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**Aggies Mothers' Club sets ice cream social**

AMARILLO - The Amarillo Aggie Mothers' Club is having an ice cream social on Sunday, June 8, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Memorial Park, Picnic Area #2, at the corner of 26th and Jackson Streets (south of Amarillo College).

All future and current students of Texas A&M University and their families are invited to attend.

**DEATHS**

**Michael James 'Mike' Mullins**, 50, tax accountant.  
**Bill Tidwell**, 83, longtime rodeo director, businessman.  
**Susan Carol Walsler**, 60, homemaker.

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**\$10,000 marijuana stash**



(Pampa Police Department photo)

Pampa Police Department officers, from left, Keith Morris, Fawnsa Burrows, and Jarrett Parsons, pose with approximately 7 pounds of marijuana found when they executed a search warrant at 1005 Neel Rd. early today. Estimated street value of the marijuana is \$10,000, according to a PPD press release. Julian Ontiveros Jr., 39, 1005 Neel Rd., was arrested at the scene and later taken to Gray County Jail where he remained with charges pending at press time. Crime Stopper tips from concerned citizens led to the search warrant, police said.

**Pickup jumps curb, slams into building**

A 63-year-old Pampa man remains in Gray County Jail today charged with driving while intoxicated after his pickup jumped the curb and slammed into a building at 1216 W. Wilks Tuesday afternoon.

Shortly before 6 p.m. Tuesday, a 2000 Dodge Ram pickup was traveling west in the 1200 block of West Wilks when the driver apparently lost control and the vehicle struck a street sign, according to Pampa Police Department reports.

The pickup then jumped the curb, continued to travel west until it hit and entered the east wall of a building at 1216 W. Wilks. A gas meter was also struck and damaged by the impact, police reported.

Pampa Fire Department were called to the scene at

6:04 p.m., but when they arrived, according to fire reports, the driver of the pickup had gotten out and turned off the gas to the meter.

Firefighters turned off the electricity to the building and remained on the scene to monitor the air in the building until it was determined to be safe.

The building, owned by John Radcliff, 1137 Cinderella, sustained approximately \$6,000 damage. Damage to the sign was estimated at \$300 and \$150 damage to the meter.

Police Officer Colby Brown arrested Norris Ray Tollerson, 63, 1065 Prairie Dr., for driving while intoxicated. Bond was set at \$1,250. Tollerson remained in jail today in lieu of bond, according to the Gray County Sheriff's Department officials.

**PHS Band carnival rolls into Pampa June 10-14**

Pampa Harvester Band Booster Club promises thrilling rides, games, delicious food fun for all ages when their No. 1 fundraiser, the annual carnival rolls into town on Tuesday, June 10.

The carnival will be open nightly through Sunday, June 14. PHS Band Boosters are sponsoring The Pride of Texas Shows' variety of rides and midway games again this year. The Band Carnival is the primary fundraiser for the award-winning "Pride of Pampa" Band.

The Booster Club's food trailer will be serving hamburgers, hot dogs, nachos, frito pies and their famous "Pride" burgers. There will also be a wide selection of homemade ice cream each night. The popular "Silent Auction" will contain 80 or more items donated by local merchants and restaurants.

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**JP asks Gray Co. for help with hot check collection**

By NANCY YOUNG  
MANAGING EDITOR

Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman has collected more than \$80,000 in fines and court costs on hot check cases in Gray County since January 2001, according to a report he presented to Gray County Commissioners Court Monday.

Local merchants turning the insufficient checks over to Curfman have been reimbursed more than \$20,000 by his office since October 2002, he reported.

Curfman asked commissioners Monday to consider a part-time person in his office in the new budget year who would be designated to handle hot check collections.

"From day one when I took office I made it one of my priorities to take care of our merchants in the city," said Curfman. "They've had a growing number of insufficient checks. As you are aware, there was a controversy in

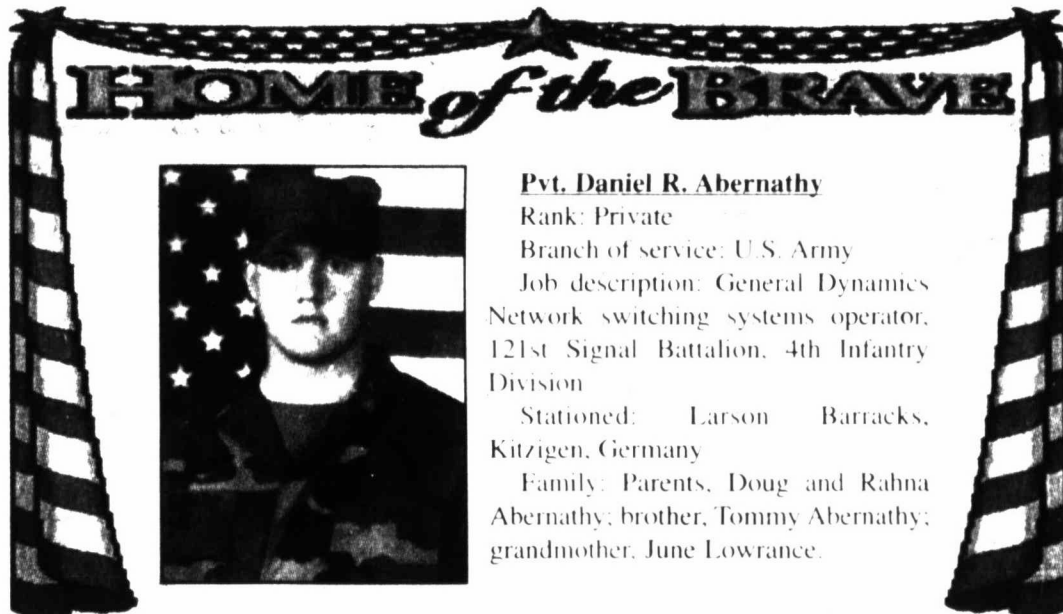
the County Attorney's office and he did lose an employee. Over the years, especially the past few months, our hot checks have tremendously increased."

