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NEW SHOP AT LAS PAMPAS



staff photo by **Mollie Bryant**

Michael and Devney Anderson, owners of Pampa Sleep Source, examine merchandise. The shop, located in Las Pampas Square, will have its soft opening on August 6, with a grand opening in September.

Pampa Sleep Source to open next month

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In a few weeks, a new bedding store will be moving into Las Pampas Square. Pampa Sleep Source, owned by Devney and Michael Anderson, will have its soft opening on Monday, August 6 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with a grand opening in September.

"We're going to have mattresses, bedroom furniture and linens," said Michael Anderson. "We'll actually have the largest selection of mattresses this side of Amarillo. We'll be carrying Tempur-Pedic, Sealy and Corsicana."

Initially, Anderson plans to carry linens from Tempur-Pedic, and then expand later into other brands.

"Our real goal is to have everything from the most budget-minded to nicest

stuff you could want to get, and everything in between," he said. "We really think why people will want to come to us is our level of service is going to be beyond what people expect."

Together, Devney and Michael Anderson have 40 years of retail experience, and the couple, who recently moved to Pampa from California, have a passion for customer service and bedding as a whole.

"We found a lot of people don't trust bedding stores, because, at least in California, they're here today, gone tomorrow," said Michael Anderson. "So, you don't know if the company you buy from will be there to support you. Well, we're definitely here to support you, and if you think you have a grounded place with a great selection, then people will feel more comfortable

to buy."

"The whole thing I always taught all my employees out in California and the thing we do here is it's about the people, and if you take care of people, sales take care of themselves," he added. "If you just meet people where they are and help them with what they need, everything else seems to take care of itself."

The Andersons are enjoying their transition to life in Pampa, where Devney was born. They are also looking forward to becoming a part of Las Pampas Square, which was recently purchased by the Pampa Economic Development Corporation's Pampa Energy Center.

"We are extremely excited about the transition in Las Pampas Square, and Open Range, which is managing it, has done a phenomenal job," said Michael **SOURCE** cont. on page 3A

Create-A-Beat dinner show Friday

Drama camp's kids to perform 'American Ideal'

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In their last week of rehearsals, children in the Create-a-Beat drama camp will perform in a dinner theater musical at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 27 at Briarwood Church's family center. Kids aged five to 12-years-old spend three weeks learning lines, dance moves and helping prepare the set for the big night.

This year, the kids will be performing "American Ideal," which Create-a-Beat assistant director Cherylann Moore describes as a spin on the television show "American Idol."

"Four performers will perform for the finals, and realize it's not about them, but about God," said Moore. "So, what they learn is a lesson in humility, and that when they perform, it's not always about themselves."

In addition to learning their parts for the musical, kids in the program help with other aspects of the play.

"We're preparing right now, and the kids help with the costumes," Moore said. "We go to secondhand stores and buy clothing, and the kids embellish or help sew clothes to make them fit better. They also help design the sets. We try to make it as all-inclusive as possible."

Right now, kids in the drama camp are polishing everything for their performance, and Moore said that they are rehearsing without scripts or a music director.

"In three weeks, they learn a 45 minute musical," she said. "It takes a lot of great dedication, and I have a phenomenal staff and lot of support from parents. People are shocked when they see how amazing (the kids) are."

Children in the camp also participate in a contest to see who can sell the most tickets, which are \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. The winner will receive two free passes to the movies and a free ticket to the play on Friday. Proceeds from the event will go towards Create-a-Beat.

City Commission appoints McKay to CRMWA

Pampan returns to water authority for third two-year term

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In its meeting yesterday afternoon, the Pampa City Commission appointed Rex McKay to the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority (CRMWA) Board of

Directors for his third two-year term.

In other business, the commission:

- approved the minutes of its July 10 meeting;
- excused the absence of Commissioner John Studebaker from the July 10 meeting;

- approved a re-plat for the Coronado Heights Addition near the new Happy State Bank at Somerville and Hobart;
- approved the list of disbursements for June 30;
- approved three bids for tax delinquent property.

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PAMPA FORECAST

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Today:
A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97. South southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tonight:
A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind 5 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 93. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast in the afternoon.

Thursday Night:
A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. East northeast wind around 10 mph.

Friday:
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Friday Night:
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Obituaries

Bob Ousley, 67

Bob Ousley, 67, died July 23, 2012, in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 26, 2012, at Memory Gardens Mausoleum, with Keith Feerer, minister, and Dale Meadows, associate minister of Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ, officiating.

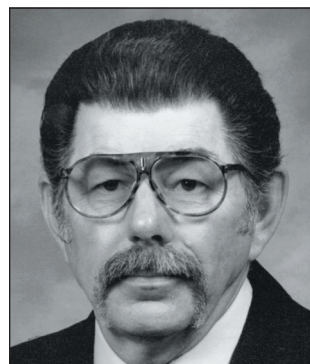
Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

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 Neuberger 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 Neuberger 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 Neuberger.

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

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Prairie and visited her brother Donald Thompson, Henderson.

She is survived by two nephews, three nieces, two great-nephews and 15 great-nieces.

Viewing and services will be held at Bean Massey Burge Funeral Home Belt line Grand Prairie, TX and burial at New Hope Cemetery, Farrar TX.

Dennis Michael Hunt, 66

Dennis Michael Hunt, a beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away at the age of 66, on Friday July 20, 2012, in Fairfield Calif., after a long battle with heart disease.

Dennis was born in Fresno, Calif., on March 19, 1946, to Edward and Inga Hunt and was the youngest of four children.

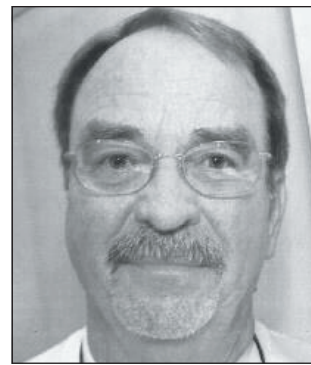
Growing up, Dennis lived in Fresno, Turlock and eventually San Luis Obispo, where he graduated from San Luis High in 1964, playing football, baseball, swimming and water polo. He continued his education and sports career at Cabrillo College in Santa Cruz.

Figuring his number would be drawn, he enlisted in the United States Navy in November 1965, serving as a dental technician, at the Monterey Postgraduate School, USS Hornet (CVS 12) in the Vietnam Theater of operations and at Naval Station, San Diego. During a deployment to the south pacific, he was part of the recovery of Apollo 11 after their historic flight in July of 1969 and then again for Apollo 12 in November of 1969. He was honorably discharged in 1970, as a Petty Officer Third Class.

Upon separation from the Navy, Dennis continued his career as a dental technician working at a dental lab in Salinas, and wound up in San Luis Obispo with the California Department of Corrections. He went into business for himself for a brief period in Vacaville and eventually returned to and retired from the Department of Corrections.

He is survived by his wife of nine years, Kelly; sister, Janice and husband W.D. of Pampa; brother, Jerry and wife Dung of Radcliff, Ken.; two sons, Bryan of Lemoore and Kevin of Suisun from his first marriage; daughter-in-law, Jessica; and grandchildren, Jayden, Delainey and Annalyse of Lemoore, and Sabrina and Gino of Suisun. He was preceded in death by his father; mother; eldest brother, Edward Jr.; and stepdaughter, Mea.

Visitation will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Friday, July 27, 2012, at Bryan-Braker Funeral Home in Fairfield, Calif., immediately followed by a Catholic prayer service. A private interment will take place at San Joaquin National Cemetery in Gustine, Calif. where he will be laid to rest near his brother Edward.



Hunt

Anita Faye Thompson, 56

Anita Faye Thompson went to be with the Lord and Savior July 21, 2012.

She was preceded by her parents, Jesse Marvin Thompson and Iona Mae Thompson.

Anita was born September 30, 1955 at the old Highland General Hospital in Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School with her class of 1973.

Anita was active member of Zion Lutheran church. She also attended the Pampa Satellite School, where she learned to bowl and do arts and crafts.

Anita was always ready to go fishing, play card games or just sit and visit with friends and family. She enjoyed arts and crafts and garage, Bluegrass music and playing games on the computer.

She could hardly wait to turn 55 so she could go to the Summit for Sr. citizens made a lot of friends, enjoyed her swimming and the movies and outdoors concerts.

Anita lived with her sister Brenda Powell of Grand

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Tuesday, July 24 at 7 a.m.

Animal Control and Pampa PD reported nine animal-related incidents.

Pampa PD reported seven traffic-related incidents.

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

Monday, July 23

A suspicious person was reported at the 1000 block of North Terry.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 1800 block of North Hobart.

Burglary of a motor vehicle occurred at the 400 block of North Red Deer.

A burglary occurred at the 300 block of South Gray.

