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Easter Egg Hunt

A Family Easter Egg Hunt is set for Saturday, March 26, at Memory Gardens Cemetery, 23rd and Price Road.

Easter egg hunts will take place on the north entrance off 23rd Street at the back of the cemetery in the vacant garden. Children's egg hunts will be divided into three groups, ages 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12. A special Easter egg hunt for parents is planned. Parents can also register for a three-day, two-night mini vacation to be given away to two lucky winners. (Transportation and taxes not included.)

The Easter Bunny will be on hand to pose for pictures. The pictures are free for ages 0-2 and \$3 each for children over age 2.

Pampa's EDC: It's over

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

With the strokes of their pens, Douglas R. Locke, Steve Phillips, Gary Sutherland and Dalton Lewis made history this week. The Pampa Economic Development Corporation is no more.

Three and a half years after Pampa voters rejected the PEDC, the board of directors signed the papers at the final meeting Monday afternoon dissolving the economic development organization and transferring some \$1.7 million in assets to the City of Pampa.

Locke, board president, said a letter went to the state comptroller last month notifying them to turn off the sales tax. The part of the city's sales tax collections that went to fund the PEDC will end effectively July 1. Locke noted that it takes a quarter for the documenta-

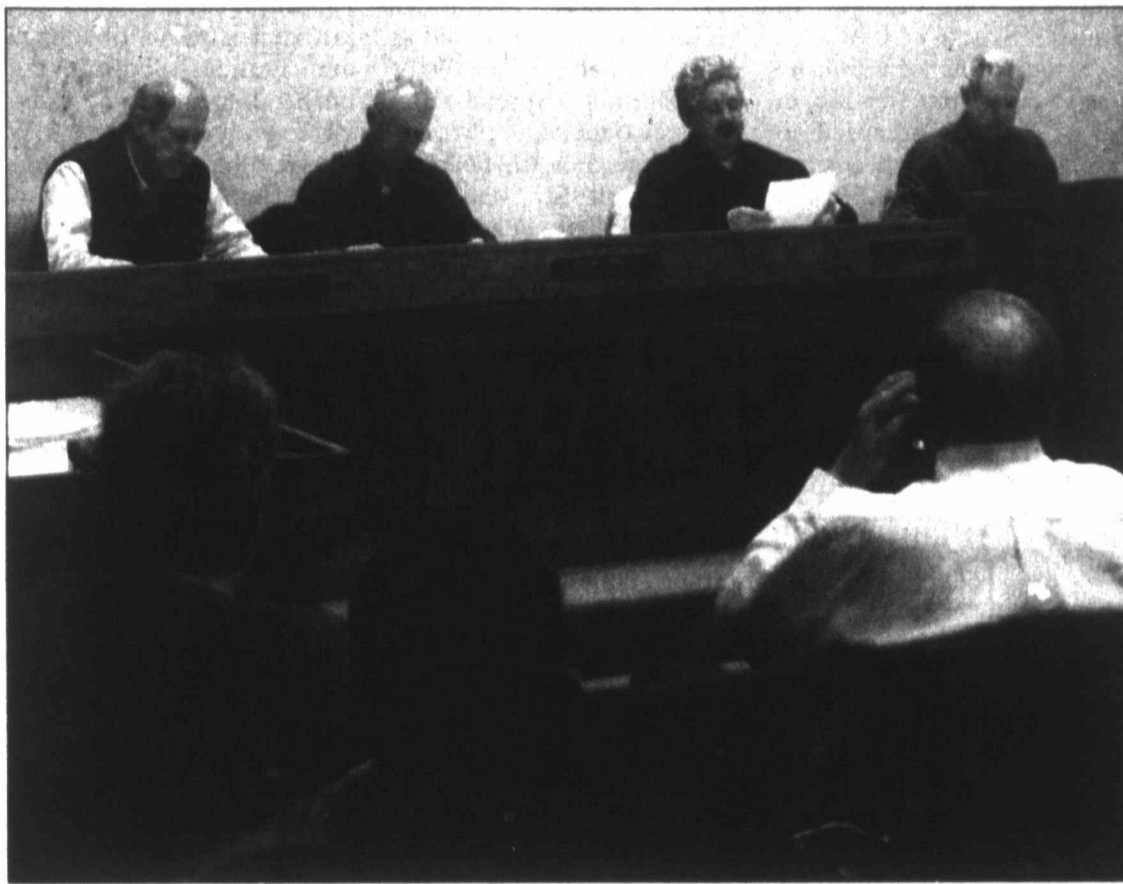
tion to work its way through the system. Even then, the city will receive PEDC sales tax revenue through August.

The receipts run two months behind collections. It took less than 30 minutes for the board to sign the articles of dissolution and papers transferring what was left of the PEDC assets to the city.

Eight citizens sat in the city commission chamber as the board signed the paperwork under the watchful eye of their attorney Vanessa Buzzard, including Pampa Mayor Lonnny Robbins and City Commissioner Robert Dixon.

"We have a good, strong community. I hope we satisfied everyone."

— Steve Phillips
PEDC board member



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

In their final meeting Monday night, PEDC President Douglas R. Locke reads the articles of dissolution, putting Pampa's Economic Development Corporation out of business.

"I'd like to thank everybody that supported us," said Steve Phillips, board secretary.

He said it was the most unique board he had ever sat

on. "We have a good, strong community," Phillips said. "I hope we satisfied everyone." Dalton Lewis, another board member, said he

enjoyed the opportunity to work with the board.

"We had disagreements at times," Lewis said, "but we

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Young gets 50-year sentence in shooting

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Jimmy Gawan Young was found guilty of manslaughter, enhanced, yesterday afternoon by a 223rd District Court jury, and District Judge Lee Waters sentenced him to 50 years in prison for his role in the shooting death of Tracy Rena Williams on April 3, 2003, according to a spokesperson for the 31st District Attorney's office.

The jury of eight women and four men began deliberations at 12:30 p.m. yesterday, after hearing the equivalent of four days' worth of testimony in the third-floor courtroom in Gray County Courthouse, said 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer, who prosecuted Young. Switzer had presented testimony from 26 witnesses, along with items of evidence.

David Scott acted as

Young's defense attorney.

Jury selection began March 14, and testimony began that afternoon. Proceedings were interrupted Tuesday, March 15 when snow prompted Judge Waters to suspend the trial until the next morning.

Witnesses for the prosecution included law enforcement officers, emergency medical services personnel, and individuals.

