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State Supreme Court overturns white oil decision

By JAN RICH
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — For the second time in 15 months, the Texas Supreme Court has sided with Amarillo Oil Co. over the rights to natural gas in the Panhandle Field.

The Supreme Court's 6-2 decision, issued Wednesday, is likely to affect many other companies involved in disputes over separate gas and oil rights in the Panhandle Field, said an attorney in the case.

The Panhandle Field is the only one in Texas in which oil and gas rights are separately owned within the same lease, said Steve Selby, an

attorney for Amarillo Oil.

He said the Supreme Court's decision would affect "hundreds of millions of dollars" in oil leases. "This case is important for anyone who owns an oil lease or gas lease in the Panhandle Field," he said.

A state district court in Carson County had given Amarillo Oil nothing in its suit against Energy-Agri Products Inc. for allegedly taking gas that belonged to Amarillo Oil on a lease covering 61.42 acres in Carson County.

The Supreme Court ruled that Amarillo Oil owns the gas from two wells in the brown dolomite formation, the uppermost producing for-

mation of the oil field. Energy-Agri owned the right to produce oil and casinghead gas, court documents said.

Casinghead gas is that gas produced from an oil stratum.

In its Wednesday ruling, the Supreme Court reversed its March 8, 1989, ruling that also called for a new trial assessing damages for Amarillo Oil.

That case differed in that the Court had not fully defined some of the issues in the case, particularly the meaning of casinghead gas and an oil stratum, Selby said.

The Supreme Court also reversed a 7th Court of Appeals rul-

ing that dismissed the case, and ordered that the case be returned to the trial court to determine damages for Amarillo Oil.

In early 1982, Energy-Agri drilled a well in a deep-producing formation of the Panhandle Field, the court said.

To increase production from it, the company perforated the casing higher in the well so that it could produce from the brown dolomite formation.

The Railroad Commission approved this move, court documents said.

A second well was drilled, and Energy-Agri again intended to per-

forate the brown dolomite formation.

Amarillo Oil filed suit to prohibit Energy-Agri from producing gas from the brown dolomite formation, to obtain title to all the gas in the formation and to seek damages for gas already lost, documents indicate.

The case hinged in part on whether so-called "white oil" should be included as part of the crude oil produced on the lease.

The Supreme Court's opinion, signed by Justice C.L. Ray, said the trial court erred, in part, by not clarifying the white oil issue for the jury. White oil, which is produced by

condensing gas into liquids by using lower temperature extraction units, should not be considered as crude oil production, the Supreme Court said.

Thus, the jury was unable to adequately assess damages or determine the definition of an oil stratum in the case, the ruling said.

Justices Oscar Mauzy and Raul Gonzalez issued dissenting opinions in the case. Justice Jack Hightower did not participate.

Selby said the Supreme Court's decision was not likely to result in much money for Amarillo Oil. "I don't even know if Energy-Agri exists anymore," he said.

Krazy Days at Wayne's



(Staff photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Employees at Wayne's Western Wear decided to dress for Krazy Days Wednesday by wearing their kraziest outfits. From left are Billie Lowrey in her pajamas and slippers, Brenda Roach in high heels and blue jeans, Angie Taylor - hiding behind the sign to hide her embarrassing normalness, Carol Stribling in jean shorts and high top red boots, Wayne Stribling dressed up overalls with a tie and bright pink cap and Chris Thomas, whose ensemble included giant fuzzy pink toes to match her pink T-shirt. Pampans can expect to see more krazydays like this throughout the city as Krazy Days sales continue at local businesses through Sunday.

Parks Department crews 'hard at work' in making water sprinkler system repairs

Pampa Parks and Recreation Director Reed Kirkpatrick said Parks Department crews have been "hard at work" making repairs to the city's parks water sprinkler systems.

The repair project has been possible to a large extent because of the funds provided by the voluntary \$1 monthly contribution residents and businesses have been making through their water bill payments, he said.

"Over the last few months, several parks that had sprinkler systems that haven't worked in several years are once again in operation," Kirkpatrick said.

Parks having sprinkler systems repaired in the past several months are Central Park, West Central Park and Hobart Street Park. McCarley Park has also had an extra sprinkler line added to the existing system,

providing additional coverage to the south side of the park.

In addition to these park sprinkler systems being repaired and upgraded, other parks have had repairs made to them in order to maintain them better, he said.

"Each park that has an active sprinkler system is being tested monthly, noting repairs that need to be made and repairing them in a timely fashion," Kirkpatrick said.

"This monthly inspection of all active sprinkler systems was started to help maintain our park sprinkler systems and to keep what has been repaired in working order."

Kirkpatrick said the next major sprinkler repair project is scheduled to start this week in Alameda Park, located on North Duncan.

