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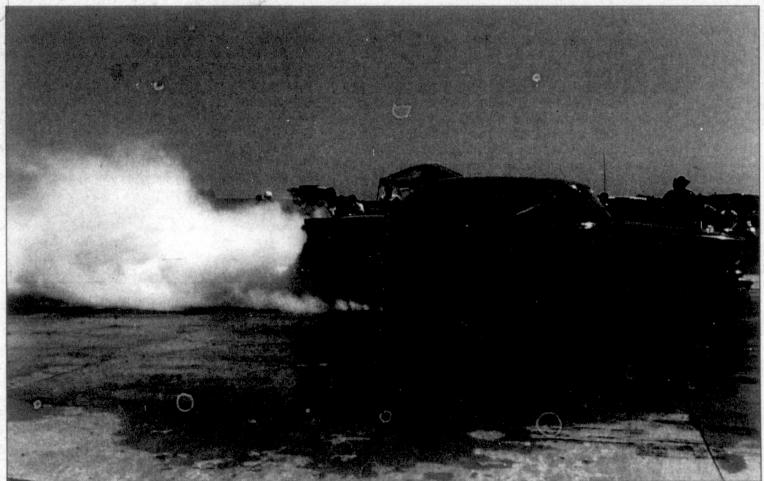


Wildfires continue in two states

Three for the show

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# SMOKIN' HOT



staff photo by Arnie Aurellano

With mascot Buddy hanging out of the passenger side window, Don Van Houten revs the engine on his 1956 Chevy Bel-Air en route to winning two classes of the burnout competition.

# Show results from Saturday's Burnin' the Bricks

**Antique Car Class** 

First: Kenneth Cox, Pampa, '30 Ford Second: Bob Schiffman, Pampa, '29

Third: Carlie Douglas, Pampa, '31 Ford Pre-'49 Street Rod Class

First: Allen West, Amarillo, '39 Chrysler Second: J.W. Barney, Amarillo, '32 Ford Third: Ken Allen, Pampa, '31 Ford '49 to '60 Custom Rod Class

First: Don Van Houten, Pampa, '56 Chevy '61 to Present Custom Rod Class

First: Greg Clark, Mobeetie, '66 Ford Pre-'60 Restored Original Class First: Alan Snapp, Pampa, '56 Ford Second: Tom Turner, Pampa, Oldsmobile

Third: Alan Snapp, Pampa, '50 Mercury Fourth: Bill Hammer, Pampa, '59 Ford '61-'75 Original Restored Class First: Ricky Mills, Childress, '61 Chevy Second: Jerry Heasley, Pampa, '65 Cobra

Third: Bob Schiffman, Pampa, '64 Ford Fourth: Jerry Fanklin, Pampa, '65 Chevy '76-'99 Original Restored Class First: Joseph File, Gruver, '77 Pontiac

Second: Sonny Cherry, Amarillo, '78

**Rat Rod Class** First: Terry Scobee, Pampa, '47 pickup

Second: Chris Cabbiness, Canyon, '29

Third: Michael Dickenson, Pampa, '30

**Special Interest Class** First: Raymond Swaney, Lefors, '23

Second: Otis Martin, Amarillo, '47

Austin sedan Third: Ken Strickland, Pampa

Orphans (All Years) First: Wynona Sealy, Pampa, '50 Hudson

Second: Fred Rabe, Shattuck, Okla., '60 Triumph Third: Chris Keovah, Pampa, '64 road-

Texas GOP's Mechler to speak in Pampa

Fourth: Gary Rabe, Shattuck, Okla., '80 Triumph

Original Unrestored to '99 Class First: Chad Van Houghton, Amarillo. '99 Pontiac

Second: Bob Schiffman, Pampa, '76

Third: Fred Martin, Pampa, '58 Chevy Fourth: Cleo Meaker, Pampa, '78

Chrysler '55-'57 Chevy Class

First: Caroll Brimm, Amarillo, '57

Second: Danny Hoggitt, Pampa, '55

Third: Tom Cloud, Amarillo, '55 Chevy Fourth: Jerry Douthitt, Pampa, '57

Chevy '53-'79 Corvette Class

First: Mike McComis, Pampa, '66

Second: Amy Slover, Amarillo, '71 RESULTS cont. on page 3

# 'Capturing' among claims against Prime

(Editor's note: The following story is the last in a series about accusations surrounding the business practices of Prime Healthcare Services, new owners of Pampa Regional Medical Center.)

MOLLIE BRYANT

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Prime Healthcare Services, the California-based hospital chain which recently purchased the Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC), was the subject of a February hearing in California that examined the company's emergency room practices. California lawmakers have since reconsidered state law that allows hospitals to charge insurers high rates for the treatment of privately insured patients who are outside of the hospital's medical network.

Health care providers Heritage Provider Network and Kaiser Permanente have accused Prime of "patient capturing," a practice that involves refusing to transfer patients to generate higher revenue for out-of-network patient treatment. Kaiser and Heritage, which are both involved in litigation with Prime, declined to comment for this story.

Sandy Taylor-Davey of Garden Grove, Calif., testified that her family experienced this firsthand when her grandmother, Dorothy Taylor, stayed at Prime's West Anaheim Medical Center in June of 2009. Taylor's family requested her transfer to Orange Coast Memorial Hospital to be treated by her primary care doctor, but medical staff at Prime told them that she was unstable for transfer, and had come down with septicemia and pneumonia, in addition to having a heart valve issue, which the staff planned to fix.

"When the doctor eventually came by, I expected he would at least be clearer on the matters at hand," said Taylor-Davey during testimony. "Instead, he said in front of my grandmother that she could die on the trip

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# Two indicted by Hemphill County jury

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A Hemphill County grand jury returned three indictments against two people last

Taylor Anthony Adkins, 28, was indicted on two charges of burglary of a habitation, in connection with two December 2011 incidents. Bond for Adkins was set at \$50,000.

Christopher Paul Moreno, 25, was indicted on a charge of intentionally or knowingly failing to provide his address as a registered sex offender, in connection with a February incident. Bond for Moreno was set at \$30,000.

Hemphill County is part of the 31st Judicial District of Texas, along with Gray, Lipscomb, Roberts, and Wheeler counties.

## ARNIE AURELLANO editor@thepampanews.com

The Top Of Texas Republican Women are bringing another high-ranking member of the Texas Republican Party to Pampa to speak at one of its meetings, and this time, it's a familiar face.

The keynote speaker will be Tom Mechler of Amarillo, the treasurer of the state GOP. Mechler is a former Pampan and local party official, becoming the county party chair in 1993.

Mechler follows Texas parry head Steve Munisteri in appearing at a Republican Women meeting; Munisteri spoke in Pampa this past April. Mechler unsuc-



Mechler

cessfully ran against Munisteri for Texas GOP chairman in 2010.

