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Gas line rupture causes early Wednesday explosion

■ *Six departments combine to contain flames; State Hwy. 152 closed for two hours*

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About 1 a.m. on Wednesday, a large explosion and fire resulting from a Kinder Morgan natural gas line rup-

ture occurred east of Pampa a mile south of Highway 152 between County Roads 23 and 24. Flames climbed high into the sky as the Hoover, Lefors, McClean, Mobeetie and Wheeler County Volunteer Fire Departments all

responded to the event, in addition to the Gray County Sheriff's Office, the Wheeler County Sheriff's Office and TxDOT.

State Hwy. 152 was closed from 1:30 to 3:30 a.m. After the gas flow was stopped, crews on scene surrounded the fire and let it burn off until about 4:30 a.m., according to Hoover chief Joe Millican.

"We didn't know exactly what was going on when we were en route,"

said Millican. "Once we got there, I released some of the fire departments to go home early once we realized what we had. Everybody wanted to be there to help."

No injuries or fatalities were reported in connection with the explosion, although an adjacent landowner had some property damage.

"We have a lot of pipeline blowouts, and a lot of them don't lead to fires," **EXPLOSION** cont. on page 5

HELP FROM THE SIDELINES



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Madison Howard, 2, gets a little coaching from dad Don Howard at the Pampa High School Band Carnival on Wednesday evening.

Interim seeks new volunteers for summer

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Interim Healthcare is rounding up a new crew of hospice volunteers for its summer season, with orientation for new volunteers scheduled for Tuesday, June 19.

"I find individuals in the public in Pampa, Amarillo and Borger that are interested in helping us care for the needs of people that have terminal illnesses, and that doesn't just mean the patients," said volunteer recruiting coordinator Lesli Abbott. "It's the primary caregiver and their family."

The hospice volunteer orientation class covers each aspect involved with hospice care.

"I have a curriculum I stick to, and we discuss several things, like what to say, what not to say, things you can do and things you shouldn't do, so the volunteer doesn't feel they're being thrust into something that they would feel awkward with," said Abbott.

"I want to make sure that they're comfortable, and they have a questionnaire they'll fill out with what they like and what they don't like," she added, "and then I match what the volunteer **VOLUNTEERS** cont. on page 5

Simmonses' classics turn back time, connect to new generation

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Winfred and Linda Simmons, members of the High Plains Cruisers club that organizes each year's Burnin' the Bricks, both know a thing or two about vintage automobiles.

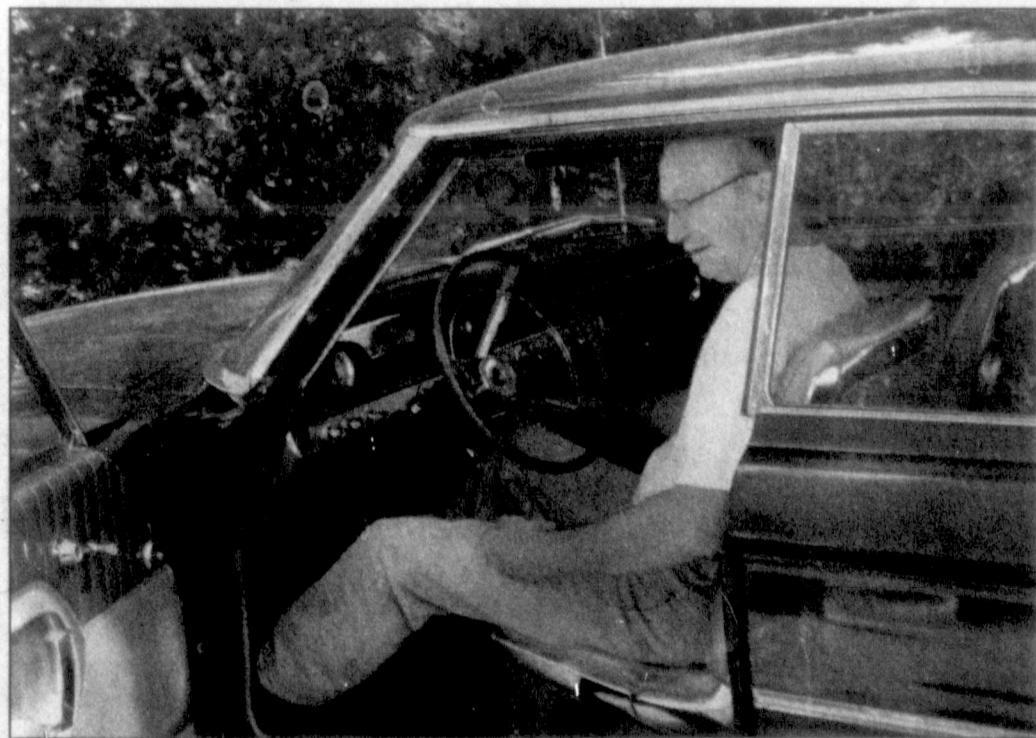
Winfred and Linda, both 70, have been married for 40 years, and even today, the two continue to share with each other a love for the now-classic cars they grew up with.

"We both like old trucks and old cars," said Linda, leaning on her husband's shoulder. "I don't know why they can't make cars nowadays to look as classy as they did back then. I grew up in the 50s and they were classy cars back then.

I liked them — they had a lot of chrome, they had a lot of style, they were sleek. Even the fins up on the Cadillacs, Pontiacs. That's what I grew up with."

"It brings you back to the 50s, just like everybody else that has a classic car," added Winfred. "It brings them back to the 50s, kind of gives you a kick out of it. It's something you just, you know — something you love."

That love is evident in the pair of classics the couple has acquired and **CLASSICS** cont. on page 5



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High Plains Cruisers member Winfred Simmons shows off a 1964 Ford Galaxie 500 XL, one of two vintage autos he owns with his wife, Linda.

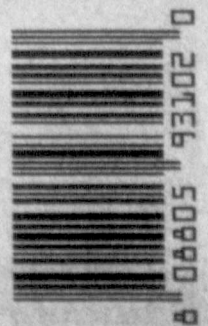
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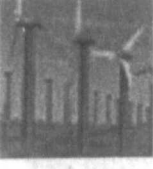
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PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday
		
High 80 Low 61	High 85 Low 64	High 90 Low 64

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Patchy fog before 9 a.m. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 80. Southeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 90. Breezy, with a south wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 64. South wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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Romney plans to use federal blind trust

WASHINGTON (AP) — A week after Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney disclosed a fortune worth as much as \$250 million, his campaign said Wednesday that he plans to put his holdings in a federal blind trust if he is elected president.

A Romney campaign official said there have been long-standing plans to shift the candidate's assets from a trust overseen by a Boston attorney to a stricter blind trust overseen by federal officials if he wins in November. Some assets might be disclosed or sold off before such a move, campaign spokeswoman Andrea Saul said.

"If Gov. Romney is elected president, his blind trust will be terminated and a new federal blind trust will be created," Saul said. "Any assets that are not fully compliant with federal disclosure and other rules applicable to the office of the presidency will be disposed of."

In a divisive presidential campaign where Romney's vast fortune and his long association with the Bain Capital private equity firm have become central issues, the move could serve to insulate Romney politically from criticism about his wealth as well as possible ethics conflicts. But the move might not stop the flow of new payments from Bain, which has been both lionized for its record of successful investments and vilified for mass layoffs at some of the companies it bought.

Just last week, Romney disclosed more than \$2 million in new income from Bain, the firm he co-founded and managed until departing in 1999. Finance and taxation experts said this week that the new Bain payments raised the prospect that Romney could continue receiving income from his former company over the next several years.

A Romney campaign official, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss his finances, said the campaign's analysis of his income stream indicated that any future Bain income pay-outs were unlikely but that such payments were out of his control.

Saul disclosed the plans for a federal blind trust after The Associated Press raised questions about how Romney would deal with any future Bain Capital income.

In his latest federal financial disclosure, filed last week, Romney's trustee revealed that the candidate

made \$1.9 million from a single "Bain Capital Inc." payment as well as more than \$200,000 from three other Bain entities. Although Romney's retirement agreement with Bain expired in 2009, the trustee said the income came in the form of "true-up" payments — in essence, catch-up payments made to make up for earnings not provided to Romney before the entities ceased operation.

None of the Bain entities had previously been listed on Romney's 2011 financial disclosure.

The details of Romney's severance agreement have largely remained secret, but experts in private equity finance and taxation say that the financial fallout from Romney's retirement plan will continue to reverberate.

Critics have warned that concerns about the steady flow of income from Bain are made more acute by Romney's long-standing decision to withhold crucial details about his Bain separation agreement, leaving voters with little information about his continuing ties to the firm.

"While he may not be actively managing the business anymore, he remains financially linked to them," said Victor Fleischer, a University of Colorado law professor and private equity expert who has testified before Congress on complex finance issues. "The point of financial disclosure is to communicate the full extent of one's potential conflict of interest, and until he discloses the severance agreement, we don't know whether he'd manage the country on our behalf or be influenced by his ongoing relationship with Bain Capital."

Romney's holdings are in what his campaign describes as a blind trust, preventing him from having direct control over his investments. Although the trust would qualify as a blind trust in Massachusetts, where Romney served as governor, critics have complained that the candidate is not totally blind to its contents. Romney's trustee, Boston lawyer R. Bradford Malt, has said that he buys and sells investments that he believes would be consistent with Romney's public policy positions.

Malt bought and sold off a number of investments over the last several years that appeared to conflict with Romney's political positions. Since 2010, as the presidential election neared, Malt has sold off a number of stocks in companies based in China and others that traded with Iran

and backed stem cell research — all stances that Romney has opposed as a candidate.

The broad outlines of Romney's portfolio were signed off by him in annual disclosures in 2011 and 2012 to the federal Office of Government Ethics and the Federal Election Commission, and then shared with the media and with voters.

A federally "qualified diversified" blind trust would have much stricter standards, preventing Romney — and the American public — from knowing what is contained in his portfolio. The OGE would qualify both the trust and any nominee for trustee to make sure that the trust's contents were not disclosed.

"In order to be truly blind, an official cannot really know what investments are held in the blind trust," said Stephen D. Potts, an OGE director in the first Bush and Clinton administrations who later served as deputy White House counsel for President George W. Bush.

Even with a federal blind trust, Romney could continue to receive income from Bain throughout his presidency, if he's elected — even if he remains unaware of the specific payments. Rebecca Wilkins, a senior counsel with the Citizens for Tax Justice, a tax fairness advocacy group, pointed to an obscure note to the Internal Revenue Service that turned up at the end of the 2010 tax returns for a trust for Romney's wife, Ann.