A suspicious person was reported at the 2200 block of North Hobart.

Endangerment of a child or elderly person was reported at the 2100 block of North Hamilton.

A burglary occurred at the 1300 block of North Coffee.

Burglary of a motor vehicle occurred at the 400 block of North Red Deer.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 100 block of West 30th.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1300 block of North Coffee.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 1300 block of North Price.

A suspicious person was reported at Barnes and McCullough.

A hit and run occurred at One Medical Plaza.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 300 block of Hazel.

A suspicious person was reported.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 200 block of North West.

Criminal trespassing was reported at the 2200 block of North Sumner.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1600 block of East Highway 60, the 1200 block of North Hobart and the intersection of Clark and McCullough.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 600 block of East Craven.

Phone harassment was reported at the 1200 block of North Wells.

Suspicious persons were reported at the 1100 block of South Wells, the 400

block of South Barnes and the 500 block of North Faulkner.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 600 block of North Sumner.

A suspicious person was reported at the 900 block of East Murphy.

Endangerment of a child or elderly person was reported at the 1000 block of South Farley.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 800 block of East Denver.

A suspicious person was reported at the 200 block of East Thut.

Tuesday, July 24
A threat was reported at the 400 block of Graham.

A theft occurred at the 100 block of South Starkweather.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 900 block of South Faulkner.

Suspicious persons were reported at the 800 block of East Scott, the intersection of Foster and Hobart and the 100 block of North Frasier.

Criminal mischief occurred at the 1600 block of North Faulkner.

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Stressors added to tree deaths

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — A forestry expert says the 2011 Texas drought weakened trees but dehydration was likely not why millions of trees died.

Eric Taylor is a forestry specialist with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service.

Taylor says in most cases trees that died likely were already stressed from environmental factors, such as overcrowding, age and compacted soil. Taylor also says inappropriate use of herbicides could have contributed to tree deaths.

Taylor says lack of water may be the trigger, but many trees likely died from excessive heat, insect damage and diseases.

The Texas Forest Service last December announced a preliminary estimate of up to 500 million trees killed by the drought. Crews have spent the last two months doing ground surveys for a more specific drought count.

Taylor's findings were announced Friday.

Solar deal creates 800 new jobs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A solar energy deal has been announced for the San Antonio area in a project that backers say should create about 800 jobs.

Leaders of CPS Energy and OCI Solar Power LLC signed the manufacturing-to-generation agreement Monday. The 25-year contract is for solar power purchase and other economic development.

Officials say several manufacturing facilities will be established to create solar panel components, including a San Antonio unit to be built by Nexolon America LLC. At least five solar plants are expected to be built across Texas.

CPS Energy is the nation's largest municipally owned natural gas and electric utility. The company serves about 728,000 electric and 328,000 natural gas customers in the San Antonio area.

Company officials say the solar project should provide enough electricity for nearly 70,000 households.

Galveston must replace housing

GALVESTON (AP) — Leaders of a Southeast Texas city have been told that hundreds of public housing units demolished after Hurricane Ike must be replaced.

Galveston Mayor Lewis Rosen and other city officials were in Washington on Monday to discuss the 2008 hurricane and rebuilding efforts. The issue involves 569 public housing units that were flooded and later torn down.

The Galveston County Daily News reports Rosen has proposed offering housing vouchers to help the poor and elderly.

Following Monday's meeting, Housing and Urban Development officials said Galveston must stick with a rebuilding agreement reached two years ago.

HUD has helped provide the state with \$586 million for Galveston recovery funds. Housing advocates had complained that state officials attempted to shift some federal money to infrastructure projects not related to Ike.

Man's gun fires at Walmart

DALLAS (AP) — Investigators say a man and three bystanders have been slightly hurt when his gun accidentally fired at a Walmart store in Dallas.

Police say 23-year-old Todd Canady of Waco was booked Tuesday on an evading arrest charge. Police say Canady will also be charged with injury to a child. Two youngsters were slightly hurt by bullet fragments.

Police say Canady was checking out Monday night when he reached for his wallet, the gun fell and went off. Authorities say Canady suffered a minor leg wound, while a woman and two children were struck by debris from the ricocheting bullet.

Police say Canady, who ran from the store but was caught, has a concealed handgun permit.

Online jail records did not list an attorney for Canady, who's held on \$1,000 bond.

Guard accused of assisting escape

WACO (AP) — A guard at a juvenile corrections unit in Central Texas has been accused of helping three teens escape.

Investigators say 39-year-old Veronica Shay McCoy of Waco knew there was a problem with a perimeter fence but never reported it.

McCoy supervised the youths July 14 when one allegedly tampered with the fence at the McLennan County State Juvenile Correctional Facility in Mart. The trio fled the next day. All three were caught several hours later about two miles away.

McCoy has been charged with facilitating escape. She's free on \$25,000 bond. McCoy was suspended without pay the day after the escape and later resigned. Records show she had worked as a corrections officer for five years.

The teens face escape charges.

Security measures at the unit are under review.

Man sentenced in family shooting

BRYAN (AP) — A Central Texas man who claimed self-defense has been sentenced to 20 years in prison for shooting his brother-in-law.

A jury in Bryan on Monday sentenced 30-year-old William McKinley Hammond of Hearne. Jurors earlier convicted Hammond of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

The Bryan-College Station Eagle reports 24-year-old Jesse Lee Davenport III suffered neck and face wounds in the March 2010 shotgun attack.

Davenport was shot while outside the Bryan home of his mother. Investigators say Hammond's wife, who is Davenport's sister, and the couple's three children were inside.

Hammond testified that Davenport, several days before being wounded, opened fire outside Hammond's home. Davenport allegedly then escorted his sister from the residence. Nobody was hurt.

Davenport faces trial on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Official: Tire likely caused deadly crash

McALLEN (AP) — A pickup truck's front tire that apparently had come apart was likely the cause of a weekend crash on a rural South Texas highway that claimed its 15th victim Tuesday, authorities said.

With little more than photographs and fingerprints, authorities were trying to identify the suspected illegal immigrants who were killed when a pickup truck packed with nearly two dozen people crashed in one of the nation's deadliest immigrant smuggling accidents.

The victims — men, women and children — were carrying toothbrushes, toothpaste and changes of socks and underwear but no identification. Authorities said the white Ford F250 was carrying 23 immigrants from Mexico, Honduras and Guatemala when it veered off a highway and crashed into trees Sunday night.

"It's the worst single-vehicle wreck I've worked in my 40 years in the funeral business," said Adrian Fulton, a local funeral home director who picked up the 11 people who died at the scene. Fulton estimated their ages from 8 to 30, and he said Homeland Security Investigations agents came Monday to photograph and fingerprint the dead.

Federal immigration agents are looking into the human smuggling aspect of the case, while public safety authorities are investigating the cause of the crash in Goliad County, about 150 miles northeast of the Mexican border. The crash scene is less than an hour's drive from the site of the nation's most deadly immigrant

smuggling case, where 19 immigrants died in 2003 after being placed in a sweltering trailer.

Six of those who died in Sunday's crash were still inside the cab of the mangled vehicle and one was in the truck's bed when emergency crews arrived at the scene, said Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Gerald Bryant. Others were scattered on the roadway and in a ditch between the pavement and the fence line where the truck stopped.

Bryant said he saw at least two young children among the dead.

"This is the most people I've seen in any passenger vehicle, and I've been an officer for 38 years," he said.

It is not uncommon for human traffickers to try to maximize profits by over-loading vehicles with illegal immigrants as they head north from the Texas-Mexico border. In April, nine Mexican immigrants died near the border when the teenage driver of their van crashed after fleeing Border Patrol. There were 18 people in that minivan.

In that case, six adults face a variety of federal charges and the 15-year-old driver was charged in state court with nine counts of murder.

Sunday's accident happened around 6:30 p.m. on a rural yet busy stretch of U.S. Highway 59, which runs diagonally from the Mexican border at Laredo to Houston before turning north and running to the Canadian border. The pickup was heading north when it drove off the right side of the highway near the unincorporated community of Berclair, about

90 miles southeast of San Antonio, and struck two large trees, Bryant said.

He said it could be another week or two before the DPS accident reconstruction team finishes its work, and that investigators were trying to confirm the name of the driver, who was killed at the scene.

The truck was registered in Houston to someone other than the driver, Bryant said. A woman who answered at the address where the truck was registered said she was the daughter of the man listed at the owner. But she said they had sold the truck and it was no longer theirs. When asked when the sale took place, she hung up.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokesman Greg Palmore said the 11 men and three females who died included citizens of Mexico, Guatemala and Honduras.

Victor Corzo, the head of legal affairs at the Mexican consulate in San Antonio, said the only Mexican citizen involved was a 22-year-old man from Tamaulipas, the state in northern Mexico bordering Texas. Corzo

said the consulate was still working to notify the man's family.

