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Primary election tomorrow

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The Texas Democratic and Republican primaries are Tuesday.

Texans who are registered and have lost or misplaced their voter certificates can still cast ballots Tuesday, but must present a valid form of identification and sign an affidavit at the polls. Voters' precinct numbers are on voter certificates.

Republican voters will consider whether to stick with Gov. Rick Perry. U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and party activist Debra Medina are challenging Perry in the GOP primary.

The Democratic front-runner, former Houston Mayor Bill White, faces fellow businessman and political newcomer Farouk Shami in the primary.

The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday.



Gray County voting locations

- Precinct 1 — Lefors Community Center, 103 N. Court, Lefors
- Precinct 2 — Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston, Pampa
- Precinct 3 — Grandview Hopkins School, 11605 FM 293
- Precinct 4 — Lovett Library McLean, 302 N. Main, McLean
- Precinct 5 — First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa
- Precinct 6 — Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Duncan, Pampa
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Arson suspects grew up together in Texas church

TYLER, Texas (AP) — Even as authorities closed in, one of the two suspects in a string of east Texas church fires attended a Sunday service and went to a Baptist ministry on his junior college campus for a free meal.

Such activity wasn't unusual for 19-year-old Jason Robert Bourque, a former Eagle Scout and high school debate champion who grew up in a small church not far from 10 others that authorities believe have been set ablaze since Jan. 1.

But officials say they found weapons and books detailing atheism and devil worship during a pre-dawn raid at a home where Bourque was arrested Feb. 21. In a separate raid in San Antonio, authorities captured Daniel George McAllister, Bourque's childhood friend from First Baptist Church in tiny Ben Wheeler.

Bourque and McAllister, 22, each face one count of felony arson for a fire at Dover Baptist Church near Tyler, about 90 miles east of Dallas. They are suspects in nine other church fires that were ruled arsons and three attempted church break-ins, according to court documents.

Both men are being held on \$10 million bond. They could face life in prison if convicted.

Investigators say the motive for the fiery crime spree remains a mystery.

The young men's former pastor described Bourque as an outgoing, inquisitive child who asked pointed questions about the Bible and was a whiz at memorizing passages. The Rev. Carlton Young recalled

McAllister as a quiet and shy boy, nurtured by a mother who worked in the church nursery and home-schooled her son before she died several years ago. "As a church and even the people in the com-

munity are just in grief," Young said. "There's a lot of sorrow and concern for the 10 churches that have been burned. Then you put a face on it." Young said he mostly lost touch with Bourque when the young man's family moved about five years ago and rarely saw McAllister after his mother's death.

About seven years ago, the boys sneaked into the church in the middle of the night, said Young, who lives next to the church and only knew about the incident because his wife saw the boys leave.

The pastor said the boys had rigged an emergency door earlier so it would open from the outside. He said nothing was stolen or vandalized, and he never reported the incident to authorities. He said he sees no connection between the fires and the incident, which he characterized as youthful mischief.

"It was two little junior high kids, you know, out doing their thing they shouldn't be doing," Young said.

Bourque was under surveillance when he showed up for a free meal at Tyler Junior College's Baptist Student Ministry four days before his arrest, ministry director Mark Jones said. The director said Bourque had been attending the weekly at least a few months, but he didn't know much about him.

"I think it was a shock for my core students," Jones said. "Here's this guy who walked among us that we interacted with that we had no idea of the darkness

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Rules change for young drivers

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — New rules meant to improve safety target young drivers in Texas.

The Department of Public Safety says, as of Monday, applicants between the ages of 18 and 24 must complete an approved driver education course and a driving skills test to get a license.

DPS says applicants also must submit a certificate proving that they successfully completed a driver education course

approved by the Texas Education Agency.

Applicants with such proof will not be required to submit to the written highway signs and traffic laws test, but still need to pass the driving skills part.

A driving safety course or drug and alcohol driving awareness program are not acceptable as driver education courses.

The changes were approved by the 2009 Legislature.



staff photo by David Bowser
 County Tax Assessor Gaye Whitehead brought the Gray County Commissioners Court up to date on tax collections by county taxing entities during the court's first meeting this month Monday morning. For complete coverage of the meeting, see Tuesday's Pampa News.

Updated food stamp process helps food banks

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A federal waiver will allow food banks in Houston, San Antonio, Dallas and Fort Worth to handle food stamp applications directly.

The San Antonio Express-News reports the updated system began Monday in an effort toward quicker processing of applications.

Food bank authorities will have access to state computers to make sure eligible applicants are not already getting food assistance. Interviews that food

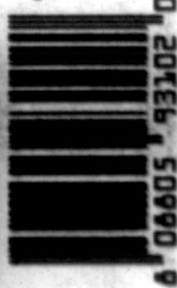
bank employees conduct with applicants will no longer have to be repeated by state workers.

Employees at the Health and Human Services Commission still will be responsible for determining whether the applicants are eligible.

Commissioner Tom Suehs says food banks have done a wonderful job helping the agency connect with Texas families for years and "this is a natural next step for both of us."

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High 55 Low 35	High 55 Low 33	High 48 Low 36
Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31. North wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.		
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 55. Wind chill values between 30 and 40 early. Calm wind becoming west southwest around 5 mph.		
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 35. East northeast wind around 5 mph becoming south southeast.		
Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 55. South southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.		
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. East southeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.		
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 48. Southeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.		
Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 36. South southeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.		

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Boy, 13, dies in sand tunnel collapse

SANTA FE, Texas (AP) — A Santa Fe-area boy has died in the collapse of a sand tunnel he was digging in the family's back yard. The Galveston County Sheriff's Office identified the victim as 13-year-old Josh Stone. A news release says the victim was discovered late Friday by his brother, with the teen's lower legs the only part of his body showing from the sand pile.

Investigators say it appears the sand collapsed around the victim. The sheriff's department says the victim was last seen alive around 2 p.m. Friday. The teen was discovered missing nearly three hours later when the children's father returned home from work. Stone was transported to Mainland Center Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Rig accident kills worker from Texas

KEITHVILLE, La. (AP) — Deputies say a 25-year-old Texas man has died in an accident at a natural gas drilling site in south Caddo Parish. The accident happened Sunday at a rig operated by Trinidad Drilling, Ltd. and owned by Chesapeake Operating, Inc.

