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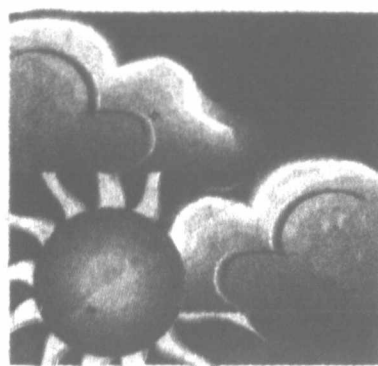
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PAMPA, TEXAS

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Low tonight in low 60s.
High tomorrow 90-95.
See Page 2 for weather details.

PAMPA — The city commission will hold its regular meeting Tuesday, at 6 p.m. in City Hall.

On the agenda for discussion are the purchase of a computer-aided dispatch system, the purchase of law enforcement and municipal court software systems, a bid for work in the 1997 seal coat project and a bid for the purchase of city vehicles.

A workshop meeting to fully discuss the agenda items will be held at 5 p.m. in the city hall third floor conference room prior to the regular meeting.

LEFORS — The Lefors Independent School District will hold its regular meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Lefors Elementary Library.

Board members are expected to meet in an executive session to discuss the hiring of a new superintendent. Other items that will be discussed in an open meeting are the teacher and student handbooks and the student code of conduct.

ROCKPORT, Texas (AP) — Jury selection began today in the capital murder trial of a former Texas mayor, Mark Crawford, accused of killing a business partner to keep him quiet about an alleged embezzlement scheme.

Crawford, 41, is accused of killing 49-year-old Nick Brueggen of Houston. Prosecutors allege Brueggen was kidnapped on May 6, 1996, and taken to a warehouse Crawford owned.

There, prosecutors contend, Crawford and two others forced Brueggen into a metal toolbox and gassed him with carbon monoxide. His body was later found in a shallow grave behind the warehouse.

- Elmer L. Balch, 83, dairy farmer, Realtor
- Doris Boggess, 77, homemaker, worked in family business
- Jesse Lynn Downs, 65, food distributor, auto mechanic
- Raymond Vance Jennings, 69, heavy equipment operator
- Ruby N. Marchman, 81, homemaker
- Raymond D. "Mac" McDonald, 47, cook in Canyon and Pampa
- Katherine "Kay" Miller, 81, former housekeeping supervisor Coronado Community Hospital
- Tom C. Overstreet, 63, services today
- Lillian Helen Peters, 87, homemaker
- Seba E. West, 86, farmer, rancher

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Fireworks fun...



(Pampa News photo by Danny Cowan)

Recreation Park was filled with an enthusiastic crowd as holiday fireworks brightened the night sky over Pampa.

Remains of MIA pilot in Vietnam to be buried today

MCLEAN — The war ends today for Naomi McCarty. The pain never will.

A private graveside service is scheduled for Capt. James Lon (Jim) McCarty today at Hillside Cemetery here.

Capt. McCarty was reported missing in action on June 24, 1972, over Vietnam. His remains were finally recovered 90 miles west of Hanoi and returned home for burial. Capt. McCarty was the son of Naomi and the late Hershel McCarty of McLean.

Services at 3 p.m. today by Lamb Funeral Home of McLean include a military honor guard from Altus Air Force Base, Altus, Okla. and a fly over by planes from Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls.

Capt. McCarty was piloting an F-4 Phantom in the closing days of the Vietnam War when it was apparently hit by enemy fire over North Vietnam. The jet fighter's navigator ejected safely. McCarty was reported missing.

"He was such a popular young man," Wanda Lamb of McLean said today. "He was outstanding in every endeavor he undertook."

Lamb grew up about a block from McCarty.

"When he started in the band," she said, "he bought my saxophone."

Private graveside services today will be conducted by Rev. Terry Tamblin of Kingswood United Methodist Church,

Capt. McCarty was piloting an F-4 Phantom in the closing days of the Vietnam War when it was apparently hit by enemy fire.

Amarillo, under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

Born April 24, 1946, McCarty was 26 years old when he was reported missing in action. McCarty had enlisted in the Air Force and was commissioned in May, 1969.

Capt. McCarty was an honor graduate of McLean High School in 1965, and also an honor graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock in 1970. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of McLean.

