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Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH This is one of three horses that were seized by Gray County Sheriff's Office last week after a judge issued a court order for the deputies to take the animals to a safe haven until a hearing is held.

New steps

Malnourished horses seized

By KERRI SMITH Staff Writer

Three obviously malnourished horses were seized last week in Gray County. A hearing has been set for Thursday to determine if the animals will be returned to the owner or will remain in as I'm instructed by the sherthe county's possession.

Telephone calls to The Pampa news prompted a reporter to ask animal control officer Sandy Burns if she knew about the horses which were not being fed and taken care of.

"Yes, my office has received calls for at least a month from people complaining about these poor horses, but they are not in the city limits so my hands are

tied," Burns said. "I've been referring the calls to the sheriff's office and they are the ones who have the jurisdiction in this case. I will be happy to assist in any way to get these horses some food and veterinary care as long iff or a judge."

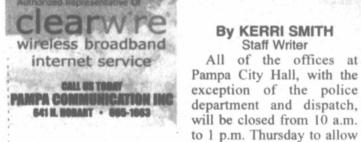
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Burns took the reporter to the pen where the malnourished horses were and photos were taken. The photos were shown to Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland the next day and he was appalled with what he saw.

"This is disgusting that people treat their animals this way," Copeland said. "I

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Miguel Hernandez, 41, of Pampa died July 20 and the services will be held at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Thursday. Church Hernandez was an employee of West Texas Landscape. His wife of 22 years,

City Hall

for funeral

By KERRI SMITH

Staff Writer All of the offices at

to close

Corey Hernandez, is the evidence technician for the Pampa Police Department.

City Manager John Horst said they wanted to allow friends of the Hernandez family the opportunity to attend the services and show Corey support for Hernandez.



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

Workers from West Texas Landscape are putting new steps on the east side of City Hall. The steps were taken out to allow utility workers to put in new lines.

Burglars are busy

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Burglaries of businesses, vehicles and residences kept Gray County sheriff's deputies busy over the weekend, with five cases reported between 11 a.m. Friday and 1:35 p.m. Sunday.

An 18-foot fiberglass boat, boat trailer and boat motor were reported taken from a location on Farm to Market Road 750, near Highway 60. Value of the items taken is estimated at \$15,788. The incident was reported at 11 a.m. Friday to the sheriff's office.

A black wood-burning stove and a water cooler were taken from a residence at 1101 S. Hobart. The burglary was reported at 8:30 p.m. Friday. An unlocked door was

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Victim describes terror at trial

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

A description of how a peaceful Sunday morning in May turned into life-threatening moments of terror gripped jurors as they listened to testimony of one of the victims of aggravated robbery and aggravated assault during the first day of the trail of Davey Enriquez in 223rd District Court at Gray County Courthouse.

Enriquez, of Amarillo, is one of three charged in connection with the incident, which occurred at about 9 a.m. May 21, 2006, at the home of Layne and Mae Conner in the 1100 block of East Francis.

One of the three had a handgun, Layne Conner testified Tuesday afternoon, and another had a long gun. Only two men

entered the home. The man with the handgun took charge of Layne Conner, while the other man stood guard over his wife.

"I thought I was going to die," Conner testified. "He told me, 'I'll kill you.""

The two entered the home by kicking down a back door, as shown in photographs entered into evidence by 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer, who is prosecuting the case.

Switzer asked Conner what he saw when he looked at the man who was holding him at gunpoint.

"I saw a seared, scared man with a gun that would've just shot me within half a second," Conner said.

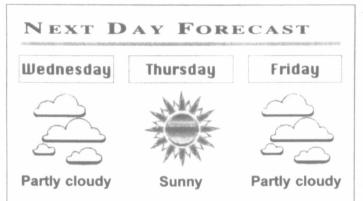
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Frieda Marie and Roscoe

Pirtle in Pampa, Texas. She

received her BA in

Education at the University

of Texas where she was a

Charles Clinton 'Charlie'

Fletcher, 81, of Pampa,

Texas, died July 22, 2007, at

Graveside services will be

at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 26,

2007, at the Bangs Cemetery

in Bangs, Texas, with Dr.

Rick Davis, pastor of the

First Baptist Church of

the direction of Carmichael-

Whatley Funeral Directors

Mr. Fletcher was born

Nov. 22, 1925, in Santa

Anna. He was a veteran of

41, of Pampa, died Friday,

p.m. Wednesday, July 25,

2007, at Carmichael-

Whatley Colonial Chapel

with Barnabas Radke, dea-

con of St. Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, officiating,

Vigil services will be at 6

July 20, 2007, in Pampa.

Arrangements are under

Brownwood, officiating.

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Services tomorrow-

HERNANDEZ, Miguel Angel - Vigil services, 6 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Norma Anne Pirtle Brandt

REID, Harold "Snake" - 10 a.m., Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ, Pampa.

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Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 87. South-southwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to Pirtle Brandt, born March between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 Sunday, July 22, 2007, sur-

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 67. South-southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 87. South-southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. East wind around 10 mph.

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Emergency Services

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Five traffic stops were made.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 200 block of West Foster, the 200 block of West Kingsmill, the 1100 block of South Faulkner, the 300 block of North Ward, the 1100 block of East Foster, the 2200 block of North Wells, the intersection of Ballard and Browning streets, the 1100 block of North Perry, the 600 block of North Wynne, the 1300 block of West Kentucky, the 800 block of East Locust, the 600 block of South Ballard and the 300 block of of loss is unknown. North Dwight.

the 1800 block of North Faulkner.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 800 block of East Francis, the 1100 block of Darby and the 600 block of North West.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 300 block of Miami. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident. Theft was reported in the

police department lobby. Forgery was reported at Hudson Tire, 1800 N. Hobart. A forged check was written for tires. Estimated value of loss is \$400. Forgery was reported at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart. Estimated value Burglary was reported in Welfare checks were the police department lobby. Burglary of a motor vehi-

AUSTIN --- Norma Anne a founding member of the LBJ 20, 1930, died peacefully on library docents, where she served for 20 years. Norma was a member of Covenant Presbyterian

> the Westlake Garden Society, Brandt

Club and Faculty Wives of legions of loving friends all the University of Texas. One over the world. of her greatest joys was trav-

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a.m. on Wednesday, July 25, She is survived 2007 in the Weed-Corleyby her loving and Fish Chapel. Burial will foldevoted husband low in Austin Memorial of 53 years, Dr. Park. The Brandt family will Floyd S. Brandt, host a reception after the her daughter, Mary burial from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. L. Brandt, MD, her son Stan Brandt in Westminster Manor, 4100 and grandchildren Jackson Ave. Will, Ryan and Ashley as well as

The family will receive eling around the world meet- friends from 5 to 7 p.m. on ing new friends and learning Tuesday, July 24 at Weed-

Charles Clinton 'Charlie' Fletcher, 81

the U.S. Army, serving in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. He had been a resident of Pampa

for over 40 years. Shortly after the war, he went to work for

Southwestern Fletcher Bell, retiring in

1980 after 37 years of service. He also worked in the cattle business for a number of years.

He was a member of the

Miguel Angel Hernandez, 41

Miguel Angel Hernandez, Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mr. Hernandez was born June 10, 1966, in Mexico.

He married Corey

Baptist Central Church and was a member of the Southwestern Bell Pioneer Club. His passion was the outdoors. Upon his death, he wished to convey his appreciation to the community for such a good life he lived here in Pampa.

Survivors include one son, Charlie Fletcher of Baytown; daughter, Charlene one Steadman of Arlington; three grandsons, Richard Williams

> al years. He was a Catholic.

Survivors include his wife, Corey Hernandez, of the home; two Anthony sons, Hernandez of Plano and David Hernandez of

Hernandez-Lopez and Alicia Hernandez, both of Mexico; brothers, Arturo four Hernandez-Lopez of Mexico and Victor Hernandez-Lopez, Carlos Hernandez-Mauro Lopez and Hernandez-Lopez, all of Pampa; one granddaughter; and several nieces and

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of Hasco, Pat Steadman of Arlington and David Fletcher of Midland; two granddaughters, Kimberly Dowling and Angela Fletcher, both of Midland; and 10 great-grandchildren.

