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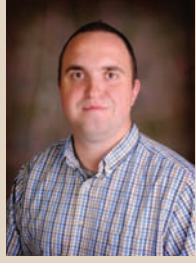
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## Pizza! Pizza! Little Caesars opened Wednesday



Photos by John Lee

The renovations to the old Hot Rod building is complete and the Little Caesars was finally unveiled as open for business on Wednesday morning. Jignesh "Jay" Domadia says he is very excited for him to open his third Little Caesar's in the Panhandle. "We are very excited. We want to serve the community the great pizza, so please come out and support us." Domadia added the location is a perfect place for the store because it's in a prime location have a drive through and enjoy pizza regardless of the season. Little Caesar's can be reached at 806-688-1088.

## Rodeo Day at Pampa Nursing Center



Photo by Maggie Hayes

The Ding-A-Lings from Dumas came out to Pampa Nursing Center for their Rodeo Day Wednesday morning. Several employees and residents were dressed in the western them and were treated to music and Dyer's BBQ. More pictures from the event can be found on page 5.

## Operation Jade Helm 15 underway in Texas

BY PATRICK SVITEK  
The Texas Tribune

It's here. Operation Jade Helm 15, the military training exercise that captured the fancy of conspiracy theorists earlier this year, begins Wednesday in a dozen Texas counties and across the Southwest. It will continue through the summer. The launch comes about two months after what the military describes as a benign training exercise became an international sensation, spurred by speculation that it is the beginning of a federal takeover, perhaps with the help of a string of mysteriously closed Wal-Marts. The anxieties seemed to reach a boiling point in April at a meet-

ing of the Bastrop County Commissioners Court, where a military spokesman was peppered with questions about the operation's true purpose. Gov. Greg Abbott gave the theories a high-profile platform when he asked the Texas State Guard to keep an eye on the exercise to ensure Texans' "safety, constitutional rights, private property rights and civil liberties will not be infringed." Issued shortly after the Bastrop meeting, the directive drew bipartisan criticism, but Abbott stood by his order, maintaining he was simply responding to constituent concerns. On the eve of the exercise, state Rep. John Cyrier, who represents Bastrop, said the frenzy has largely died down. **HELM** cont. on page 2

## Tyler, Lighthouse Exotics owner: rabbit didn't die of heat stroke Tuesday

BY JOHN LEE  
jlee@thepampanews.com

Tuesday evening a video circulated on Facebook website "For sale in Pampa" of a dead rabbit at Lighthouse Exotics and Serpentarium. Because of the recent hot weather, and the rabbit being in a window display, the rumors and speculation circulated in the comments and from the post inferred that the rabbit had died from a heat stroke. Tina Tyler, owner of Lighthouse Exotics, said that is not the case. "There were five bunnies in there, if one bunny is going to die from a heat stroke, all of them is going to die from a heat stroke," Tyler said. Tyler said there are a number of other things that could have killed the rabbit. Tyler said while the rabbits' food dish was empty, the rabbits had water in their enclosure.

"Was there a dead bunny in the window? Yes," Tyler said. "Animals die. It didn't die of a heat stroke. It didn't even have rigor mortis. It wasn't bloated." Tyler had an answer for many of the comments on the posts including insinuation of the business being fly-infested and always hot. Tyler said she can't put pesticides out because of the animals in the store, and her store was at 78 degrees that evening. Tyler added Pampa Animal Control came to the shop, but they didn't fine her or instruct her to make any changes to the store. Monty Montgomery of Pampa Animal Control said there were a couple of "minor infractions" that were corrected on-scene but Lighthouse Exotics were not cited for any violations. "They said, 'You have a dead bunny,' and they

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## Hemphill County Indictments

**STAFF REPORT**  
The following is a list of all the Hemphill County Grand Jury indictments that took place on July 9.  
• Franky Lee Rathbun, 51, for theft of property greater than or equal to \$100,000 but less than \$200,000.  
• James Patrick

Lewis, 40, for theft of property greater than or equal to \$100,000 but less than \$200,000.  
• Billy Dwyane Johnson, Jr., 36, for theft of a firearm.  
• Irving M Esparza-Conde, 19, for credit card or debit card abuse.

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## PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday
High 93 Low 71	High 94 Low 71	High 95 Low 74

**Today:** Twenty percent chance of storms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. South southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Tonight:** Twenty percent chance of storms before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 71. South wind 10 to 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Friday:** Twenty percent chance of storms after 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 94. South southwest wind 15 to 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Friday night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 95. South southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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## Helm

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"I think a lot of the questions have been answered since it first kind of hit Bastrop County Commissioners Court," said

"They will never all be at the same place, at the same time," Lastoria said in an email, adding that 700 of the service members are participating in the exercise for only five days at Camp Bullis in San Antonio.

Wherever the action



Graphic by Todd Wiseman

Operation Jade Helm 15, a military training exercise, begins Wednesday in 12 Texas counties: Bastrop, Burleson, Brazos, Edwards, Howard, Hudspeth, Kimble, Martin, Marion, Real, Schleicher and Tom Green. It will also take place at Camp Bullis in San Antonio and Camp Swift in Bastrop County.

Cyrier, a Republican. "It seems like it's been pretty quiet, at least on my end of it."

The military has said citizens can expect little interference with their day-to-day lives as the operation gets underway, save a slight uptick in their noise and traffic in their neck of the woods. Still, officials have admitted the exercise is unusual in its "size and scope," playing out in seven southwestern states.

The operation will include 1,200 service members, according to Mark Lastoria, a spokesman for Army Special Operations Command. However, he suggested, they probably will not stand out as they go about their business.

happens, a group called Counter Jade Helm has taken it upon itself to serve as a watchdog. The organization is dispatching members to various sites of the operation and soliciting any information locals may have on how the exercise is going in their communities.

At the same time, it has been careful to distance itself from the seedier elements of the Jade Helm furor, branding itself as an effort to help the military's efforts, not thwart them.

"CJH is not about conspiracy theories," the group's website reads. "This exercise is not about the what-ifs of our government."

Abbott's office did not respond to a request for comment Tuesday on how it was preparing for the exercise.

## Store

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left," Tyler said. "They didn't tell me I have so many days to fix anything or anything like that."

Tyler said when she came inside the store all of the cages had adequate food and water. As far as the birds' water dishes being nasty?

"Birds poop," Tyler said. "They take baths in their water."

Tyler said she comes to her store daily and gives the rabbits food and water daily.

They only give the rabbits food daily because if the humidity of the store builds up in their hay-based food, it can mold it.

Tyler is baffled by the comments suggesting she doesn't take care of her animals.

"Why in the world would I abuse and neglect my animals," Tyler said. "I can't sell a dead animal. If I don't take care of them, it's kind of pointless to have a pet store. I have more than 230 animals in this store, occasionally one's going to die."

But several people came to the defense of Lighthouse Exotics, which over-whelmed Tyler.

"On one hand, though, to watch the people rally around the store right now," Tyler said. "And defend this store, and PMing (sending messages to her) me defending my store. It's showing me that I do have very loyal customers that love this store. My friends here in Pampa are my loyal customers. The support being Pampa and people that know my store. It's very heart-warming and over-whelming and I want to thank them for it."