He was awarded Distinguished Achievement Awards in both primary and basic training. He was also awarded the Purple Heart, the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

McCarty married Rebecca Jackson in El Paso on Sept. 2, 1967.

He is survived by his wife, Rebecca McKeown of Bogata, Columbia, a son, Kevin McCarty, of Lookout Mountain, Ga.; mother, Naomi McCarty, of McLean, and brother, Joel McCarty of Dallas.

Thunderstorms may hit tonight

It should be sunny and windy today in Pampa with a high of 89 degrees although thunderstorms could return to the area tonight.

Pampa reported 0.52 inches of moisture overnight. The National Weather Service in Amarillo reported .84 for the weekend.

The Texas Panhandle missed most of the severe weather Sunday as a low pressure system off the Rockies spawned tornadoes in eastern Colorado. Kansas and the Oklahoma Panhandle reported dime to nickel sized hail. Lajunta, Colo., reported 60 mile an hour winds.

The Texas Panhandle retained some of the moisture in the air, however, with patchy fog and clouds reported in parts of the area.

Pampa reported 64 degrees and 81 percent humidity at 6 a.m. today. Amarillo reported 63 degrees and 93 percent humidity at 6 a.m. today. In Childress it was cloudy and 66 degrees with 100 percent humidity. Dalhart had clear skies, 64 degrees and 97 percent humidity. Wheeler had cloudy skies. Skellytown was clear with 69 degrees.

Tonight, Pampa's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies and a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. The low should be in the upper 60s. Scattered thunderstorms are expected around Pampa Tuesday with a high of 86 degrees, a low of 66 and south winds from 10 to 20 miles an hour.

Rodeo week! Queen contest new '97 event

Cowboys and cowgirls alike are preparing for the 1997 Top O' Texas rodeo, and with this year's rodeo will be two new events: the Miss Top O' Texas and Miss Top O' Texas Teen pageants have been added to the schedule.

The contestants will register between 10-11 a.m. on July 10 at the Hughey House Bed and Breakfast.

Horseman competition will begin at 4 p.m. and is expected to last till 5:30 at the arena.

At 7:30 all contestants will participate in the grand entry parade at the arena.

On Friday, the contestants will participate in a ladies luncheon and style show at the Pampa Country Club at 11:30. At 7:30 they will once again ride in the grand entry at the arena.

On Saturday, contestants will take part in the parade beginning at 10 a.m. and a farewell send off from 1-3 p.m.

The final event for the pageants will be the rodeo and coronation at 7:30 p.m.

There are four Miss Top O' Texas queen candidates for the first year's event.

Eighteen year old Kembra Malberg is the 96-97 Pampa High School Rodeo Queen. She is the daughter of Debra Farnum of Pampa and Mike Malberg of Cabool, Missouri.

Kembra was active in the Tri-State High School Rodeo Association and secretary for the Tri-State Rodeo Club for three years.

She is a 1997 member of the United States Achievement Academy and likes to read novels and compete in breakaway roping, barrels, poles and goat tying events.

She will attend Frank Phillips College in Borger and is sponsored by Bud Coffee in Groom.

Amy Carr is a Canadian High School graduate and has attended Clarendon College. She plans to attend Vernon Regional College in the fall.

Carr is the twenty year old daughter of David and Kathy Carr of Canadian. She has served as the Canadian Rodeo Queen and is now a member of the Canadian Rodeo Queen Alumni Association.

She enjoys riding horses, rodeo, team roping and lists tennis, swimming and water skiing as hobbies.

She is sponsored by the Mitchell Ranch and Carrol and Juhree Carr of Canadian, Casey Elliott of Seymour and John and Angie Huff of Briscoe.

Sarah Oxley, is a 19-year old freshman at Clarendon College with a full time job. She has served as the 90-91 Pampa High



Kembra Malberg



Amy Carr



Sarah Oxley

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Melody Seely



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Daily Record

Obituaries

ELMER L. BALCH

PAMPA - Elmer L. Balch, 83, died Sunday, July 6, 1997, in Amarillo. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ with Glen Walton, minister of Bell Avenue Church of Christ in Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Balch was born in Moore, Okla. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1930. He was a dairy farmer for most of his life. He also was a Realtor and broker since 1976. He was past president of the Pampa Board of Realtors in 1980.