In the note, Romney's trustee told the IRS that the trust would elect to begin receiving interest from a Bain Capital fund known as "Bain Capital Partners (AM) X, LP." Although the fund is not detailed further in the return, the AP has learned that the fund is a partnership that was set up in the Cayman Islands, a foreign base that could allow U.S. investors to defer some of their future taxes under certain circumstances.

The fund is apparently tied to Bain Capital's 2010 purchase of Air Medical Group Holdings, the largest independent U.S. provider of emergency air medical services. The deal cost Bain an estimated \$1 billion.

Under typical private equity arrangements, the Romney trust could receive interest from the "Bain Capital Partners (AM) X" investment fund over the next five to seven years, Wilkins said — meaning that Romney's Bain Capital income

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Obituaries

Ernestine Pryor Jarnigan, 81

Ernestine Pryor Jarnigan went to join our Lord and Savior in glory on June 4, 2012, in Houston. She was born on March 25, 1931, to Ernest Elwood Pryor and Otherine Brashear of Borger.

Ernestine ("Teeny" to her friends and family) was preceded in death by her loving husband, F.L. "Johnny" Jarnigan; parents, Ernest and Otherine; her brother, Rex and wife Glema; their infant son, Wesley; and her most beloved dog, Muffin. Ernestine leaves behind two sons, Steven L. Jarnigan and Randy Jarnigan and wife Donna of Houston; two granddaughters, Jennifer J. Bolden and Mandi M. Baker; grandsons-in-law, Lynnel Bolden and Dustin Baker; great-grandchildren, Joshua, Jubilee, Hosanna, Judah and Ethan of Harker Heights. She is also survived by her cousins, Lucille Morrow of Borger, Dorothy and Mac Nolen of Hillsboro, Okla. and Dorothy Knoll of Borger and their families.

Ernestine and Johnny were charter and active members of the First Baptist Church of Phillips (now Fairlanes Baptist Church Borger). While at the Phillips Baptist Church, Ernestine started the Girl's Ambassador (GA's) program and participated in many other ministries including "Bibles to Babies," hospital visitation and the Benevolence Fund Committee. She was a wife and mother with a career as well. Following her duties in the Phillips School System and as a claims representative for a title company, she was honored to be the Administrative Assistant to Dean Darnell of Frank Phillips Junior College until his retirement. Thereafter, she was employed by and retired after 21 years from J.M. Huber Corporation, Her-

cules Division in Borger.

Her life was greatly enhanced by her service with the Desk & Derrick Club where she served several years as an active member and President. She represented the organization at numerous conventions, events and field trips. She fondly remembers her fellow Desk & Derrick members in their travels to England, Los Alamos, Alaska and even an off-shore well.

Ernestine never met a stranger and endeavored to find common ground with all she met. For the last 3 1/2 years, she was a member of Second Baptist Church in Houston, following her move to be closer to her sons after her husband passed. She often invited her friends to share her faith and visit with the "Live at Five" Bible Study class and Church where she was endeared by many.

A graveside service will be at the Highland's Park Cemetery, 931 Sterling, Borger, TX 79007 on Friday, June 9 at 10 a.m. Following the interment, family and friends are invited to a reception at the Fairlanes Baptist Church, 3000 Fairlanes Blvd., Borger, TX 79007.

The family expresses sincere appreciation to the staffs of The Forum Assisted Living facility, Colonial Oaks at Westchase Memory Care facility, the staff of Memorial City Memorial Hermann Hospital and Vitas Hospice. A special thank you goes to the members of the Live at Five Bible study class for their continued prayers and support.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests a memorial donation to the Winning Walk Ministry at Second Baptist Church, 6400 Woodway, Houston, TX; Vitas Hospice Unit 517, 921 Gessner Road, East Tower - 8th Floor, Houston, TX 77024; or the Benevolence Fund at Fairlanes Baptist Church, Borger, TX.

For the record

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, June 6 at 7 a.m.

Animal Control agents and the Pampa PD reported 15 animal-related incidents.

Pampa PD reported 12 traffic-related incidents. Pampa EMS, the Pampa Fire Department and the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department responded to nine medical calls.

Tuesday, June 5
Endangerment of a child or elderly person was re-

ported at the 200 block of West Foster.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 400 block of North Russell.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 2800 block of North Perryton.

A burglary occurred at the 1100 block of South Wells.

An assault occurred at the 100 block of West 30th.

An assault was reported. Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1100 block of Juniper.

A stolen vehicle was reported at the 2100 block of North Lea.

Disorderly conduct occurred at Browning and

Jupiter.

A threat was reported.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1200 block of Hamilton.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1800 block of North Nelson and the 1000 block of North Duncan.

A runaway was reported at the 2400 block of North Evergreen.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1300 block of Coffee.

Harassment was reported.

Wednesday, June 6
A domestic disturbance occurred at the 600 block of North Magnolia.

A suspicious person was

reported at the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 700 block of North Russell.

Sheriff's Department

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 24 hour period ending Wednesday, June 6 at 7 a.m.

Tuesday, June 5
Andrew Shane Keeton, 27, was arrested by police on charges of an expired motor vehicle registration, expired driver's license and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

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Fort Hood hearing this week

FORT HOOD (AP) — A military judge has set a hearing for this week to consider a defense motion and other matters for an Army psychiatrist charged in the Fort Hood shooting rampage.

Maj. Nidal Hasan is expected to be in court for Friday's hearing at Fort Hood.

Hasan is charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder in the November 2009 shootings.

The judge, Col. Gregory Gross, will consider a defense motion seeking to have the federal government pay for the expert services of a neurologist.

Hasan faces the death penalty or life imprisonment without parole if convicted at his military trial set to begin in August at the Central Texas Army post.

The 41-year-old Hasan remains jailed.

Sales tax revenue on rise for state

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Comptroller reports that the state collected more than \$2 billion in May, marking 26 months of sales tax growth.

The total released Wednesday is a 7 percent increase over last year. The state distributed \$514 million to local governments.

Sales taxes are the state's largest source of income. Comptroller Susan Combs said the oil and gas industry continue to be a major contributor to sales tax growth, but that restaurants are also doing well as the economy continues to recover.

The state's tax revenues are higher than forecast, but still not enough to cover an expected \$4 billion budget deficit next year. Gov. Rick Perry on Tuesday asked state agencies to be prepared for 10 percent cuts when the Legislature meets again next year.

Kinder Morgan investors sell

HOUSTON (AP) — Kinder Morgan said Wednesday that three of its investors are selling part of their stakes in the natural gas pipeline operator as part of a secondary offering of 63 million shares of its stock.

The investors include Goldman, Sachs & Co., which is selling 36.7 million, or about 27 percent, of its 134.8 million shares, Kinder Morgan said in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

In addition, The Carlyle Group and Riverstone Holdings LLC, which both hold 51.2 million shares of the company's stock, are selling 12.7 million shares and 13.6 million shares, respectively.

Neither Kinder Morgan nor its management team is selling any shares in the offering and the Houston company will not receive any of the offering's proceeds.

The offering comes after last month's closing of Kinder Morgan Inc.'s \$20 billion acquisition of El Paso Corp., which made it the biggest U.S. natural gas pipeline operator.

A judge nearly killed the deal earlier this year, because Goldman collected a fee for advising one company, but failed to disclose that one of its bankers owned about \$340,000 worth of stock in Kinder Morgan.

Goldman had disclosed that its private-equity arm had stake in Kinder Morgan, and the fact that it controlled two seats on Kinder Morgan's board.

Barclays Capital is the underwriter and the offering is expected to close Monday.

Kinder Morgan shares fell 95 cents, or 2.9 percent, to \$32.07 in afternoon trading. They have traded in a range of \$23.51 to \$40.25 in the past year.

Ex-teacher gets prison for porn

EL PASO (AP) — An ex-computer science teacher in West Texas has been sentenced to more than seven years in prison for having hundreds of child pornography images.

A federal judge in El Paso on Tuesday sentenced 46-year-old Joachim Rudolf Hees (HAYS). Hees formerly taught in the Canutillo Independent School District.

The FBI in 2008 searched the educator's home and seized three computers. Investigators found nearly 600 images of child porn on the devices. Hees in January pleaded guilty to receipt of child porn.

Hees, who received a 90-month prison term, had been the computer literacy teacher at Canutillo Middle School. He later resigned.

Firefighters use burnouts on fires

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Firefighters working in different parts of New Mexico are using similar tactics to corral two lightning-sparked wildfires.

Crews contained more than 20 percent of the massive Whitewater-Baldy fire in southwestern New Mexico by Wednesday morning.

The blaze has charred about 412 square miles of the Gila National Forest, but it's not growing as fast as it was last week.

Firefighters are building lines and mopping up after burnout operations along the fire's perimeter. On the southern flank, they finished prepping cabins for potential fire movement.

In northern New Mexico, fire managers say burnout operations are helping to build a line around the Bear Springs fire.

That blaze has burned about 580 acres. Forest officials say cultural and historic structures on the southern edge of the Jemez Mountains are considered threatened.

Man accused of stealing data

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A former scientist at Sandia National Labs in New Mexico has pleaded not guilty to charges of stealing research to share with China.

Jianyu Huang was arraigned Tuesday on five counts of federal program fraud and one count of false statements. He is accused of embezzling and sharing information from his position with the lab's Center for Integrated Nanotechnologies since 2009, according to a federal indictment.

Elizabeth Martinez, a spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office of New Mexico, said Wednesday that Huang will remain in federal custody until he meets release conditions.

Authorities said he passed off nanotechnology research that belongs to the U.S. as his own. The indictment alleges he went online to share the data with state-run schools in China.

Working with fearful dogs can be tricky

MATTHEW "UNCLE MATTY" MARGOLIS
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Dog Talk with Uncle Matty



Fearful dogs are tricky. They are to dog trainers what antique glass heirlooms are to UPS delivery people: special care and handling required.

I've worked with the owners of many shy or fearful dogs, usually after these people spent years exacerbating the problem with their own misguided behavior: the weary woman who comes home to yet another accident on the rug and in her anger screams "No! No! No!" at her shy little dog; the macho man who wants his water-fearful dog to swim so badly that, out of frustration, he throws the pooch into the pool.

Her dog is now fearful of her arrival at the end of the day.

His dog is now fearful of water and him.

Fighting fear with fear doesn't work.

Full-on in-your-face exposure to that which is the source of great fear will not magically erase the fear, as if it existed only in an Etch A Sketch. Irrational fear is much deeper than that. In most dogs, such dramatic exposure will induce a flooding effect, in which the dog appears resigned but in actuality shuts down completely — as a last-resort coping mechanism. When neither fight nor flight is an option, freeze.