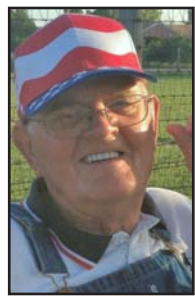
Lighthouse Exotics and Serpenterium is located at 117 W. Foster and can be reached on Facebook. A call to Pampa Police Department was not returned by press time.

# OBITUARIES

## Laven Glen Greer

Laven Glen Greer, 88, of Pampa, died Monday, July 13, 2015, in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 17, 2015, at Central Baptist Church, with Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Laven Glen Greer

Mr. Greer was born Sept. 9, 1926, in a farm home out of Woodward, Okla., to Glen R. and Jewell Stone Greer. He married Virginia Becker on Aug. 21, 1951, in Clovis, N.M.

Laven was a veteran of the U. S. Navy. He was employed by Cabot Corporation and Ingersoll Rand, retiring after 38 years of service. His goal in life was to tell every-

one he met about Christ. He was a member, deacon and Sunday school teacher for many years at Central Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, John Franklin Greer and Leland Greer.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia Greer of the home; his daughter, Vicki Ferguson and husband Gene of Wheeler; his son, Rev. James Greer and wife Dana of Pampa; his brother, Gary Joe Greer and wife Norine of Pampa; sister-in-law, Gay Nell Greer of Overton; four grandchildren, Jennifer King and husband Douglas, Zackary Greer and wife Jennifer, Jessica King and husband Matthew, and Penny Harvey and husband Nathaniel; and seven great-grandchildren, Jessica, Camden, Boone, Aiden, Gavin, Lucian and Landon.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, Texas 79065, or a charity of choice.

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

# Demaryius Thomas signs five-year, \$70 million contract

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. (AP) — Wide receiver Demaryius Thomas has signed a five-year \$70 million contract with the Denver Broncos just before the deadline for NFL players who had franchise tags to sign long-term deals.

The contract is the biggest in franchise history, and includes \$43.5 million guaranteed. Of that,

\$35 million is guaranteed over the first two seasons.

Had the sides not hammered out a deal Wednesday, Thomas would have played this season on the \$12.823 million franchise tag, which still would have been about as much as he'd made in his first five seasons combined.

The three-time Pro Bowler is coming off his best season.

# FOR the RECORD

## Arizona pair arrested for possession of control substance

### STAFF REPORT

• Jose Hernandez, 32, San Luis, Ariz., was arrested Tuesday by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for possession of a controlled substance greater than or equal to 400 grams.

• Manuel Mejia, 42, San Luis, Ariz., was arrested Tuesday by GCSO for possession of a controlled

substance greater than or equal to 400 grams.

• Steven Craig Angel, 49, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by the Pampa Police Department for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.

• Juan Rios Tamayo, 38, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by PPD for driving while intoxicated.

• Julia Renae, 35, Amarillo, was arrested Tuesday by PPD for two capias pro fine charges; one for running a red light and one for no valid driver's license.

• Michelle Elizabeth Mayberry, 21, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by PPD for a bond surrender for theft of property, greater than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000 and two counts of

organized crime.

• Larry Lynn King, 48, Pampa, was arrested Tuesday by PPD for possession of a controlled substance less than one gram, theft of property less than \$1,500 and two more convictions.

• Bill Duane Carter, 73, Pampa, was arrested Wednesday by PDD for assault, caused bodily injury of a family member.

# Baseball's All-Star Game draws record-low television rating

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball's All-Star Game has drawn a record-low television rating.

The AL's 6-3 win over the NL in Cincinnati on Tuesday night earned a 6.6 rating and 12 share on Fox. The previous low was a 6.8 in 2012. Fox said Wednesday that the

broadcast averaged 10.9 million viewers.

That's down from the 11.3 million for last year's game, Derek Jeter's final All-Star appearance.

Baseball's All-Star Game remains the highest-rated of the four major North American pro sports leagues.

It was Fox's best Tuesday primetime rating since Game 6 of the World Series.

Ratings represent the percentage of homes with televisions tuned to a program, while shares measure the percentage of TVs in use at the time.

# Cowboys, Bryant agree to 5-year, \$70M deal

IRVING (AP) — A person close to the negotiations says Dez Bryant has agreed to a five-year, \$70 million contract with the Dallas Cowboys.

The deal with the All-Pro receiver broke a stalemate that lasted months, and ended about an hour before the Wednesday deadline to get a multiyear deal done. The person, speaking on condition of anonymity because the deal hasn't been announced, provided the terms to The Associated Press. The contract includes \$45 million guaranteed for last year's NFL leader in touchdowns receiving.

Bryant had threatened to skip training camp and regular-season games without a contract to replace the \$12.8 million offer for one year he had under the franchise tag.

Now the Cowboys can focus on defending their NFC East title and trying to make a deeper playoff run after one that ended on Bryant's much-debated catch that wasn't in a divisional-round loss to Green Bay.

The deal ended the contract-related drama that filled the offseason for the Cowboys. First they decided not to match Philadelphia's offer on running

back DeMarco Murray in free agency, and let the NFL rushing leader go to one of their division rivals.

Then the focus turned to Bryant, who scored 16 times last season and has the most touchdowns receiving in the league since 2010, when Dallas drafted him late in the first round after his stock fell over concerns about off-the-field issues.

Bryant would occasionally use Twitter to express frustration over not having what he thought was a suitable offer. The most pointed threat came Monday, when he tweeted he would "not be there if no deal," clearly a reference to training camp coming up in two weeks. Bryant had already said he would consider missing games, at a cost of about \$750,000 each time he didn't play.

Before the long-term deal got done, Dallas couldn't fine Bryant for missing offseason workouts and camp practices because he hadn't signed the guaranteed \$12.8 million tender. Bryant didn't practice all spring, but did show up from time to time. That included the final mandatory minicamp workout, when he had a 15-minute conversation with owner Jerry Jones.

# House passes bill to keep highway aid flowing to states

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House passed a bill Wednesday to temporarily shore up funding for transportation programs and prevent a shutdown in highway and transit aid to states at the end of this month. But Senate Republicans are trying to cobble together a longer-term bill that could provide money for several years.

The House bill would provide \$8 billion to keep transportation aid flowing through Dec. 18 while lawmakers work on a long-term bill. It passed by a vote of 312-119.

Rep. Bill Shuster, R-Pa., chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, said the five-month measure is necessary to buy more time to work on a longer measure.

The vote came exactly one year after the House passed another short-term extension because lawmakers said they needed more time to resolve

the chronic problem of transportation money in order to pass a long-term fix.

Republican leaders are divided over a strategy for dealing with the problem.

As the House debated its short-term measure, Senate Republicans circulated a list of about \$80 billion in potential savings, enough to cover the cost of a renewal of highway and mass transit funding for several years.

Among the items was a proposal to reduce the rate of return on one of the investment funds available to federal retirees, a \$31 billion item over a decade. Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada has said he would oppose the move.

Another proposal would reduce the dividend that the Federal Reserve pays to member banks, worth about \$17 billion.

Tax compliance measures would bring in \$5.2 billion

over a decade, and raising custom fees annually to adjust for inflation would generate \$4 billion.

Officials stressed that no decisions had been made on either the duration or the financing of a longer-term highway measure that Senate Republicans are likely to advance in the coming days.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has said he wants a bill that would cover programs at least through next year's election and preferably longer.