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Services will be held at 10

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MEMORIALS: Southwestern Bell Pioneer Club or a favorite charity.

The body will lie-in-state until 8 p.m. Wednesday at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home.

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Church,

experiences.

made on two occasions in the 600 block of North Faulkner.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby.

Found property was reported at an unreported location.

Civil matters were reported in the 1000 block of Neel Road, the 1200 block of Wilcox and on two occasions in the police department lobby.

A suspicious person call was received from the inter- of Pampa was arrested by section of Somerville and GCSO on capias pro fines Cook streets.

Violation of a city ordi- tration, expired motor vehi-1100 block of South Nelson.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of Brunow. The back window of a vehicle was broken. Estimated cost of damage is \$200.

in the 1100 block of North Perry.

A threat was reported in ing a weapon.

cle was reported in the 1300 block of West Wilks. It is unknown what was taken in connection with the incident.

Burglary was reported in the 500 block of West Brown. It is unknown if anything is missing as a result of the incident.

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today. Monday, July 23

Jesse Steven Chilton, 51, for displaying expired regis-

nance was reported in the cle inspection, expired driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility and two counts of failure to appear.

Tuesday, July 24

Micheal Heath Honey, 32, of Pampa was arrested by Harassment was reported GCSO for no valid driver's license and a probation violation for unlawfully carry-

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Closing July 27th until Fall. "Snake" Reid, 68, of White Wednesday in Mary Ellen & PUPPY PARLOR Afforda- Kathy & crew, Potting Shed, Deer, died July 24, 2007, at Harvester Church of Christ Amarillo. Services are in Pampa.

and funeral Mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 26, 2007, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Borger officiating.

Harvey Earl Ivie, 88, of 1990 after his Pampa, Texas, died July 23, 2007, at Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Ivie was born June 10. 1919, in Eva, Okla. He married Erma Lorene Weikle on Aug. 2, 1941, in Guymon, Okla. She preceded him in death in 1998.

He was a farmer and worked for Allen Tire Company in Guymon. He farmed for Bill Logsdon in Hitchland, Okla., for 15 vears.

AMARILLO — Joe

Mercer, 72, died July 22,

2007. Funeral services will

be at 10 a.m. Thursday, July

26, 2007, at St. Stephen

United Methodist Church

with Donna Johnston offici-

Graveside services will be

at 3 p.m. Thursday afternoon

in McLean Cemetery by

West on Feb. 6, 1985, in Hernandez Plainview. He had been a resident of Hernandez, of the home; his Rev. Guillermo Morales of Pampa since 1993. He mother, worked for West Texas Hernandez-Lopez

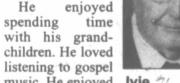
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Mexico; one nephews. daughter, Cassandra ter

www.carmichael-Francisca whatley.com. of

Harvey Earl Ivie, 88

retirement. He was a member of Briarwood Full Gospel Church in Pampa. He enjoyed spending



music. He enjoyed Ivie hunting and fish-

He was a veteran of the

and David Mark Ivie and wife Jenita of Dumas; three daughters, Mildred Lorene Ovalle and hus-Phil band of Portland, Ore., Mary Rosett

Robinson of Pampa and Shirley Ruth Williams and

husband Lorraine Edward of San Antonio; one brother, Cecil Sylvester Ivie of Guymon, Okla.; 13 grand-He moved to Pampa in sons, Charles Eugene Ivie of children; and one great-

Lakeside, Ariz., great-grandchild.

> He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and one sister.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2007.

MEMORIALS: Briarwood Full Gospel Church Family Life Center, 1800 W. Harvester, Pampa, TX 79065.

> -Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

Survivors include three sons. Bill Mercer and his wife Teresa of Amarillo, Mercer and his wife Kim Tahoka and Jack Mercer and his wife Traci

of White Deer; two sisters, Juanita

of

Freeman of Shamrock and Myrtle Billingsley and her husband Joe of McLean; two brothers, Bill Mercer and his wife Eleanor of Amarillo and Jack Mercer and his wife

Nancy of Georgetown; six grandchildren, Ashley, Lindsey, Dalen, Evan, Trae and Coy; and two greatgrandchildren, Paisley and Joe Gannon.

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He is also survived by nieces and nephews who he loved very much.

MEMORIALS: The family will receive friends at the funeral home Wednesday evening from 6 until 8 p.m. and request memorials to Odyssey Health Care, 6900 I-40 West Suite 150, Amarillo, TX 79106.

Burial will be in White of Pampa. Deer Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors whatley.com.

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Cox-LaGrone Funeral Home. was Joe was born Nov. 17, 1934, in Floyd Territory,

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WHITE DEER — Harold scheduled at 10 a.m.

Harold 'Snake' Reid, 68

one sister, Rosalie Henley; and one nephew, Glenn

His favorite title Mercer "Grandpa Joe" to his grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, W.B. "Blondie" and Pearl Mercer;

loved to rodeo, worked in the oil fields, owned and operated restaurants, insurance salesman as well

Joe Mercer, 72

Before

mechanical projects. U.S. Army.

becoming a full-

time sculptor, he

was a Cowboy,

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ing, as well as working on Survivors include two children; nine great-grand-

Mercer.



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

This horse is one of three that was seized by Gray County Sheriff's Office last week after neglect was reported to their office. A hearing is scheduled for Thursday where a judge will decide who should have possession of these animals.

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Martinez. "She knew my

parents were still out of town

and asked when they were

Arreola testified that she

She broke down on the

did not tell anyone else about

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a moment to compose her-

self when Switzer asked her

what she saw on the morning

of the robbery when she

arrived at her parents' house

after being notified of the

incident in a phone call from

"I saw Jesse's face,"

Arreola said of the 8-year-

the Conners at the time of

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"Nothing appeared to

Burglars

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determined to be the means of entry A burglar alarm at the

Sadie Hawkins Store, 1301 S. Hobart, drew deputies there at 1:47 a.m. Saturday. The north door of the build-

Trial

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"He was cussing me and calling me everything in the book, saying he was going to shoot me in the heart," Conner said.

The man with the handgun ordered Conner to get the key to unlock the file cabinet where Conner had money in a money bag.

"They knew exactly what they were doing," Conner said. "This man knows where he's going. He said he knew I had money."

The intruder with a hand-

have been taken," said GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard of the incident. Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported at 7:12 p.m. Saturday in the parking Sunday. lot of Dyer's Bar-B-Que on Highway 60 West near Price Road. The passenger win-

was broken out and a purse was taken from the vehicle. Two air conditioners and a television were reported taken from two units at the Star Motel, 12037 E. Frederic, at 1:35 p.m.

All the cases are still under investigation, Hoard said.

Holmes objected, she said. Enriquez, Cordova and

Adam Refugio Aguilar, of Amarillo, were indicted by a Gray County grand jury Oct. 3, 2006, in 223rd District court in connection with the May 21, 2006, robbery at the Conners' home. Each man was charged with two counts of aggravated robbery, a first-degree felony, and two counts of aggravated assault, a second-degree felony. Bond for each man was set at \$300,000.

A blue Citibank bag holding approximately \$4,000 in \$100 and \$50 bills was old grandson who was with taken from the Conners' residence at the time of the

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Horses

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have no prior knowledge of this particular case, but after seeing these photos I can tell you that we will get something done to have these horses removed immediately. I will not allow people to mistreat their animals and get away with it."

Copeland then went to a judge with the photos that morning and a court order was issued to allow sheriff's deputies to go onto private property and seize the three horses, due to obvious neglect. The animals were then taken to a local veterinarian clinic to start receiving food and health care.

"The owner will probably be billed for the expenses incurred at the veterinarian's office," Copeland said. "That is totally up to the judge. A hearing has been scheduled for Thursday and the judge will also rule on whether these horses will be returned to the owner or the county will be allowed to put them up for sale."

Copeland the said humane society can be contacted in these types of cases, but they have so much paperwork and red tape they have to go through before any action can be taken it normally takes a long time for them to be able to help.