Bryant told The Associated Press that several of the survivors of Sunday's crash had life-threatening injuries. He did not have their official conditions but described them as "very serious." The injured were taken to hospitals in San Antonio, Victoria and Corpus Christi.

In a statement, the Guatemalan government said that at least two Guatemalans died in the accident, a 27-year-old man and a 22-year-old woman. It said government officials "deeply lamented" their deaths and that its consulate in Houston has been in constant contact with Texas authorities.

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Anderson. "...We felt this was an opportunity to make a difference and see some things change. We're really excited about the opportunity, what it feels like and what we think it's going to grow into."

"One thing we look forward to is, instead of the center being a lot of individual businesses, we really hope that the center will become more unified, where it will do more different things and promotions together, so people can come and visit all the different stores," he added.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, July 25, the 207th day of 2012. There are 159 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 25, 1972, the notorious Tuskegee syphilis experiment came to light as The Associated Press reported that for the previous four decades, the U.S. Public Health Service, in conjunction with the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, had been allowing poor, rural black male patients with syphilis to go without treatment, even allowing them to die, as a way of studying the disease.

On this date:

In 1866, Ulysses S. Grant was named General of the Army of the United States, the first officer to hold the rank.

In 1898, the United States invaded Puerto Rico during the Spanish-American War.

In 1909, French aviator Louis Bleriot became the first person to fly an airplane across the English Channel, traveling from Calais to Dover in 37 minutes.

In 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt froze Japanese assets in the United States in retaliation for Japan's occupation of southern Indochina.

In 1946, the United States detonated an atomic bomb near Bikini Atoll in the Pacific in the first underwater test of the device.

In 1952, Puerto Rico became a self-governing commonwealth of the United States.

In 1956, the Italian liner Andrea Doria collided with the Swedish passenger ship Stockholm off the New England coast late at night and began sinking; at least 51 people were killed.

In 1960, a Woolworth's store in Greensboro, N.C., that had been the scene of a sit-in protest against its whites-only lunch counter dropped its segregation policy.

In 1962, the Bell System inaugurated Skyphone, an air-to-ground radiotelephone service, as American Airlines stewardess Hope Patterson placed a call to Associated Press writer Francis Stilley in New York while flying over Lakehurst, N.J.

In 1984, Soviet cosmonaut Svetlana Savitskaya became the first woman to walk in space as she carried out more than three hours of experiments outside the orbiting space station Salyut 7.

In 1992, opening ceremonies were held in Barcelona, Spain, for the Summer Olympics.

In 2000, a New York-bound Air France Concorde crashed outside Paris shortly after takeoff, killing all 109 people on board and four people on the ground; it was the first-ever crash of the supersonic jet.

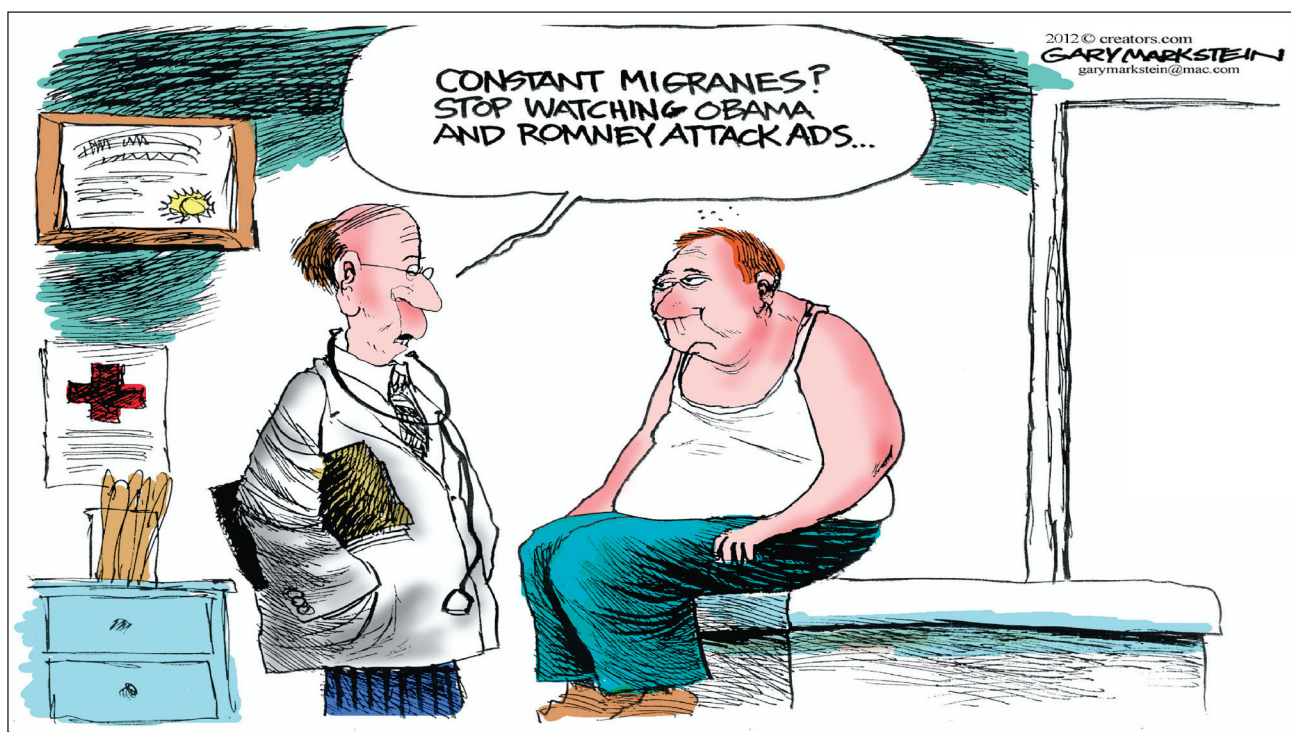
Ten years ago: Encouraged by a tapping sound coming up from the depths, rescuers in Somerset, Pa., brought in a huge drill in a race to save nine coal miners trapped 240 feet underground by a flooded shaft. Zacarias Moussaoui (zak-uh-REE'-uhs moo-SOW'-ee) declared he was guilty of conspiracy in the September 11 attacks, then dramatically withdrew his plea at his arraignment in Alexandria, Va.

Five years ago: A presidential commission urged broad changes to veterans' care that would boost benefits for family members helping the wounded, establish an easy-to-use Web site for medical records and overhaul the way disability pay was awarded. The bullet-riddled body of one of 23 South Koreans held hostage in Afghanistan by Taliban kidnappers was found; eight other captives were released. Pratibha Patil (PRUH'-tee-bah puh-TIHL') was sworn in as India's first female president.

One year ago: In a prime-time address to the nation, President Barack Obama made a last-ditch call for compromise on raising the government's borrowing ability before an Aug. 2 deadline; in a rebuttal, House Speaker John Boehner said negotiations with the White House had been futile. The NFL Players Association executive board and 32 team reps voted unanimously to approve the terms of a deal to end a 4½-month lockout.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Barbara Harris is 77. Rock musician Jim McCarty (The Yardbirds) is 69. Rock musician Verdine White (Earth, Wind & Fire) is 61. Singer-musician Jem Finer (The Pogues) is 57. Model-actress Iman is 57. Cartoonist Ray Billingsley ("Curtis") is 55. Rock musician Thurston Moore (Sonic Youth) is 54. Actress-singer Bobbie Eakes is 51. Actress Katherine Kelly Lang is 51. Actress Ileana Douglas is 47. Country singer Marty Brown is 47. Actor Matt LeBlanc is 45. Actress Wendy Raquel Robinson is 45. Rock musician Paavo Lotjonen (Apocalyptica) is 44. Actor D.B. Woodside is 43. Actress Miriam Shor is 41. Actor James Lafferty is 27. Actress Shantel VanSanten is 27. Actor Michael Welch is 25. Classical singer Faryl Smith is 17.

Thought for Today: "The truth is all things seen under the form of eternity." — George Santayana, Spanish-American philosopher (1863-1952).



Obama's U.S.A. vs. Romney's U.S.A.

"If you've got a business, you didn't build that. Somebody else made that happen." Mitt Romney fell on this Obama quote like an NFL lineman on an end zone fumble during the Super Bowl. And understandably so.

For this was no gaffe, said Romney, this is what Obama believes. This is straight out of the catechism. Obama thinks that had not the government created the preconditions, none of us could succeed. We all depend on government. None of us can make it on our own.

Had Obama been channeling Isaac Newton — "If I have seen further than others it is because I am standing on the shoulders of giants" — or John Donne — "No man is an island, entire of itself" — many would have nodded in agreement.

