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Skinner says DNA tests could end 'nightmare'

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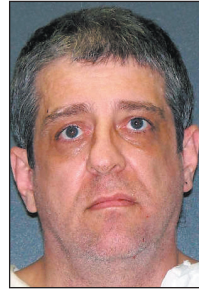
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LIVINGSTON (AP) — A Texas death row inmate granted new DNA testing in his case believes his “nightmare is almost over.”

Hank Skinner was convicted and sentenced to die for the 1993 killings of his

girlfriend and her two adult children in the Texas Panhandle, and he has come within an hour of execution.

Now more than three dozen pieces of evidence related to the case were to be submitted Thursday for DNA testing after the Texas Attorney General’s office reversed its longstanding objection.



Skinner

Skinner, 50, told the Houston Chronicle in a story published Wednesday that he expects to be exonerated, but, like his attorneys, is questioning how prosecutors have been unable to produce a windbreaker found near the body of his girlfriend, Twila Busby, 40.

“That jacket is the key to everything,”

Skinner said.

The jacket was not introduced as evidence at Skinner’s trial. The inmate’s current lawyer, Rob Owen, a professor at Northwestern University Law School, believes it likely was worn by the killer.

“It was a rich source of DNA,” said Owen, who believes it could become more important if testing on the other items is “less illuminating.”

Skinner’s attorney didn’t seek testing of the windbreaker before his 1995 trial
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FOURTH FALLOUT



staff photo by Mollie Bryant

Darrell Spoon of C&C Transload picks up what’s left of fireworks set off on the Fourth of July on Thursday. Setting off fireworks is illegal both on a county road and within the city limits.

County, FD push Fourth of July responsibility

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This Fourth of July, Pampans celebrated their freedoms with good food and good company.

A select few, though, also celebrated by littering and setting off ordinance-breaking fireworks. County Road E, also known as East Tyng within the city limits, was scattered with beer cans and firework remnants on Thursday, and small grass fires had broken out in the area.

Gray County Commissioner Gary Willoughby noted that it’s against the law to set off fireworks both on a county

road and within the Pampa city limits.

“As county commissioner, I look after the taxpayers’ dollars and I look after the county roads,” he said. “When my employees are asked to go out and clean up messes that other people create, then they are taken away from the many duties that they’re supposed to do.”

Willoughby encouraged responsible celebration of the Fourth.

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Willoughby

I know (people) celebrate their freedom on the Fourth of July, and that’s their God-given right, but yet again, they also ought to take their God-given right of accountability.

— Gary Willoughby
 Gray County Commissioner,
 urging Gray County residents to
 follow ordinances to curb litter
 and fire risk

Gray County grand jury indicts 14

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A Gray County grand jury returned 14 indictments against 14 people this month. Nine of the indictments were drug-related.

Bejay Duwayne Adcock, 23, was indicted on a charge of possession of marijuana, in an amount of five pounds or less, but more than four ounces, in connection with a May 2011 incident. Bond for Adcock was set at \$10,000.

Clifford Howard Eubanks, 38, was indicted on a third charge of driving while intoxicated, in connection with a February 2012 incident. Bond for Eubanks was set at \$6,000.

Kieth Shannon Helfer, 45, was indicted on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in an amount of less than one gram, in connection with a December 2011 incident. Bond for Helfer was set at \$5,000.

Nasha Melinda Hill, 33, was indicted on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, cocaine, in an amount of less than one gram, in connection with a November 2011 incident. Bond for Hill was set at \$5,000.

Luis Gerardo Jimenez, 32, was indicted on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in an amount of less than one gram, in connection with a January 2012 incident. Bond for Jimenez was set at \$5,000.

Justin David Kalka, 28, was indicted on a charge of driving while intoxicated, third or greater charge, in connection with a March 2012 incident. Bond for Kalka was set at \$6,000.

Romaine McCampbell, 34, was indicted on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, cocaine, in an amount of less than one gram, in connection with a December 2011 incident. Bond for McCampbell was set at \$5,000.

Luis Mata Mireles, 41, was indicted on a charge of driving while intoxicated, third or greater charge, in connection with a December 2011
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Man confesses to old murder

AMARILLO (AP) — A 50-year-old Texas man has pleaded guilty in a 1986 murder case that was originally closed after the confession of another man who was executed for an unrelated slaying.

Johnny Ray Klein of Wichita Falls was sentenced to 15 years in prison Thursday in the death of Florencio Calzada nearly 26 years ago. Authorities say the 31-year-old Calzada was shot twice in the back of the head and left in a ditch after a biker gathering in Amarillo.

David Stoker confessed to killing Calzada before his 1997 execution for a slaying near Lubbock, but authorities reopened the case after receiving a tip two years ago.

The Amarillo Globe-News reports that prosecutors found reason to doubt Stoker's confession, and investigators found a person who claimed to have witnessed Calzada's killing.

Associate guilty in drug case

EL PASO (AP) — An associate of a former El Paso County official accused in a federal drug trafficking case has pleaded guilty to drug charges.

Juan Canales pleaded guilty in federal court in El Paso on Thursday to drug trafficking conspiracy. Canales faces up to 20 years in prison and a \$1 million fine at his scheduled sentencing in September.

He and former El Paso County Commissioner Willie Gandara Jr. were arrested in February. Prosecutors allege the friends tried to smuggle 124 pounds of marijuana through a remote checkpoint in Sierra Blanca by hiding the drugs in Chicago-bound boxes of chili powder.

Gandara, who abandoned his Texas House bid following his arrest, is scheduled to enter a new plea July 30.

Man accused of sexual assault

HOUSTON (AP) — Authorities have accused a Texas home daycare operator of sexually assaulting two female toddlers that were in his care.

The Harris County sheriff's office announced Thursday that 58-year-old Cesar Chavez has been charged with two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Investigators allege the assaults happened while both victims, now 4 years old, were at Chavez's Houston-area home daycare. The alleged incidents were reported to authorities by the children's parents in February.

Authorities allege Chavez might have assaulted other children that were in his care.

Chavez remains jailed without bond.

Monica Gonzales, a Harris County public defender assigned as Chavez's attorney, says her office is conducting its own investigation to see if the charges are valid.

Battleship likely to reopen soon

HOUSTON (AP) — An official says the 100-year-old Battleship Texas, which had been closed after several leaks flooded the vessel, will likely reopen this weekend.

The Houston Chronicle reports that ship manager Andy Smith says the vessel, which fought in World Wars I and II, will probably open again on Saturday.

The ship has been plagued by a succession of leaks since early June.

The newspaper reported Thursday that officials had planned to reopen the museum on the Fourth of July but two new leaks scrapped that plan. Those new leaks were patched but on Wednesday water was detected coming into one of the so-called "blister" tanks on the ship's outer edge.

Smith says workers' top priority will be locating the source of the incoming water.