The report presented to the commissioners court reflected that the fines and court costs for hot checks collected by Curfman in 2001 was \$20,300. In 2002, the amount his office collected climbed to \$34,071.81 in fines and court costs for hot checks. During the first five months of 2003, the fines and court costs collected by Curfman's office totaled \$25,715.05.

Beginning in October 2002, Curfman explained, the office acquired software which allows them to separate the amount which goes back to the merchants and what portion goes to fines and court costs.

During October, November and December of 2002, Curfman returned \$7,820.50 in restitution to the merchants. In the first five months of 2003, Curfman said his office was able to

(See CHECKS, Page 3)



**Pvt. Daniel R. Abernathy**  
Rank: Private  
Branch of service: U.S. Army  
Job description: General Dynamics Network switching systems operator, 121st Signal Battalion, 4th Infantry Division  
Stationed: Larson Barracks, Kitzingen, Germany  
Family: Parents, Doug and Rahna Abernathy; brother, Tommy Abernathy; grandmother, June Lowrance.

**Nominations open for '03 Hall of Honor**

Plans are already being made for the annual Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor Banquet.

This project was started in 1990 to recognize and honor outstanding Panhandle veterans who have distinguished themselves in the service of the country. Over the years, individuals from Pampa, Amarillo, Canyon, Claude, and other area towns have been inducted to the Hall of Honor. These honorable inductees have been recipients of such awards as the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross and even the Congressional Medal Honor.

"We can never completely show our appreciation to these individuals for their bravery, love of country and unselfish sacrifice, however in this small gesture, we hope to let the living and deceased know they are not forgotten and their sacrifices were not in vain," said John Tripplehorn, president, in a letter from the Freedom Museum U.S.A. requesting nominations.

"Unfortunately, some of those we honor have gone on to their final resting places, however, we feel confident that where ever they are, they will hear their names called and know

they have not been forgotten," he said. To nominate an individual, provide a short biographical narrative, branch of the service they served in, the awards received and, if possible, a copy of the citations plus any copies of newspaper clippings pertaining to the nominee.

In the narrative, the writer is encouraged to tell about the nominee's contributions to the community after the years of individual service in the military.

"This will give our selection committee a better idea as to overall merit of the individual," Tripplehorn said.

All the nominations must be submitted no later than July 15. After the selection committee has made its selection, new inductees will be notified.

The Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor banquet will be held in Pampa on Aug. 15, at 7 p.m. at the Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Home, 105 S. Cuyler St.

Address all nominations to Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor, 600 N. Hobart, Pampa, Texas 79065, Attn: John Tripplehorn.

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**OBITUARIES**

**BILL TIDWELL**  
1919-2003

Bill Tidwell, 83, of Pampa, died Tuesday, June 3, 2003, at Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m., Friday, in First Baptist Church with Dr. Randy White, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

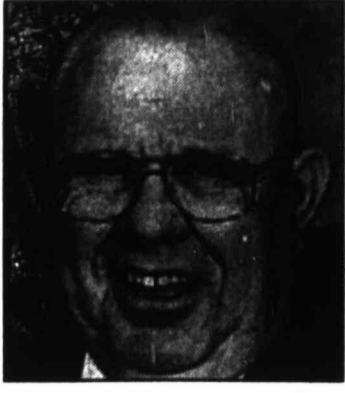
Mr. Tidwell was born Dec. 4, 1919, in Hunt County. He married Geneva Welton on June 12, 1941, at Pampa; she died Dec. 20, 2001. He worked for 4R Welding Supply for 42 years, retiring as store manager in 1985.

He belonged to First Baptist Church and was a 45-year member of Kiwanis Club. He sat on the board of directors of Top O' Texas Rodeo for 27 years, serving as president from 1966-1967 and again from 1976-1977.

Survivors include a son, Billy Eugene

Tidwell, Jr., of Pampa; a daughter, Dianne Garrett of Midland; two sisters, Bessie Lee Howard and Sandra Evans, both of Hurst; two brothers, Bobby Tidwell of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Clyde Tidwell of Pampa; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

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**MICHAEL JAMES 'MIKE' MULLINS**  
1952-2003

LAKEWOOD, Colo. — Michael James "Mike" Mullins, 50, died Monday, June 2, 2003, at Lakewood. Services will be at 2 p.m., Friday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with John Curry officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Mullins was born July 25, 1952, at Snyder, Texas, and came to Pampa that same year. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1970 and held a degree in art and psychology from West Texas State University in Canyon (1975).

A longtime resident of Lakewood, he was a tax accountant there and attended First United Methodist Church in Wheatridge, Colo.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Pampa.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Mullins, in 1990; and a sister, Helen Mullins, in 1958.

Survivors include his mother, Rubye Mullins of Pampa; three aunts, Christine Stuard of Snyder, Barbara Cunyus and Rita Webster, both of Lockney; an uncle and aunt, Dale and Billie Sue Stuard of Snyder; and special friends in Denver, Colo.

The family requests memorials be to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2680, N. Canton, Ohio 44720; or to First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981.

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

**SUSAN CAROL WALSER**  
1942-2003

Susan Carol Walser, 60, of Pampa, died Monday, June 2, 2003. Services will be at 2 p.m., Thursday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Barry Loving, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Walser was born Dec. 25, 1942, at Pampa and had been a Pampa resident most of her life.

Survivors include a daughter, Marla Hill of Decatur; a son, Jeff Porter of Valley View; a brother, Ray Palminter of Pampa; and a stepdaughter, Rose Keys of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

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

**SERVICES TOMORROW**

McWILLIAMS, Thelma — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.  
WALSER, Susan Carol — 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

**ON RECORD**

**POLICE**

Pampa Police Department today reported the following arrests and incidents.