"People need to realize that when they decide to get an animal or pet that they are responsible for the care of those animals," Burns said. "And if they don't take care of those animals, the city or county can go in and seize them and take possession. Before anyone takes on the responsibility of owning an animal, no matter how large or small, they need to know they can afford the food and health care necessary and are willing to contribute time for the care of that animal as well."

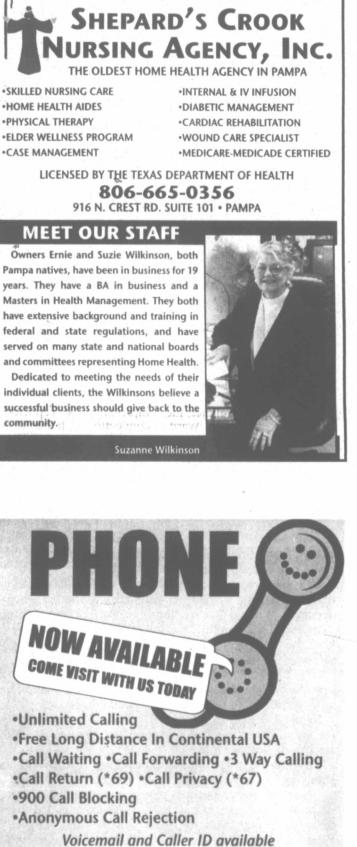
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gun fired a shot downward in Conner's direction but did not hit Conner. No other shots were reported fired during the robbery.

Both men wore dark clothing and ski masks, which have only two eye holes and a mouth hole, Conner said. He could not be totally certain about whether the men wore gloves, but

said he thought they did. Harold Comer of Pampa,

defense attorney for Enriquez, cross-examined Conner and brought up the issue of whether the men wore gloves. He also asked exactly what type of guns the

men had. Conner said that he saw the men leave in a gray Jeep and watched the vehicle until it turned and moved out of sight. He did not get a license plate number for the vehicle. He then told his wife to call 911.

Conner was followed on the witness stand by his daughter, Mayla Arreola.

Arreola described how she had gone to her parents' home to check on the money bags in the file cabinet at their request while they were out of town, and about how she had counted the money and then told her father in a phone call how much was there.

She then left her parents' home to drive to work and said she received a call on her cell phone from her Tiffany Jones friend, Martinez.

"She's been my best friend for 25 years," Arreola testified. Conner had earlier testified that Martinez' parents lived about three houses away from the Conners.

"She kept asking what I was doing, and I told her finally about going to count the money, and how much there was," Arreola said of phone call from her

the robbery and who had hidden beneath a bed when the intruders burst into the

home. "He was horrified." "I felt some responsibility for what happened to my parents because only one person knew about the that was money, and Tiffany," Arreola said as she wiped tears from her face.

The third witness to take the stand Tuesday afternoon on the third floor of the courthouse was Danielle Holmes of Amarillo. Holmes testified that she knew all three of the persons charged in the incident.

She described how she had a surveillance camera mounted on her front porch at her home, and said that she could see people within the camera's range and could also hear noises and voices by way of the camera.

Holmes testified that on the evening of May 20, 2006, a man who lived across the street from her, identified only as Woody, was at her house along with her three children and some of the children's friends. Three men came to her home, she said, and two of them were Enriquez and Carlos Cordova, a Pampa resident who is also charged in connection with the Conner robbery. The third person remained in the vehiin which they had cle arrived, Holmes said.

Shortly after their arrival, all the men had moved outside, and Holmes said she could hear a conversation via her security camera. She testified that Woody and Cordova were talking about "things going to be done in Pampa and people they were going to do this to. They were planning to go to Pampa.

Woody had initially said he was going with the others, but changed his mind after

armed robbery.

Pampa Animal Control at 669-5775. If the animals are outside the city limits but are in Gray County, contact Gray County Sheriff's

Office at 669-8022.

Pair try to escape on horses

CULPEPER, Va. (AP) — They weren't charged with drunken driving, but police said two people now charged with public drunkenness did try to evade capture on horseback.

They were caught when one was knocked off his horse after riding into a utility wire and the other fell off her horse, police said.

On Saturday night, witnesses asked a man to stop urinating on the side of a convenience store because children were nearby, said Culpeper police Sgt. Scott Jenkins.

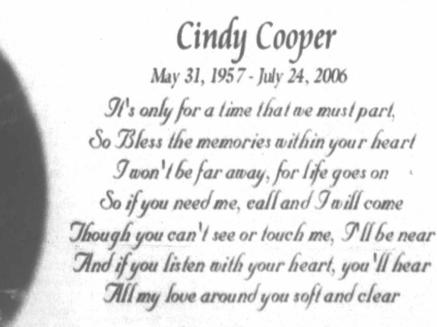
The man cursed those who complained, and after exiting the store, charged the group on his horse, witnesses said. One onlooker retreated behind a propane tank, Jenkins said.

When Officer Jeff Dodson arrived at the scene, witnesses told him the man and a woman had left on horseback, Jenkins said. Dodson caught up to them on a nearby street, but the riders fled through a backyard, he said. That was when they both fell off their horses

They were charged with riding a horse on a highway after dark without proper reflective material, being drunk in public and obstruction of justice. The man also was charged with attempted unlawful wounding

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Viewpoints

Animals unpredictable in their affections, conduct

Some of us may love animals, but they don't always love us.

I was reminded of this yesterday when I was at the repair shop my husband and I had for several years, which we have since closed down.

One summer evening, back when we were still running the shop, I had stayed late to catch up on some paperwork. When I finished, it was not long before the day's light would be gone.

I got ready to leave and then opened the door leading from the office to outside. I stepped out the door, headed toward my car and home, and noticed movement at about 10 o'clock.

It was a skunk, and it was charging at me, moving fairly rapidly.

thing to irritate or threaten this skunk. I had just barely

stepped out the door, and the skunk was more than a few paces away when I first noticed it.

Unnerved, I quickly stepped back into the office and closed the storm door, watching the little stinker to see what it would do next.

I always understood that skunks were basically nonconfrontational and, if given stray cats the chance, would run rather than fight. If they resorted to using their nauseous selfdefense weapon, it was supposedly because they felt they had no other options left.

So I was worried when this skunk appeared so aggressive. The possibility that it had rabies crossed my

go away soon -- far, far away.

The skunk seemed to be limping, favoring one front leg, although it was hard to tell, what with skunks' rolling gait. I watched it break off its charge toward sight.

me and go over to a Marilyn bowl of cat **Powers** food left for a bunch of Staff Writer that live in the vicinity of the shop.

At any time, there are a dozen or more feral cats of varying ages and generations roaming around, and there is a person (not me or my husband) who never fails to feed them each evening.

cat food. Eventually the skunk apparently had had its fill, because when I looked for it again, it was not in I made a second attempt to leave the building and get in my car. It was a

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repeat performance of the first attempt. No sooner had I stepped outside than the skunk appeared, tail raised, galumphing toward me as fast as its little legs

would carry it. That does it, I thought as I this plan, having seen the

the second time. I'm not going to stay here indefinitely in fear of a skunk that isn't acting right anyway.

I called the non-emergency number of the police department and explained my situation. I was told that no animal control officers were available since it was after 5 p.m., but they would send a police officer.

One arrived moments later, and I explained what had happened. He said the most he could do was remain until I got safely into my car and drove away. He could not shoot the skunk or do anything except maybe provide a second target for the creature.

I wasn't fully confident of The cat food apparently watched it strut around after skunk in action, but decided

Now, I had not done a mind, and I hoped it would attracted more than cats that chasing me back inside for it was much better than trying to go it alone against the animal. I once again gathered up my things, stepped outside and locked up behind me. The officer was parked close by, standing outside his car and keeping an eye out for the skunk.

The skunk must have been intimidated by this personification of authority, because it did not make a third appearance. More likely, it had been heading toward the cat food when I first started trying to reach my car, and thought I was a rival for its meal. Since it had eaten, it had probably roamed off to terrorize someone else.

