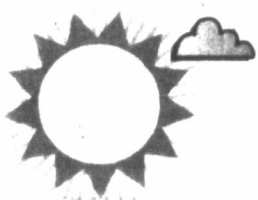


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Deaths

William John Carter III, 37, former Pampan.
Lorene Guyton, 89, homemaker.

World Briefly

Kurds emerge as election winners

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Talks on who would get what in Iraq's newly elected National Assembly were under way even before the final results came in, but the clergy-backed Shiites, whose winning margin was less than what they expected, may now have to compromise more than anticipated.

With barely 50 percent of the final vote in the 275-member National Assembly, the United Iraqi Alliance will not have control over the assembly, leading to speculation it may soon form a coalition with the independence-minded Kurds who won 26 percent of the vote. A two-thirds majority is needed to control the legislature.

Abdel-Aziz al-Hakim, the Shiite ticket's leader, was meeting with political allies at his office Monday afternoon, associates said.

Al-Hakim, who lost 19 family members to Saddam Hussein's executioners, sat and wept as he heard the results on Sunday. He later told Iraqi television of the need for cooperation with disenchanted Sunnis already alienated in post-war Iraq.

"We believe in the need for participation and will seek harmony among all segments of the Iraqi people," he told Iraqi television.

The election results highlighted the sharp differences among Iraq's ethnic, religious and cultural groups — many of whom fear domination not just by the Shiites, estimated at 60 percent of the population, but also by the Kurds, the most pro-American group with about 15 percent.

Seats will generally be allocated according to the percentage of votes that each ticket won. It appeared only 12 coalitions would take seats. The Shiites stand to gain up to 140 seats and the Kurds could end up with about 75.

County to discuss tax overpayment

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

The refund of a tax overpayment by Celanese Ltd. to Gray County is on the agenda of the county commissioners' meeting, at 9 a.m. Tuesday in the second-floor courtroom of the courthouse.

Commissioners first learned of the overpayment at their Feb. 1 meeting, when Gray County Chief Appraiser

Pat Bagley spoke to them at County Judge Richard Peet's request.

Bagley said that Celanese had paid local taxes based on a property valuation of \$85,100,951. That valuation was later lowered to \$78,453,698, a loss of \$6,647,253, Bagley said.

The change in valuation means that three taxing entities, Gray County, Pampa Independent School District and Panhandle Ground

Water Conservation District, will have to refund their share of the taxes paid on the higher valuation.

Gray County's share to be refunded is \$32,500.15. PISD's share is \$103,431.26, and PGWCD owes \$1,010.38.

Commissioners will discuss additional courthouse security, roof repairs on White Deer Land Museum, a contract with Local Government Solutions, and an interlocal contract

with the City of Pampa.

Commissioners may seek requests for proposals concerning a bank depository, and will hear the County Treasurer Lee Cornelison's report.

Racial profile reports from the sheriff's office and the Precinct 2 constable will be heard.

Continuing education completed by County Clerk Susan Winborne and District Clerk Gaye Honderich will be recognized.

Police find crack, jail Pampan

Nearly eight grams of crack cocaine were found in the back yard and on the person of a Pampan man at 1121 Varnon Drive last Friday when a narcotics search warrant was served.

Guy Tyrone Henderson, 27, who lives at the address, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance over four grams but less than 200 grams. He was booked into Gray County Jail at about 3:20 p.m. Friday, according to jail records.

Henderson was released Saturday on \$10,000 bond, according to jail records. The charge he was arrested on is a second-degree felony.

The warrant was executed by Pampa narcotics agents, Pampa police officers, Gray County Constable Chris Lockridge, and Gray County sheriff's deputies, according to a police department news release.

Deputies Chad Brooks and Derrick Peters made contact with Henderson after officers made a "soft" approach to the house, the release said.

"Officers located a Crown Royal bag in the back yard with some (suspected) crack cocaine in it. A further search of the back yard by Police Lt. Fred Courtney netted several more grams of (suspected) crack," according to the release.

"At the jail, deputies completed a very thorough search of Henderson and found some more (suspected) crack cocaine. All totaled, nearly eight grams of (suspected)

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Surrounded by Valentines

Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Darla Jewett, a file clerk in the medical records department at Pampa Regional Medical Center, peeks out from between her Valentine's Day gifts, a potted plant and a cluster of tulips.

Happy endings

Valentines reunited after half century apart

PIKEVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Sometimes true stories do have happy endings.

That's the case for a Kentucky man and his long-lost Valentine who were separated by circumstances more than 50 years ago only to be reunited in their golden years.

Dallas Layne, 72, of Pikeville, is celebrating Valentine's Day with his new bride, 70-year-old Earlene

Layne, who he first asked to marry him in 1952.

"She was my first love," said Dallas Layne, who married Earlene in January in San Marcos, Texas, the spot where they first met more than half a century ago.

"First love and first marriage proposal for both of us," she added.

Dallas and Earlene Layne met in the spring of 1952, when he was a

19-year-old airman stationed at the San Marcos Air Force Base in Texas and she was a 17-year-old high school student in nearby Georgetown, Texas.

Dallas Layne was driving around in his new car with a group of friends when they met a group of girls, including Earlene Innmon. After a few months, Layne and Innmon were engaged.

"Things were going quite well until I announced we would be married and I would be finishing my senior year in San Marcos, where Dallas was," Earlene Layne said.

That's when her mother wrote Dallas Layne a letter, telling him she disapproved and asking him to break things off.

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Prairie chicken to be topic of meetings

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will hold a series of meetings next month concerning the lesser prairie chicken.

The small bird is a candidate for the endangered species list.

Beginning March 1, at the Canadian Courts Hotel Conference Center in Canadian, the TPWD will host public meetings about prairie chicken conservation.

The second meeting is planned for March 2, at Mel's Diner in Wheeler, and

the third meeting is scheduled for March 3, at the Devil's Rope Museum in McLean.

There are two areas in the State of Texas where lesser prairie chickens are found in any numbers. One is in the eastern panhandle in Hemphill and Wheeler counties. The other is along the New Mexico state line in the southwestern panhandle west of Lubbock.

TPWD will hold meetings March 8, 9 and 10 in Muleshoe, Morton and Seminole.

Each of the public meetings will start at 7 p.m.

'Lesser prairie chickens are part of Texas' natural heritage.'

— Heather Whitlaw
wildlife biologist

These meetings will be held prior and in addition to the TPWD regulatory meetings that are scheduled later in March to discuss broader

wildlife regulations proposals for the next hunting and fishing season.

"Lesser prairie chickens are a part of Texas' natural heritage, and an important component of our short and mid-grass prairie habitats," said Heather Whitlaw, TPWD wildlife biologist in Lubbock. "However, the lesser prairie chicken is being considered for listing as a threatened species by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and is thus the focus of restoration efforts in the five states where it occurs. Private landowners, biologists, and other interested

parties in New Mexico, Oklahoma, Colorado, Kansas, and Texas are all working toward achieving lesser prairie chicken restoration. Having a proactive approach and developing partnerships with those who own and manage private land is good natural resource management."

Without the help of private landowners to restore and improve habitats, Whitlaw said lesser prairie chickens will likely continue to decline and may eventually be listed as a threatened species under the federal Endangered Species Act.

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Obituaries

William John "Bill" Carter III, 37

William John "Bill" Carter III, 37, died Friday, Feb. 11, 2005, in Siloam Springs, Ark. Memorial services are pending.

Mr. Carter was born June 3, 1967, in El Centro, Calif. He had been a resident of Pampa for 18 years before moving to Siloam Springs, Ark. He married Michele Putman on Jan. 23, 1997, in Siloam Springs. He worked at a plastics factory. He was a former member of the First Baptist Church of Pampa.

Survivors include his wife, Michele Carter, of the home; one daughter, Jera

Carter of Pampa; his mother and step-father, Marilyn and Kenneth Searl of Pampa; his father, William John Carter, Jr., of Detroit, Mich.; his paternal grandmother, Dorothy Putman of Michigan, and maternal grandmother, Rose Stattler of Pampa. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, William John Carter, Sr., and by his maternal grandfather, Lyle Stattler.

Memorials may be made to MADD, 2710 Civic Circle, Amarillo, Texas, 79109.

The family will receive friends at 1445 Dogwood.

Charles John Evans, 67

Memorial services for Charles John Evans, 67, of Pampa, are to be at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005, at Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship, 1733 N. Banks, with Pastor Nathan Hopson officiating.

Mr. Evans died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at Pampa.

He was born Oct. 13, 1937, at Philadelphia, Pa. A Pampa resident for the past year, he moved here from Amarillo. He

was a member of Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship Church and for five years worked for McCormick Masonry.

Survivors include his wife, Dianne Evans, of the home; two daughters, Alisha Gearhart of Amarillo and Chalcia Sears of Pampa; and three grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.

Lorene Guyton, 89

DUNCAN, Okla. — Lorene Guyton, 89, a former McLean, Texas, resident, died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, in Duncan, Okla. Graveside services were to be at 11 a.m., Monday, Feb. 14, 2005, at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean, with Rodney Tedford of Mary Ellen Church of Christ of Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of McLean.

Mrs. Guyton was born in Paducah, Texas,

to Julia and John Tenison on Feb. 1, 1914. She married Raymond Guyton in 1943 in Shamrock, Texas. He preceded her in death in 1998.

Survivors include a son, Jerry Guyton, of Duncan, Okla.; two granddaughters and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Chisholm Trail Hospice, 625 Chisholm Trail, Duncan, OK 73533.

Services tomorrow

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Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high around 71. West wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 41. West wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 58. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph. Tuesday night: A slight chance of rain before 2 a.m., then a slight chance of rain and snow between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m., then a slight chance of snow after 3 a.m. Patchy fog after midnight. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low near 28. Wind chill values between 17 and 22. Southeast wind 10 to 20 mph becoming northeast. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Wednesday: A slight chance of snow before noon, then a slight chance of rain. Patchy fog before 10 a.m.. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high around 36. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southeast. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent. Wednesday night: Patchy fog after midnight. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 25. South wind around 10 mph.

Thursday: Patchy fog before 10 a.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 49. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. Thursday night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 55.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests for the 48-hour period ending at midnight Sunday night.

Saturday, Feb. 12

Eleven traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was received from the 500 block of Magnolia.

One business alarm was reported. Law enforcement assistance was rendered at Alcock and Nelson streets.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 800 block of Love.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 2400 block of Duncan, the 2400 block of Christine, the 2200 block of Dogwood, the 1900 block of Lynn, the 400 block of South Wells, and the 800 block of South Hobart.