Young is the first of those

charged in the shooting to go to trial. His charge was enhanced due to at least one prior conviction. The first-degree felony carries punishment of five to 99 years or life in prison.

Pampa police officers were dispatched to 1040 S. Huff Road at about 6 p.m. Thursday, April 3, 2003, on a call that a person there had suffered a gunshot wound.

Officers found Williams, 32, lying in the driveway of

the Huff Road residence.

Williams was transported by ambulance to Pampa Regional Medical Center's emergency room, where she was pronounced dead at about 6:35 p.m. by Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman, who said Williams had received a single gunshot wound to the chest.

Five persons were initially charged with deadly conduct with a firearm as a result of Williams' shooting.

Pampa police warn of scam

Pampa Police Department is warning local residents about a telephone scam that promises grant money in exchange for banking account information.

"Pampa and area residents are being contacted by someone claiming to be with the U.S. State Department. It has been reported that the caller appears to be of a foreign nationality," said Officer Donny Brown of PPD's Community Services Division.

The caller claims that the person is eligible for up to \$12,000 in grant money, due to the person's "good credit."

The caller then says all that is needed to get the money into the person's bank account is the person's banking account information.

"Pampa Police Department wants to remind residents to not give anyone your personal information unless it is you who has initiated the call and/or you have confirmed the legitimacy of the caller. Some of the callers may argue with you. Just hang up," Brown said.

— Marilyn Powers, staff writer



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Keep on runnin'

Bruce W. Johnson of Elgin, Ill., passed through Pampa yesterday on his way from Oceanside, Calif., to Virginia Beach, Va. The partially paralyzed runner, who has sciatic nerve damage affecting his right leg, is accepting donations for the Community Crisis Center of Elgin. "This isn't bad. I've seen lots worse," he said of yesterday's wind and drizzle. For more information on Johnson and his cross-country run, including daily updates of his experiences, go to the web site www.UnitedStatesRun.com.

Sales tax receipts going up

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Pampa's economy continues to strengthen. The latest sale tax receipt report from the state comptroller's office showed another uptick.

"It looks good," Pampa City Manager John Horst said Monday. "The economy remains strong."

The city received \$185,224.39 in sales tax receipts this month. That brings the total sales tax received this fiscal year to more than \$1.3 million, almost a quarter of a million dollars more than had been budgeted.

City commissioners budgeted \$1,053,780.26 through March. It collected

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Business Review

B&B Pharmacy offers personal service

A small town pharmacy offers services a larger pharmacy cannot provide.

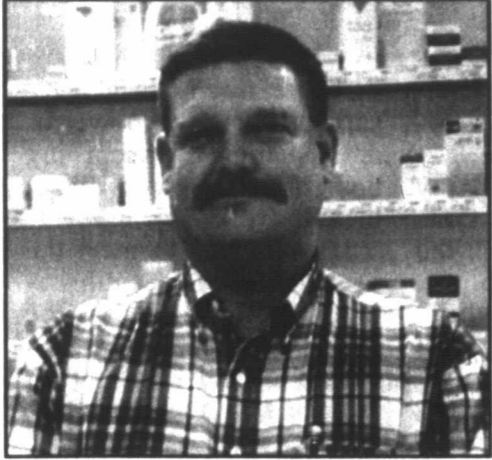
Home-owned and operated, B&B Pharmacy is dedicated to providing personal service to all of its customers. Dennis Roark and his wife Donna have owned the local pharmacy since 1988.

The pharmacy offers a full line of medical needs, including ostomy supplies. Special orders can be obtained in one day. Crutches, canes, braces and wraps are always in stock. Medical needs for sports-related injuries can also be found.

Customers at B&B Pharmacy receive personal service from the Roarks. "We try to make our customers feel comfortable and free to ask any questions they might have," said Roark.

The staff at B&B Pharmacy strive to provide the personal service a big chain cannot provide.

"We try to stay away from the personalities of a big chain where you are just a number,"



▲ Pharmacist Dennis Roark provides friendly service to customers at the local B&B Pharmacy at 300 N. Ballard. Business phone for the pharmacy is 665-5788.

scriptions, I would be more than happy to assist them."

Long time customers know that the staff at B&B Pharmacy will do all they can to meet the needs of their customers. New customers will find the personal service appealing to them.

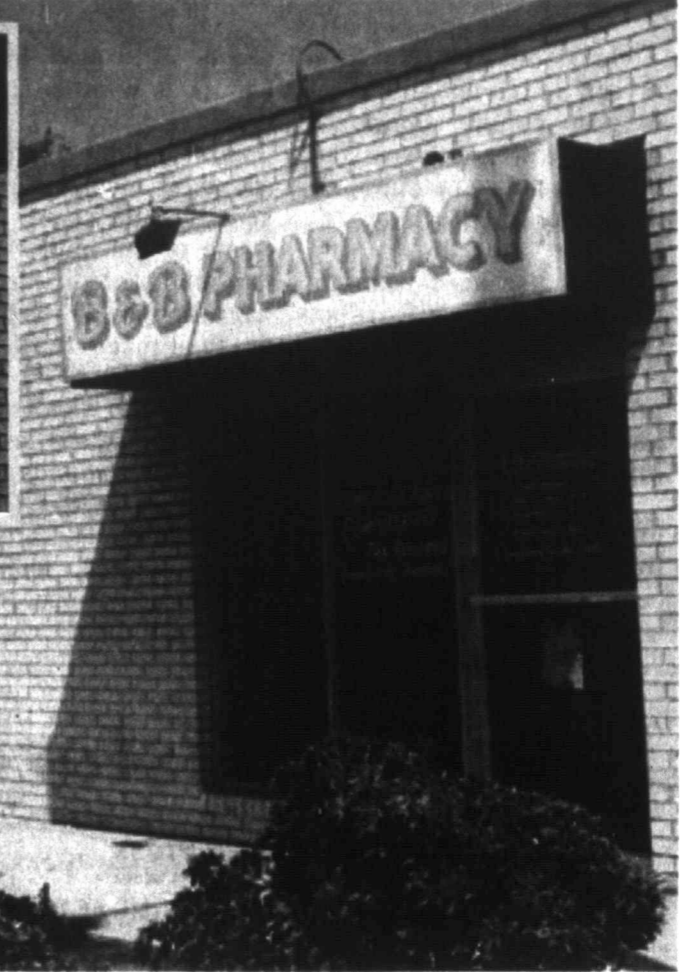
"We want to provide our customers with their needs," said Roark. "New customers are always welcome."