But what Obama seemed to be saying — indeed, was saying — was that, without government, no business can succeed.

Realizing that statement rubs against a deeply ingrained American belief — that the people built the nation — Obama and his acolytes are charging that Romney ripped his words out of context.

Here is Obama's full quote: "If you were successful, somebody along the line gave you some help. There was a great teacher somewhere in your life. Somebody helped to create this unbelievable American system that we have that allowed you to thrive. Somebody invested in roads and bridges. If you've got a business, you didn't build that. Somebody else made it happen."

Even with this preamble, Romney seems to have it right. Obama sees government as indispensable. Without the roads and bridges that government builds, without the teachers government provides, no one succeeds. It takes a village.

Yet Obama's narrative does not tell us why some succeed and others fail. Does Obama understand America? For he surely does not seem to understand her history as

once taught to every schoolchild.

From Jamestown in 1607 to Yorktown in 1781, there was no federal government. There was no United States. Yet generations of colonists had built forts, cleared lands, created farms, established workshops. Americans fed, clothed and housed themselves, creating one of the highest standards of living on earth for 3 million people.

How could the U.S. government have built the roads and bridges if the U.S. government did not exist before 1789? There were no public schools until the 19th century. Colleges were the creations of religious denominations. The Pell grant had not yet been invented.

Was government indispensable to Eli Whitney's invention of the cotton gin, Robert Fulton's invention of the steam boat, Alexander Graham Bell's invention of the telephone, Guglielmo Marconi's invention of the radio and Thomas Edison's invention of the light bulb, and just about everything else?

Did Wilbur and Orville Wright learn how to build bicycles in a CETA program? Were the feds responsible for the flight at Kitty Hawk?

Seeing government as antecedent to enterprise, Obama has it backward. In America, individuals, families, communities came first. Hardworking men and women built the society. Only after that did they send their best and brightest off to the House of Burgesses to discuss colonial issues.

The Founding Fathers who created the U.S. government were deeply distrustful of the centralized power Obama seems to worship. They had had enough of the beneficent big government of George III. Obama notwithstanding, government does not create wealth. Government collects wealth, redistributes wealth, consumes wealth.

Even when government "builds" something like a Golden Gate Bridge, it does not really build it.

It commissions it. Architects, engineers and construction companies build the bridge, not bureaucrats from HUD.

As Arthur Herman writes in "Freedom's Forge: How American Business Produced Victory in World War Two," FDR immediately turned to GM's Big Bill Knudsen to corral the leaders of American industry to stop making Fords, Packards, Lincolns and Chryslers, and start making jeeps, tanks, guns and aircraft engines.

"Some people regard private enterprise as a predatory tiger to be shot. Others look on it as a cow they can milk. Not enough people see it as a healthy horse, pulling a sturdy wagon," said Winston Churchill.

Obama belongs to category two.

But perhaps he cannot be blamed for not understanding the real America. His mother and father, his role models like Frank Marshall Davis and Saul Alinsky, his neighbors like Bernardine Dohrn and Bill Ayers, all came out of the anti-capitalist left.

From academia to community organizing to an Illinois legislature that milked so much money from the people the state may beat Jerry Brown's California into bankruptcy — Obama's life has been spent in tax-exempt, tax-subsidized and tax-supported institutions.

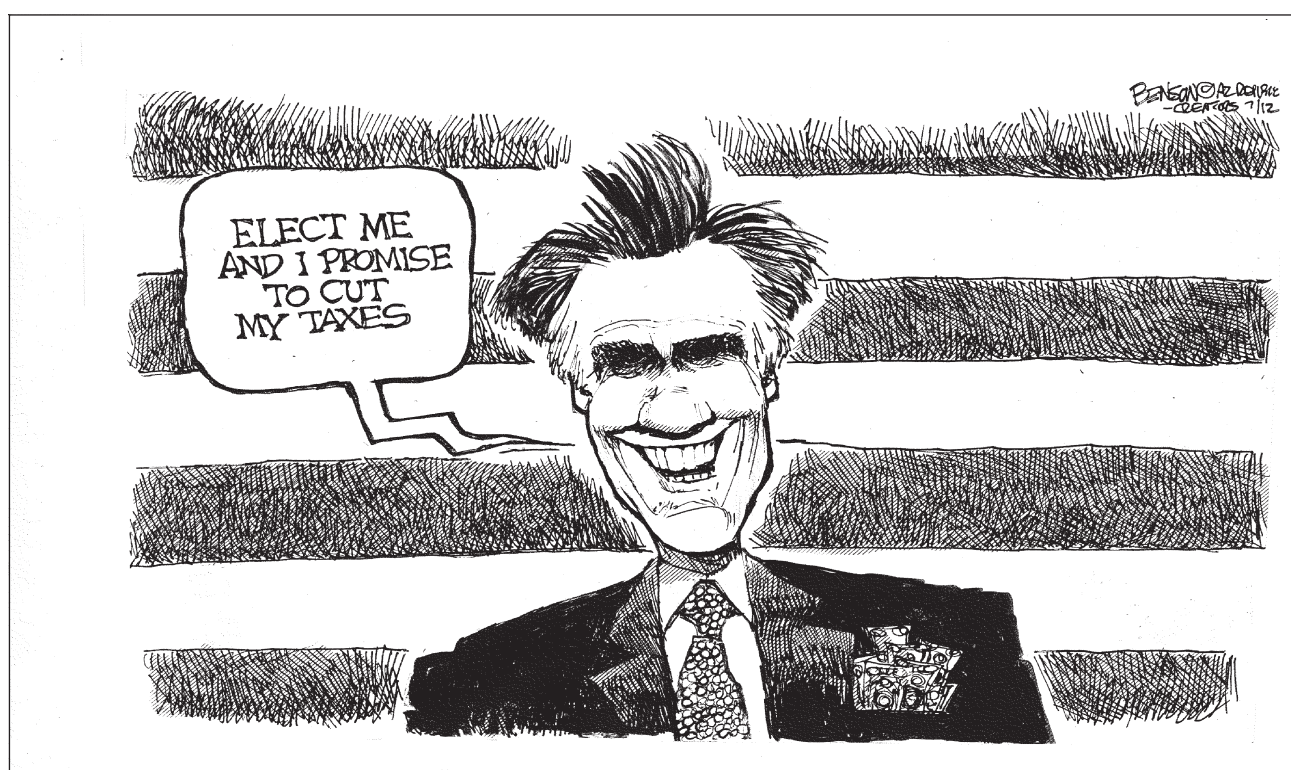
Yet this Obama-Romney collision frames the great issue of 2012.

Which is the true creator of wealth and engine of prosperity?

Is it, as Obama believes, government?

Or is it, as Romney believes, people and their institutions and businesses that, though carrying the immense burden of government that consumes 37 percent of the economy, still employs six of seven Americans still working? That's the choice.

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Plains ranchers sell cattle as drought spreads across U.S.

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — Kansas cattleman Ken Grecian sold 20 pairs of cows and calves a few weeks after drought had sucked his pastures dry and no rain was in the forecast. He sold 20 more pairs Friday.

Grecian spent years meticulously breeding his cows to improve the genetics in each generation, but with Kansas in one of the worst droughts seen in decades, he's struggling to find enough grazing to feed 300 cows, plus their calves. He hopes to get by with selling only a quarter of his herd, but there are no guarantees with the drought expected to linger through October.

Other cattlemen throughout the middle and western part of the U.S. also are selling animals they can't graze or afford to buy feed for. Beef from the animals now flooding livestock auctions will start showing up in grocery stores in November and December, temporarily driving down meat prices. But then prices are expected to rise sharply by January in the wake of dwindling supplies and smaller livestock herds.

The number of cattle in the U.S. has been dropping for years, but the pace picked up last year when ranchers in Texas, the nation's top beef producer, sold a massive number of animals amid a severe drought in the Southwest. Farmers in Nebraska, Montana, Wyoming and the Dakotas bought some of those cows, however, so nationwide, the loss wasn't as great as it could have been. This year, virtually no one is expanding herds.

"The drought was really bad in the Southern Plains last year, but the cattle industry was able nationally to absorb it because it wasn't bad everywhere. This one is much more along the lines of bad everywhere, so the market implications are a lot larger and a lot more players in the industry are impacted by this," said Glynn Tonsor, an agriculture economics professor at Kansas State University.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture reported Friday that the nation's cattle inventory was the smallest since the agency began a July count in 1973. It estimates the size of the nation's herd each January and July. The U.S. had 97.8 million head as of July 1, 2 percent less than a year ago.

It is likely to take the beef industry years to recover. Cows have a nine-month gestation period, and it can take up to two years after calves are born for them to grow big enough for slaughter. The time needed to repair drought-damaged pastures will only extend that timetable because ranchers must have grass for grazing before they can add animals.

