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## FOR YOUR SAFETY



staff photo by Betsy Phillips  
Pampa Fire department personnel participate in ongoing training with vehicle stabilization equipment purchased by the department last fall. The equipment, known as Res-Q-Jack, compliments the department's state-of-the-art TNT extrication equipment, Capt. Keith Arnzen, Capt. Jesse Hanes, (foreground) Firefighter Travis Dosch, and Equipment Operator Jim Sirmans.

## McLean man arrested for meth

by Rachel Stennett  
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The Gray County Sheriff's Office arrested a man McLean Monday (March 2) on an outstanding warrant, then discovered materials used for creating a clandestine meth lab in his vehicle.  
David Ray Burrow, 29, of McLean was arrested on an outstanding warrant for manufacturing and delivering a controlled substance in an amount greater than four grams, but less than 200 grams.  
Burrow was also charged with a new count of the same type when materials were found in his car during his arrest.  
At approximately 3 p.m., Sheriff's Deputy Robert Baker stopped a vehicle driving on Main street in McLean. Baker knew the driver, Burrow, was wanted by the GCSO and he was arrested.  
"Upon a subsequent search and inventory of the vehicle, materials for a clandestine meth lab as well as a substance believed to be methamphetamine were found," Lt. Joe B. Hoard explained.  
Burrow remained in custody as of Tuesday afternoon, in the Gray County Jail with bond set at \$100,000.

## Heart Gala breaks record

by Rachel Stennett  
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Over 200 people attended the "Fly Me to the Moon" heart gala, making it the most successful event in the history of the Tri-County chapter of the American Heart Association.  
"We raised the most the Tri-County Heart Gala has ever made," Keely Downs, president explained. The 2009 Tri-County Heart Gala raised over \$20,000 through sponsorships, live auction sales, and ticket sales.  
The event was held at the Starlight Ballroom at AmericInn Saturday, Feb. 28, and included a prime rib dinner and dancing, a style show, a silent and live auction, and live entertainment by local performing artists.  
The funds raised from the gala will go towards placing automated external defibrillators in schools, educational CPR classes, which will include dummies for teachings, and funding for research conducted by the American Heart Association, AHA Amarillo Director Shana Collins explained.  
"In the past the money has been used for heart research at Texas Tech," Collins said. "We raised \$438,000 through the Amarillo and Tri-County areas." The Tri-County area includes Gray, Roberts,  
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## "Appliance Day" is Saturday

by David Bowser  
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Top of Texas Ice Company will again be hosting Appliance Day in Pampa this weekend.  
Paulette Hinkle and Mary Ann Richards with the ice company have volunteered to help Gray County Commission Gary Willoughby clean up the community on Saturday.  
"We will be here from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. this Saturday," Hinkle said. "People can bring by their old freezers and refrigerators and other appliances if they have some and need to get rid of them."  
Hinkle said Willoughby will be helping as a citizen, not as a county commissioner.  
"He's just here as a concerned citizen," she said.  
Old appliances can be brought to the Top of Texas Ice Company at 1945 N. Hobart, Willoughby said. They will be taking in washers, dryers, stoves, dishwasher made of metal and micro wave ovens made of metal.  
"We do not want the dishwasher made of plastic," Willoughby said. "If they are the all plastic dishwasher, we are not going to accept them. Micro waves must be of metal."  
He said the refrigerators need to be cleaned out before they are brought by.  
"There can't be any trash in them," Willoughby said. "All we ask is that they be cleaned out," Hinkle said.  
Willoughby said he has people who will collect the old appliances and take them to junk metal dealers in Amarillo.  
"They were in Lefors last week," Willoughby said. "Last week alone, they took 21,000 pounds of junk steel out of Gray County."  
They cleaned up a number of backyards and in the past have helped clean up roadsides that have been littered with junked appliances.  
Willoughby said neither he nor the ice company make any money off the project. The people hauling the appliances to the scrap dealers in Amarillo don't charge the county or city. They're paid by the scrap dealers as much as \$300 to \$400 a load.  
The Precinct 2 County Commissioner said he has neither the time nor the manpower to collect the scrap. He said his employ-  
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## Duncan files landowner protection bill

by David Bowser  
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Pampa's state senator has introduced a bill that would help protect landowners facing eminent domain issues, but there is still the question of fair compensation for the land the government takes.  
Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, who represents Pampa, filed Senate Bill 533 a few weeks ago to address the issues between private landowners and any entities seeking to obtain that land for economic benefit, as opposed to public use, Deon Daugherty Allen, Duncan's communications director, said this week.  
"We have a constitutional amendment in drafting to ask voters for approval on a definition of public use," she said.  
State Senator Craig Estes, R-Wichita Falls, has also filed eminent domain legislation, Allen said.  
Both bills will have to go through the Senate State



Affairs Committee of which Sen. Duncan is chairman.

There are similar bills in the House.  
Regan Beck with the Texas Farm Bureau said there have been several court cases in recent years dealing with eminent domain, the ability of the government to take private property for public purposes. Beck said that the major issues are that the entity with condemnation powers should negotiate in good faith, public use needs to be defined more specifically and there should be fair compensation to landowners for the value of their property.  
"We're not trying to radically change the statute," Beck said. "We're just trying to go back to where it was fair."  
It's the latter issue, fair compensation, that appears to be the sticking point between the Farm Bureau and Duncan.  
"That's an issue we're still working -- Estes, (Glenn) Hegar (R-Katy),  
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**PAMPA FORECAST**

**Thursday**      **Friday**      **Saturday**



High 83  
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High 79  
Low 49



High 68  
Low 37

**Thursday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 83. Windy, with a west southwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph.  
**Thursday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52. Windy, with a west southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.  
**Friday:** Mostly cloudy, with a high near 79. West wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.  
**Friday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 49. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.  
**Saturday:** Mostly cloudy, with a high near 68. Windy, with a south southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph.  
**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 37.