The store covers almost all insurance plans.

B&B also provides free prescription delivery service.

The pharmacy is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturdays. The business is closed on Sundays and holidays.

B&B Pharmacy is located at 300 N. Ballard, and their phone number is 665-5788.



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Viewpoints

Common cold can be humbling experience

Occasionally I find myself imitating a member of the canine family. I develop a wet nose and start barking, and sometimes lose the power of speech, too.

There are those who claim I also start whining, but I'm not going to admit that.

I'm talking about that group of common illnesses known as upper-respiratory infections, including colds.

Pharmaceutical companies which make and market treatments for the woes caused by these infections are able to get away with as

much accuracy in their claims as weather forecasters.

Some of the things they say their medicine will do actually does occur, sort of. Some of the improvements they claim credit for would have happened whether or not their magic formula was used.

I recently succumbed to the "bug" that has been making the rounds of the newspaper office (thanks, everybody). Naturally, I sought relief from the runny/stuffy nose, cough, and sore throat.

I don't know how many products are currently on the market to treat these conditions. I got tired of counting them.

But I can tell you that your chances of finding just the right one to magically make you all better are not good.

Every time I try anything that claims to clear up my runny/stuffy nose, it backfires on me, compounding

my misery instead.

Antihistamines do nothing more than dry out everything except my nose. My eyes get scratchy and my mouth turns into the Sahara. Meanwhile, my nose shows no effect whatsoever from the drug.

Why is it that we have the knowledge and capability to kill everything on this planet, except, apparently, a cold bug?

Why is every source of moisture in my head very susceptible to the power of antihistamines, except my nose, the only place I want them to work?

I would like to meet the person for whom antihistamines actually work the way they claim. I want scientists to study that person and see what they have that I don't have.

Medical miracles are occurring every day as I shuffle along, sneezing, coughing, wheezing, and blowing my nose for the umpteenth time.

Yet the medical community readily admits that there is still no cure for the common cold, one of the most numerous and widely-suffered illnesses in the world.

Great thinkers and philosophers say we all need something to keep us humble.

Maybe the common cold fills that need for the world of medicine.

Write to Marilyn Powers at reporter1@thepampanews.com.

Marilyn Powers
Staff Writer



Today in History

By the Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, March 22, the 81st day of 2005. There are 284 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On March 22, 1765, Britain enacted the Stamp Act to raise money from the American colonies. (The Act was repealed the following year.)

On this date:
In 1638, religious dissident Anne Hutchinson was expelled from the Massachusetts Bay Colony.
In 1820, U.S. naval hero Stephen Decatur was killed in a duel with Commodore James Barron near Washington, D.C.
In 1882, Congress outlawed polygamy.
In 1895, Auguste and Louis Lumiere showed their first movie to an invited audience in Paris.
In 1933, during Prohibition, President Franklin Roosevelt signed a measure to make wine and beer containing up to 3.2 percent alcohol legal.

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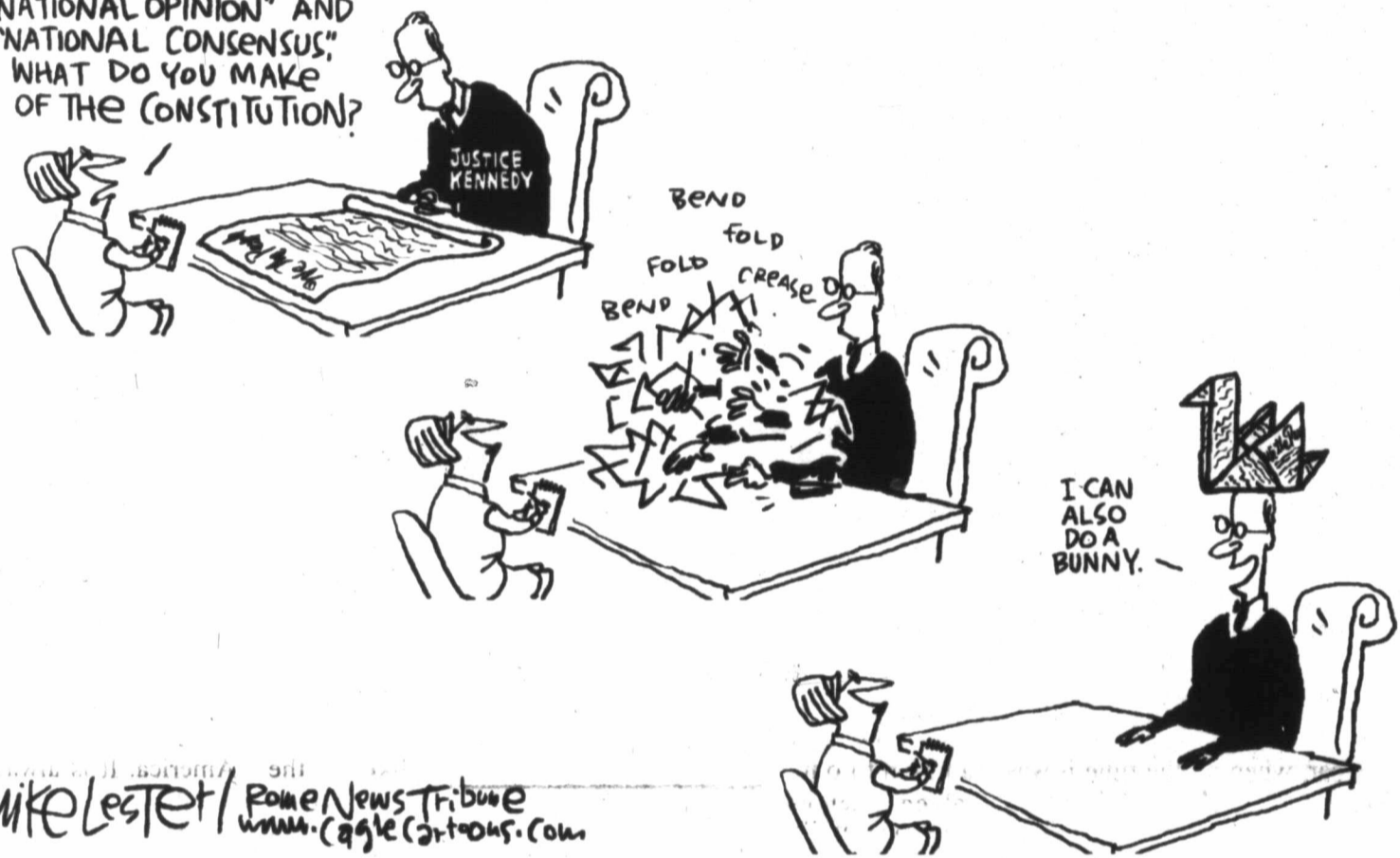
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Anti-intellectualism at Harvard

Dr. Larry Summers, Harvard's president, remains under siege for remarks made in his Jan. 14 address to the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). Dr. Summers suggested that there might be three major reasons why women are underrepresented in the higher reaches of science and ranked them in order of importance.