Grecian, 62, who farms northwest of Hays, said a local drought forced him to sell nearly 30 percent of his cattle in 2003. It took six years for him to rebuild once the drought ended. He did it by holding onto female calves and not selling them.

It's possible, he said, to rebuild faster by buying animals, but that can be costly when few young, female cows are available, and farmers might not get the animals they want.

"It is our life and we invest a lot of emotion and energy and money into developing a cow herd that is genetically what we want," Grecian said. "When we are forced to liquidate, it is not an easy thing to do. It is pretty heart-wrenching sometimes, but is part of the business."

Cattle have been streaming into auction yards across the country in recent weeks as grazing land burns up in the sun, ponds and streams evaporate and prices for feed corn rise. In Oklahoma City, the number of cattle going to auction quadrupled in one week earlier this month, and in Kearney, Neb., it increased three-fold.

In Texas, some 36,000 cattle were brought to auctions last week — nearly triple the 13,400 animals sold just a couple of weeks earlier and approaching the 43,600 head sold at the same time during last summer's brutal drought, according to the USDA.

Calf prices are falling with so many animals on the market. A 600-pound calf now fetches \$120 less than it brought in just a couple of months ago. Prices for feeder cattle, which are typically fed grass before going to feedlots to be fattened on corn, have collapsed as corn prices have gone up. Feedlots are spending about \$200 more per cow on corn than they were just months ago.

Beef prices were already falling after rising 10 percent last year amid the drought in the Southwest. They peaked at an average of \$5.09 per pound in January, and then came down to about \$4.93 per pound in June. They are expected to increase again, but it's not clear by how much. The USDA had predicted a 2.5 to 3.5 percent increase in beef prices for the year, but that was before the drought spread and cattle selloffs mounted.

Jon Ferguson, 63, has weaned calves earlier and sold some cows about a month earlier than usual to save pasture on his ranch near Kensington, Kan. He has about 450 pairs of cows and calves and nearly 1,200 other calves that he buys each year to fatten on grass before shipping them to a feedlot.

He shipped a third of his cattle from Kansas to Colorado to graze during a drought in the summer of 1989. He's not sure whether that option will be available this year, or whether he should just liquidate and cut his costs now.

"If you can figure out a way to hang on to them at

a reasonable cost until the drought is over, it typically pays you pretty well," Ferguson said. But, he added, "If this thing persists through the summer, and we see these kinds of temperatures with no significant moisture relief, we will be in trouble by fall."



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The six baptisms we couldn't tell anyone about

When anyone, child or adult, decides to put Jesus Christ on in Christian baptism it is a marvelous occasion and a special day. Usually the word is passed by every relative and friend to anyone and everyone to come and rejoice and support the person being baptized. Some of the most packed church services are "baptismal" services. Everyone is usually smiling, even cheering and applauding in support. This is what you will usually see at a baptismal service in just about any church.



MIKE SUBLETT

the good word

before and so had I, but John had never baptized anyone. Therefore we asked John if he wanted to baptize Freddie, the last of the 3 teenagers. He said that he would and he was very excited. We gave John a few pointers about how

to properly baptize someone, taking special care to warn him about bending over too far and filling up the waders with baptistry water. If done properly, John would exit dry as a bone and only Freddie would be wet.

Freddie was about 5' 9" and John was only 5' 5". Now when the baptizee is taller than the baptizer, the possibility of things going wrong multiplies. Freddie gasped for breath and began to shake as he stepped into the water. Since John had on the waders that I had used, he was fine. He lined Freddie up facing the correct way, had him hold his shaking fingers together so that he could hold his nose underwater and said all of the right words. That is when we could have made a ton of money with a video.

As John lowered Freddie's upper body down into the water, his legs headed for the surface; he kind of resembled a seesaw. So when the first try was over, we had a quick conversation about being concerned if "all of him" was under the water at the same time. (Being good Church of Christ boys at that time, we felt strongly that all of a person had to be under the water at the same time.) Freddie was ready to get out of the water.

That is when we had to break the news to him that John had to do a repeat. Try #2 went pretty much like try #1. So we had the same problem and NOBODY WAS LAUGHING! Freddie was quivering and shaking more and more. You may be laughing as you read this, but nobody was laughing at the time there in the church building.

That is when John frustratingly went for try #3. To help insure that everything went right, as John lowered Freddie's upper body, Larry and I tried to hold down his legs when they floated to the top. John's frustration prompted him to lean over way too far and so John's waders instantly became a large drinking glass. In fact, John and Freddie pretty much took a momentary swim together in the baptistry. However, we did get Freddie baptized up to the standards of our religious upbringing. It's funny now, but it sure wasn't so funny back then. John and Freddie were both quivering COOOLLLLLDDDD!

What a night that was. Finally we all

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This article is about 2 baptismal occasions when very few were told it was going to happen, the baptisms were completed as quickly/quietly as possible and no announcement was made at church the following Sunday or any Sunday. Strange, huh. Well, here is how it went; here are the short versions (since I have written a full article about each of these baptisms).

#1- The first occurred in Bernice, Louisiana on May 12, 1972. I had the privilege to preach a week long revival at a community building in the black section of town. Sadly I must tell you that there was also a revival in the white section of town being preached by a friend of mine. The church refused to let us invite whites and blacks to the same revival.

On Friday night, 3 young black teenagers (Kenneth, Michael & Freddie) responded to the gospel and wanted to be baptized. I had extensive conversation with them after the service, so by the time they said they wanted to be baptized it was very late. My wife and I drove them over to the church building that had hosted the revival for whites earlier in the evening. The leaders of that church had told me that they weren't racially prejudiced and that if anyone became Christians that week, they would be welcome there. (that proved to be a big fat lie) They didn't actually say that we could use their baptistry, they really didn't think anything would happen at the "other" revival. However, since we had keys to the building we, uh, did what we thought God would want us to do.

There were 2 other preacher training friends of mine in Homer that night who had been handling the service for the whites: Larry Smith and John Brasseaux. They were as excited as Shari and I were.

First, I baptized Kenneth. When Kenneth took his first steps into the water he discovered what we had all forgotten - THE BAPTISTRY WASN'T HEATED! So the water was about 60-65 degrees or maybe even colder. It made for a chilly experience.

Then I suggested that since he was kind of the leader of the 3 that he baptize Michael, his friend from Grambling what had been visiting for the week. After that was when things took a little humorous turn.

Larry had baptized people

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PAUL NACHTIGALL

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As a pastor, I often spend time at the hospital sharing with families as one of their loved ones is going through a time of surgery. Many times the surgeries are not what you would call complicated or extensive, but they do cause some issues. Then there are those that are extensive and ultimately require several weeks of recovery and a time of rehab.

There are those times that a person is told that they are not going to be able to do certain things until a certain time period has passed. Surgeries that will not allow the patient to drive are ones that cause some tough times. It's hard not to drive when it is something that you have done for years. I know one man that said he probably wouldn't have had it done if he would have known he couldn't drive for so long.

But it is during this time that the healing takes place. Doctors will tell their patients that if they do what they are supposed to do they will heal more quickly and have a

full recovery. As I considered that statement, it makes my mind move in another direction. It is something that I've known most of my life, but it becomes much clearer as I consider what the doctors will say following surgeries.

You see, God tells us in His word that if we do what He says we also will have a full recovery. Our sickness is of the soul and caused by sin. Sin tears away at the very fiber of our soul to weaken us and even take us to the point of death. God made us well, complete and whole in Him, but sin ruined that for us.

In Exodus, God gave the Ten Commandments so that we would know how to live in relationship to Him and to others. He reaffirms that all through Scripture by calling us to obedience. It is necessary for us to understand that His call to obedience is followed by His assurance that we will ultimately have a full recovery.

Scripture says that when we trust life in that it is complete in Him. Yet, because of our sin nature we are still subject to the pitfalls of sin in our lives. We struggle as Paul said "...not against flesh and blood but

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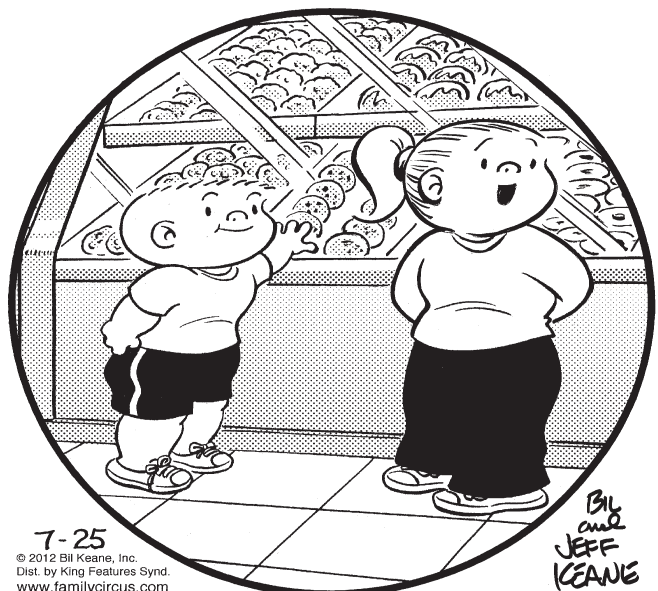
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, July 26, 2012:

This year you become focused on home, family and your immediate circle. Others might try to distract you, yet they get nowhere. At times you might seem closed down, as you are so deep in thought. Ask questions to verify what you are hearing if something seems out of kilter. If you are single, you might attract someone who has difficulty with your level of depth. Be willing to move on. If you are attached, spend more time with your significant other. Take on a project together, and you will become closer. SCORPIO can be possessive, and there is very little you can do to change this pattern.