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**Grain prices**

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Wheat.....	\$4.40
Milo.....	\$4.38
Corn.....	\$6.08

**Cash Five Texas results**

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 5-15-21-26-29.  
Number matching five of five: 3. Prize: \$8,869  
Winning tickets purchased in: Houston, Fort Worth  
Matching four of five: 116. Prize: \$103  
Matching three of five: 2,874. Prize: \$9  
Matching two of five: 28,059. Prize: \$2  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

**Emergency Services**

**PAMPA PD**

Pampa Police Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today.  
**Tuesday**  
Officers conducted 14 traffic stops. Stops in the intersection of Hobart and 21st streets, and the 1000 block of South Huff resulted in arrests.  
Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of 23rd and Perryton Parkway, and the 1600 block of North Hobart.  
Criminal mischief was reported in the 1400 block of West Somerville, where mailboxes were broken, and the 600 block of North Wells, where a glass pane of a window was missing,

valued at \$5.  
Civil matters were reported in the lobby of the PD, and the 500 block of North Faulkner.  
Burglaries were reported in the 2500 block of North Perryton Parkway, and the 400 block of North Wynne, where a DVD and CD player and tools were stolen, valued at \$270.  
A total of six calls and/or stops concerning animals were made.  
Disorderly conduct was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 North Charles, the intersection of Alcock and Dwight streets, and the 600 block of North Christy.  
Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 2600 block of North Evergreen, and the 1600 block of East Highway 60.

**For the Record**

**Obituaries**

**Mildred Butler Laycock**

Pampa, Texas — Mildred Butler Laycock died on February 26, 2009 in Pampa.

Memorial services will be at 2:00 PM Friday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Rev. Doug DuBose, Baptist minister, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Laycock was born in Wellington, Texas to Elizabeth and Frank Slough. She graduated from Wellington High School and attended Mary Hardin Baylor College in Belton, Texas. After working two years at the Agricultural Extension Office in the Collingsworth County Courthouse, she attended North Texas State College at Denton, Texas. She worked for a time in an Amarillo law office for her uncle, Judge Elmer Slough. Mildred married Charles P.

Butler and because he had a southern background, they were transferred to Atlanta, Georgia and then to Clemson, South Carolina. She took Real Estate classes at the University of South Carolina and was the first woman in the state of South Carolina to get a Real Estate license and become a broker. Mildred helped to develop two subdivisions there, Highland Estates and Ashley Estates, and named the streets, using a study of South Carolina history in that selection. She was president of the Tri-County Board of Realtors, a member of the Pickens County, South Carolina Planning and Development Commission, the Clemson First Baptist Church and the Clemson College Woman's Club.  
In late 1975, Mildred married Dr. Raymond W.

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Laycock whom she had known in college. In Pampa, she belonged to the Top O' Texas Medical Auxiliary, Pampa Environmental Beautification Committee, Pampa Chamber of Commerce Membership Committee, Twentieth Century Club and the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband Dr. Raymond W. Laycock of the home, one son, Charles P. Butler, Jr. and wife Miriam of Greenville, South Carolina, two daughters; Betty Butler Heath of Hickory, North Carolina, and Julia Butler Eakes of Washington, DC, six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, one stepdaughter Chris Lemons of New Braunfels, and one step-great-granddaughter.  
MEMORIALS: First



**Laycock**

Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, Texas 79066-0621, First Baptist Church, 397 College Ave., Clemson, South Carolina 29631, BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065, or a charity of one's choice.

Sign the on-line register at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com)

**Billie Marie Emmons Harvey, 84**

Pampa, Texas — Billie Marie Emmons Harvey, 84 died on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 in Pampa.

Services will be held at 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 6, 2009, at the Calvary Baptist Church with Paul Nachtigall, pastor of Highland Baptist Church, officiating.

The burial will be at Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Momma, Billie Marie Harvey, finished her race here on Earth and went to be with her Lord and Savior on March 3, 2009. Billie was born Dec. 9, 1924 in Wichita Falls and had been a resident of Pampa since 1950. She

married Herbert Harvey on July 4, 1953 in Clovis, New Mexico. She joins her parents, Walter Randolph and Katy Jewell Emmons, husband Herbert Dale Harvey (1998), brother Don Emmons, and sister LaNell Donnell who finished their race before her. Momma loved her family very much and most of her life revolved around them and many great lifelong friends. She worked for Ideal Food Store, operated the elevator at the Hughes Building for many years, and helped Dad with Herb's Auto Repair before retiring and running around town with her daughters. Billie was a member of Highland Baptist Church.  
Left behind to finish the

race they are running are five children: Danny Lewis of Westminster, Calif., Lanny Lewis and wife Debbie of Oak Ridge, Tenn., Ann Crow and husband Rod, Jan Edmondson and husband Dennis, and Jean Terry and husband Ronnie, all of Pampa, a sister, Edna Parks of Phoenix, Ariz., special friend, Eugene Taylor, of Pampa, 11 grandchildren Brandie Watson, Clifton Dyer, Christopher Crow, Andy Edmondson, Angie Brunson, Steven Terry, Robbie Lewis, Jamie Lewis, James Lewis, Jeffrey Lewis, and Melissa Jones, 18 great grandchildren and one on the way, and one great grandchild, many nieces and



**Harvey**

nephews.  
MEMORIALS: Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, Pampa, TX 79065 or BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com)

**Evie Ellen Stults Eaves, 98**

Pampa, Texas — Evie Ellen Stults Eaves, 98 died on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Eaves was born June 10, 1910 in Indian Territory, Okla. She married Ralph Eaves on Nov.

27, 1927 in Duncan, Okla. He preceded her in death on Dec. 11, 1989. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1943. She was a sales clerk at Levine's Department Store, retiring in 1972. Mrs. Eaves was a member of Central Baptist Church. She received her GED at the age of 97.

Survivors include three grandsons: David Eaves of El Paso, Ric Eaves and wife Rose Mary and Lonny Eaves and wife Donna, all of Amarillo, three great granddaughters Colleen Hall, Phoenix Sheffield, and Amy Eaves, all of Amarillo; and by five great grandchildren. She

was preceded in death by her son, Leon Eaves.

