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Extradition is a judgment call

■ The case of Lamont Pride highlights the choices officials make when issuing a warrant.

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GREENSBORO — Lamont Pride was a wanted man. But it became clear last week that Pride wasn't wanted everywhere — just

in North Carolina. Now he sits in a New York jail, charged in the shooting death of New York City police officer Peter Figoski. Pride was arrested twice in New York City before Monday's fatal shooting. After the second time, on Nov. 3, New York police saw warrants for Pride's arrest in a nonfatal Greensboro shooting. The warrants indicated Pride

was to return to North Carolina only if he were arrested within the state. By the time Greensboro police requested extradition nationwide, it was too late. Pride was already back on the street. Both New York and Greensboro police have said the person ultimately responsible for Figoski's death is the person who pulled the trigger. Pride's case, however,



Pride



Figoski

highlights a little-known choice that police and prosecutors make every time they put a warrant out for someone's arrest.

They have to ask themselves how far they would go to get a suspect. "There's not a formula," said Jeff Welty, an assistant law professor at the UNC School of Government. "It's a judgment call, and the factors that are sometimes considered are things like how serious the offense is, how substantial the defendant's prior record is, what kind of sentence the defendant is

potentially facing, and the difficulty in getting the defendant back from another state." Extradition — the transfer of a wanted person caught in one state to another state for trial — is a complex process. Papers and signatures and money are not easily transported across state lines.

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Healing FROM THE heart

Dr. Tim Lane began treating patients with AIDS before the disease even had a name. Unable to cure his patients, Lane focused on treating them and their families with dignity and compassion.

By SUSAN LADD
Staff Writer

"It's time to close the book on infectious diseases." — U.S. Surgeon General William H. Stewart, 1967.

As a medical student studying infectious diseases at the time, Dr. Tim Lane might have been discouraged by such a pronouncement, had he been paying attention. There was reason for the surgeon general to be optimistic. Polio and tuberculosis had been nearly defeated. Vaccines had been created for measles, mumps and rubella. Life expectancy was rising.

Infectious disease was not a sexy field of medicine, but Lane was drawn to it nonetheless. "It was a nice thing to go into because we had all these antibi-

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"I haven't developed a vaccine or led any major research efforts, but I was involved in taking care of some incredibly good people," Dr. Tim Lane says. Thanks to newer antiviral drugs that treat AIDS, his patients can reach an age old enough to need his care for heart disease — a situation that was unimaginable early in his career.

Economic forecast for '12: Gloomy, with head winds

■ Lack of industry, qualified workers hurt Greensboro-High Point, analysts say.

By DONALD W. PATTERSON
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Greensboro experienced a bad economy in 2011, and you can expect 2012 to be just as gloomy. High unemployment. Slow job growth. More of the same. "I don't see anything that is going to boost the recovery by very much," said Howard Wial, a fellow

at the Brookings Institution and the co-author of a recent report that includes an analysis of the economy of the Greensboro-High Point area. "I think you are going to limp along." Four years after the onset of the Great Recession, that and other recent forecasts paint a gloomy economic outlook for the area. "We continue to expect the local economy to struggle

to maintain and add jobs over the next year," said a report by Wells Fargo Securities. "Slowing population growth combined with very little job growth will keep the area an underperformer." The Wells Fargo report said the Greensboro area remains among the weakest in the state for job

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SPECIAL STORIES FROM US TO YOU

Our reporters give you the news daily, and they do it very well. But during the holiday season, we decided to try something a little different.

Starting Friday and continuing through Christmas Day, we'll be offering a three-part holiday story on our front page. Written by three of our best writers — Susan Ladd, Betsi Robinson and Margaret Moffett Banks — it's planned as a tribute to Greensboro's own O. Henry and his "Gift of the Magi." There will be lots of other Greensboro touches to bring the story closer to home for you.

On the Dec. 25 Life front, we'll give you something else that also might hit close to home in a laugh-out-loud sort of way. Mike Kernels writes a parent's version of "Twas the Night Before Christmas."

Artist Tim Rickard has illustrated the story and the poem. We offer all this as our Christmas gift to you — along with the news, of course.

— Interim Editor Teresa Prout



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