Okla. grassfire forces evacuation

DEL CITY, Okla. (AP) — Several families in Del City were evacuated overnight after a grassfire approached their homes.

Oklahoma City television station KWTU reports that firefighters extinguished the flames and no homes were damaged. A fence and two sheds burned in the blaze, which also knocked out electricity to the area.

The fire started shortly before 1 a.m. Thursday when a resident reported that an outbuilding was on fire. Authorities say the flames quickly spread and burned at least four backyards.

Firefighters evacuated an entire block of homes as a precaution as they battled the fire.

Texas ranked at bottom for health care

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas ranks worst in the nation in health care services and delivery, according to an annual scorecard issued by the federal Agency for Health Care Research and Quality.

In nine out of 12 categories, Texas rated weak or very weak. The only area where Texas earned the above average ranking of "strong" was in maternal and child health care measures. Out of a possible 100 points, Texas earned 31.61, while Minnesota, the highest ranking state, scored 67.31.

The agency identified 155 areas where it could compare the quality of health services across the country, such as infant mortality and obesity rates. Researchers used that data to generate both national and regional averages for each area, and they then compared each state to the national and regional averages to generate a score.

The report is designed to help politicians, policy makers, private insurers and state and federal agencies identify strengths and weaknesses in state health care programs.

Stephanie Goodman, spokeswoman for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, said Thursday

that the report goes far beyond what state agencies control, but she said it demonstrates the need to improve access to preventive health care.

"Late last year Texas received approval for a new effort that will help fund innovative local projects," she said. "Hospitals and other health care providers have come together to form regional partnerships, and they'll soon be sending the state their plans for making better use of Medicaid funds to expand access to preventive services and reduce the need for expensive emergency room care."

Texas scored particularly poorly in the home health care category, with the study finding that the state provided little support to the elderly and disabled who chose to live at home. Texas also ranked weak or very weak in preventive, acute and chronic care delivery.

The state's scores slipped from last year in treating cancer and diabetes patients.

The Texas Medicaid law for the disabled and poor offers one of the most limited health care programs in the nation, and more than 25 percent of Texans do not have health insurance of any kind, which is the high-

est uninsured rate in the nation.

The poor state of the Texas health care system has particular relevance as state lawmakers begin to consider how to respond now that President Barack Obama's federal health care overhaul has been upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Republicans, who control every statewide office and represent a majority in the Legislature, have rejected the new federal law, which calls for almost every eligible U.S. citizen to get health insurance. Some have pledged to block any effort to expand Texas Medicaid, which is a joint state and federal program, in order to get more people insured.

Last year, Texas lawmakers underfunded Medicaid by more than \$4 billion and that bill will come due when they meet again next year. Top officials have estimated that the Legislature will need to find at least \$10 billion in new funding for Medicaid at a time when Gov. Rick Perry has pledged not to increase state spending.

Democrats have called on the state to close tax loopholes to raise more money for both health care and education programs.

New Mexican president to target gangs

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's next president has boldly promised to halve the number of kidnappings and murders during his six-year term by moving law enforcement away from showy drug busts and focusing on protecting ordinary citizens from gangs.

Yet Enrique Pena Nieto said remarkably little specific about his anti-crime strategy during the three-month campaign that ended with his still-contested victory in Sunday's election.

That ambiguity has fed fears at home and abroad that Pena Nieto might look the other way if cartels smuggle drugs northward without creating violence in Mexico. Many analysts wonder if Pena Nieto is holding back politically sensitive details of his plans, or simply doesn't know yet how he'll be prosecute the next stage of Mexico's drug war.

Some hints are starting to seep out. A close acquaintance, U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar of Texas, told The Associated Press that the president-elect has discussed a new offensive against the smaller, local gangs that have cropped up in many Mexican states and earn money through kidnapping and extortion in addition to drug dealing.

President Felipe Calderon's 5 1/2-year war against the big cartels has been criticized by some for fracturing control of territory and smuggling routes, spawning smaller gangs like La Linea in Chihuahua state and La Barredora in the city of Acapulco that view ordinary citizens as their primary source of illicit income.

"In Mexico you have the drug cartels and then you've got regional gangs that are taking advantage of what's happening there," Cuellar said. "That is what he means by reducing the violence: Go after those folks who are actually hurting, assaulting and kidnapping people."


Analysts have said any new focus necessarily means fewer of Mexico's limited resources would go to fighting the biggest smugglers of drugs to the U.S.

But Cuellar, who has met with Pena Nieto several times in the U.S. and Mexico, stressed that the man who will become president Dec. 1 insists he will still target larger organizations such as the Zetas and Sinaloa cartels, the rival groups that have become Mexico's dominant criminal organizations.

"He's told me he's going to go after everybody," Cuellar said. "He said, 'It's the drug cartels and the gangs, and I'm going to reduce the violence.'"

Since Sunday's vote, Pena Nieto has repeatedly promised to continue Calderon's confrontation with cartels, sending messages to both Mexican and U.S. audiences that his new approach will not mean quiet accords with drug gangs in exchange for a reduction in violence that has killed more than 47,500 people since late 2006.

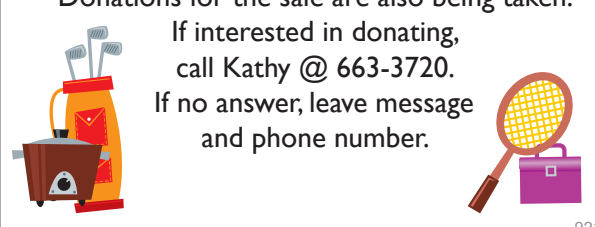
"We will wage an effective fight against the capos, against the heads of the cartels, but clearly also with a rethinking that will allow a lowering of violence," Pena Nieto told a small group of reporters Monday. "There will be no truce, no pact with organized crime."



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Today in History

Today is Friday, July 6, the 188th day of 2012. There are 178 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 6, 1962, Nobel Prize-winning American author William Faulkner, one of the giants of Southern literature, died in Byhalia, Miss., at age 64.

On this date:

In 1535, St. Thomas More was executed in England for high treason.

In 1777, during the American Revolution, British forces captured Fort Mifflin.

In 1885, French scientist Louis Pasteur tested an anti-rabies vaccine on 9-year-old Joseph Meister, who had been bitten by an infected dog; the boy did not develop rabies.

In 1917, during World War I, Arab forces led by T.E. Lawrence and Auda Abu Tayi captured the port of Aqaba (AH'-kah-buh) from the Turks.

In 1933, the first All-Star baseball game was played at Chicago's Comiskey Park; the American League defeated the National League, 4-2.

In 1942, Anne Frank, her parents and sister entered a "secret annex" in an Amsterdam building where they were later joined by four other people; they hid from Nazi occupiers for two years before being betrayed and arrested.