"At each sprinkler repair work site, a green metal sign is placed during construction that says 'Your

Contributions at Work,'" he said. "This sign will help to remind everyone that the one dollar contribution on the water bill is being spent to buy parts and materials to make all of these sprinkler repairs possible in the parks."

The ongoing sprinkler repair project is an effort to try to repair all of the city parks' sprinkler systems and to maintain them once they have been repaired.

With 31 parks in Pampa, of which 28 currently have sprinkler systems, the sprinkler repair work may take several years to complete, Kirkpatrick said.

"However, with three sprinkler systems completely repaired within the last few months, the City of Pampa Parks Department is well on its way to reaching the goal of all the parks with sprinkler systems being completely operational," he said.

Pampa businesses prepare to show prison bid support

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

What started as prison fever — the uncontrollable desire to locate a state prison in Pampa — has now reached "prairie fire" status as local businesses prepare to show their support for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Following a meeting Wednesday at the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce, local retail leaders unveiled plans to cover the city with pro-prison signs, T-shirts, beanies and ribbons.

The predominate theme for the campaign is "A Prison for Pampa. Two P's in a Pod."

In addition, a huge banner will stretch across North Cuyler reading "PAMPA HAS PRISON FEVER. Cure: One TDCJ Unit."

On Thursday, July 5, the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, responsible for locating and supervising prisons for the TDCJ, will select the best of 20 prison site proposals from around the state and place them on a "short list."

Then, on Tuesday, July 10, during a meeting in Austin, the TBCJ will announce four new locations for prisons.

Pampa was a finalist in 1989 for one of six new prisons and local officials said the proposal has been refined since that time.

Glen Hackler, city manager, and Bill Waters, president of the Industrial Foundation, have both said that Pampa's two unsuccessful bids in the past have each taught valuable lessons in dealing with the state and learning what they are looking for.

"A suggestion has been made that I think has merit, that merchants display in their windows evidence of support for Pampa and the prison," Waters said.

In addition, KOMX 102.3 FM music director and morning personality Doc DeWeese said today that the station, a regional country music outlet with a strong signal around the eastern Panhandle, will be frequently playing prison songs by artists like Merle Haggard and Johnny Cash during morning and afternoon drive times.

Pro-prison forces admit that because so much emotion rested on the 1989 site selection, for which Pampa was unsuccessful, some residents are hesitant to get excited again about the prospect.

That has not stopped a vast majority of Pampans from catching the "fever" as intensely as ever, though.

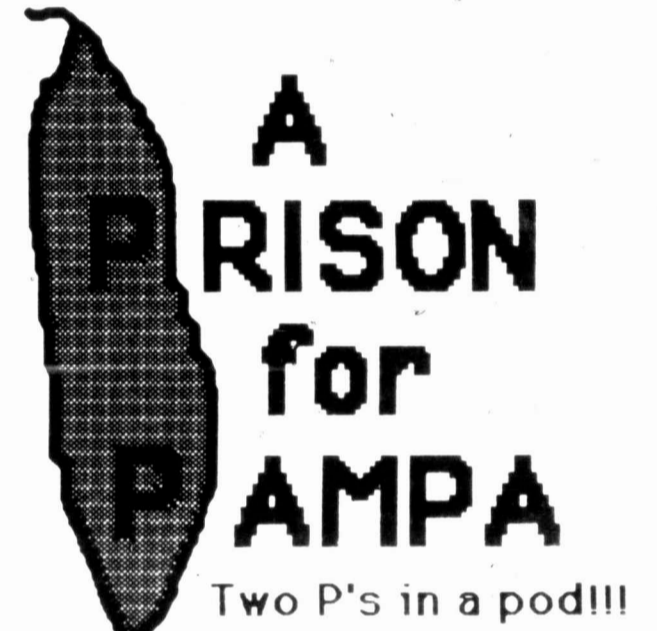
Waters said efforts such as that on KOMX and in businesses will encourage them to "contract the fever" again.

James Jonas III, a consultant for the city on the proposal, has stated that Pampans must balance showing the TBCJ that the city is willing to wholeheartedly support a prison with "not going to the mountain-top."

He termed it "another step in the process of a long-standing relationship with the state prison board."

Waters said plans currently call for videotaping of street decorations and a pro-prison pep rally and rap for showing during the July 10 meeting in Austin.

A caravan of prison proponents will travel to the



capital to support the local effort. Hackler said, Details of travel arrangements are currently in the works, he noted.

The rap-rally is set for Friday, July 6, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. Waters said it will be open to the public, with a large attendance anticipated.

Officials said a local business leader and "closet rapper" is scheduled to lead the rally in a jam about Pampa's desire for a corrections unit.

A minimum security prison would bring at least 450 new jobs to the area, 20 more than Hoechst Celanese, the cornerstone of the local economy.

Estimates for maximum security employment are around 800 new jobs.