I thanked the officer for coming to the shop and standing by while I got to my

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, July 24, the 205th day of 2007. There are 160 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 24, 1959, during a visit to Moscow, Vice President Richard M. Nixon engaged in a "Kitchen Debate" with Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev on the merits of their countries' political-economic systems at a U.S. exhibition. On this date:

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

In 1847, Mormon leader Brigham Young and his followers arrived in the Great Salt Lake Valley in present-day Utah. In 1862, the eighth

'History repeats *itself; historians* repeat each other."

> — Attributed to Philip Guedalla

States, Martin Van Buren, died in Kinderhook, N.Y. In 1866, Tennessee became the first state to be readmitted to the Union after the Civil War. In 1929, President

president of the United

Hoover proclaimed the Kellogg-Briand Pact,

British writer (1889-1944)

policy. In 1937, the state of Alabama dropped charges

which renounced war as

an instrument of foreign



Controlling economists on the loose ...

against four of the nine young black men accused of raping two white women in the "Scottsboro Case."

In 1967, French President Charles de Gaulle stirred controversy during a visit to Montreal, Canada, when he declared, "Vive le Quebec libre!" (Long live free Quebec!)

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

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

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

Ten years ago: Retired Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan died in Arlington, Va., at age 91.

Five years ago: Nine coal miners were trapped in a flooded mine in western Pennsylvania; the story ended happily three days later with the rescue of all nine. The House expelled Ohio Rep. James Traficant, who had been convicted of bribery, racketeering and tax evasion; it was only the second time a sitting member had been banished since the Civil War.

One year ago: The trial of Saddam Hussein and seven codefendants resumed in Baghdad without the former Iraqi leader, who remained hospitalized after going on a hunger strike.



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New York Times reporter criticisms of mainstream Patricia Cohen recently economists, he adds that wrote an article titled, "In efforts to intervene in mar-Economics Departments, a kets, such as mandatory Growing Will to Debate minimum wages, industrial Fundamental Assumptions." The article begins with,

"For many economists, questioning free-market orthodoxy is akin to expressing a belief in intelligent design at a Darwin convention: Those who doubt the markets; it's naturally beneficial workings of the market are considered deluded or crazy."

Cohen then reports interviews with several prominent economists, one being Princeton professor Alan Blinder, former vice chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank.

Professor Blinder said, What I've learned is anyone who says anything even obliquely that sounds hostile to free trade is treated as an apostate." Continuing his What's more, they believe

Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

July 15

Houston Chronicle on the Bush administration and the U.S. Surgeon General:

Trained to be healers, doctors often end up at war: patching bodies in battle, fighting poverty in the clinic, facing diseases that others have fled.

By contrast, all that U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona had to do was give Americans medical guidance. Under the Bush administration, that duty turned out to be a war for the truth.

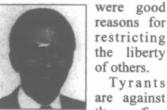
As presidential appointees, surgeon generals always work in the crossfire between science and popular mores.

policy and price controls, are also viewed negatively.

> Walter Williams Columnist

simply millions upon millions of individual decisionmakers, engaged in peaceable, voluntary exchange pursuing what they see in their best interests. People who denounce the free market and voluntary exchange, and are for control and coercion, believe they have more intelligence and superior wisdom to the masses.

they've been ordained to forcibly impose that wisdom on the rest of us. Of course, they have what they consider good reasons for doing so, but every tyrant that has ever existed has had what he believed



free market because it implies voluntary exchange. Tyrants do not trust that people acting voluntarily will do what the tyrant thinks they ought to do. Therefore, they want to replace the market with economic planning, or as Professor Blinder calls it industrial policy.

nothing more than the forcible superseding of other

people's plans by the powerful elite. For example, I might plan to purchase a car, a shirt or apples from a foreign producer because I see it in my best interest. The powerful elite might supersede my plan, through were good import tariffs and quotas, reasons for because they think I should restricting make the purchases from a domestic producer.

> My daughter might plan to work for the hardware guy down the street for \$4 an hour. She agrees; he agrees; her mother says it's OK, and I say it's OK. The powerful elite say, "We're going to supersede that plan because it's not being transacted at the price we think it ought be - the minimum wage."

> Cohen also interviewed Professor David Card, saying that he's done "groundbreaking research on the

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That conflict is part of the history of science: contributions such as Darwinism, medical autopsies and anesthesia for childbirth were all attacked by political and religious authorities before they were widely accepted.

The surgeon general's duty in this contention is clear. The head of the U.S. Public Health Service serves the nation, not the president or his political party, guiding Americans in best practices for their health. Criteria for his decisions should not include job security, only the best empirical data.

In congressional testimony last week, Carmona described a comprehensive assault on this role. He was "blocked at every turn," he said; from delivering information to the public

about stem cell research, sex education even new data on secondhand smoke.

The administration discouraged him from promoting the Special Olympics program because of its links to the Kennedy family. Top officials invited him to, then ignored him at, a meeting at which they wrote off climate change as a political hobbyhorse for liberals.

Seeking out past surgeon generals, Carmona found they'd endured similar pressure but nothing as acute or sustained as this administration was doling out. Carmona's experience echoes that of other government scientists whose data was either suppressed or twisted to fit political dogma.

Carmona owed it to his patients, the

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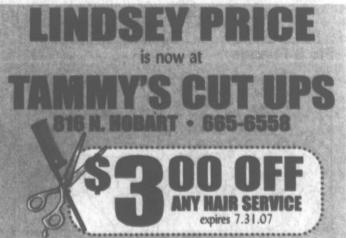
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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing regarding "Puzzled but Still Going Strong" (May 19), who lost weight but is being undermined by her husband. It is possible that the man is co-dependent. Simply stated, his identity or comfort level is dependent on the wife remaining overweight. When she loses weight, the husband loses a piece of his identity or becomes afraid he will lose his now-slimmer wife to another man. In codependency, the co-dependent partner will do everything he/she can do to undermine improvements in the other partner. Counseling is critical for this couple -- or "Puzzled" alone, if her husband won't go -- to address this issue. Otherwise, he will wear down her resolve. - DEBBIE IN **PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR DEBBIE: Thank you for your comments. My readers were quick to weigh in on this topic, which affects many families across the country, given the pervasive increase in obesity reported by health-care professionals. Read on:

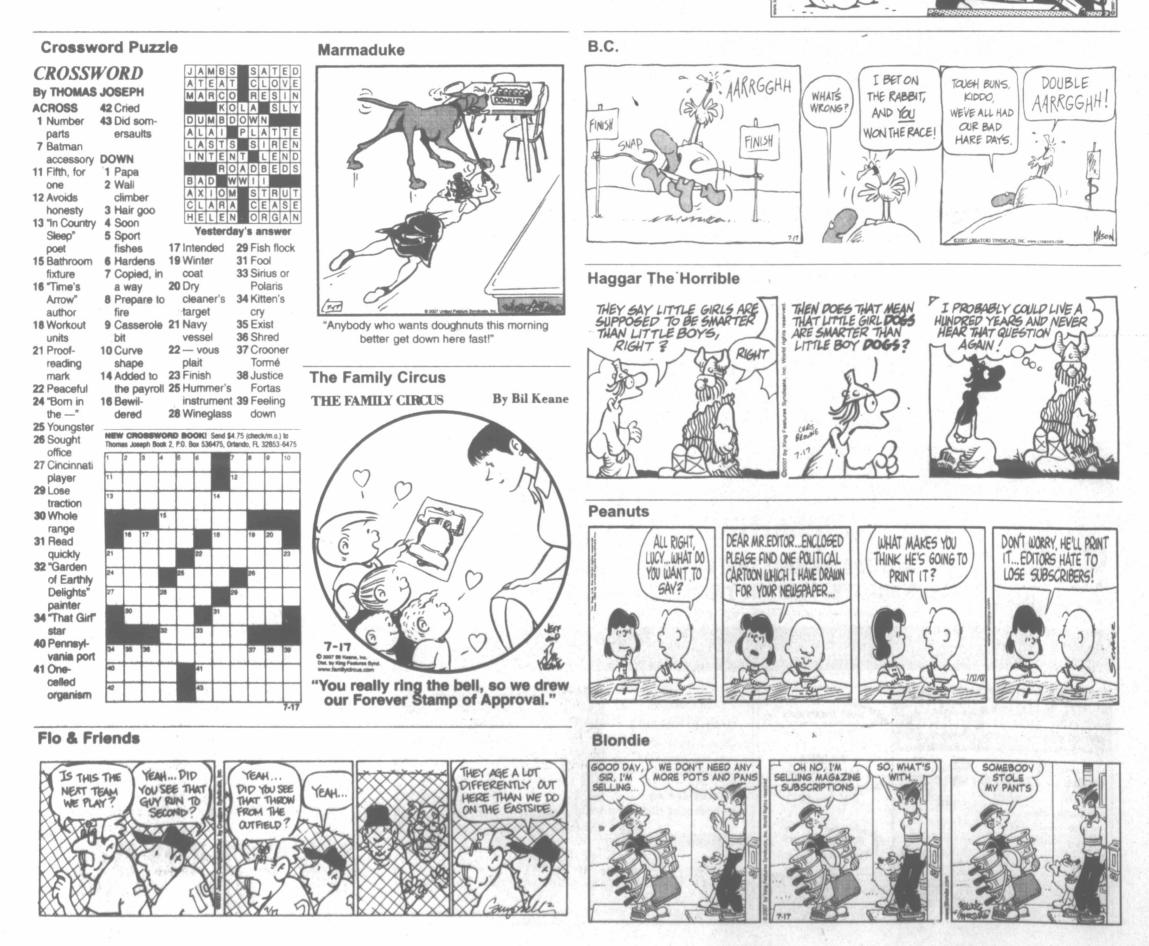
DEAR ABBY: Five years ago I had gastric bypass surgery, and since then I have lost 120 pounds. Numerous pre-op tests were performed before my surgery, but one of the most important "tests" was that my husband was interviewed by the surgeon prior to the procedure. He was asked if he had any concerns about how the surgery would change our lives and if he would have any problems with me losing the weight and being the same person with a different body. He was informed that my eating habits would drastically change and that, if the surgery was to work, my world could no longer be centered around food. Apparently the medical profession knows the importance of spousal support for weight loss Perhaps "Puzzled" should make an appointment with her family doctor so he (or she) can explain to her husband how much healthier she is since losing the weight. -- HAPPY IN FLO-RENCE, KY.

DEAR ABBY: While it may be insecurity on the husband's part, it is important to note that all the examples "Puzzled" gave of the man's behavior are methods of control, as well as providing a very poor role model for the children. Not only is he attempting to sabotage her efforts, but he is teaching their kids that he is less dedicated to the cause than she is. It could also be something more serious. Belittling and demeaning someone is abusive, even though it doesn't leave visible bruises. Abby, your advice about professional counseling was right on, and I hope for her sake and that of her children, she gets it sooner rather than waiting to see if he "eases up." I know from experience that it is much harder to undo negative role modeling than it is to set a healthy and positive example. -- MOM WHO'S BEEN THERE, DONE THAT AND GOT THE **T-SHIRT TO PROVE IT**

DEAR ABBY: Several years ago I lost 40 pounds and have kept it off with diet and exercise. My wife's response was to gain 40 pounds. She said she was so angry with me for getting in shape that she decided to get even. She eats everything she wants, never exercises, and now weighs more than 200. Despite many weight-related health problems, she has no intention of changing her habits. My advice to "Puzzled": Resist your spouse's attempts to derail your fitness with all your might. -- **RESIGNED IN ALABAMA**

DEAR ABBY: "Puzzled" may have become a "diet bore." All too often, dieters shut out everything but themselves and their diet. You CAN have a healthy life that includes your spouse, family, and the things you used to do together. It just requires some balance. I prefer to call it a lifestyle and not a diet. -- WISE WEIGHT WATCHER





Sports Day



Pictured here is Telissa Sealy (front, right) signing a letter of intent to play golf at Western Texas College

in Snyder. Also pictured are Telissa's father, Jim Sealy (front, left), Western Texas College Athletic

Director Dave Hanes (back, left), and Western Texas College head golf coach Randy Weaver (back, right)

Day and Night Golf Tournament

The Pampa Lions Club will host the Day and Night Golf tournament on Aug. 10 at Hidden Hills Golf Course.

The tournament will be a 4-person scramble, with 18 spots available for teams.

During the day, players will take on the back 9 while visibility is relatively at its best.

After completing the back 9, players will stop to enjoy supper, and wait for darkness to fall.

Players will then use glow balls and hit the front 9, with the sun well out of sight.

Registration will cost \$45.

For more information, or to register, contact Hidden Hills at 669-5866 or Rusty Tapp at 595-0513.

At \$10 per ticket, the Lions Club will also raffle off a set of irons, the winner's choice of Titleist, Nike, Callaway or Taylor Made.

Falcons to speak on Vick's future

Roger commissioner Goodell has weighed in on Michael Vick's indictment on dogfighting charges, and as a result the Falcons star was ordered to stay away from training camp until the league reviews the case.

The other men who could determine the future of Vick's football career including Falcons owner Arthur Blank — were expected to be speak publicly today for the first time since the troubled quarterback was indicted.

It could be another pivotal day for Vick, though Goodell has asked Blank to wait for the NFL to finish its investigation before announcing the team's plans for Vick.

In a letter to Vick

ATLANTA (AP) - NFL allegedly sponsoring a dogfighting operation and brutal treatment of pit bulls.

Along with Blank, Atlanta's general manager Rich McKay and new coach Bobby Petrino are also expected to speak publicly for the first time about Vick's future and his effect on the team.

Falcons spokesman Reggie Roberts said Vick, who is in Virginia, will not attend the news conference.

Vick hasn't commented publicly since the team held a mini-camp in May. None of the phone messages left on his cell phone have been returned. His lawyer, Lawrence Woodward of Newport News, Va., also did not respond to interview

Sealy signs on to play golf in Snyder High School, signed a National Letter of Intent to PGA

2007 graduate of Pampa eighth in the Las Vegas Country Club Callaway Junior play golf at Western Texas Tournament. Sealy learned to play golf tournament play, at age 7, played competitively for the past five years and lettered in golf during her four years of high school.

Telissa Arin-Marie Sealy, Club Championship and PGA Academy in Hilton Head, N.C., in March 2007, where she set a new Junior Series PGA Academy record of 16 consecutive one putts during and received a letter of recognition from the Junior PGA Academy. Additional high school golf achievements include starting as the number one player for the Pampa High School golf team during her junior and senior years, plac-

ing first in the 2005 and 2006 Pampa Country Club Junior Championship, earning a spot on the 3-4A Second Team All District in 2005/2006 and 2006/2007. and an Honorable Mention in 2004/2005 to the 3-4A All District Team.

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With an average drive of 270 yards and average score of 79/84, Sealy is currently ranked 39th in the nation for Player of the Year in the 2007 Callaway PGA Junior Series Tour.

She recently placed second in the Pampa Country

Her golf achievements include advancing to the District 3-4A Regional Playoff Tournament in April 2007, attending the Junior

Sealy will join the ranks of Lady Westerners who advanced to the 2007 NJCAA National Women's Golf Championship in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Pampa Country Club to host 73rd annual **Tri-State Senior Golf Tourney this week**

Some believe it to be the oldest amateur senior golf tournament in the world, some see it as a chance to meet new friends and catch up with old ones, and some see it as a chance to play some quality golf without any young whippersnappers. The Tri-State Senior Golf

Tournament is in its 73rd year, and still going strong. This weekend, it will be

played at the Pampa Country Club, as it has since 1970.

The association was formed in 1935, and the tournament was played at the Amarillo Country club for 32 years to follow.

After moving to the Huber Country Club in Borger for three years, the tournament found its home at the Pampa Country Club, and has been held here every year since then except 1981.

The four-day event, which kicks off Thursday, begins with a regular 4-man scramble, in which women have 6 p.m. been invited to play since 2005.

Friday, Saturday and Sunday will be played in Stableford Format play.

The schedule is jampacked all four days, with registration beginning at 8 a.m. Thursday.