He married Claudine Frasier in 1938 at Pampa. He was a member of the Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Norma Jean Cook, and brothers Robert Balch and C.L. Balch.

Survivors include his wife Claudine; three sons, David L. Balch of Fort Worth, Lloyd E. Balch of Houston, and Gordon R. Balch of Saudi Arabia; three sisters, Evelyn Chandler of Odessa, Elizabeth Flynt of Pampa, and Lucille McDonald of Perryton; and 12 grandchildren.

DORIS BOGGESS

ESTHERVILLE, Iowa - Doris Boggess, 77, mother of a Pampa resident, died Saturday, July 5, 1997, at her home in Estherville. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, with Father James Fangman officiating. Burial will be in St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery under the direction of Henry-Oldson-Fuhrman Funeral Homes, Inc.

Mrs. Boggess, the daughter of Harry and Bessie (Rossman) Hollenbeck was born December 30, 1919 at Dolliver, IA. She attended Estherville High School, graduating in 1937. She attended Estherville Junior College and graduated in 1939.

She was united in marriage to Maurice W. Boggess on August 19, 1942 at Shelfedge Field Air Force Base, Mt. Clemens, MI. During the war the couple lived near several Air Force bases in the Midwest and South where Maurice was stationed. In 1946 the couple returned to Estherville where they lived until 1976 when they moved to Emmetsburg. They moved back to Estherville in 1996. Her career was helping her husband in his business and raising 9 children.

Survivors include her husband; six daughters, Christy Hoganson of Pampa, Leslie Umscheid of Kenosha, Wisconsin, Katy Johnson of Spencer, Iowa, Holly Lair of North Liberty, Iowa, Mary Moorman of Estherville, Iowa, Margaret Evans of Estherville, Iowa, sons Jim Boggess of Omaha, Nebraska and Tom Boggess of Estherville, Iowa; and 19 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

JESSE LYNN DOWNS

PAMPA - Jesse Lynn Downs, 65, died Saturday, July 5, 1997, at Lake Stamford. Services will be at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Downs was born in Abernathy. He came to Pampa in 1957 from Lubbock. He was an independent distributor for Morton Foods for 17 years and later was an auto mechanic at Ogden and Son for several years. He was a member of Central Baptist Church. He married Melva Robertson in 1951 at Lubbock.

Survivors include Melva Downs of the home; one son and daughter-in-law, Johnny Lynn and Brenda Downs of Pampa, one daughter, Debbie Minyard of Pampa, one brother, Roy D. Downs of Lubbock, one sister, Faye Francis of Lubbock, six grandchildren, Brandie Ann Minyard, Jason Downs and Brandi Badia, all of Pampa; Sherie Dawn Minyard and Ryan Handley, both of Amarillo, and Jeremiah Downs of Hobbs, NM; three great grandchildren, Haydon and Hunter Handley, both of Amarillo, and Brenner Badia of Pampa.

The family requests that memorials be made to American Heart Association or Central Baptist Church Building Fund.

RAYMOND VANCE JENNINGS

PAMPA - Raymond Vance Jennings, 69, died Friday, July 4, 1997, in Amarillo. Graveside services were held 2 p.m. Monday in Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Jennings was born in Knox City. He had been a resident of Pampa for 41 years. He was an Army veteran, serving during the Korean conflict. He married Frances M. Richardson in 1952 at Rural. He was a heavy equipment operator and a member of Fellowship Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; a son, James Ray Jennings of Pampa; two daughters, Deborah Kay Myers of Pampa, and Larrae Frances Smith of Colorado Springs; one son, James; two sisters, Bertha McKinney of Vera and Telle Klesider of Plainview; two brothers, Jim Jennings of Pampa, and Punk Jennings of Idabel, Okla.; two grandchildren, and a great-grandchild.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice. The family will be at 437 Pitts St. in Pampa.

ARNOLD A. KARBO

PAMPA - Arnold A. Karbo, 81, died Sunday, July 6, 1997. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

RUBY N. MARCHMAN

PAMPA - Ruby N. Marchman, 81, died Saturday, July 5, 1997. Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday in Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Marchman was born in Boswell, Okla. She came to Pampa in 1991 from Carzon, where she had resided for 15 years. She was a member of Central Baptist Church.