"You know, Tom actually came when Steve Munisteri said Jana came," Vinson, president of the TOTRW. "He said he'd like to speak with us also, so we set it up then for him

to come." Mechler will speak at the TOTRW

meeting at noon on Wed., June 20, at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

The talk, like Munisteri's, will be open

to the public and free of charge. "It's open for anybody, even if they're

not a member of our club," Vinson said. "We want to invite the public to come to this. We just think it's very important because we want everyone to be informed about what's going on. This is a big election, and we don't want to look back and say, 'Why didn't we do that?""

Mechler, especially, is a relevant speaker because of his ties to the area, Vinson

"We've been grateful that he's willing to come to Pampa and share with us what's happening in the Republican Party," Vinson said. "I think it's great that MECHLER cont. on page 5

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#### PAMPA FORECAST

Today

Wednesday

Thursday







High 88

Low 65

High 86 Low 62 Low 65

Today: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 80. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tonight: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62. South southeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 86. Breezy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. Breezy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. Breezy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. South wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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#### **Prime**

to Orange Coast Memorial, so they wouldn't allow the transfer. So now he's frightened my grandmother about the trip to Orange Coast, hasn't provided much more information and also stated to me directly that the hospital was fully capable and allowed to be performing the heart valve procedure themselves."

"We felt trapped by that hospital, and it felt like an episode of Twilight Zone," she added.

Two days later, Taylor was transferred to Orange Coast Memorial Hospital, where she was diagnosed with kidney trouble and a urinary tract infection. Doctors there didn't find any trouble with her heart valve.

"The entire situation at West Anaheim Medical was incredibly stressful," testified Taylor-Davey. "I don't think I've ever experienced something so bizarre in my life. They just wouldn't let her out. What if my grandmother had been alone? What if my family didn't know so much about her care?"

Jonathan Gluck, senior executive and counsel at Heritage, noted during testimony that 36 percent of Heritage's patients have one to two-day stays at non-Prime hospitals.

"At the Prime facilities, 64 percent of our patients who go to the emergency room are admitted for a one- or two-day length of stay," said Gluck. "That is simply not statistically credible. It doesn't make any sense other than the fact that the emergency room is being used as an admission mechanism. We then are expected to pay-or they seek full bill charges, and if full bill charges are not paid, we wind up being sued."

"If you have a heart attack and you go to the hospital, you're not going to be admitted for a one or two-day length of stay," he added. "You're

going to have a much longer length of stay. So if you look at those really short stays, those are the ones where you can tell that it may be because the emergency department is being used, not as a care provision mechanism, but more as a revolving door

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into the hospital mechanism." Gluck said that Prime can generate additional revenue by billing for; services and per diems during short. stays in a noncontracted facility.

Brad Morse, CEO of PRMC said that emergency room patients must be kept by law until something is decided.

"You can't just transfer them to another hospital because you're not on their plan, so we were taking care of the patient, doing what we needed to do for the patient, and if the patient didn't want to go, we weren't sending them back to a place they didn't want to go," said Morse.

# Obituaries

### Marguerite "Marge" W. Jolly, 87

Marguerite "Marge" W. Jolly, 87, passed away Friday, June 8, 2012.

She was born in Denver, Colo., on September 28, 1924, to James Ewing and Frances (Hopkins) Williams. Marguerite was a New Mexico resident since 1954. Marguerite and her husband James William Jolly owned and ran the Jolly Oil Company and Grants Redi-Mix in Grants, N.M. for many years till they moved to Albuquerque. Marguerite supported the Girl Scouts of America and The Animal Humane Society. She was a loving mother and grandmother and will be missed by all.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, James

William Jolly; daughters, Rebecca Barela and Jennifer Youngblood; brother, Chuck Williams; and her parents Marguerite is survived by her daughters, SuzAnne Price and husband Earl and Marguerite Karveller and husband Rob; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren . ...

Saturday, June 16, 2012, 1 p.m., at Fairview Memorial Park, 700 Yale Blvd SE, Albuquerque, N.M.

rite's honor to The Animal Humane of New Mexico 615 Virginia SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108.

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# For the record

#### Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72 hour period ending Monday, June 11 at 7 a.m.

Pampa PD reported 34 traffic-related incidents.

Pampa EMS, the Pampa Fire Department and the Lefors Volunteer EMS responded to 14 medical calls. Animal Control agents and the Pampa PD reported 14 animal-related incidents.

Friday, June 8

Domestic disturbances occurred at A threat occurred at the 1200 block

Harassment was reported. A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1300 block of North Coffee.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1300 block of North Terrace. Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1200 block of South Hobart.

Identity theft was reported. Disorderly conduct occurred at the 300 block of South Canadian. A domestic disturbance occurred

Criminal trespassing was reported. An offense against family and children occurred at the 1200 block of North Garland.

at the 2000 block of North Coffee.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 300 block of Sunset.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 1600 block of North Somerville. A suspicious person was reported

at Duncan and Garland. Disorderly conduct occurred at the

1700 block of West Kentucky. Phone harassment was reported at the 900 block of East Browning.

A threat was reported at the 700 block of North Christy.

Saturday, June 9

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 1200 block of West Bond.

Disorderly conduct occurred at the 1000 block of South Wells. A domestic disturbance occurred

at the 300 block of North Hazel. A theft occurred at the 1900 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported at the 1400 block of West Somerville.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the 2800 block of North Charles. A domestic disturbance occurred

at the 400 block of Carr. An accident occurred at Kentucky and Mary Ellen.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1000 block of South Sumner. Disorderly conduct occurred at the 600 block of East Campbell.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1200 block of North Faulkner. Disorderly conduct occurred at the 600 block of East Campbell.

Accidents occurred at the 600 block of East Frederic and the 600 block of North Dwight. Disorderly conduct occurred at the

700 block of West Fostert. A suspicious person was reported

at Jordan and Doucette. Disorderly conduct occurred at the 600 block of North Christy and the 600 block of Campbell.

Sunday, June 10

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 1600 block of North Somerville.

A hit and run occurred at the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported at the 100 block of West Kentucky.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 1600 block of East Highway 60.

A suspicious person was reported at the 700 block of East Frederic.

A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 1000 block of South

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 600 block of Campbell. A violation of city ordinance occurred at the 600 block of North

Sloan. A suspicious person was reported at the 300 block of North Lefors.

An accident occurred at the 700 block of North Hobart. A suspicious person was reported

at the 4000 block of North Bad Cattle Company.

A theft was reported at the 300 block of North Dwight. A threat was reported at the 2700

block of North Navajo. An assault was reported at the 1000 block of South Prairie.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 700 block of North Russell. Disorderly conduct occurred at the intersection of 19th and Banks and

the 400 block of Hughes. A suspicious person was reported at the 800 block of North Sumner. An accident occurred at Harvester and Russell.