**Tuesday, June 3**

Deborah Dee Chandler, 42, 604 N. Wells, was arrested for no driver's license, no insurance, and expired motor vehicle inspection.

Norris Ray Tolleson, 63, 1065 Prairie Drive, was arrested for driving while intoxicated—first offense.

Ronnie L. Atkinson, Jr., 33, 400 E. Foster, was arrested on a municipal warrant for public intoxication.

Mark G. Pendergrass, 46, 316 Sumner, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation. Original charge was evading arrest.

Luis R. Baca, 17, 923 Rham, was arrested on Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace warrants for failure to appear in court and failure to pay court costs on three cases.

Jesus Ramon Vargas, 23, 853 S. Sumner, was arrested for theft under \$50 and was

issued a criminal trespass warning at a store in the 1000 block of Wilks.

Gas drive off was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart. Estimated amount of loss was \$33.38.

Forgery was reported to PPD.

PPD investigated a report of a juvenile breaking windows in the 500 block of North Faulkner. The juvenile was referred to the Juvenile Probation Office.

Two tires were reported slashed on a pickup in the 1000 block of South Banks. Estimated damage was \$300.

PPD cited a minor in possession of alcohol. Possible simple assault was reported in the 600 block of North Wynne.

A simple assault was reported in the 600 block of North Nelson.

**Wednesday, June 4**

Five CDs were reported stolen in the 800 block of Magnolia. Estimated value was \$75.

**AMBULANCE**

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Tuesday, June 3**

12:17 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Varnon; one patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

3:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC; one patient was transported to the 1100 block of Varnon.

7:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell; one patient was transported to PRMC.

9:04 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Hughes; one patient was transported to PRMC.

**Wednesday, June 4**

6 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of North Zimmers; one patient was transported to PRMC.

**SHERIFF**

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

**Tuesday, June 3**

Wade Wood, 30, 731 Naida, was arrested on a Carson County warrant for possession of a controlled substance over one gram and under four grams.

Dana Lynn Hooks, 37, 641 N. Nelson, was arrested on a warrant for theft by check.

**FIRE**

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Tuesday, June 3**

6:04 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision with a building in the 1200 block of West Wilks. The vehicle's driver turned off gas at a meter damaged in the collision. Firefighters turned off the electricity and monitored the air in the building until it was determined to be safe.

10:40 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a small grass fire in the 400 block of East Foster. The fire was reportedly caused by someone experimenting with cologne.

**CORRECTIONS**

In a front page brief Tuesday, the name of the PHS Class of 1953 Reunion contact was misspelled. It should be Pat Cargile Porter, 665-7722.

In a story appearing in the Tuesday, June 3, issue of The Pampa News, regarding an autopsy report in a murder investigation on Tuesday, June 3, a name was incorrectly used in the wrong instance.

In the next to the last paragraph of the story, the paragraph stated that "Mr. Lockridge was unemployed and was caring for the couple's eight-month-old daughter who is believed to have been in the residence when the beating took place."

The name should have been Mr. Goldsmith. Pampa Police Department Det. Connie Lockridge, who is working on the murder case, was quoted correctly in the previous paragraph. Her husband, Chris, is employed as a Constable for Gray County.

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	Cabot Corp.	29.63	+0.15
	Coca Cola	27.95	+0.27
	VLO	37.33	+0.43
	Halliburton	23.43	+0.18
	Triad Hospitals	24.02	-0.36
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**CHECKS**

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"I feel we have a proven success that we are working on. We are adding what I call 'revenue' off of it along with collecting the merchants' insufficient checks," said Curfman.

Curfman said the minimum fine in his office on a hot check is \$150. He said \$55 of that goes to the state, and said most of the money stays in the county. He said the highest fine is \$500 and it is assessed to chronic repeat offenders.

He said he would like to have someone work 20 hours a week in his office.

County Judge Richard Peet told the commission that County Attorney Todd Alvey has not addressed the court about what he is going to do about the vacancy in his office.

"I'm sure he will soon. He may want to do away with it and ask the JPs to take up the slack," said Peet. "I don't know."

A probe into the operations of the Gray County Attorney's office by Texas Ranger Gary

Henderson has not been completed. Henderson said Tuesday his part of the investigation should be complete in the next few weeks, explaining that the two murders in Pampa in the past two months have taken priority and delayed the completion of his findings.

"There are only a couple of things I need to get to get it completed," said Henderson. "When I complete it I will take it to 31st District Attorney Rick Roach. He will send the information to the Attorney General's office as that office will decide if the findings need to go before a grand jury," said Henderson.

Citing two reasons, Roach requested in April that the AG's office take over the investigation of the county attorney's office. He said the first reason is that Alvey is a prosecutor in Gray County just as he is, and Roach said he felt it would not be proper for him to handle the investigation.

Also, Roach said he has heard "through the grapevine" that Alvey is planning on seeking the DA position in the 2004 elections, and Roach said he didn't think he should

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- Justice of Peace Kurt Curfman

handle any prosecutorial business in connection with the case if the investigation results necessitate one.

Henderson began his investigation in early February of the County Attorney's office at the request of County Judge Peet. It was begun to conduct an investigation into allegations of missing money in that office.

The Pampa News requested from Alvey on Tuesday the amount his office has collected in hot checks since 2001. He said he didn't know how much it was.

"It would be more than what Kurt collected," he responded. "I don't know if I have the ability to run those records. We don't keep those figures. We can't get them without a lot of work. And I don't have any need to do that. I have a ton of other things to do, and I'm not going to do that."

Alvey is not required to furnish reports to the treasurer and auditor, said County Auditor Elaine Morris.