First is what Dr. Summers calls the "high-powered job hypothesis," where success demands putting in 80-hour weeks, and men are more willing or capable to do so. In support of how marriage and family impact women's careers, he added that when one does see women in the higher reaches of science,

they tend to be unmarried or have no children.

Dr. Summers' second hypothesis is that there are sex differences in IQ and aptitude at the high end, and his third is that socialization and discrimination might explain some of the underrepresentation.

It's Dr. Summers' second hypothesis that caused MIT biologist Dr. Nancy Hopkins to leave the lecture, explaining to a Boston Globe (Jan. 17, 2005) reporter that, "I would've either blacked out or thrown up." Previous temper tantrums served Dr.

Hopkins well as reported in the Women's Freedom Network Newsletter (Jan./Feb. 2000), "MIT Tarnishes Its Reputation with Junk Gender Science," by Judith Kleinfeld. After claiming sex discrimination, "Professor Hopkins received an endowed chair, a 20 percent salary increase, \$2.5 million of research funds from internal MIT sources, a 5,000 square foot laboratory, an invitation to join the prestigious National Academy of Sciences, and an invitation to the White House where president and Mrs. Clinton

praised her courage and expressed the hope that other institutions would follow the MIT example."

Virtually all academic literature on sex, IQ and aptitude reach the conclusion that there are differences between men and women. While the mean intelligence between men and women is similar, the variance differs significantly. Women cluster more about the mean while men are more spread out. That means fewer women, relative to men, are at both the low end and the high end of the intelligence and aptitude spectrum. That might partially explain why so many men are in jail compared to women, and why

Walter Williams
Columnist



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Political correctness vs. incompetence

Political correctness and incompetence often embrace each other. That was made clear in the Atlanta courthouse shooting. Brian Nichols proved to be a lot smarter than his captors, not to mention a quicker and better shot.

Political correctness and incompetence example No. 1 is the rule that prisoners must not be shackled lest it prejudice the jury. Luckily, the jurors weren't present, but if they had been, watching a prisoner shoot a judge and a court reporter would certainly be more prejudicial than seeing him in handcuffs.

I expect even the incompetent people in Fulton

County will change that rule.

Political correctness and incompetence example No. 2 is assigning a female deputy to escort an unshackled prisoner to the courtroom. Feminism is an ideology, not a description of reality. A 51-year-old, 5-foot-tall female was no match for a 6-foot-11-inch former college linebacker. He attacked her and took her gun. What in God's name would anyone expect to happen?

For a little bit of history, most law-enforcement agen-

cies used to have height and weight requirements for male officers. Then a federal judge decided that that was treating women unequally. Feminist ideology dictates that women 5 feet, 1 inch tall or so and 115 pounds can wrestle 200-pound men equally as well as male officers. That, of course, is nuts, but this country became an open-air insane asylum during the 1960s. God shorted women on upper-body strength. Guess he's a male chauvinist pig.

Incompetence example

No. 3 is that the initial assault on the female deputy was caught on security cameras. Trouble is, nobody was monitoring them, or if someone was, the person hid under his or her desk. Unmonitored security cameras are — how shall we say it — a stupid waste of money.

Nichols — and bear in mind in lawyerspeak that these are all allegations, since he has not been legally convicted of anything — went on to kill another deputy and pistol-whip a reporter in a parking garage, stealing his car.

Incompetence example No. 4 is that the police spent

Charley Reese
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Makes wide turns

All lanes of traffic in both directions on Highway 60 east of Pampa were blocked for a time Monday morning when a trailer carrying a large piece of machinery got stuck. The oversized load, part of a large dump truck used in mines, had the trailer lowered enough that when the semi pulling it tried to turn onto the highway, the front end of the trailer was in contact with the pavement. Traffic was routed around the north end of the trailer, through a parking lot near the Gray County Annex.

Receipts

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\$1,345,318.87. That was 27.67 percent over budgeted

receipts and well over the \$1,109,268.95 collected during the same time period last year.

Horst reported that receipts through March were 21.28 percent ahead of

last year for the same period.

If this trend continues, Horst said, the city could end up more than a half a million dollars ahead of the amount they had budgeted

PEDC

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came up with solutions." Nodding to the mayor, Doug Locke said he wanted to thank the commission who appointed the board to oversee the extended dissolution process.

City officials said the economic development corporation in Pampa was the first and only such organization to be dissolved in the state's history.

"It took a while to figure it out," Locke said.

He noted that not all votes of the board were unanimous.

"We had quite a few split votes over the last three years," Locke said, "but we came together."

Locke said he felt the

community was stronger because of the challenges it had faced with the PEDC, and he look forward to moving on.

"It's been a hard three and a half years," Mayor Robbins said.

"There have been some hard decisions. Some of those decisions have not been fun, but we can put this behind us."

'It's been a hard three and a half years. There have been some hard decisions.'

— Lonny Robbins
Pampa Mayor

Dixon said he looked upon the past three years as a very sad period of time, but he thinks the city can go on whatever happens.

He, too, said he thought the community came out better than before.

"It made us stronger," Dixon said.

He commended the board and said they had done their job very well.

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Harvard

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more geniuses like Mozart and Einstein are men. On last year's SAT math test, more than twice as many boys as girls scored in the top range (750-800).

The only debate among scholars isn't whether these patterns exist but whether they reflect acculturation or genetics. A substantial body of work suggests genetics. The fact of business is that we do differ genetically by race and sex, not only in intelligence and aptitude, but in physical ways as well.

Why in the world would we deny these differences, and deny their effects on observed outcomes, particularly in an academic setting where there's supposed to be open inquiry? I think we do so for a couple of foolish reasons. First, most of us share the value of equality before the law. We falsely believe that equality before the law requires that we must in fact be equal. In my book, being a human being is the only condition for equality before the law. The second reason has to do with human arrogance. If a particular outcome is deemed undesirable and it's genetically determined, our hands are tied and we just have to accept it.