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)

★★★★ Deal with others individually. There is an element of confusion that marks your plans and interactions. Let go of the status quo, and be ready to adapt to different needs and ideas. Confirm statements. Tonight: Togetherness works.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You take quite a stand, and others immediately become challenging. See and understand how you provoke these responses. You might want to adapt some, at least in how you present your case. News comes in that forces you to take a different look at a situation. Tonight: Sort through answers.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Dive into your work and complete as many errands as possible. Deal with a partner on a one-on-one level. This person is changing. Your response seems more than adequate, and it reflects your understanding. Watch a tendency to overdo things. Tonight: Do for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Tap into your innate creativity. You are a source of ever-changing ideas and solutions. News comes indirectly that you might have had a premonition about. Stay tuned -- there is more information coming. Tonight: Fun and games.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You are energized and in touch with your needs. You might want to clarify a request from a partner, close friend or loved one. You know there is something you aren't quite getting. Rearrange your

schedule if need be. Tonight: Head home. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Observe what is happening with a key person. Clarify a situation, rather than allowing confusion to drift deeper into plans and ideas. It is very important to honor the natural transformation that a relationship goes through. Tonight: Out and about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Investigate and root out what might be going on with a daily matter or routine. Misunderstandings weave their way through this issue. You, as well as others, could use some explanation. As a result, you'll revise your thinking. Tonight: Do some shopping.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You must deal with an important project or decide to share some time with a special person in your life. You might not be aware of the implications of your actions. Know that others respect and like the way you handle yourself. Tonight: Consider starting your weekend early.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Take your time getting going. If you feel you need time off, take it now, as your dream life is active and you could be quite tired. Financial matters are subject to change, for better or for worse. Look at risks cynically, even though it's not your normal attitude. Tonight: Take a break designed just for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You might not realize what an unstoppable force you are. Others often look on with awe as you continue like the Energizer Bunny. Sometimes, as hard as you might try, simplifying a situation is very difficult. Tonight: Make plans with friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Others observe your actions. You might get jittery with this knowledge. Understand that what are draws in your own right; that is what unites others to you. Adjust your mental attitude, and decide to be flattered. Tonight: In the limelight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Reach out for more information. You might be more perplexed than you realize and could be thinking on a different level from many other people. This could explain why what you are hearing makes no sense. Tonight: Let your imagination plan your weekend.

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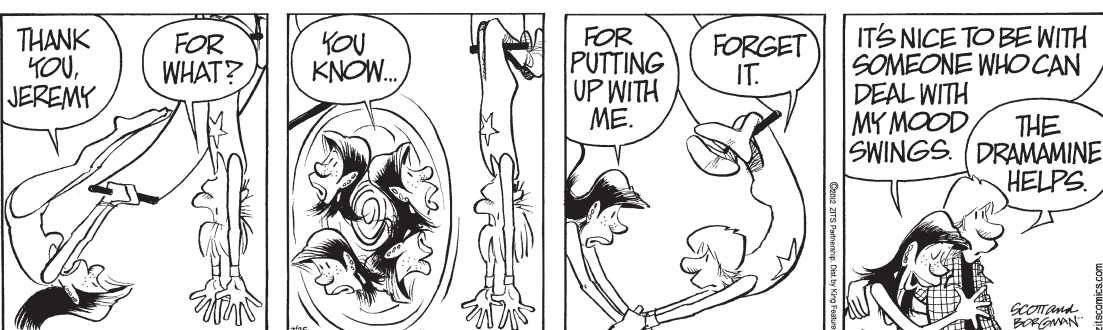
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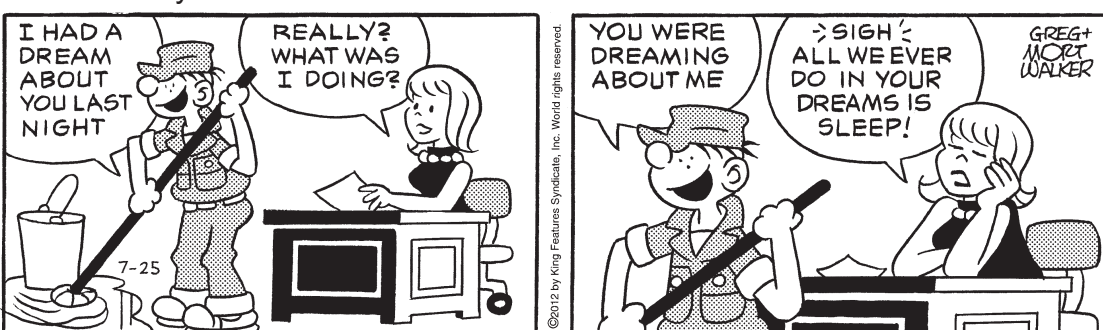
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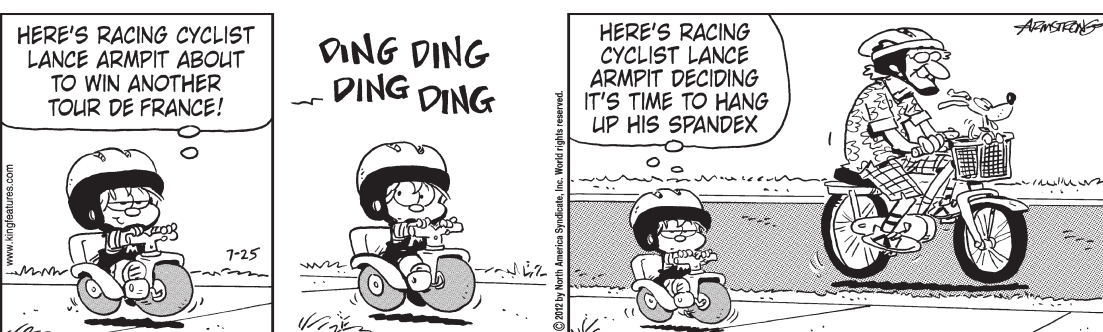
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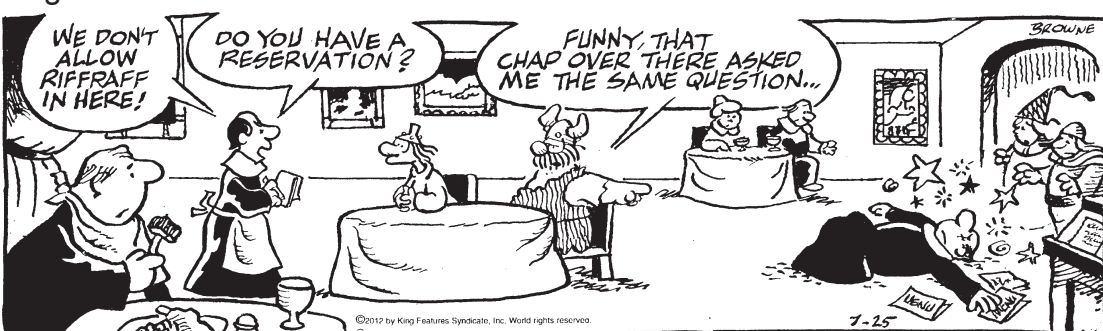
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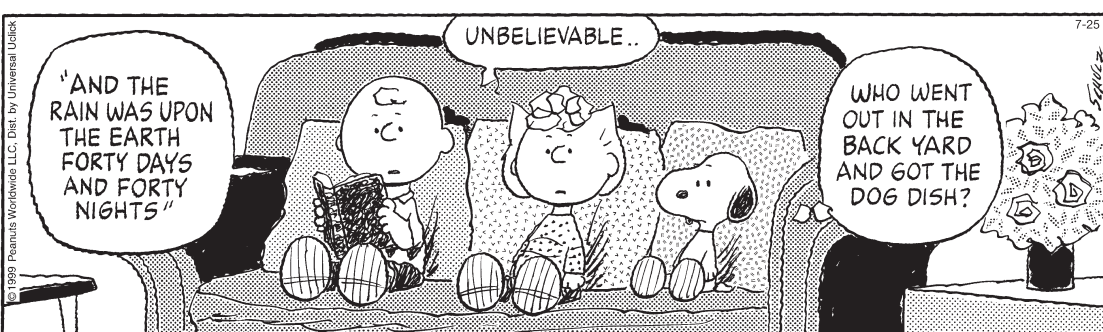
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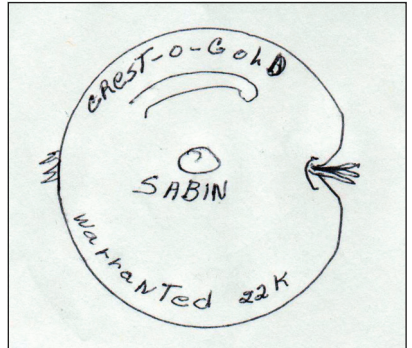
Sewing machine makes a stitch in time

Q: This is a photo of an antique treadle sewing machine that I inherited. The machine is decorated with gold filigree designs and has the name "Minnesota" on the front. The cabinet is oak and stands 32-inches tall and 49-inches tall when it is open. Except for a good cleaning, it is in good condition and the cast-iron treadle still works.