A domestic disturbance call was received from the 400 block of Lefors.

A civil matter was called in from the 900 block of East Federic.

Harassment concerning noise was called in from the 800 block of East Frederic.

A call concerning disorderly conduct/noise was made from the 2300 block of Navajo.

Warrant service was attempted at one address.

Theft was reported in the 400 block of West Browning. A bicycle valued at \$100 was taken.

Theft by deception was reported in the 2400 block of Duncan.

A vehicle which was parked in the roadway in the 1200 block of Montague was towed.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North Wells. A window was broken out of a vehicle. Value of damage is unknown.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North Nelson. A vehicle win-

dow was broken. Estimated value of damage is unknown.

Two instances of criminal mischief were reported in the 400 block of North Nelson. In each instance, vehicle windows were shot out. Estimated value of loss in one instance is \$100, and estimated value of loss in the other report is unknown.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson. A vehicle window was shot out, with damage estimated at \$200.

A call concerning criminal mischief was received from the 600 block of Carr.

Kimberly Dawn Morris, 38, 316 S. Gray, was arrested in the 300 block of South Gray for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance, no valid driver's license, no proof of insurance, and a charge concerning an expired driver's license.

Sunday, Feb. 13

Eighteen traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was received concerning Montague and Nelson streets. A hit and run accident was reported at the police department.

One business alarm was reported.

Calls concerning a suspicious person were received from the 1600 block of West Somerville, the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 1100 block of Ripley and the intersection of Francis and Cuyler streets.

A call concerning a suspicious vehicle was received from the 2100 block of North Wells.

A disorderly conduct/noise complaint was received from the 1000 block of East Francis and the 800 block of Lefors.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1900 block of Zimmers. A vehicle window was broken, causing an unknown value of damage.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of Zimmers. A vehicle window was broken, for an unknown value of damage.


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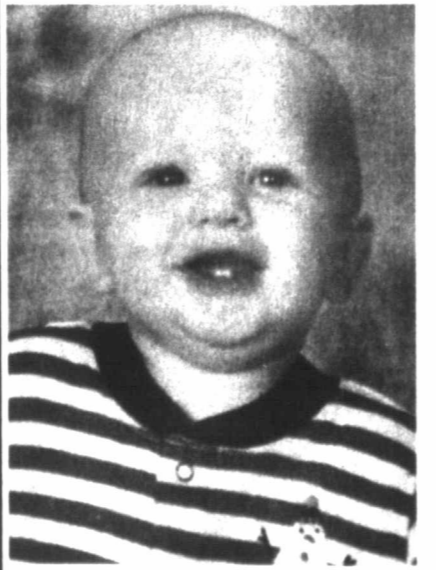
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Cabot Oil Gas	52.40	+0.17		
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HAL	41.82	-0.08		
NEW YORK GOLD	420.70			
SILVER	7.18			
TRI	42.48	-0.02		
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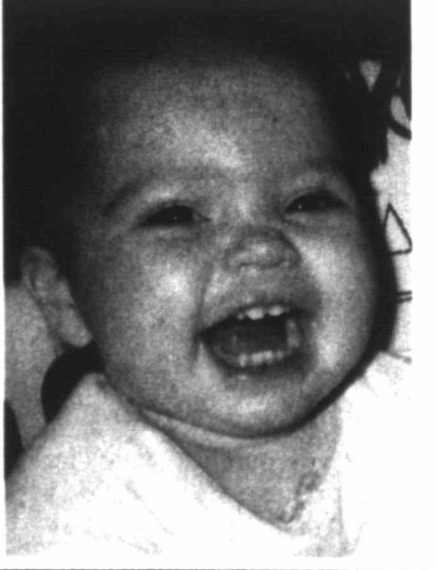
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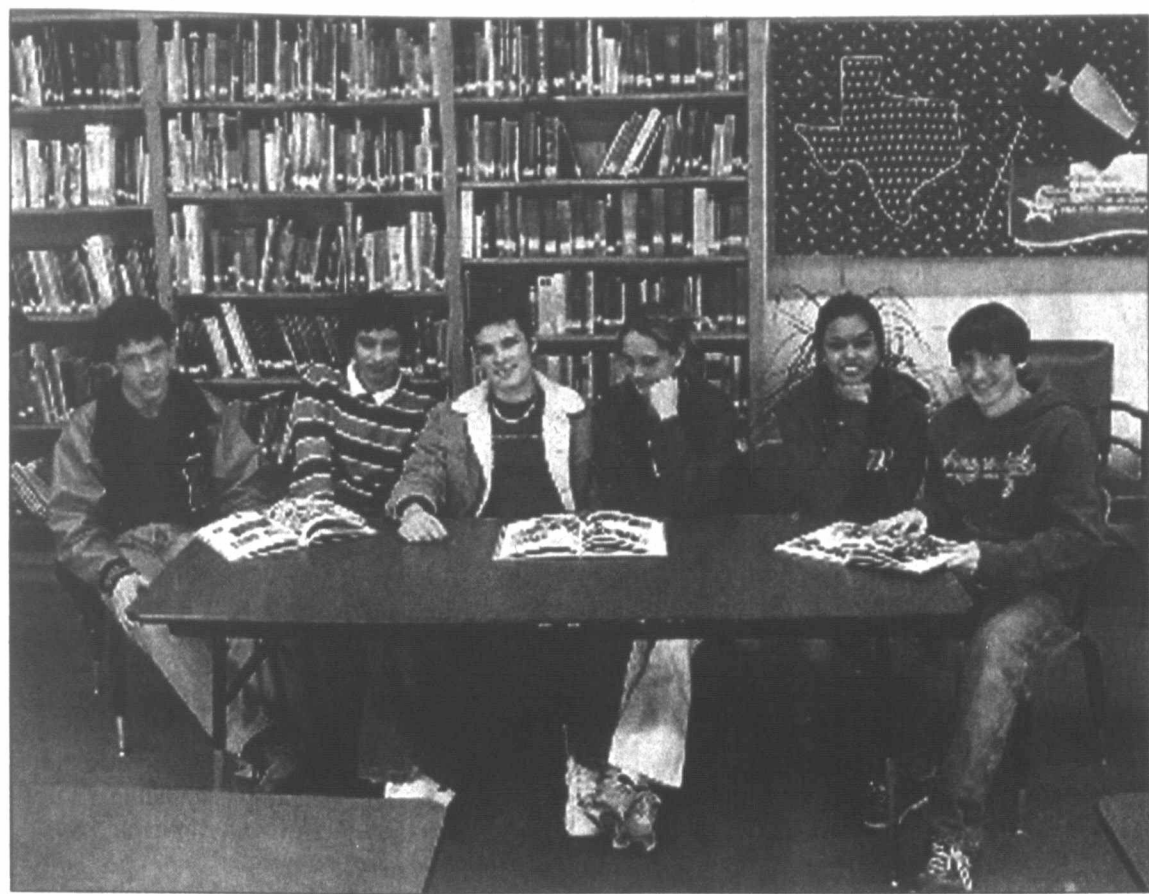
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Lefors ISD yearbook staff members review last year's book as they make plans for the current edition of the Treasure Chest. Left to right are Matthew Daugherty, Gareth Vaid, Trent Roberson, Rachael Stubbs, Samantha Cenicerros, and Drake Jackson.

Lefors ISD yearbook earns honor

LEFORS — The Lefors ISD yearbook, The Treasure Chest, was recently selected by Taylor Publishing to be distributed nationwide to Taylor's representatives. The 2004-05 edition of The Treasure Chest will be used by company representatives throughout the country during workshops and also as samples. The Lefors ISD yearbook is one of approximately 200 selected for this honor from the approximately 12,000 books that Taylor publishes annually.

Selection was based on the 2003-04 edition of the Treasure Chest, which has been nominated to be included in Taylor Publishing's Yearbook Yearbook. This publication is a collection of outstanding covers,

themes, and spreads produced by Taylor's customers.

"This award is a tremendous honor for Mrs. Jackson and her staff," said Dennis Ball, regional sales representative for Taylor Publishing. "It is a testimony to their hard work. I'm very proud of them."

The 2003-04 Treasure Chest staff included Katie Barnes, Savannah Smith, Andrew Klein, John Stamper, Dennis Boyd, Andrew Jennings, Trent Roberson, Ryan Lewis, and Nancy Calcote. The 2004-05 staff members are Trent Roberson, Gareth Vaid, Samantha Cenicerros, Matthew Daugherty, Drake Jackson, and Rachael Stubbs. The staff is advised by Lendi Jackson.

Reunited

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"So he honored my mother's request, and that was it," Earlene Layne said. "And I never knew about the letter until the 1990s," she said.

After that, the two did not see each other for nearly 50 years. They both married and had children — two boys and a girl for each.

But even during that time, Dallas Layne, now a Pikeville city commissioner, admits he thought of Earlene often. And by the late 1990s, both were single again — Earlene after her

husband's death, Dallas after three divorces.

During a trip to Texas, on a whim, Dallas Layne stopped in Georgetown and called Earlene on the telephone. They didn't see each other that day, but they soon began exchanging letters. He visited a second time and the romance was rekindled.

"She was my 'Yellow Rose of Texas,'" Dallas Layne said. "I used to sing that song to her."

After so many years, they didn't immediately recognize each other.

"Then I saw this classy lady sitting in a chair, and she had a yellow rose in her hand," Dallas Layne said.

"I thought he'd know me if I had my yellow rose," she said.

The couple were married Jan. 8 in San Marcos, and are now living in Pikeville.

Now, Dallas Layne tells his friends that he lived the lyrics of "Yellow Rose of Texas," which starts:

"There's a yellow rose in Texas, that I am going to see, Nobody else could miss her, not half as much as me. She cried so when I left her, it like to broke my heart. And if I ever find her, we nevermore will part."

Information from: Appalachian News-Express, <http://www.news-express.com>

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age. Criminal mischief was called in from the intersection of Buckler and Aft streets.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 100 block of South Sumner and the 800 block of Locust.

Theft was called in from the 400 block of Lefors.

Theft by deception was reported in the 2400 block of Duncan.

Criminal trespass was called in from the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 2200 block of North Wells.

Calls concerning civil matters were received from the 400 block of North Frost and the 400 block of South Houston.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of Mary Ellen. No injuries were reported.

Johnny Ybarra Dominguez, 46, 1827 N. Williston, was arrested in the 1900 block of North Hobart for driving while intoxicated.