In 1944, an estimated 168 people died in a fire that broke out during a performance in the main tent of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus in Hartford, Conn.

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman signed an executive order establishing the Medal of Freedom.

In 1957, Althea Gibson became the first black tennis player to win a Wimbledon singles title as she defeated fellow American Darlene Hard 6-3, 6-2.

In 1967, war erupted as Nigeria sent troops into the secessionist state of Biafra.

In 1971, jazz trumpeter and singer Louis Armstrong died in New York at age 69.

In 1988, 167 North Sea oil workers were killed when a series of explosions and fires destroyed a drilling platform.

Ten years ago: Gunmen assassinated Afghan Vice President Abdul Qadir, who was considered key to U.S.-backed efforts to stabilize the war-fractured nation. Serena Williams beat older sister Venus 7-6 (4), 6-3 to win her first Wimbledon title and second straight Grand Slam tournament. Movie director John Frankenheimer died in Los Angeles; he was 72.

Five years ago: A man on a balcony over the New York-New York casino floor in Las Vegas opened fire on the gamblers below, wounding four people before he was tackled by off-duty military reservists. (Steven Zegrean was later convicted of charges including attempted murder and was sentenced to 26 to 90 years in prison; he died in April 2010 less than a year into his term.) Kathleen E. Woodiwiss, pioneer of the modern historical romance novel, died in Princeton, Minn., at age 68.

One year ago: President Barack Obama held his first Twitter town hall, which focused on jobs and the economy. Jury selection began in the perjury trial of former baseball pitcher Roger Clemens, who was accused of lying under oath to Congress when he denied ever using performance-enhancing drugs during his career (the proceedings ended abruptly in a mistrial; Clemens was later acquitted in a retrial). The 2018 Winter Olympics were awarded to the South Korean city of Pyeongchang, sending the winter games to Asia for the first time since 1998.

Today's Birthdays: Former first lady Nancy Reagan is 91. Actor William Schallert is 90. Singer-actress Della Reese is 81. The 14th Dalai Lama of Tibet, Tenzin Gyatso, is 77. Actor Ned Beatty is 75. Singer Gene Chandler is 72. Country singer Jeannie Seely is 72. Actor Burt Ward is 67. Former President George W. Bush is 66. Actor-director Sylvester Stallone is 66. Actor Fred Dryer is 66. Actress Shelley Hack is 65. Actress Nathalie Baye is 64. Actor Geoffrey Rush is 61. Actress Allyce Beasley is 61. Rock musician John Bazz (The Blasters) is 60. Actor Grant Goodeve is 60. Country singer Nanci Griffith is 59. Jazz musician Rick Braun is 57. Country musician John Jorgenson is 56. Former first daughter Susan Ford Bales is 55. Hockey player and coach Ron Duguay (doo-GAY) is 55. Actress-writer Jennifer Saunders is 54. Rock musician John Keeble (Spandau Ballet) is 53. Actor Brian Posehn is 46. Actor Brian Van Holt ("Cougar Town") is 43. Rapper Inspectah Deck (Wu-Tang Clan) is 42. Rapper 50 Cent is 37. Actress Tamera Mowry is 34. Actress Tia Mowry is 34. Actress Eva Green is 32. Actor Gregory Smith is 29. Rock singer Kate Nash is 25. Actor Jeremy Suarez is 22.

Thought for Today: "Read, read, read. Read everything — trash, classics, good and bad, and see how they do it. Just like a carpenter who works as an apprentice and studies the master. Read! You'll absorb it. Then write. If it's good, you'll find out. If it's not, throw it out the window." — William Faulkner (1897-1962).



What's with this obsession with Iran?

"Iran is not seeking to have the atomic bomb, possession of which is pointless, dangerous and is a great sin from an intellectual and a religious point of view."

Thus did supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei declare in February that Iran's possession of atomic weapons would be a mortal sin against Allah.

It is also the unanimous judgment of the U.S. intelligence community, declared in 2007 and affirmed in 2011, that Iran has abandoned any program to build nuclear weapons.

Is the Ayatollah lying? Is the entire U.S. intel community wrong?

Iran's plants, at Natanz, where uranium is enriched to 5 percent, and at Fordow, where it is enriched to 20 percent -- both below weapons grade -- are under constant U.N. monitoring. Iran has offered to surrender its 20 percent uranium and cease enriching to that level, if the West will provide isotopes for its nuclear medicine and lift some of the more onerous sanctions.

No deal, says the United States. Iran must give up enrichment entirely and indefinitely.

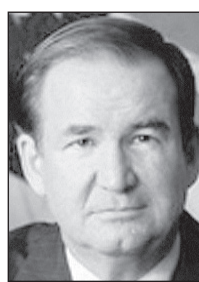
This is the sticking point in the negotiations. Iran contends that as a signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, she has the right to enrich uranium for peaceful purposes. On this, the Iranian people stand behind their government.

Should this deadlock be a cause for war?

Assume Iran did divert low-grade nuclear fuel to some secret plant to enrich it to weapons grade. The process would take months, if not years. Iran would then have to build and test an explosive device that the world would know about in hours. Iran would then have to weaponize the device.

The whole process would take longer than a year, perhaps several. We would learn about it and have time to exercise a military option long before it came to pass.

The Israelis, with hundreds of nuclear weapons, would probably



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Ahmadinejad is a certifiable fanatic who has threatened to wipe Israel off the map. He cannot be allowed to get anywhere near a nuclear weapon.

Yet whatever Ahmadinejad said years ago, and that remains in dispute, he does not control the military, he does not decide on war, and he leaves the presidency next July and heads back to academia.

Is America afraid of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad?

Where, then, is the mortal threat to justify the U.S. preparations for war with Iran described in the national press this week?

The Financial Times' Gideon Rachman argues that our obsession with Iran is obscuring a far greater potential threat.

Pakistan possesses perhaps 100 nuclear bombs and is building more, and anti-Americanism there is far more rampant than in Iran. He writes:

"Pakistan provided nuclear technology to North Korea, Libya and Iran itself. It came dangerously close to nuclear conflict with India in 1999. As for terrorism, Osama bin Laden was actually living on Pakistani soil for many years, and the tribal areas in Pakistan are still al-Qaida's most important base.

"Pakistan was also the launch pad for the terrorist attacks in Mumbai in 2008, in which 164 people were killed. Although Pakistan's government condemned the attacks, there is strong evidence that the terrorists had links to Pakistan's intelligence. If the Mumbai attacks had been launched from Iran, the West would be shouting about

'state-sponsored terrorism.'"

Seven in 10 Pakistanis regard America as an enemy. And the drone strikes ramped up by President Obama, which have taken the lives of many innocent Pakistanis, have increased the animosity.

Yet, U.S. planes and warships are heading into the Persian Gulf, as 44 U.S. senators have urged the president to break off talks with Tehran, toughen the sanctions even further and prepare for war.