She said that Alvey's office has a special fund for hot checks, and does not furnish reports to the county offices on a regular basis as other offices do. She said that the account is audited when outside audits of county finances occur.

"His office also handles the disbursements back to the merchants on any hot checks," said Morris, regarding any hot checks which are turned into his office from merchants.

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**CARNIVAL**

offered to the highest bidder.

The "Pride" of Pampa Band has grown steadily over the last five plus years. Money raised at the carnival helps buy instruments, uniforms, and pay for expenses on their many trips to competitions and sporting events.

The Band Boosters invite the public to come to the carnival and support the Band program. Band directors are Bruce Collins, Jason Jones, Roger Myers, and Julie Collins.

Band Booster officers are Greg and Jacque Haddock, Rick and Kathy Bradley, Kim and Suzanne Presson, Dale and Diana Teague, Bill and Jane Edens, Ginger Kilhoffer, Chuck and Brenda Meyer.

**Tulia drug defendants to be freed on June 16**

TULIA (AP) — The 14 residents of this Panhandle town still behind bars on drug charges following testimony from a now-discredited undercover agent will be freed June 16, pending final rulings from either the governor or the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Retired state District Judge Ron Chapman of Dallas, who is presiding over the case, has called for a hearing that date in Swisher County. He is expected to release the 14 defendants on personal recognition bonds.

Chapman already had sent the 14 cases, plus 24 others, to the appeals court, recommending that they be overturned because he found that the undercover agent in the case, Tom Coleman of Waxahachie, was not credible.

Coleman's attorney said the probable release of the 14 inmates "has nothing to do with the original trials."

"There are a lot of politics involved here," lawyer Cindy Ermatinger of Waxahachie told The Dallas Morning News in Wednesday's editions.

Last month, Coleman was indicted on three charges of aggravated perjury, accused of lying during the evidentiary hearings where Chapman made his recommendation.

Legislation signed into law Monday by Gov. Rick Perry allows the 14 to remain free pending a ruling from the appeals court, the state's top criminal court, or an evaluation from the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

A ruling from the appeals court could take months, if not years, so the defendants' attorneys are hoping the parole board moves swiftly in its review. If the board recommends that the inmates be cleared, the governor would decide whether to accept the finding.

Mitchell Zamoff of Washington, D.C., an attorney representing one of the jailed defendants, said until "these defendants receive full and complete relief, whether a pardon or a reversal of their convictions, this matter is not resolved."

The convictions stem from an 18-month undercover operation in 1998 and 1999 during which Coleman said he purchased drugs from 46 Tulia residents, 39 of whom are black.

After a hearing in March, Chapman said that Coleman — who never corroborated his lying during the evidentiary hearings where Chapman made his recommendation — was not credible.

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**ACCIDENTS**

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accident.

Tuesday, June 3

5:53 p.m. — A 2000 Dodge Ram pickup driven by Norris Ray Tollerson, 63, 1065 Prairie Dr., collided with a road sign, jumped the curb and struck a building at 1216 Wilks owned by John Radcliff, 1137 Cinderella.

The building sustained an estimated \$6,000 damage. Damage to the road sign, owned by the Texas Department of Transportation, was estimated at \$300 and an Atmos Energy gas meter sustained \$150 damage. Tollerson was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated. No injuries were reported at the scene.

**WEATHER FOCUS**

**PAMPA**

A flash flood watch is in effect today and tonight otherwise the forecast is calling for mostly cloudy. Thunderstorms are likely with heavy rainfall, some storms may be severe. Highs should be in the mid 70s with southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. A 60 percent chance of rain is forecast. Tonight more thunderstorms are predicted along

with heavy rainfall. Some thunderstorms may be severe. Lows should be in the lower 60s with southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday should be mostly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Chance of precipitation 40 percent. Thursday night, mostly cloudy. Chance of thunder-

storms. Lows in the upper 50s. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 40 percent. Friday, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation 20 percent. Friday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s.

**STATEWIDE**

The state saw some significant rainfall and strong storms last night, with bad weather in San Angelo, Austin, Houston and the Permian Basin.

There's a good chance many areas will see strong storms this afternoon and evening, and chances will continue through the weekend for some severe weather.

Since Tuesday afternoon, Austin recorded nearly 2 inches of rain, and the Midland/Odessa area saw 70

mph winds, downing of many telephone poles and intense rain.

Several inches fell in Houston overnight. Temperature extremes in the last 24 hours ranged from 109 at Wink to an overnight low of 60 at Amarillo, Dalhart, Guadalupe Pass and Lubbock.

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## DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

### Working Wife And Mom Yearns For Some Time To Call Her Own

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 26-year-old wife and mother of a 16-month-old son. For the most part, I feel blessed. However, there are times when I feel overwhelmed working and being a wife and mom. I never seem to get a break.

We live with my husband's dad because we had some credit problems and are trying to get back on our feet. My father-in-law thinks I should do most of the household chores and that I should still be able to find enough time for myself—but it hasn't worked out that way.

If I want to spend a few hours with my friends, my husband and his dad think it's an imposition when I ask them to baby-sit. On the other hand, my husband takes off and hangs out with his friends any time he feels like it.

Am I wrong to feel there's a double standard here? Don't get me wrong—my husband and son and I do spend some time together, and we're active in our church. But I can't help feeling I need more time for myself. Please help.

**OVERLOADED IN THE NORTHWEST**

**DEAR OVERLOADED:** Before any more tensions and resentments build, it's time to draw the line and speak up. As it stands, your father-in-law has a built-in maid and your husband has reverted to adolescence. Whether you get church-based or secular marriage counseling, get it now before you cave in under the stress of your current situation. You and your husband need to get back on your feet and find a place to call your own.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am 15 and have never had a boyfriend. All my friends have boyfriends, and I'm the only girl without a guy. This whole year I've had my eye on a senior at my school. I try my best to get his attention, but he doesn't seem to take the hints. We say "hi" to each other in the halls, but that's about it.