Kyle Ray Roberts, 30, 2126 N. Banks, was arrested in the 2200 block of North Wells for violating a protective order.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Thursday, Feb. 10

1:01 p.m. — A 2002 Ford Thunderbird, driven by Stephen H. Lawrence, 63, Lubbock, and a 2004

Chevrolet Cavalier, driven by Cindy Ivonne Castillo, 23, 1336 Ballard, collided in the 1400 block of North Hobart. No injuries were reported. Lawrence was cited for unsafe lane change.

11:10 p.m. — A 2000 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by Suzan Reed Campbell, 40, 310 Canadian, collided with a legally parked 1994 Cadillac Fleetwood, owned by Charles Worley, 313 Canadian, in the 300 block of Canadian. No injuries were reported. Campbell was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrest today.

Saturday, Feb. 12

Justin William Edie, 18, 1309 E. Kingsmill, was arrested for possession of marijuana over two ounces and under four ounces, a Texas Youth Corrections directive to apprehend, and resisting arrest.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS responded to the following calls from Thursday, Feb. 10, through Sunday, Feb. 13.

Thursday, Feb. 10

8:29 a.m. — A mobile intensive care unit responded to the 700 block of Craven and transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:30 p.m. — A MICU responded to the 2100 block of Hobart and transported one to PRMC.

4:30 p.m. — A MICU responded to Texas Highway 152 and County Road 4 and transported one to PRMC.

8:30 p.m. — A MICU responded to the 700 block of Campbell and transported one to PRMC.

Friday, Feb. 11

5:15 p.m. — A MICU responded to the 900 block of Nelson and transported one to BSA-West in Amarillo.

10:14 p.m. — A MICU responded to the 1200 block of Finley. No patient transport.

11:49 p.m. — A MICU responded to Wilks and Faulkner and transported one to PRMC.

Saturday, Feb. 12

6:53 a.m. — A MICU responded to the 600 block of Plains and transported one to PRMC.

8:20 a.m. — A MICU responded to the 800 block of Scott and transported one to PRMC.

10:45 a.m. — A MICU responded to the 2800 block of Charles and transported one to PRMC.

11:02 a.m. — A MICU responded to the 600 block of Lefors and transported one to PRMC.

11:19 p.m. — A MICU responded to the 500 block of Foster and transported one to PRMC.

Sunday, Feb. 13

4:12 a.m. — A MICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to PRMC.

6:46 a.m. — A MICU responded to the 400 block of 18th and transported one to PRMC.

9:09 a.m. — A MICU

Arrest

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crack was seized. The estimated street value is \$750 to \$900," said Courtney in the release. "Henderson was arrested

in January of 2004 on similar charges at the same house on another narcotics search warrant," Courtney said.

"(This) search warrant was the result of an ongoing investigation by the narcotics division," he said. —Marilyn Powers, staff writer

It's too early to declare North Korea a 'nuclear state,' South Korea says

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea's point man on the North cautioned Monday that it would be premature to declare North Korea a nuclear power despite its claim to having atomic weapons.

Unification Minister Chung Dong-young noted North Korea has yet to conduct a nuclear test, unlike other nuclear powers such as India and Pakistan.

"I believe it is early for us to call the North a nuclear state," when it has not been independently confirmed, Chung said in a speech to parliament. South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-Moon, who met Monday with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, also said the North may be bluffing.

The secretive communist nation announced Thursday that it has built nuclear weapons and was staying away from international disarmament talks.

The claim dramatically raised tensions in the two-year standoff over the North's nuclear ambitions. He said even senior U.S. officials who have pushed for a hard line on North Korea have said it's not clear if North Korea really has such arms.

Chung noted Korea has said it has atomic weapons at least 10 times since 2003.

"It's definite that North Korea possesses 10 to 14 kilograms of plutonium that can make one or two nuclear weapons," he said. However, he said there was no "conclusive evidence that North Korea made plutonium bombs" with the material, but that other

countries suspect North Korea has one or two nuclear bombs.

Chung urged North Korea to embrace the spirit of denuclearization, saying it will "be difficult for North Korea to become a trusted member of the international community if it holds and develops nuclear weapons."

Ban and Rice agreed the United States and South Korea enjoy a close friendship and strong alliance. "We look forward to working on the many challenges that we have in the region," Rice told reporters.

There was no hint in their statements of differences between the two sides on how to approach North Korea.

Local Red Cross offers CPR training

Gray County Area Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering a Community CPR/First Aid class on Tuesday, Feb. 15, from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m. at the Pampa office, 108 N. Russell. For more information or to sign up, call 806-669-7121.

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Viewpoints

Yankees not necessarily better snow drivers

As I write this, snow is coming down outside my window.

There is a fire in the fireplace and a little brandy in the coffee.

A car just slid through the stop sign on the corner I overlook.

I can hear my mother now, "Texans just don't know how to drive in snow."

We don't like to talk about it in the Bowser family, but my mother was a Yankee. She grew up in Michigan.

She and my father met in college when Daddy was working on his master's at Michigan State. His parents were less than delighted when he returned to Texas with his bride. I was born in

Texas, but I grew up with tales of the great north woods.

After college, my parents lived in the Upper Peninsula, the part of Michigan that hangs out over Lake Superior. My sister was born there.

I grew up with pictures of their house in Chatham, snowdrifts so deep the fence around the house wasn't even visible.

My favorite picture was an old faded black-and-white photograph of my sister in a snowsuit standing at the edge of the road where a snow plow had gone by. The wall of snow was three times the height of my then 3-year-old sister.

Daddy would talk about the snow in the winter up there and the difficulty of getting around in it.

Mother would talk about the time Daddy tried to attach snowshoes to his cowboy boots.

Such stories were seasonal and would always end with mother talking about Texas and snow and how Texans don't know how to drive in it.

Having grown up with these stories, I accepted them as gospel. Texans didn't know how to drive in the

snow. Yankees had some mystical sense that allowed them to maneuver through drifts higher than a house.

I accepted these stories until I moved back East for a couple of years.

I was in my mid-20s and it was that time of life when you discover your own truths and the fact that maybe the things your elders told you weren't always factual. It was a time of questioning and a time of learning.

I should have picked up on it right away, but let's

face it, I'm a slow learner.

Everybody drove slowly in Indianapolis and Philadelphia. The reason wasn't the snow. It was the incredibly large pot holes that would swallow a car.

Eventually, I ended up in Rhode Island. I really didn't think much about the snow, except that I knew every Sunday night when I was driving back from a weekend of partying in Boston, it would snow. It was like clockwork, but I was too tired to ponder it at the time.

It wasn't until I left New England that it really dawned on me. That was when I discovered that some drivers, whether Texans or Yankees, are just plain stu-

pid. It was Easter Monday, 1970, and I was headed for sunny Southern California.

I made my way in my small sky blue Volkswagen Beetle north from Quonset Point, R.I., to the Massachusetts Turnpike and headed west.

I had been to Boston for the weekend, so naturally it had snowed...and snowed and snowed.

The Massachusetts Turnpike had not been cleared. A four-lane, divided highway at the time, there were trees standing stark and black against the snow to the right of the highway a cou-

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David Bowser
Staff Writer



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Feb. 14, the 45th day of 2005. There are 320 days left in the year. This is Valentine's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 14, 1929, the "St. Valentine's Day Massacre" took place in a Chicago garage as seven rivals of Al Capone's gang were gunned down.

On this date:
In 1778, the American ship "Ranger" carried the recently adopted Star and Stripes to a foreign port for the first time as it arrived in France.

In 1859, Oregon was admitted to the Union as the 33rd state.

In 1903, the Department of Commerce and Labor was established. (It was divided into separate departments of Commerce and Labor in 1913.)

In 1912, Arizona became the 48th state of the Union.

In 1920, the League of Women Voters was founded in Chicago; its first president was Maude Wood Park.

In 1945, Peru, Paraguay, Chile and Ecuador joined the United Nations.

In 1979, Adolph Dubs, the U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, was kidnapped in Kabul by Muslim extremists and killed in a shootout between his abductors and police.

In 1984, 6-year-old Stormie Jones became the world's first heart-liver transplant recipient at Children's Hospital of

Pittsburgh (she lived until November 1990).

In 1985, Cable News Network reporter Jeremy Levin, who was being held hostage by extremists in Lebanon, was freed.

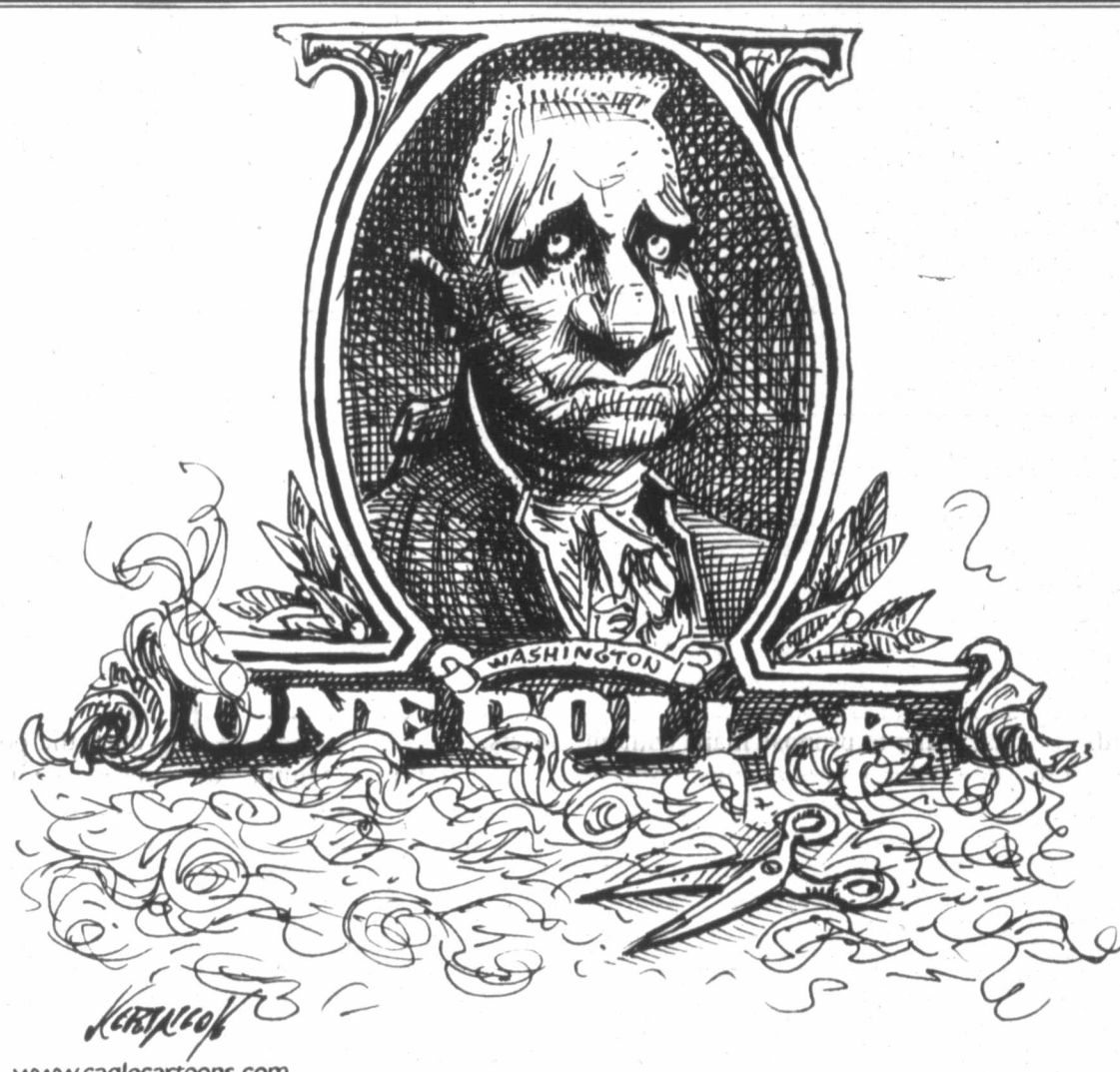
In 1989, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini called on Muslims to kill Salman Rushdie, author of "The Satanic Verses," a novel condemned as blasphemous.