Monday, June 11

A suspicious person was reported at the 1300 block of North Hobart

A graveside service for Marge and Bill will be held on

In lieu of flowers donations may be given in Margue-

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and the 900 block of East Murphy. A theft occurred at the 1900 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance occurred at the 1900 block of North Nelson. A prowler was reported at Huffand Wilks.

A domestic disturbance occurred. at the 800 block of Gordon.

#### Sheriff's Department

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the 72 hour period ending Monday, June 11 at 7 a.m.

Friday, June 8 Susan Jean Vincent, 50, was ar-

rested by police for assault causing bodily injury. Kenneth Douglas Pyle, 57, was arrested by deputies for driving while

intoxicated. Martin Guadalupe Becerra, 23, was arrested by DPS agents for driving while intoxicated.

Billy Ray Lee, 70, was arrested by DPS agents for driving while intoxicated.

Saturday, June 9

Alenjandro Villalobos, 35, was arrested by DPS agents for driving while intoxicated. Craig Lee Phillips, 32, was arrest

ed by DPS agents for driving while intoxicated. Joshua Rodriguez, 17, was arrested by DPS agents on charges of

failure to appear in court and public intoxication. Daniel Breck Hoggatt, 29, was arrested by police for aggravated as

sault with a deadly weapon. Bobby Lee Faires, 28, was arrested. by deputies for aggravated sexual as-

sault of a child. Laura Frances Johnson, 28, was arrested by deputies for aggravated

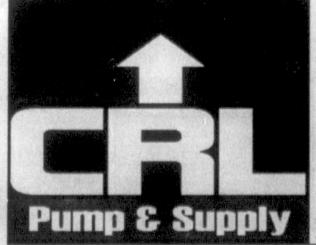
sexual assault of a child. Patricia Jobelle Holt, 42, was arrested by police for assault causing

bodily injury. Maria de la Angeles Vega, 28, was arrested by deputies for possession

of a controlled substance. Randell Allen Menefield, 53, was arrested by deputies on a bench warrant and on charges of failure to

maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear in court. Joel Luna Moreno, 18, was arrested by DPS agents for driving while intoxicated.

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### Court won't hear candy cane case

DALLAS (AP) - The U.S. Supreme Court says it will not review a lower court's decision that two Dallasarea elementary school principals have immunity from liability for stopping students from handing out Christian candy cane pens and other on-campus religious expres-

-The Supreme Court said Monday that it will not review the decision made last fall by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans. Also in that decision, a majority held that the principals went too far and may have violated the children's free-speech rights.

Four families with students in Plano schools sued in 2004, claiming their children had been banned from handing out the materials in what became known as the 'candy cane" case.

Other parts of the case continue in other courts.

#### Hearing to challenge voter law

GALVESTON (AP) - A federal judge in Galveston is to consider motions in a lawsuit filed by a Washingtonbased voters' rights group that contends Texas laws make it illegally difficult to register voters.

The group Voting for America is seeking an injunction to block enforcement of laws they say keep registration records from the public, attack voter registration drives and impede its "mission of voter advocacy."

State lawyers deny anything improper and say the organization has met none of the requirements for obtaining an injunction. They also argue that the group wants to process voter registrations it collects with no state oversight and risk no penalty if ineligible citizens become registered voters.

The hearing set for Monday afternoon is before U.S. District Judge Gregg Costa.

#### Texas top refugee destination

'HOUSTON (AP) - A report finds Texas has become the favorite destination for refugees seeking haven in the United States.

Houston on Monday began marking World Refugee Day, which is June 20.

The Houston Chronicle reports more than 5,600 refugees reached Texas last year. Houston was the favorite

The federal Office of Refugee Resettlement says a total of 56,419 refugees settled in the U.S. during 2011, with about 10 percent in Texas.

Caitriona Lyons with the state's Refugee Resettlement Program credits the strong Texas economy and afford-

A refugee is defined as someone unable or unwilling to return to his or her homeland because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution due to race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group or political opinion.

#### lexas offers grants to replace diesel

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is offering \$5.7 million in grants to replace diesel vehicles with ones that use hybrid or alternative energy technology.

The grants are available under the Texas Clean Fleet Program and can be applied to vehicles using electricity, natural gas, propane, hydrogen or methanol. Organizations that have at least 75 on-road vehicles and intend to replace at least 20 diesel vehicles can apply for

Texas lawmakers have tried to encourage companies have found the remains with large fleets of big diesel vehicles to switch to cleaner fuels. They have also passed laws encouraging natural gas fueling stations around the Dallas-Houston-San Antonio triangle.

Many Texas cities are close to violating federal clean air standards. Replacing older trucks and buses could help avert triggering strict federal rules.

#### Paint ball gun stops burglar

GALVESTON (AP) — Police say a Southeast Texas woman whipped out a paint ball gun and opened fire with distinctive yellow hue to stop a burglary suspect.

Galveston police say a 53-year-old man who sometimes mowed the woman's yard was arrested inside her

Bond has been set at \$40,000 for Elvis Alexander of Monday. Her family has Galveston on a charge of burglary of a habitation with asked to grieve privately. intent to commit theft. Online jail records Monday did not list an attorney for Alexander.

The Galveston County Daily News reports 34-year-old Carrie King called police Friday to say an intruder was in her home and she was hiding.

An arriving officer heard the firing of a paint ball gun

and the sound of impact.

Police say Alexander was struck several times. He did not require medical help.

#### Man kills daughter's attacker

SHINER (AP) — A father beat to death with his hands a man who tried molesting his 4-year-old daughter after the little girl was heard screaming on the family's rural Texas ranch, authorities said Monday.

Lavaca County Sheriff Micah Harmon said the father, whose name has not been released, is unlikely to be arrested for Saturday's killing and that no evidence so far has led investigators to doubt his story.

"There doesn't appear to be any reason other than what

he told us," Harmon said. Harmon said the victim was a 47-year-old man from

Gonazles with no apparent prior criminal history. His name continued to be withheld Monday because authorities still hadn't tracked down any of his family.

The victim was an "acquaintance" of the father who had come to help care for some horses, Harmon said. He did not know how long the two men may have known each other. The girl was taken to a hospital to be examined and has since been released, Harmon said.

The father called police late Saturday afternoon and told them he attacked a man caught trying to sexually assault his daughter, Harmon said. The alleged attack happened near a barn where some horses were being kept.

"In the course of trying to get her away from him, and protect her, he struck the subject several times in the head and the subject died." Harmon said.

# States have millions to give away!

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More than \$7 billion of Federal TARP (Troubled Asset Relief Program) funds are sitting around in 18 states and the District of Columbia — just waiting to be given to homeowners who have the Hardest Hit program is authofallen behind in their mortgage pay-

This is not a fantasy. It is cold, hard cash that was meant to help keep the unemployed from losing their homes. But some states are having a tough time actually putting the money to work. The irony is that this is named the "Hardest Hit" program — but the money isn't getting to its destination.