My sewing machine has been in our family for a long time, and I hope you can tell me about its history and value. Any information you can provide will be appreciated.

A: The Davis Sewing Machine Co., sometime between 1900 and 1913, made your sewing machine. Job Davis founded his company in the 1860s in Watertown, N.Y. They made the "Minnesota" for Sears Roebuck and Co. Richard Sears chose the name to honor his home state. The gold filigree decal decoration is typical for sewing machines made in the early 1900s. Some even had inlaid pearl and silver plated parts. Since the gold decals can be fragile, avoid using any harsh chemicals or cleaners. Use a soft cloth and a small amount of mild soap and water. Always test an area first. Sewing machine oil will help lubricate moving parts.

Your sewing machine would



probably be worth \$175 to \$275.

Q: I have enclosed my drawing of the mark seen on two pieces of



Davis Sewing Machine Co. made sewing machines for Sears Roebuck and Co.

china. One is a platter decorated with a turkey, and the other is a plate decorated with a man and woman dressed in Colonial-style clothes. A third person in the background is a man playing a flute. Both are trimmed with a wide band of gold and are in good condition.

I would like any information you can provide.

A: Sabin Industries, Inc. made your plates. The company was founded in McKeesport, Penn., in 1946. Sabin Industries did not produce china. They purchased white china blanks from other companies and then decorated them. The center decorations were not

hand painted; they were decals. The filigree bands were 22 karat gold. These plates, with scenes of people in vintage costume, are often referred to by collectors as "George and Martha" plates.

Your platter and plate were made around 1946. The platter is often seen selling in the range of \$30 to \$45 and the plate \$20 to \$30.

Address your questions to Anne McCollam, P. O. Box 247, Notre Dame, IN 46556. Items of a general interest will be answered in this column. Due to the volume of inquiries, she cannot answer individual letters.

Recovery

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against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places." (Eph. 6:12).

God desires us to have eternal, abundant life. But for us to enjoy the completeness of that life we must do as He says so that we will have a complete recovery from the sin that is in our lives. I'm not talking about a dogmatic adherence to the commands He has given us. I'm talking about an obedience that comes forth from the love we have for Him and His word.

We keep His word out of our love for Him and what He has done in our lives. Jesus said, "If you love Me you will keep My commandments." (Jn. 14:15). Matthew 25:31-46 tells of the 'sheep and goat' judgment. The difference is seen in those that did what Jesus called them to do by feeding the hungry, giving water to the thirsty, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and those in prison.

The promise we have is that when we do what God tells us to do we will have a full and complete recovery. It will begin in

this life, but will ultimately be fulfilled in the life promised when we leave this life. We will have our full recovery when we leave this life to inherit our promised place in glory. For in that moment we will see Him as He is and we will be like Him. (1 John 3:2)

The sin problem we have at this time will be swallowed up in the glory of God as we step into His presence. We will be eternally free from the struggles caused by sin because sin, sorrow, sadness, and tears have no place in heaven (Rev. 21:4). Every Christian there will truly experience a complete recovery when we see Jesus.

Even though the doctor will tell a person that they will have a complete recovery, it is complete only in relation to the surgery they went through. When Jesus tells us that we will have a complete recovery, we can be assured that it will be complete and total healing in Him. That is a wonderful thought!

JESUS, JESUS, JESUS, there IS something about that name!

Christ only, always
Bro. Paul

Baptisms

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began to laugh, rejoice, cheer and praise God.

The sad part of it all is that we couldn't tell anyone at the church that we had baptized the teenagers in their "white baptistry". Even sadder, when the boys came to church on Sunday the leaders told them that they could not return. In a couple of weeks they fired Larry and me and within a few more weeks the church doors were closed permanently and remain that way to this day.

#2- About 2 years later after Shari and I had graduated and moved to our first work in youth ministry in Homer, Louisiana, 3 more "silent baptisms" occurred. It all began when I was given a contact card for someone who had written in concerning a Christian radio program. The radio program ministry asked me to go visit C. W. Webster. When I finally found Holsey Stop it was way in the backwoods of northern Louisiana, about 30 minutes northeast of Homer. It was a long way from anything that resembled town; it was actually just an old run down building that had been turned into a kind of backwoods 7/11. C. W. Webster owned the store and had written in for materials to help teach the gospel to the people who came into his store.

After a lengthy conversation he asked me to come back once each week to show the Jule Miller "visualized bible study series". When I asked him where he said, "Right here in my store. Where did you think?" So for several weeks I drove out each Tuesday evening, set the screen up right inside the front door and 5-10 of watched each lesson. If someone came to the store to shop C. W. would tell them to come back tomorrow for groceries, but that they were welcome to stay for the Bible lesson. C. W. was amazing - oh, and did I tell you he was 86 yrs old and rode an old motorcycle?

When we got to the final lesson there were only 3 who had seen every lesson and come every week. One man named General George Washington Lee and his wife, Martha and one of Martha's friends. They wanted to be baptized and it was very late at night and oh, did I forget to mention, I was the only white person in this story. Yep, they were all black and we were in northern Louisiana in 1974.

To me the answer was easy. So we drove into Homer and baptized 3 precious souls in the Homer Church of Christ baptistry. They were all ecstatic and gave me a set of beautiful brass candle holders as a "thank you" for teaching them about Christ. C. W. and his wife Yvonne and General Lee and Martha

and Martha's friend started a church there in the store the very next Sunday.

I went home and told Shari and we rejoiced. But when Sunday came I knew I couldn't rejoice with anyone else; I couldn't even tell them about 3 lost souls who had surrendered to Jesus and found salvation. I probably would have been fired if I had. So no announcement was made, nothing mentioned in the bulletin, just ignorance and silence filled the day. But Shari and I rejoiced, looking at each other with smiles, knowing that a new church was meeting that very day at Holsey Stop, LA. and that 5 precious souls were worshiping Father God with all of their hearts, minds, souls and bodies.



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STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — State Farm is pulling its ads from Penn State football broadcasts, while General Motors is reconsidering its sponsorship deal and Wall Street is threatening to downgrade the school's credit rating, suggesting the price of the sexual abuse scandal could go well beyond the \$60 million fine and other penalties imposed by the NCAA.

Bloomington, Ill.-based State Farm said it had been reviewing its connection to Penn State since the arrest of retired assistant football coach Jerry Sandusky last November. The insurance company said it will pull ads from broadcasts of Nittany Lion home games but continue to advertise during Penn State's away contests.

"We will not directly support Penn State football this year," State Farm spokesman Dave Phillips said Tuesday. "We just feel it was the best decision."

The NCAA imposed unprecedented sanctions against Penn State on Monday, including the fine, a four-year bowl ban and a sharp reduction in the number of football scholarships it may offer.

The governing body also erased 14 years of victories, wiping out 111 of coach Joe Paterno's wins and stripping him of his standing as the most successful coach in the history of big-time college football.

NCAA President Mark Emmert said he relied on a report by former FBI Director Louis Freeh, who found that Paterno and three top officials concealed child sexual abuse allegations against Sandusky more than a decade ago to protect the school and its powerful football program.

With Penn State's once-sterling reputation in tatters, the university could face an exodus of sponsors unwilling to have their brands linked to scandal, said Kevin Adler, founder of Chicago-based Engage Marketing Inc.