Ten years ago: A federal judge rejected the Justice Department's proposed antitrust settlement with Microsoft Corporation; U.S. District Judge Stanley Sporkin was later overruled by an appeals court. The House passed the centerpiece of the Republican anti-crime package, voting to create block grants for local governments while eliminating President Clinton's program to hire more police (the president later vetoed a spending authorization bill containing this provision).

Five years ago: Three tornadoes tore across rural southwest Georgia, killing 20 people and destroying homes, businesses and farms. Two sophomores at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., were found shot to death in a fast-food restaurant just two blocks from the school, which was still reeling from the April 1999 massacre.

*'Love that's wise
will not say all it
means.'*

— Edwin Arlington
Robinson
American poet
(1869-1935)



Condi's political star on the rise

As she tours Europe after her Senate confirmation, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is like a rock star — her every movement, her every meeting covered by an adoring media.

America's first black female secretary of state is doing in public what she has always done in private — speaking frankly about America's priorities and the realities of the post-Cold War world.

As she jokes with German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, loosening up his dogmatic anti-American policies, lectures Russia

about freedom and warns Israel of tough decisions ahead, one thing is obvious: A star is being born. Traveling without the entourage customary for secretaries of state, on time, mapping out in advance her first six months of travel, Rice is a new force in American politics.

As the Republican Party casts about for a viable presidential candidate in 2008 to keep Sen. Hillary Rodham

Clinton (D-N.Y.) out of the White House, attention will inevitably focus on Rice, the woman who may stand between Clinton and the presidency.

Since President Bush's success in Iraq has laid the basis for negotiation in the

Middle East, there is every prospect that Rice may preside over a diplomatic triumph in catalyzing the discussions between Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian President

Mahmoud Abbas. The firm American stand in Iraq will also make more likely success in Korea and Iran, all of which would add to the prestige of Rice.

The political fact is that a Rice candidacy would destroy the electoral chances of the Democratic Party by undermining its demographic base.

John Kerry got 54 percent of his vote from three groups that, together, account for about a third of the American electorate: African-Americans, Hispanics and single white

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Dick Morris
Columnist

Unintended consequences can be good

The law of unintended consequences sometimes works to the good.

U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay's brazenly partisan abuse of the congressional redistricting process in his home state two years ago helped ignite a nationwide campaign to change the way districts for House seats are redrawn.

According to Common Cause, a nonpartisan organization pushing for campaign reform, movements to take redistricting out of the partisan hands of state legislatures are under way in California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and Rhode

Island. Texas is not on that list, but it should be. For years, state Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, pushed for a bipartisan commission to redraw congressional districts. When the Democrats were in power in the Texas Legislature, they saw no advantage in signing on.

Now that Wentworth's fellow Republicans control the Legislature, they, too, see nothing to be gained from improving the current system. Across the country, most congressional races have lost

their competitiveness. When districts are redrawn once every 10 years (more often in Texas, thanks to DeLay and his minions in Austin), following the nationwide decennial census, state lawmakers play either the "protect the incumbents" or the "increase my party's number of safe seats" game.

As a result, The New York Times reported, "in the 2004 Congressional elections, only 13 seats in the House changed hands, and four incumbents were defeated in the general election. In 2002, 82 percent of

the races were decided by a margin of 20 percent or more, Common Cause said."

"There is a problem when the turnover in the United States House of Representatives is lower than it was in the Soviet Politburo," Nathaniel Persily, an election law expert at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, told The Times.

That is not healthy for democracy, which requires meaningful competition of parties, ideologies and ideas to give voters real choices.

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger recently called for the creation of a

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Residents and staff at Meredith House honored CBS Channel 10 weatherman "Doppler" Dave Oliver recently as part of National Weatherpersons Day, congratulating Oliver on a job well done. Doppler Dave did the 5 and 6 p.m. weather forecast live from the Meredith House on that day. Presenting Doppler Dave, far right, with a certificate from left to right are Max Willingham, Mona Eccles, Helen Reeburgh, Charlotte Willett LVN/AA, and Bill Gabelmann.

Snow

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ple hundred feet and the same to the left. From the trees on the right to the trees on the left, there was only a broad strip of white, level snow. No markings as to where the pavement was. Nothing to indicate the shoulder of the road. Nothing to indicate the

median. Just a flat band of snow.

As I putted along in my Beetle, I looked in the rearview mirror and saw a BIG Buick (this was before the days anyone worried about gas mileage) closing fast.

Afraid to swerve or make any sudden movement on the snow and ice lest I lose traction and spin out of control, I held my course and speed, well below the 70

mph limit.

The Buick went whizzing by me, spraying me with snow and slush. My windshield wipers were over powered and for a few minutes I drove blind, putting along at 40 mph.

As I marveled at this Yankee's skill at driving in snow, my windshield wipers caught up with tidal wave that the Buick had washed over me. Ahead I could see the tan and copper-colored

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women. Rice would cut deeply into any Democrat's margin among these three groups and would, most especially, deny Clinton the strong support she would otherwise receive from each of them.

As a social conservative and deeply religious person, she would face no bar in winning the votes of the Christian right, so crucial to winning the Republican nomination.

Unlike former Republican New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani and Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), both of whom could probably win in November, she would be very attractive to the pro-life, anti-gun-control, anti-affirmative-action base of the GOP.

America longs to put the period on the disgraceful chapter in our nation's history that began when the

first slaves arrived at Jamestown, Va., almost 400 years ago.

We also want to send a message to every girl, and every African-American or Hispanic baby, that there is no ceiling and that you can rise as far as your ability will carry you.

The day Condi Rice is sworn in as president, regardless of the fate of her administration, that message and the punctuation of our history of racism will be obvious.

Of course, she isn't running — nor is there any indication that she is harboring thoughts of a candidacy.

But as her visibility increases, so will her viability. It may just be possible to draft Condi into the race.

A draft-Condi movement seems almost antiquated in this era of ambitious and self-promoting candidates, but it may well fill a deep need in the electorate to vote for someone who is running in response to a genuine call of the people.

Condi Rice is a work in progress.

Her rise has been impelled by her merits and achievements rather than any efforts on her part to curry favor in the media.

She is still working and still progressing.

But keep your eye on this political star. It is rising and may one day be ascendant.

Dick Morris is a political analyst and was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

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panel of retired judges to redraw his state's congressional districts. None of the Golden State's House seats changed hands last November, according to The Times.

No doubt, the Republican governor wants to shake loose a few Democratic seats and increase his party's representation in California's House delegation. But he is right in calling for changing the process that the Democratic-run state Legislature has long used to benefit the party more than California's voters.

"You cannot believe the number of people and organizations across the country that are focusing on this redistricting issue," Bruce E. Cain, the director of the Institute of Governmental Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, told The Times. "It seems like it's poised to become, for the reform community, the equivalent of McCain-Feingold," the 2002 law that significantly reformed federal campaign finance laws.

U.S. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., the co-sponsor of that measure, also supports changing how congressional districts are redrawn. He

backed the creation of a non-partisan commission to do so in his home state, which voters approved in 2000.

Subsequent congressional redistricting in Arizona was "viewed by advocates as the most impartial since Iowa created a system 20 years ago to propose maps without taking into account partisan considerations like voter history and incumbents' addresses," according to The Times.

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University of California

Several versions of congressional redistricting reform are floating around, from Schwarzenegger's panel of retired judges to Wentworth's bipartisan commission appointed by leaders of both parties in the Legislature.

The specifics are less important than that the body

created to do the job do so with as much partisan disinterestedness as possible, with the prime directive always being to make as many House races as competitive as possible while maintaining valid communities of interest within districts.

Legislatures cannot be removed entirely from the process. The U.S. Constitution assigns them that responsibility. But the framers, who disdained political parties when they wrote the national charter, surely would not approve of the blatantly partisan hijacking of the process.

State lawmakers should retain the power only to accept or reject redistricting plans drawn up by independent panels. Like the federal base realignment and closure process, legislators should not have the power to amend recommended House district maps.

Some senior leaders in both parties worry that the law of unintended consequences could kick in if the congressional redistricting process is changed, The Times reported. They fear that they would lose seats if more races were made more competitive.

This is not a valid concern. Elections are supposed to belong to the voters, not to the political parties.

Elections are supposed to offer voters meaningful choices, not serve the narrow interests of one or the other party. The current system in states where legislatures still redraw House districts largely fails to do that. It needs to be changed to return to the voters the power that is supposed to belong to them.

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Ochiltree County will sponsor a beginning futures and options workshop for area producers from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Feb. 18 at the Ochiltree County Expo Center in Perryton. Dr. Steve Amosson will be the instructor for the course which will provide basic information to producers about using futures and options in marketing. The registration fee is \$10. To register or for more information, call Scott Strawn by Feb. 16 at (806) 435-4501.

• **The next Pampa Area Singles** dance, featuring Mike Porter, is scheduled from 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 at the Sportsman Club on South Barnes Street. Admission is \$6 per person. No smoking or alcohol allowed. Snacks welcome. For more information, call 665-7059.