The Caddo Parish Coroner's Office identified the victim as Noe Falcon of Rio Grande City, Texas, an employee of Trinidad Drilling. Officials say Falcon died from a head injury. No details about the accident were released.

2 Texas inmates set to die this month lose appeals

HOUSTON (AP) — Two condemned Texas

inmates set to die this month have lost appeals at the U.S. Supreme Court. The justices on Monday refused a petition from 31-year-old Joshua Maxwell. He is set to die next week for abducting, robbing and fatally shooting off-duty Bexar County Sgt. Rudy Lopes as part of a cross-country crime spree in 2000. The court also refused an appeal from 47-year-old Hank Skinner. He faces lethal injection March 24 for the 1993 New Year's Eve killings of 40-year-old Twila Jean Busby and her two grown sons at their home in Pampa. The men are among at least 11 condemned Texas prisoners with execution dates in the coming months.

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Obituaries

Lacey Eddins, 89

Pampa — Lacey Eddins, 89, died Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010 in Pampa. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at the First Baptist Church in Skellytown with Rev. Fines Marchman, pastor officiating. Private burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Eddins was born on March 11, 1920 in Meade, Oklahoma. She was a resident of the Skellytown and

Spring Creek areas from 1948 until 2008 when she moved to Pampa. She married M. H. Eddins on Dec. 30, 1939 in Durant, Oklahoma. He preceded her in death in May of 1990. Lacey was a member of First Baptist Church of Skellytown and the Women's Missionary Union. She was a woman of deep faith and commitment to her church, family, and friends. Survivors include a son, Phil Eddins and wife Lynelle of Sugarland; a

daughter, Jan Cory and husband David of Pampa; four grandchildren, Jason Klaus and fiancée Erica Munoz and Jordan Klaus, all of Oklahoma City; Kimberly Soukup and husband Brandon of McKinney and Lisa Hennen of Richardson. **MEMORIALS:** First Baptist Church Memorial Fund, 400 Lindberg, Skellytown, TX 79080. **SPECIAL NOTICE:** The family will receive friends from 5:30-7:00 PM Monday at the funeral home. **Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.**



Eddins

Chile troops, police attack post-quake looting

CONCEPCION, Chile (AP) — Rescuers found signs of life in a quake-topped building on Monday as the world offered aid to victims of a catastrophe that killed more than 700 people. Troops and police cracking down on looters arrested dozens of people for violating a curfew. "We are confronting an emergency without parallel in Chile's history," Bachelet declared Sunday, a day after the magnitude-8.8 quake — one of the biggest in centuries — killed at least 708 people and destroyed or badly damaged 500,000 homes. Some coastal towns were almost obliterated, first shaken by the quake, then slammed by a tsunami that lifted whole houses and carried them inland and that reduced others to piles of sticks. Across the highway from a looted supermarket in Concepcion, the big city closest to the epicenter, rescuers heard the knock of trapped victims inside a toppled 70-unit apartment building began to drill holes through thick walls trying to reach them, said fire department Commander Juan Carlos Subercaseux. Firefighters had already pulled 25 survivors from the building, as well as eight people who died. Only the chop of military helicopters flying overhead broke the silence demanded by rescuers straining to hear signs of life within the building. Police chief Elicer Soler said officers arrested 55

people for violating a curfew imposed after looters sacked nearly market in town. Troops ordered into the city by Bachelet began to patrol to enforce security. At least a few looters re-emerged to rob a market on Monday despite Bachelet's order placing the city's security under military command. On Sunday, ingenious looters used long tubes of bamboo and plastic to siphon gasoline from underground tanks at a closed gasoline station. Eduardo Aundez, a Spanish professor, watched with disgust as a soldier patiently waited for looters to rummage through a downtown store, then lobbed two tear gas canisters into the rubble to get them out. "I feel abandoned" by authorities, he said. "We believe the government didn't take the necessary measures in time, and now supplies of food and water are going to be much more complicated." The U.N. said Monday that it would begin rushing aid deliveries to Chile following Bachelet's announcement she was seeking international aid. U.N. humanitarian spokeswoman Elisabeth Byrs said Chile was seeking temporary bridges, field hospitals, satellite phones, electric generators, damage assessment teams, water purification systems, field kitchens and dialysis centers. "We are prepared to provide assistance," Byrs told

The Associated Press in Geneva. "It could be quite fast, given that our experts are on standby and were alerted in the region." U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton also offered to work "in solidarity" with Chile's leaders to provide disaster aid. Speaking to reporters while traveling in Uruguay, Clinton said she would bring some communications equipment when she visits Chile on Tuesday. Argentina, meanwhile, announced it was already sending its neighboring nation six aircraft loaded with a field hospital, 55 doctors and water treatment plants. Bachelet ordered troops to help deliver food, water and blankets and clear rubble from roads, and she urged power companies to restore service first to hospitals, health clinics and shelters. Field hospitals were planned for hard-hit Concepcion, Talca and Curico. Bachelet also ordered authorities to quickly identify the dead and return them to their families to ensure "the dignified burials that they deserve." Defense Minister Francisco Vidal acknowledged the navy made a mistake by not immediately activating a tsunami warning after the quake hit before dawn Saturday. Port captains in several coastal towns did, saving what Vidal called hundreds of lives. Thirty minutes passed between the quake and a wave that inundated coast-

al towns, leaving behind sticks, scraps of metal and masonry houses ripped in two. A beachside carnival in the village of Lloca was swamped in the tsunami. A carousel was twisted on its side and a Ferris wheel rose above the muddy wreckage. Officials said at least eight people died and eight were missing on Robinson Crusoe Island, where it the tsunami drove the sea almost 2 miles (3 kilometers) into the town of San Juan Bautista. Efforts to determine the full scope of destruction were undermined by an endless string of terrifying aftershocks that turned more buildings into rubble — and forced thousands to set up tents in parks and grassy highway medians. "If you're inside your house, the furniture moves," said Monica Aviles, pulling a shawl around her shoulders to ward off the cold as she sat next to a fire across the street from her apartment building. As if to punctuate her fear, an aftershock set off shuddering and groaning sounds for blocks around. "That's why we're here," she said. In Washington, the State Department urged Americans to avoid tourist and other nonessential travel to Chile. U.S. citizens in Chile were asked to contact family and friends in the United States, whether by telephone, Internet or cell-phone text messaging.