Recent articles in the *Austin American Statesman*, *Childress Index*, *San Antonio Express-News*, *San Angelo Standard-Times*, *Wichita Falls Times*, *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, *Dallas Times Herald* and *Houston Chronicle* all show that prisons have become the most sought after "industry" in the state because of their stable payrolls and "growth potential."

Both the *Dallas Morning News* and *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* had columnists who applauded rural cities for pursuing prisons as a way to help economies ravaged by poor oil and agriculture prices.

Efforts by Childress to raise funds for proposal incentives through "womanless beauty pageants," fish fries and other events were picked up by newspapers around the state.

One of the most reported fund-raisers was a campaign to get each Childress resident to donate \$1 for each year they have lived, which proved very successful.

Waters said support of a prison in Pampa is as high as anywhere in the state and the current strategies involve conveying that to elected state leaders and prison staff in Huntsville who could be instrumental in where the four new units are located.

Rotarians present Elaine Ledbetter with Paul Harris Fellowship honor

A retired Pampa science teacher, Elaine Ledbetter, received the highest honor that Rotary International presents, designating her a Paul Harris Fellow, during a luncheon Wednesday at Coronado Inn.

Paul Harris Fellowships are given to those who support Rotary Foundation's programs around the world through a \$1,000 contribution.

Ledbetter's husband, Bill, is a previous recipient of the fellowship. In noting Mrs. Ledbetter's accomplishments, Jack Reeve, World Service Committee chairman, said she had authored textbooks and is a poet and former Pampa Woman of the Year.

In addition, Ledbetter has been recognized as Texas Teacher of the Year, National Teacher of the Year, Star Award Winner from the National Science Teachers Association and a fellow with the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

She has served as president of

the Pampa Classroom Teachers Association, Science Teachers Association of Texas and National Science Teachers Association.

Ledbetter is currently working as an author, lecturer and consultant and has been a speaker and workshop conductor for the Canadian Science Association in Toronto, Banff, Edmonton and Victoria, Canada.

She is a graduate of the University of North Texas and University of Oklahoma and has done post graduate work at Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Study, the University of Arizona and University of California at Berkeley.

Ledbetter taught at schools in Oklahoma before beginning her teaching career in Pampa in 1951. She taught first at Pampa Junior High School before going to Pampa High School in 1953, where she taught biology and chemistry until her retirement in 1980.

During her teaching career, she

was instrumental in overseeing numerous science fairs, with 10 Pampa students advancing to the National Science Fair level.

She has published three volumes of poetry: *Triumphant Moment*, *Candles at Noon* and *Enfold the Splendor*.

Reeve said that examples of what a \$1,000 contribution can do include providing 10 shallow tube wells in Bangladesh to irrigate farms; provide orthopedic surgery, crutches, braces or wheelchairs and rehabilitative training for seven polio victims in Malawi; provide pacemakers for two indigents in the Caribbean or provide school supplies for more than 1,200 poor children in Guatemala.

Other projects the fellowship funds include nutritional training for poor women in Third World countries and providing vaccines against diseases that were long ago eradicated in the United States but still plague many parts of the globe.



(Staff photo by Bear Mills)

Elaine Ledbetter, center, accepts a Paul Harris Fellowship from Jack Reeve, right, Rotary World Service Committee chairman, as her husband, Bill, standing, and Bob Williams, Rotary president, look on.

Texans work to beat the heat as scorching temperatures continue

By DARRYL EWING
Associated Press Writer

MIDLAND (AP) — The scorching heat is not going to go away so Texans are having to learn to deal with it. The heat has prompted emergency water conservation in San Marcos, emptied some Lubbock golf courses and even delayed some postal carriers from their appointed rounds.

Much of the Southwest from Texas to Southern California has been hit by an early summer heat wave that moved Midland out of the frying pan and into the fire.

The West Texas town has had 19 days of 100-plus heat so far in June with no relief in sight. Midland hit 102 degrees Wednesday but the temperature combined with the humidity made it feel like 106, the National Weather Service said.

The mercury climbed to above 100 at 19 Texas cities and towns with Lajitas having the dubious distinction of being the state's hot spot at 109. It was 105 at El Paso and Laredo. It was 103 at Amarillo, Dalhart, Lubbock and Wink, 102 at Childress, Midland, Odessa and Wichita Falls, 101 at Pampa, Austin and San Angelo and 100 at Abilene, Beeville, Del Rio, Junction and San Antonio.

The heat prompted some employers to give their workers a break.

Letter carriers at Lubbock were given a reprieve from the swift completion of their appointed rounds. The Postal Service told customers they might expect minor delays in daily delivery because carriers would be taking more breaks to drink water and cool off.

"We are concerned for their (carriers') health," said Don Jones, postal field operations director for the Post Office in Lubbock. "This is bad weather for them."

Road pavers get a double dose of hot.

"The asphalt is 380 degrees, plus the 100 or so degrees (temperature). It makes for pretty rough working conditions," said Danny Jones, vice president of Jones Brothers Paving Contractors in Odessa.