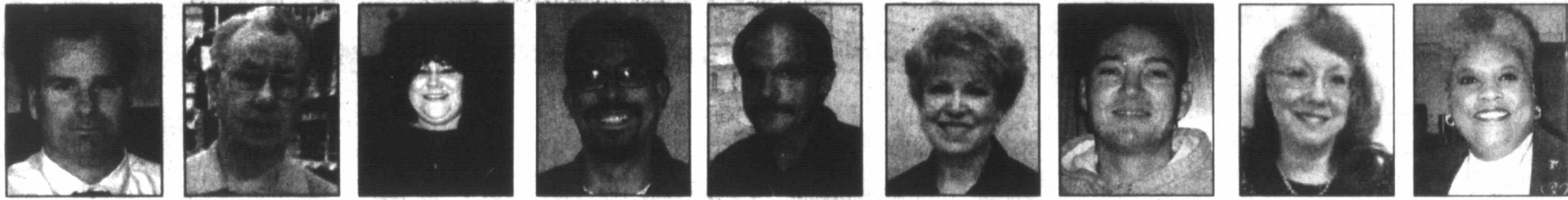
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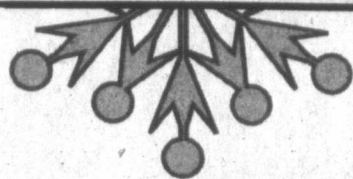
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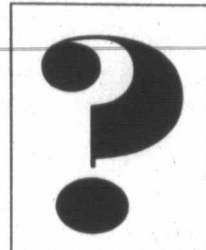
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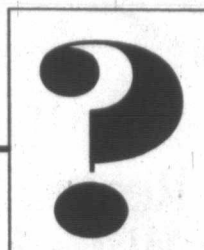
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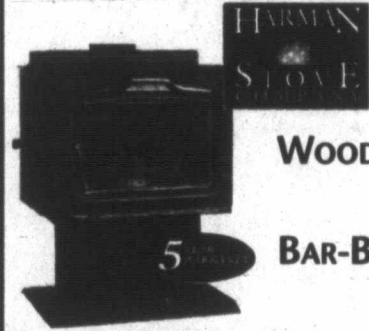
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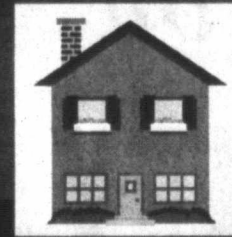
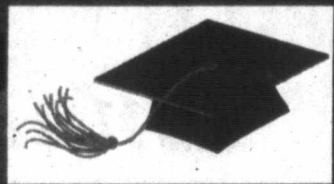
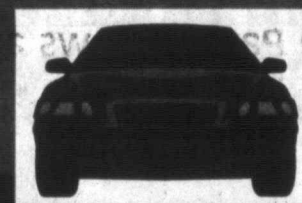


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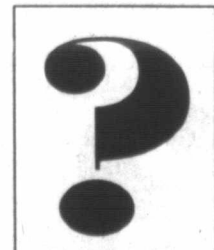


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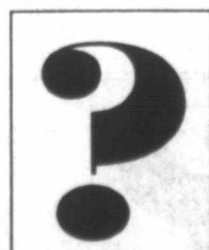
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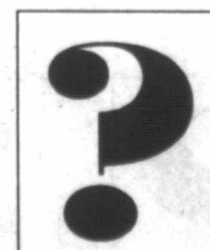
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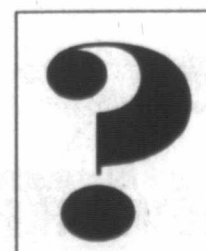
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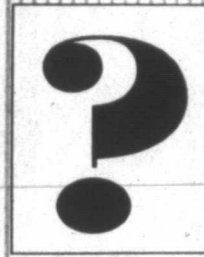
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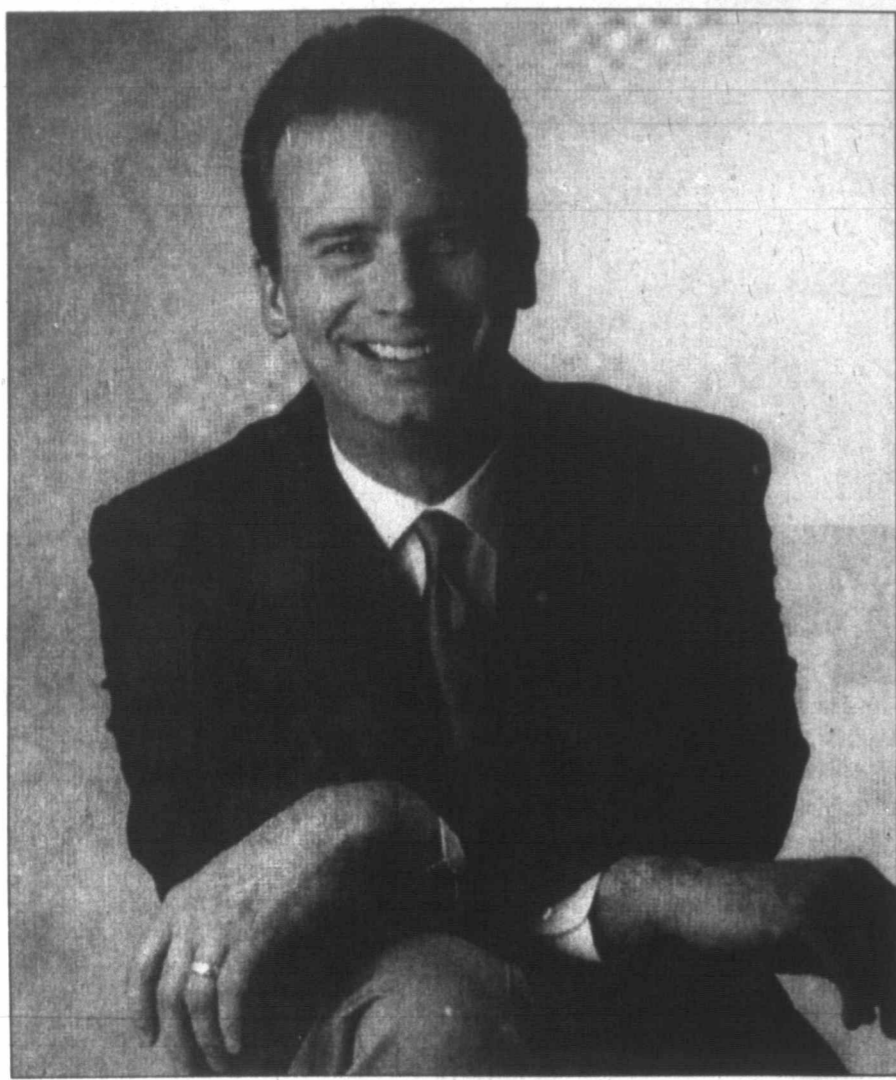

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A Goldcoat welcome



Top O' Texan Goldcoats recently welcomed Freeman's Flowers and new owners Jay and Deborah Henson to the Chamber. Goldcoats: (l-r) June Beyer, Benny Horton, Bob Marx, Roy E. Morriss, Darville Orr, Clay Rice and Shelly Cook. Also pictured (l-r): Ashlyn Johnson, Haley Smith, Deborah Henson, Savannah Smith, Jay and Hayden Henson, Carmen Overstreet and Cendy Chambles.



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Dear Members,

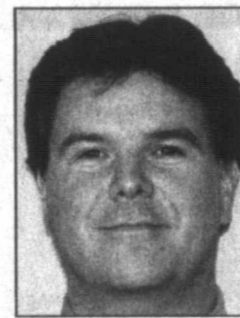
Let's take a look at what is coming up in the next few months in your Chamber.

First, our next big event will be our 76th annual Chamber Banquet and Citizen of the Year presentation, taking place on Saturday, April 16, in the Heritage Room of the M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium, beginning at 7 p.m.

Just like last year, we are offering table top sponsorships for \$25 per table. Members be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to show off your business or organization to those in attendance by creating a fun and informative table for all to enjoy. It is very inexpensive and yet provides a wonderful opportunity to promote your products or services. In addition, we are looking forward to our speaker, Lyndy Phillips, who is a

dynamic entertainer, humorist, illusionist and motivator, all wrapped up in one. Get ready for a delicious meal to be provided by Dos Caballeros. The entire evening, including the 2004 Citizen of the Year presentation, is very reasonable at only \$20 per person. Come join us for what should be a blockbuster evening.

Moving ahead to May, all of you golfers mark your calendar for the Pampa Partnership Golf Tournament, taking place May 14th and 15th. This tournament provides funds to the Pampa Chamber Retail Committee for their promotion of upcoming retail-oriented events. Golf pros, David Teichmann of Hidden Hills Golf Course and Mark Hughes of Pampa Country Club Golf Course, always put on a tremendous weekend of



Clay Rice

golf for all who participate. As most of you know, the tournament is held at the Hidden Hills course on Saturday and the Pampa Country Club course on Sunday, giving golfers the opportunity to play on two of the best courses in the entire panhandle.

The last event we want to discuss this month is the 6th annual Chamber Business Expo to be held at the M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium on Saturday, June 18th, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Vendors are already reserving booths, so get your reservation forms in quickly. Remember also that businesses and organizations of all types can benefit from the exposure obtained by renting a booth at the Expo. In conjunction with this year's Expo, the Texas Workforce Center will hold a Job Fair and we already have commitments from the Amarillo Wildlife Refuge and Coffee Memorial Blood Bank.

We have several sponsors lined up but sponsorships are still available. Gold level sponsorships run \$500 each and silver level sponsorships are \$250 each. With a Gold sponsorship, you will receive two 8'x8' booth spaces and top billing on ads. Silver sponsors receive one 8'x8' booth space and second billing on ads. Keep in mind that we estimate between 2,000 and 3,000 people have attended the Expo each year. Fun, food and information will all be available at the 2005 Chamber Business Expo.

We trust that these upcoming events will get you even more excited about what is going on and what is available in Pampa. Please fill out the form that you have received in the mail recently and send it in soon. We invite you to join us for what just might be the most successful Business Expo that we have ever had.