The Senate bill is also expected to include a provision to renew the Export-Import Bank, which provides backing for U.S. companies selling goods overseas. Authority for the bank to operate expired at the end of last month; supporters have said they will try to use the must-pass highway bill to win its reauthorization.

The bank has strong sup-

port in both the House and Senate, despite opposition from some conservatives who argue it amounts to crony capitalism.

Congress is under pressure to act quickly on transportation.

Authority for those programs expires on July 31, which would eliminate the Transportation Department's ability to process promised aid payments to states.

But simply renewing the department's authorization isn't enough. Without an infusion of cash, the balance in the federal Highway Trust Fund is forecast to drop below \$4 billion — the minimum cushion needed to keep money flowing to states without interruption — by the end of this month.

Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx has warned states that he will start slowing down federal payments on Aug. 1.

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## Tales from the Final Frontier

■ The joys of video games with your significant other. Nintendo loses a legend.

There are several things that a husband and wife, boyfriend/girlfriend or pair of fiancées can enjoy.



JOHN LEE

Hiking, grocery shopping (admit it, dudes, it's kind of cool), watching a movie or even a night at the couple's favorite dive bar filled with dancing and playing pool.

These are all things my wife and I have enjoyed throughout our time together. But

we have also enjoyed our fair share of playing board games and video games together.

My wife enjoys board games a lot more than she does video games but she has had her fun with video games as well.

Now I am not saying she plays

games like the Halo franchise, the Assassin's Creed franchise or Madden with me (although those are trees I have barked up before). But she does enjoy the platform games such as the Mario and Donkey Kong.

Maria and I mostly play the co-op games to keep our competitive natures at bay.

The video game website, www.gamasutra.com, did a "case study" on playing games with your romantic partner. I use the term loosely.

Part of this "study" involved a couple who played "New Super Mario Bros. Wii."

The article cites a man named Jimmy Wellington, an experienced gamer, who played the game with his wife, an inexperienced gamer.

Jimmy hoped the side-scrolling style of the Mario game would be easy for his wife. As with anyone who doesn't

play video games, it wasn't. Jimmy realized that you have to play games with your spouse for fun. Now I still try to collect every collectible for every stage of the game. And that does frustrate my wife at times, but she still has fun and sometimes even takes the same approach to it.

I give Nintendo kudos because while the two other video game powerhouses are eliminating same console co-op play more and more in their big releases, Nintendo continues to strive to be family-friendly. Thank you, Nintendo.

Other video games my wife and I enjoy are games such as "Mario Party," "Fortune Street" and "Towerfall: Ascension." The former two aren't co-op games but as long as you keep it fun then there will be a thorough enjoyment for both.

Sometimes you can even turn these games into double-date games thanks to Nintendo. So next time you have that in-law over that you can't stand, play one of those games and stick it to them.

Speaking of Nintendo, they lost a legend over the weekend. Satoru Iwata, Nintendo's fourth president and CEO, passed away Sunday, July 12, at the age of 56 from a bile duct tumor.

Iwata worked early in his career **GAMES** cont. on page 6

## What is your 'coachability' score?

Are you coachable? Do you take instruction well? Do you listen to advice from others?



RICK KRAFT

Are you the smartest person who ever lived? Maybe a better question is, "Are you the smartest person you know?" If so, why would you need to listen to anyone else? If not, why wouldn't you listen to others?

These are some interesting and revealing questions. It is interesting the way God wired mankind. If you were to give yourself a "coachability" score from one to ten with ten being very coachable and one being not coachable at all, what score would you give yourself? What score would your spouse or your best friend give you? Would the two scores be close?

If you are not coachable, is it because you are stubborn? prideful? defensive? egotistical?

It seems that everyone else thinks they know what is better for us than we do. If they are right we need to listen and take action. If they are wrong we need to at least listen. The bottom line is that each of us needs to be more coachable.

I am not sure there are any openings for the position of "king." But if there were and you became king you wouldn't have to listen to anyone. Or would you? A king can mandate what he wants to do and everyone else is expected to follow the mandate. He has no accountability. But if this is the case, why is it that kings (sometimes also known as "dictators") sometimes get overthrown?

How often do you think a typical king listens to the wise counsel of others? Should he? Did Solomon, known as the wisest earthly king ever, listen to the counsel of others?

As a general rule, we don't take instruction well. If something is our own idea, there is hope of it being accomplished. I say "hope" because even if something is our idea, it may not grow wings and fly. If something is

someone else's idea, the idea is typically doomed. How dare someone else tell me how to live my life? We sometimes get this attitude when we listen to a preacher or an instructor who talks about how life should be lived.

We may tune out the message. Or we may listen, but respond on the inside with "he doesn't understand that what he is saying won't work for me." We often try to justify anything except listening and then applying and changing. Even good ideas that would change our lives get walled out by our defensiveness.

This is the 793rd consecutive week the "Just A Thought" column has been printed over the past 15 years. It is designed to bring about change in the readers' lives. Every column ends with a challenge. It is not intended to step on toes, but I am sure there have been occasions where you have read my thoughts and then thrown them out the window because you don't feel they apply to you. That is all right, that is the free will that God put in each of us.

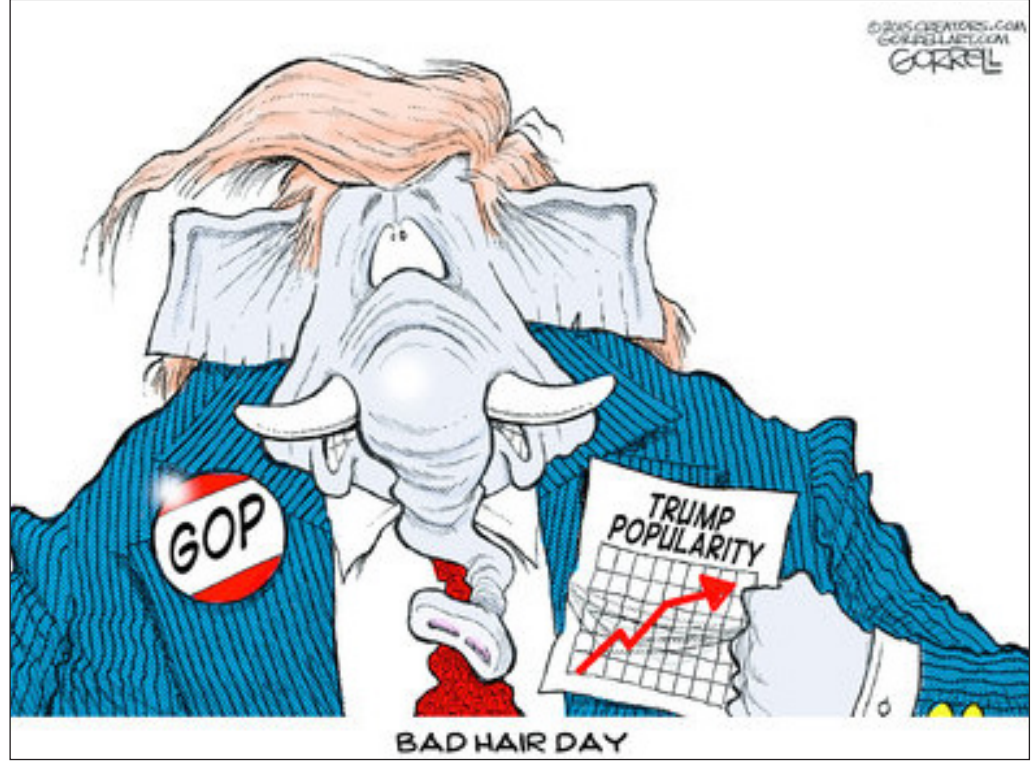
Furthermore, I don't have a corner on the market on wisdom. I still have a lot to learn. I am work in progress. Yet I still struggle with coachability in my life.