How can I get him to notice me, Abby? I mean, I'm really in love with him and want him to know how I feel. There's only one problem—

I'm kind of scared to approach him. Graduation is almost here and soon he'll be leaving. What should I do?

**SCARED TO MAKE THE FIRST MOVE IN FLORIDA**

**DEAR SCARED:** Give or send him a graduation card with a sincere note wishing him luck and letting him know you'll miss seeing him on campus. It will give him an opening and show him that you like him. If he doesn't respond after that, set your sights on a cute junior—someone who'll be around for another year.

**DEAR ABBY:** Graduation time is here. My senior is blissfully happy to be graduating from high school. She addressed her own announcements and sent them to family and friends of her choosing.

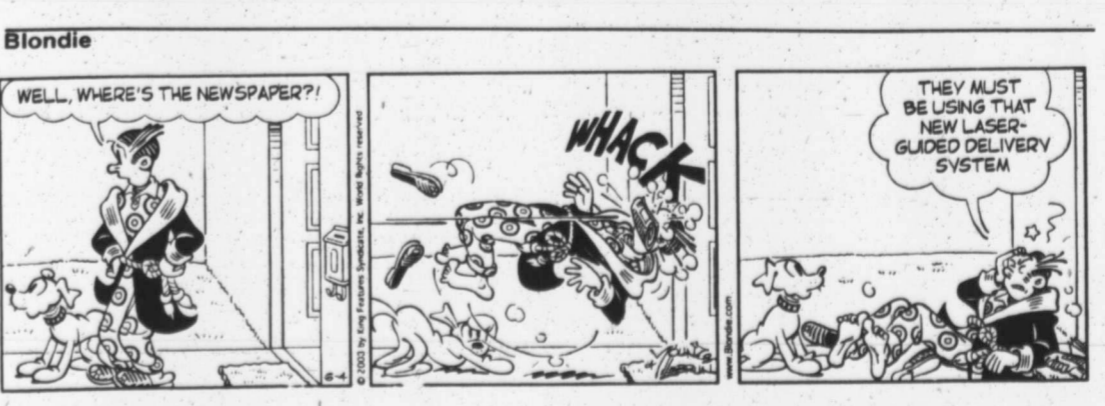
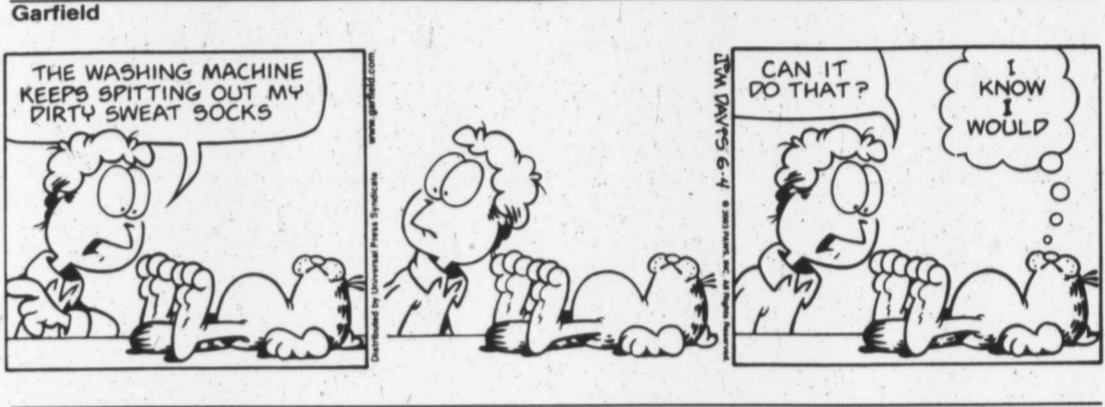
I would like to send a message to the recipients of the millions of announcements that will arrive during these next few weeks. Please take these announcements for what they are—they are not a request for gifts.

My daughter is thrilled to be going through this rite of passage. I remember how I felt a few years ago when I began receiving announcements from the children of friends, wondering if a present or monetary gift was expected. Well, THIS senior's parent wants to say: Please just be happy for the graduating student. Thanks, Abby.

**PROUD OF MY GRAD IN VIRGINIA**

**DEAR PROUD:** When someone receives a graduation announcement, one should do more than "be happy." Good manners dictate that the announcement should not be ignored. At the least, a card or letter of congratulations is in order. (Gifts are optional.)

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.



### Crossword Puzzle

#### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- Model art
  - Foot
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  - Under-standing words
  - Straw hat
  - Distort
  - Calendar pages
  - Mata-dor's foe
  - Pool floats
  - "The Simpsons" clerk
  - Dock spot
  - Grenade part
  - Fuming
  - Deplora
  - Catch
  - Skating surface
  - Put off
  - Flight unit
  - None too bright
  - Beige
  - Like lava
  - Seethe
  - Asian citrus fruit
  - Second letter
  - Soviet tyrant
- DOWN**
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  - LAX guess
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  - Accident
  - Begs to be punished
  - Casual
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  - Corn unit
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# SPORTS

## Glo-Valve clinches first place in Optimist 11-12 standings

PAMPA — Glo-Valve Service banged out 18 hits in a 25-7 win over Cabot Corporation Monday to clinch first place in the Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League with a 12-0-2 season record with two games left.

The pitching of José Ramirez was the story for Glo-Valve as he struck out 12 in four innings of work to pick up his first win of the season. He permitted three unearned runs, allowed one hit and walked five. Heath Skinner pitched Glo-Valve out of a jam in the fourth inning by striking out three batters in a row. Hayden Skinner and Freddie Ramirez also pitched for Glo-Valve.