Dr. Summers has responded to the criticism created by his NBER remarks

with serial mea culpas, groveling and apologies. He's in deep trouble. Faculty members don't differ that much from chickens in a barnyard. The sight of the boss chicken bleeding is all that's needed for the vicious pecking to commence.

If there's a legitimate criticism that can be made about Dr. Summers' NBER comments, it's that he didn't exercise discretion. There are certain things best left unsaid in front of children. Children have little understanding and can be easily offended by unvarnished truths.

Walter Williams, Ph.D., is a John M. Olin Distinguished Professor of Economics at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va.

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13 hours looking for this car, when all the time it was parked on a lower floor in the same parking garage. As I said, Nichols is smarter than his captors and pursuers. He had intended to take the reporter as a hostage, but when the reporter escaped, he knew that everyone would have a description of the car. Ergo, he went to lower floor, parked the car and took the subway.

Incompetence example No. 5 is that they locked down the courthouse after it was all over, but failed to guard the subway. Even after

13 hours, Atlanta's finest had not discovered the car they were searching for. A civilian did that. And another civilian, whose life might be ruined by excessive media attention, talked Nichols into peacefully surrendering after he took her hostage.

Nichols is also thought to have killed a U.S. Customs agent, so, excluding the judge and the court reporter, the score was Nichols 3, and armed, presumably trained and equipped law-enforcement officers 0.

So, it was a civilian who found the car and a civilian

who brought the episode to a peaceful conclusion. Perhaps Atlanta doesn't need its oh-so-politically correct police and sheriff's departments, which acted more like the Keystone Cops than trained professionals.

My advice is to stay clear of Atlanta. It is overcrowded and incompetently governed, and its urban sprawl is spreading like a cancer all over North Georgia. Pretty soon, north- and southbound travelers will have to detour through Alabama and South Carolina

just to avoid Atlanta's traffic jams. Air travelers already know what a horror the airport is.

Political correctness should have no place in America. It is always costly to allow politics to trump reality, and, as in Atlanta, the results can be tragic. Look at the ruined lives that political correctness and plain old stupidity caused.

Even after the carnage, as of this writing, Fulton County authorities haven't decided what crimes to charge Nichols with. How about murder? It shouldn't take too many brain cells to figure that out.

Charley Reese is a retired journalist and syndicated columnist.

Record

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chief. Mark Bennett, 40, 1044 S. Hobart, was arrested in the 1000 block of South Hobart for two counts of having an open container.

Sheriff

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

Monday, March 21

Penny Allene Herrera, 41, 1222 S. Sumner, was arrested on a bond surrender for a Potter County charge of

theft by check.

Fire

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

Monday, March 21

12:06 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a reported grass fire east of Pampa on U.S. Highway 60 near Celanese. No fire was found.

2:07 p.m. — Four units and eight firefighters responded to a report of smoke in the 1400 block of Dogwood. The smoke was coming

from a fireplace.

3:30 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a gas leak in the 1700 block of McCullough. A vehicle had struck a gas meter. Atmos Energy was called to repair the meter. Firefighters stayed at the scene until Atmos representatives arrived.

5:19 p.m. — Four units and eight firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 1600 block of Banks. A heater had malfunctioned. No damage was reported.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following

calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, March 21

11:39 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Christine and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

7:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of South Barnes for a fire standby. No transport.

10:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Helton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: In response to "Conversationally Speaking," a reader who complained about being eavesdropped upon in restaurants, you suggested that the couple engage in some "wild dialogue" for entertainment purposes, such as "how to spend their drug money" or which girl you planned to send on the next "call."

As a police officer who has had to waste significant time and resources following up on such reports of "suspicious behavior," I'm surprised you would encourage such an irresponsible action. Our nation's homeland security is of paramount importance these days, and our governing leaders have requested help from the public in "remaining vigilant" and reporting suspicious behavior to the proper authorities. Fifty lashes with a wet noodle to you for failing to consider the consequences of your ill-advised recommendation. What were you thinking? -- DAN HOFFMAN, DEPUTY CHIEF, FAIRBANKS (ALASKA) POLICE DEPT.

DEAR DEPUTY CHIEF HOFFMAN: I was thinking about having some fun, not about homeland security. In the light of the sober times we live in, however, I probably should have played it straighter. On a lighter note, quite a few readers wrote to describe how they have handled the situation. Read on for a sample:

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have a suggestion. Talk about "Aunt Tilly's" recent operation with details so graphic that only the strongest stomach could hold its contents. Or, perhaps, mention "Cousin Mandy's" little boy throwing up all over the wedding cake at someone's reception. -- MARGARET IN SWOOPE, VA.

DEAR MARGARET: That could, indeed, work. Read on!

DEAR ABBY: I had the same experience. Since everyone at my table was in the medical field, I began describing an extremely gris-

ly autopsy I had been involved in. Within five minutes, the couple at the nearby table had paid their bill and left their food. While they may have not been "cured" of listening, they certainly got their "dose" of reality. -- STEPHEN IN THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS

DEAR STEPHEN: Your eavesdroppers must not have been fans of the currently popular TV crime series and their spin-offs.

DEAR ABBY: Some friends and I were eating in a restaurant that featured a large atrium and all kinds of plants hanging from the rafters. When we realized we were being listened to, my friend's wife started telling everyone at the table how -- in order to control the bug population in the plants -- they had hundreds of lizards living in the foliage. "Nosy Rosy" went screaming from the restaurant with her coat pulled over her head. I guess she was afraid of lizards. -- JOHN IN WELLINGTON, OHIO

DEAR JOHN: Leapin' lizards -- your friend was creative.

DEAR ABBY: Here's my technique. I lean over to the rude eavesdroppers and smile. Then I invite them to scoot their chairs a little closer, so they can hear our conversation more easily. It usually embarrasses them into stopping. -- MARTHA IN DALHART, TEXAS

DEAR MARTHA: Not everyone is as straightforward as you.

DEAR ABBY: Some people need to be reminded about good manners. When I'm in that situation I confront them and ask, "Are we talking too loud? If not, how about giving us some privacy?" and continuing eye contact until they stop. -- AIDA IN RAPID CITY, S.C.

DEAR AIDA: Interesting you should mention it, because several people suggested that the volume of the conversation might have been the problem to begin with.