I like the saying, "It is what I learn after I think I know it all that really matters." When I think of this quote I recognize that I fail regularly. You fail regularly also. There is something about listening to someone else telling us about our flaws and what to do that rubs us the wrong way.

Even when we know they are right on our inside, our pride or stubbornness often prevents us from agreeing with the one speaking wisdom.

Let me flip the scenario. How often do you think you can lean into the life of another and help them improve or solve a problem in his or her life, but you don't speak up because it will be ignored, start an argument, or maybe be a waste of fifteen minutes of your life? Well, let me reveal something to you. Others feel that way about your life.

So what is the prescription? **KRAFT** cont. on page 6



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## Museum Musings Early Explorer's Camp Week



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Early Explorer's Camp week. Lots of discoveries being made at the White Deer Land Museum by these young people!

## Is Capitalism Diabolic?

On arrival in La Paz, Pope Francis was presented by Bolivian President Evo Morales with a wooden crucifix carved in the form of a hammer and sickle, the symbol of Lenin, Stalin, Mao and Fidel.



PAT BUCHANAN

Had Pope John Paul II been handed that crucifix, he might have cracked it over Evo's head. For John Paul II had seen up close what communism did — to his country, his church and his people in 45 years of

Bolshevik rule. On his arrival in the Nicaragua of Daniel Ortega in 1983, Pope John Paul castigated a priest-collaborator who dared to serve that Sandinista Marxist regime as culture minister.

And, while in Managua, he warned Catholics they were being threatened by "unacceptable ideological commitments."

Today we have a pope for whom free-market capitalism is the "unacceptable ideological commitment."

As The New York Times reports, Pope Francis does "not just criticize the excesses of capitalism. He com-

pares to the 'dung of the devil.' He does not simply argue that 'greed for money' is a bad thing. He calls it a 'subtle dictatorship that condemns and enslaves.'"

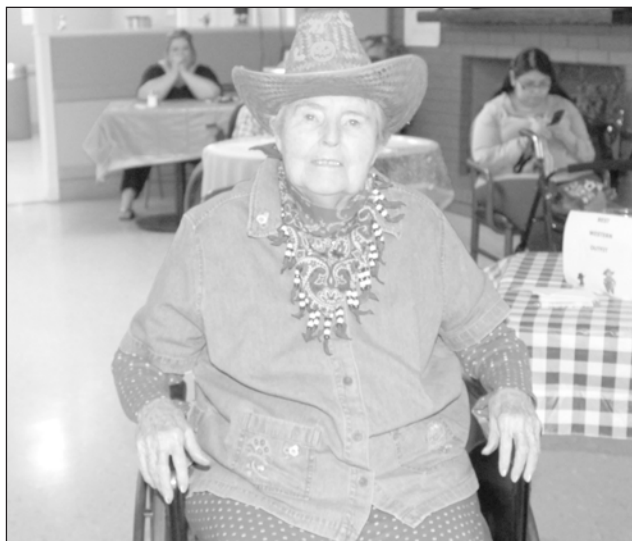
In South America, Pope Francis "made a historic apology for the crimes of the Roman Catholic Church during the period of Spanish colonialism — even as he called for a global movement against a 'new colonialism' rooted in an inequitable economic order."

"The Argentine pope seemed to be **PAT** cont. on page 6

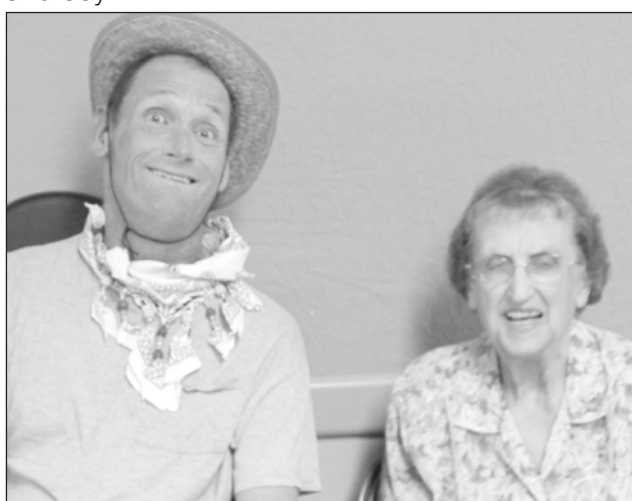
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## Rodeo Day at Pampa Nursing Center



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# Kraft

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tion to overcome this illness? What do we need to do to fly as high as we can taking our own ideas and merging them with the ideas of others to accomplish in our lifetime what we need to accomplish?

First of all, surround yourself with good influencers. Obviously you will consider the source of any advice given to you. If you don't believe in the messenger, you won't believe in the message. If you are surrounded by criminal or unethical minds, you probably need to get a new set of influencers.

Also, if we ask those who report to us to share their thoughts, they may not be candid because their job may be riding on what they say. If we ask our spouse for input, he or she may be gun shy because he or she has probably told us what we need to hear repeatedly and we have not changed.

We each need people in our lives who have nothing to lose and nothing to gain from telling us what we need to hear. This is an interesting concept. This could be a national speaker or it could be someone we interact with as a friend or coworker who has nothing to lose by being candid with us. It may be someone from your church or an organization you belong to.

The truth is, each of us can learn, grow, and make better decisions from the wise counsel of others. Not that "others" are perfect, but they see the world from outside of you or me. Their view on an issue (or issues) may be the wisdom we need to bring about change.

Just as you look into the lives of others and are critical of their lives

because you see them from the outside, remember others are looking into your life. Recognize that we judge others by their actions and we judge ourselves by our intentions.

The next time someone gives you advice or tries to change your life for the better with what he or she thinks are wise words, if it has any merit at all, try not to attack the one offering the advice or get defensive with an excuse. How about a response such as "That may be a good idea, let me think about that" or "I think you are right, let me think through how to apply it." Or, if it is a great idea and your pride or ego just doesn't want to allow you to acknowledge it, why not say "That is a great idea. Can you help me with how to apply your suggestion?" or "I agree, I will work on that."

Wow!!! That may blow away the one who is candidly sharing.

I want you to take seriously my challenge to you today. Surround yourself with good influencers. Then listen openly to what they say. Even ask them for advice if necessary. Non-defensive listening, filtering, and applying can change your life for the better.

And the better you are, the better those around you will be. If you raise the level of the water around you, your boat and the other boats around you rise higher also.

Try to be more coachable. Listen better. Apply selectively. Don't compromise your core beliefs, but there is a lot of improvement that can take place in your life around your core values.

Just a thought...