MEMORIALS: Central Baptist Church Building Fund, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065 or SPCA, 11901 S. Coulter, Amarillo, TX 79119.

Sign the online register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

**Emergency Services**

Agency assistance was rendered in the 2100 block of West 18th, the 2800 block of North Charles, the 200 block of North Sumner, and the 500 block of North Nelson.

Motor vehicle accidents were reported in the intersection of Alcock and Zimmers, and the 1100 block of Seneca.

An assault was reported in the lobby of the PD. Suspicious person calls

were received from the 800 block of North Duncan, the 800 block of West 23rd, the intersection of Hobart and Wilks streets, and the 1300 block of North Coffee.

Welfare checks were made in the 1100 block of Seneca, the 500 block of North Faulkner, and the 2200 block of North Wells.

Theft was reported at Wal-Mart, 2801 North

Charles, where clothing and jewelry were reportedly stolen, valued at \$47.

Wednesday  
Officers conducted five

traffic stops. A stop in the intersection of Huff and Prairie led to at least one arrest.

Disorderly conduct was

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# Heart gala sets record

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and Carson counties. The auctions featured a variety of items donated including a diamond heart shape necklace, with baggetts and princess cut diamonds, valued at \$4,400, donated by Rheams Diamond Shop, and a leather and muskrat coat from Marcella Furs and leather, with a value of \$800 was also donated for the auctions. Other items included several peices of art by Pampa Artist of the Year Kevin Costley, a murder-myster dinner, an overnight romantic stay at

AmericInn in Pampa, and a Borger overnight stay. The evening included a testimony from heart attack survivor James Bradley, who had a heart attack in January of this year. He urged people not to delay heart check ups, even if you are feeling healthy, and said also said that the Tri-County Heart Gala was organization worthy of donations. Larry Hadley was the caller for the live auction, who is a stroke survivor. Collins gave a summary of heart health facts and heart safe-

ty tips. Live performances by local musicians were given throughout the night, including Josh Paulson, who played music during the meal, and Odie and the Dawgs who performed a variety of music throughout the evening. The Tri-County Heart Gala is an annual event, which raises money to benefit funds for research and education through the American Heart Association, Collins said.

# Appliance day Saturday

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ees are busy on other things, and it would cost the county too much for his men to pick up the junk steel and haul it to Amarillo to sell. Willoughby said that this Saturday is the only time that Hinkle has volunteered to accept the appliances. He asked that people not just stop by over the weekend and dump their appliances at the company. Although Appliance Day is just Saturday, Willoughby said he will continue to receive junked appliances at the county barn on East Frederic. "I'm going to stack them," he said, "and the junk guys will come over three days a week." Willoughby said that if he takes the appliances to the city landfill there is a

\$35 fee to leave them there, and they need a certificate proving that the Freon has been removed from the refrigerators. "A plumber's going to charge you \$50 to remove the Freon," Willoughby said. He said that by using his scrap people from Amarillo, the appliances will be removed each week and the junk dealers that buy the scrap will remove the Freon and any hazardous materials in the appliances. Willoughby said he's delighted that Hinkle and Richards have volunteered to help again. In the past, he said, it has been more than just providing a place to bring the appliances. They have had to pay some of the expenses of dealing with the old appliances out

of their own pockets. "People think we're just getting filthy rich recovering Freon from the refrigerators," she laughed. "In the first place, most of them don't even have Freon in them anymore. In the second place, if they've got it, it's burned out." Hinkle said Appliance Day is something her company got into just because they want to help beautify Pampa. "I want Pampa to be a place where people want to come and live because it is a clean, beautiful little community," Hinkle said. "I don't want them to have to come here because we happen to have land and wind. I want them to come here because they want to."

# Land protection bill

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Farm Bureau and TxDot — to figure out," Allen said. "There's a potential for an enormous fiscal note." She said the Legislative Budget Board had earlier predicted something like \$1 billion in costs to the state. "That presents a different challenge," Allen said. Beck, however, claimed that the cost estimate was provided by TxDot, the Texas Department of Transportation, who has a vested interest in projects like the Trans Texas Corridor, which would have been a toll road that sliced across the state from Oklahoma north of Dallas to Laredo. Beck said the estimates are inflated. "It's not going to break the bank like they say," Beck said. "You've got to be fair to property owners. We think it's the cornerstone of our society. If you have property, you ought to at least get fair compensation if it's taken from you." Beck said over the weekend that he was still trying to convince Duncan that the fair compensation wording is needed in proposed eminent domain laws. In the last session of the Texas Legislature, in 2007, State Rep. Beverly Woolley, R-Houston, introduced House Bill 2006 that addressed the issues in the court cases —

good faith negotiations, compensation for all factors including diminished access and a tightened definition of public use. In the House of Representatives, it passed 135 to 11. The Senate passed it 30 to 1. Gov. Rick Perry vetoed it. Unfortunately, it was vetoed late enough that it couldn't be brought back to the legislature to override. In his veto message, Perry said that the bill would benefit only a finite number of lawyers and it cost too much, but Beck said he suspected it had more to do with trying to keep the costs down on the governor's Trans Texas Corridor highway project. Duncan was one of the senators that voted for House Bill 2006 in the last session, Beck said. "I would say that in principle he agrees with us," Beck said, "but I think he's concerned that it's going to cost too much and will slow progress in the State of Texas." Beck said Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers and the Texas Wildlife Association as well as the logging groups in East Texas are working to get the eminent domain bills passed. "Almost every ag group I can think of is on this side," Beck said.

The Texas Municipal League opposed House Bill 2006 in the last session, and Beck said he thinks they will also oppose similar legislation this time. The Association of Counties did not oppose the bill last session. Beck said he doesn't know about the pipeline industry. "There's been a huge backlash against pipelines in the Barnett Shale up around Fort Worth and some of the practices they're doing up there," Beck said. He said in discussions with representatives from the pipeline industry, they'd like to see some minor changes but they haven't opposed the bill. "They didn't oppose it last time, either," Beck said. Most of the pipeline companies are good actors, he said. The impression he said he's gotten is that many of the good companies are concerned about the bad actors in their industry. "I think they feel that a little self policing would help the industry as a whole because of those bad actors," Beck said.