An 84-year-old woman called me last week. She was frustrated. Her three Pomeranians — a.k.a. The Three Stooges — were barking, yapping and eating the plants in her indoor garden. The Stooges are small and on the skittish side. Yelling, which never helps, would in their case make things much worse. I agreed to work with her.

First, I showed her how to use the leash as a train-

ing tool — in this case, to correct the excessive barking behavior.

Then I invoked the all-powerful squirt bottle to subsidize the correction. This startles the dogs, distracting them from the unwanted behavior and giving her the opportunity to "reset" them to a more desirable behavior — which she then reinforces with praise and affection.

And finally, I introduced her to The Home Depot, where she found

inexpensive, unobtrusive fencing to keep The Stooges from snacking on her azaleas.

A couple of training sessions, with her reinforcing the techniques and commands in between meetings with me, and the next thing I know, I'm greeted at the door with homemade biscotti! We were celebrating the fact that her problems with The Stooges had diminished to the point of total satisfaction. Peace in the kingdom. No fear mongering required.

Regardless of your dog's temperament, if you could get him to drop unwanted behavior A in favor of desirable behavior B without scaring the daylight out of him, isn't that what they call a win-win? But if your dog's temperament leans toward the nervous and anxious, fear tactics of any kind — including yelling and finger wagging — are off-limits. It'll take a little more time and patience, but in the end, you'll have a problem solved, instead of more problems.

Woof!

Dog trainer Matthew "Uncle Matty" Margolis is co-author of 18 books about dogs, a behaviorist, a popular radio and television guest, and host of the PBS series "WOOF! It's a Dog's Life!"

Initial STAAR standards too lenient?

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas high school students can pass most of the state's new end-of-course exams this year by answering fewer than half the questions correctly, drawing complaints from a key business association leader and the head of the state's largest school district that the initial standards aren't strict enough.

The Houston Chronicle reported Wednesday that, on the easiest end, freshmen can pass the algebra I and biology exams by getting 20 of 54 questions — 37 percent — correct.

The ninth-grade writing test has the highest passing standard this year, requiring students to get 65 percent, or 40 of 62 questions correct. The standard is 54 percent on the freshmen reading test and 46 percent on the world geography exam.

The standards will rise for the ninth-grade class in 2014 and again two years later.

Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott has said the agency decided to phase in the standards because students need time to adjust to more-difficult questions on the new exams known as the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness, or STAAR.

The passing standards are key to students' success or failure on the high-stakes exams. State law now requires students to pass 15 of the tests throughout high school in order to graduate.

But Houston Independent School District

Superintendent Terry Grier told the Chronicle that setting initial standards so low, "gives all of us an inadequate report of where we are."

Grier said he would prefer to start with the higher standards, even if it means more schools earn the state's lowest academic rating.

The standards also drew criticism from Bill Hammond, president of the Texas Association of Business, who said the scores should accurately reflect whether students are being prepared for college and careers.

Ninth-graders who took the exams in spring 2012 must answer between 37 percent and 65 percent of the questions correctly to pass, depending on the subject. By 2016, freshmen will need to correctly answer 60 percent to 70 percent to pass most of the exams.

Phasing in standards is not new, according to the Chronicle, but the Texas Education Agency is doubling the two-year timeline it followed when rolling out the prior standardized test, called the TAKS, in 2003. Then the passing standards for the ninth-grade tests were 60 percent in reading and 48 percent in math.

Texas Education Agency spokeswoman Debbie Ratcliffe said more time is needed because the STAAR exams are considerably harder.

"You're trying to train the students to get a little

stronger each cycle, perform a little better," she told the newspaper.

The phased-in standards were set using recommendations from committees that included educators, higher education faculty, legislative staff and busi-

ness leaders. They looked at how students performed on trial tests, trying to ensure those who scored at the passing, or satisfactory, level are sufficiently prepared for the next course and eventually for college.

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Today in History

Today is Thursday, June 7, the 159th day of 2012. There are 207 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On June 7, 1892, Homer Plessy, a "Creole of color," was arrested and fined for refusing to leave a whites-only car of the East Louisiana Railroad; his case went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, which at the time upheld "separate but equal" racial segregation, a concept overturned in 1954 by *Brown v. Board of Education*.

On this date:

In 1654, King Louis XIV, age 15, was crowned in Rheims, 11 years after the start of his reign.

In 1712, Pennsylvania's colonial assembly voted to ban the further importation of slaves.

In 1769, frontiersman Daniel Boone first began to explore present-day Kentucky.

In 1776, Richard Henry Lee of Virginia proposed to the Continental Congress a resolution stating "That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown."

In 1862, William Bruce Mumford, a Confederate loyalist, was hanged at the order of Union military authorities for tearing down a U.S. flag that had been flying over the New Orleans mint shortly before the city was occupied by the North.

In 1929, the sovereign state of Vatican City came into existence as copies of the Lateran Treaty were exchanged in Rome.

In 1937, actress Jean Harlow died in Los Angeles at age 26.

In 1942, the World War II Battle of Midway ended in a decisive victory for American forces over the Imperial Japanese.

In 1967, the Haight Ashbury Free Medical Clinic opened in San Francisco.

In 1972, the musical "Grease" opened on Broadway, having already been performed in lower Manhattan.

In 1981, Israeli military planes destroyed a nuclear power plant in Iraq, a facility the Israelis charged could have been used to make nuclear weapons.

In 1998, in a crime that shocked the nation, James Byrd Jr., a 49-year-old black man, was hooked by a chain to a pickup truck and dragged to his death in Jasper, Texas. (Two white men were later sentenced to death for the crime; a third received life with the possibility of parole.)

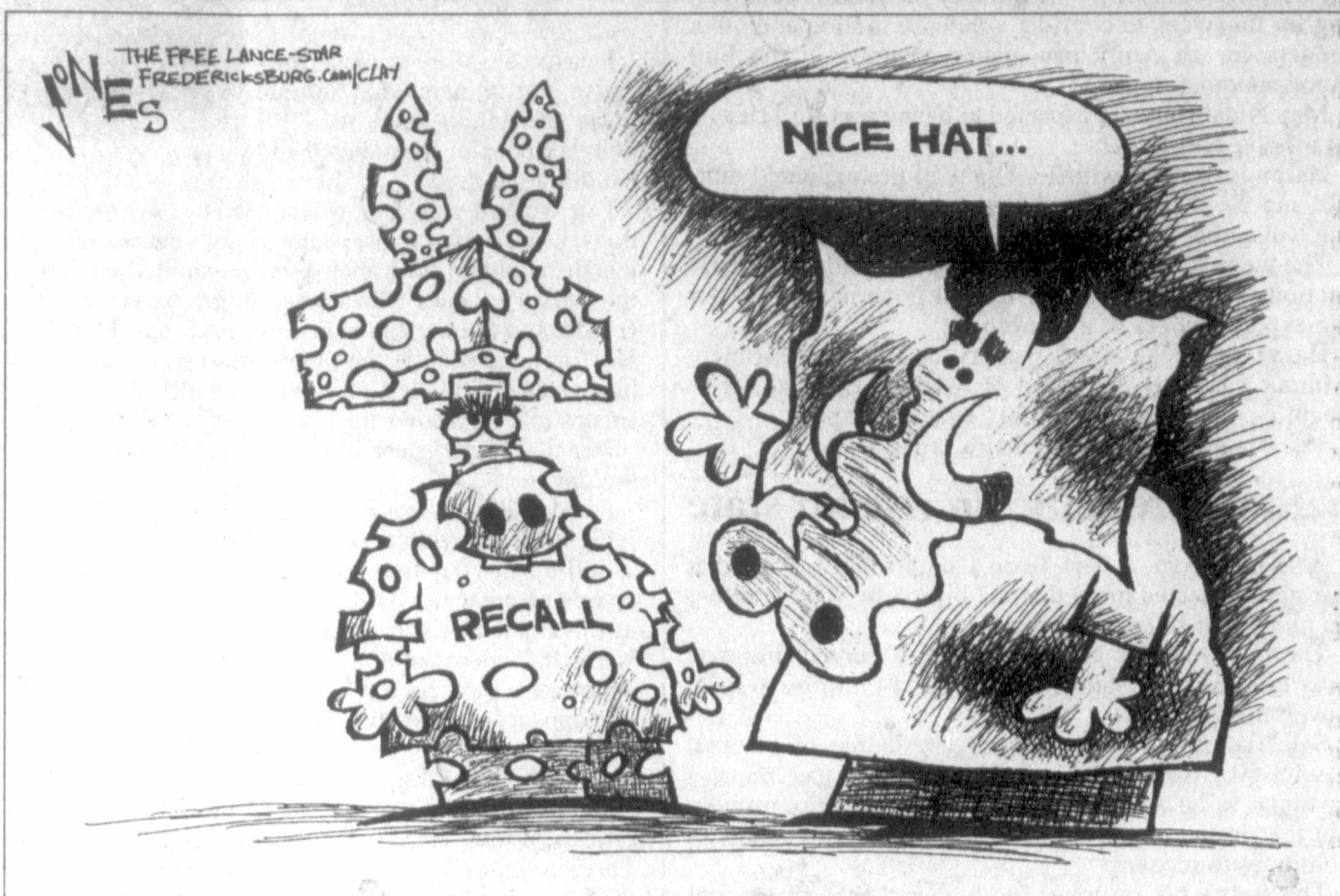
Ten years ago: A yearlong hostage crisis in the Philippines involving a U.S. missionary couple came to a bloody end as Filipino commandos managed to save only one of three captives, American Gracia Burnham. Kennedy cousin Michael Skakel was convicted in Norwalk, Conn., of beating Greenwich neighbor Martha Moxley to death when they were 15 in 1975. (Skakel, who continues to maintain his innocence, was sentenced to 20 years to life in prison.)

Five years ago: At the G-8 summit in Germany, Russian President Vladimir Putin, bitterly opposed to a U.S. missile shield in Europe, presented President George W. Bush with a surprise counterproposal built around a Soviet-era radar system in Azerbaijan; Bush promised to consider the idea, but ended up essentially rejecting it. After three days in jail for a reckless-driving probation violation, Paris Hilton was released by Los Angeles County sheriff's officials to be sent home under house arrest. (The next day, a judge ordered Hilton back to jail, where she spent 2½ weeks.)

One year ago: Moammar Gadhafi stood defiant in the face of the heaviest and most punishing NATO airstrikes to date, declaring in an audio address carried on Libyan state television, "We will not kneel!" Fazul Abdullah Mohammed, the al-Qaida mastermind behind the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, was killed at a security checkpoint in Mogadishu by Somali forces. NBC retained its hold on U.S. Olympic television rights in a four-games deal through 2020 worth nearly \$4.4 billion, defeating rival bids from ESPN and Fox.