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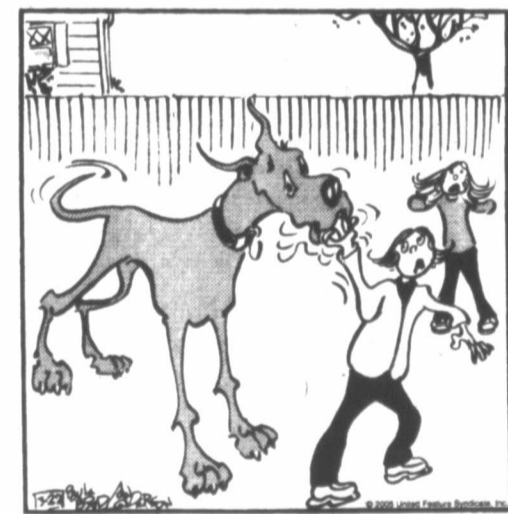
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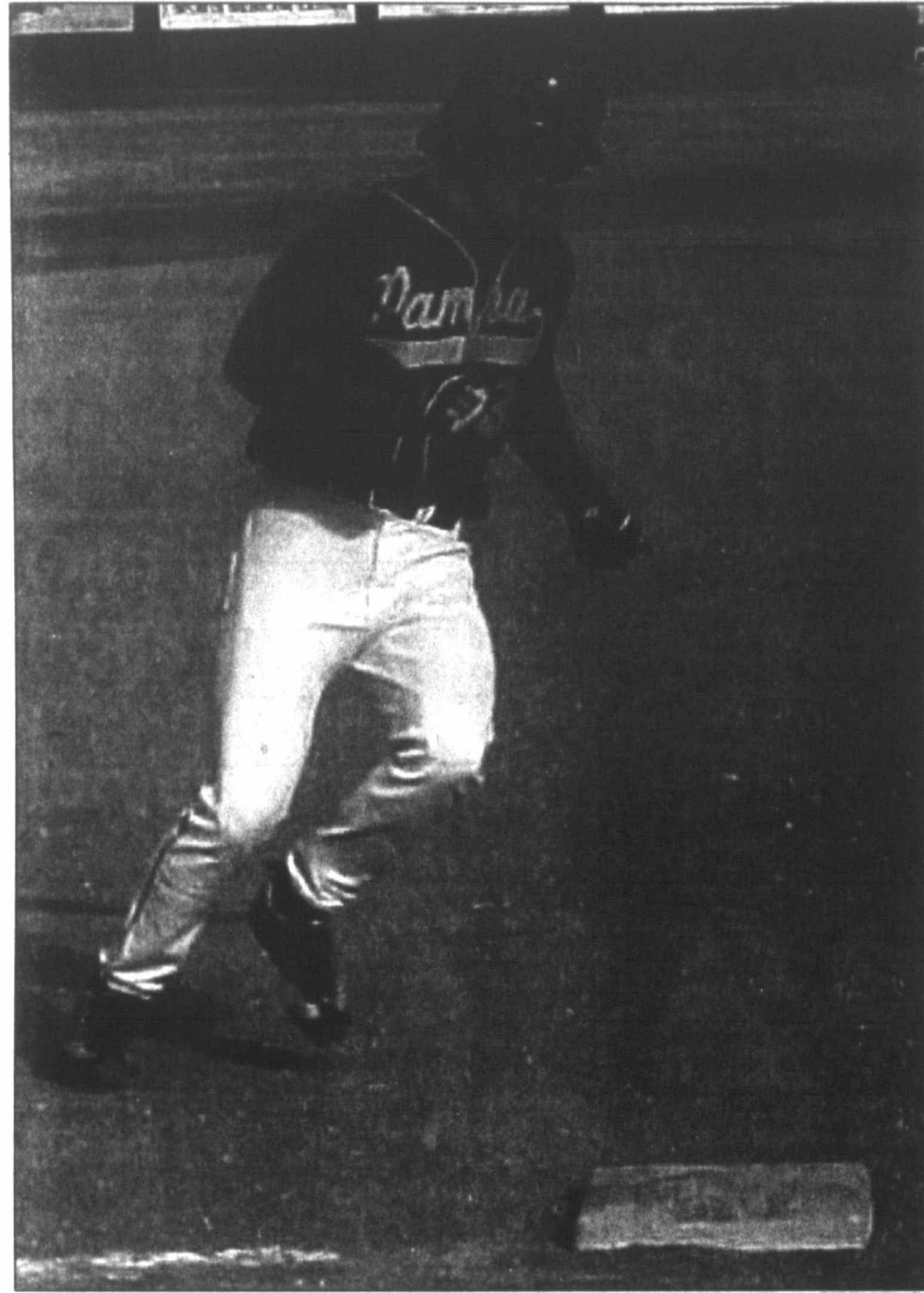


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Sports Day



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Pampa's Seth Foster rounds first base in an earlier season game against River Road. Pampa will travel to Borger today to take on the Bulldogs. The two teams will hook-up again this Saturday.

PHS varsity baseball: Ladies host Randall in district opener; boys on the road at Borger

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Pampa Harvesters
With a record of 12-4, Coach Dennis Doughty and his Pampa Harvesters will take to the Borger Highway this afternoon for another game against the Bulldogs. Interestingly, the two teams will meet again this Saturday.

Pampa is coming off a fourth place performance over the weekend at Burkburnett. The two games against Borger this week will serve as a great

opportunity to hone and sharpen skills as Pampa prepares to kick-off district competition next Tuesday against Randall.

Note a change in this week's game times. This afternoon's game will begin at 5 p.m. Saturday's game will start at 12 p.m.

Lady Harvesters
The Pampa Lady Harvester varsity softball team will open District 3-4A play this afternoon when they host Randall. First pitch this afternoon is scheduled for 4:30 at Lady Harvester Field.

Lady Harvester JV team wins 'ugly' district opener, 20-16

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

"It was an ugly win, but it was a win," said Lady Harvester junior varsity coach, Troy Owens, after his team won its district opener against Randall at Lady Harvester Field yesterday.

The 20-16 final would usually paint the picture of a slug-fest. Two teams, stepping to the plate and knocking the ball around. Not so.

Instead, much of the scoring came by way of the walk. The teams combined for a total of 33 free passes, 18 from Pampa, 15 from Randall. There were a few hits as well.

Tamara Trevathan had a 1-4 afternoon. But that

one hit was a second inning, bases loaded triple. Meredith Coutts went 2-3, including a bases loaded double. Halie Skinner had a couple of singles.

