quarter. The number of oil and gas rigs operating internationally rose by 3 percent in the quarter, and company revenues

increased in Latin America, Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia. That helped offset a 17 percent decline in rig activity in North America, which cut into contract revenues.

Halliburton's profit outside North America increased 83.7 percent.

On the cost side, Halliburton paid higher prices for a material that's used in the fracking process. Guar gum, a substance better known for its ability to thicken ice cream, has become more expensive this year as supplies tightened around the world. Halliburton responded by stocking up on guar gum, only later realizing it had made a bad bet. The shortage turned out to be only temporary, and prices dropped.

Now, Lesar said, Halliburton is stuck with a surplus of guar gum that it bought at peak prices.

"Simply put, we made the wrong decision," he said. "The result is we bought too much guar too early and paid too much for it. We should not have purchased the extra inventory."

Lesar said the company will work off the extra guar supplies by the end of the year.

## Elderly suffer when care decisions are unclear

When is it elder abuse — and when is it an adult child trying to make arrangements for a parent who is losing the ability to cope with the daily activities of living?

Every day, police and social workers and others face these decisions, and last week, it was my turn. It was pure coincidence that a friend was checking into a small hotel and ran into an elderly woman sitting in the lobby and crying. After she calmed down, she explained — and her story was backed up by the desk clerk — that her daughter had come with a power of attorney and the police, and had moved her husband of 62 years to a nursing facility. She said they wouldn't let her come to visit.

She was staying alone in the hotel, with a little money and their small dog. When she revealed that she and her husband had a substantial sum of money in the bank as a result of selling their home, I grew more concerned. Financial elder abuse is a growing crime. Sadly, the statistics reveal that elder abuse is almost always a family crime.

The most recent reliable study of elder abuse was done by the National Center on Elder Abuse in 2005. But according to that report, between 1 million and 2 million Americans age 65 or older have been injured, exploited or otherwise mistreated by someone on whom they depended for care or protection.

It's as difficult to imagine a family taking advantage of an elderly parent as it is to imagine parents who would abuse their children. But it happens with even more frequency in these tough economic times.

How could anyone who suspects this kind of treatment stand by and not get involved? That certainly wasn't something I could forget. So I called the local suburban police department, and police and a social worker came right over to interview the woman. She was distraught but able to answer all their questions. Because of the woman's allegations that the daughter now controlled her bank account, an investigation was opened, and I left satisfied that her complaints would be heard.

The next day, I went back to the hotel, drove her to the nursing home and witnessed a very tender reunion with her husband. I also met her daughter, an aide at the facility, and heard the other side of the story. She said she had no choice, as her father is suffering from Alzheimer's and her mother could not take care of him. She gave me a long list of their dangerous experiences and her multiple interventions in their living conditions. She was hoping to move her mother into the assisted-living section of the nursing home, keeping them at least in the same building. And she would use their money to pay for it, say-

ing she didn't want a penny for herself.

So what was the final word, you might be wondering? I cannot really tell you yet how it will work out, or whom I believed most. The police are still investigating the financial aspects, social services will stay on top of the situation — and I promised to visit again to make sure her move in to the assisted-living facility goes smoothly. I left them holding hands, agreeing that being near each other was most important.

You can't have participated in this experience without thinking about yourself and your family. What plans have you made? What documents have you executed? What relative or friend do you trust to make these decisions for you — when you are least able to be heard, and most likely to be confused and resentful of changes forced on you?

Now is the time to make a

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revocable living trust, naming a successor trustee to handle your financial affairs if you are in an accident or unable to make decisions for yourself. And now is the time to create a health care power of attorney and a living will. And if you need help finding resources to do this, I recommend going to [www.naela.org](http://www.naela.org) — the National Association of Elder Law Attorneys. There you can find links to a list of elder law specialists in your community.

And if you suspect elder abuse, contact the National Center on Elder Abuse, a part of the U.S. Administration on Aging, at [ncea.aoa.gov](http://ncea.aoa.gov), or contact them at 855-500-3537 (ELDR).

Their website home page has quick links to both statistics and resources in

every state, including telephone hotlines to report abuse. And for eldercare resources in your community available to those who have elderly parents or neighbors, go directly to [eldercare.gov](http://eldercare.gov).

The 7th Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was just a few weeks ago, on June 15, 2012. I missed that day, never noticing the media promotion. But I didn't miss a chance to step in a few days ago. And I know that if everyone who reads this column would just speak up and report suspected elder abuse, we could all make a big difference for the generation that made it possible for us to be here. And that's The Savage Truth.

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