There is \$300 million sitting at the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) —just waiting to help homeowners who have fallen behind on their mortgages. The website for information is www. IllinoisHardestHit.org.

But Illinois isn't alone:

away to troubled homeowners. It's website for the program is www. FLHardestHitHelp.org.

And Michigan still has some of its nearly \$500 million in housing money left. The website in Michigan is www.StepForwardMichigan.org.

And some of Nevada's Hardest Hit mortgage funding is available at www.NevadaHardestHitFund.

In Tennessee, you can find the program at www.HardestHitTN.

While each state has crafted its own program to distribute the money, the entire concept of the TARP "Hardest Hit" program is aimed directly at helping people before the situation gets out of hand. Those who are a few months behind in paying their mortgage can get a grant — free money — to bring them up to date. And the program will keep helping them pay their mortgage so they can stay in their homes!

better time — because our nation's of application. housing crisis just won't go away.



(with some restrictions) for those to qualify for these funds. who are unemployed, or underemployed.

It's not as if there haven't been attempts to stop the foreclosure crisis. Under the Bush administration, a telephone hotline was set up

888-995-HOPE. It helped few people, and was mired in red tape as financial institutions struggled to deal with delinquencies. That was followed by the Obama

administration's "Making Home Affordable" program MakingHomeAffordable.gov). But it, too, failed to stem the tide of foreclosures, as its HAMP modification plan was viewed as too Florida also has millions to give complex for mortgage servicers to handle. That was followed last fall

by HARP (Home Affordable not be more than \$500,000. Refinance Program), designed for people who were current on their not exceed \$10,000 (or \$12,500) payments, but underwater on the value of their home vs. the amount of the mortgage. Both programs the property, and the homeowner remain in effect, but have had minimal impact on foreclosures.

The federal Hardest Hit program started slowly, and at year-end 2011, only about 30,000 families had been helped.

One cause of the delay in pushing money through the system was the reluctance of mortgage servicers (and Fannie and Freddie) to accept payments from the program! But in most states that challenge has been overcome. And although each state has a slightly different program and restrictions, in every instance the first step requires meeting with a HUD-certified housing counseling agency. Illinois has succeeded in getting processing finished and Savage Truth. This program couldn't come at a payments to lenders within 60 days

In each state, housing advocates Part of the problem is directly are trying to get the word out situation. Those who have lost Neighborhood Housing Services jobs are almost certain to lose their Executive Director Ed Jacob says: homes to foreclosure. That's why "This is the best tool in our toolbox

now for keeping people in their homes. It recognizes that the cause of foreclosure has moved to loss of income, as opposed to poorly underwritten loans. That's the real challenge we're seeing in the neighborhoods."

The real issue now is getting people into the program before they rized to make mortgage payments are too far behind on their mortgage

Of course, there are restrictions on this helpful mortgage grant deal. Check with your state's Housing Development Authority to find out if there is Hardest Hit money available — and to get the rules.

The Illinois program is fairly typical:

The property must be located in Illinois.

The owners much have a documented income reduction of at least 20 percent, through unemployment or underemployment

- Household income must be below 120 percent of area median income. (In Chicago, that's \$63,720 for an individual, or \$72,840 for a two-person household.)

Principal loan balance must

Household liquid assets candepending on county of residence. Homeowner must reside in

cannot own any other residential property in Illinois, or in any state. Since each program is set up by individual states, there is no one good place to get specific information. But here's a link to the

National Council of State Housing Agencies www.ncsha.org/advocacy-issues/hardest-hit-foreclosureinitiative. It's a good place to learn more about the overall program and get an idea of what your state is doing to help those who are unable to stay current on their mortgage. The news is getting out, and the

funds are limited, so don't delay. It sounds too good to be true, I know. But it's the real deal. And that's the

Terry Savage is a registered investment adviser and is on the board of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. She appears weekly on WMAQ-Channel attributable to the unemployment about this relatively new program. 5's 4:30 p.m. newscast, and can be reached at www.terrysavage.com. She

# Wildfires continue in Colo., N.M. *Cinema*

BELLVUE, Colo. (AP) Authorities say they of a person reported missing in an area burned by a 64-square-mile fire in northern Colorado.

Larimer County Sheriff Justin Smith says 62-yearold Linda Steadman's home received two emergency notifications after the fire started this weekend, and a firefighter who tried to get to her home to warn her was chased out by flames.

Smith says Steadman's remains were found The fire also has damaged an estimated 118 structures west of Fort Collins and has prompted hundreds of evacuations. Firefighters haven't been determined how many were homes and how many were sheds or other structures.

The Colorado blaze and massive wildfires in drought-parched New Mexico have been testing the resources of state and federal crews.

Meanwhile, the fastmoving wildfire in southern New Mexico now is 30 percent contained after air and ground crews took

advantage of a break in the weather.

The blaze has charred tens of thousands of acres in just three days and forced hundreds of residents to leave their homes in southern New Mexico.

But winds subsided Monday and the almost 950 firefighters were able to build fire lines on the east side of the blaze. They now are concentrating on constructing additional lines on the south side, which is nearest to the mountain community of Ruidoso.

Dan Ware, a spokesman with New Mexico State Forestry, said Sunday that infrared mapping done overnight shows that the Little Bear fire has grown to more than 26,000 acres, or 40 square miles. Officials say the lightning-sparked fire in the Sierra Blanca mountain range still burned about 1,500 more acres Monday, pushing its total to about 36,000 acres.

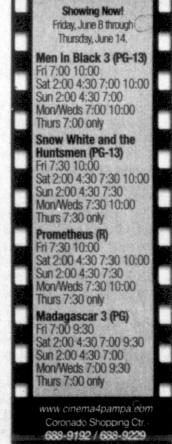
Crews had estimated that 20 structures were destroyed, but increased that to 36 on Sunday. They could not say how many of the structures were homes.

Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez was visiting Ruidoso on Sunday to get the latest developments and attend a meeting updating the public on firefighting efforts.

The mix of timber, dry grass and the steepness of the slopes were making the firefighting efforts more difficult.

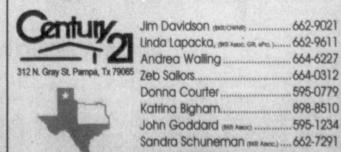
The fire was burning in steep, rocky, inaccessible terrain in the White Mountain Wilderness of the Lincoln National Forest, which is home to Smokey Bear, who became the nation's symbol of fire prevention in the 1940s.

The firefighters were battling the blaze with help from three large air tankers, three heavy helicopters and three Blackhawk helicopters. There were also 100 National Guard troops in Ruidoso.





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# Viewpoints

# Today in History

Today is Tuesday, June 12, the 164th day of 2012. There are 202 days left in the year.