Meanwhile, Iran is testing missiles that can hit Israel and U.S. bases, and its large fleet of missile boats is exercising in the Gulf.

Otto von Bismarck said that preventive war was like committing suicide out of fear of death. Are we Americans headed for yet another unnecessary war?

In 1959, President Eisenhower invited Nikita Khrushchev, the Butcher of Budapest, to the United States for 10 days of touring and talks. In 1972, Richard Nixon traveled to Beijing to toast and talk with Chairman Mao, who was responsible for the deaths of tens of millions of Chinese and tens of thousands of Americans in Korea. Ronald Reagan sought constantly for an opportunity to sit down across from the rulers of the "evil empire."

Iran is not remotely in that league, either in crimes attributed to the regime or any actual or potential threat to the United States.

Have we no statesmen who can sit down, like Reagan at Reykjavik, and negotiate with Iran's leaders for verifiable guarantees that she is not moving to nuclear weapons in return for something approaching normal relations?

If we could sit down with Stalin and Mao, why are the Ayatollah or Ahmadinejad so far beyond the pale? Can we just not handle that?

Patrick J. Buchanan is the author of "Suicide of a Superpower: Will America Survive to 2025?"

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Officials: Romney, RNC haul in over \$100 million in June

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney and the Republican National Committee combined to raise more than \$100 million in June, two GOP officials said Thursday, a striking number for a challenger who for the second straight month outpaced President Barack Obama and the Democrats.

Given the pace of Obama's heavy advertising spending and Romney's focus on husbanding his resources, the imminent Republican nominee's fundraising put him on pace to reach Obama's impressive cash reserves this summer, just as most voters begin tuning in for the fall campaign.

Romney, while enjoying a financial bounty with money raised directly for his campaign and the RNC, was also getting help from outside "super" political committees working in his favor. Taken together, the groups' fundraising strength means Romney could have a permanent financial advantage over Obama, who could be the first president in history to be outspent by his opponent.

The totals showed Romney picking up the pace after working in April and May to bring Republicans together following a bruising battle for the Republican nomination. The campaign in concert with the RNC had set \$100 million fundraising goals for June and July, and appeared to have met the first.

Obama and Romney have raised more than \$350 million combined toward the election — a pace expected to exceed \$1 billion by November. That's factoring in hundreds of millions in expected contributions to political parties, joint-fundraising efforts, super PACs and nonprofit organizations.

Romney officials have privately said the governor's national committee was on track to raise \$150 million in a period spanning roughly April through June. Those officials told donors there were few states that haven't broken internal fundraising records, and they expressed confidence the campaign could close its cash-on-hand gap with Obama's re-election effort.

Meanwhile, a joint-fundraising committee with the GOP, known as the Romney Victory Fund, has hosted more than 100 events so far, including a Boston fundraiser on May 24 that pulled in \$7 million. Romney started raising money with the Republican Party in April.

Obama himself broke fundraising records four years ago, pulling in \$750 million for his last campaign, including a record \$150 million in September 2008. To be sure, Obama also has super PACs working in his favor — notably Priorities USA Action, run by a former White House aide — although the groups have yet to catch up to the fundraising benchmarks of their GOP counterparts.

Pro-Romney super PACs like American Crossroads and Restore Our Future have spent tens of millions of dollars on TV ads critical of Obama in key states, and the groups expect to spend more as November approaches.

The Obama campaign has spent nearly \$71 million on advertising from April through last week, part of an overall \$90 million effort by Democrats on the presidential race, according to ad-spending reports provided to The Associated Press. Romney's campaign has spent far less, \$15.6 million, with super PACs making up the rest of the roughly \$68 million for Republicans.

Obama leads narrowly in a number of closely tar-

geted battleground and swing states. But Romney has crept closer to the Democrat in national head-to-head polls since essentially locking up the nomination in April.

Neither Obama nor the Democratic National Committee has released what they raised in June. However, it's expected that they will not report having raised \$100 million.

In May, Romney and the RNC raised a combined \$76.8 million, while Obama and the DNC brought in \$60 million. A full accounting of the campaigns' finances is due to the Federal Election Commission by July 20.

Romney's campaign declined to verify the total, which was confirmed by Republican officials who asked not to be named because they were not authorized to release the information. Campaign officials said they planned to release their fundraising totals for June next week. Politico first reported the figure.

Obama spokesman Ben LaBolt said Romney was leaking the figure to distract from other issues.

"Americans are less concerned about how much money he raised to get himself elected and more interested in what he would do after repealing health reform," LaBolt said. He was referring to Romney's pledge to repeal the health care law enacted by Obama in 2010, which the Supreme Court upheld last week.

Texas' low special ed rate raises questions

HOUSTON (AP) — The percentage of special education students in Texas public schools has declined to the lowest of any state, and teachers and parents say they don't know why.

Texas listed 8.8 percent of students as having special needs last year. That's down from 12 percent in 2000. Houston reported 7.9 percent, and Dallas reported 7.7 percent, the Houston Chronicle reported. Even with a rising population, Texas reported about 103,000 fewer special education students.

The national figure has remained around 13 percent. Jack Fletcher, a University of Houston professor on the executive committee of the Texas Center for Learning Disabilities, calls the trend "very encouraging."

"I don't think people fully understand why, but it does seem to coincide with the state and federal initiatives for beginning reading instruction," Fletcher said. He also credited teachers for working harder to teach reading and limit the number of students who need special education.

Others are skeptical that schools have improved. "They are doing an atrocious job of teaching kids to read," said Houston special needs advocate Louis Geigerman.

Some worry that schools might be listing fewer students to keep costs down. One parent, Barbara Knighton of Conroe, suggested that parents of special needs children are being forced to try private or home schooling.

"From being in the system, you hear the complaints. You hear the doors being locked and shut and closed," said Knighton, founder of the Parents Supporting Parents, a group for parents of children with disabilities. "The school district is not giving them what they need. They're just sitting there in class. They're bullied, they're ignored."

Gene Lenz, director of federal and state education policy for the Texas Education Agency, said the state may once have sent too many children into special education. Districts now "make sure that's 100 percent true before they place a label on a child," he said.

"While we're proud of the work that's happened here, we're not naive," Lenz said. "We're always worried about whether everyone has access to special education services that needs it. But nothing seems more inappropriate to me than to place a child into special education when they don't have a disability."

Build a pier foundation to protect trees

Dear Pat: I am planning a large storage shed in my backyard under some trees. I may keep power tools and a riding mower in it, so it must be strong. What is the best foundation to use so the trees are not damaged? — Lynn E.

Dear Lynn: People don't often think about nearby trees, but installing a foundation will definitely damage some of the root system. Your goal should be to minimize the damage and then give the trees special attention for quite a few years afterward. Damage to tree roots may take a year or two to show up on the above-ground visible part of a tree.