# Moviemakers descend on Texas Capitol

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Producers, actors and others who make movies and television shows are launching a big push at the Texas Capitol for the state to improve incentives for the industry. Gov. Rick Perry joined hundreds from the industry for an early morning rally Wednesday. He says too many movie productions have moved to other states like New Mexico, Louisiana and Michigan and that Texas wants their business back. Perry is proposing \$60 million in incentives in the coming two-year state budget as part of his job creation efforts. Bills filed by Republican Sen. Bob Deuell and Democratic Rep. Dawnna Duker would allow the state to be more competitive with what's happening in the industry nationally. The legislation would also give a boost to video game creators.

# WILSON "ANGELS"



submitted photo  
Tom and Helen Burns, mentors who have been volunteering at Wilson Elementary for 14 years, with first graders Layne Richards and Fernando Perez, and kindergarten students Ulises Guardado and Haven Jenkins.

# Emergency Services

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reported in the intersection of Varnon and McCullough streets.

A suspicious person call was received from the lobby of the PD.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 600 block of North Powell.

## FIRE

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday 7:29 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to Loop 171 and Highway 70 on a false alarm.

Wednesday 12:53 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 500 block of Powell on a CO investigation.

5:49 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1900 block of Charles on a lift assist.

## SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests.

Jon Wyatt Roe, 40, of Lefors was arrested by GCSO for bond surrender, injury to a child/elderly/disabled, and for being a fugitive from justice in Oklahoma.

William Zane Roe, 42, of Lefors was arrested by the PPD for simple assault.

Laura Anne Criss, 40, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for running a red light.

Stanley Dewayne Wallace, 41, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for tampering with government records.

Antonio Guadalupe Vargas, 17, of Pampa was arrested by the PPD for no driver's license, and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Kenneth Wayne

## AMBULANCE

Guardian EMS ambulance service reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday 8:51 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of North Christy and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Wednesday 12:40 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Baptist St. Anthony's hospital in Amarillo.

# Ark. gov. says buyers eyeing Pilgrim's Pride

EL DORADO, Ark. (AP) — Gov. Mike Beebe says a group of buyers has offered to purchase a Pilgrim's Pride plant in El Dorado that is slated to close in May, although the Texas-based poultry company has not responded to the offer.

Beebe, speaking to a group of 250 workers and community members Tuesday night, cautioned listeners that it could be an "uphill battle" to make the sale. But the governor said those interested in purchasing the plant, affected by a plan to cut 3,000 jobs from the chicken company, had experience in the business.


"It ain't somebody that's been running F.W. Woolworth or who doesn't know how to run a plant," Beebe said.

Ray Atkinson, a spokesman for the Pittsburgh, Texas-based company, declined to immediately comment Wednesday morning on the governor's remarks.

Beebe declined to offer any specific details about the group, other than to say they had been working on their offer for about five months.

Last week, Pilgrim's Pride Corp. announced it would shut down operations at three of its 32 chicken plants. The company said it would cut its productions by roughly 10 percent at a savings of \$110 million a year. The company filed for Chapter 11 protection in December as it struggled with rising feed costs and a weakened economy. The other two plants expected to close are in Douglas, Ga., and Farmerville, La.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 4, the 63rd day of 2009. There are 302 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 4, 1789, the Constitution of the United States went into effect as the first Federal Congress met in New York. (The lawmakers then adjourned for lack of a quorum.)

On this date:

In 1791, Vermont became the 14th state.

In 1809, James Madison was sworn into office as the fourth president of the United States. (The occasion marked the first time an inaugural ball was held the evening after the swearing-in.)

In 1861, Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated as the 16th president of the United States.

In 1908, a fire at Lake View School in Collinwood, Ohio, claimed the lives of 172 children and three adults.

*'When a man gets up to speak, people listen, then look. When a woman gets up, people look; then, if they like what they see, they listen'*