At 1 p.m. Thursday, the mixed scramble will start, and a Hospitality Hour, compliments of Pampa Chamber of Commerce will follow at

The following days, shotgun starts will begin at 7:30 a.m., and several events for the wives' enjoyment will take place throughout the day.

For more information on the Tri-State Senior Golf Tournament or registration, contact the Pampa Country Club at 669-3286.

Monday, Goodell instructed the Newport News, Va., native to stay away from training camp, at least for now.

"While it is for the criminal justice system to determine your guilt or innocence, it is my responsibility as commissioner of the National Football League to determine whether your conduct, even if not criminal, nonetheless violated league policies, including the personal conduct policy," Goodell said.

Goodell also promised that the league would complete its review quickly, adding that he expected Vick's full cooperation. The NFL wants to speak with federal investigators and prosecutors to learn how strong of a case they have against the 27-year-old.

The Falcons open camp on Thursday, the same day Vick will be arraigned in Richmond, Va. He and three other men face charges of

requests Monday.

Vick, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2001 draft, last season became the first quarterback to rush for more than 1,000 yards last season. He led the Falcons to an NFC wild-card win 2002, his first season as a starter, and in 2004, Vick's play helped Atlanta reach the conference title game.

The Falcons will pay Vick during his hiatus. NFL veteran players earn \$1,100 per week from the beginning of camp until the first week of the regular season.

Vick signed a 10-year contract extension in 2004 worth approximately \$130 million. His salary this season is \$6 million.

Before Monday, the league, the NFL players' union and the Falcons had yet to make a definitive statement on Vick, each saying they would monitor developments and allow the legal process to "determine the facts."

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Stern believes betting allegations to be an isolated case

NEW YORK (AP) -David Stern insisted allegations a former referee bet on games was an isolated case and called it the worst situation he had experienced during his tenure as commissioner.

"Mr. Donaghy is the only referee alleged to have bet on NBA games and disclosed confidential information to others," Stern said Tuesday during a packed news conference. "I'll say it again, I understand this is an isolated case."

The FBI is investigating former referee Tim Donaghy for allegedly betting on games he officiated during

expected to turn himself in at U.S. District Court in Brooklyn later this week or early next week, according to a person familiar with the investigation.

"We understand he's accused of betting on games in the NBA," Stern said. "We're not positive it's games he worked."

However, he said, there still was the possibility that Donaghy did gamble on games he worked and that was part of the investigation.

"I understand that he will likely be accused of providing information to others for the purpose of allowing them

the last two seasons. He is to profit by betting on NBA games," he said.

Stern called it the "worst situation I've every experienced either as fan of the NBA, a lawyer for the NBA or commissioner of the NBA."

The FBI first contacted the NBA on June 20 to talk about a referee alleged to be gambling on games, and the two sides met on June 21, Stern said. Donaghy resigned July 9.

"Suffice to say, we would have liked to have terminated him earlier, but our understanding was the investigation would best be aided if we did not terminate Mr.

Donaghy," Stern said.

The June call from the FBI was not the first time Donaghy faced gambling allegations.

In January 2005, Stern said the NBA investigated a dispute between Donaghy and a West Chester, Pa., neighbor. During the investigation, there were allegations that Donaghy was gambling — not on sports — in Atlantic City. Stern said the league contacted every casino in Atlantic City and Las Vegas and found no evidence of gambling by Donaghy.

Authorities are examining whether Donaghy made calls to affect the point spread in

games on which he or associates had wagered thousands of dollars over the past two seasons, according to a law enforcement official. "The referee had a gambling

problem and was approached by low-level mob associates through an acquaintance, the official said.

"We take our obligation to fans in this matter very seriously," Stern said. "I can stand here today and pledge that we will do every look back possible to analyze our processes and seek the best advice possible to see if there are changes that should be made and procedures that should be implemented to

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continue to assure fans we're doing the best we possibly can.'

Stern said league officials observed no inappropriate behavior by Donaghy the last two seasons.

Those familiar with the investigation and the law enforcement official spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to discuss the ongoing probe.

Stern said league officials had been following the officiating scandal that rocked a German soccer league.

"My reaction is I can't believe it's happening to us," Stern said.

NASCAR plane that crashed in Orlando had broken control cables and smoke in the cabin

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Control cables were broken in the NASCAR plane that crashed into two suburban homes, killing five people earlier this month, federal investigators said Tuesday.

Inspectors found several breaks in the cables running through the right wing and forward fuselage of the twinengine Cessna 310 that crashed July 10 in Sanford, according to a preliminary report from the National Transportation Safety Board.

However, the report did not speculate on whether the cables broke before or during the crash, and did not specify what parts of the aircraft those cables would have controlled.

not be determined for several months, officials said.

"They're just verifying what they can in the wreckage." NTSB spokesman Ted Lopatkiewicz said.

won't be issued until late The pilot reported smoke in 2007 or early 2008, the cockpit shortly after

Lopatkiewicz said. Witnesses had reported seeing smoke trailing from the plane as it sped low over

the neighborhood and seeing its wings "rocking" before it sharply banked and slammed into the homes, the report said.

The crash killed both people aboard the plane, NASCAR Aviation pilot Michael Klemm and Dr. Bruce Kennedy, the husband of International Speedway Corp. President Lesa France Kennedy.

Three people in the homes that were hit and gutted by fire also died: a 24-year-old law student, her 6-month-old son and a 4-year-old neighbor. The 4-year-old's parents The cause of the crash will and a 10-year-old boy were rescued by an off-duty firefighter living nearby and were hospitalized with severe burns, officials said.

The plane was traveling from Daytona Beach to A longer factual report Lakeland, a 100-mile trip.

reaching 6,000 feet, and air traffic controllers at Sanford Orlando International Airport gave him clearance to land on any runway, according to the report. The last radio transmission, about a half-minute later, was cut off in mid-sentence.

When the plane went down, its landing gear and flaps were not deployed, indicating the pilot was not prepared to land, federal officials have said.

Investigators still aren't sure who was piloting the plane. Kennedy had a pilot's license but was authorized to fly this plane only when accompanied by Klemm, according to the report.

The plane was registered to Competitor Liaison Bureau Inc. of Daytona Beach, which is registered under the name of William C. France, the NASCAR chairman who died last month at 74. Lesa France Kennedy is his daughter.

Lester wins in emotional return

By The Associated Press

Jon Lester made his emotional return to the mound for the Boston Red Sox a victorious one.

The left-hander, whose rookie season was cut short when he was diagnosed with a treatable form of lymphoma, pitched six aggressive, they innings to lead the Red Sox to a 6-2 win over the Cleveland Indians on Monday night.

"I figured the day would come," Lester said. "I just didn't know when. It's just nice to be back."

Working to major leaguers for the first time in 11 months while his parents sat on the edges of their seats near Boston's dugout, Lester allowed two runs and five hits to easily handle the Indians, the team with the AL's best home record.

Lester's journey back couldn't have had a better checkpoint.

"It was supposed to be his night," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said. Meanwhile, Johan Santana was having one of the worst starts of his career

in Toronto. Santana allowed a career-

including two to Frank Thomas, and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Minnesota Twins 6-4.

Santana (11-8) has given up three home runs five times in 162 previous starts but not since May 7, 2004, against Oakland.

were "Those guys were swinging right away," Santana said. "It seemed like the ball was flying today."

Santana dropped to 41-6 following the All-Star game since the 2003 break. He allowed six runs and seven hits in five innings, matching his shortest start thisseason.

"He was up and when you're up against big hitters, that's what happens, the ball goes out of the ballpark," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said.

Justin Morneau hit two home runs for Minnesota. Shaun Marcum (6-4)

allowed four runs and eight hits in six innings. Casey Janssen pitched 1 2-3 perfect innings, Scott Downs got Morneau on a grounder to end the eighth and Jeremy Accardo finished for his 16th save in 19 chances. In other AL games, it

was: New York 9, Kansas City 2; Detroit 9, Chicago 6; Texas 8, Seattle 7; and Oakland 12, Los Angeles 6.