Since you are planning to store some fairly heavy items in the shed and it will be large, it would be wise to build its foundation similar to a house foundation. Check your local codes first and be sure to get the proper building permits. You may also have restriction in your area as to the height of the shed and its proximity to the lot lines.

A standard pier foundation is your best choice to minimize the damage to tree roots. Houses in many areas are commonly built on pier foundations, so one should be more than adequate for your shed. It will also be less expensive to build than a full perimeter poured concrete foundation, and you can probably do some of the work yourself.

A pier foundation is one in which there are concrete pads or block footer supports in the ground to support the structure. These footers distribute the weight of the structure over a larger area under each one. When installing a footer, you will destroy only the roots in the hole for each pier. By not destroying all of the roots on one side of a tree, as when digging a continuous foundation trench, its chances for survival are improved.

Posts, either concrete, blocks or wood, rest on the footers. Horizontal beams are attached to the posts. This is similar to how most backyard decks are built. These beams simulate the top of a complete poured foundation upon which the floors and walls of your

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shed will be built.

If you live in an area with a mild climate where the freeze depth is less than 12 inches during the winter, just dig a footer hole 1 foot deep. Fill it with concrete or crushed gravel. The size of the hole should be 16 to 24 inches, depending upon the soil type and local codes. The thickness of the concrete or gravel should generally be one-half the width of the hole.

In colder climates, the footer must be deeper than the freeze depth. The footer can be the same size as above, and you will need some type of post to extend up

above the ground surface. This can be a pressure-treated lumber post, mortared blocks or concrete poured in a cardboard tube. Use steel reinforcing rods up from the footer into the blocks or concrete tube.

Use pressure-treated plywood for the floor of the shed. This is particularly true if you are storing a riding mower and tools in it. The grass clippings and wheels will be wet, as may any garden tools. For pressure-treated lumber, use nails and screws with an extra-thick galvanized zinc coating to minimize corrosion.

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Concrete Piers

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Cold climates require the footer to rest below the frost line. Check with your local building codes to determine the required depth.

To help protect posts from water damage, each footing should be poured so that it is 2 inches above ground level.

J-bolts are placed into the wet concrete. Once concrete has set, post brackets are fastened to the j-bolts.

Pour 2 to 3 inches of loose gravel in the bottom for drainage.

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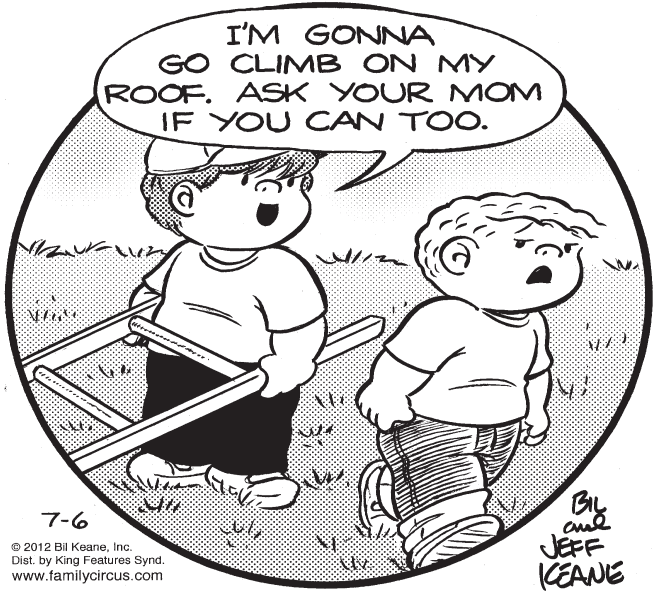
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daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, July 7, 2012:

This year you enjoy life and often find that you need to curb a tendency to overindulge. You have an unusual opportunity to understand some other culture or lifestyle. You also might travel more. If you are single, you could be delighted by a new friend who becomes more. This person could be an artist or a musician and is likely to be very spiritual. If you are attached, take a class together or schedule a trip you both have coveted; it will add to the flavor of your relationship. PISCES might be too emotional, even for you.

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)

★★★ Take a back seat, and let a situation play out. How you handle a personal matter, and the choices you make, could be very different as a result. An opportunity finds you when you are out and about doing your thing. Tonight: Ask more questions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You are at your best when you are surrounded by friends. Honor what you need to do, but schedule an early dinner or a late lunch with those closest to you. You may have a lot of news to hear and also to share. Tonight: Where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You move with the moment well. Your strong intuition points you in the right direction. An older relative or friend needs some of your time. You cannot keep putting this person on the back burner. Your caring means more than you know. Tonight: All smiles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Read the tea leaves well. Detaching from an immediate situation could work. Do so, and you will see someone make a major change. Ultimately, you might feel as if you are taking a risk. You are. Trust in your desirability. Tonight: Let music help your mind drift.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You might want to get another opinion or feedback from someone else. The person you seek out has the ability to manifest solutions, even if you sometimes think he or she lives with rose-colored shades on. Readjust your plans to hang with the people you want to hang with. To-

night: Live it up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Others often seek you out to learn more of what you desire. Investigate possibilities that are presented to you, then do what you want. A loved one enjoys your newfound freedom and willingness to express yourself. Tonight: Love the ones you are with.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Of all the signs, you best know how to dance away with the moment. You also will not allow someone to upset the apple cart if you have special plans. Make sure you have some quality one-on-one time with that special person.

Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You become the ultimate romantic. Others might be used to your sensitivity to the mood and moment, but they may not have visualized this side of the quality. A partner might be jealous or very desirous. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Invite others over for a relaxing afternoon, and indulge in a mutual favorite hobby. You have a lot to offer and many innate talents. Be careful as to just how much you are willing to risk. A close friend acts on his or her feelings. Tonight: Order in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Return calls and answer emails, then decide what you would like to do. You might want to catch up on someone's recent adventures over a late lunch. Extremes dominate with moods. Do not hold your feelings back. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

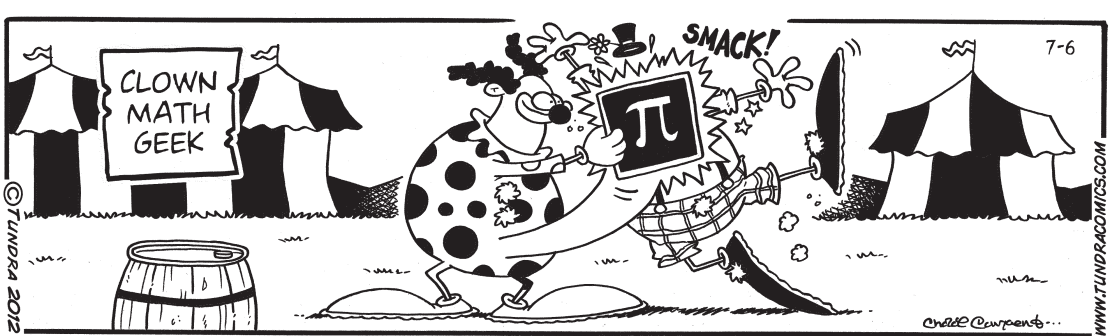
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Let someone give to you. Sometimes you seem withdrawn or as if you do not want to receive anything. Break past that pattern and open up to possibilities. Be willing to make yourself uncomfortable, no matter what. Tonight: Go with the moment.