January spending increases

WASHINGTON (AP) — Personal spending jumped by a larger amount than expected in January but Americans' incomes barely budged as millions of Social Security recipients did not get their usual cost-of-living boost. The weak income growth could depress spending in the months ahead, acting as a further drag on the fragile economic recovery. The Commerce Department said Monday that personal spending rose by 0.5 percent in January, slightly better than expected. But incomes edged up only 0.1 percent, significantly lower than the 0.4 percent gain that economists had expected. The income gain was the weakest showing in four months and raised more concerns about whether consumers will be able to keep spending at a sufficiently strong pace to support an economic rebound. Consumer spending is closely watched because it accounts for 70 percent of total economic activity. The 0.1 percent rise in incomes was below the 0.4 percent gain that economists had expected. The weakness came even though private wages and salaries were up by \$16.1 billion at an annual rate, compared to a \$2.3 billion gain in December. However, households did not get the usual boost they see from the government's annual cost-of-living adjustment for Social Security and other benefits. The 50 million recipients of Social Security saw no gain at all in January because of low inflation, the first time that has occurred in

more than three decades. In January 2009, incomes had risen at an annual rate of \$41.1 billion because of that year's cost of living adjustment. For the past two years, income growth has been held back by job losses caused by the worst recession since the 1930s. For all of 2009, personal incomes actually fell by 1.7 percent, the weakest showing since the Great Depression year of 1938, when incomes had fallen by 7.7 percent. In January, after-tax incomes actually dropped by 0.4 percent, the biggest monthly decline since last July. With after-tax incomes falling as spending increased, the personal savings rate dipped to 3.3 percent in January, down from 4.2 percent in December. For all of 2009, the savings rate had risen to 4.3 percent, the highest annual savings rate since 1998. The dip in the savings rate in January was seen as temporary blip. Economists believe the savings rate will continue rising as households struggle to cope with the continued threat of job layoffs by rebuilding their tattered balance sheets. Inflation continued to be a no-show. A price gauge tied to personal consumption edged up a small 0.2 percent in January and was unchanged when volatile food and energy prices were removed. The government said Friday that the overall economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, grew at an annual rate of 5.9 percent in

the final three months of last year, the strongest growth in six years. However, economists believe that growth spurt, powered by a swing in business inventories, has slowed sharply since that time. Top forecasters surveyed by the National Association for Business Economics believe the economy is expanding at about half the fourth quarter pace in the current January-March quarter. They expect GDP growth will remain around 3 percent for the rest of the year. It is this modest growth pace that has led economists to believe little progress will be made this year in reducing the nation's jobless rate, which currently stands at 9.7 percent.

Wreck kills Lufkin man test driving motorcycle

LUFKIN, Texas (AP) — A 27-year-old Lufkin man riding a motorcycle on a test drive died after the for-sale vehicle collided head-on with an SUV. The Department of Public Safety says the accident Sunday afternoon killed Wesley Paul Habs. DPS Trooper Clint Henderson says Habs passed another vehicle on a hill in a no-passing zone, striking the SUV.

Early voters



staff photo by **Betsy Phillips**

Lynn and Lynn Allison were among the 1305 voters to cast early ballots in Gray County. Friday was a busy day at the courthouse, with a steady stream of voters choosing to vote early.

Arson

there or the struggle or the hurt."

Jones said Bourque was sometimes joined by McAllister, whose father told reporters his son had struggled to find a job in the past year but was upbeat after moving to San Antonio to join a girlfriend he planned to marry.

An arrest affidavit indicates that a family member took McAllister to the bus station for his trip to San Antonio two days after the fire the men are charged with setting.

Young said McAllister was traumatized by his mother's death.

"She was sort of the anchor in Daniel's life, and he lost that," the pastor said.

Family members of Bourque and McAllister declined to comment to The Associated Press. Attorneys for the men aren't commenting, citing a judge's gag order.

According to court

records, authorities first contacted Bourque on Feb. 11 at his grandparents' upscale home in Lindale, the site of one of the fires. He was arrested 10 days later at his girlfriend's mobile home in a rural area about 15 miles away.

During the intervening surveillance, authorities say, they observed Bourque entering a store bathroom a day before someone reported a carving on a bathroom stall that said "Little Hope was Arson," with an upside-down cross in flames under the wording.

It was an apparent reference to the first arson attack, which occurred Jan. 1 near Athens, about 40 miles southwest of Tyler. Authorities had listed the cause of that fire as undetermined until after the arrests.

On his Facebook page, Bourque joined a bonfire fan group that included hundreds of images of peo-

ple watching bonfires. His social networking shows a cerebral side as well, quoting philosophers on his MySpace page.

At Van High School, he was a state debate champion.

A woman who knew Bourque in high school said his life apparently deteriorated the past two years. Whitney Faber said Bourque told her he had been kicked out of the University of Texas at Tyler last year, but he didn't elaborate. She said Bourque seemed "very, very depressed" when she talked to him, the last of those conversations occurring several months ago.

Young, the pastor, said acquaintances told him in recent days they didn't see that side of Bourque.

"They would see Jason in passing — 'Hi. How are you? What's going on?'" Young said. "Never thinking about anything like this going on."

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President seeks money, interventions to stem dropouts

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama took aim Monday at the nation's school dropout epidemic, proposing \$900 million to states and education districts that agree to drastically change or even shutter their worst performing schools.

Obama's move comes as many schools continue to struggle to get children to graduation, a profound problem in a rich, powerful nation. Only about 70 percent of entering high school freshmen go on to graduate. The problem affects blacks and Latinos at particularly high rates.

The president's plan would seek to help 5,000 of the nation's lowest-performing schools over the next five years.

"In this kind of knowledge economy, giving up on your education and dropping out of school means not only giving up on your future, but it's also giving up on your family's future," Obama said. "It's

giving up on your country."

Obama has been pushing schools — using federal money as his leverage — to raise their standards and prod them to get more children ready for college or work. It is a task that former President George W. Bush and Congress, along with many leaders before them, have long taken on, but the challenge is steep.

Obama's 2011 budget proposal includes \$900 million for School Turnaround Grants. That money is in addition to \$3.5 billion to help low-performing schools that was in last year's economic stimulus bill.

To get a share of the new money, states and school districts must adopt one of four approaches to fix their struggling schools:

—Turnaround Model: The school district must replace the principal and at least half of the school staff, adopt a new governance structure for the

school, and implement a new or revised instructional program.