In Cleveland, Lester showed the same form that made him instantly popular at Fenway Park, where he is certain to have another emotional game when he finally pitches there again.

The 23-year-old left-hander had been in the midst of a stellar first season when a visit to the doctor for back pain resulted in a startling find that threatened his life and stunned Red Sox -Nation.

Lester was diagnosed with anaplastic large cell lymphoma just days after he improved to 7-2 with a win over the Los Angeles Angels on Aug. 23.

"I'm just trying to put it behind me and move on and just go back to pitching and not worry about things," he said. "But right now every three months I have to go back and get that reality check. Hopefully we can put it behind us and just win some games."

Coco Crisp went 4-for-5 and scored three runs for -" Boston, which jumped to a 5-0 lead in the second off Jake Westbrook (1-6).

high four home runs,

Harang goes 10 innings with heavy heart; Bonds stays at 753 home runs

By The Associated Press

Aaron Harang said a final goodbye to his grandfather, rejoined his teammates and took the mound for a fitting tribute.

"I know he's out there with me," the Cincinnati right-hander said Monday night. "He was a baseball fan. He wouldn't have wanted me to miss a start.'

Harang returned from his grandfather's funeral in San Diego and pitched 10 innings, helping the Reds to a 2-1, 12-inning victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

"He wanted to win that game so bad," said catcher Javier Valentin,

whose RBI single ended it.

Harang gave up Ryan Braun's solo homer in the fourth, then retired the next 17 batters before Braun singled with two outs in the ninth. The tall, stoic pitcher showed no emotion while he cruised through the Brewers' lineup, limiting Milwaukee to seven hits.

The crowd of 23,489 gave a loud cheer when Harang went back out for the 10th — he'd thrown 107 pitches at that point. He escaped a two-on, two-out threat by fanning Corey Hart for his 10th strikeout.

where I got through nine and they asked me how I felt and I said I feel good," Harang said. "That's the best I've felt."

In San Francisco, Barry Bonds remained at 753 home runs, going 1-for-3 with a single and a walk as the Giants lost 4-2 to the Atlanta Braves.

'It's a tremendous challenge and I like to go after him," Braves starter John Smoltz said. "There's an aura now that is pretty high. It's weird to think about a lineup and you know he's one of the best, but Cardinals' Mark Mulder did it on now he's chasing something that April 23, 2005, against Houston. "It was one of those games everybody's going to ask you ques- Valentin's bases-loaded single major league win.

tions all year about."

In other NL games, it was: Arizona 4, Florida 3; Los Angeles 10, Houston 2; and Colorado 7, San Diego 5.

At Cincinnati, Harang became the second pitcher in the majors this season to go 10 innings, joining Toronto's Roy Halladay, and the first Reds pitcher to do so since Rick Mahler threw 10 during a 2-0, 13-inning win in St. Louis on Aug. 30, 1989. Harang is the first NL pitcher to go 10 innings since the off Grant Balfour (0-2) ended a game between two free-swinging teams. The struggling reliever walked Jeff Conine and Pedro Lopez to open the inning, then threw to third base too late on David Ross' bunt to get an out.

Manager Ned Yost went to the mound and gave Balfour a pep talk halfway through the four-pitch walk to Lopez. It didn't work. Instead, Valentin pinch-hit and lined Balfour's first pitch to right field to end it.

Rookie Jared Burton (1-1) got two outs in the 12th for his first

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ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Slammin' Sammy finally returned for the Texas Rangers — and they really needed him.

Sosa's 603rd career homer was his first in July and he also had five RBIs as the Rangers rallied and then held on for an 8-7 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Monday night.

"He has struggled in July and hopefully this is what is going to take to get him out of it," manager Ron Washington said. "We needed those RBIs and he got them. I hope it's a trend that will happen from this point on.'

Since a homer June 30 at Boston, Sosa was 6-for-43 (.140) with one RBI in 12 games in July.

The 38-year-old slugger finally snapped out of that slump with a two-run double in the third inning. Sosa's three-run homer in the fifth broke a 3-3 tie and put the Rangers ahead to stay.

"It's been a tough month for me. Every player has to go through that situation," Sosa said. "I know how hard I work every day and some- ending double play. how, some way I'm going to get out of this.'

It was Sosa's 15th homer this season — one more than he had in 102 games for Baltimore in 2005 before sitting out last year. Brad Wilkerson also hit his 15th homer in the fifth, a two-run shot that chased Horacio Ramirez (5-3).

Kevin Millwood (7-8) won despite allowing 12 runners on eight singles and four walks in 5 1-3 innings. The first five Seattle hitters reached base, but the righthander held on to improve to 5-2 over his last eight starts.

Jose Vidro was 4-for-4 with a walk and two RBIs for the Mariners, who lost their third straight game since getting within a game of the AL West-leading Los Angeles Angels.

Seattle scored twice off Millwood before its first out. Then against Eric Gagne, the closer pitching in a non-save situation, the Mariners had four straight hits to start the ninth. Richie Sexson's three-run homer made it 8-7 before a game-

The Mariners hadn't scored in 22 innings and were coming off consecutive shutout losses at Toronto in which they had only three hits in each game. They had three hits and a 2-0 lead against Millwood before their first out.

Jose Guillen hit a two-run single after Ichiro Suzuki's leadoff single and consecutive walks loaded the bases. Adrian Beltre singled before a strikeout and a double play grounder.

"We should have come out of the first with more runs," Vidro said. "It would have made a difference at the end. We were facing their ace. When you have him on the ropes like that, you have to go for it."

Sosa played for the first time since being hit in the head by a pitch against Cleveland on Saturday night, when the Rangers honored him for his 600th homer before the game. Sosa became the fifth member in the 600-homer club June 20 in Texas against the Chicago Cubs.

Sosa also had a five-RBI game June 15 at Cincinnati His 69 RBIs in 82 games are ranked in the top 10 in the American League.

"For the most part, all year he's gotten big hits," Millwood said. "Give this team enough chances and keep them in the game, they're going to put some runs up more times than not."

Travis Metcalf had a leadoff double in the third and scored on Michael Young's single. Mark Teixeira walked before Sosa's double into the left-field corner.

Teixeira scored on a close play, reaching with his left hand to touch the plate on a feet-first slide at the same time catcher Kenji Johjima tagged him on the shoulder. Umpire Lance Barksdale immediately ruled safe, and repeated replays were inconclusive --- though Johjima was clearly surprised at the call.

"Lance said he slid around him. I thought he came up to call him out," manager John McLaren said.

that several pit bulls at his Surry County home were killed if they weren't strong enough to fight. The federal government says Vick and his associates executed the dogs "by hanging, drowning and/or slamming at least one dog's body to the ground."

Purses for the fights ranged from hundreds of dollars to the thousands, and participants and spectators often placed side bets on the outcome, according to the indictment

If convicted, Vick and three others charged with him could face up to six years in prison, and \$350,000 in fines.

out Astros for Dodgers

HOUSTON (AP) — Chad Billingsley hasn't spent a lot of time thinking about pitching in the ninth inning. After all, he'd never lasted past seven innings in any of his first 22 career starts. That all changed Monday night.

The right-hander threw a five-hitter for his first complete game, Jeff Kent had four hits and a pair of RBIs and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Houston Astros 10-2.

"You never know about that when you come out in the first inning," Billingsley said of going the distance. "You don't try to get too far ahead of yourself or try to do too much. You just go one out at a time.

"I knew I had a chance in the seventh inning. I told myself to just keep doing what I've been doing."

Luis Gonzalez and James Loney had three RBIs each for the NL West-leading Dodgers, who came in having lost three of four.

"That was a pretty good example of what he's capable of," he said. "That was one of the most beautiful sights I've ever seen and one of the first times I've ever been the happiest guy in the world to see a guy go 0-for-

"It came at a good time for us. It was what we needed to get back on track."

Billingsley took a shutout into the ninth and had two outs when Luke Scott hit a two-run homer.

"I had pretty good command of my fastball," Billingsley said. "It was disappointing not getting the shutout but it was sill a complete game. I just wanted to go deep into the game and give our bullpen a little bit of rest."