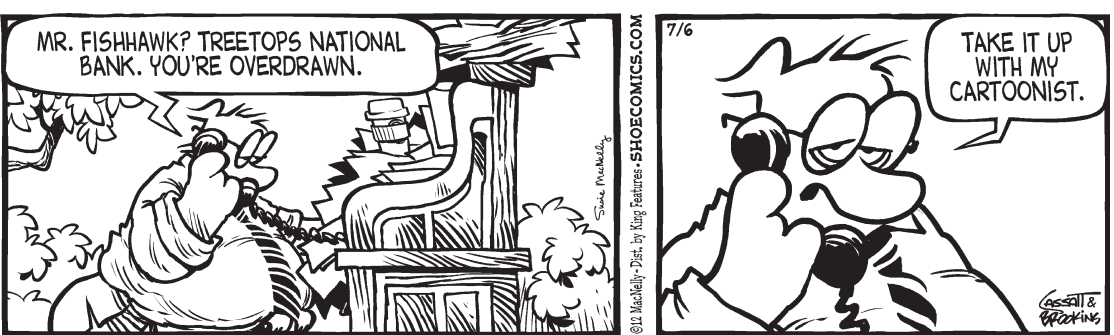
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Your choices impact others, and few people can say no to you. Understand that you might be coercing someone who normally would not agree. Be careful here, as there could be a backlash. Someone cannot tell you enough how much he or she cares. Tonight: Do what comes naturally.

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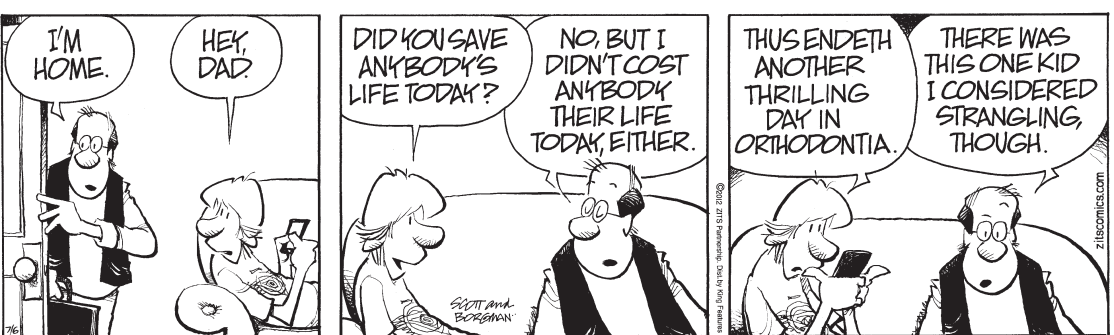
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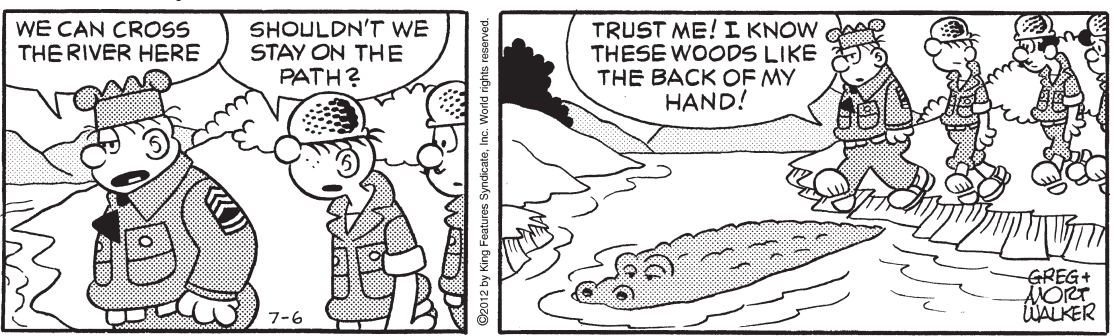
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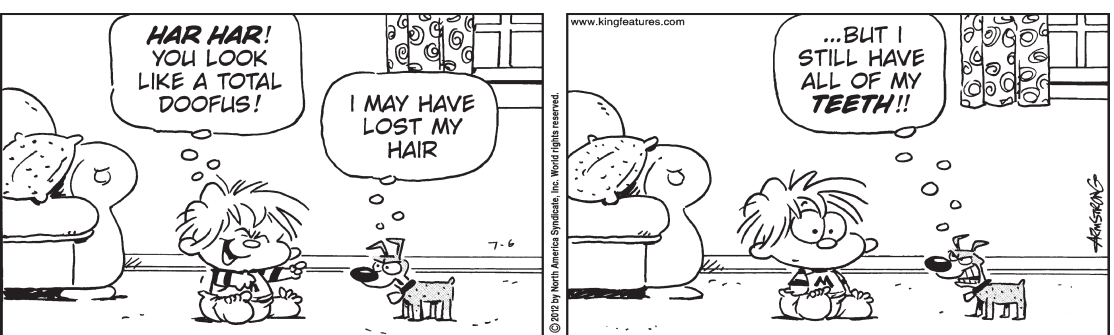
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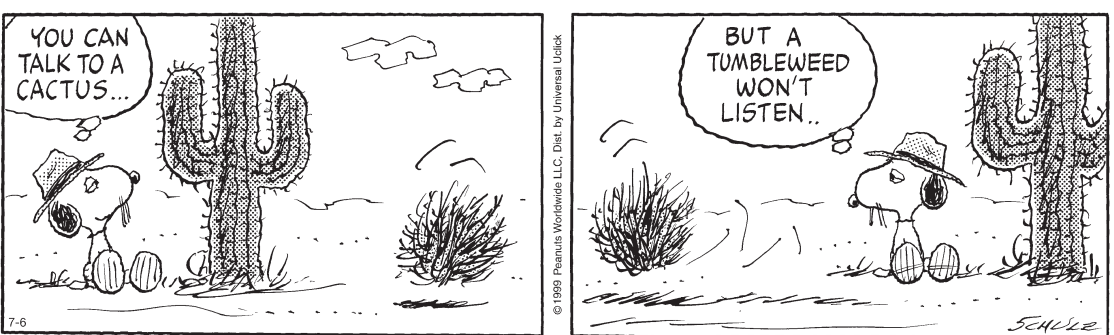
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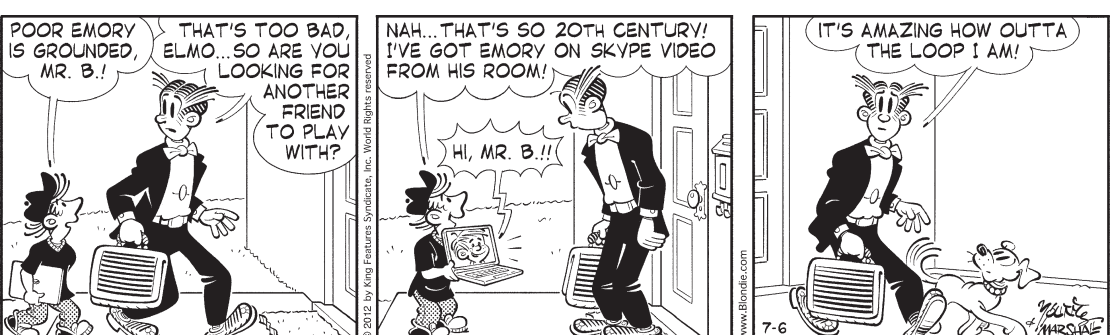
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Texas trucker's arrest re-enacted in Mexico on Thursday