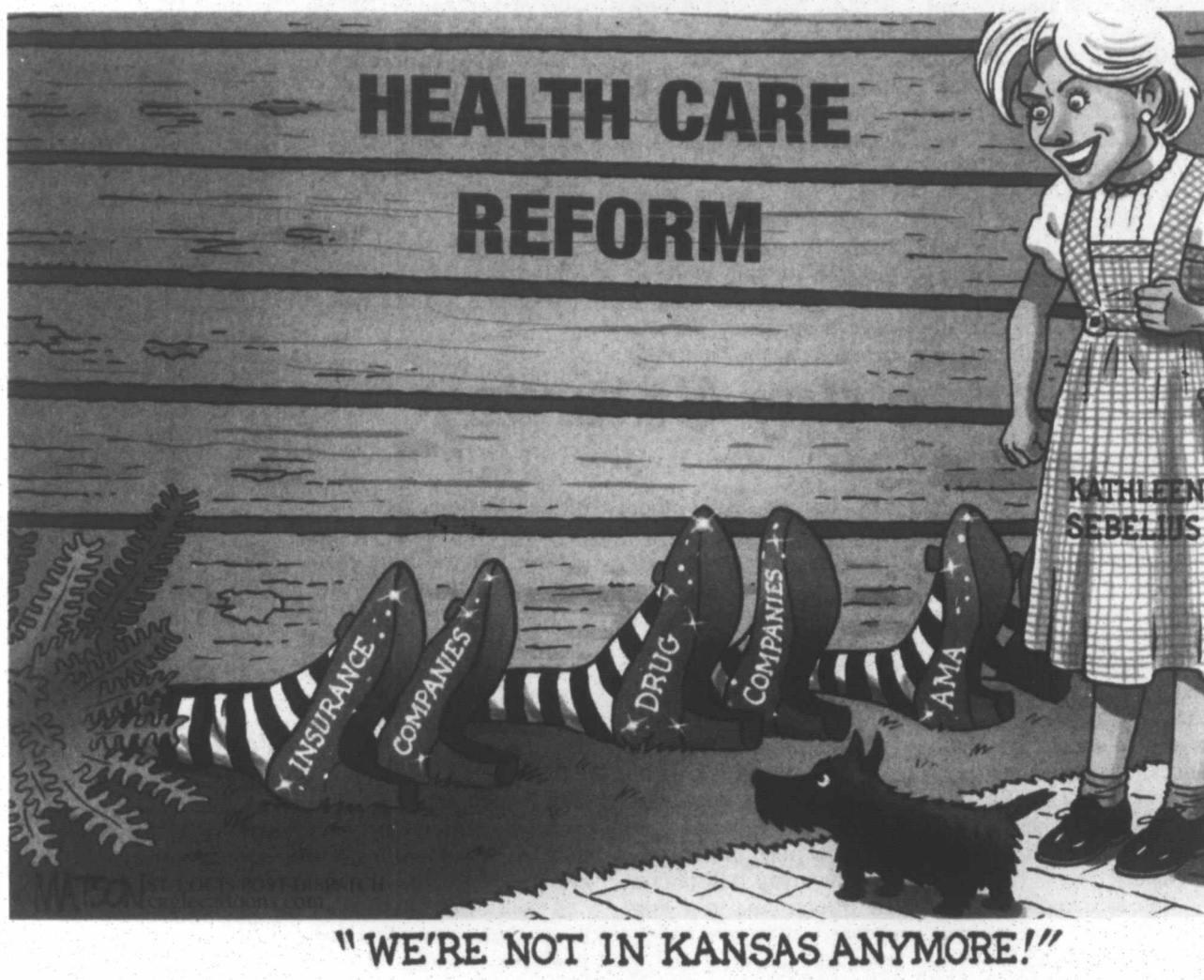
— Pauline Frederick

American broadcast journalist

Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun, who wrote the 1973 decision that legalized abortion nationwide, died in Arlington, Va., at age 90.

One year ago: Republican John McCain clinched his party's presidential nomination. Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton won primary victories in Ohio, Texas and Rhode Island, while Barack Obama prevailed in Vermont. Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre retired after 17 seasons, saying he was "tired." (Favre later made a comeback with the New York Jets before retiring again.) Dungeons & Dragons co-creator Gary Gygax died in Lake Geneva, Wis., at age 69.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Paula Prentiss is 71. Movie director Adrian Lyne is 68. Singer Bobby Womack is 65. Rock musician Chris Squire (Yes) is 61. Singer Shakin' Stevens is 61. Singer Chris Rea is 58. Actor Ronn Moss is 57. Actress Kay Lenz is 56. Musician Emilio Estefan is 56. Movie director Scott Hicks is 56. Actress Catherine O'Hara is 55. Actress Patricia Heaton is 51. Actor Steven Weber is 48. Rock musician Jason Newsted is 46. Actress Stacy Edwards is 44. Rapper Grand Puba is 43. Rock musician Patrick Hannan (The Sundays) is 43. Rock singer Evan Dando (Lemonheads) is 42. Actress Patsy Kensit is 41. Chastity Bono is 40. Actor Nick Stabile is 39. Rock musician Fergal Lawler (The Cranberries) is 38. Country singer Jason Sellers is 38. Jazz musician Jason Marsalis is 32. TV personality Whitney Port is 24. Actress Andrea Bowen ("Desperate Housewives") is 19. Actress Jenna Boyd is 16.



## Other editors say

**The Dallas Morning News** on guns and universities:

State Rep. Joe Driver and Sen. Jeff Wentworth once again are pushing their gun agenda around the state Capitol, and it is time, once again, for them to be firmly rebuffed. They're introducing legislation to abolish the "gun-free" status of Texas universities so that students and professors can arm themselves on campus.

Like most Americans, the Garland representative and San Antonio senator were outraged by the massacres at Virginia Tech in 2007 and at Northern Illinois University last year. No one wants a repeat of those incidents. But arming students and professors is not the solution.

"At Virginia Tech (or in Illinois, it's possible someone might have been able to stop that carnage," Driver says in defense of his proposal. But it's also possible that a well-intentioned gun-toting student or professor could make matters much worse. They could wind up being shot by police, mistaken as the gunman. They could shoot the wrong person.

The possibilities for problems and errors in judgment are enormous, and not worth the potential benefits of the "campus carry" proposal. The University of Texas student government and faculty advisory council oppose the idea. Only 11 universities in the country allow concealed weapons in classrooms, dorms and other facilities.

There are certain places in our communities where it's just better to rely on police and professional security personnel to do their jobs in emergency situations. State law already outlines places where civilian possession of handguns is prohibited, such as polling places, courtrooms and secured airport areas. Schools also are off limits unless the administration issues a written authorization allowing certain personnel to carry weapons.

Have there been gun-related crises in those off-limits places? Certainly. Would the presence of armed civilians have reduced the danger? That's debatable.

We concede that only a tiny percentage of students would probably carry guns if allowed to do so. But universities are dedicated to the free flow of ideas, and they deserve to be in

the special category as gun free. Students and professors should never feel inhibited by the fear that someone around them is packing heat.

**Houston Chronicle** on good economic sense:

The conservative governors of several Southern states including our own are balking at the provision in the federal stimulus package that provides for expanded unemployment benefits. They say it would require raising eligibility requirements to include more workers, something half the states have already done. They object in the name of fiscal responsibility.

Gov. Rick Perry is parsing the stimulus package, line by line, according to Alison Castle, his spokesperson.

He is intent on ferreting out any provision that would incur a permanent increase in the state budget once federal funds disappear. He wants to determine if the unemployment benefits portion would leave Texas with a larger obligation down the road when the federal funds dry up.

A case can be made for looking at the longer term. It certainly wasn't popular when the population eligible for CHIP benefits was expanded in one session and decreased in the next.

But in the current recession with one round of layoffs following another, even in the relatively healthy Texas economy, it makes good sense to improve the safety net for as many workers as possible. The unemployment provision is expected to net the state \$500 million in federal funds.