Jasmine Moore and Maggie Hopkins walked a combined seven times.

Moore started the game in the pitcher's circle, going two innings. She gave up four hits, six walks and struck out two.

Hopkins (2-0) took over in the third, issuing five hits, nine walks and four strike outs.

The win moves the Lady Harvester's record to 8-1-1, 1-0.

Pampa will travel to Hereford Thursday.

Harvesters exact a little revenge in Amarillo

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa Harvester junior varsity baseball team blew into Amarillo yesterday to face a Sandie team that, not long ago, run-ruled Pampa. Harvester Coach Clint Allen and his team were hoping for something better this time around.

As they say, there is always hope.

Pampa took care of Amarillo High, 9-5, in a game shortened by weather and darkness.

Lead-off batter Alex Torres played a huge role in the Harvester win, going 2-3 on the afternoon, which included getting on base four times and scoring just as many.

Dakota Gowin, who spelled starting pitcher

Colden Fortenberry late in the game, had two hits in the game.

Brad Johnson, Brady Eakin, Robbie Dixon, Jarron Clark and Shane Davis had one hit each.

Fortenberry started on the hill for Pampa, pitching 4 1/3 innings. He gave up five runs and eight hits. He walked two and struck out two.

Gowin served up no hits, one run, no walks and had one strike out.

Coach Allen praised his defense, "They played much better and had only two errors."

The win improves the Pampa JV record to 4-5.

Allen's team will return to Amarillo for the Amarillo JV tournament that gets under way Thursday and lasts through Saturday.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

PHS Baseball Booster Club to host Family Day Saturday

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School Baseball Booster Club will host a PHS Baseball Family Day, this Saturday, during the Harvester's home game against Borger.

This is the only Saturday home game scheduled for the season.

The first 12 kids - age 12 and under - to enter the gate will receive a free baseball, which they can have autographed by their favorite Harvester after the game.

Every student will receive a free T-shirt from Fenton Motors, who is also sponsoring a fifth inning drawing, during which, three lucky fans will receive one free lunch courtesy of Consuelo's.

The fifth inning drawing will be held every home game for the rest of the season.

Each winner will qualify for an end-of-season

grand prize drawing.

A special guest will be on hand this Saturday to throw out the first pitch.

Concessions, including brisket wraps, hot dogs, drinks and more, will be available.

A home run derby will follow the game, with players from the varsity and junior varsity squads competing.

Players are currently seeking pledges, with all funds raised going toward field improvements.

For more details on this Saturday's Family Day, to make a home run derby pledge, or to learn how you or your business can support the Harvester baseball program with the purchase of a fence sign, call Renee Brown, 665-0618, or Ginger Foster, 669-0955, or any booster club parent or member.

Please note that, due to the home run derby, the game time has been changed. The game will start at 12 p.m.

Optimist try-outs begin today; late registrations now through Thursday

Late registration for Optimist Baseball/Softball 2005 continues today through Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Optimist Club for boys and girls five to 15 years of age, according to Ronnie N. Haynes, Optimist President.

All players are required to register.

Tryouts begin today for players who will playing for the first time in the 9-10 Cal Ripken League, the 11-12 Cal Ripken League, the 13-15 Babe Ruth League, the 10-12 Girls' Softball Major League or the 13-15 Girls' Senior Softball League.

Players must attend two of the three tryout sessions.

"We are expecting to add at least one team in the 5-6 T-Ball League and probably two in the 7-8 Pitching Machine League," declared Dori Miller, the Commissioner for the leagues. "We originally thought we were going to have one T-Ball team from Miami, but now they are bringing two and may have a girls' team as well. We thought Lefors was going to have just a T-Ball team, but they will have a Pitching Machine team too."

"We are going to have four Babe Ruth teams this year and need coaches," said Optimist Baseball Commissioner Kevin Davis. "People who are interested should call me at 665-7843."

Players attending tryouts are encouraged to dress warmly and bring their ball gloves.

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

Georgia, Texas Tech emerge as legitimate championship contenders

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Tech is heading back to familiar tournament territory by advancing to the NCAA's round of 16. Texas will spend the rest of the postseason watching instead of playing.

The third-seeded Longhorns couldn't make it past the second round for the first time in four seasons, falling to sixth-seeded Georgia 70-68 on Monday night in Dallas.

"I haven't been in too many locker rooms that were as depressed and despondent as this one," Texas coach Jody Conradt said.

Had the Longhorns' last shot gone in, the atmosphere would have been completely different. Heather Schreiber had a clean look with her 3-pointer at the buzzer — but the shot bounced harmlessly off the side of the rim.

The loss dealt Texas (22-9) its earliest tournament exit since falling in the first round in 2001.

After failing to advance to the round of 16 for the first time in five years last season, fourth-seeded Texas Tech is going back after beating No. 12 seed Middle Tennessee 80-69.

Texas Tech (24-7) made sure Middle Tennessee didn't make NCAA tournament history. Alesha Robertson took advantage of openings outside, while Christi Greenwalt (19 points) and LaToya Davis (11 points and 16 rebounds) dominated inside.

When she got free, Robertson waved her arms begging for the ball. The sophomore made 10-of-18 shots with five 3-pointers for her fifth 20-point game this season — her first in two months.

"Usually I haven't been seeing those open shots," said Robertson, a target for

opposing defenses in the Big 12. "They did concentrate on post play. That gave me a lot of looks."

After pulling off a first-round upset for the second straight year, Middle Tennessee (24-9) missed becoming just the second No. 12 seed to win twice in the tournament.

"I haven't been in too many locker rooms that were as depressed and despondent as this one."

— Jody Conradt
Head Coach, Texas Women's Basketball

"This is harder to swallow than 12 months ago," coach Stephany Smith said. "We felt like we were prepared ... for whatever reason in the first half, we weren't as aggressive as we had been all season."

Patrice Holmes, who hit the game-winning jumper with 1.6 seconds left Saturday for the 60-58 upset of North Carolina State, scored 25 points.

Georgia will face the winner of Tuesday night's Duke-Boston College game Saturday in the Chattanooga Regional semifinals.

Georgia (24-9) heads to the round of 16 for the 15th time in 21 tournament appearances, all under head coach Andy Landers.

Landers was his signature animated self in front of the Georgia bench, at one

point putting one of his players in a headlock to better illustrate his point to officials about the physical play inside.

He had good cause to be concerned — the game was being decided under the basket.