Sincerely,

Clay Rice

Clay Rice, Executive Director
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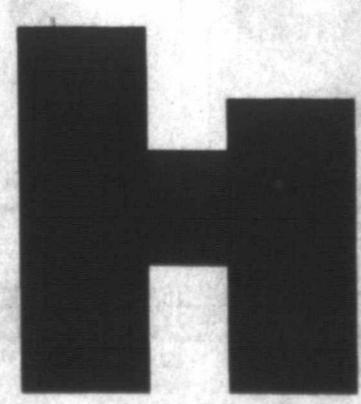
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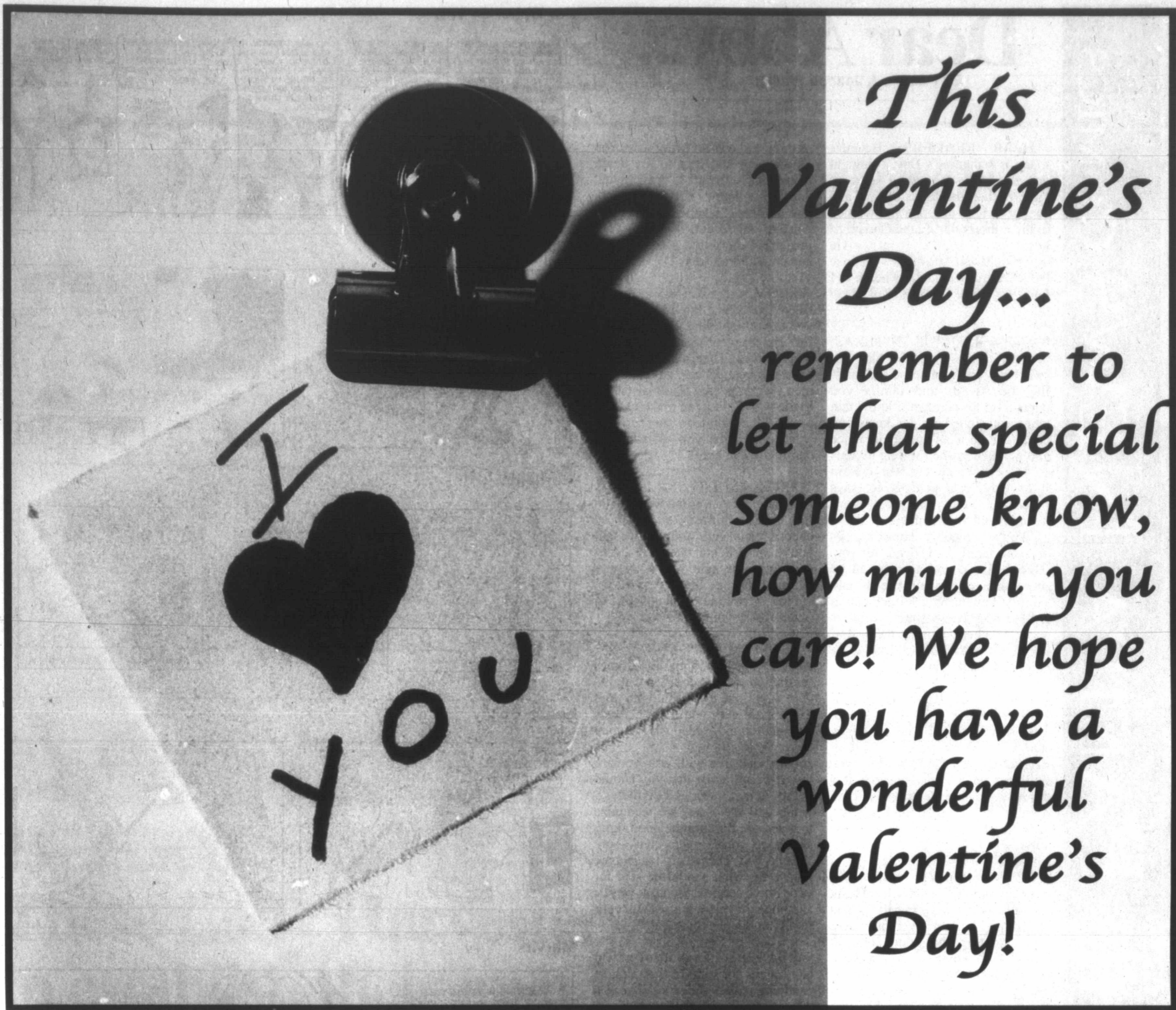
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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR READERS: Because today is Valentine's Day, I thought you might enjoy reading some of the 5 million messages of love and support sent to our men and women in the military during the Christmas holidays via OperationDearAbby.net. Those "love letters" warmed my heart, as I know they will yours as well. Read on:

FROM RHONNIE IN TEXAS: "I know things must be hard for you, being far from home and missing the friends and family you depend on for comfort. I know that when you signed on, you knew you could end up in an unfriendly place and would be gone for long periods of time. You knew this, yet you did it anyway. That selfless act says much of your character, your strength and your courage."

"You're probably homesick, as are your family and friends for you. You are loved and appreciated by more than only your friends and family. You have a strong nation behind you that wishes you home soon, whether you be in the heat of the desert or the cold and snow. Be safe, and thank you."

FROM SHARON IN SANFORD, MICH.: "Thank you for your service to our country. I pray that everywhere you go, and in everything you confront, that you will be given a special wisdom. It is my heart's desire that truth and freedom be strengthened, and flourish, and all error manifested and dissolved."

FROM ROBYN G., THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS: "Thank you for all of your sacrifices and hardships. I want everyone over there fighting the good fight to know that America is thankful, even if we don't write all the time or send packages. We are here for you and will be here for you when you come home. :) Love and prayers."

FROM LOUISE IN LEWISVILLE, OHIO: "You may find it hard to understand that someone you don't even know is thinking about you. I am a mother

of three and was an Army wife. You all are near and dear to my heart. Know that someone is praying that you come home safe and sound, that someone needs you to know you are not forgotten. Finish your job, make the world a better place and come home soon."

FROM BECKY IN EDWARDSVILLE, ILL.: "Thank you for volunteering, and thank you for hanging in there during the tough times. There's no doubt we have the best sailors, soldiers, airmen, Marines and National Guard in the world, and you make us very proud. I'll continue to pray for your safety and hope you soon have a happy voyage home."

FROM ASHLEY IN MERRITT ISLAND, FLA.: "Find strength in the small things, laugh every chance you get, and know that you're missed and we pray every day for your safe return. Never-ending courage deserves never-ending gratitude. Thank you so much for all your sacrifices."

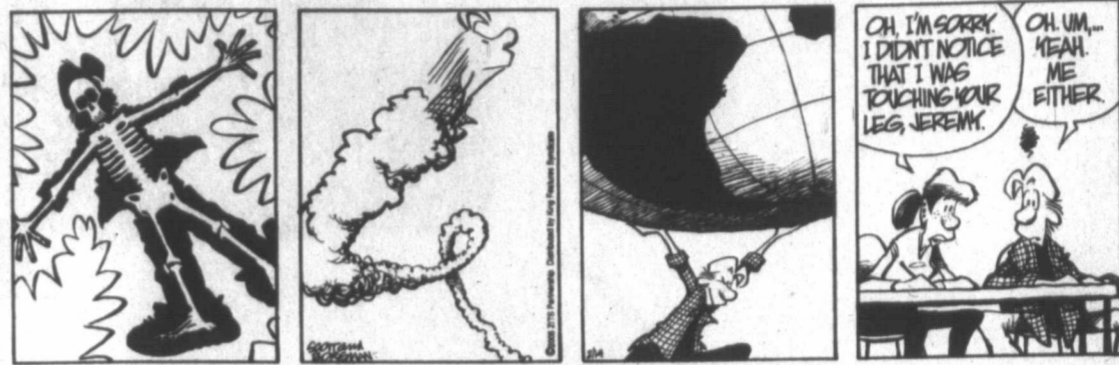
FROM "MIKEY" IN PAYSON, ARIZ.: "Thank you a million times for the job you are doing in that distant location. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I am a senior citizen and understand why you are there. And although some in this country disagree with why you are there, we all agree that you should come home soon. Nevertheless, while you are there, we recognize that you are fighting the good fight, and hope your service ends soon. 'Thank you' seems an inadequate phrase for what should be said for your brave service. We all love you and hope you are reunited with your family as soon as possible."

READERS: I know many of you have plans for tonight that include candlelight and flowers. This is a time when our members of the military deployed far from home acutely feel the absence of their loved ones. So, please, go to OperationDearAbby.net and send a message telling them they are in our hearts. Happy Valentine's Day, everyone!

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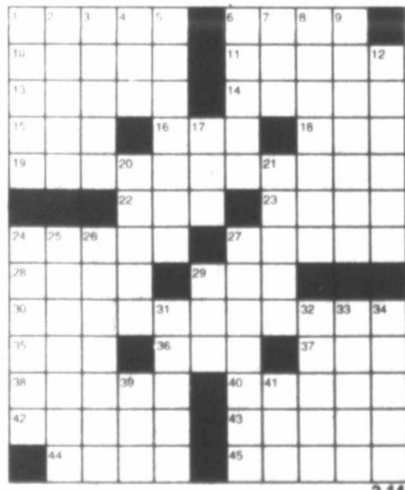
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Sports Day



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With a little help from teammate Jackie Gerber #14, Lady Harvester Britteni Rice looks for a way to the bucket during Pampa's recent meeting with Randall. The Lady Harvesters will face Frenship in a Bidistrict playoff game in Canyon tomorrow night.

These Lady Harvesters look to establish their own legacy

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

14 years. That's a long time. It's a decade plus four years. It's a kid starting to dream of a driver's license (learner's permit in the very least). It's almost the halfway point of a 30-year mortgage. It's something dogs don't even want to think about.

It is also how long it has been since the Pampa Lady Harvesters last played in a basketball playoff game. In fact, here are a few things that were taking place back then:

- The Soviet Union was dissolving.
- President Bush (the first one) and Soviet leader Boris Yeltsin ended the Cold War.
- A first class stamp cost .25 cents.
- "Unforgettable" by Natalie Cole was song, record and album of the year.
- The Minnesota Twins were World Series champs.
- Washington Redskins won the Super Bowl.
- I weighed much, much less than I do now.

These were just a few of the events taking place in late 1991, early 1992. The season in which Pampa moved on to Bidistrict play against Levelland. A Lady Harvester team made up of names like Nikki Ryan, Kristin Becker, Sheila Reed, Christa West, Lisa Jeffrey, Kristi Jones and Amber Seaton. And though they lost to Levelland, 47-40, little did they know they left something of a legacy.

Now it is up to names like Lindsey Ammons, Britteni Rice, Jaclyn Spearman, Callie Cobb and McKensie East to re-ignite that flame. Nicole Clark, Audrey Dunn, Jackie Gerber, Lauren Winkleman, Autumn Darden, Krissie Alexander and Payton Baird will now share a special bond with teammates 14 years removed.

Come tomorrow night, these Lady Harvesters can create their own legacy for others to follow when Pampa (15-15, 7-3) takes on Frenship (24-9, 7-3) in a Bidistrict playoff.