—Restart Model: The school district must close and reopen the school under the management of a charter school operator, a charter management organization or an educational management organization. A restarted school would be required to enroll, within the grades it serves, former students who wish to attend.

—School Closure: The school district must close the failing school and enroll the students in other, higher-achieving schools in the district.

—Transformational Model: The school must address four areas, including teacher effectiveness, instruction, learning and teacher planning time, and operational flexibility.

The administration also is putting \$50 million into dropout prevention strategies, including better use of data.

Altrusa club news

ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL, INC. OF PAMPA, TEXAS met February 23, 2010 at Pampa Senior Center. Guests attending were Gladys and Phil Vanderpool. ASTRA members, Robin Fernuik and Kaitlyn Winegeart were also in attendance. Barb Hahn and Allison Watson served as greeters.

The Accent was given by Terri Williams on "Responsibility of Membership". Brenda Tucker conducted a new member initiation for Breaanne Schwiegerath. The following committee reports were given:

ASTRA —Eileen Kludt introduced ASTRA students Robin Fernuik and Kaitlyn Winegeart who

gave a reported on various projects planned by the club.

Terri Williams was presented a Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding work as project chair of the Tralee Gift Wrapping project.

Phil Vanderpool who serves as Child Protective Court Judge over 20 counties including Gray presented the program. Vanderpool gave suggestions for assisting the courts in diminishing child abuse.

The following announcements were made:

Altrusa Board meeting March 2 at FirstBank Southwest at noon.

Bi-City Meeting in Borger March 29 with

details to be given at the next meeting.

5th Tuesday fun night (Gal Events) March 30.

District Nine Conference in Lubbock April 9-11.

The next meeting will be held March 9 at noon at the First United Methodist Church

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Monday, March 1, the 60th day of 2010. There are 305 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 1, 1932, Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., the 20-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh, was kidnapped from the family home near Hopewell, N.J. (Remains identified as those of the child were found the following May.)

On this date:

In 1790, President George Washington signed a measure authorizing the first U.S. Census.

In 1809, the Illinois Territory came into existence.

In 1867, Nebraska became the 37th state.

In 1872, President Ulysses S. Grant signed an act creating Yellowstone National Park.

In 1890, J.P. Lippincott published the first U.S. edition of the Sherlock Holmes mystery "A Study in Scarlet" by Arthur Conan Doyle.

In 1940, the novel "Native Son" by Richard Wright was first published by Harper and Brothers.

In 1954, Puerto Rican nationalists opened fire from the gallery of the U.S. House of Representatives, wounding five congressmen.

'Keep the circus going inside you, keep it going, don't take anything too seriously, it'll all work out in the end.'

— David Niven, British actor (born this date in 1910, died 1983)

gressmen.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps.

In 1981, Irish Republican Army member Bobby Sands began a hunger strike at the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland; he died 65 days later.

In 2003, suspected 9/11 mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammed (HAH'-leed shayk moh-HAH'-med) was captured by Pakistani and CIA agents.

Ten years ago: Candidates in both major parties turned their focus to Super Tuesday, a day after Texas Governor George W. Bush won Leap Day primaries in Virginia, North Dakota and Washington state, while Vice President Al Gore won in Washington state. A gunman in Wilkesburg, Pa. fatally shot three men and wounded two others; the shooter, Ronald Taylor, was later convicted and sentenced to death. Classes were canceled at Buell Elementary School in Mount Morris Township, Mich., a day after 6-year-old Kayla Rolland was fatally shot by a fellow first-grader. (The boy shooter was never prosecuted because of his age.)

Five years ago: Dennis Rader, the churchgoing family man accused of leading a double life as the BTK serial killer, was charged in Wichita, Kan. with 10 counts of first-degree murder. (Rader later pleaded guilty and received multiple life sentences.) A closely divided Supreme Court outlawed the death penalty for juvenile criminals.

One year ago: The Association of Southeast Asian Nations concluded its 14th annual summit in Thailand by vowing to push ahead with plans to become a European Union-style economic community by 2015. At a one-day summit in Brussels, European Union leaders flatly rejected a new multi-billion euro bailout for eastern Europe.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Robert Clary is 84. Singer Harry Belafonte is 83. Former U.S. Solicitor General Robert H. Bork is 83. Actor Robert Conrad is 75. Rock singer Mike D'Abo (Manfred Mann) is 66. Former Senator John Breaux (D-La.) is 66. Rock singer Roger Daltrey is 66. Actor Dirk Benedict is 65. Actor Alan Thicke is 63. Actor-director Ron Howard is 56. Actress Catherine Bach is 56. Country singer Janis Gill (aka Janis Oliver Cummins) (Sweethearts of the Rodeo) is 56. Actor Tim Daly is 54. Singer-musician Jon Carroll is 53. Rock musician Bill Leen is 48. Actor Maurice Bernard is 47. Actor Russell Wong is 47. Actor John David Cullum is 44. Actor George Eads is 43. Actor Javier Bardem (HAH'-vee-ayr bahr-DEHM') is 41. Actor Jack Davenport is 37. Rock musician Ryan Peake (Nickelback) is 37. Actor Mark-Paul Gosselaar is 36. Actor Jensen Ackles is 32. TV host Donovan Patton is 32. Rock musician Sean Woolstenhulme is 29. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sammie is 23.



Analysis: Republicans setting filibuster record

AN AP NEWS ANALYSIS WASHINGTON (AP)

— The filibuster — tool of obstruction in the U.S. Senate — is alternately blamed and praised for wilting President Barack Obama's ambitious agenda. Some even say it's made the nation ungovernable.

Maybe, maybe not. Obama's term still has three years to run.

More certain, however: Opposition Republicans are using the delaying tactic at a record-setting pace.

"The numbers are astonishing in this Congress," says Jim Riddlesperger, political science professor at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

The filibuster, using seemingly endless debate to block legislative action, has become entrenched like a dandelion tap root in the midst of the shrill partisanship gripping Washington.

But the filibuster is nothing new. Its use dates to the mists of Senate history, but until the civil rights era, it was rarely used.

A tactic unique to the Senate, the filibuster means a simple majority guarantees nothing when it comes to passing laws.

"The rules of the Senate are designed to give muscle to the minority," said Senate historian Donald Ritchie.

With the Senate, now made up of 100 members, two for each of the 50 states, an opposition filibuster can only be broken with 60 votes — a three-fifths majority.