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# Games

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as a programmer at HAL Laboratory. HAL Laboratory is famous for making games such as the Kirby games, "Earthbound" and the Super Smash Bros. series.

In 2000, Iwata took the position at Nintendo as the head of its corporate planning division. Under Iwata, Nintendo revolutionized the hand-held console industry by releasing the Nintendo DS.

I personally thought the DS would fail miserably, I am not too proud to say I was wrong and, in my opinion, the Nintendo DS family is the finest hand-held system on the market today.

Nintendo's subsequent systems like the Wii U have not been as successful and Nintendo's finances took a downward turn in 2009. Iwata voluntarily cut his salary in half to help compete with Sony and Microsoft.

Earlier this year Iwata put part of Nintendo's focus on the mobile gaming market.

While not all of Iwata's projects have been home run hitters, his impact at Nintendo and the gaming industry was felt and the entire industry mourned for his death on Sunday.

On Twitter, PlayStation tweeted, "Thank you for everything, Mr. Iwata."

Ubisoft (most popular for Rayman series and Assassin's Creed) tweeted, "Our deepest condolences and sympathies go out to Mr. Iwata's family and everyone at Nintendo. He will be missed." - Yves Guillemot [CEO]."

Phil Spencer over at Xbox tweeted, "Sad day for Iwata-san's family, friends, and gamers everywhere. His passion, creativity and leadership elevated our industry."

That's all for this week, ladies and gentlemen.

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asking for a social revolution."

Now the church has a long tradition of criticizing capitalism, dating back to the encyclical Rerum Novarum in 1891.

In "American Church: The Remarkable Rise, Meteoric Fall, and Uncertain Future of Catholicism in America," author Russ Shaw deals with the causes and consequences of what some Catholics contend was a fatal embrace of a heretical "Americanism" in the 19th century.

This pope goes beyond that. His words about capitalism echo what Cold War Catholics said of communism, that it is a tree poisoned at the root that can yield only bad fruit, and, as the Gospel teaches, ought to be cut down and cast into the fire.

What is wrong with the pope's neo-socialist sermonizing?

While capitalism does indeed generate inequalities, freedom, too, produces inequality. For all men and all women are unequal in abilities, energy and opportunities. In a free society, some inevitably succeed, others fail.

For as the Biblical parable teaches, some are given 10 talents, others two, and God judges us on how well we use the talents we were given.

The only way to achieve absolute equality is absolute tyranny, the remorseless redistribution of wealth by an all-powerful regime.

The pontiff says the capitalist "idolatry of money" creates "the dictatorship of an impersonal economy lacking a truly human purpose." But it is egalitarianism that has proven to be the road to dictatorship, dictatorships run by egalitarians in the name of the "proletariat."

Free enterprise has brought more millions out of poverty, enabled more billions of people to live longer, freer, healthier and happier lives, and produced more widespread prosperity than any other economic system.

What is the superior system the pope believes we should adopt?

What has Argentina produced but an economically failed state, incompetent

socialist rulers, and an occasional Peronista in sunglasses and shiny boots? Is Latin America a fine model?

The pope used the phrase "dung of the devil." Is that not a good description of Karl Marx's "Communist Manifesto" and "Das Kapital"? And is not satanic the precise word to describe the scores of millions of dead that 70 years of Marxist-socialist ideology produced?

The 100 million people of Eastern Europe, the 300 million of the late Soviet Union, the 1.2 billion people in China — are they not better off the further they have moved away from Marxism, and the closer they have moved toward free-market capitalism?

As for the pope's apology for the sins of Spanish Catholicism in Latin America, why does he not speak up for the culture Catholicism helped to create, the eradication of paganism, and the termination of such practices as human sacrifice among the indigenous peoples?

But, then, we Americans are no strangers to "apology tours."

The pope is calling for a "social revolution." But what country, among the 190-plus in the U.N., comes closest to the utopia the pope has in mind? Or does his utopia exist only in the mind?

The pope is saintly man. But he has no special understanding of economic systems or of climate change. He is the Vicar of Christ, of the Savior sent by the Father to teach us what we must believe and how we must live to attain eternal life.

Christ did not come among us to end colonialism, or redistribute wealth, or start a social revolution against the empire of the Caesars.

As he told Pontius Pilate, "My Kingdom is not of this world."

Pope Francis is the infallible custodian of that truths Christ taught. Is that not sufficient, Your Holiness? Why not leave the socialist sermons to Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren?

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## More than 70 test positive for tuberculosis in El Paso

EL PASO (AP) — More than 70 people at a West Texas school and a halfway house have tested positive for tuberculosis.

The El Paso Department of Public Health on Tuesday announce results of the latest examinations involving more than 400 individuals. People who were positive face additional testing to determine if that have an active form of TB and require medication.

Health officials tested staff and stu-

dents from Frank Macias Elementary School, in the Clint Independent School District, where 51 tested positive for TB. Authorities say 20 people at the Dismas Charities halfway house tested positive.