Today's Birthdays: Movie director James Ivory is 84. Actress Virginia McKenna is 81. Singer Tom Jones is 72. Poet Nikki Giovanni is 69. Actor Ken Osmond ("Leave It to Beaver") is 69. Former talk show host Jenny Jones is 66. Actress Anne Twomey is 61. Actor Liam Neeson is 60. Actress Colleen Camp is 59. Singer-songwriter Johnny Clegg is 59. Author Louise Erdrich (UR'-drihk) is 58. Actor William Forsythe is 57. Record producer L.A. Reid is 56. Latin pop singer Juan Luis Guerra is 55. Singer-songwriter Prince is 54. Rock singer-musician Gordon Gano (The Violent Femmes) is 49. Rapper Ecstasy (Whodini) is 48. Rock musician Eric Kretz (Stone Temple Pilots) is 46. Rock musician Dave Navarro is 45. Actress Helen Baxendale is 42. Actor Karl Urban is 40. TV personality Bear Grylls is 38. Rock musician Eric Johnson (The Shins) is 36. Actress Adrienne Frantz is 34. Actor-comedian Bill Hader is 34. Actress Anna Torv is 33. Actress Larisa Oleynik is 31. Tennis player Anna Kournikova is 31. Actor Michael Cera is 24. Actress Shelley Buckner is 23.

Thought for Today: "Two men look out through the same bars: One sees the mud and one the stars." — Frederick Langbridge, English clergyman and author (1849-1922).



Wisconsin outcome a Romney opportunity

THOMAS BEAUMONT
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Republican Gov. Scott Walker's recall victory in Wisconsin sets the stage for what's now expected to be a hard-fought presidential battle for this Midwestern state.

Walker's solid victory served as a warning for President Barack Obama about the potential hurdles he faces as he fights to hang onto a traditionally Democratic battleground he won comfortably in 2008. And, at least for now, it gave presumptive Republican challenger Mitt Romney a reason to feel optimistic about his chances of winning a state that has voted for the Democratic nominee in the past six elections.

The election tested voter attitudes toward Walker's aggressive governing style as well as a law that ended collective bargaining for most public employees and teachers.

"Gov. Romney has an opportunity ... to come in between now and Nov. 6 and make the case that he's willing to make those same sort of tough decisions," Walker told Fox News Channel on the eve of his victory.

In the coming days, national Republicans and Democrats alike will re-evaluate the Wisconsin political landscape. In setting their presidential campaign strategies, they will take into consideration the state's 6.7 percent unemployment rate — lower than the national average — the heavy chunk of independent-minded voters and the partisan atmosphere that led to the effort to recall Walker.

After an electoral setback, the White House all but dismissed the national significance of Walker's win, except for the part of the election analysis it liked. Exit polling showed voters favored Obama over Romney in handling the economy and helping the middle class.

Obama spokesman Jay Carney chalked up much of Walker's win to a huge fundraising-and-spending advantage fueled by "corporate money and huge donations." He added: "The president stood by Tom Barrett, but I certainly wouldn't read much into yesterday's results beyond its effect on who's occupying the governor's seat in Wisconsin."

Obama and Romney had been waiting until after the recall election to determine how hard to compete here. Even so, their teams had been hinting in the days leading up to the recall about how Wisconsin's 10 electoral votes fit into their state-by-state game plans for reaching the 270 electoral votes needed for victory.

Obama's team, which has been on the ground organizing but hasn't spent money on advertising here for months, signaled this week that it believed the state had grown more competitive. In May, cam-

paign manager Jim Messina had said Wisconsin was trending toward the president. By Monday, he was listing it as "undecided."

There's no doubt now that Obama will defend his turf. Not that he has much of a choice.

Romney now plans to compete in the state aggressively, looking to capitalize on the Republican momentum that carried Walker to victory. His team considers Wisconsin a top target, along with Florida, Ohio and Virginia, and more attractive than even Romney's native Michigan, where the campaign had hoped to establish an Upper Midwest beachhead.

"The close vote on Tuesday confirms that Wisconsin will be a swing state," said Republican strategist Terry Nelson, an adviser to George W. Bush.

An exit poll of voters Tuesday that was conducted for The Associated Press sketched the state of the race in Wisconsin five months before the election, though November's electorate might be substantially different.

Walker supporter Susan Piekenbrock said his victory would likely mean she'd support Romney but not guarantee it.

"Do I like everything Romney says? No," said Piekenbrock, a longtime Democrat-turned-independent from West Allis, a western suburb of Milwaukee. "I'll support Romney if the reform theme is the same as Walker's."

Danielle Scriver's support for Walker is synonymous with Romney. "When you consider Obama is the alternative, it's automatic," the Republican from Racine said.

Obama had a 51-44 percent edge over Romney in exit polling, and more Wisconsin voters said that the president would do a better job improving the economy and helping middle-class voters than his GOP rival would. A sizable 1 in 5, however, said they trust neither party's candidate on the economy, the main issue in the presidential campaign.

"These data points clearly demonstrate a very steep pathway for Mitt Romney to recover in the state," Obama's Wisconsin campaign director, Tripp Welde, said in a statement.

But there are warning signs for Obama, too.

Independent voters, who made up a third of the recall electorate and typically decide close elections, broke for Walker 53-45. And the power was on display of both the GOP's robust national get-out-the-vote effort and of deep-pocketed Republican super political action committees, which poured \$18 million into the state to help Walker. Unions, a key Democratic constituency, failed to get enough of their rank-and-file members to rally behind Barrett to give him a win,

an ominous sign for a Democratic presidential candidate counting on those ground troops.

Four years ago, Obama won the state by 14 percentage points. Democrats John Kerry in 2004 and Al Gore in 2000 carried the state by less than a single percentage point. Observers say Tuesday's results may foreshadow a similar scenario in November.

Neither Obama nor Romney had run TV ads in the state though that likely will change, with campaigns and super PACs alike gearing up to pour money into Wisconsin.

Expect both candidates to visit more frequently, too. Obama and Romney had steered clear of the state in the heat of the recall campaign.

Careful not to weigh too deeply into what ended up being a losing race, Obama didn't campaign for Barrett, Milwaukee's mayor. Instead, the president posted his endorsement of Barrett on Twitter and emailed a Web video to Wisconsin supporters encouraging them to back Barrett. Obama also dispatched top surrogates including former President Bill Clinton and Democratic National Chairwoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz to the state.

Romney, for his part, has not visited Wisconsin, advertised here or had staff on the ground since winning the Republican presidential primary in April. Campaign officials said the former Massachusetts governor plans to convert the 26 offices that helped Walker into get-out-the-vote centers for his candidacy.

Romney hailed Walker's triumph as an endorsement of conservative fiscal policy, not a plug for the status quo, with national implications.

The results, he said in a statement, "will echo beyond the borders of Wisconsin."

While Obama has included Wisconsin in most of his scenarios for winning the White House, he conceivably could win a second term without it. But having to compete aggressively for Wisconsin means Obama will have fewer resources to spend in high-priority targets like Ohio and Florida.

"As both campaigns look at the data in the coming days and weeks, I think it's going to show that Wisconsin is a state that's a toss-up in the presidential campaign," said Romney's political director, Rich Beeson.

Democratic pollster Paul Maslin is betting that Walker's win will motivate Obama supporters from 2008.

"People aren't going to abandon their judgment," said Maslin, who is based in Madison and polled for Barrett's primary opponent Kathleen Falk. "That's why I think, at the end of the day, if it's really close, Obama wins."

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Classics

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maintained over the years. One, a half-ton 1955 Chevrolet pickup, is the same make and model as one Winfred drove a lot as a youth on farm near Shidler, Okla.

"I drove one when I was 14 years old on the farm," Winfred said. "I just liked the old '55. I hauled hay in it and feed and a little bit of everything. I went fishing in it, whatever."

Naturally, then, when the opportunity arose (courtesy of the Pampa School District, which sold Winfred the truck about 25 years ago), he jumped at the chance to get reacquainted with a childhood friend.

"I saw that same truck and it hit me in the head, you know?" said Winfred. "I just said to myself, 'I'd like to have that pickup.' So I got it."

It was a fixer-upper to be sure, Winfred said, with the Simmonses replacing the engine, adding a turbo automatic transmission, reupholstering, repainting and adding a new floor to the truck bed of the vehicle. Still, Winfred said that it was worth having to rekindle the memory of that old truck back in Oklahoma, and Linda added that having it around even makes her feel closer to her husband.

"It makes us feel a little younger," laughed Linda. "Younger at heart."

The Simmonses' other classic, a four-door hardtop 1964 Ford Galaxie 500 XL, was something that caught Linda's eye about 12 years ago.

"We went to an auction," she said. "It was an antique tractor auction and a car museum auction. We went up there and we saw the car and we liked it, so we bid on it and we got it. It had been in the museum for 20 years, hadn't been run. ... When we got it home, he tried to start it, and you know, that thing started. Bird feathers and everything flew out of the tailpipes."

Originally, Linda said, she was attracted to its looks ("It's the chrome," she said, smiling), and now, with a overhauled engine (everything else in the car is original), it boasts the performance to match.

"We cruise in it quite a bit," she said. "It will cruise right on down the road."

Both the truck and the hardtop are a trip down Memory Lane for the two High Plains Cruisers, but they both agreed that the true spirit of the car club was as much about paying things forward as much as turning back the clock. Burnin' the Bricks, along with the other classic car-based events around Pampa throughout the year, is a great way to pass along that love of the automobile — a love that the two have known since their youth — to a new generation, they said.

"It kind of keeps the ball rolling," Winfred said. "Seeing a young person get into one of (old cars), it's like, it's good to see they still care."

"It kind of makes us feel, I don't know, proud that they have an interest," Linda echoed. "There was a kid at the Sonic not too long ago that had an El Camino that he was fixing up, and it really made us feel good to see him have such an interest in an old car. Everybody went over and told him what a good job he was doing, and we were just real proud of a young kid like that being so interested. We didn't know him. Nobody knew him. He just drove up."

Of course, Winfred and Linda have made sure that that passion for all things automotive gets cultivated close to home, too.

"Our grandson is 22, and he loves (Winfred's) old pickup," Linda said. "His first pickup was in '86, and he's still got it. He's going to keep it."

"I told him, 'You better keep that thing,'" Winfred said, laughing again. "If you sold it, one of these days, you're going to wish you kept it, and that's the way it always is. A lot of people had an old car back in the '50s, and they wish they'd kept it."



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Winfred and Linda Simmons stand by their classic 1955 Chevrolet pickup.