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — An attorney for a Dallas trucker whose rig was filled with ammunition when he crossed the Mexican border said a re-enactment conducted Thursday confirms that his client simply made a wrong turn and wasn't trying to smuggle bullets into Mexico.

A Mexican court allowed local prosecutors and Jabin Bogan's defense lawyer to gather with experts at the border-crossing bridge in Ciudad Juarez where Bogan tried to make a U-turn. Bogan has been held in a Mexican prison since the April 17 incident, when Mexican custom officials found 268,000 bullets in his 18-wheeler.

Forensic expert Mario Gomez showed how the 27-year-old trucker wound up blocking traffic while trying to make what he called an "impossible" U-turn back into the United States. Gomez also showed prosecutors and the court photographs that he said showed the cargo wasn't hidden, as prosecutors allege. He spent about an

hour with local officials and Bogan's attorney walking through the truck lanes of the bridge and inspections yard.

"This is very good for us," said Bogan's Mexican defense lawyer, Emilio de la Rosa.

Bogan claimed that his GPS malfunctioned, causing him to take a wrong turn. Mexican customs officials have testified that Bogan was trying to turn around and, when asked, showed paperwork indicating the ammunition was destined for a wholesaler in Arizona.

Prosecutors allege Bogan concealed the cargo and charged him with smuggling military ammunition.

De la Rosa said he is trying to convince the judge that Bogan had no intention to smuggle the bullets into the Mexico. The attorney said he is trying to get the charges reduced from the smuggling charge, which carries a sentence of up to 30 years in prison, to possession, an offense punishable by no more than six years in prison

or even a fine.

Bogan is being held in a maximum security prison in Veracruz, about 260 miles east of Mexico City.

America Saenz was the customs official who first encountered Bogan as he was trying to maneuver his truck into the U.S.-bound passenger-vehicle lanes and instructed him to proceed to the truck inspection zone where the ammunition was found. On Thursday, Saenz described to the prosecutor and the court official present at the scene how she saw Bogan's truck trying to turn.

In a deposition given to the judge in May, Saenz testified that Bogan produced paperwork for the cargo when it was requested that showed the bullets were destined for United Nations Ammunition in Arizona.

According to Texas Department of Public Safety records, Bogan was arrested in and around Dallas eight times between 2002 and 2007 for offenses that include theft, evading arrest, unauthorized use of a vehicle and misdemeanor assaults. According to those records, he was convicted of the crimes. His lawyer said it's not likely the judge would take those offenses in consideration.

The trucking company that Bogan worked for at the time, Demco Express, was shut down by the Department of Transportation on May 25 for repeated and blatant violations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations regarding unsafe and fatigued driving, vehicle maintenance and drug and alcohol testing of the drivers.

Father, son charged with agent's shooting

McALLEN (AP) — A father directed his 18-year-old son and another teen to grab guns and shoot into a vehicle parked near their South Texas home, wounding a federal agent who was conducting surveillance, prosecutors alleged Thursday when filing charges against the two men.

The injured U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent, Kelton Harrison, was targeted while watching for an anticipated drug deal early Tuesday at a property near Hargill, about 25 miles northeast of the U.S.-Mexico border town of McAllen. Harrison sped away but his pursuers followed, shooting at his vehicle until he lost control.

Prosecutors revealed details of the shooting Thursday as Pedro Alvarado, 41, and his 18-year-old son, Arnoldo Alvarado, appeared in federal court in McAllen. A 16-year-old boy also accused of firing at the agent appeared in juvenile court the same day.

A criminal complaint alleges that

the 16-year-old, whose identity is being withheld because of his age, fired about six shots from a .22 caliber rifle and that Arnoldo Alvarado fired "numerous" shots from a 9mm handgun as they rode in a vehicle being driven by his father. The vehicle had its headlights off in the pre-dawn darkness as it drove by Harrison, according to the complaint.

The two men are charged with assault of a federal officer and knowingly using and carrying a firearm during a violent crime. They face up to 20 years in prison if convicted on the assault charge and a minimum of 10 years and up to life in prison on the weapons count. Father and son requested court-appointed attorneys and a judge ordered them held pending detention hearings scheduled for Tuesday.

The younger teen was charged with attempted capital murder in state juvenile court and was ordered detained pending another detention hearing later this month.

Arnoldo Alvarado told authorities that his father spotted what he considered a suspicious vehicle and told him and the other teen "to get the guns," according to the complaint.

Harrison, who was shot in the back, was able to drive for several miles before he lost control of his sport utility vehicle. Other agents arrived on the scene and one rushed Harrison to the hospital, where he underwent surgery. An ICE spokeswoman said Thursday that Harrison's condition was "improving."

After the shooting, authorities searched a home in Hargill and arrested the two men and the 16-year-old. Authorities said they also found two illegal immigrants from El Salvador at the home, listed in online records as material witnesses in the case, but did not say if they were suspected to be involved in the shooting.

Indictments

incident. Bond for Mireles was set at \$6,000.

Stormi Noelle Mobbs, 20, was indicted on a charge of possession of marijuana, in an amount of five pounds or less but more than four ounces, in connection with a May 2011 offense. Bond for Mobbs was set at \$10,000.

Steven Ray Payne, 44, was indicted on a charge of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, in connection with a January 2010 offense. Bond for Payne was set at \$5,000.

Leon Daniel Phillips, 35, was indicted on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in an amount less than one gram, in connection with a January 2012 offense. Bond for Phillips was set at \$5,000.