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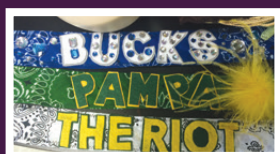
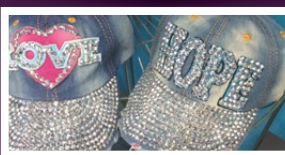
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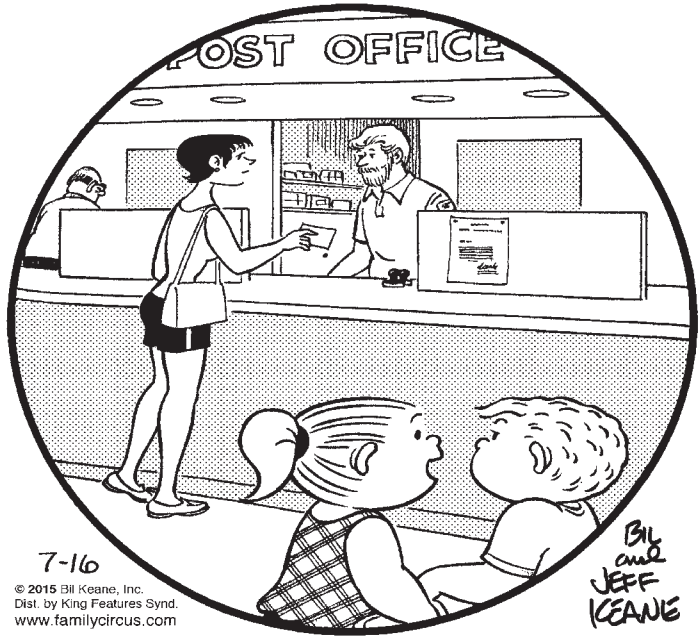
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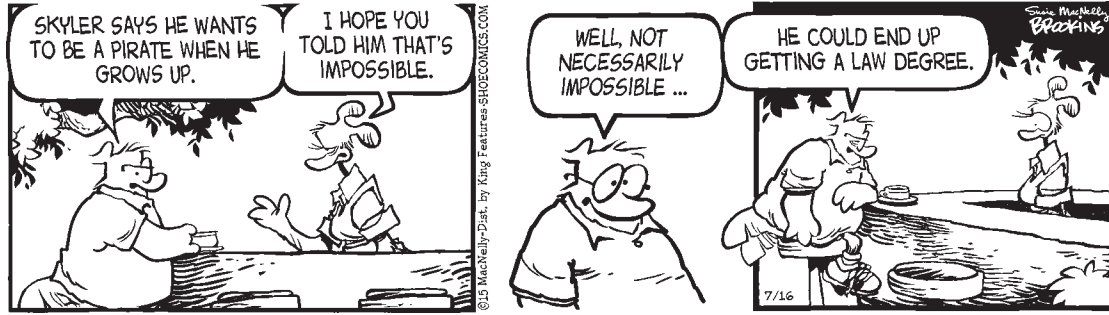
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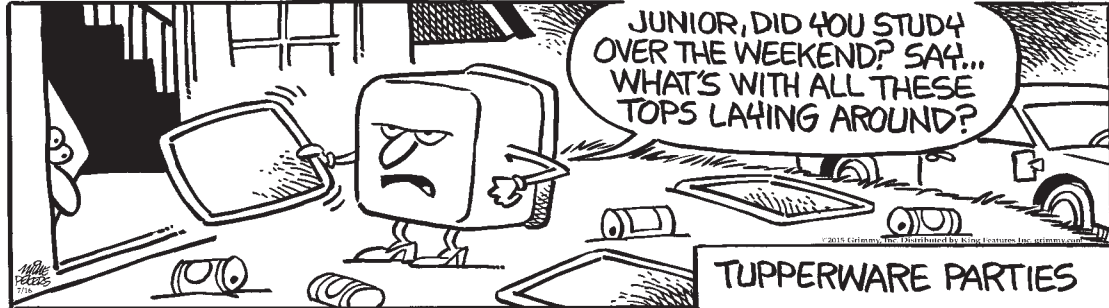
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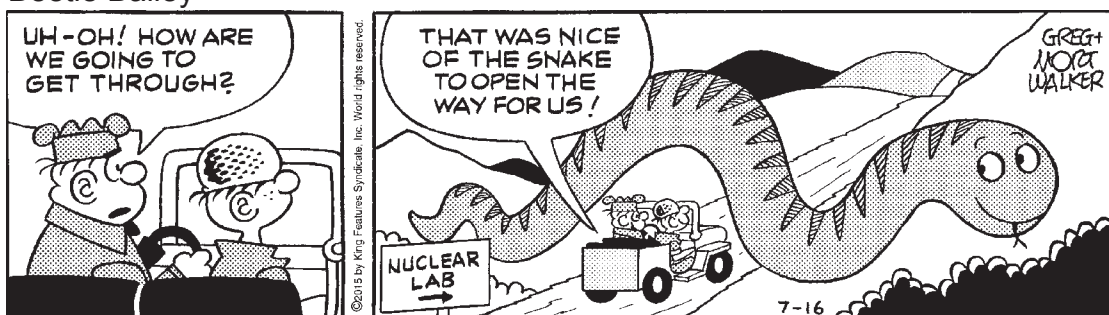
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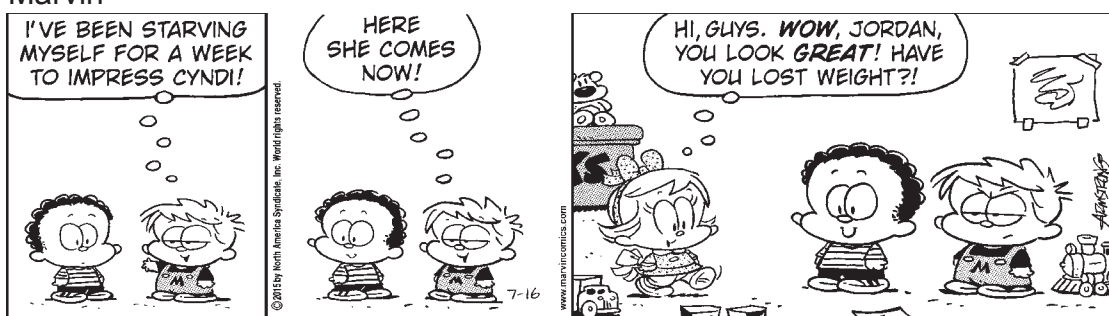
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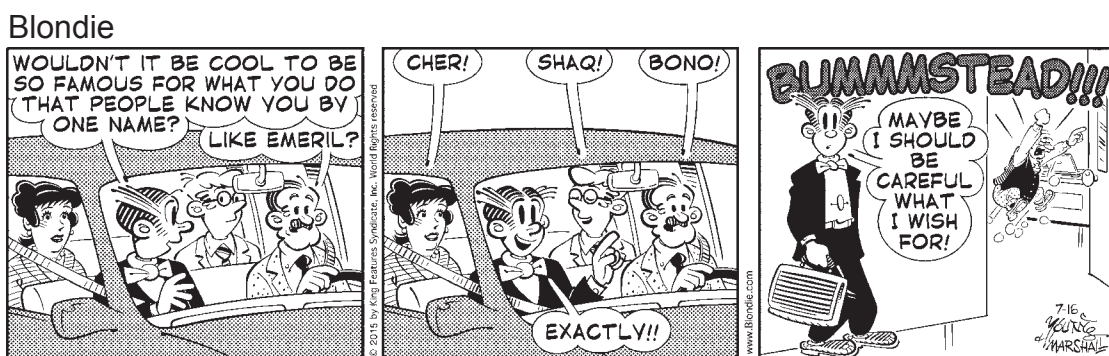
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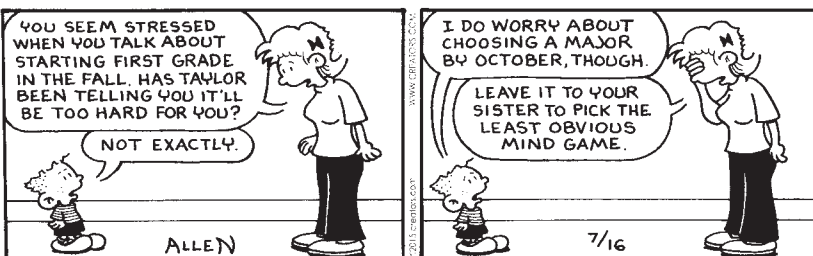
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# DAILY Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, July 17, 2015:

This year you will be unusually buoyant. You have a lot of energy, and you'll need to use it wisely in order to prevent yourself from becoming stressed out. If you are single, don't jump right from one relationship to the next, or you could miss meeting the right person. If you are attached, the two of you will opt to spend more time together. You have a tendency to overspend together, but it is also likely that you will see more money coming in. LEO is great at spending your money.