Some observers have labeled the unemployment provision an unfunded mandate, which is inaccurate and invokes a knee jerk from strict fiscal conservatives.

Signing on for this portion of the package is a choice to do a better job covering workers, something that would help stabilize the Texas economy in the long run.

Though a relatively

small part of the overall stimulus package, the expanded unemployment benefits may well be needed to keep Texas families afloat.

The states have a built-in aid to fiscal responsibility in that, absent the power of minting money, they have to balance the budget each year. But a lot of damage can be done in the process of balancing a budget, and in Texas that might be a bigger danger than choosing to expand unemployment benefits at this time and in the future.

**Austin American-Statesman** on the Texas Legislature's ultrasound bill:

State Republican leaders are making sure that the culture wars continue to rage. First came the spurious voter identification bill in the Senate that opened this year's legislative session. Now comes an intrusive bill mandating that pregnant women seeking an abortion be forced to provide information designed to humiliate them.

State Sen. Dan Patrick, the Houston Republican and one of the state's leading culture warriors, is behind the anti-abortion bill. He, Gov. Rick Perry and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst brag that Senate Bill 182 requiring an ultrasound before an abortion advances the right-to-life cause.

An ultrasound already is performed on every woman seeking an abortion because it's medically necessary.

Texas already requires abortion providers to misinform women that there is the possibility of an increased risk of breast cancer from an induced abortion. Extensive medical research has found no correlation.

Here's what the National Cancer Institute says about a report from 100 of the world's leading experts who have studied the issue: "They concluded that having an abortion or miscarriage does not increase a woman's subsequent risk of developing breast cancer." The American Cancer Society

also states there is no "cause-and-effect relationship between abortion and breast cancer."

What's different in Patrick's bill is that women could no longer refuse the anti-abortion information. Instead, the physician must describe to the woman what the ultrasound shows, including dimensions, heart activity and limbs, and make the heartbeat audible.

The doctor also must display the ultrasound images and present the printed material, though the bill says the woman doesn't have to look at it. "A pregnant woman may avert her eyes from the ultrasound images required to be provided and reviewed with the pregnant woman."

How humane. The bill is popular with the anti-abortion activists because the required reading and images puts them right there in the clinic, shaking their collective fingers at the woman. It is an incredibly invasive requirement forced on women, many already traumatized by an unexpected pregnancy and the decision to have an abortion.

Texas is notorious for its draconian approach to abortion and for its lack of concern for children after they're born. Perry and the Republican leadership are grudging when it comes to extending insurance to children of the working poor, for instance.

On the same day this week that Perry, Dewhurst and others crowded about a bill that attempts to shame pregnant women out of an abortion, another bill was filed that aims to prevent teen pregnancies. The Prevention Works Act was authored by Sen. Kirk Watson and Rep. Mark Strama, both Austin Democrats.

With one of the highest teen birth rates in the nation, Texas could save millions of dollars by preventing teen pregnancies. That's also the best way to reduce the number of abortions. Education is more effective than humiliation.

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# EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- **The Rushing Wind Emmaus** community will meet Saturday, March 14, at 6 p.m. at the Waka Christian Center. A potluck supper will be served followed by a praise and worship service and training for sponsors. A nursery will be provided. A women's walk is scheduled for April 23-26.
- **Pampa Soccer Association** spring season registration will begin February 16 and close March 9. The fee is \$55 and includes a uniform. Returning players do not need to register again. You will be placed on the same team as in the fall season. Practices begin March 16. Games will begin in April. For more information, <http://pampasoccerassociation.googlepage.com> or call 486-1646.
- **Gray County Genealogical Society**

- will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month, except for Decembr. Visitors are welcome.
- **Members of Crowley, Texas, High School Class of 1989** are organizing a class reunion. For more information, e-mail [chs89reunion@gmail.com](mailto:chs89reunion@gmail.com) or contact Nancy Dodgen Dyess (817) 994-0969 or Misty Shewmaker Hollis at (817) 991-8090.
- **"Live On Stage" Community Concerts** of Pampa's final performance planned for the current season will be "Pianafiddle," a combination of familiar tunes by pianist Lynn Wright and violinist/fiddler Adam DeGraff improvising to get toes tapping and hands clapping. Their performance is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. March 6 in M.K. Brown Auditorium.

- **Pampa Book Club** will meet at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Texas Room of Lovett Memorial Library. The 2009 reading schedule is as follows: March 11, "Home: A Memoir of My Early Years" by Julie Andrews; and April 8, "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls. The May 13 book for review will be announced at a later date. Public welcome.
- **USS Maddox Destroyer Association Reunion** is slated Sept. 9-13 in Phoenix, Ariz. To find out more, call (337) 616-8450 or e-mail [cwgilles45@aol.com](mailto:cwgilles45@aol.com).
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- **T.O.P.S. Club**, a weight loss group, is seeking new members. The club meets from 5:30-6:30 p.m. each Monday at 513 E. Francis. New members welcome.
- **T.O.P.S. Club**, a weight loss group, meets at 11:30 a.m. at noon each Monday at St. Paul's Methodist Church, 511 N. Hobart.

## Father haunted by search for clues in son's death

EDINBURG, Texas (AP) — Rene Paredes often drives to the house where his son Adrian was last seen the night he died 10 years ago.

After that he visits the spot where Adrian's truck was abandoned, hidden behind a patch of citrus trees now replaced with a string of brick houses.

Then he goes to the site where Adrian's mutilated body was found.

Finally, he parks at the cemetery and stands in front of his son's grave.

Paredes wonders what happened that night.

"My son's spirit has consumed me and I think I can see what happened," Paredes said in Spanish, pushing an empty beer can off his son's grave marker and circling around to make sure nothing else cluttered the tomb.

"When my mother died, it hurt. When my father died, it hurt. But when the life of your son is ripped from your life, you grow bitter."

Adrian, an ambulance paramedic, took the night off March 28, 1999, to attend a quinceanera at his girlfriend's house.