Hayden Skinner, with four hits, including a double and triple, four runs scored and four RBI led Glo-Valve in hitting. Lane Douglass made three hits, three runs and four RBI. Heath Skinner scored four times on two hits and had four RBI. Anthony Allen made three runs on two hits with one RBI.

Glo-Valve got on the scoreboard first in the top of the second inning when Kade Wilson walked and came

around to score on three wild pitches. Heath Skinner and Luke Watson also walked and scored on a hit by Hayden Skinner.

The winners scored eight more in the third inning. Allen opened with a single. Walks to Mark Ruth and Nick Riley, a wild pitch, a walk to Freddie Ramirez and a groundout plated two runs. Heath Skinner doubled home two more and scored after a stolen base and a passed ball. Watson walked again and went to third on a double by Hayden Skinner. Both runners came home on a single by Douglass. Allen, batting a second time in the inning, was safe on an error. Ruth walked and Riley brought Douglass home with a single to left.

In Cabot's half of the third, Cameron Meddock was safe on an error and advanced to second on a wild pitch. He scored Cabot's first run when Brandon McBee continued all the way to third base on an error. McBee tallied on a wild pitch and Glo-Valve 11-2.

Glo-Valve scored three in the top of the fourth, but Cabot replied with four in the bottom of the inning. Glo-

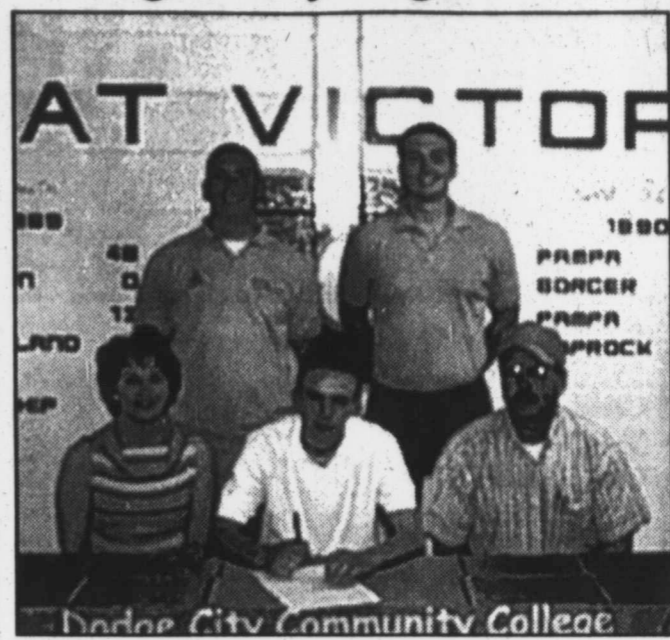
Valve's runs came from singles by Hayden Skinner and Douglass, a walk to Allen, a single by Ruth and three errors. Cabot used a walk to Tim Middleton, a single by Nathan Withers, consecutive walks to Dustin Forsyth, Meddock and James Hill and a two-run single by McBee to get their four runs.

The winners crossed the plate 11 times in the fifth inning to put the game out of reach. Jose Ramirez led off with a single and Heath Skinner singled. Hayden Skinner tripled them home and scored on a single by Douglass. Allen singled, Ruth doubled, Riley singled, Freddie Ramirez doubled, Jose Ramirez walked and Heath Skinner singled. Luke Watson slammed a two-run single to keep the rally going. He advanced to third on wild pitches and scored on a throwing error.

Tim Middleton walked in the bottom of the fifth for Cabot and made the final run of the game after two passed balls and a wild pitch.

The regular season ends this week. A City Tournament will follow.

## Dodge City signee



Pampa senior Blake Helms signs a soccer scholarship with Dodge City Community College as his parents, Brady and Stacy Helms, witness the signing. Also present were (standing, l-r) Dodge City coach Adam Hunter and Pampa coach Jeff Quisenberry.

## Scott his own man as Nets' coach

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Byron Scott probably won't spend much time diagramming plays when a timeout is called during the NBA Finals.

More than likely, the New Jersey Nets' coach will be calmly talking to his team, giving a word of encouragement and calling a set to be run against the San Antonio Spurs.

No sweat. Just go out and do your job.

That's the way Scott played when he won three championships with the Los Angeles Lakers during their reign in the 1980s, and it's the way he hopes to lead the Nets to their first in the NBA.

"He wants to win, that's just the way he is," said backup guard Lucious Harris, who has seen Scott turn the Nets from one of the NBA's worst teams into the two-time defending Eastern Conference champions in just three seasons as coach.

Sure, adding Jason Kidd to the mix last year was a major factor in the rise of the Nets, but Scott has been equally important.

"I think Rod said it best: 'He never sweats in a pressure situation,'" Kidd said Tuesday, quoting Nets general manager Rod Thorn.

"He's always calm," Kidd added. "I think that the players feed off of that, because he never panics."

## NOTEBOOK

### BASEBALL

**CHICAGO (AP)** — Cubs star Sammy Sosa was ejected in the first inning of Chicago's 3-2 win over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays after umpires found cork in his shattered bat.

The Cubs had runners at second and third when Sosa broke his bat with a grounder to second that initially appeared to drive in a run.

But crew chief Tim McClelland gathered with the other three umpires to examine the bat. Cubs manager Dusty Baker came out and the umpires showed the bat to him.

Mark Grudzielanek was sent back to third base, the run was wiped off the board and Sosa was ejected as he stood in the dugout.

Cork inside a wooden bat is thought to help players hit the ball farther and is against baseball rules. Several players have been caught using altered bats in the past, including Albert Belle, Wilton Guerrero, Chris Sabo, Billy Hatcher and Graig Nettles.