Georgia forward Tasha Humphrey and Texas center Tiffany Jackson — who have been friends and opponents since high school — both carried their teams in the second half. Humphrey finished with 26 points and 10 rebounds, scoring a crucial basket almost every time Texas gained momentum and threatened to take the lead.

Jackson tied her career high of 30 points, 18 of which came in the second half. But her biggest shot of the night, a short jumper with 12 seconds left that would have tied the game, was blocked by Georgia's Rebecca Rowsey.

"That killer mentality that has been instilled my whole life," Humphrey said. "Playing against the best post player in the nation. A fun, exciting matchup, that's what fueled my fire."

The game had a much different ending than when Texas and Georgia met in November.

Back then, the Longhorns were ranked No. 2 and were a Final Four favorite, but the Bulldogs grounded Texas by rallying from a 15-point before cruising to a 78-64 victory.

Georgia didn't need a comeback this time because it led for the entire game.

"It's tough to be where Texas was tonight, down for the whole game," Landers said. "I've been there before where you make runs and then get the door slammed on you over and over again."

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Federal judge denies request to replace Schiavo's feeding tube

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A federal judge on Tuesday refused to order the reinsertion of Terri Schiavo's feeding tube, denying an emergency request from the brain-damaged woman's parents. The parents' lawyer quickly filed a notice of appeal.

The ruling by U.S. District Judge James Whittemore came after feverish action by President Bush and Congress on legislation allowing the contentious case to be reviewed by federal courts.

The judge said the 41-year-old woman's parents had not established a "substantial likelihood of success" at trial on the merits of their arguments.

The notice of appeal was filed electronically hours later with the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta by David Gibbs III,

an attorney for Terri Schiavo's parents. The notice tells the court that the full appeal will follow. That court was already considering an appeal on whether Terri Schiavo's right to due process had been violated.

Whittemore wrote that Schiavo's "life and liberty interests" had been protected by Florida courts. Despite "these difficult and time-strained circumstances," he wrote, "this court is constrained to apply the law to the issues before it."

While Rex Sparklin, another attorney for the parents, said the appeal was

needed to "save Terri's life," Howard Simon, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida, praised the ruling.

'What this judge did is protect the freedom of people to make their own end-of-life decisions without the intrusion of politicians.'

— Howard Simon
Executive director of the ACLU

"What this judge did is protect the freedom of people to make their own end-of-life decisions without the intrusion of politicians," Simon said.

Bobby Schindler, Terri

Schiavo's brother, said his family was crushed. "To have to see my parents go through this is absolutely barbaric," he told ABC's "Good Morning America" on

Tuesday. "I'd love for these judges to sit in a room and see this happening as well."

Attempts to reach the woman's father, Bob Schindler, were unsuccessful early Tuesday. George Felos, the attorney for husband Michael Schiavo, hung up twice when reached by reporters from The Associated Press.

Scott Schiavo, Michael Schiavo's brother, called the judge's decision "a good thing," and said he did not believe Congress should have intervened.

"There's not a law that's made for this," Scott Schiavo said in a telephone interview. "This is something that goes on 100 times a day in our country, that people, their wish to die with dignity is not a federal issue."

The tube was disconnected Friday on the orders of a state judge, prompting an

extraordinary weekend unprecedented emergency effort by congressional legislation Monday aimed at keeping her alive.

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Seven dead after school rampage

REDBY, Minn. (AP) — The suspect in the worst U.S. school shooting since Columbine smiled and waved as he gunned down five students, a teacher and a guard, asking one of his victims whether he believed in God, witnesses said. The teen's grandfather and his grandfather's wife also were found dead, and the boy killed himself.

Reggie Graves, a student at Red Lake High School, said he was watching a movie about Shakespeare in class Monday when he heard the gunman blast his way past the metal detector at the school's entrance, killing a guard.

'He asked Ryan if he believed in God. And then he shot him.'

— Reggie Graves
Student

Then, in a nearby classroom, he heard the gunman say something to his friend Ryan. "He asked Ryan if he believed in God," Graves said. "And then he shot him."

The death toll at the Red Lake Indian Reservation in far northern Minnesota made it the nation's worst school shooting since the rampage at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., in April 1999 that ended with the deaths of 12 students, a teacher and the two teen gunmen.

The victims included the gunman's grandfather; the grandfather's wife; a school security guard; a teacher; and five other students. At least 14 others were wounded, and two of them remained in critical condition Tuesday at MeritCare in Fargo, N.D., officials said.

"There's not a soul that will go untouched by the tragic loss that we've experienced here," Floyd Jourdain Jr., chairman of the Red Lake Chippewa Tribe, told WCCO-TV of Minneapolis on Tuesday.

Police said the gunman killed himself after exchanging fire with officers. Red Lake Fire Director Roman Stately said the gunman had two handguns and a shotgun.

"We ask Minnesotans to help comfort the families and friends of the victims who are suffering unimaginable pain by extending prayers and expressions of support," Gov. Tim Pawlenty said.

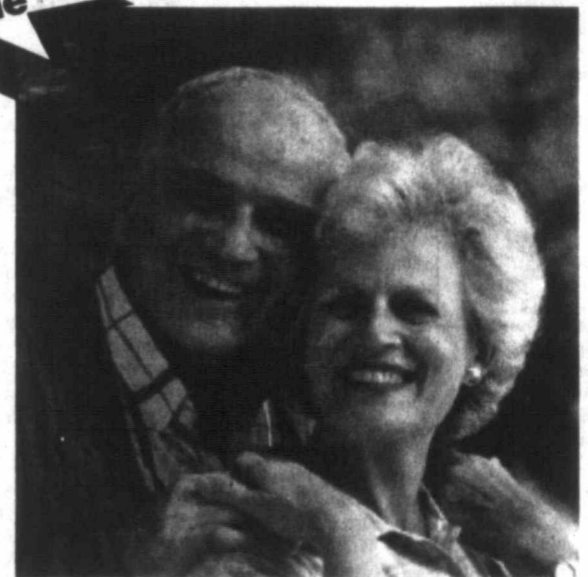
The shooter was Jeff Weise, a 17-year-old student who had been placed in the school's Homebound program for some violation of policy, said school board member Kathryn Beaulieu.

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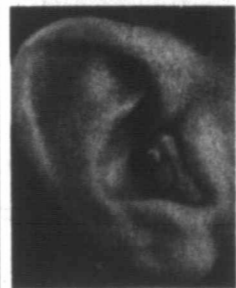
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