The team will leave for Canyon at 3 p.m. tomorrow. A caravan, including police escort, will form up to then in front of Pampa High School.

The game is scheduled to start at 6 p.m. in the Old Canyon High School gym.

JUST SAY IT

Come on, you know what it is Giambi is sorry for, don't you?

I am slightly confused. Jason Giambi holds a press conference and apologizes for having let his team and his fans down and people are still all over this guy's case. And the only reason appears to be because

Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor



Giambi didn't make clear what he was apologizing for. Why does it matter? If you are losing sleep because this man won't say he is sorry for doping himself silly so he could hit a baseball a little farther than he could otherwise, that's your problem. Why must you hear him say he took steroids? Will it provide closure? And if so, from what?

This is a great example of how grotesquely wrapped up in sports some people can get. I hate to think of the drop in production America's employers are experiencing now

because Giambi just won't say he was a juice junkie. There are actually people out there 'Jonesing' for the truth.

I can care less if he ever admits to it by name or description. The fact is,

right or wrong, he should not be facing this kind of questioning or scrutiny any way. When one provides Grand Jury testimony, one does so with a measure of confidence that testimony will remain sealed and private until it is released according to court order. So the fact of the matter in Giambi's case is, we should not even know what we do. Giambi should have never been placed in the position of having to sit in front of the press and apologize for — whatever he apologized for.

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A Pampa win in Hereford means playoffs

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

For the Pampa Harvester boys' varsity basketball team, its simple. Win tomorrow night and you are in the playoffs for the third year in a row. Lose and the season is over.

Provided Randall does not pull off the miracle upset at Palo Duro tomorrow night, all Pampa needs to do to extend its season is travel to Hereford and beat the Hostile Herd. And though the Harvesters roughed up Hereford here just Jan. 28, tomorrow night may be a different story. The Herd too is trying to make the playoffs.

Harvester coach Jeff Reed knows what he and his team faces tomorrow night. "They (Hereford) will come out ready for a fight," said Reed. And though no one likes being in a win-or-go-home game, Reed and his team have some experience at it. The Harvesters were in much the same boat last year,

needing a win over Plainview to make the playoffs. Experience they may need to draw on to make the post-season.

"If we can get on them early, maybe we can bruise their confidence a bit," said Reed. "But they are not just going to lay down for us. They have the same thing at stake that we do. Win and they are in the playoffs."

Reed believes it will be the team that works the hardest and doesn't fold under pressure that will come away with the win tomorrow night. And should that team be Pampa, will they be playoff ready? "Absolutely. A win tomorrow night means the start of a new season where every one is 0-0."

Game time in Hereford tomorrow night is 7:30 p.m. There is plenty of time to take in the girls' game in Canyon, hop Highway 60 west and catch the rest of the boys' game.

Manning big in 38-27 AFC Pro Bowl win

HONOLULU (AP) — Peyton Manning finished his prolific season at the Pro Bowl with more of the same: another bunch of touchdown passes, another record and another award.

And another win in a game that doesn't matter.

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He was forced into it because he sat in a court room and honestly shared his secret shame. Barry Bonds did the same. And just as Giambi has trouble in saying what it was he did, Bonds has a tougher time admitting he knew what he was taking. Still, his testimony too should have been protected.

So why must you hear it? Why must you hear Giambi, Bonds, McGuire or any one say he took steroids? Are they like bad puppies who messed on your carpet and now you just want to rub their noses in it? You know what they did. They know what they did. But it seems that this mutual knowledge is just

not enough for some people. They are the salt in the wound. But only if some one else makes the first cut.

I have said it before and I will say it again, the story here is not so much that Giambi, Bonds or others powered up with dope. It's not that is sorry but will not say what he is sorry for. It is not that one says he took something but didn't know what it was. It is that they gave sworn testimony that should have been protected but was somehow leaked (not intended to be a puppy reference).

Side Note: Look for Jose Canseco's well-timed book to sell by the truck-load. Not that it will be any good. I mean, come on, it's Jose Canseco for crying out loud. But in it, among other things, he apparently names people he injected with steroids.

Deer hunter



10-year-old Amber Shephard of Lefors took this deer during a youth hunt last month near Kellerville. Her uncle Dale Lock, and grandfather Clay Lock were on hand for Amber's first hunt. Shephard is in the fifth grade at Lefors Elementary School.

Jarrett on pole for Daytona 500

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Dale Jarrett and Jimmie Johnson will share the front row for the start of next Sunday's Daytona 500, the NASCAR Nextel Cup's season-opener.

Jeff Gordon, Johnson's Hendrick Motorsports teammate, was fastest in Saturday

practice at Daytona International Speedway and was the heavy favorite in the garage area to take the pole. It looked like a good prediction when the two-time 500 winner took the top spot early in Sunday's qualifying with a lap of 188.155 mph.

Fowler closer to becoming NFL's first black owner

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Arizona businessman Reggie Fowler is close to becoming the NFL's first black owner after reaching an agreement to buy the Minnesota Vikings.

A source within the league, speaking on the condition of anonymity, confirmed the deal. The Vikings scheduled a news conference for 2:30 p.m. CST, but did not disclose any additional information.

Owner Red McCombs has been trying to sell the team for three years, and Phoenix radio station XTRA-AM, ESPN.com, KSTP-TV in the Twin Cities, and the Star Tribune's Web site all reported there is a deal with Fowler.

Minnesota Timberwolves owner Glen Taylor also made an offer to buy the Vikings. He said Sunday he hadn't heard from McCombs since his proposal nearly two weeks ago and believes Fowler bid \$625 million.

"I was given a message that they were going to respond and then they didn't," Taylor said before the Timberwolves played the Chicago Bulls. "That's when I started to assume that they already had something with Reggie. ... And I've heard and I think some other people have heard, that it's 625 and our offer was not in that area."

McCombs and Fowler have been silent since beginning a short-term agreement to negotiate exclusively, but Taylor has spoken frequently and openly about his recent push. Taylor inquired about submitting another bid once the period of exclusivity had begun and was told by the McCombs camp it was OK.

"We gave them a number of alternatives and said if none of these work out with you, come back with how you would change it," Taylor said. "We weren't like, 'This is the last or final offer.'"

But with no response from San Antonio, where McCombs has his office, Taylor sounded resigned to Fowler's buying the team.

NFL owners are scheduled to meet in March in Hawaii, so the process could take some time — and it's not a sure thing. League rules require 24 of the 32 owners to approve a sale, and the NFL also mandates that a general partner must put down 30 percent of the cash portion of any franchise purchase.

Little is known about Fowler's personal wealth, but the Arizona Republic reported Saturday that he's worth more than \$400 million.

Source tells Canadian Press Bettman will cancel hockey season during press conference Tuesday

NEW YORK (AP) — With no miracle save in sight and a weekend deadline long gone, the NHL made plans for a news conference Tuesday to cancel what little remained of a season already decimated by a lockout.

A public relations executive, speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that planning was under way Monday for NHL commissioner Gary Bettman to make the announcement at a news conference in New York.

The Canadian Press, citing an unidentified source, said Bettman will cancel the season at the news conference.

The NHL would become the first major professional league in North America to cancel an entire season because of a labor dispute. This would mark the first time the Stanley Cup was not awarded since a flu epidemic canceled the finals in 1919.

Asked about The Canadian Press report, NHL spokesman Frank Brown said the league had no immediate comment.

After vowing not to reach out to each other after two days of talks broke off Thursday, the sides met Sunday at the request of a high-ranking federal mediator. Neither Bettman nor players' association executive director Bob Goodenow attended.

But that round of talks in Washington was also unsuccessful, with both sides saying that no progress was made.

Neither side has been willing to budge on the salary-cap issue — the NHL has said it is necessary in any new deal, and the players' association has rejected it as a solution.

NHL chief legal officer Bill Daly was joined Sunday at the five-hour meeting by outside counsel Bob Batterman, with players' association senior director Ted Saskin and outside counsel John McCambridge on the other side.

The sides were assisted by mediators twice before, as recently as a Feb. 2 negotiating session in Newark, N.J. Sunday's meeting was requested by Scot B. Beckenbaugh, the acting director of the U.S. Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service.

Neither side thought mediation would help end the stalemate that has lasted five months.

The lockout reached its 152nd day Monday, a day after the NHL was to hold its All-Star game in Atlanta.

Bettman said the sides needed to start putting a deal on paper by the weekend if the NHL was going to hold a 28-game season and a 16-team playoff.

The NHL said its 30 clubs need to know what their costs would be, and the only way that could be achieved is with a salary cap that linked league revenues to player costs.

A cap was an automatic deal-breaker for the union even though it agreed that the financial landscape had to change. The players' association contended that there are many other ways to fix it.

The sides have traded proposals throughout the lockout that started Sept. 16. But the salary cap has always been the sticking point. Other issues such as arbitration, revenue-sharing, and rookie caps, never reached the true negotiating stage because the sides couldn't agree on the big issue.

On Friday, the NHL sent a memo to its 30 clubs, allowing them to contact players — something that was previously forbidden. The memo also allowed team executives to speak publicly about the lockout without being subject to fines.

AP Sports Writer Ronald Blum contributed to this report.

No worries, just PGA wins for Mickelson

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Two weeks, two wins for Phil Mickelson. And these aren't ordinary victories.

Mickelson is usually a thrill-a-minute, a guy who keeps everyone entertained by trying to hit clutch shots along the back nine with the tournament at stake. He birdied five of his last seven holes to win the Masters last year. He once hit a tee shot into the canyon during a playoff at Torrey Pines and still managed to win with a double bogey.

That's what makes these last two weeks on the PGA Tour so alarming.

One week after winning in Phoenix by a career-high five strokes, Mickelson went wire-to-wire in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am to win by four strokes over Mike Weir.

"He's obviously doing something right," Weir said.

Mickelson has won his last two tournaments by nine shots. Going into this year, he had won his previous eight PGA Tour titles by a combined nine shots.

"After working on the right things now for a year, after getting back my distance off the tee and being able to utilize my wedge play, I feel like I'm able to make a lot more birdies," Mickelson said. "It just seems like ... I don't want to say the game is easier, but it just feels a little bit easier."

There wasn't much heavy lifting Sunday, for sure.

Mickelson closed with a 1-over 73, the first time he has ever won with a final round over par. About the only thing he didn't get was the 72-hole record. He missed a 15-foot birdie putt on the final hole and finished at 19-under 269, one shot short of the record set seven years ago by Mark O'Meara.

"I really don't think about records like that, individual tournament records," Mickelson said. "I just really wanted to win this tournament."