### BASKETBALL

**HOUSTON (AP)** — The Houston Comets got some bad news, but Sheryl Swoopes had her first double-double of the season with 11 points and 10 rebounds as they beat the Phoenix Mercury 66-51 Tuesday night.

Tina Thompson added 14 points on 7-of-13 shooting, helping the Comets (3-2) avoid their first three-game losing streak in team history. Two of their three wins this season have come against the Mercury.

Cynthia Cooper watched her teammates win from the bench with a right shoulder injury. Cooper, the WNBA's oldest player at 40, tore her right rotator cuff in practice Monday and will miss at least two weeks.

Tamicha Jackson and Plenette Pierson each scored nine points for the Mercury (1-4), who have lost two in a row.

### BOXING

**NEW YORK CITY (AP)** — Evander Holyfield says he's in negotiations to fight Roy Jones Jr. for the WBA heavyweight title on Oct. 4 at Madison Square Garden.

The 40-year-old former four-time champion told The Associated Press at an Alabama political gathering that negotiations for the fight are ongoing.

It would be the second straight heavyweight title fight for the aging former champion, who lost a decision to Chris Byrd for the IBF version of the title last December.

Holyfield injured his shoulder in that fight and underwent rotator cuff surgery. But he said he's healed and ready to win an unprecedented fifth title.

## Free fishing day June 7 in state's public waters

A "Free Sport Fishing Day" will highlight National Fishing and Boating Week, allowing anglers to fish any public waters in Texas without a fishing license on Saturday.

The third annual National Fishing and Boating Week is this week with thousands of local events in communities across the country.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials said the special day in this state, authorized by the Texas Legislature, is intended to

promote fishing and encourage people to enjoy the state's fishing resources.

Both resident and non-resident recreational anglers will be allowed to fish without a license and will not be required to have special stamps such as the saltwater sport fishing or freshwater trout stamps.

Youth fishing activities are scheduled around the state during National Fishing Week, including special fishing events in state parks and fish stockings in community lakes.

## Major League Standings

American League					W	L	Pct	GB					
<b>East Division</b>					Atlanta	38	19	.667	—				
W	L	Pct	GB	Montreal	33	25	.569	5 1/2					
New York	33	24	.579	Philadelphia	31	26	.544	7					
Boston	31	24	.564	New York	26	30	.464	11 1/2					
Toronto	32	27	.542	2	Florida	27	32	.458	12				
Baltimore	28	28	.500	4 1/2	<b>Central Division</b>								
Tampa Bay	21	35	.375	11 1/2	W	L	Pct	GB					
<b>Central Division</b>					Chicago	31	25	.554	—				
W	L	Pct	GB	Houston	31	27	.534	1					
Minnesota	32	24	.571	—	St. Louis	29	27	.518	2				
Kansas City	27	28	.491	4 1/2	Cincinnati	28	29	.491	3 1/2				
Chicago	25	32	.439	7 1/2	Pittsburgh	24	31	.436	6 1/2				
Cleveland	23	33	.411	9	Milwaukee	22	34	.393	9				
Detroit	15	40	.273	16 1/2	<b>West Division</b>								
<b>West Division</b>					W	L	Pct	GB					
Seattle	38	18	.679	—	San Francisco	35	22	.614	—				
Oakland	32	24	.571	6	Los Angeles	32	25	.561	3				
Anaheim	28	27	.509	9 1/2	Colorado	29	30	.492	7				
Texas	25	31	.446	13	Arizona	27	31	.466	8 1/2				
<b>Tuesday's Games</b>					San Diego	17	42	.288	19				
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<b>East Division</b>													

## Astros rally past Orioles

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Morgan Ensberg is still learning his way around the big leagues. He even needed prodding to take a bow for his first career grand slam.

Ensberg's shot in the eighth inning helped the Houston Astros rally for an 11-6 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Tuesday night.

"I didn't know what to do," the second-year third

baseman said. "We don't get those often and Brad Ausmus put his hand on my chest and pushed me back up (out of the dugout)."

"I guess that was the signal that you've got to do it. That made me feel really good."

Craig Biggio, Lance Berkman and Jeff Kent also homered for the Astros, who moved within a game of the first-place Chicago Cubs in the NL Central.

### Vinson released

WACO, Texas (AP) — Baylor quarterback Davon Vinson was released from his scholarship Wednesday, allowing the sophomore to transfer to another school this fall.

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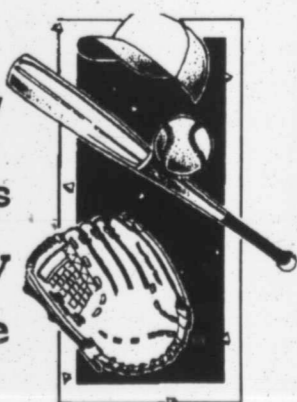
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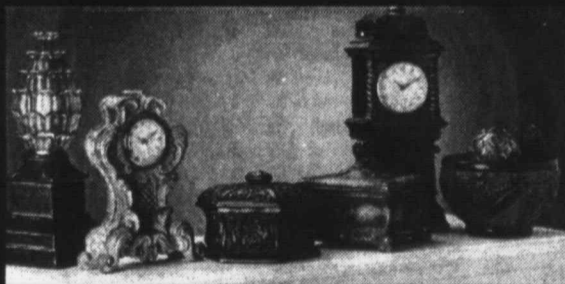
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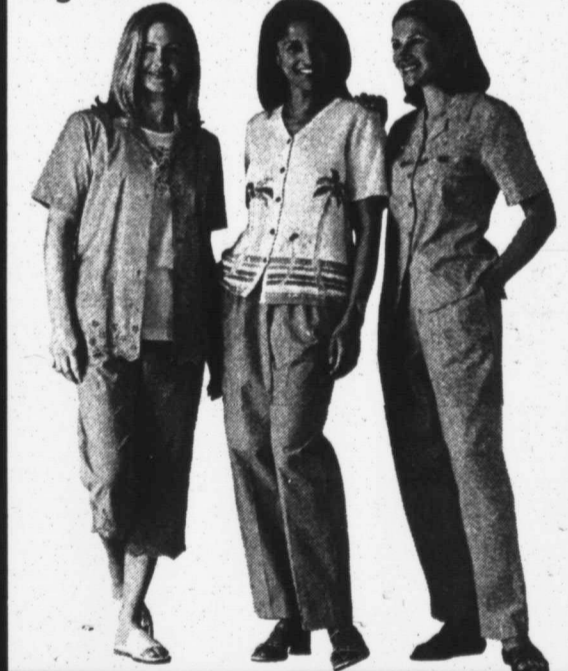
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The Stars Show the Have: 5-Dynar; 3-Average; 2-So-so;