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Volunteers

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would like to do with a patient, and the needs are many. It's so nice to see when the whole picture comes into place."

The volunteer training takes about 30 hours.

"Those hours are not spent all in a classroom," said Jacque Burklow, a registered nurse and the general manager of Interim Healthcare. "They may be going out with a chaplain to see what he does or going with the nurses."

She added that some volunteers come in with a specific thing they'd like to do.

"It could be anything from mowing the grass to reading books or reading the Bible, just watching a movie with a patient for companionship," Burklow said. "It's companionship, mainly. A lot of the patients are isolated, because their families may live far off or they're working."

Volunteers do anything from washing dishes, taking a patient to the grocery store or to a doctor's appointment, helping them write letters or organizing photo albums, or helping with some light yard work. Recently, Backyard Ministries even mowed a lawn for a hospice patient.

"It does something to people when you can't do what you've always done, and it's even worse to ask someone to do it for you, but he was very grateful," said Burklow. "The blessing that the volunteers get from doing that, versus what the patient (gets) is priceless," she added. "It changes them."

To get involved, prospective volunteers first need to fill out an application and background check, as well as pass a tuberculosis test. Then, Interim matches a volunteer with his or her patient.

"We really want to look at their gifts and what they're blessed with, so they can bless others," said Burklow. "It's little things that make a big difference in people's lives."

For more information, people can contact Abbott at 806-662-2205.

Explosion

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said Millican. "All the people of the county worked together."

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Proposed slaughterhouse for horses polarizing to industry

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Emaciated horses barely clinging to life at a New Mexico auction house, their last stop before a lengthy trip to a slaughterhouse south of the border, give credence to grim tales from around the Southwest.

People unable to afford the rising cost of hay, dumping their horses on the side of the road. Tens of thousands of wild horses roaming public and tribal lands, stripping drought-plagued landscapes and draining stock tanks.

As horse rescue operations struggle to keep up with a growing number of neglected, abused and starving animals, a Roswell, N.M., businessman has filed an application to open what would be the first horse slaughterhouse to operate in the United States in five years.

The proposal by Valley Meat Co. owner Rick De Los Santos has reignited emotional debates over what constitutes humane treatment of horses, and how best to control an exploding equine population. Perhaps the most divisive question of all is whether the noble, iconic animals that played a key role in the settling of much of America are livestock or pets.

"It's probably the most polarizing issue the horse industry has had to face in a long time," said Ward Stutz, senior director of breed integrity at the American Quarter Horse Association in Amarillo, Texas, one of a number of livestock and horse groups that support a return to domestic slaughter.

"Let me just say it this way," he said. "We believe it is the owner's right to determine what is in the best interest of their horses. We recognize that there is a lot of abandonment and neglect, therefore we believe that horse slaughter should be available."

Many animal humane groups and public officials are outraged at the suggestion, including New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez.

"A horse's companionship is a way of life for many people across New Mexico," Martinez said after the proposal became public earlier this year. "We rely on them for work and bond with them through their loyalty. I believe creating a horse slaughter industry in New Mexico is wrong, and I am strongly opposed."

Supporters of horse slaughter point to a June 2011 report from the federal Government Accountability Office that shows cases of horse abuse and abandonment on a steady rise since Congress effectively banned horse slaughter by cutting funding for USDA inspection programs in 2006. But a bill passed last year authorized the USDA to resume horse slaughterhouse inspections, prompting the application from De Los Santos. His cattle slaughter business dropped off as area ranchers sold their herds because of drought.

"What we see here will actually break your heart," said Charles Graham, executive director of New Mexico Horse Rescue at Walkin' N Circles Ranch and a supporter of humane horse slaughter in the United States.

"The problem in New Mexico is there is a lot of land. People get a horse, the wife loses her job, they keep the new car, the big TV, the cable service, and a horse in the backyard starving," he said.

In Colorado, the GAO report states, investigations for abuse and neglect

increased more than 60 percent after horse slaughter was banned domestically, from 975 in 2005 to 1,588 in 2009. Although national data is lacking, the GAO report says California, Texas and Florida have also reported a rise in the number of abandoned horses since 2007.

The number of U.S. horses sent to other countries for slaughter has nearly tripled since domestic horse slaughter ceased. Last year, 68,429 horses were shipped to Mexico and 64,652 to Canada, according to USDA statistics compiled by the Equine Welfare Alliance, a nonprofit dedicated to ending horse slaughter. That compares to total exports of 37,884 in 2006.

In New Mexico, Randol Riley, a supervisor with the New Mexico Livestock Board, said he gets calls reporting suspected abuse every day. And he says abandonment is on the rise.

"Here lately it's gotten worse. They are dumping horses like crazy," he said, as he delivered three horses a private landowner found abandoned without food or water on his property. The new arrivals brought the population at Walkin' N Circles to 90 head, 30 above what the facilities and budget are meant to handle. The state's other eight licensed rescues are also above capacity, and have been for years.

The plight of some horses was captured recently on video posted on YouTube by the animal rights group Animal Angels. The video, which shows four horses unable to stand inside a pen at the Southwest Livestock Auction in Valencia, N.M., prompted a criminal probe by local and state officials of the sale yard, where many unwanted horses are bought and sold for slaughter in Mexico.

The Valencia County district attorney on Tuesday charged the auction's owner, Dennis Chavez, with 12 counts of misdemeanor and other animal cruelty charges related to the four horses, which had to be euthanized. Chavez did not immediately return calls from The Associated Press.

Debbie Coburn of Four Corners Equine Rescue in Farmington, N.M., says the case highlights the need to end horse slaughter, including in Mexico. Instead, she said, the horse industry needs to address the issue of population control.

"The slaughter pipeline is where the majority of abuse and neglect take place," said Coburn. "To use slaughter as a way to get away with abuse and neglect is how I see it ... that's what slaughter is, a way for people to throw their trash under the carpet."

Graham said opinions among horse lovers "are all over the board."

"What really bothers me is the hypocrisy. As soon as they cross the border we turn a blind eye. And those horses die a horrible death," he said. "To say we can't regulate slaughter and make it humane ... we can. Everybody who opposes slaughter, tell me your solution to 130,000 unwanted horses every year."

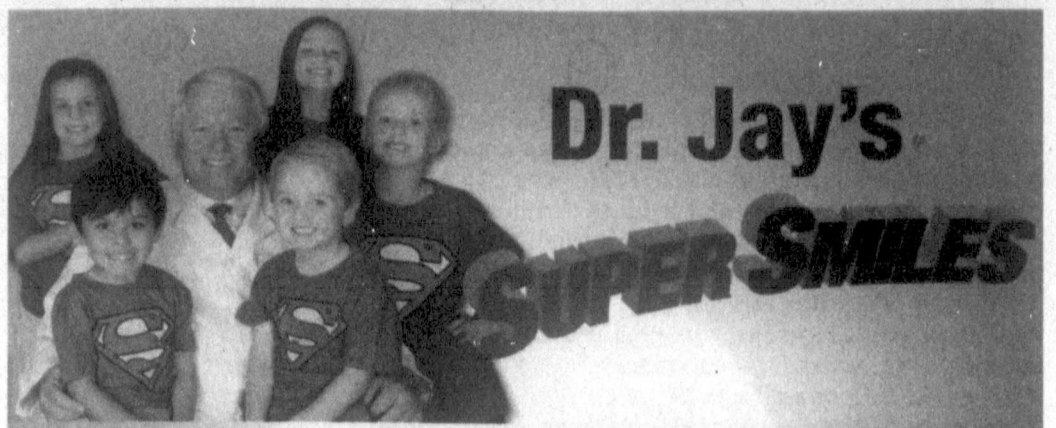
Graham said rules should be implemented for slaughter to make certain the horses are killed humanely, meaning instantly, taken care of on their way to slaughter by being fed and watered, with injuries treated. Most important, he said, the highly intelligent animals shouldn't see

other animals being killed or placed in a position to smell blood.

Indeed, on a recent visit to the rescue operation east of Albuquerque, it was clear how in tune the horses are to other horses. As state livestock inspector Riley drove in with the three new arrivals, each of the some two dozen horses in nearby corrals stood completely focused on the trailer even before it passed through the gates.

In Roswell, De Los Santos said he is just trying to revamp a family business to meet demand. He said there is a healthy market for horse meat, which is consumed by humans in a number of countries in Asia, Europe and South America and is used in pet food. He said he followed all USDA instructions for converting his slaughter floor for horses, but has been told no action will be taken on his application this year because of the issue's volatility in an election year.

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Halliburton: Additive costs will hurt second quarter results

HOUSTON (AP)—Halliburton Co., one of the world's largest oil and gas services firms, said Wednesday that rapidly increasing costs for a product used in drilling will hurt its second quarter results.

The product is guar gum, one of the ingredients used in hydraulic fracturing or fracking. The Houston company is one of the leading providers of fracking services, where a high-pressure mix of water, sand and chemicals is sent down a well to crack shale rock and release trapped oil and natural gas.

As drilling demand has increased so has the need for guar gum, which is used as a blending additive. Halliburton says the price has jumped recently because of fears of a shortage later this year. India is the primary

source for guar gum.

Halliburton's stock sank after the announcement, falling \$1.39, or 4.8 percent, to \$27.73. It has fallen about 14 percent in a month and is closing in on its low of the past 52 weeks.

Halliburton expects its second-quarter margins in North America will be 3 percent lower than previously expected, or about 5 to 5.5 percent lower than a year ago. Even before costs for guar gum spiked, pricing pressure was dragging down margins. It expects to see gradual improvement as it signs contracts for new work.

Halliburton's North American business has operating income of \$1.06 billion in the first quarter, a decline from \$1.12 billion in the fourth quarter of 2011.

The company is looking for guar gum alternatives so it can lessen the impact of the rising cost in the second half of the year. It is scheduled to release second quarter results on July 23.

BUSINESS AROUND TEXAS

Men's Wearhouse outlook down

NEW YORK (AP) — Shares of Men's Wearhouse sank in aftermarket trading Wednesday after the clothing chain reported disappointing fiscal first-quarter results and forecast a weak second quarter.

The Houston company's profit fell short of its guidance. It said its income declined 2 percent, to \$26.9 million from \$27.4 million. On a per-share basis its profit was unchanged at 52 cents per share. Revenue edged up 1 percent, to \$586.6 million from \$580.4 million.

Men's Wearhouse had said its profit would be 53 to 54 cents per share over the three months ended April 28. Analysts expected income of 55 cents per share and \$593.7 million in revenue, according to estimates compiled by FactSet.