That was never in doubt from the time Mickelson opened with a course-record 62 at Spyglass Hill, regarded as one of the toughest tests in northern California.

Weir tried to make it interesting.

The former Masters champion from Canada birdied three of his first four holes — the exception was a bogey when he missed the third green — and then made the only birdie of the final round on the 430-yard ninth hole, which plays along the cliffs and into a wet wind. Weir hit 3-wood into 6 feet.

When he birdied the 11th hole to get to 14 under, Mickelson's lead was down to four.

Mickelson, who had bogeys on Nos. 9 and 10 to give the Canadian fleeting hope, was never worried. He knew the outward 10 holes at Pebble Beach were the toughest, and he only needed to get through them with limited damage.

When he got to the 11th, he smoked a drive down the middle of the fairway, hit a wedge into 18 feet and hit the purest putt of his final round for a birdie that pushed his lead back up to five.

Both players spent the rest of the day missing putts by the tiniest margin — Weir burned the edge on his next six holes, and his chip for eagle on the 18th just turned away. Mickelson followed

his birdie at No. 11 by missing putts from 6, 4 and 8 feet, then he missed three more inside 18 feet.

But all that affected was the final score. — This is new territory for Mickelson, winning by such a large margin, and it might take some getting used to.

"It was weird," he said. "I didn't feel the normal intensity, the normal stress. It was a very enjoyable round."

"Which type of victory does he prefer?"

"I enjoy the stress-free day at Pebble Beach, playing with friends," he said, alluding to Ford president Steve Lyons, with whom Mickelson has an endorsement deal. "But I also enjoy that intensity and nervousness and the excitement of having to pull off clutch shots to win."

He felt that earlier in the week, when he was building a seven-shot lead that made this event a foregone conclusion.

'After working on the right things now for a year, after getting back my distance off the tee and being able to utilize my wedge play, I feel like I'm able to make a lot more birdies.'

— Phil Mickelson
PGA Golfer

Former MLB pitcher Nellie Briles dies at 61

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Nellie Briles, who won two World Series titles during his 14-year career as a major league pitcher, died Sunday, the Pittsburgh Pirates said. He was 61.

Briles died suddenly while at a Pirates alumni golf tournament in Orlando, Fla., team spokesman Dan Hart said. He said he did not know the cause of death.

"The Pirates family is deeply saddened by Nellie's passing, and our thoughts are with his wife, Ginger, their children and

grandchildren. Nellie was a valuable member of the Pirates organization for many years," Pittsburgh Pirates owner Kevin McClatchy said in a statement released by the team.

Briles helped the St. Louis Cardinals to a championship in 1967, going 14-5 with a 2.43 ERA and beating Boston 5-2 in Game 3 of the World Series. He also played a key role in Pittsburgh's 1971 title run, pitching a two-hit shutout in Game 5 against Baltimore.

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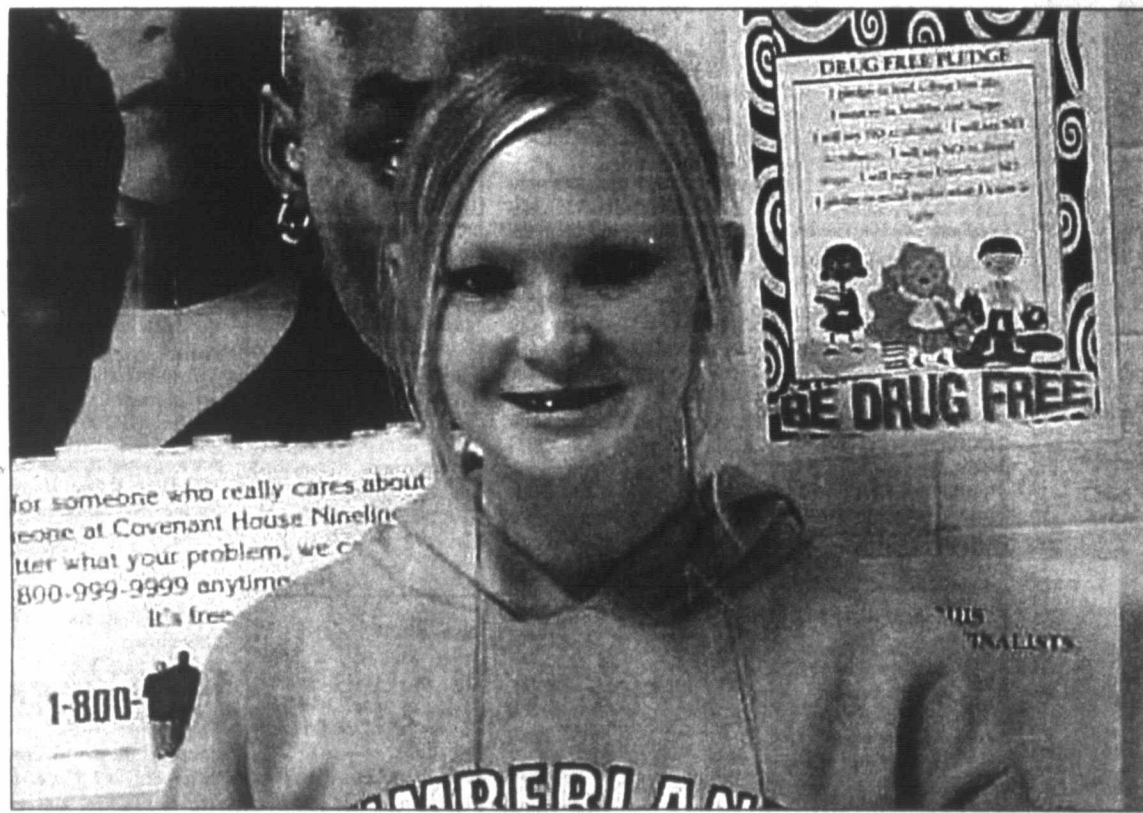
PJHS Spelling Bee winners



Pampa Junior High School 6th grade spelling bee champion Brennan Dickinson and other winners will compete in the county spelling competition Friday, Feb. 18. The winner of the county bee will participate in the regional competition March 5 in Canyon.



Kayla Cox is the 7th grade spelling bee champion at Pampa Junior High School. She will go on to compete in the county spelling bee Friday, Feb. 18. The winner of the county bee will participate in the regional spelling bee March 5 in Canyon.



Eighth grade spelling bee champion at Pampa Junior High School Kara Lane will go on to compete in the Gray County Spelling Bee Friday, Feb. 18. The winner of the county bee will participate in the regional competition March 5 in Canyon.

Lawyers in Jackson case seek fairness

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — Attorneys on both sides of Michael Jackson's child-molestation trial now face the delicate task of winnowing.

After a weeklong delay, jury selection was expected to resume Monday with prosecutors and defense attorneys trying to thin the nearly 250 potential jurors who filled out questionnaires into 12 panelists and eight alternates.

Santa Barbara County Judge Rodney S. Melville released copies of juror questionnaires last week that previewed some of the issues attorneys will focus on. Jurors were asked whether they or someone they knew had experienced improper sexual conduct, if they could judge people of a different race fairly, and if they had followed the 1993 molestation allegations involving Jackson.

Jackson is accused of

molesting a 13-year-old former cancer patient and giving the boy alcohol and conspiring to hold him and his family captive.

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Jackson's age.

The possible jurors were predominantly white, and about a third Hispanic, with only a half-dozen black prospects. All but 16 of the 242 said they could judge someone of another race fairly.

Sixty-seven people, or more than one in four of the respondents, said they knew someone who has met Jackson or spent time at his ranch. A few potential panelists said they, a relative or close friend had been the victim of "inappropriate sexual behavior of any kind."

Defense attorneys were expected to try to weed out parents of young children who might be especially fearful of child abuse. Prosecutors were likely to look for jurors who looked up to law enforcement.

The questioning of potential jurors was scheduled to begin last Monday, but was delayed by the death of lead

Mall worker describes 'split-second decision'

KINGSTON, N.Y. (AP) — As a man opened fire in a crowded shopping mall, wounding two people and sending shoppers scrambling for safety, a mall worker said he made a "split-second decision" to follow the gunman.

"People were just running out of the stores, ducking behind anything they could find — screaming, kids were screaming, everybody running," Keith Lazarchik told ABC's "Good Morning America" on Monday.

"It was basically just a split-second decision," Lazarchik said. "I didn't approach him right away. I just followed him. I was creeping up behind him as he was walking down the mall shooting."

When the gunman, identified by police as Robert Bonelli, ran out of ammunition and dropped his assault-type rifle, Lazarchik lunged for the gun and two of his co-workers tackled the gunman.

"He was standing there with his hands in the air and we just grabbed him and sat on him until police came," said Phil Dudek, a co-worker of Lazarchik's at Dick's Sporting Goods.

Bonelli, 24, of nearby Saugerties, was being held without bail on first- and second-degree assault and reckless endangerment charges, said Brian Woltman, a dispatcher for the Town of Ulster Police Department. He was arraigned early Monday in Ulster Town Court.

According to police, Bonelli opened fire Sunday afternoon inside the Best Buy store in the Hudson Valley Mall, just outside Kingston, about 55 miles south of Albany.

After firing several shots, he made is way into the mall corridor and continued shooting until running out of ammunition near the center court, witnesses said.

Lazarchik said he did not know the gunman had run out of ammunition when he dropped his weapon. After the gunman was tackled and pinned, he said it was "over" and he had no other weapons, witnesses said.

"People were walking by and yelling at him and, you know, asking him if he was crazy," Lazarchik said. "He was quiet. Very cool and calm like it was just another day at the office."

State police Capt. Wayne Olson said investigators did not know the exact number of shots fired but he said it was a "significant number of rounds." Police did not cite a motive for the shooting.

"It's shocking that it happened," Ulster Town Supervisor Fred Wadnola

said. "But I guess that's the way our society is going today."

The wounded included a National Guard recruiter who was in a recruiting booth inside the mall when he was shot. Olson said the 20-year-old recruiter might lose his leg. Hospital officials said Monday that his family asked that no information on his condition be released.

The second/victim, a 56-year-old man, had superficial gunshot wounds to his left arm, thigh and leg, Olson said. Two other people had bullet holes in their pant legs, Olson said.

"We consider it fortunate that more people were not struck," Olson said. "Sunday afternoon in a crowded mall, it really has all the potential in the world to be a disaster."

Ali Afshar, owner of a mall kiosk, said he saw the shooter being tackled from behind by two men who work at Dick's Sporting Goods. "They hit him and took him to the floor and held him there," Afshar said.

Michael Bovalino, chief executive officer of the mall's parent company, said crisis counselors would be available for mall employees Monday.

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