Malware may block Internet for thousands

BY CELIA S. BALDUR
A special telephone number for the Fourth of July allowed 51 dispatchers to do what they’re supposed to do: assess emergencies and paramedics where they’re needed instead of listening to someone complain about the neighbor still shooting off fireworks after the 10 o’clock news. The special line handled 377 calls Wednesday.

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BY SARAH TUCKER
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Romney leads in campaign donations from Kansans

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Andover teen killed in two-car crash

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