Delnita Ann Ray, 46, was indicted on a charge of possession of a chemical, anhydrous ammonia, with intent to unlawfully manufacture a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in connection with an April 2010 offense. Bond for

Ray was set at \$10,000.

William Marc Reed, 43, was indicted on a charge of driving while intoxicated, third or greater charge, in connection with a January 2012 offense. Bond for Reed was set at \$6,000.

Rhonda Lynn Wyatt, 49, was indicted on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in an amount less than one gram, in connection with a May 2011 offense. Bond for Wyatt was set at \$5,000.

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Skinner

and Skinner again didn't have it tested in 2000 when the prosecutor had some of the unexamined items tested.

Skinner and his supporters argue that Busby's uncle, Robert Donnell, may have committed the murders on New Year's Eve night in 1993 in Pampa. Donnell died in a car wreck in 1997.

Busby's sons — Elwin "Scooter" Caler, 22, and Randy Busby, 20 — were also killed. The three victims were strangled, beaten or stabbed.

About three hours after their bodies were discov-

ered, police found Skinner in a closet at the home of a woman he knew. Tests showed he had the blood of at least two of the victims on him and authorities said a blood trail led police from the bodies to his hiding place a few blocks away.

Skinner doesn't dispute he was inside his girlfriend's home at the time of the slayings but has insisted he couldn't be the murderer because he was passed out on a couch from a mix of vodka and codeine.

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Jamie Welch, owner of C&C Transload, picks up remnants of fireworks from his property on Thursday morning.

Fourth

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said. "They go out, have a Fourth of July and burn fireworks out on county roads. The least they could do is have enough respect to clean up their mess. I know they celebrate their freedom on the Fourth of July, and that's their God-given right, but yet again, they also ought to take their God-given right of accountability."

While littering creates a problem for property owners, so does the potential of wildfire. According to Captain Keith Arnzen, the Pampa Fire Department received 19 calls on the Fourth related to fireworks in and outside of the city limits.

The majority of those calls, Arnzen said, were for grass fires.

"We go out on calls every year because of people not following the rules," he said. "People need to respect the ordinances in place, because they can cause property damage."

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Sports

Heading into All-Star break, Rangers look like good bets

The Texas Rangers have been to two consecutive World Series without a victory.

Already through this season, the Rangers have the best record in the American League West at 50-32. The debate is if the Rangers can get there a third time — and this time, win it.

I might be being a little biased with the Rangers being my favorite team since I was a little kid, but the stats are there to prove that the Rangers are the best offensive team in baseball. It helps that they are productive in all facets of the game. They also have a good lineup for whatever kind of pitcher they are up against.

The Rangers' first main offensive stat is on-base percentage, in which they lead in the majors at .344. Shortstop Elvis Andrus is the perfect example of why the Rangers are first in this category. He is able to take the ball both ways: He can bat for power, and he can also lay down a bunt when the team needs him to.

The second main stat for the Rangers is that they are consistently scoring runs. At just over five runs a game, the Rangers always seem to have the answer to putting up runs on the board. Combining the stat of on-base percentage with their runs scored, the Rangers are leading the league with 420 runs batted in.

Lawyer: Clemens not naive on perception

WASHINGTON (AP) — Roger Clemens' victory in court should win over some of the fans who were previously convinced that the seven-time Cy Young Award winner used performance-enhancing drugs, according to his lawyer.

Rusty Hardin told The Associated Press that Clemens' image will always be tainted by drug-related allegations, even though a jury found the former pitcher not guilty of lying to Congress about steroids and human growth hormone.

Clemens adamantly denied using either at a 2008 congressional hearing and added that "no matter what we discuss here today, I'm never going to have my name restored."

"Roger is not naive," Hardin said in a telephone interview this week. "I was saying that if 85 percent thought he was guilty before, then this verdict might move the needle to 50 percent."

Clemens was exonerated on all six charges on June 18, capping a trial that lasted more than two months. The prosecution's case always appeared tenuous, relying heavily on the testimony of Clemens' former strength coach, Brian McNamee. McNamee testified he injected Clemens with steroids and HGH many times, but McNamee's story evolved over time, and there was no one else to claim first-hand knowledge of Clemens' drug use.



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and slugging percentage, figures in which they lead both

in the major league. All the experts agree that top to bottom on their lineup, the Rangers have the best consistent line-up for hitting. No pitcher in the majors would like to see Ian Kinsler, Elvis Andrus, Michael Young, Josh Hamilton, Nelson Cruz, Adrian Beltre, Mike Napoli and David Murphy as the lineup he has to face. The Rangers hit and hit for power, only trailing the Yankees, Blue Jays and Orioles for most home runs this in the season.

Basically, you could say that the Rangers have been the best team over the past three years, and they are continuing toward a championship. If gambling was allowed in Texas, then I would put my money on the Texas Rangers to finally get their first World Series this year.

The third and final most important stat for the Rangers for the first half of this year has been batting average

and slugging percentage, figures in which they lead both

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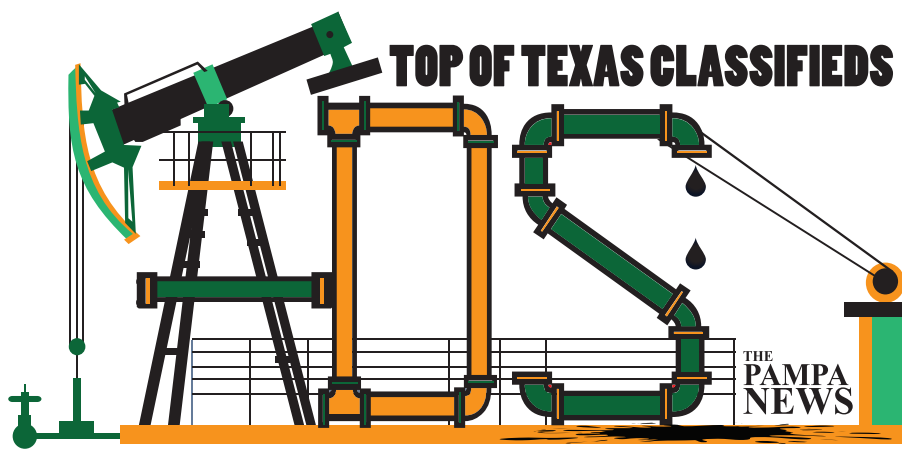
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7-6 **CRYPTOQUOTE**

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V J D C I P W P X D C P N C M C S I C P
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 - 15 One of Chekhov's "Three Sisters"
 - 17 Tennis star Roddick
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 - 26 "Non-sense!"
 - 28 Central
 - 29 Stone and Gless
 - 31 Jazz job
 - 32 Khar-toum's river
 - 33 — time (never)
 - 34 Large bell sound
 - 36 Souse-phoné's cousin
 - 38 Bird-related
 - 40 Located
 - 43 Slow tempo
- DOWN**
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