#### Today's Highlight in History:

On June 12, 1942, Anne Frank, a German-born Jewish girl living in Amsterdam, received a diary for her 13th birthday; in it, she wrote, "I hope I will be able to confide everything to you, as I have never been able to with anyone, and I hope you will provide much support and comfort." (Less than a month later, Anne and her family went into hiding from the Nazis.)

#### On this date:

In 1665, England installed a municipal government in New York, formerly the Dutch settlement of New Amsterdam.

In 1776, Virginia's colonial legislature became the first to adopt a Bill of Rights.

In 1898, Philippine nationalists declared independence from Spain.

In 1920, the Republican national convention, meeting in Chicago, nominated Warren G. Harding for president on the tenth ballot; Calvin Coolidge was nominated for vice president.

In 1939, the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum was dedicated in Cooperstown, N.Y.

In 1956, the Flag of the United States Army was officially adopted under an executive order signed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In 1963, civil rights leader Medgar Evers, 37, was shot and killed outside his home in Jackson, Miss. (In 1994, Byron De La Beckwith was convicted of murdering Evers and sentenced to life in prison; he died in 2001.)

In 1967, the Supreme Court, in Loving v. Virginia, struck down state laws prohibiting interracial marriages.

In 1972, the notorious porn film "Deep Throat," starring Linda Lovelace, opened in New York. (The title would become the nickname of a deep background source for The Washington Post during the Watergate scandal, later revealed to be then-FBI Associate Director Mark Felt.) Death claimed literary critic Edmund Wilson at age 77 and community organizer Saul Alinsky at age 63.

In 1982, a crowd estimated at up to 1 million people gathered in New York's Central Park to demand a superpower freeze on nuclear weapons.

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan, during a visit to the divided German city of Berlin, publicly challenged Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev to "tear down this wall."

In 1991, Russians went to the polls to elect Boris N. Yeltsin president of their republic.

Ten years ago: The Los Angeles Lakers finished off the New Jersey Nets in four games, winning their third straight NBA title with a 113-107 victory. Fashion designer Bill Blass died at his Connecticut home at age 79.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush went to Capitol Hill, where he prodded rebellious Senate Republicans to help resurrect legislation that could provide eventual citizenship for millions of illegal immigrants. Afghan police mistook U.S. troops for Taliban fighters and opened fire, prompting U.S. forces to return fire, killing seven Afghan police officers. Justin Verlander pitched a no-hitter to lead the Detroit Tigers over the Milwaukee Brewers 4-0. Don Herbert, television's "Mr. Wizard," died in Bell Canyon, Calif., at age 89.

One year ago: The Dallas Mavericks won their first NBA title by winning Game 6 of the finals against the Miami Heat, 105-95. "The Book of Mormon" took home nine Tony Awards, including the prize for best musical; "War Horse" won five Tonys, including the best play award.

Today's Birthdays: Banker/philanthropist David Rockefeller is 97. Former President George H.W. Bush is 88. Singer Vic Damone is 84. Songwriter Richard Sherman is 84. Actor-singer Jim Nabors is 82. Jazz musician Chick Corea is 71. Sportscaster Marv Albert is 71. Singer Roy Harper is 71. Rock singer Reg Presley (The Troggs) is 71. Pop singer Len Barry is 70. Rock singermusician John Wetton (Asia, King Crimson) is 63. Rock musician Bun E. Carlos (Cheap Trick) is 61. Country singer-musician Junior Brown is 60. Singer-songwriter Rocky Burnette is 59. Actor Timothy Busfield is 55. Singer Meredith Brooks is 54. Actress Jenilee Harrison is 54. Rock musician John Linnell (They Might Be Giants) is 53. Rapper Grandmaster Dee (Whodini) is 50. Actress Paula Marshall is 48. Actress Frances O'Connor is 45. Actor Rick Hoffman ("Suits") is 42. Actor Jason Mewes is 38. Actor Michael Muhney is 37. Blues musician Kenny Wayne Shepherd is 35. Actor Wil Horneff is 33. Singer Robyn is 33. Country singer Chris Young is 27. Rap group MC Jay Are is 23. Actor Ryan Malgarini is 20.

Thought for Today: "It is easier to love humanity as a whole than to love one's neighbor." — Eric Hoffer, American philosopher (1902-1983).



# Farm bill 'reform' stuffed with pork

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Every once in a while, Democrats and Republicans can work together. Witness Thursday's 90-8 vote to bring a "bipartisan reform" farm bill before the Senate. In the expectation that the bill will garner the necessary 60 votes, the House Agriculture Committee has changed its schedule to allow a floor debate on the measure in July. The White House applauded. This is Washington's version of the dawning of the Age of Aquarius.

There's just one little problem. Somehow, whenever the two parties work together, they end up spending a lot of other people's money. The Agriculture Reform, Food and Jobs Act of 2012, co-authored by Sens. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., and Pat Roberts, R-Kan., would be a 10-year, \$969 billion package.

Stabenow boasts that her bill would produce \$23.6 billion in savings from what Washington would spend under current law. "We examined every agriculture program to see what was working and what wasn't," said she. That's all she could squeeze out of a \$969 billion package? President Barack Obama proposed shaving \$32 billion from that pot. The GOP House budget calls for a reduction of almost \$180 billion over 10 years.

Stabenow does have one accomplishment over which she is free to crow, and she has: "The era of direct payments is over. We're not going to be paying farmers for crops they



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direct payments program should save taxpayers about \$5 billion annually. Alas, noted Citizens Against

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grow."

Citizens Against Government Waste spokeswoman Leslie Paige, "it's like a Whac-A-

Mole game with these programs." Goodbye, direct payments. Hello, new crop-insurance subsidy.

As The New York Times reported, the government already spends \$7 billion to pay two-thirds of farmers' crop insurance. The new farm bill would create an additional \$3 billion annual subsidy to further pad the cost of risk insurance.

"They're using 75 percent of the savings that they get from cutting traditional farm subsidies to create yet another kind of farm subsidy that guarantees income for farmers," Craig Cox, senior vice president for agriculture and natural resources at the Environmental Working Group, complained. His group supports subsidies for farmers' "deep" losses. Cox favors what "most people would consider a safety net." But he said that "what's being proposed is more like what most people would consider a security blanket."

Advocates on the right and left

have joined to fight the bill. Liberal groups want to redirect the money that subsidizes big agriculture toward nutrition programs and environmental protection.

Fiscal hawks don't like the big spending. "We don't want to reprogram any of it," said Paige. "We want it all to go to the debt and deficit reduction."

Both sides can agree that it wouldn't make sense for the federal government to throw so much money at big agriculture that farmers have an incentive to engage in overplanting — which might encroach on wildlife — as government programs reduce the risk of planting on marginal land.