"We tell the guys to drink lots of water, and we always have salt tablets on the job in case they do have problems."

Even those who play are taking it easy, including avid golfers.

"By 1 or 2 o'clock, the parking lots empty pretty good," said Scott Snider of the city's Park and Recreation Board.

Citing the hot and humid weather that has gripped the state, the Public Utility Commission urged Texans

to conserve electricity to reduce the high demand on the state's electric power grid.

PUC-regulated utilities also were warned Wednesday not to disconnect a customer's service if so doing would create a life-threatening condition for a household.

In towns where the National Weather Service has issued an excessive heat alert, the PUC said, agency regulations allow disconnection only after the utility has determined it would not be creating a crisis situation.

The PUC regulates investor-owned electric utilities, such as Texas Utilities Electric Company, Houston Lighting and Power Company, Central Power and Light Company, Gulf States Utilities Company, El Paso Electric Company, and all electric cooperatives that operate in Texas.

The commission does not regulate municipally owned electric utilities.

Lubbock's hottest June ever, and third-hottest month on record, continued Wednesday as a large high-pressure system in the upper atmosphere stalled over much of the area.

The heat also had Waco nursery owner Audrey Nealy a bit hot under the collar. The heat index for Waco on Wednesday afternoon was 111.

"People are beginning to have trouble with some shrubs," Ms. Nealy said. "The hot weather is a shock to ball and burlap (shrubs). But container shrubs are fine."

Her advice to those who are trying to save lawns and flowers: "Water deeply."

But that's not so easy for the Central Texas communities that depend on the Edwards Aquifer. Dwindling water levels in the aquifer already are prompting emergency conservation efforts in San Marcos, where city officials report that the aquifer is 40 feet below normal level.

Though some scattered showers and thunderstorms pushed into North Texas from Oklahoma early Wednesday, an excessive heat advisory remained in effect through Thursday.

And heat advisories usually mean people crank up the air conditioning.

"People are feeling the heat more, so they are cranking down their thermostats," said Linda Rogers of Dallas' Four Seasons Air Conditioning and Heating. "The unit is working harder, but that doesn't cool things any faster."

"Last week, we were real snowed under (with repairs). We had to work weekends to keep up with all the requests."

Heat, drought burns up crops in South Texas

By JOEL WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer

HARLINGEN (AP) — It's too late to hope for rain in the unirrigated South Texas fields withering from drought and a relentless heat wave.

"The plants are just dying," said Ted Proske, area director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's cotton classing office in Harlingen.

Yields are way down in unirrigated "dry-land" cotton.

Withered, brown corn stalks barely stand up. Grain sorghum, used for cattle feed, is falling down in some fields from the drought-induced charcoal stalk rot disease.

"The dry land, it's just almost burned up," said Dennis Traweck, co-owner of 3T Custom Farms, a grain harvesting contractor working Wednesday near Rio Hondo in the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Drought and heat, aggravated by strong winds, have reduced some sorghum crops to one-fourth of the yields they should bring, Traweck said. In many unirrigated corn fields, there is nothing at all to harvest, he added.

"Any rain we get now would do more harm than good," said Larry Bates, assistant manager of Harlingen Valley Compress Co., which warehouses cotton and prepares it for shipment.

Rain would not help sorghum and corn now, either.

"They're singing a sad song right now, the growers," Bates said.

Dollar estimates were not yet available, but losses are expected to run into tens of millions of dollars, officials said.

Irrigated crops, however, appear to be doing well.

About half the estimated 350,000 acres each of cotton and sorghum are planted in fields without irrigation in the Valley. Another approximately 100,000 acres of corn were planted in the Valley, primarily in unirrigated fields.

Even less is irrigated away from the Rio Grande.

"In Duval County, about 90 percent of the crops are gone," said George Gonzalez, USDA soil conservation specialist for the county. "It's all burned up."

Neighboring Jim Wells, Jim Hogg and Webb counties weren't much better, Gonzalez said Wednesday.

Most of South Texas is suffering from a drought in which about half the normal rainfall has fallen over the past 2 1/2 years. That left almost no subsoil moisture the plants need to develop after planting.

Early spring rains raised hopes the drought had ended, but then stopped abruptly in mid-May, when the heat wave began.

"It just turned out to be a year that dried out a whole lot faster than anybody expected," said Harvey Buehring, extension agent for Nueces County, where Corpus Christi is located. "To have another bad year, it's going to be tough."

The combined cotton, sorghum and corn crop for his county, normally is valued at about \$60 million, but this year may not produce yields worth more than \$35 million, he said.

Some growers already in debt from two previous years of drought may be forced out of business this year, Buehring said.

"If we had gotten about a two-inch rain about the last part of May the first part of June, we would have had bumper crops everywhere," said Proske with the USDA.