Billingsley (7-0) allowed five hits with three walks and six strikeouts. He became the first Dodger to start the season 7-0 since Matt Herges started the 2000 season 8-0. Billingsley is 3-0 in seven starts since joining the rotation June 21. He was 4-0 in 23 relief appearances.

Loney, who played at nearby Elkins High, was returning to Minute Maid Park for the first time since he played a high school regional in 2002. He said he had "about 40" friends and family at the game.

"It felt great to hit the home run," Loney said. "Getting an opportunity to play here was a great experience."

"There is not much to feel good about tonight," Sampson said. "When you give up four runs in five innings, you can't exactly call that good pitching. I kept leaving my sinker up a little bit and I wasn't able to locate other pitches to get ahead of hitters.'

The Astros bullpen, which had allowed just one run in 21 2-3 innings over the last eight games, got hit hard. Dave Borkowski relieved Sampson and allowed three runs and five hits in two innings, and Brian Moehler gave up four hits in the ninth, including a three-run homer by Loney.

"I am disappointed," manager Phil Garner said. "We are disappointed to come back home, where we have been playing pretty good ball and I felt like yesterday's game might have helped us a little bit, but we just didn't muster any offense tonight.

The Dodgers got on the board in the first when Kent singled in Rafael Furcal for a 1-0 lead.

Vick Continued from Page 7 Since then, pressure has mals.

mounted publicly and particularly from animal-rights activists. - People for the PETA

Ethical Treatment of Animals demonstrated at Falcons' headquarters in Flowery Branch, Ga., on Monday.

While PETA was demonstrating last Friday outside the NFL offices in New York last week, Goodell was meeting with officials. from the American Society

for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The league and the ASPCA are working on a program to educate players about the proper treatment of ani-Activists also pressured

companies that have endorsements deals with Vick to sever their ties, and Nike said it would withhold release of a fifth signature shoe, the Air Zoom Vick V, this summer.

Nike spokesman Dean Stoyer said the four shoe products and three shirts that currently bear Vick's name will remain in stores. The Humane Society of

the United States has asked

the apparel company to sever its relationship with Vick immediately. Goodell's order came down after several talks with the Falcons and Gene

Upshaw, the union's executive director. In his first year as commissioner, Goodell has acted decisively in using the NFL's new conduct pol-

icy, suspended Adam "Pacman" Jones of the Tennessee Titans for the upcoming year and telling Cincinnati's Chris Henry and former Chicago Bears lineman Tank Johnson that they will miss the first eight games in 2007.

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see the big picture. Tonight: Listen to your sixth sense. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) $\star \star \star \star \star$ You are able to relate as deeply as is necessary to make your point. A key person joins your team, so to speak. This will be a powerful partner- ship. Financial strength increases as you have an opportunity to grow. Tonight: Time to chat. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) $\star \star \star \star$ Others keep pounding on your door. Work on what you think is impor- tant. If you follow through on what you	opportunity an before saying "y gh this is a e, you might r, or at least ing is possi- at your stuff.) essive side tt might be k from you, . Let go and copportunity an before saying "y BORN TODAY First test-tube (1978), actress football player V Jacqueline Biga http://www.jacq © 2007 by Kin	baby Louise Brown Estelle Getty (1924), Walter Payton (1954) *** ar is on the Internet at	TKUDR Z FKZG G Yesterday's WHEN YOUR	VM N WN V NAJBD KW — D Cryptoquote: MII AGE STARTS TO S . — BOB HOPE	— NJADD C GVFD DDLE AGE IS	Call 665-2936. 1998 Red Mustang V6 112,000 miles \$4500 662-3665 121 Trucks FOR Sale: '91 Ford 1 flatbed 4x4 gas, \$4: 2000 Dodge 1/2 ton, 4 \$6500. 2000 Yellow F 4 horse trailer with ling quarters \$19,500. 6

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car, and then drove home. I realized that the skunk had held me captive for the better part of an hour, and I hoped that if it was rabid, it would not infect

any other animals, including humans. Sometimes the things we do have unexpected results. I think that skunk was attracted to that area by the cat food left out for the stray cats. I wonder how many other unexpected dinner guests partake of the

food left out for other creatures. I know one thing — I have a squirrel that loves the bird seed in a bird feeder I keep filled in our back yard.



effect of the minimum wage." Literally hundreds of studies show that increases in the minimum wage cause unemployment for the least-skilled worker, a group dominated by

er, a group dominated by teenagers, particularly black teenagers. But Professor Card's study asserts that increases in minimum wage actually increase employment. Besides the fact that reviews of his study show flawed statistical techniques, that assertion doesn't even pass the smell test. If it did, then whenever there's high unemployment, anywhere in the world, governments could eliminate it by mandating higher minimum wages.

Robert Reich, President Clinton's labor secretary, said that economists who question free market theories really "want to speak to the reality of our time." That's incredible. Reality doesn't depend on whether it's 1907 or 2007. Reich probably thinks the reality of the laws of demand depends on what year it is. I wonder whether he thinks the reality of the laws of gravity does as well.

The ideas expressed by economists interviewed by Cohen, while out of the mainstream of a large majority of economists, are solidly in the mainstream of mankind's traditional vision. Throughout history, the right to pursue one's goals in a peaceable, voluntary manner, without direction, control and coercion, has won a hostile reception. There's little older in history than the idea that some should give orders and others obey.

-Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.



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Keyes Pharmacy is giving away prizes for their 25th anniversary celebration. Top: Owner Merlin Rose presents Kellie Williams with a \$25 gift certificate to The Plaza restaurant. Bottom: Rose presents Paula Black with a \$25 gift certificate from Texas Rose restaurant.

Senate needs to be more certain than ever

that a new surgeon general would adhere

to up-to-date medical data, resisting political intimidation and social pressure. If

it's necessary to find a better candidate,

Americans' well-being merits the search.

the deep injection of politics into what should be unbiased medical guidance. It's

troubling Carmona didn't fight harder. It

is outrageous that he was made to keep

his expert medical opinion to himself. By

extension, our government also laid siege

to Americans' health. To have credibility,

the next surgeon general needs to be more

than a healer. He must be a warrior, too.

At least now the public knows about

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American public, to fight harder during his 2002-2006 tenure. He should have spoken out years ago or resigned. But his testimony comes in time to weigh while considering Carmona's replacement. The nominee, James Holsinger, boasts sound professional credentials, but his unscientific writings include disturbing evidence of homophobia in conflict with mainstream medical views.

In light of Carmona's statements, the

Lohan arrested on suspicion of drunken driving

SANTA MONICA, Calif (AP) — Lindsay Lohan, who just finished a second stint in rehab for substance abuse treatment, was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving and possession of cocaine early today, authorities said.

Lohan, who is already facing a drunken driving charge in Beverly Hills, was stopped near the Santa Monica Police Department after authorities were called about a car chasing another vehicle, said Sgt. Shane Talbot.

Authorities conducted a field sobriety test and then transported Lohan to the police department.

A breath test was conducted and her blood alcohol was between .12 percent and .13 percent, Talbot said. California's legal limit is 0.08 percent.

The 21-year-old actress was booked on two misdemeanor charges of suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol and driving on a suspended license and two felony charges of possession of cocaine and transport of a narcotic, Talbot said.

During a pre-booking search, police found cocaine in one of Lohan's pants

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pockets, Talbot said.

Lohan has been released on \$25,000 bail, police said.

A call to Lohan's publicist was not immediately returned.

Police said they received a call around 1:30 a.m. from passengers in a black Cadillac Escalade sport utility vehicle who said they were being chased by a white Denali SUV. Police met up with the SUVs in the parking lot of Santa Monica's Civic Center, about a block away from the police department.

When police approached the Denali, they recognized Lohan as the driver. The passengers in the other vehicle apparently know Lohan, but did not realize she was chasing them.

Lohan had two passengers in her vehicle. There were three people in the other vehicle, police said.

Last week, Lohan turned herself in to Beverly Hills police to face charges of driving under the influence in connection with a Memorial Day weekend hit-and-run crash.

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