"A real reform bill would have ended direct payments, rejected new farm entitlements and made important reforms to crop insurance subsidies that are slated to cost \$90 billion over the next 10 years," Cox said in a statement.

While Stabenow and company have been patting themselves on the back for ferreting out wasteful spending, the Congressional Budget Office has reported that their farm bill would "make popcorn an eligible crop for program benefits."

Popcorn? As Paige explained it, there's a way you can tell this so-called reform is a weasel. "You can tell," she said, "because no one's screaming."

Debra Saunders is a conservative columnist for the San Francisco Chronicle.

#### Letter to the Editor

# Meals on Wheels a vessel for values

To the Editor:

When I was a little girl my mom would take me on her Meals On Wheels route. The thing that I remember most was how happy those old people seemed to be to see me. They didn't even know me but how they would gush and want to hold my hand and ask how old I was. In the few brief minutes we were guests in their home a shy little girl with auburn hair would bring them a breath of fresh air along with their lunch.

Fast forward a few decades and here I am with my very own route. When I was at a place in my life where I had the time to commit to community volunteer work the first thing I did was call up my local Meals On Wheels office to find out about driving a route. I've been doing it for four years and love every week. When my first grader was in pre-school I would take him on my

route with me. Most of the time he would clam up and not say much but the clients loved seeing him.

Driving Meals On Wheels has been a life lesson for both me and my son. It teaches us to serve those in need. For the clients who are home bound and unable to make their own way to the grocery store this service is essential to their daily survival. It teaches us kindness and compassion. For some of these folks their driver may be the only other person they see all day long. No person is an island unto themselves and no one deserves to be left alone all day. We all need interaction with another human being even if it is as simple as a friendly smile, a pat on the hand or a quick chat. It teaches a sense of community. This service is a vital part of our community that would not survive without it's volunteers. It's important to give of yourself, your time and resources without expecting anything in return.

One of the most important life lessons for me has been humility. There were many times I had to explain to my tender little boy that

not everybody lives in a big house with nice things and lost of toys to play with. Not everybody has someone to take care of them, cook them dinner everyday, play with them and kiss them goodnight every night. Not everybody can keep their house clean and smelling nice or have new, clean clothes. Not everybody can just hop in the car whenever they feel like it and go out to eat at their favorite restaurant or buy lots of groceries without worrying if they will have enough money. These are difficult life lessons for a little boy and sharp reminders for an adult. But one lesson that would follup up the "not everybody has ... " lesson is that even though many of the people we delivered to had less than we did, what they did have is the assurance that they could depend on us to bring them their lunch that day.

After all these years, Meals on Wheels means to me: Service, Kindness, Compassion, Community and Humility. I'm so glad my mom knew to haul me all over town with her.

Stephanie Clinton Oklahoma City

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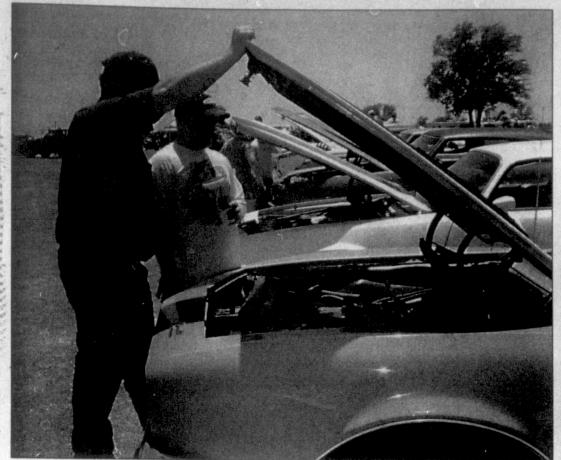
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**TOP LEFT:** Kasey Garrison (left) shows off his '67 Camaro to Jimmy Smith at the Burnin' the Bricks car show on Tuesday. TOP RIGHT: Chuck Parr lifts up Brailee Parr, 3, to get a better view of the interior of a '28 Dodge custom two-door coupe. **BOTTOM:** Plumes of smoke rise from behind the wheels of Timbo Davis' '75 Ford Ranger during Saturday's burnout. Davis, who repeatedly entered his truck to the delight of the crowd, blew a tire, shook trim off the back of the vehicle and, with his last run of the afternoon, caught his engine on fire, earning a special Burnout "Best in Show" award from Burnin' the Bricks organizers.



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he's willing to give time and that he has our best interests at heart, too. He's from here, and a lot of times, we get kind of left out here in remote areas. We love that he's willing to come to our club.

Lunch will be served by the Senior Citizens Center during the meeting, priced at \$6.25 for non-members of the facility. Vinson suggested that those planning to eat arrive by 11:45 a.m.

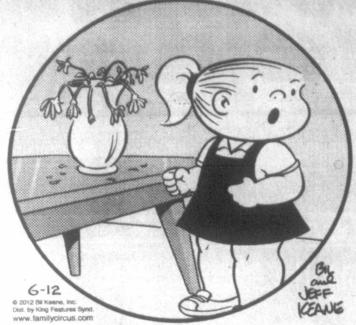
"We just want people to show up," she added. "We're very excited that Tom is joining us, and we think that it will be a very informative meeting."

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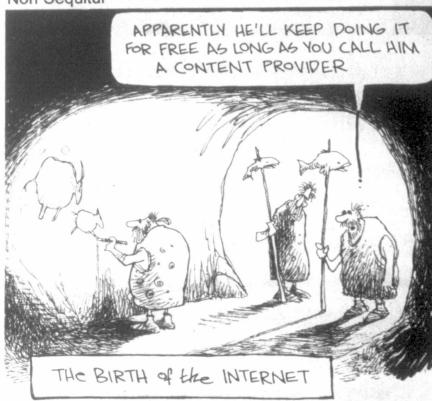
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, June 13, 2012:

will be excellent, though you often might be challenged by a partner or loved one. Make this OK, as you will learn where there might be room for improvement with a plan. If you are single, you meet people with ease, but often discover that they are ARIES is a loyal and fun friend.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\* A serious edge to your communication style could color an important relationship. Consider moving in a new direction, which would allow more of your ingenuity and humor to emerge. You could easier. Tonight: All smiles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\* You might want to play a passive to call it a night. or laid-back role in what is happening. You also might not have much of a choice, considering your obligations and energy level. calls. Tonight: Check that your budget is in fun to permeate your relationships. Under-