Members of the 4th U.S. Cavalry and Westerner's Corral prepare to re-enact the 1872 Battle of McClellan Creek 10 miles north of McLean earlier this month. (Special Photo)

Westerner's Corral, 4th Cavalry gather for mock 1872 McClellan Creek battle

Members of the Palo Duro chapter of the Westerner's Corral and Company E of the 4th U.S. Cavalry re-enacted the 1872 Battle of McClellan Creek 10 miles north of McLean earlier this month.

The mock battle, coordinated by Amarillo attorney Barry Stone, vice president of the Panhandle Plains Historical Society, and his wife Linda, took place June 16 on the John M. Haynes Ranch north of McLean. Participants were treated to a barbecue meal before the event.

Forty members of the local Westerner's Corral chapter were present along with 10 members of Amarillo Company E of the 4th U.S. Cavalry remount group, mounted and wearing full field uniforms.

After being transported to the site of the battle, onlookers watched as the Cavalry unit, led by Cpl. Jimmy Northcutt, on the approximate route the original unit took more than 100 years earlier. The troopers, flags waving and bugle blaring, made a mock charge.

Following the battle re-enactment, the troopers educated the crowd in the regulations, usages and procedures of the U.S. Cavalry during the field campaigns against the Indians in the late 1800s.

Cpl. Northcutt and troopers Ed Benz and Mike Vendervert made the presentations. Mike Haynes,

whose speech dedicated the historical marker which in 1972 officially denoted the battle, made a few remarks. Stone also told more of the Indians' point of view during this time period.

In the 1872 engagement, Col. Ranald Slidell McKenzie, commanding a force of 215 troopers, seven officers and nine Tonqua scouts, marched from near Lubbock in search of a large group of Comanches who were thought to be hiding in the eastern Panhandle.

The Indian village, consisting of 262 lodges, was found about seven miles above the mouth of McClellan Creek on the banks of the North Fork of the Red River which flows through the Haynes Ranch.

At about 4 p.m., McKenzie made

his attack, quickly routing the Indians. Two troopers and approximately 50 of the Comanches were killed in the battle. The chief of this band, Mow-Way, was not present at the time of the attack. He had left the village to confer with white leaders. Chief Kaiwotche was left in charge, and both he and his wife were killed in the skirmish.

This battle is considered to have been extremely important in the effort to clear the Indians from the Panhandle area. Officials believed the battle convinced Comanches they could not find a place remote enough to be safe from the U.S. Cavalry.

Dr. Fred Rathjen, history professor at West Texas State University in Canyon, was among those who attended the battle re-enactment.

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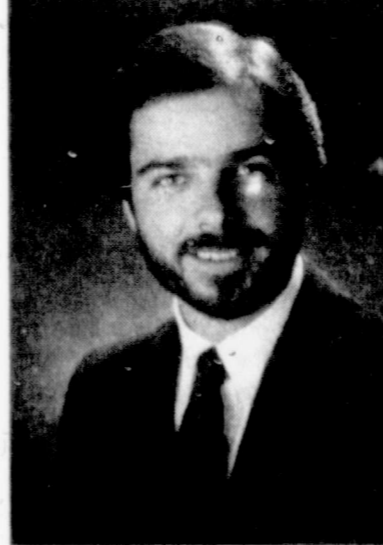
David Brown will be the special speaker for this one-night "Faith Rally." David is currently the senior Pastor at Victory Church in Amarillo, Tx. Victory Church is an inter-denominational, inter-racial church that is reaching the world with the message of victory.

David, along with his wife Connie, started their ministry in Amarillo, Tx. in 1983, and God has richly blessed their efforts. Pastor Brown teaches that every believer is called and strives to equip each one for ministry.

David has successfully conducted missionary trips into Mexico and India, using believers out of his congregation. Signs and wonders follow his ministry. David can be heard daily on KPDR at 10:30 a.m.

Special music will be brought by Ronnie Brumley, Minister of music at Victory Church.

Pastor Ed Barker invites Pampa to be a part of this one-night "Faith Rally" on Thursday, June 28, 1990, at 7:00 p.m. Nursery will be provided.



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Dixon enters innocent pleas to charges in failed S&L case

DALLAS (AP) — Don Dixon, former owner of Vernon Savings & Loan, has an Aug. 20 trial date on 38 federal charges related to the collapse of his thrift in 1987.

Dixon pleaded innocent to the charges Wednesday before U.S. District Judge Joe Fish, who allowed Dixon to remain free on a personal recognizance bond.

If convicted on all counts, he could be sentenced to up to 190 years in prison and be fined as much as \$9.5 million.

Dixon was indicted June 13 in the \$1.3 billion collapse of Vernon Savings and Loan.

Federal regulators at the time called Vernon a prime example of the abuses in the savings and loan industry.

Dixon, 50, has maintained he is a scapegoat for the government's sloppy handling of the S&L crisis.