The company said the earlier Easter holiday helped its business, but revenue was hurt by later launch dates for customer uniforms. It said U.K. clients are cutting back on new uniforms, which is hurting its corporate apparel business, and so is the weaker U.S. dollar.

Revenue from the corporate apparel business sank 16 percent to \$49.9 million in the first quarter. That counteracted much of the growth from the company's name-sake stores, where sales rose 5 percent to \$371.5 million. The company said revenue from its Moores Canada business grew 4 percent to \$55.5 million and revenue from the K&G business fell 3 percent to \$103.1 million.

Men's Wearhouse said it expects a profit of \$1.12 to \$1.13 in the second quarter, and said should grow 0.75 to 1.25 percent, which implies totals of \$660.4 million to \$673.7 million.

Exxon to move jobs to Houston

McLEAN, Va. (AP) — One of northern Virginia's largest employers is leaving, as Irving, Texas-based Exxon Mobil Corp. announced Wednesday it is transferring all 2,100 employees at its northern Fairfax campus to Houston.

The consolidation also affects about 110 jobs at Exxon Mobil offices in Akron, Ohio, which are also being moved to Houston.

Exxon Mobil's Fairfax campus is a remnant from the days when Mobil Corp. was headquartered in the county, before it merged with Exxon in 1999.

Fairfax County Economic Development Authority President Gerald Gordon declined to say Wednesday whether the county and state put together an incentive package seeking to retain the company. He said Exxon Mobil had been studying a campus consolidation for several years.

"Exxon Mobil, and Mobil before the merger, has been a major employer in Fairfax County and an excellent corporate citizen, so its departure will be a big loss but not devastating because this is an economy with more than 600,000 jobs," Gordon said. "We thank the company for its contributions to the county economy and quality of life."

Exxon Mobil is one of the top 20 employers in the county of 1 million residents, according to the authority.

Gordon said his office is working to find another employer to occupy the site.

In a press release, Exxon Mobil said the relocations will begin in 2014 and conclude by 2015. Spokesman David Eglinton said the company does not expect any significant staffing reductions as a result of the move.

The Fairfax campus has been headquarters for Exxon Mobil's refining operations. The campus now being built in Houston is expected to accommodate 10,000 employees.

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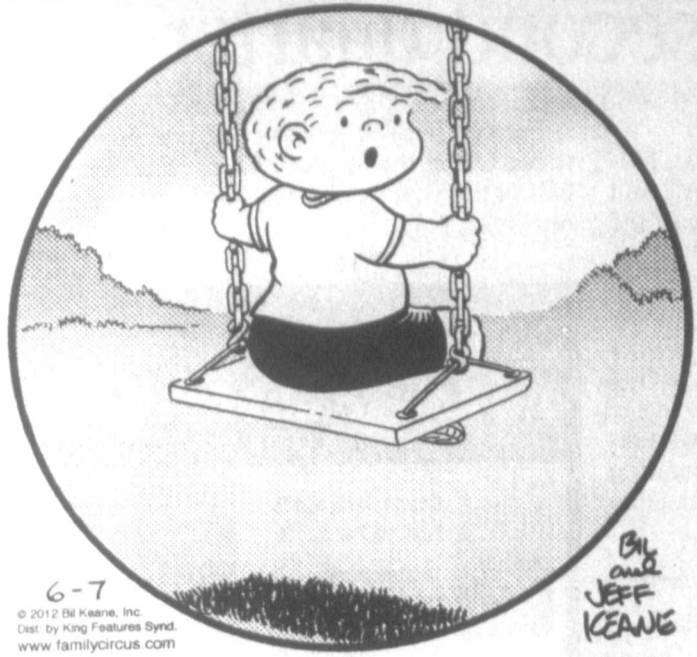
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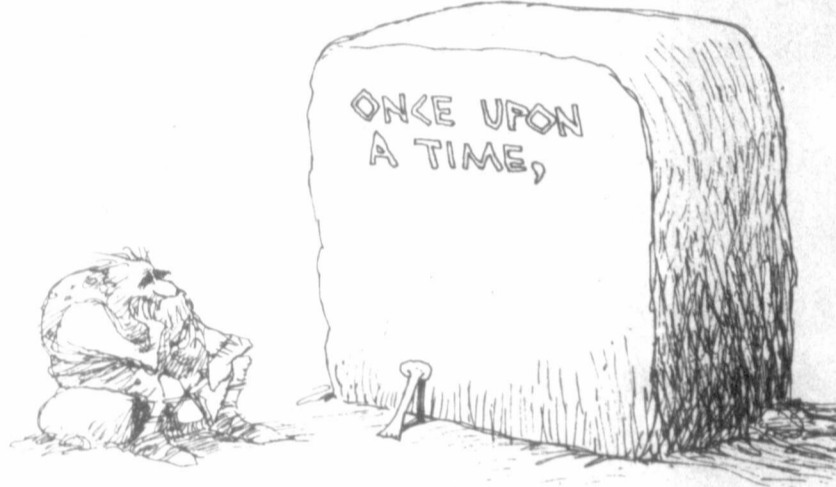
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Nest Heads



daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, June 8, 2012:

Exciting events and impulsive people mark your year. You actually will enjoy the excitement. You'll receive what you desire when you least expect it. This year is a lucky one, with Jupiter, the planet of good fortune, in your sign. If you are single, you could meet several lifelong friends. One of them could become more than a friend. If you are attached, the two of you will enjoy socializing more together this year. AQUARIUS can be zany yet full of ideas.

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)

★★★★ You find that others support you in every direction you seem to want to head. If you want someone to play devil's advocate, consider looking at a different day. Your immediate entourage seems very caring, but they're not up for the job. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You don't need to establish anything. You just need to be yourself. As an opportunity comes forward to better understand an older friend or boss, do not turn away. A meeting could be more important than you realize. Say "yes" to an opportunity. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You seem to be on top of the world right now. It's as if you see many light years ahead of the here and now. You wonder about different ideas and whether they will work. You might not get powerful feedback until later in the day, if at all. Tonight: You can daydream all you want now.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Others make the first move, which ultimately could be quite comforting. You do not have all the answers, nor do you claim to. It seems as if several people have given you more power than you really want or deserve. Tonight: You are happiest relating to others on a one-on-one level.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You are a bundle of energy that others cannot help but notice. You naturally draw people in. This newfound charisma and vitality will tend to increase your natural gregarious tendencies. A partner or friend makes a suggestion. Yes, this person

might have an agenda ... but do you really care? Tonight: In the whirlwind of living.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Pace yourself. You might have to hang in there for longer than you want, but if you are efficient, you could clear out a lot of tasks faster than you think. A friend or loved one might be impatient about wanting to see you. Enjoy this person's aggravation, because it is flattering! Tonight: Go out with a friend or two.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Your imagination could get you into a lot more trouble than you might think is possible. When your mind keeps drifting to yonder lands and a certain someone, the answer is to call or visit this person. Be careful -- you could flub up right now with others around you. Consider taking the day off. Tonight: All fun and flirtation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ If you can take some time for yourself, do so. Relax at home. Only when you are ready should you reach out for someone. A child or younger person could be very dominating. Do you really mind? Tonight: Make it simple and close to home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You gain much more freedom when others are mellow. You even can let out that creative imp that lives within you. You feel so much more in sync. Some of you might want to play devil's advocate. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Your sensitivity to your budget is appreciated. Still, you might want to cross your t's and dot your i's. You suddenly might realize that there is a vagueness that you need to clarify, though it might not pertain to the budget. Tonight: Your treat.

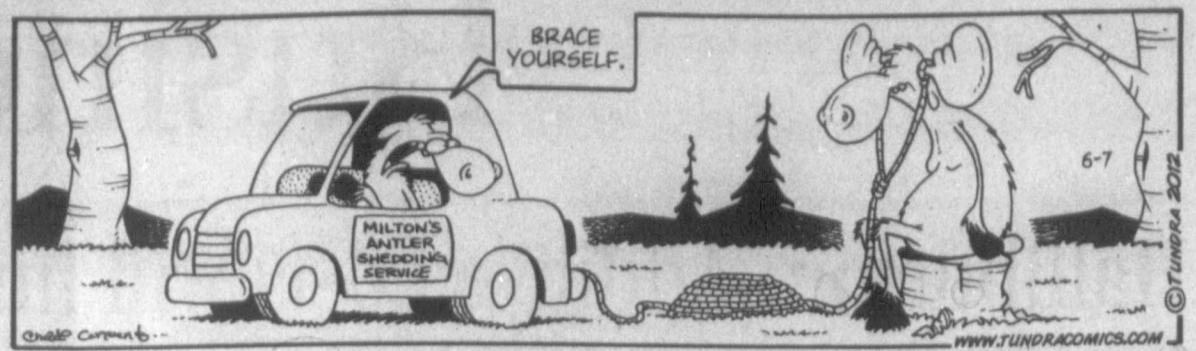
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You are full of excitement and energy. Others seem more flexible. Be open to someone's somewhat wild idea. Listen to a suggestion more openly. Ironically, it might originally have been your idea! Tonight: The world is your oyster.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ You do not always need to be "on." Allow yourself to call in to work today if possible. Whether you are retired or not, do absolutely what you desire. Your intuition points to the correct way to handle a child or younger friend. Trust your judgment. Tonight: Not to be found.