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\* Keep your long-term goals in mind. You could be concerned by a loved one and his or her attitude. Understand your limitations, and know that you can do only so much. Recognize what you want from this situation, and quietly walk toward that goal. Tonight: Chat away.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\* You often are sought out to handle difficult situations or to give advice. Such is the case today, but you also are juggling downright depressing. Walk away from change.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\* You could opt to detach from might be a lot happier as a result, Conversations could be unduly heavy or serious. The more you avoid this energy and just deal with the issue, the better. Tonight: Get Let go of a hassle for now. Tonight: Dinner together with friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\* Deal with a partner directly. This year you might rely more on your Hopefully this person can identify what is creativity than you normally do. The results causing a sense of tension or concern with your budget. A conversation for only your ears could be more significant than you realize. Listen to what is being shared. Tonight: Out to dinner with a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\* You might feel overwhelmed difficult, withdrawn or depressed. If you and could be making this feeling even do not want this type of relationship, move more intense by either ignoring it or inflaton. If you are attached, avoid nitpicking ing it. Your best bet is to just energize and over money with a partner. It won't help; get done what you must. As soon as you instead, it will cause tremendous irritation. clear out some of your responsibilities or errands, you will feel better. Tonight: Stay sensitive to a loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Remain even when dealing with an associate or someone who is a part of your daily life. If you feel negatively about a request or situation, be sure to weigh the turn a difficult situation into one that is far pros against the cons before announcing your concerns. Also, ask for feedback from a friend or loved one. Tonight: Know when

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\* Much is happening around you. Do you really want to be involved? Choose You can push yourself only so far. Return your battles wisely. Allow more friends and stand what is needed from you. Tonight:

Already in weekend mode. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\* You are well-grounded on the basics of life, and you know how to encourage others. Someone around you could feel quite dejected, but you'll help this person get through it. Maintain a high level of privacy. Tonight: A must event.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\* Keep communication flowing. News or a call from a friend at a distance might put you off. Listen carefully, your own needs. A family member can be and you'll find that there are mitigating circumstances here. Not all is as it seems. negativity, whether it is personal or pro- Tap into your imagination, and you will see fessional. Tonight: Indulge yourself for a a situation differently. Tonight: Become a creature of the night.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\* Your ability to move past a rewhat is occurring at the moment, and you striction is admirable, but a partner keeps blocking the path, leaving you in limbo. Detach as much as you can to gain understanding. Timing will be on your side later. for two.





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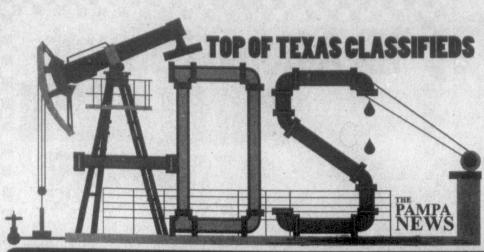
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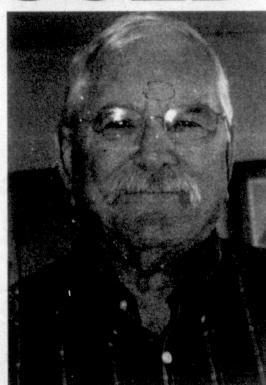
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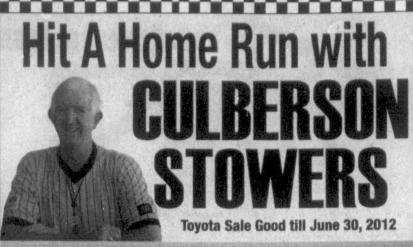
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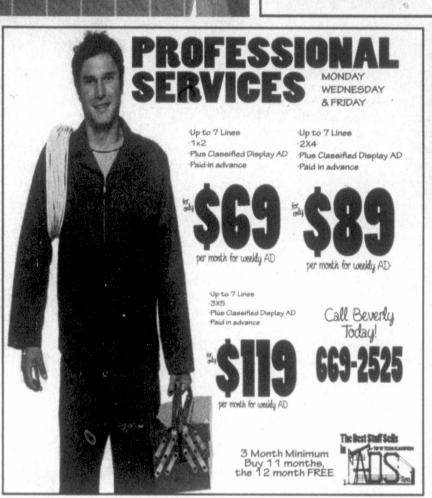
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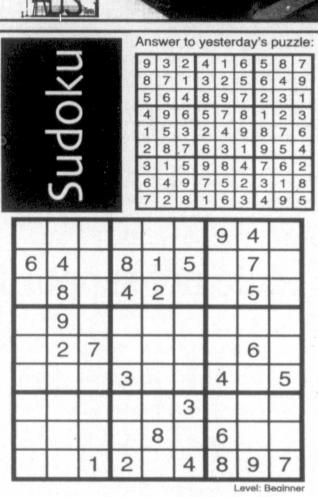




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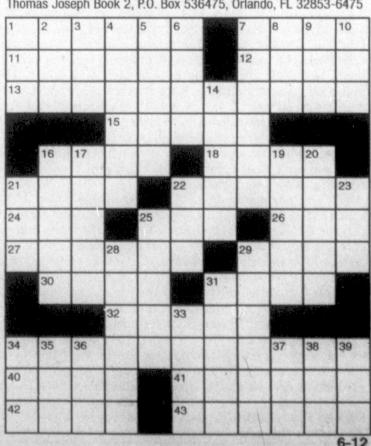
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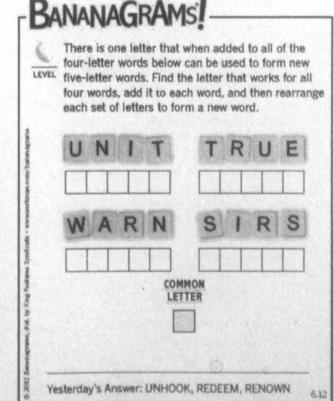
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# Sports

# Pampa alumni team seeks third straight vs. Borger

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During the last two years, 2006 Pampa graduate Keenan Davis had his friends trying to get him to play on the alumni football team.

"I just didn't want to," Davis said.

This year, Davis gave in to his friends and will be behind center on July 21 as Pampa's alumni football team seeks its third straight victory over Borger's alumni team at Harvester Field.

"I was a kicker and a backup quarterback in high school," Davis said. "They needed a quarterback. I said, 'Let's do this."

Davis takes over at quarterback for Jason Roark, who played the last two years. The 2006 graduate said it's been a challenge to get back in shape.

"I'm having to get the shoulder back in shape," Davis said. "Other than that, it's no big deal. Just another day and another

Marques Long, who has played running back the last two years, said most of the key players from the last two years are returning.

"We just have to get the new guys up to speed," Long said. "It's awesome that we have new guys. They are here every week

and we are just trying to put them on a winning team."