His friends said they saw him leave the party about 4 a.m.

An hour later, police rushed to the intersection of Highway 107 and Delia Drive. A driver had run over Adrian's lifeless body and stopped to dial 911, Paredes said.

The scene shocked emergency responders.

"They couldn't believe it," Paredes said. "He was well-liked by the other paramedics. He was respected."

Adrian's mother fainted when she heard the news.

"We were a happy family," Paredes said. "Life

wasn't the same anymore." His death puzzled neighbors.

"He never had bad company," said Daniel Ayala, 45, who has lived across the street from Paredes residence for at least a decade. "He was kind to everyone."

The next morning, police discovered Adrian's truck hidden inside an orchard field near the intersection of Curve and Tower roads — about three miles from his girlfriend's home and one mile from where his body was found.

An autopsy report later determined that Adrian had been drinking that night.

Authorities speculated that he wandered near the road and was struck dead by another vehicle.

The case has been treated as an unsolved hit-and-run by investigators, Paredes said. But he thinks his son was murdered.

Edinburg police have few leads about Adrian's death and have been unable to give Paredes much information about the incident.

Paredes grows more impatient as each day passes.

He has scoured through his son's autopsy report, which says the 24-year-old's body had multiple lacerations along his face and body and several "large open lacerated areas" on his chest and abdomen. The base of his skull had a large fracture.

"Why would he hide his truck and run home?" Paredes said. "He wasn't run over. Someone

attacked him."

An anonymous call he received a week after his son's death only amplified his obsession to find Adrian's supposed killers. Someone told him they saw four men attacking his son where his body was found minutes later.

Paredes thinks someone at the quinceanera attacked Adrian. His girlfriend has remained tightlipped about the incident, fueling his bitterness in his quest for answers.

"I resent people for not saying anything," Paredes said. "Something happened and nobody wants to say."

Paredes has been praying to St. Jude for the past five months, begging for answers about Adrian's demise. People often pray

to the saint when they find themselves in desperate situations.

"Every day I've been praying," Paredes said. "People are too scared to talk."

Nothing made Adrian prouder than his career.

He would have graduated as a registered nurse from South Texas College in three months, and he promised his father that he would someday study to become a doctor.

Adrian's framed certificates fill the walls of the Paredes home, where their son would often barbecue with neighbors and co-workers. He would always change his uniform for fear that the charcoal smoke would tarnish the fibers.

He refused to drink beer while he wore it.

"He had a lot of respect for his job," said Ayala's wife Senaida, 44, whose daughter Alejandra is pursuing a career in medicine at The University of Texas-Pan American. "He had dreams."

Adrian told Alejandra stories about his career and the lives he saved. He took pride in successfully bringing three babies into the world from his ambulance.

Nearly 10 years later, Paredes still searches for the truth. He yearns to know how his son was lost and what he may have accomplished.

"Here," Paredes said as he gazed at the spot where Adrian's body was found, "his dreams ended."


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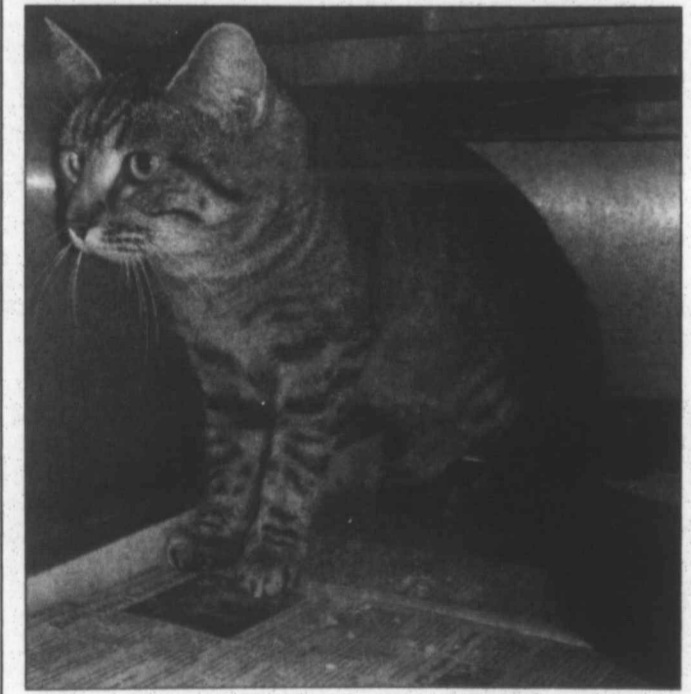
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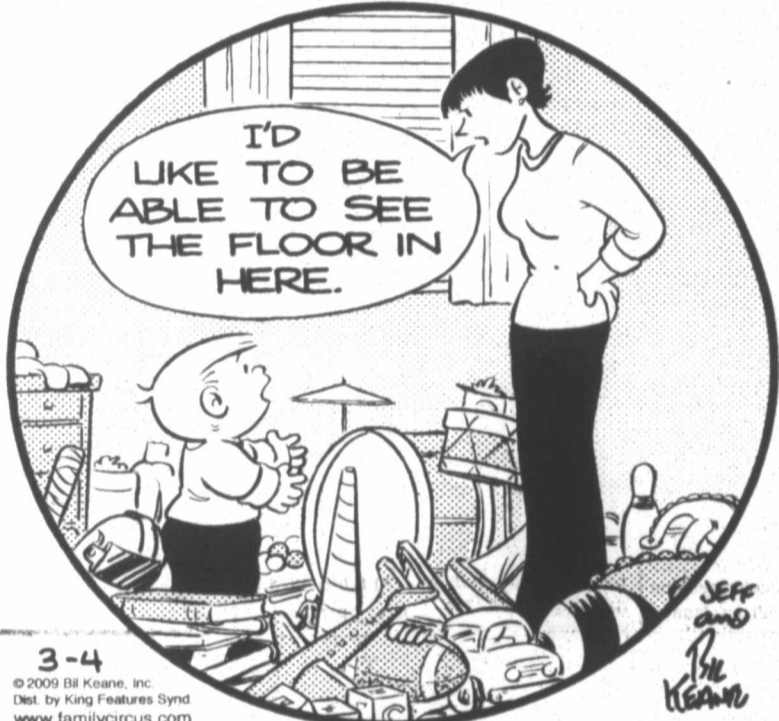
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"Why does he get a menu, but all I get are leftovers?"