As a matter of political philosophy, the concept of

the filibuster arises from a deep-seated, historic concern among Americans that the minority not be steamrolled by the majority.

It is a brake and protective device rooted in the same U.S. political sensibility that gave each state two senators regardless of population.

The same impulse gave Americans the Electoral College in presidential contests — a structure from earliest U.S. history designed to give smaller population states greater influence in choosing the nation's leader.

Given recent use of the filibuster by minority Republicans and the party's success in snarling the legislative process in this Congress, Democrats say the minority has gone way beyond just protecting its interests.

The frequency of filibusters — plus threats to use them — are measured by the number of times the upper chamber votes on cloture. Such votes test the majority's ability to hold together 60 members to break a filibuster.

Last year, the first of the 111th Congress, there were a record 112 cloture votes. In the first two months of 2010, the number already exceeds 40.

That means, with 10 months left to run in the 111th Congress, Republicans have turned to the filibuster or threatened its use at a pace that will more than triple the old record. The 104th Congress in 1995-96 — when Republicans held a

53-47 majority — required 50 cloture votes.

During most of Obama's first year in office and for a few weeks this year, 58 Democratic senators and two Independents who normally vote with them held a filibuster-proof 60-seat majority in the Senate.

That vanished last month when Massachusetts Republican Scott Brown captured the seat of the late Sen. Ted Kennedy, who died last summer.

Most notably, Brown's victory has stymied Obama's push to overhaul health care just as the bill was approaching the finish line. Before Brown's election, both the Senate and the House of Representatives had passed separate versions of the reform legislation.

Brown broke the Democratic 60-seat majority before the two chambers could meld differences in their bills for a final vote in both houses.

However, one of Brown's first votes after taking office saw him joining four other Republicans to help Democrats break a threatened filibuster by his party's leaders against a job bill.

The measure, \$13 billion in tax incentives for businesses to hire unemployed workers, was quickly passed the next day with 12 Republicans joining Brown and 55 Democrats in favor of it.

Filibusters to make the Obama administration and Democrats in Congress look inept are one thing. Quite another is a vote against creating jobs in an economy with nearly 10 percent unemployment and midterm elections nine months away.

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Extensive burns don't stop soldier's re-enlistment

SAN ANTONIO (AP)— Tech. Sgt. Israel Del Toro Jr. spent four years trying to return to service to his country.

On Feb. 8, the Air Force recognized his dedication after he was badly burned in Afghanistan. Despite Del Toro's disfiguring scars, the service welcomed him back for an additional four years. He'll continue sharing his expertise as a tactical air control instructor.

Del Toro might look different, but he still has the spirit of an airman, Maj. Gen. Anthony F. Przybyslawski told about 400 airmen in a ceremony at Randolph Air Force Base near San Antonio.

"He's got everything you and I have in here," he

said, holding his hand on his heart.

On a cold December morning in 2005, Del Toro, a brawny sergeant trained to call in airstrikes, was tracking the Taliban near Kabul when his Humvee hit an explosive.

Del Toro had burns over 80 percent of his body. As he waited for a helicopter, his buddies kept reminding him to stay awake, for his wife and young son.

After three months in a medically induced coma, Del Toro regained consciousness at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio and was given only a 20 percent chance of living. Doctors said he might not walk again and might be on a ventilator for life.

But the guy known as "DT" was a tough kid from Chicago. He had helped get his three younger siblings through school after his parents died. Speaking in a whisper from burns to his vocal cords, he refused to accept his doctors' bleak forecasts.

"I told them to go to hell," Del Toro said.

He was discharged from BAMC in May 2006, earlier than anyone expected, and was soon walking. Now, at 34 and after more than 100 surgeries, he runs five kilometers, which is a little more than three miles, though not as fast as he'd like.

It was when he took his oath Monday to defend the nation against all enemies, foreign and domestic, that

he finally felt he'd reached the greatest plateau in his recovery. He said that although he could've made more money as a civilian contractor, it never was about that.

Through aerobic exercise, weightlifting, massage, stretching and physical therapy, he's made it back into the force.

"I've fought for four years, and I did it," he said. "A lot of people supported me. That helped a lot and kept pushing me forward."

Though he has less stamina and lost his fingers and the use of his left hand, Del Toro, a master parachutist who also served in Bosnia and Iraq, has a lot to offer young airmen, Air Force officials said.

Joined at the ceremony

by his wife, Carmen, and son, Israel III, 7, Del Toro said he'll probably retire in four years, with a total of 17 years of service, short of the 20 required to receive full benefits.

He'll soon begin working as an instructor at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio and will have incredible stories to share, Przybyslawski said.

"These young airmen are going to have instant credibility," he said.

According to BAMC, 47 percent of the more than 800 patients who've been there with combat burn wounds have returned to duty. But few were as badly burned as Del Toro.

He was part of a small group of patients in BAMC's burn center who called themselves the

"over 60 club" — those with more than 60 percent burn coverage. One member of the group, Marine Sgt. Merlin German, had 97 percent burn coverage. He also was burned in 2005, but died three years later.

Another patient in the ward, Army Staff Sgt. Christopher Edwards, had 79 percent burn coverage, but he remains on active duty in Baumholder, Germany. He said he was happy for Del Toro and proud of his determination.

"It's great that he will stay and impart all the things that he has gone through with others," Edwards wrote in an e-mail. "It will make not only him, but also them, stronger."

Teen arrested after allegedly driving into crowd

EL PASO, Texas (AP)— Officials say an 18-year-old El Paso man was apparently angry about being asked to leave a gathering and so drove his car into a crowd in a parking area. Two male teenagers were injured but are expected to recover.

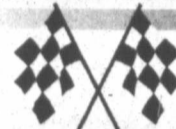
The El Paso County Sheriff's Office said Sunday that a 17-year-old was pinned under the the Mitsubishi Lancer and a 16-year-old was struck and suffered a broken leg.