The indictment alleged that

Dixon spent thousands of dollars from Vernon Savings on pleasure trips, prostitutes and illegal contributions to politicians.

Among the politicians Dixon contributed to were former House Speaker Jim Wright and Jack Kemp, a former Republican congressman from New York who is now Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Prosecutors have said the recipients did not know that the funds came from illegal sources.

Five other Vernon officials have pleaded guilty to various crimes. Former President Patrick G. King, was sentenced last year to five years in prison.

Former chairman Woody E. Lemons was sentenced in April to 30 years in prison.

A consultant and two Vernon borrowers also have pleaded guilty in thrift-connected cases.

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Government ethics hot topic of conversation in Austin

By MICHAEL HOLMES
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) - From Capitol hallways and committee rooms to the campaign trail, government ethics is a hot topic of conversation this year.

But after months of study, the Legislature failed to make any changes.

"We are already experiencing a crisis in the public's confidence," said Travis County District Attorney

Ronnie Earle, who enforces the ethics laws that are on the books.

"I have traveled across this state and I have heard a consistent concern expressed among Texans about ethics in public office," said Rob Mosbacher, Republican candidate for lieutenant governor.

"I do think that the day has come when people finally are weary of the way business as usual has just gotten out of hand in Texas," said George Shipley, an Austin political

consultant. Shipley said he expects reforms - such as campaign contribution limits and increased financial disclosure - to get attention from voters. "I do think there is an issue in 1990 involving so-called ethics and disclosure," he said.

A Texas Poll, conducted for Harte-Hanks Communications Inc., backed that up.

The poll found 70 percent of Texans saying limits should be imposed on political contributions; 81 percent favoring limits on complimentary trips given legislators by lobbyists; 74 percent backing limits on dining; and 84 percent favoring limits on gifts given to legislators by lobbyists.

Reform proposals have been offered by Democrats and Republicans, a prosecutor, candidates for governor, lieutenant governor and the Legislature.

Both the House speaker and lieutenant governor asked legislative committees to examine the issue. Those panels produced several draft reform plans.

The time has come, many legislators say.

"It's too loose," said retiring Sen. Kent Caperton, D-Bryan, of lobbyist-paid trips and other high-dollar freebies given some lawmakers.

"I think there's some people probably that could take the trips and they'd never be influenced. But there are others that would be influenced," he said.

Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock, chairs the Senate State Affairs Committee. Before the Legislature's failure to act, he had said it might become an election issue if nothing were done.

"If we don't deal with this issue quickly, there's a chance it can hurt incumbents. We can't just act like it's business as usual," Montford said.

But when the Legislature adjourned its fourth special session

early in June without an ethics reform bill, critics were outraged.

"The problem appears to be that the (legislators) who are on the gravy train - the ones getting the expensive gifts, the vacation trips, the fancy meals at lobbyists' expense - are the ones who control what reforms we get," said Tom Smith, director of the watchdog group Public Citizen-Texas.

enforce rules and advise officeholders on ethical questions.

Cross-auditing of political bank accounts with elected officials' federal income tax returns and their business tax returns.

Auditing of spending and contribution reports of lobbyists and political donors with their financial records.

Power to levy stiff penalties against ethics law violators, including expulsion from office or stripping a lobbyist of all contact with public officials.

Require public officials to disclose joint ventures they have with lobbyists.

Close loopholes in current laws that allow personal use of campaign and other political contributions by officials.

Require lobbyists to report in detail all spending on gifts and entertainment, with minimum limits being proposed from \$25 to \$250.

Require lobbyists to report what they gave - and to whom.

Require lawmakers to report on gifts they receive.

Make certain legislators report all honorariums they accept.

Broaden lobbying registration laws to include those who lobby state regulatory agencies.

Either prohibit or require quick reporting of campaign contributions accepted during special legislative sessions. Currently, donations are prohibited only during regular sessions.

Limit contributions from politi-

cal action committees to \$5,000 per PAC.

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The final version of any reform overhaul is unlikely to include all those provisions, legislators say. But there has been bipartisan interest in doing something.



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Political consultant Gary Nordlinger poses in his Washington office earlier this month over a videotape commercial he produced for the Nevada Education Association to bolster its clout at the state Legislature. Nordlinger's firm is just one of several that assists lobbyists nationwide.

Drunken driver earns four 40-year sentences

AUSTIN (AP) - A drunken driver whose car crashed into a bus stop, killing three people, has been sentenced to four concurrent 40-year prison terms.

Craig Fornaro, 29, pleaded guilty earlier this month to three counts of involuntary manslaughter and one count of failure to stop and render aid for the accident on May 20, 1989. Fornaro, of Austin, faced 25 years to life in prison on each count because he has been to prison twice on forgery and theft charges.

Killed in the accident were Reneigh Sordahl, 15; Angelita Hernandez, 30; and John Zesch, 20.