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)

★★★★ Though you and a friend might have only good intentions, somehow a clumsy awkwardness is likely to come over both of you. Allow a partner to express his or her feelings, even if it makes you uncomfortable. Tonight: Get into weekend mode.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You could be somewhat unconcerned with a domestic matter. A family member who can be a bit dramatic will remind you why you tend to distance yourself from him or her. You might gain an unexpected insight about the situation. Tonight: Stay close to home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Don't just sit back and listen. You need to be an active leader in order to get others to listen to you and your ideas. You have the proper leadership skills to make this happen. A partner might not be as tuned in as you would like him or her to be. Tonight: Strut your stuff.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You have a way of affecting those close to you in a big way. You might be a bit self-indulgent, so be prepared to receive some negative feedback from a loved one. A boss or a parent could surprise you with news or with his or her actions. Tonight: Out on the town.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You can't help but smile as you see your efforts finally come to fruition. A call could bring some exciting news that might involve travel and/or a long-distance visit. Your sense of organization will help you get through a difficult few days. Tonight: Wish upon a star.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You probably will want to be left alone, as you feel you have so much to do in so little time. Honor a change of pace, and set aside some spare time just for you. A loved one might try everything he or she can in order to communicate better with you. Tonight: Not to be found.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ A friendship will put a smile on your face. Don't question what is happening -- just enjoy the moment. Clear your desk, and get as much done as possible. You could be surprised by a loved one's actions and/or words. Tonight: What is stopping you? It's the weekend!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You'll feel more sure of yourself than you have in a long time. Respond to someone who is demanding and to whom you know you must answer. You could be subject to unpredictable changes in your daily schedule. Your ability to flex will be tested. Tonight: A must show.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You could be excited about an opportunity to take several days off. You might choose to make a strong decision about a financial matter. Be willing to take a workshop in order to increase your knowledge in your field. Tonight: Get past a self-imposed restriction.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Deal with a partner directly. You are more likely to see the results you want. Allow your imagination to wander, and you might be delighted by some of the ideas you come up with as a result. Ignore the uproar surrounding certain people. Tonight: Dinner out with a favorite person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You'll have little choice but to defer to a loved one, and you will like the freedom you get when you do. If you have a side project that you want to do some work on, go for it. Choose to relax and worry less about a problem. Tonight: Which invitation will you accept?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You have a lot of ground to cover, many people to speak with and a lot of errands to finish. The unexpected occurs. If you feel lucky, stop and buy a lottery ticket. Don't take any risks for which you cannot afford a loss. Zero in on what you want. Tonight: Off to the gym.







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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 24-year-old teacher and graduate student. I have started dating a new man, "Winston," who makes me feel incredible. We have crazy chemistry like I've never had before, and our personalities work perfectly together.

Here's the problem. Winston is a recovering heroin addict with horrible credit and two felony charges related to having stolen money from his parents when he was desperate for drugs.

I know what you're thinking — I'd be an idiot for dating someone like this, right? But Winston and I have had heartfelt talks and he revealed a troubled upbringing that helped me understand where his addiction came from. He's in a rehab program to try to get his life together.

I've dated a lot of guys. All I've ever wanted is someone who will give me "butterflies" for the rest of my life, and Winston may be the guy. He's attentive, affectionate and loving. He treats me like a princess. I understand his

past will cause financial strain. Isn't it more important to have a man who treats me right than one with a lot of earning potential? Please give me some advice. — DREAM COME TRUE IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR DREAM: You have been seeing Winston for HOW long? Has he completed his rehab and been able to maintain his sober lifestyle for a long enough time that the chances are it will continue?

Few things are as exciting as infatuation — every one of our senses is heightened. You say you feel "butterflies," but what if you wind up with only a moth-eaten carpet? This is not to say that Winston isn't a wonderful person — many former addicts can be. However, I think it's premature for you to consider a future with him until you are sure about his stability.

DEAR ABBY: My widowed 86-year-old mom was living by herself. My unmarried sister, "Anne," has become ill and

has moved in with Mom. Anne wanted a dog. At first Mom was against it because they both have cats, but she finally gave in and Anne got a year-old beagle mix from the dog rescue.

I have been afraid of dogs since I was little. My family knows this. Usually, once I get to know a dog I'm OK, and I have had several of my own. But this animal has abandonment and abuse issues. He's very aggressive and barks, growls and lunges at anyone who comes into the house. It makes me afraid, so I have quit visiting and hardly ever drop by.

Mom and Anne have very little control over the dog. I worry that in an emergency — whether for Mom or Anne — the EMTs would not be able to get past the animal. What can I do? — SCARED IN IOWA

DEAR SCARED: Explain to them that not all emergency medical technicians (EMTs) have been formally trained to handle unruly or vicious animals, and precious time might be

lost. If your sister or mother wasn't around to control the dog and the EMTs were unable to lure it to another room, animal control would have to be summoned or a neighbor found who could assist, and the consequences could be serious. Then cross your fingers that nothing bad happens.

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is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

7-16 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: ADVICE: THE SUGGESTIONS YOU GIVE SOMEONE ELSE WHICH YOU HOPE WILL WORK FOR YOUR BENEFIT. — AMBROSE BIERCE

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Nail part
  - 5 Bank robber's advance man
  - 10 Portion out
  - 12 44th president
  - 13 Pol's concern
  - 14 Mail, as payment
  - 15 Writer Follett
  - 16 Triton circles it
  - 18 Ariel circles it
  - 20 Spectrum end
  - 21 Metal sources
  - 23 Director Lee
  - 24 Course cry
  - 26 "Hold on!"
  - 28 Grenade part
  - 29 Song for two
  - 31 Japanese prime minister
  - 32 Titan circles it
  - 36 lo circles it
  - 39 Compete
  - 40 Flared dress
  - 41 Gray-brown
  - 43 Devilfish
  - 44 Blotto
- DOWN**
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  - 2 Bugs bugs him
  - 3 Ex of George and Rod
  - 4 Pluto, for one
  - 5 NYSE entry
  - 6 Aid illegally
  - 7 Feudal warrior
  - 8 Renowned
  - 9 Very clean, in a way
  - 11 Like some professors
  - 17 Jargon suffix
  - 19 Negative link
  - 22 Certify
  - 24 Leg bones
  - 25 Milk carton words
  - 27 Lawyer: Abbr.
  - 28 Broadway's "The — Game"
  - 30 Try out
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## BANANAGRAMS!

Each set of 12 tiles below contains two common six-letter words. The letters of the first six-letter word are adjacent, but not in order. Find and rearrange them to spell a word. Rearrange the six remaining letters to spell the second word.

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Yesterday's Answer: SAFETY, LETHAL, SUNTAN

## SUDOKU

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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## POYC 8U softball All-Stars' Regional Tourney update

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The POYC 8U softball All-Stars, made the long drive to Magnolia, Ark., Sunday, for the start of the Babe Ruth Southwest Regional Tournament against teams from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Texas.

Festivities got underway Monday night as all the players, coaches and parents met at Southern Arkansas University for opening ceremonies.

After feeding 1,200 people, all the teams were introduced and walked out on to the baseball field at SAU.

It was the first chance to size up the competition.

Tuesday was used as a day for warm up games that would not count on the standings. Pampa drew the 9 a.m. against a squad from Monticello, Ark.

Monticello started quickly, and scored two runs in the top of the first inning,



helped by a couple of errors from the Pampa defense.

Each team settled in from there, and play good defense the rest of the way.

With the score still 2-0, and Pampa coming to bat in the final inning, it looked like Pampa might get shut out.

However, the cardiac kids from Texas had other plans.

With a runner at first and one out, the umpires said the time limit had expired. After a discussion ensued, they determined the game actually had about five minutes left.

The Pampa girls quickly struck for two runs, and had the winning run at third base. That's how the game ended, in a 2-2 tie.

Bracket play started Wednesday with Pampa facing Tri-County, Ark. at Noon. Look for more updates to come on the girls in Friday and Saturday's papers.