Witnesses said the driver in the early Saturday incident had to be

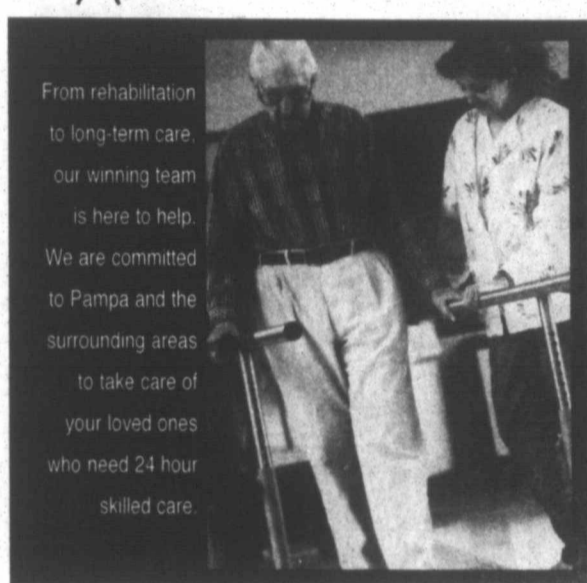
forced out of the car so the 17-year-old could be pulled out from under it. The 17-year-old suffered bruising and internal injuries.

The driver remains jailed on two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: In March of last year, I saw your column about the upcoming World Kidney Day when the National Kidney Foundation would offer free screenings around the country through their Kidney Early Evaluation Program (KEEP). You encouraged your readers to find the location of their local KEEP screenings, so I did -- figuring I had nothing to lose.

Well, my lab tests from the KEEP screening showed that my kidneys had not been properly filtering toxins from my body. Armed with those test results I made an appointment with my doctor. She had never checked my kidney function before. Once she saw the results of my kidney function tests were low, she suggested major diet and exercise changes and took me off two medications she suspected were too much for my kidneys to handle.

Today, I feel great. My blood pressure is normal, my weight is 30 pounds lighter and my kidney function is continually improving. What a blessing that I read your column that day, Abby, and went to the KEEP screening before it was too late. If I hadn't, I could be on dialysis, waiting for a kidney transplant or, worse, not here at all. -- CAROL ANN JOHNSON, INDEPENDENCE, MO.

DEAR CAROL ANN: I am pleased that an item you saw in my column was so helpful. I hope your experience encourages other readers to look for the KEEP screenings in their local areas this year.

Readers, this year World Kidney Day is being held on Thursday, March 11. On that day the National Kidney Foundation will once again hold screenings all over the U.S. for those at risk. This includes anyone who has high blood pressure, diabetes or a family history of those conditions or kidney disease.

Those of you who would like more informa-

tion regarding kidney disease and free screenings should log onto www.kidney.org.

DEAR ABBY: I don't think I have a recessive personality, yet I constantly find myself in conversations with people who appear to have no interest in what I have to say. Regardless of the subject, I am never able to finish what I want to say before the other person interrupts with his/her own "more important" story.

An example: I said, "My mother-in-law came to visit last night ... " Before I could get the next word out, someone started talking about an incident

she suffered through with her M-I-L. She continued on for more than five minutes.

Another time, during an hour-long lunch with a girlfriend, she spent 45 minutes (I timed her) talking about herself. And then there's my co-worker who spent seven minutes of a conference we had for a project we shared discussing the project, and the rest talking about herself.

Am I expecting too much to be heard, respected, empathized with and supported by people I consider close friends and associates? What can I do to remedy this? -- LET ME FINI ...

DEAR LET ME: Your

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Sports

Lady Harvesters blank Lady Dons for second win

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Lady Harvesters soccer team got a much needed win as they beat the Palo Duro Lady Dons 3-0 Saturday at Travis Elementary.

Head Coach John True said it was a big win for the team and they needed it.

"Hopefully that will project us into winning a couple more games and making a run into the playoffs hopefully," True said. "If we win our next two we're in if we win one it will be tight."

It only took about six and a half minutes for Pampa to get on the board. Olivia Stovall took advantage of a pass from Cindy Meza and kicked the ball downfield and shot it past the goalie. The Lady Harvesters had several scoring chances in the first half but went into halftime with a 1-0 lead. True was pleased with how his offense played.

"We had a bunch of shots on goal," True said. "We had great runs off the ball. They did a good job of putting themselves in scoring position."

In the second half both teams were scoreless for the first 13 minutes with a few scoring chances. Mid-

way through the second half, Stovall scored her second goal of the game to expand Pampa's lead to 2-0. Crystal Garcia scored the final goal of the game a couple minutes later. Bree Howard got her second shutout of the season. True said Howard has been exceptional this season and was glad she didn't have to work much in this game.

"She (Howard) didn't have to do much which is good," True said. "She in my opinion is the best keeper in our district. She for sure has had the most work. The good thing was she didn't have to do much today."

Earlier in the week, Pampa played at Borger Wednesday and lost 2-1. True said Borger got off to an early lead in the first half but Pampa was in control in the second.

"In the second half the girls dominated the game but were not able to dig themselves out of the early hole we dug," True said. "Kirsten Kuhn scored the lone goal of the second half with an assist going to Olivia Stovall."

The Lady Harvesters (2-9-3, 1-4-3) play at Canyon Saturday.



Viante Ellison kicks the ball downfield against the Palo Duro Lady Dons Saturday. Pampa won 3-0 and plays at the Canyon Lady Eagles Saturday. staff photo by Andrew Glover

Falcons soar over Harvesters in Bushland's Cavalier Classic

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Harvesters were low on pitching and lost 14-4 to the Bushland Falcons Saturday in the Cavalier Classic.

Head Coach Kaleb Snelgrooves said they just ran out of pitching in that game.

"At the end of the game I had Mitch Simon and

Mitchell Killgo pitching," Snelgrooves said. They have never thrown a bullpen session. I asked them if they can throw a strike and play catch with the catcher. We made some costly errors that kept innings alive and they made us pay."

In the top of the first, the Falcons took an early lead scoring four runs on five hits. Eight of nine Bushland hitters batted.

The Harvesters couldn't do anything in the bottom of the first. The only baserunner Pampa had was Mitchell Killgo who struck out but reached base on an error by the pitcher. In the second inning, Collin Killgo came in and pitched in the second and gave up two hits but kept the Falcons from expanding their lead as he ended the inning with a strike-

out and ground out. Pampa was unable to muster any offense in the bottom of the second as they went three up and three down. The Harvesters held the Falcons scoreless in the third as only four Bushland batters came to the plate.

In the bottom of the third, the Harvesters offense finally got going, scor-

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JV tennis tournament Amarillo
Varsity baseball at Bushland 4 p.m.