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ACROSS

- 1 Secretary's error
- 5 Sort
- 9 Cry of surprise
- 12 Part of the eye
- 13 Expedient
- 14 Tatter
- 15 Pekoe, etc.
- 16 Conclusion
- 18 Navy ship pref.
- 19 Unrefined metal
- 20 Fermenting agent
- 21 Slanted
- 23 Night bird
- 25 Conclusive
- 27 Cleared nose
- 31 Do ... others
- 32 Narrative
- 33 Elaborate poem
- 34 Madam's counterpart

DOWN

- 1 Ballerina's skirt
- 2 — St. Laurent
- 3 Farm
- 4 Western hemisphere org.
- 5 Contemptible person (sl.)
- 6 Cry of pain
- 7 Greek letter
- 8 Snakelike
- 9 Wild party
- 10 Tug
- 11 S-shaped molding
- 17 Amorous look
- 19 Kerosene, e.g.
- 22 Chinese philosophy
- 23 No more than a little
- 24 Little
- 25 Fidget
- 26 Freshwater porpoise
- 27 Talk back to (sl.)
- 28 Studier of animals
- 29 Fringe
- 30 Not alive
- 32 License plates
- 35 Last queen of Spain
- 36 Bushy clump
- 38 Wild goat
- 39 Bambi's mother
- 41 Tropical fish
- 42 Stepped
- 43 Evergreens
- 44 Midwestern college
- 45 Unruly child
- 47 Hipbones
- 48 Animal home
- 50 Nev. time
- 51 Edible tuber
- 52 Before Wed.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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CANCER (June 21-July 22) Proper timing is extremely essential today. If you try to bring critical matters to a head prematurely, your efforts could count for very little. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which are governing you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be aware of your limitations today and don't attempt to do more than you can comfortably manage. Projects that overlap could be accidents waiting to happen.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't blame others if you incur some form of financial loss today. If things go wrong, it's likely to be your doing rather than theirs.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) In order to fulfill your ambitious aims today, there is a possibility you might not be as considerate of others as you should be. Insensitivity could create strong feelings of ill will.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) This is one of those days when you could create avoidable complications for yourself by acting first and thinking later. Put the greater emphasis on the latter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Someone you like, but know from experience is a poor credit risk might try to put the bite on you today. Don't loan anything you can't afford to lose.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Objectives that are meaningful to you today could be just the opposite for persons with whom you'll be involved. Trying to gain their support could be a Herculean task.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Usually you maintain a rather optimistic outlook, but today your projections might be negative. This could severely reduce your effectiveness and productivity.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If two friends of yours have a disagreement today, be extremely careful you don't get caught in the middle. Regardless of with whom you side, you'll be wrong.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Brace yourself for some possible turbulence in your one-to-one relationships today. Individuals who are not usually antagonistic may be so at this time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If you ignore proper methods and procedures in your haste to get things done today, the results could be displeasing. Take the necessary time to do it right.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) It's best not to leave matters that directly relate to your finances up to Lady Luck or chance today. She could be extremely fickle where you are concerned.

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Environmentalists promotes conscientious practices in landscaping and agriculture

By MIKE HARBOR
Denton Record-Chronicle

ARGYLE (AP) - If Bill Neiman had his way, lawns planted with Bermuda grass would be replaced by Buffalo grass.

Present-day chemical farms slowly would be phased out and more efficient organic farms would take their place.

Petrochemical-based fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides would be dumped in exchange for organic fertilizers and bug-eating insects.

But perhaps more importantly, people would learn to be more conscious of the delicate world around them.

At least that's how Neiman, 35, of Argyle, sees them.

Neiman owns Native American Seed Co., a three-year-old endeavor based in Flower Mound and created to promote the use of native grasses instead of hybrid, high-maintenance, non-native plants.

"We're one of the few (companies) in the state that is concerned with environmental restoration," he said.

So far, Neiman said, the company is doing well and has established itself as a leader in the environmental restoration business.

Neiman has several contracts to supply native plants, such as Indian Blanket, Blackeyed Susan, Prairie Coneflower, and Plains Coreopsis, to companies in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Dallas Power and Light and Texas Utilities all have properties sown with Neiman's Native Texas Mix, a smorgasbord of flowering plants and grasses.

The reason behind such projects is multifaceted, Neiman said. "What we're doing is saving them gobs of money and we're giving people something beautiful to look at," he said.

For DP&L, Neiman and his crews have planted 40 acres of native mix beneath high tension powerlines near LBJ Freeway and Centerville Road.

Another project in The Colony, on land owned by IBM, also doubles as a farm where Neiman harvests much of the seed he sells.

The 509-acre site is an organic farm certified by the Texas Department of Agriculture, Neiman said.

"It's qualified not to use chemical fertilizers, herbicides in the last two years, and pesticides in the last three years," he said.

The farm is one of 100 similar operations in the state, something Neiman is very proud of.