**ARIES** (March 21-31)  
★★★★ Work could find events surprising to say the least. Mistake affect a normally. Think in terms of relationships. You be surprised by the play. Tonight: This make plans.

**TAURUS** (April 20-30)  
★★★★ Understand all the cards. Let the boss or authority figure ally fiery and difficult per could only already difficult discipline. Tonight office.

**GEMINI** (May 21-31)  
★★★★ Rethinking unexpected occurs your mind could be attempt to figure out



# North Fork Antiques to open doors in McLean

McLEAN — North Fork Antiques opens June 5 at 211 N. Main in McLean. The antique shop features antiques from several estates as well as handmade items from artists in Texas, Kansas and Colorado. Owners JoAnn Jones of Pampa and Linda Haynes of McLean hope to attract both local and tourist business to the store.

"McLean's location on Interstate 40 was a prime reason for locating the store there," Mrs. Jones said. "The Devil's Rope Museum and the Red River Steakhouse draw highway travelers and visitors from surrounding cities to McLean, and we're hoping to bring some of those visitors to our shop to see the unique collection we have assembled."

Antique items range from mahogany furniture to pre-World War II china, vintage table and bed linens, and

1940s-era pottery. Handmade items from consignments also fill the store. Pampa artists and craftsmen with merchandise for sale at the store include Richard Steel, Karen Bridges, Donna Reynolds, Ebelbees, Katie McDonald, and Leslie Gershmel.

"One of the most unusual collections we have is intarsia or wood mosaics, made by an artist in Colorado," Mrs. Haynes said. "He fits together highly polished pieces of redwood, cedar, walnut, and other woods to create incredible wall plaques, from bull riders to bears to delicate flowers."

Furniture from a McLean craftsman is also a feature in the shop.

"Father and son Kelly and James McClellan are just masters of the craft of wood working," said Mrs. Haynes. "I think our customers will be stunned to see the quality



(Courtesy photo)

Linda Haynes and JoAnn Jones, co-owners of North Fork, the new antique store in McLean, stand beside one of the antique saddles featured in the shop.

and beauty of the furniture built by these local craftsmen."

The shop also boasts a collection of paperback and hardback books.

"Customers can either buy books or exchange on a two-to-one ratio," Mrs. Jones said.

"We have every type of book: romances, mysteries, religious, self-help, even some textbooks. Many of them are from our own collections but others have come from estates."

A unique collectible at the store is vintage comic books

from the 1940s and 1950s.

"We were shocked to learn how valuable those items are," Mrs. Haynes said. "Those will be available at the store, but we are also planning to offer them on the Internet for serious collectors across the country."

The two women are both former educators. Mrs. Jones worked in the Pampa school system for 26 years, finishing her career as coordinator of curriculum.

A graduate of Pampa High School, she attended the University of Texas at Austin and graduated from St. Mary's University in San Antonio. Her master's degree is from West Texas A&M University. She has two children, Christie Demetriades of Corpus Christi

and Jeff Jones of Houston, and two granddaughters.

Mrs. Haynes, a former owner of The McLean News, taught for 23 years in McLean, Dumas, Lefors and Pampa. She has spent the last five years at PHS where she taught English IV/AP. Her bachelor's degree is from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and her master's is from West Texas A&M University.

For eight years, she was director of public relations and marketing for Pampa Regional Medical Center (then Coronado Hospital). She has been a resident of McLean since 1960. She and her husband Sam are the parents of six, the grandparents of 15, and the great-grandparents of four.

## FBI checks packages apparently sent from Iran to congressman

ROSWELL, N.M. (AP) — The FBI is investigating two packages containing CDs that apparently were mailed from Iran to the Roswell office of U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, and other members of the House and Senate have received similarly addressed packages, officials said.

One package containing a compact disc was delivered to Pearce's office last week, and the second was delivered Tuesday.

"Initial examinations indicate each are harmless," said FBI Supervisory Special Agent Doug Beldon said. "We are examining them thoroughly to determine the substance of the material on the discs."

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in Tehran was listed as the sender on both packages, authorities told the Roswell Daily Record. Officials have yet to confirm whether the packages were actually mailed from Iran or from somewhere else, Beldon said.

Beldon and Pearce spokeswoman Gail Gitcho said other members of Congress have received similarly addressed packages in recent weeks, but neither would identify other recipients.

"We've heard, just with our conversations with the Capitol Police, that there have been other district offices that have been getting those same kind of packages," Gitcho said.

Capitol Police spokeswoman Jessica Gissubel said she could

not comment about any current investigations and would not say how many other members of Congress have received similar packages.

Offices of the rest of New Mexico's congressional delegation had not received such packages as of Tuesday, and a spokesman for Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said his

office also had not received such packages.

After Sept. 11, 2001, and the anthrax attacks that followed, a postal security system was set up inside the U.S. Capitol and other federal buildings that screens every letter and package sent to representatives and senators. Such measures are not in place at many district offices.

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