Thursday
JV baseball tournament at Hereford
Varsity softball tournament at Little Elm
Varsity baseball tournament at Snyder

Friday
JV baseball tournament at Hereford
Varsity softball tournament at Little Elm
Varsity baseball tournament at Snyder



The defense bill of \$745,125 for the Texas trial will increase once Gray County receives final attorney fees and a possible bill from Lubbock County for relocating the trial there, Morris said. (County Auditor Elaine Morris) A final total may be another month or two away. (Total cost excess \$1,000,000.00)

Gray County's general fund budget is about \$7.5 million annually.

While there were other financial factors, Morris said the cost of the King trial contributed to a decision by county commissioners to withhold employee raises and increase tax rates.

With the money spent to provide King's defense, the same result of life without parole could have been achieved with \$10,000 if prosecutors chose against trying King in Texas, said Amarillo attorney Joe Marr Wilson, one of King's two appointed lawyers.

Murder trial costs Gray County a lot, By David Pittman|MORRIS NEWS SERVICE, Tuesday, October 20, 2009, Story last updated at 10/20/2009 - 12:34 am

Our current Judge is running radio ads stating that the Gray County Budget is in excellent shape. **Remember ENRON.**

The accounting firm Arthur Andersen said the same thing about ENRON until it collapsed! **Sound familiar?**

Gray County is headed for the same if we don't stop wasteful spending.

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Sports

Palo Duro Dons keep Pampa winless, win 3-0

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Harvesters soccer team is still seeking their first victory as they lost 3-0 to the Palo Duro Dons Saturday at Travis Elementary.

Head Coach John True said they played well but gave up an early goal that didn't help.

"We kept fighting," True said. "We made a couple mistakes. We had a couple of chances to score but couldn't get it done. I was proud of how the guys stepped up."

The Dons scored their first goal within the first two minutes of the game. True said his players were sleeping on that one.

"We just stood there and watched them do it," True said.

Palo Duro expanded their lead in the second half of the first taking advantage of a goalkeeper error to make it 2-0 which would be the halftime score.

In the second half, the Dons would quickly expand their lead as they scored two minutes into the half. True said Palo Duro was able to get behind the defense.

"We just didn't do a good job of defending," True said.

The Harvesters definitely

had some scoring chances in the second half, they just couldn't put one in the net. True said they made some adjustments offensively at halftime.

"We started keeping the ball on the ground," True said. "We looked to switch the field quicker which opened up space for a backside forward to run through. We were holding the ball in the midfield a little bit and weren't giving it away."

The Harvesters lost 3-1 to Borger Wednesday in Borger. The Bulldogs scored early to lead 1-0 but Flavio Gonzalez tied the game later in the first half. True said they made a mistake on defense that allowed Borger to take the lead for good.

"Just before half we failed to clear a ball in the box and Borger capitalized making the score 2-1, Borger in the lead at half," True said. "The second half was well played but we could not finish our chances in front of Borger's goal. Borger scored a goal with less than 4 minutes left in the game when there was a miss communication made in the box between players, which sealed the deal."

The Harvesters (0-14-1, 0-7-1) play at Canyon 2 p.m. Saturday.



Enrique Mier kicks the ball in between two Palo Duro defenders Saturday. Pampa lost 3-0 and plays at the Canyon Eagles Saturday.

staff photo by Andrew Glover

Crosby's goal gives Canada gold

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Sidney Crosby sized up goalie Ryan Miller in overtime and delivered hockey gold to a nation that not only craved it, but demanded it, too.

Silver wouldn't satisfy. Not in this sport and not in these Olympics.

Canada needed a pick-me-up to call the past 17 days a success. With a wrist shot Miller wasn't expecting, Crosby wiped away a whole lot of hurt. The scoreboard read Canada 3, USA 2. A happy yet relieved country rejoiced Sunday.

The death of a luger before the Olympic cauldron was lit, disheartening glitches and a slow start in the medals race had Canada down on these games. But after finishing tops among all nations with a Winter Olympics record 14 gold medals, including the one it wanted most, the hosts held their heads high.

"O Canada" surely never sounded as sweet as when the Maple Leaf flag rose above the ice to honor hockey's latest champions. And the way the Canadians pulled it off was truly dramatic. Crosby and Canada shook off a shocking tying goal by Zach Parise that gave the United States hope in the closing seconds of regulation.

"I'm very proud to be Canadian," forward Jarome Iginla said. "You know what, I'm really proud of setting the gold-medal record for Canada."

Remember the time: 7:40 into the extra session. That's the moment Sid the

Kid grew up on the world stage and scored the winning goal. It set off howls, chants, sobs and cheers inside a packed Canada Hockey Place that was so proud of the guys decked out in red and white.

"It's a pretty unbelievable thing," the 22-year-old Crosby said. "Being in Canada, that's the opportunity of a lifetime. You dream of that a thousand times growing up. For it to come true is amazing."

For the past few years, Crosby has basically been on loan. He plays below the border in Pittsburgh — a working-class American town that celebrated him and the Stanley Cup title he and the Penguins brought to the Steel City last year.

For the past two weeks, he was back home for Canada to reclaim as its own. There could be no more fitting ending to the Vancouver Games than to have the favorite son bring home the gold medal to a country that loves hockey more than any other sport.

At times, it seemed as if the pressure and expectations on this group of Canadian hockey players might be too much to handle. There was the early scare against Switzerland that produced a victory, a scaled-down one in a shootout, and then the crushing loss to the Americans at the end of preliminary round play.

Canada was stuck in a play-in game just to get into the quarterfinals. Could they realistically be expected to win four times in six days to capture gold? The answer was a

resounding yes.

"We talked about not getting discouraged if the tournament didn't go our way right off the bat," defenseman Scott Niedermayer said. "Believe in each other and get our team game the way it needs to be to win, and we did it."

To win, Canada withstood a remarkable and determined effort from a U.S. team that wasn't supposed to medal in Vancouver, much less roll through the tournament unbeaten before losing in the first overtime gold-medal game since NHL players joined the Olympics in 1998.

"No one knew our names. People know our names now," said Chris Drury, one of three holdovers from the 2002 U.S. team that also lost to Canada in the gold-medal game.

Miller graciously accepted the silver medal around his neck, but the disappointment was easy to read on his face.

"He was the main reason we were in the gold medal game and why we got it to overtime," forward Ryan Callahan said.

Drury, Miller's former teammate with the Buffalo Sabres, hugged the devastated goalie near the U.S. bench as the celebration roared all around them.