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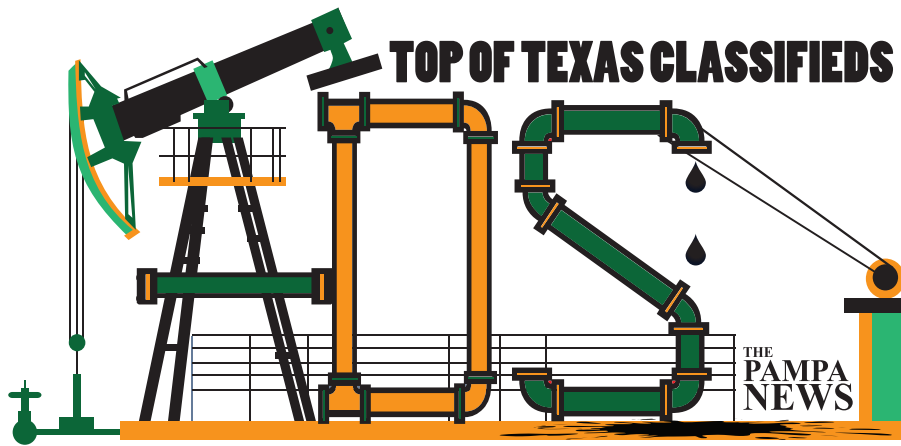
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Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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9	7	4	1	3	6	5	2	8
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Level: Intermediate

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Each of the three-letter groups below may be extended on both the right and the left to form a seven-letter word. Use the tiles directly above each group to fill in the blanks.

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Yesterday's Answer: ANNUL, LOGIC; TURBO, GRIEF 7.25

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 40 Wolfish sort
 - 1 A bunch
 - 6 Prejudice
 - 10 Madame Curie
 - 42 Jury members
 - 11 Serving girl
 - 12 Start
 - 13 Run up
 - 14 Pindar poems
 - 15 Will topic
 - 16 Pewter component
 - 17 Yeoman's "yes"
 - 18 Put in stitches
 - 19 Hats, hoods and helmets
 - 22 Talk drunkenly
 - 23 Complain
 - 26 Auto enthusiast
 - 29 Tabloid
 - 32 Ram's mate
 - 33 Bind
 - 34 Rub the wrong way
 - 36 Cream buy
 - 37 Increase
 - 38 Espresso order
 - 39 Sun Valley setting
- DOWN**
- 1 Even
 - 2 Confectioner's creations
 - 3 Weapons store
 - 4 Conks out
 - 5 Harden
 - 6 Inclined
 - 7 Cuzco people
 - 8 Less than right
 - 9 Smallest mammal
 - 11 Smart aleck
 - 15 Pupil's place
 - 17 Went along with
 - 20 Used a shovel
 - 21 Fan sound
 - 24 Give a new name to
 - 25 Homer, for one
 - 27 Wonder
 - 28 Hampers
 - 29 Zealous
 - 30 Dwelling
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 - 36 Book feature
 - 38 Cut off

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 12-year-old girl and I hope you will print this because it's about something important. I have an iPod Touch. My friends and I wanted to text, so I asked my mom if I could download a program to talk to my friends. She said it was OK.

I really like "The Hunger Games," so I went into a "Hunger Games" chat room and started talking with some boys there. The next thing I knew there were three men texting me, asking me questions about sex and asking for pictures. (It started with them asking if I was fat, and when I said no, I was asked to send a picture of me in a bathing suit to prove it.) Then they wanted me to send some without the top. I felt really pressured.

I got so scared I couldn't sleep, so I had to tell my mom. She helped me delete my account and told me it was dangerous, but she always loves me. It was hard for me to tell her because I was scared she was going to be mad.

I want your readers to know this can happen and there are chat room apps for iPods. I'm smart. I get good grades in school, but these guys almost tricked me into doing something I didn't want to do. I still have trouble sleeping because I'm afraid one of them will see me on the street and do something to me.

What should I do? — TERRIFIED FROM TEXTING

DEAR TERRIFIED: I'm glad you took the time to write. You are a very lucky girl. You are fortunate to have a good relationship with your mother and that you could go to her right away when you realized you were in over your head.

Remember, once something is on the Web it's there for good. You are intelligent enough that things didn't progress any further.

Thank you for wanting to warn other young people about your experience. Adults can lecture about the dangers of communicating with strangers on the Internet, but it's easy to tune them out. It's also easy to forget that the same rules apply in the virtual world as apply in the real world. If something makes you uncomfortable, listen to your gut and leave the area.

I hope other young women will learn from what happened to you and recognize how careful they must be in chat rooms because as your experience illustrates, not everyone is who they pretend to be.

Bottom line: If anyone wants to text or chat and things progress in a way that makes you uncomfortable, it's time to

carefully consider whether to proceed or not. Immediately show the text or chat to someone (a parent or an older, more knowledgeable friend) and ask for an opinion. Remember, you have the ability to block the person at any time. Do not let anyone — whether you know him or her or not — force you to do ANYTHING.

DEAR ABBY: I am a healthy, active older man who is in love with a woman my age. Coincidentally, we are in-laws. Her husband and my wife are both deceased. Having known each other for many years, we are very close and have found renewed happiness with each other. We are in love.

Our adult children tell us we are not being rational. Our peers see nothing wrong with it. Do we ignore our children's advice and seek happiness together for the next few years? Please tell me something that makes sense. — CONFUSED RETIRED ENGINEER

DEAR CONFUSED: You have raised your kids and buried your wife. You deserve to be happy. What makes sense is you and this lady you have known for years being happily together. Your children's attitude is what's irrational.

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Eyes on London

READY TO GO!

After years of preparation work, organization chief Sebastian Coe says London is ready and — like an athlete — raring to go. “We’re now in the last of the call rooms. We’ve gone from the training track to the warmup track to the stadium. The volunteers are in place. The city is dressed. The torch is on its way.”

TRAVEL TROUBLES

More signs Tuesday that London’s transit system is feeling the strain, but it’s all quite good-natured — at least for now.

At St. Pancras International station, the launching point for the high-speed Javelin train that takes visitors to the Olympic Park gates, more than 100 people couldn’t get onto the platform this afternoon. Eventually, they got on to two trains but neither was going anywhere.

Confused passengers flip-flopped trains, hoping to get lucky with one that would whisk them away, but both were delayed for at least 50 minutes, with little communication from train supervisors to explain what was happening. Some shouted questions to passing train workers, but this was no foul-mouthed, rush-hour mob foaming at the mouth. Everyone remained calm, if a little agitated, until the first one pulled out of the station.

AN AIRPORT STRIKE — NOW?

British authorities are going to court to try and prevent a major strike at U.K. airports on Thursday, the eve of the games. Immigration staff are angry over pay and job losses, but officials are urging them to stop and think about the consequences given that “the eyes of the world” will be on the U.K.

DOUBLE TROUBLE FOR BRYAN TWINS

Twin brothers Bob and Mike Bryan had a bit of trouble getting into the Olympic Park when the American tennis team arrived in London, but it had nothing to do with security guards trying to tell them apart.

The Bryan brothers, among the favorites in the men’s doubles tournament, missed the team’s news conference because they were stopped at the security check point. According to Tim Curry, the director of the U.S. Tennis Association, they had failed to go to the proper welcoming desk to have their accreditations validated.

“They were trying to get by with the non-laminated one, which is step No. 1 — laminate your credential,” Curry said. “They got stopped in security and are heading back to the welcome center.”

FROM ROW 62 AT THE OLYMPIC AQUATIC CENTER

The worst seats in the Olympics? Check out the very top row of the London Aquatic Center.

From the main concourse, it’s a staggering hike up 169 steeply pitched steps to row 62. Tickets in that part of the building should’ve at least come with a warning: Making this climb could be hazardous to your health unless you’re in decent physical condition.

The view isn’t much, either. The entire pool is visible, in spite of the sloping roof over the temporary seats, but the swimmers look like ants in the water. Fortunately, there are video screens hanging from the ceiling.

Also note, on days when the weather turns unseasonably balmy, as it did Tuesday on the hottest day of the year in Britain, the top row of the aquatic center is downright boiling. The building is already kept on the warm side for the comfort of the scantily clad swimmers, and the heat was nearly unbearable on the top row Tuesday.

Just imagine what it’s going to feel like with 17,000 fans around you.

GETTING A GLIMPSE

The Olympic Park is ringed off by security fences, making access for the public difficult except for those with credentials and, later this week, tickets. But that hasn’t stopped the public from coming out to take a look. And some locations are clearly better than others.

At the large, multistory John Lewis department store — on the edge of the Olympic Park and nestled in a sprawling shopping mall — dozens of people took advantage of the wide, tall window that overlooks the park and provides a clear view of the main stadium that will be the site of Friday night’s opening ceremonies.

Children and adults pressed against the window to catch a view, as today’s clear, cloudless skies provided a crystal-clear picture of the park and other parts of London.

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