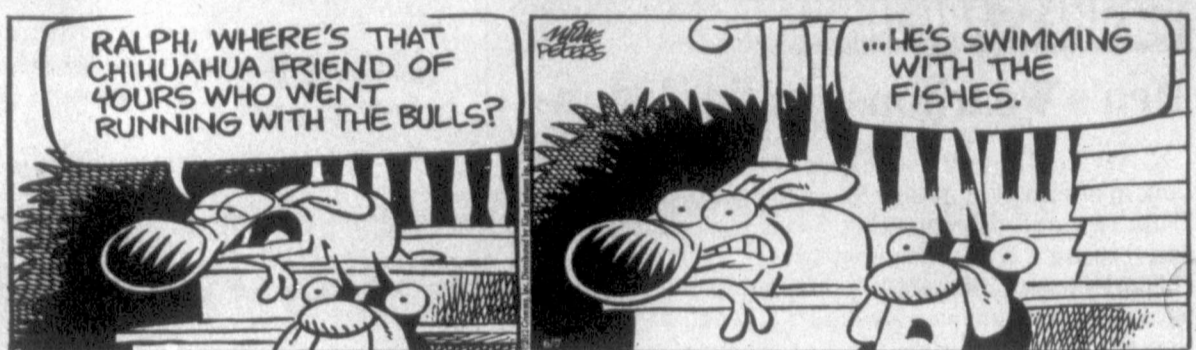
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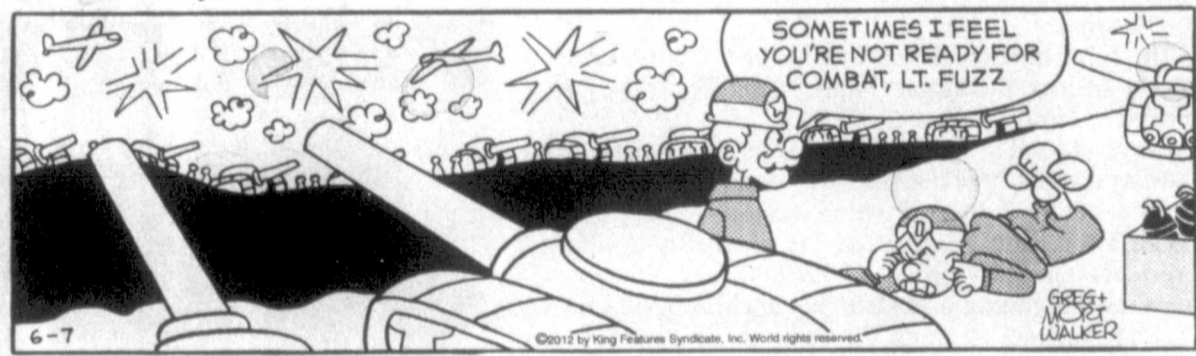
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Sports

Three Lady Harvesters get GWTSA All-Star Game nods

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Pampa High School graduate McKinlee Stokes is a longtime Texas Ranger fan. She has seen Michael Young, Josh Hamilton, Elvis Andrus and others get selected to All-Star games. Just like her favorite players, Stokes has been selected to an All-Star game, joining teammates Heather Coffee and Alanna Stephens at the Greater West Texas Softball Association All-Star game 1 p.m. Saturday at Lubbock Christian University.

"I'm really excited about that," Stokes said. "It's going to be fun. It's pretty cool."

Stokes said she was a little surprised but thought she would go.

"They played in it last year," Stokes said. "I was hoping I would get to."

Last year, Pampa graduates Jordan Mayhew and Madi Shults went. The year before that, Pampa was represented by Carlyn Teichmann, Ashley Facio, Shelbie Watson and Samantha Pearson. Stokes batted .381, scored 28 runs and drove in 19. The Lady Harvesters representatives could play with the players they faced in the playoffs.

One of the coaches is LeeAnn Curry from Midland Greenwood, which Pampa defeated in the area round.

"It will be a little different," Stokes said. "It will be fun to meet new people." Coffee said she was surprised by the selection.

"I was really excited," Coffee said.

Coffee played first and pitched, posting a .340 batting average and drove in 23. In the circle, she was 6-5 with a 3.00 ERA and struck out 43. Coffee said she is looking forward to playing another game with Stephens and Stokes.

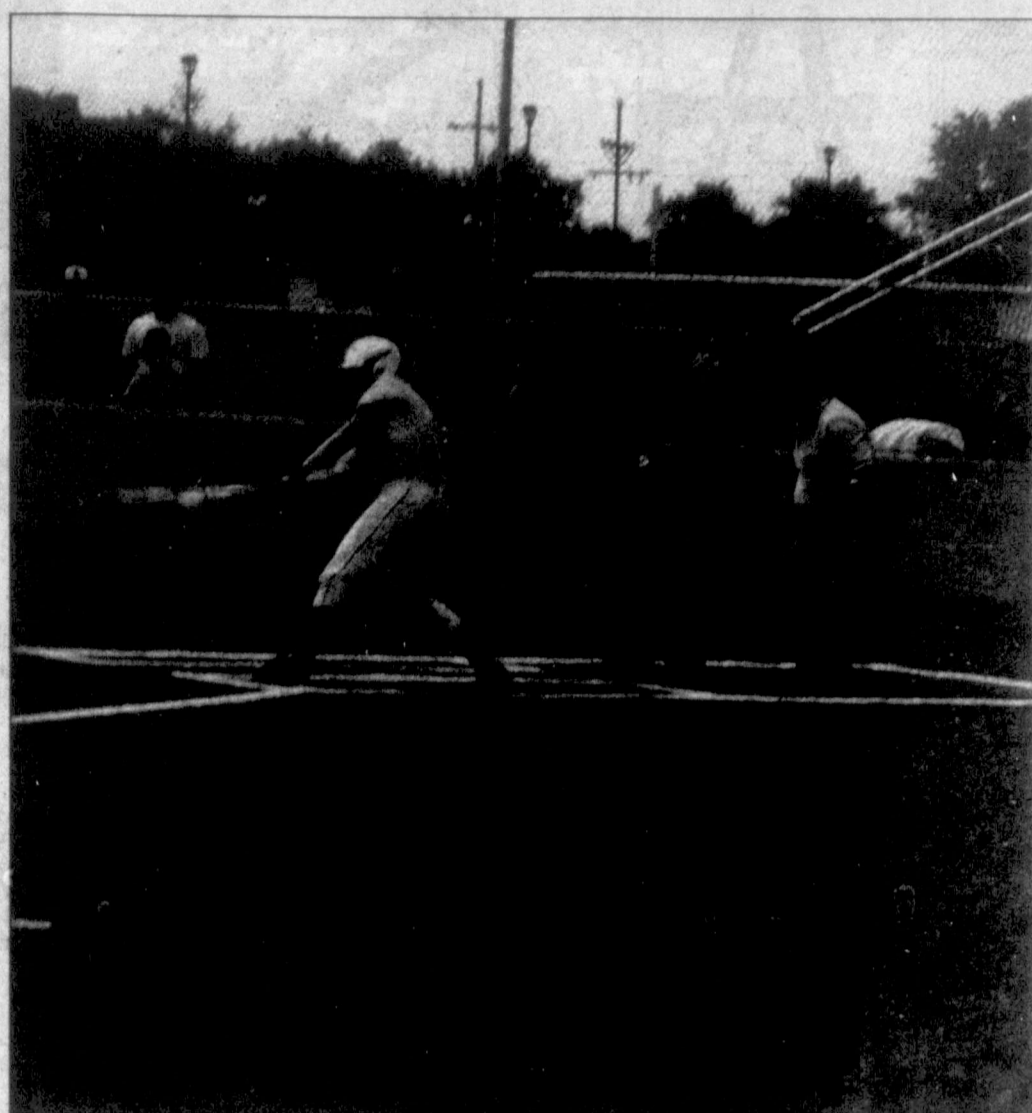
"I'm really excited to play with them again," Coffee said. "We've been playing together since we were little," Coffee said. "It will be a fun way to end mine and Alanna's career and McKinlee's high school career."

Stokes will continue her softball career at Southwestern Assemblies of God.

Stephens batted .474, hit three home runs, 11 doubles, a triple, scored 18 runs and drove in 32 last year. She said she wasn't surprised by the selection and is looking forward to playing with some of the best players in the area.

"It's going to be interesting," Stephens said. "It's going to be like the volleyball (All-Star game). We don't know how they play or how they were coached. We just have to get used to them to play with them for a game."

Stephens played in the Golden Spread volleyball All-Star game earlier this year.



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Then-senior Heather Coffee connects on a ball in a May 12 game against Lamesa. Coffee was one of three Lady Harvesters selected to the GWTSA All-Star Game.

McNamee's wife says she didn't nag husband over Clemens

WASHINGTON (AP)—Wearing a blue floral print dress, Eileen McNamee presented herself as a soft-spoken first-grade school-teacher who never nagged her now-estranged husband about Roger Clemens. She went on to contradict the government's key witness many times — and even came up with a different brand of beer to associate with the crucial evidence in the perjury trial of the former pitcher.

On a day in which the judge lost his temper twice with Clemens' lawyers, the defense turned Wednesday to the soon-to-be-ex-wife of Brian McNamee. This was the woman who McNamee testified harangued him with the words "You're going to go down! You're going to go down! You're going to go down!" — pestering him until he saved medical waste from an alleged steroids injection of Clemens so that he wouldn't be the fall guy in any sort of drugs investigation.

She says she never said anything of the sort. She said McNamee didn't tell her back then that he was injecting Clemens, and that she wasn't especially bothered by the extended time her husband spent away from home working with the seven-time Cy Young Award winner. Brian McNamee said the days apart had become a source of friction in the marriage.

"I probably complained once in a while," Eileen McNamee said. "But I did not fuss about it."

Clemens is charged with lying when he told Congress in 2008 that he never used steroids or human growth hormone. Brian McNamee is the only witness to claim firsthand knowledge of Clemens using those substances. He testified last month that he injected Clemens in 1998, 2000 and 2001 and saved the needle and other waste from a 2001 injection. He said he put some of it in a Miller Lite can to bring home because his wife was giving him a "hard time every single day."

In testimony that sometimes sounded more like divorce court than criminal court — the couple are undergoing contentious divorce proceedings in New York — Eileen

McNamee spun a narrative that could give the jury more pause when evaluating Brian McNamee's credibility.

Among the other differences in their stories:

— Brian McNamee testified that he showed his wife the needles and other waste from the injection as soon as he got home that night, and that she played a role in putting them — along with beer can — in a FedEx box. Eileen McNamee said she wasn't even aware the box was in the house until shortly afterward, when she discovered it on a shelf in the basement during a time of flooding in the neighborhood.

When she asked him about the box, she said he replied that he was "saving things for his protection and it was none of my concern." She said he didn't tell her what was in the box and that he didn't connect it to Clemens.

— Eileen McNamee said she saw the box again two or three years later in her husband's bedroom closet and that it was open. She said she pulled out the contents and saw some vials and what appeared to be unused needles. She said she didn't recall seeing a beer can in the box, but that there was Bud Light can with syringes sitting next

to the box. She said she put the items back in the box and never mentioned them to her husband.

— Eileen McNamee indicated that the couple's marriage began to deteriorate because of an incident in Florida in 2001 — and not because of her husband's relationship with Clemens. The jury has heard the 2001 incident referred to only as a "serious criminal investigation," but it involved Brian McNamee being questioned about an alleged sexual assault in connection with a woman who was found to have a date rape drug in her system. He was not charged.

— Brian McNamee moved out of the couple's home shortly before the 2007 Mitchell Report on drugs in baseball was released. It was only then that she said he told her about his involvement with Clemens and performance-enhancing drugs. The report was the first public mention of McNamee's claim that he injected Clemens.

Eileen McNamee was granted immunity before her testimony because her husband linked her to transactions involving prescription drugs that could, in theory, have led to charges against her.

The government will get a chance to cross-

examine Eileen McNamee on Thursday and will no doubt question her motives because of the parallel divorce proceedings. Earlier in the Clemens trial, U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton quipped about divorce court: "Everybody lies in that court."