"He's pretty down, but there's no chance we're here without the way he played the whole tournament," Drury said. "It's heartbreaking to lose in OT of a gold-medal game, but he should be proud of everything he did the last two weeks."

Miller was done in on Sunday by a couple of costly mistakes by his typically sure-handed defensemen. The gaffes led to shots that gave the rock-solid goalie little chance to stop.

Even with an early 0-2 deficit — the first for the Americans in this stunning Olympic run — Miller proved to be as brilliant as he had been throughout the tournament.

A two-goal hole was already deep for the Americans. Three would have been almost too monumental to overcome.

Miller knew it and never let it get that far. He watched from the bench after being pulled for an extra attacker and saw Parise net the goal that made it 2-2 with 24.4 seconds remaining that forced a most improbable overtime. Ryan Kesler began the comeback when he cut the deficit to 2-1 with 7:16 left in the second.

Whatever momentum was gained by Parise's exhilarating goal was mostly gone by the time the teams returned after a lengthy break before overtime.

"Once we got past about 10 minutes into the intermission we realized, 'You know what? We've still got a chance here,'" Crosby said. "We just said, 'Let's go after it.'"

"I didn't want to have any regrets."

Canada was in control throughout extra time, keeping the puck in the U.S. zone and the pressure squarely on the young Americans.

Classic

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ing three runs on three hits and one error. Seven of the nine Harvesters came to the plate in the third. Reid Bradley scored the first run for Pampa. Doug Smith and Anthony Allen scored to bring Pampa within one at 4-3. But that was as close as Pampa would get.

Bushland responded in the top of the fourth. After the lead-off batter struck out, Doug Smith made an error. The next batter doubled and batted in a run to expand the Falcons lead to 5-3. Collin Killgo finished the inning by getting a strikeout and a ground out. Pampa only reached base with a walk in the bottom of the fourth and trailed 5-3 after four.

The Falcons expanded their lead in the top of fifth when they hit a solo home run to left off Collin Killgo. That's the only offense Bushland got in the fifth as they led 6-3 going to the bottom of the inning. The Harvesters would score one more time in the game, in the bottom of the fifth. Smith led off with a walk and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Allen. Smith stole third and scored when Mitchell Killgo grounded out. Hunt grounded out to short to end the inning with Pampa trailing 6-4.

In the top of the sixth, the first three Falcons reached

base. Two of those runners would come around to score to make it an 8-4 game. Anthony Allen came in and pitched the rest of the sixth and ended the inning with a strike out. Pampa couldn't cut into the deficit as they went three up and three down in the sixth.

The Falcons would run away with the game in the top of the seventh. Bushland scored six runs on two hits, three walks and two errors. Mitchell Killgo and Simon would close out the game pitching. In the bottom of the seventh, Pampa's first two batters struck out. Smith kept the game alive with a single and advanced to second on a walk. Allen walked but Mitchell Killgo flied out to second to end the game.

Smith scored two of the Harvesters four runs and got two hits in three at bats. Allen scored a run and got one hit in two at bats. Mitchell Killgo did not get a hit but drove in two runs on a sacrifice fly and a ground out. Hunt drove in a run with a double. Bradley went one for three scoring one run.

The Harvesters (4-1) will play Bushland again Tuesday at Bushland.

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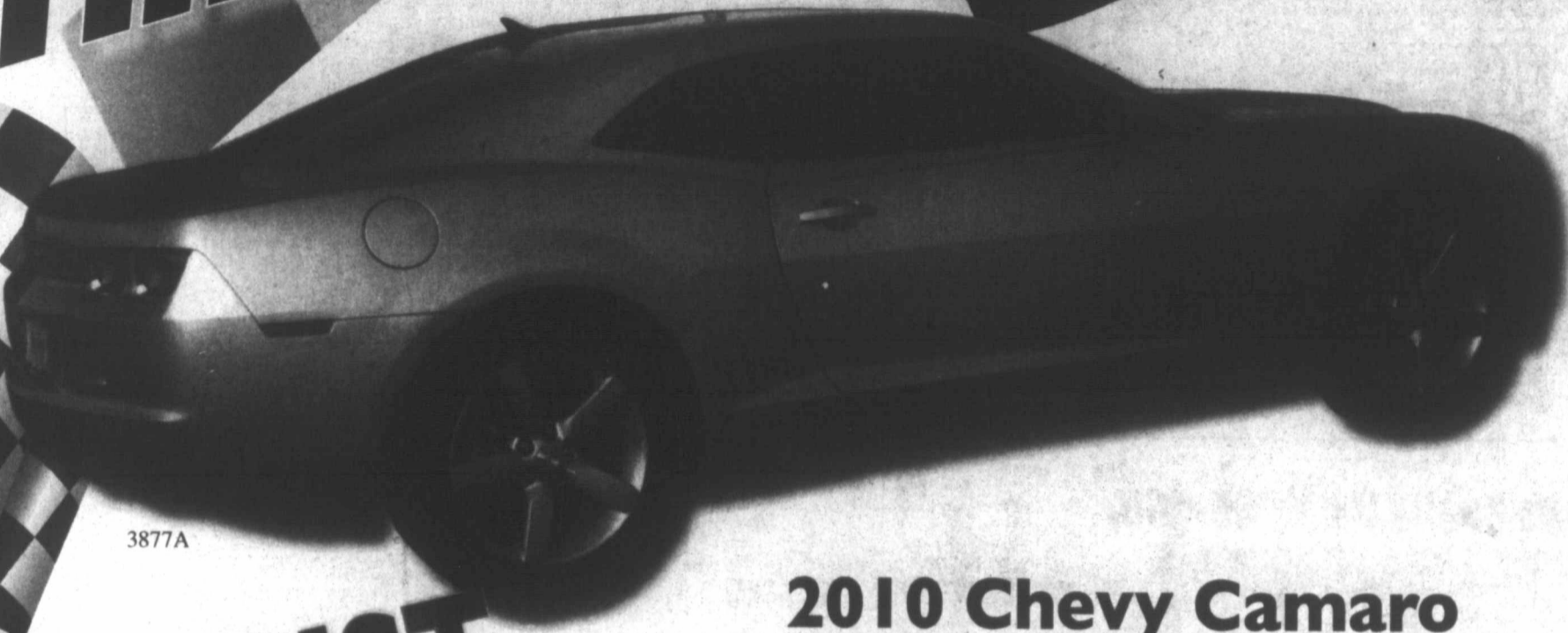
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