"It's great for both of us. It's great for Texas and without that kind of marketing aid, I probably wouldn't be in business," he said.

The company, part of Neiman's Nursery at the corner of Farm Roads 1171 and 2499, also has another 193-acre farm site in Navo, a tiny community in Denton County.

These two farms provide Native American Seed with all of their materials and Neiman said the demand for his products should grow.

One of the natives Neiman would like to see people demand is something many may not have heard of - Buffalo grass.

Buffalo is Neiman's answer to Bermuda. "It's a native short prairie grass that grows from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico," he said. "It has 8-foot-deep roots and never grows over seven inches high if you don't mow it."

In his Fall 1989-Spring 1990 catalog, Neiman tells his readers the grass "ought to be on-school yard, city park, road median, and every front yard in every town in all the Plains states."

However, he admits, not everyone could afford it. At \$9 for a pound of buffalo grass, compared with \$4 for the same amount of Bermuda, not many people will be rushing out to buy a lot.

But Neiman says the native grass has many benefits that outweigh the cost.

"It only needs 12 inches of water per year," he said. "It does not respond to fertilizer, it has no natural pests or diseases."

The grass is the best thing homeowners could put in their lawns, he said, because resources like water could be saved.

"I'm real strong on water conservation," he said. "Did you know that 80 percent of our water use goes to landscaping? Now isn't that ridiculous?" he said.

Lawn care has taken its toll on the earth, Neiman said, citing startling figures to get his point across.

"The average lawn is mowed 35 times a year and receives 60 inches of water a year," he said.

Because of the enormous task of reeducating the public on what is good for their lawns and what isn't Neiman also is battling the oil companies.

Most nurseries promote petrochemicals for lawn care, but eventually, those substances end up in the water supply, he says.

"A study of the effect of 53 toxic chemicals in 17 rivers, has traced it back to residential lawns," Neiman said.

U.S. young men likelier homicide victims than other nationalities, study indicates

By MARIO FOX
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) - Young men in America are more than four times as likely to be homicide victims as those in 21 other industrialized nations, and the reason probably is greater access to guns, researchers say.

If the rate could be reduced to that of Scotland, the country with the next highest rate, more than 3,000 lives would be saved every year, said two researchers at the National Center for Health Statistics in Hyattsville, Md.

But a criminology specialist said Tuesday it may be unfair to compare U.S. homicide rates to those of other countries, as the study published today does.

"Comparisons carry the burden of different societies and legal systems, etcetera," James Wright, a Tulane University sociologist, said in a telephone interview Tuesday from his New Orleans office.

Lois Fingerhut and Joel Kleinman said in the study in today's

Journal of the American Medical Association that in 1987 there were 4,223 male homicide victims ages 15 to 24 in the United States, or 21.9 per 100,000.

That compared to 22 victims, or a rate of 5.0 per 100,000, in Scotland; Austria's 0.3 rate was the lowest.

Fingerhut and Kleinman said guns, the cause of 75 percent of U.S. deaths, might explain the differences. "While there is no clear reason, we have to look at the availability of firearms," Fingerhut said in a telephone interview.

France was second in gun homicides, at 54 percent.

In Washington, Tom Wyld, a spokesman for the National Rifle Association, had no comment on the study.

But Wright said the Swiss own guns and have almost no violence. "They do emphasize responsible firearm ownership much more than we do," he said.

According to the NCHS study, only one of 14 homicides in Switzerland was by firearm.

"And, if you subtract all the firearm homicides, we're still killing loads more people than any other country," Wright said.

U.S. homicides not involving firearms in 1987 outnumbered annual totals in all other countries combined 3-to-1, or 1,036 to 308, according to the study.

Twenty percent of all U.S. homicides occur in the 15- to 24-year-old age group, the researchers said.

"In the United States, homicide is the leading cause of death among black males aged 15 to 24 years, and the third leading cause" after automobiles and suicide among white males ages 15 to 24, the study said.

California had the highest homicide rate, 22.0 per 100,000, for young men among the 25 largest states. Texas was next, with 20.9. Minnesota was lowest, with 1.9.

New York had the highest percentage of its homicides were committed with guns. Florida had the lowest, 64 percent.

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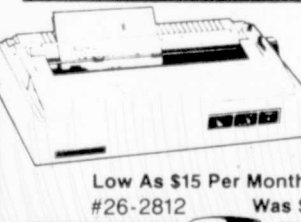
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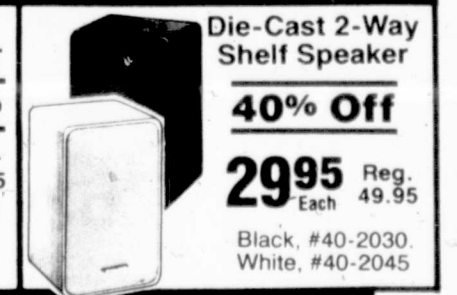
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