While her testimony might keep Clemens out of jail, the judge sounded ready to put Clemens' lawyers in a lockup during two outbursts from the bench. First, the judge lambasted Michael Attanasio for not being forthcoming to the prosecution about the line of questioning he was planning to use with the defense's DNA expert.

"There's no excuse for this, Mr. Attanasio. ... You all have been playing fast and loose, and I'm sick and tired of it!" Walton yelled. He said he blamed both sides, and noted that if he kept the expert off the stand it would be unfair to Clemens, but: "Sometimes when you roll the dice, you lose!"

Later, Walton became furious with Clemens' Houston-based lawyer, Rusty Hardin, during a debate over the nature of Eileen McNamee's testimony.

"I don't know how you all practice law down in Texas ...," Walton began. Hardin bristled and inter-

rupted: "Same as anywhere else."

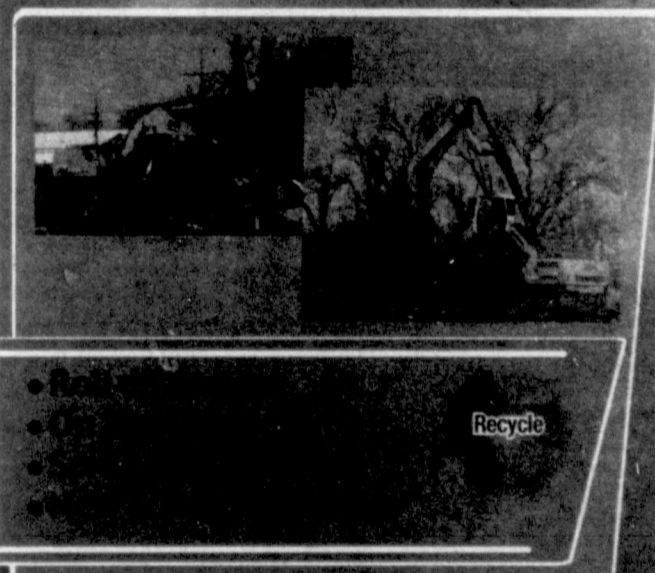
Walton stormed back: "Just as you can get mad, I can get mad too! Don't look at me like you're going to intimidate me, sir!"

Walton later apologized to Hardin.

The defense used their DNA expert, Mark Scott Taylor of Technical

Associates Inc., to suggest that the beer can evidence could have been contaminated or tainted. The government earlier produced an expert who said Clemens' DNA was found on two cotton balls inside the beer can and that a likely match for his DNA was found on a needle outside the can.

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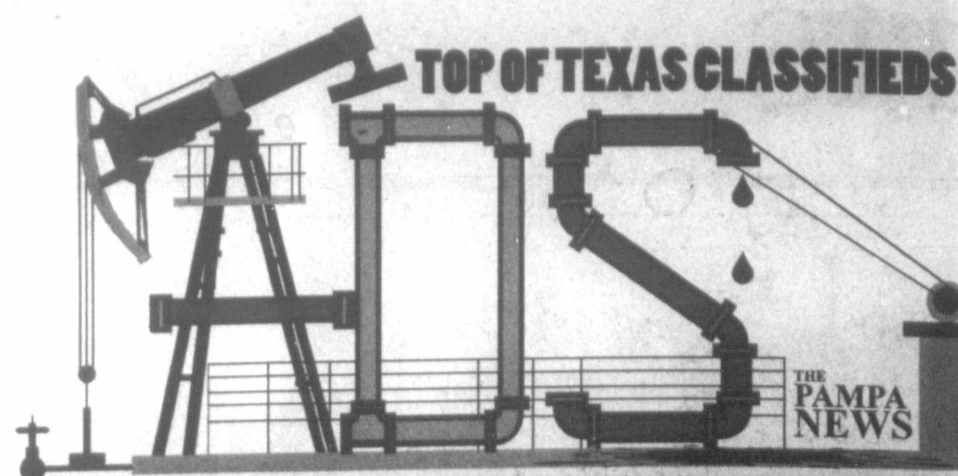
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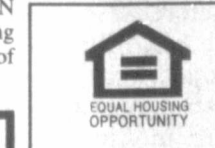
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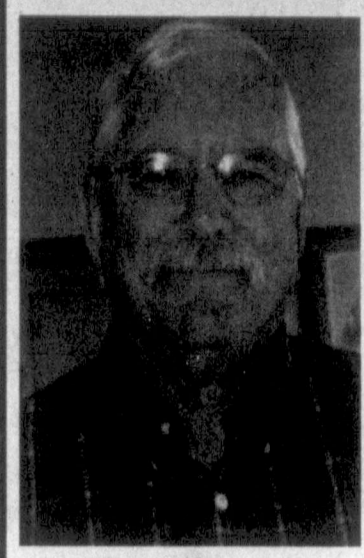
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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I were invited to a dinner party at a couple's home. We accepted the invitation with pleasure, only to be told afterward that it was going to be a "potluck."

My husband and I were raised to never go to someone's home empty-handed, so we were happy to bring a dish to contribute to the meal. When I called the hostess to ask if we could bring dessert or perhaps an appetizer, she informed me that the menu had already been planned and we were assigned a side dish neither of us had ever heard of.

Then she told me she would email me the recipe. Abby, I was shocked and, frankly, offended. I would never tell a guest what to bring and what recipe to follow. When my husband told me he was willing to give the dish a try, I told him I would not attend a dinner party where I was commanded to bring a specific dish.

My husband stayed home with me that evening, but says he can't understand what the big deal was. Was I wrong to refuse to participate? Or should I have gone along with the program and kept my

mouth shut? — **LOST MY APPETITE**
DEAR LOST: Having accepted the invitation you should have gone to the dinner, taken the side dish and made the best of it. You may have missed out on a memorable and enjoyable evening.

DEAR ABBY: I was in a passionate relationship for three years with my first real boyfriend. We were very young and desperately in love. I adored him completely, without hesitation. Then we had some irreconcilable differences and parted.

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Zack knows that I love him but am not "in love" with him, but he still wants to marry me. Is it wrong to marry your best friend? — **UNSURE IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR UNSURE: No, it's not wrong to marry your best friend. But because you have reservations about marrying Zack, you should be honest and break the engagement. It will be less painful for both of you and far cheaper than divorce.

DEAR ABBY: The grandfather of a friend recently died. The sister of this friend and I had dated not long ago. I would like to send a condolence card to the family. Would it be proper to send one card addressed to "The Smiths" or should I send a card to the family and a separate one to "Lisa" (the woman I dated)? — **JAY**

DEAR JAY: You are a thoughtful person. A letter or card of condolence should be sent to the family, and a separate condolence should be sent to Lisa.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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

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CROSSWORD
By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- Carpentry tools
- 5 Suspensions
- 11 Test type
- 12 Clears
- 13 Telegram
- 14 Fallible
- 15 Try to impress, in a way
- 17 Bond, for one
- 18 Crew member
- 22 Mistreat
- 24 Sleep sound
- 25 Shred
- 26 Disen-cumber
- 27 Rocker
- 30 Bakery buys
- 32 Un-escorted
- 33 Cart puller
- 34 Single payments
- 38 Dress size
- 41 Foil's kin
- 42 Makes amends
- 43 Band-leader
- 44 Strata
- 45 Hawked

DOWN

- 1 Planted
- 2 Diva's song
- 3 Becomes friendlier with
- 4 Sacks out
- 5 Lusty look
- 6 Goofs
- 7 Herring-like fish
- 8 Can-neighbor
- 9 Signer's need
- 10 Fast jet
- 16 Fabric color
- 19 Prepares for, as a hard task
- 20 War of 1812 port
- 21 Wine list section
- 22 District
- 23 Duck feature
- 28 Like some chats
- 29 Not masculine or feminine
- 30 Pinnacle
- 31 Rate
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2. DEFIES	---
3. WEBLOG	---
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5. ICIEST	---
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Texan who claimed injury on TV had no background check

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An "America's Got Talent" singer whose Afghanistan war injury claims have been called into question wouldn't face vetting by producers unless he made it into the final rounds, according to a person familiar with the production.

Timothy Michael Poe was among about 4,000 people who vied for a spot on the NBC series, which doesn't scrutinize contestants until they reach the ranks of the top 48, said the person, who wasn't authorized to discuss the issue publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

NBC relies on the show's producers, FremantleMedia North America and Syco Television, to conduct background checks on contestants when the field is narrowed, the person said, which is typical among TV reality series.

It's unknown whether Poe, a guitar-strumming country singer, is among the top 48 picked in a Las Vegas audition round in April or if he's out of the competition. NBC declined comment, as did the person close to the production and producer FremantleMedia North America. Another producer, Syco Television, did not immediately answer a request for comment.

Poe, who was seen on a pre-taped episode Monday of "America's Got Talent," was among about 100 acts that the show's judges sent on to the Las Vegas round. The 48 who made that cut will start competing in live telecasts beginning July 2.

Whatever the Las Vegas outcome was for Poe, it wasn't affected by questions over his war record that arose this week. The refusal by NBC and others to say whether he's still a contender allows the drama surrounding him to be milked for a while longer — a potential boon for the top-ranked network series that drew 11.5 million viewers last week.

On Monday's show, Poe told judges Howie Mandel, Howard Stern and Sharon Osbourne that he spent 14 years in the military and suffered a broken back and brain injury when he was hit by a grenade in Afghanistan in 2009.

"I had volunteered for a team to go out and clear buildings and help out with the wounded," Poe said during a taped interview on the show. "There was a guy who comes up with a rocket-propelled grenade. I saw it coming down, and by the time I turned and went to jump on top of my guys, I yelled 'grenade' and the blast had hit me."

Poe told the judges that he was from San Antonio, Texas. The TV show listed his age as 35.

According to military records, Poe served with the Minnesota Army National Guard from December 2002 through May 2011, working as a supply specialist. Records show he was deployed in Kosovo from Oct. 10, 2007 to July 15, 2008, and then served in Afghanistan for about a month in 2009.

"Sgt. Poe's official military records do not indicate that he was injured by a grenade in combat while serving in Afghanistan in 2009, as he reports," Lt. Col. Kevin Olson, a spokesman for the Minnesota National Guard, said in a statement.

"We looked very closely at his record," Olson said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "We did not find something to substantiate what he said."

Romney

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might continue flowing through 2017.

And because that income is treated as long-term capital gains, Romney would pay taxes on the earn-outs at the 15 percent capital gains tax rate, well below the higher rates paid by many middle-class American taxpayers.

"He'll be getting this income for a long time," Wilkins said.

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