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Vick speaks to kids about dogfighting; champion of underdogs saves pit bulls; and other news.

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Woman Walking Dog Finds 1773 Tombstone

State police are seeking more information about a gravestone dating from 1773 that a woman found while walking her dog in western Pennsylvania. Police say the woman found the headstone Tuesday about 9:30 p.m. while walking her dog, The Associated Press reports.

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Champion of Underdogs Saves Pit Bulls, Parolees

Pit bulls and parolees. Tia Maria Torres has opened her heart and home to the unwanted. On 17 acres in the rugged terrain of Canyon Country, Torres provides a place to live or work for six parolees, 225 pit bulls, 204 volunteers, two French bulldogs, 19 cats, a husband and four kids, The Associated Press reports.

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Michael Vick Telling Kids About the Evils of Dogfighting

Part of Michael Vick's probationary obligation regarding his sentencing on dogfighting charges includes speaking to at-risk inner-city kids about the dangers of animal cruelty. He was spotted in the Englewood neighborhood of Chicago, giving a speech at the Liberation Christian Center, the Chicago Tribune reports.

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Freak Show Owner Gets Cash, But No Five-Legged Puppy

Thanks to a Chicago TV judge, a Coney Island freak show operator is up \$4,000 but down a five-legged puppy. Judge Jeanine Pirro ruled during a taping of her show Wednesday that freak show owner John Strong is entitled to the cash after the dog's owner backed out of a contract to sell the Chihuahua-terrier mix to him, The Associated Press reports.

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