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Don't you remember what it looks like?"

## Daily Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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## PHS bashes Bushland

by Kevin Hunt

Good Defense. Good Pitching. Great Hitting. That is usually a recipe for baseball success. The Pampa Harvesters proved that on Tuesday as they crushed Bushland 14-5.

The first two innings were scoreless, but the Harvesters exploded in the third with six runs on six hits. With one out, Blake Sieck doubled and Brett Powell drew a walk. Ryan Funderburg would then single home Sieck. Powell came home on an error and Funderburg would score on another error. Mitchell Killgo stole second base then scored when the throw from the catcher sailed into center field. Braden Hunt then hit a long double to left center and scored on a single by Anthony Allen. Allen then scored when John Luke Covalt tripled to deep right center field. Pampa grabbed a 6-0 lead.

Pampa would add three more runs in the fourth inning to extend their lead to 9-4. The Harvesters added four more runs in the fifth, and just for good measure added an insurance run in the sixth.

Every PHS starter had at least one hit. Powell was 2-3, Funderburg was 3-5 with 3 runs scored, Hunt was 2-2 with a walk and was also hit by a pitch. He scored 3 runs. Madison Wilson was 2-4, with three RBI's. Allen was 2-3, and Jeremy Maxwell added a single. Jeremy Busse added a hit also.

Pampa used several pitchers, trying to save arm strength for their upcoming tournament in Snyder. Sieck pitched one inning, Maxwell two innings, Covalt, Busse and Killgo each pitched one inning for the Harvesters.

The overall record for team stands at 6-1. They will travel to Snyder on Thursday, Friday and Saturday to participate in an annual tourney.

Pampa plays Slaton at 11:30 a.m. Thursday and Snyder at 7 p.m. on Thursday. Friday, PHS will face off against Perryton at 11:30 a.m. Saturday they play Lubbock Trinity at 11:30 a.m.

There are two pools in the tournament, and the top seeded teams from each pool will play for the tournament championship Saturday at 7 p.m.

*The Harvesters return home to play Perryton at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 10.*

*The junior varsity goes to Hereford Thursday, Friday and Saturday before returning home Monday to play Perryton.*



Brett Powell slides into home safely during the third inning as the Harvesters exploded against the Bushland Falcons. Pampa won 14-5.

staff photo by David Bowser

## Harvesters win Cavalier Classic

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The Pampa Harvesters racked up a 5-1 record last weekend to win the Cavalier Classic baseball tournament.

After racking up two easy wins on Thursday, Pampa found the going a little tougher on Friday. In Friday's first game against Bushland, Pampa would withstand a late rally and defeat the Falcons by a score of 7-6. Pampa was led offensively by Mitchell Killgo, John Luke Covalt and Ryne Funderburg, who each had 2 hits. Blake Sieck scored 2 runs and Madison Wilson added a triple. Sieck picked up the win by pitching 4 innings, giving up 2 runs on 5 hits, walking one and striking out 7. After a late rally by Bushland, Brett Powell came in to pick up the save.

In the final pool play game, with Pampa already assured of the being seeded first, they would find themselves on the short end against a very

determined Palo Duro team. Pampa's bats fell silent as they could only manage two infield singles on the day.

Palo Duro won the game by a final score of 5-2. John Luke Covalt scored both of Pampa's runs, and Sieck had both of Pampa's RBI's.

On Saturday, with the temperature hovering around 25 degrees, Pampa would face off against a familiar district opponent, Caprock, which got the second seed after going 3-1 in pool B.

The winner of this game would play for the championship of the tournament.

Behind a solid pitching outing of Brett Powell, Pampa won this game by a score of 10-2. Pampa was led offensively by Killgo and Anthony Allen who both went 3-3. Sieck added 2 hits and Powell and Casey Trimble added a hit a piece.

In the second semi-final game,

Bushland came from behind to defeat Plainview by a score of 13-8. That set up a Pampa vs Bushland rematch for the Championship.

After spotting Bushland two runs in the first, Pampa would explode in the bottom half with seven of their own.

Covalt hit his first home run of the season in the bottom of the first inning. Powell and Braden Hunt led team scoring, with three runs each. Jeremy Busse pitched three innings to pick up his first win of the season. He gave up four runs on five hits, striking out one, walking four. Pampa's defense was charged with five errors on the day.

Pampa finished the tournament with a 5-1 record, scoring a total of 62 runs, while only giving up 28 runs. Pampa slammed out 51 hits, including five home runs.

## Optimist baseball sign-ups begin March 9

Sign-ups for Pampa Optimist Baseball/Softball 2009 will be next week from

Monday through Thursday, March 9-12, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Optimist Club, Optimist President Kevin Davis announced Monday. The program is open to boys and girls five to 15 years of age.

Tryouts will be from March 23-25, Davis said. Players who did not play in Pampa last year and players moving up to a new league will need to attend two of the three tryout sessions.

The annual player draft is expected to be held March 25-27.

Practices in many leagues will begin as early as March 30. Games may start as early as April 6.

The playing fee for players nine through 15 is \$85. The playing fee for players five through eight is \$70. The season for most leagues will extend until mid-June.

Volunteers are needed to coach, to be team mothers, to help get the fields ready for play and to help in the concession stand.

For more information contact Davis at 664-2542.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.



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Texas Twisters Club Volleyball went to their 6th tournament, Feb. 21. They advanced to the gold bracket and came out champions. Kelly Silva, Coach: Kellie Metts, Taylor Smith, Alexa O'Brien, Madison Joyce, Taylor Eubanks, Ashlyn Pronto, Kylee Metts and Taylor Giles. Not pictured, Brittney Green.

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