Long said they've had different groups at practice since they started a few months

"It's whoever is off (from work)," Long said. "We are just now getting it all

Davis said he's looking forward to getting another shot at victory against Borger. "We did it in high school, and I'm

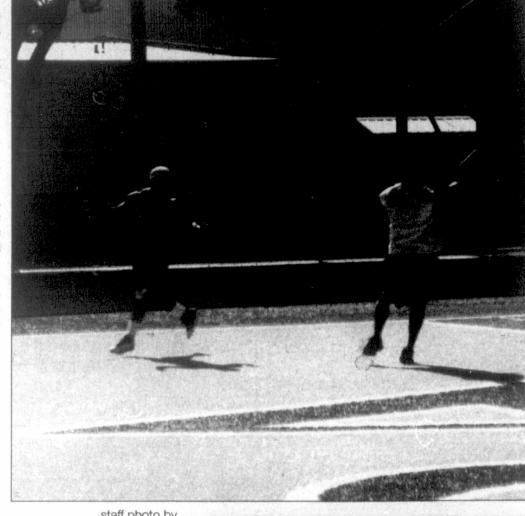
going to keep doing it," Davis said. Long said he hopes the community

"I just hope they understand how much work we put into this," Long said. "We really do it for Pampa. We do it for the pride of Pampa. We love football and playing with that 'P' on our helmet."

Pampa hosted Palo Duro on Nov. 5 last year, but turnout was hurt by the Harvesters playing their final game the day before and the Lady Harvesters volleyball team having their area round game in Lubbock on the same day.

The alumni team beat Borger 15-8 in 2010 at Harvester Field and 50-13 at Borger last year. Pampa also beat Amarillo Highland Park 33-15 in August and came back from a 20-0 deficit to defeat Palo Duro 34-25.

Game time is to be determined.



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**Damion Villarreal** jumps in front of a face intended for Marques Long during the Alumni team's practice at Harvester Field Sunday. Pampa re-matches with Borger on July 21.





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#### 2012 NBA FINALS.

# Seattle not supporting ex-team

SEATTLE (AP) — Before they became critically acclaimed documentary filmmakers, Adam Brown and Jason Reid were simply basketball junkies. And being hoops aficionados, Brown and Reid can appreciate the way the Oklahoma City Thunder play.

But all it takes is one screen shot of owner Clay Bennett or one mention of the Thunder's past incarnation as the Seattle SuperSonics to help them recall why they can never cheer for that team.

"If this team was still here they would be he most fun and exciting team to watch in the league," said Brown, who was co-director of the "Sonicsgate" documentary that chronicled the Sonics' departure in 2008. "It's been so hard to root against a team that plays such an exciting brand of basketball."

Seeing Oklahoma City win the Western Conference crown last week was tough enough for Seattle fans. Now come the NBA Finals beginning Tuesday night against Miami and the chance that just four years after a messy divorce from the city of Seattle, the Thunder could be NBA champs. which would only twist the figurative knife for Sonics fans still smarting from the franchise's flight.

Outside of south Florida, there may be no larger collection of Heat fans for the next two weeks than in the Pacific Northwest.

Who knew Seattle could be so crazy for LeBron and the rest of Miami's stars?

Seattle Mariners ace Felix Hernandez, who has a shrine of Heat jerseys and memorabilia next to his clubhouse locker, said his Twitter feed was filled Saturday night with Seattle fans saying they'd be pulling for the Heat in the Finals.

"I'll win, they'll win. We'll get two wins on Tuesday," said Hernandez, who'll be pitching for the Mariners on Tuesday night while Game 1 is taking place in Oklahoma

There is very little connection remaining between the current Thunder team and the former Sonics.

Nick Collison and Kevin Durant are the only two Thunder players who actually played for the Sonics in Seattle. Collison, who lives in Seattle during the offseason, has been with the franchise since 2004, while Durant played his rookie season in

"We still remember everything, the teams in Seattle that were going to the finals and won the finals back in '79, the Gary Paytons, the Shawn Kemps, the Detlef Schrempfs, the guys that played in this organization," Durant said. "But it feels good to have an opportunity to bring something to Oklahoma City.'

What seems to irritate Seattle residents the most is hearing references to Sonics history. which Oklahoma City owns a share of as part of a settlement reached with Seattle. So when television announcers say it's the first Finals appearance for the Thunder franchise since 1996, when the Sonics lost in six games to the Chicago Bulls, it adds to the heartache.

"They're the one championship team we've had here in Seattle," said Steven Rupp, who lives in the Queen Anne area around the Sonics' former home, Key Arena, and remembers when Sonics players lived in the neighborhood. "It would have been good to keep them here."

Chase Voss, with the tying run at third and the winning run on second, calmly struck out the next two batters as Glo-Valve Service edged Cabot Corporation 12-11 in the Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League Thursday. Cabot clinched the regular season championship Monday with a 10-6 win over Glo-Valve and lost for the first time bringing its league record to 6-1-1. Glo-Valve nailed down second place with a 5-3 record in league play and 7-3 overall. Glo-Valve came out swinging in the first inning scoring three times. Jace Ware opened with a walk. He stole second, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on a single by Thomas Costley. Costley stole second came came home on a single by Logan Martindale. Martindale stole two bases and trotted home on a double by Voss. Cabot roared back with a two-out rally to tie the score. Moses Avila walked. He made it to third when Fernando Anguiano was safe on an error. Avila scampered home on a wild pitch. Keshawn Stewart drove in Anguiano with a single. He stole second and scored after successive walks to Brayden Burrell, Carter Sprinkle and Braeden King. Glo-Valve took advantage of walks to Brenden Courtney, Chris Gowin, Tyler McCarn, Ware, Costley and Brayden Fry sandwiched around a single by Martindale, a wild pitch and an error to score six times in the second. Cabot came right back with four runs on a walk to Shandon Smith, singles by Bryson Paronto, Jace Clark, Avila and a double by Anguiano. Glo-Valve led 9-7 after two innings. In the top of the third inning, Kade Parker walked and went to third when Courtney was safe on an error. A ground out by Gowin scored Parker and Courtney tallied when McCarn reached base on an error. Glo-Valve led 11-7. Fry scored what turned out to be the winning run on pure hustle in Glo-Valve's half of the fourth. He reached base on an error, stole second and took third when the catcher's throw went into centerfield. He made Glo-Valve's final run of the game on a strikeout, coming in after a throw to first.

The league champions did not go quietly. In the bottom of the fourth Avila walked, stole second, took third on a single by Anguiano and scored on a wild pitch. Anguiano followed him home on a single by Stewart, Burrell singled and Sprinkle drew his third walk of the game to load the bases and bring on Voss. Voss gave up a two-run single to King before his damatic strikeouts brought the game to an end after only four innings because of the time limit. Martindale was the leading hitter for Glo-Valve with two hits, two runs scored and three RBI. Anguiano, with a single, a double and three runs scored and Stewart with two hits, two runs and two RBI led Cabot. Stewart made the outstanding defensive play of the game for Cabot by catching a soft popup at third base and throwing a runner out at second for a doubleplay. A throw from Jakob Wilson in center to Ware at shortstop to Martindale blocking the plate nipped a Cabot runner trying to score for Glo-Valve's outstanding defensive play. A double-elimination City Tournament starts Monday. Cabot will take on Texas Rose Steakhouse at 5:45 p.m. while Glo-Valve and Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency clash at 7:45.

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