## Playoff races, trade talks highlight 2nd half of MLB season

**ASSOCIATED PRESS**

The Cardinals are really good, the Phillies are really bad, and then there's everyone else.

Mike Trout, Bryce Harper, Jacob deGrom and a bevy of stars bunched near the top. Giancarlo Stanton, Miguel Cabrera and more big names coming back from injuries. Plus wily Joe Maddon and those Chicago Cubs poised to make a playoff run.

Sure is shaping up as a fun scramble in the second half of the season.

As the All-Star break ends and play resumes Friday, a whopping 22 teams find themselves within six games of a postseason spot.

And the clubs currently out of contention — the A's, Padres and Phils, among them — could provide the most interesting pieces before the July 31 trading deadline.

A look at what to watch as baseball heads toward the stretch:

**THE CHASE**

Somehow, St. Louis has

figured out the formula. Despite losing ace Adam Wainwright to a season-ending left Achilles injury in April and counting on fill-ins, Carlos Martinez and the Cards own the best record in the majors. No wonder they've reached the NL Championship Series in each of the last four years.

Pitching often translates into pennants — no-hit man Max Scherzer and the Nationals hope so, as do Zack Greinke (with his shutout string intact at 35 2/3 innings) and the Dodgers. In a neat start to the second half, LA visits Washington in a matchup of NL division leaders.

The Yankees have moved on quite nicely minus Derek Jeter to top the AL East, and now need their starting pitching to hold up. A lights-out Royals bullpen has kept Kansas City ahead in the Central, and a front-office skirmish hasn't deterred Trout, fresh off his second straight All-Star MVP award, Albert Pujols or the Angels out West.

**A WILD TIME**

Houston at Minnesota, Cubs at Pittsburgh. Would've been hard to imagine a year ago, but that's how the wildcard playoff games would stack up today. A long way to go, of course. Jose Altuve, Carlos Correa and the Astros have been a feel-good story, and what rookie manager Paul Molitor has done with his hometown Twins has been downright incredible. Meanwhile, you can't ever

count out Madison Bumgarner and the San Francisco Giants, winners of three of the last five titles.

That said, all eyes will be on Wrigley Field if Chicago stays close.

Rookie Kris Bryant has delivered and pricey free agent Jon Lester could dominate soon.

At least there's hope Maddon could someday soon manage the Cubs to their first World Series crown since

1908.

**DEAL 'EM UP!**

Aroldis Chapman threw 103 mph heat in the All-Star Game — would pay for Washington, Toronto and other contenders to blaze their way into trade talks for the Cincinnati closer. Reds teammate Johnny Cueto could be available, too, and perhaps Houston will try to acquire the ace.

The Phillies could deal Cole Hamels, and reliever

Jonathan Papelbon certainly wants out of a crumbling situation.

Also swaying in the tradewinds: Milwaukee third baseman Aramis Ramirez and closer Francisco Rodriguez, A's all-purpose player Ben Zobrist and reliever Tyler Clippard and San Diego slugger Justin Upton.

Detroit ace David Price is a long shot to get dealt, if the Tigers rapidly fade in the next two weeks.

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## Trout hits leadoff HR, wins MVP as AL All-Stars top NL 6-3

CINCINNATI (AP) — Mike Trout flashed the skill that puts him at the front of baseball's new generation, just moments after four of the all-time greats walked off the field.

Trout became the first player in 38 years to homer leading off an All-Star Game, then became the first player to take home the Midsummer Classic's MVP award two years in row.

A new-look All-Star Game finished with the same old result. The AL beat the NL 6-3 Tuesday night and will open the World Series at home for the 10th time in 13 years.

"It's obviously a humbling honor with the MVPs," Trout

said in his usual understated, aw-shucks manner.

After Trout completed a career All-Star cycle in just his fifth big league season, Prince Fielder delivered. He drove in two runs, sending Trout blazing home ahead of Joc Pederson's throw with the run off Clayton Kershaw that put the AL ahead for good.

In an age of dominant pitching, Felix Hernandez, winner David Price, Zach Britton, Dellin Betances and Wade Davis took scoreless turns in the AL's third win a row.

Playing on the AL West-leading Los Angeles Angels, Trout could add an even bigger honor this fall — his first World Series ring.

"He can do anything that anybody can do on a baseball field," AL manager Ned Yost said. "He can hit with power. He can run. He can drive the gap. He's a great defender. He's just special. When you look at Mike, you don't look at a 23-year-old. You look at a guy that is one of the best baseball players on this planet."

A season after the retirement of Derek Jeter dropped the curtain on the turn-of-century greats, Trout was among six starting position players under 25 — the most since 1965. At last year's game in Minneapolis, he hit a tie-breaking triple and later a go-ahead double.

This time Trout sent Zack Greinke's fourth pitch, a 94 mph fastball on the outer half of the plate, over the wall in right next to the visiting bullpen for an opposite-field homer.

Winner of his first season AL MVP award in 2014, the center fielder joined Willie Mays, Steve Garvey, Gary Carter and Cal Ripken, Jr. as the only two-time All-Star MVPs.

Stars old and young gathered in one of baseball's most traditional towns. The Reds became baseball's first professional team in 1869, and players wore caps with horizontal stripes in an attempt at a 19th century feel.

Pete Rose, Cincinnati's hometown hero and base-

ball's banned career hits leader, was given an 80-second ovation when he walked onto the field before the game to join Johnny Bench, Joe Morgan and Barry Larkin, elected by fans as the Reds' greatest players. Wearing a red jacket and tie and walking stiffly, the now 74-year-old Charlie Hustle was applauded as soon as his image appeared on the video boards, even before he emerged from the AL dugout.

And in the first All-Star Game at Great American Ballpark, which opened in 2003, fans got to see some great ballplayers.

Bench, changed into a blue jacket, returned with Hank Aaron, Mays and Sandy Koufax, voted baseball's great living players by fans as part of

the promotion. In a sentimental yet stunning reminder of generational change, Aaron, 81, and Morgan, 71, needed canes to reach the infield, and Mays, 84, was aided on and off the field by an assistant.

"Growing up, I didn't get to see them play that much," Trout said. "But looking up, seeing highlights of all the Hall of Famers, it's something I really look forward to looking at and I'm learning more about them, just how great they played in every respect of the game."

Above the field, new Commissioner Rob Manfred watched from a luxury suite, the first All-Star Game not presided over by Bud Selig since 1992.

Many players of the new generation love bling in a manner that puzzles the old guard: Posey wore a gold-colored helmet behind the plate, looking a bit like the Great Gazoo or a Praetorian Guard, accessorizing with a chest protector, shin guards and cleats all with gold-colored trim. Baltimore's Adam Jones was shod in bright orange cleats, and Kansas City's Lorenzo Cain and Washington's Bryce Harper donned golden spikes.

Trout, a Generation Y star with a baby boomer work ethic, completed a unique cycle on a clear evening that followed a heavy afternoon downpour.

He singled in his All-Star debut in 2012, doubled to open 2013 game and tripled in the first inning last year. He was just the ninth player to hit for an All-Star cycle in his entire career, joining an illustrious list that includes Hall of Famers Ted Williams, Roberto Clemente, Ernie Banks, George Brett, Mike Schmidt and Mays.

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