She married Fines Homer Marchman in 1935 at Sayre, Okla. He died in 1991. Survivors include

two sons and a daughter-in-law, Fines and Pat Marchman and Rayford Marchman, all of Pampa; two daughters and a son-in-law, Erma Dean McKee of Pampa and Irene and Roy Thurmond of Clarendon; five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. The family requests memorials be made to Central Baptist Church Building Fund.

RAYMOND D. McDONALD

CANYON - Raymond D. "Mac" McDonald, 47, died Wednesday, July 2, 1997, in Amarillo. Visitation is until 8 p.m. Monday night at Peacock-Larsen Funeral Home. Graveside services will be Tuesday, July 8, 1997 at 10 a.m. at Fort Lyon National Cemetery. Pastor Paul Dunn of the Bethel Baptist Church in Amarillo will be officiating.

Mr. McDonald was born November 30, 1949 at Cheyenne Wells, Colorado. He grew up and attended school in La Junta. He served in the U.S. Army, including two tours in Vietnam. "Mac" worked many years as a cook in Canyon and Pampa. He enjoyed dances at the VA.

Survivors include parents William and Huldah McDonald of La Junta; daughter, Jacqueline Hieronymus of Pampa; brothers LeRoy McDonald of Pueblo, Colorado, Harold McDonald of Phoenix, Arizona, Michael McDonald of Jacksonville, Florida, Darrell McDonald of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Russell McDonald of Cheraw; sisters Margaret Hogue of Canyon, Betty Hobbick of La Junta, Sharon Wallace of Cheraw, Gaye Lynn Higashimura of Canyon and three grandchildren.

KATHERINE "KAY" MILLER

PAMPA - Katherine "Kay" Miller, 81, died Saturday, July 5, 1997. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Harold Hook, pastor of Hobart Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Miller was born in Childress. She had worked for the city of Pampa from 1942 until 1945. She also had worked as a housekeeping supervisor for Coronado Community Hospital, retiring in 1987 after 15 years of service. She was a member of Hobart Baptist Church. She married George W. Miller in 1939 at Pampa. He died in 1966.

Survivors include a son, Walter Miller of Pampa; and a granddaughter. The family requests memorials be to Hospice of the Panhandle, P.O. Box 2795, Pampa, Texas 79066-2795.

TOM C. OVERSTREET

BORGER - Tom C. Overstreet, 63, died Sunday, July 6, 1997, in Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Riverview Baptist Church with the Rev. Jimmy Gilmore, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in the Garden of Sunset in Westlawn Memorial Park. Arrangements are by Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mr. Overstreet had been a resident of Borger since 1968. He served in the Army as a first lieutenant. He was a plant operator for Cominco American, now known as Agri Chem.

He was a member of Riverview Baptist Church, Masonic Lodge No. 966 of Pampa, and was a 32nd Degree Mason of Scottish Rite of El Paso. He married Leota Simpson in 1973 at Borger.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Monte Overstreet of Oklahoma City, Rommy Overstreet of Borger and Brian Overstreet of Pampa; two daughters, Karen York of Lubbock, and Micki Fields of Oklahoma City; two sisters, Georgia Fay McDonald of Pampa, and Ouida Nell Shurley of Midland; and eight grandchildren.

LILLIAN HELEN PETERS

MEMPHIS - Lillian Helen Peters, 87, died Saturday, July 5, 1997, in Amarillo. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday in First Assembly of God Church with the Rev. Keith Ray officiating. Burial will be at Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements by Spicer Funeral Home of Memphis.

Mrs. Peters was born in Oklahoma. She had been a longtime resident of Memphis. She was a homemaker and a member of First Assembly of God Church. She married Mack Ferguson in 1931. Following his death, she married Herman Peters in 1941. He also preceded her in death.

Survivors include six sons, John Ferguson of San Marcos, Oscar Ferguson and Gay Ferguson, both of Memphis, Roger Ferguson of Pueblo West, Colorado, Douglas Peters of Amarillo and Danny Peters of Arlington; three brothers, Ted Musgrove of Fort Worth, Guy Musgrove of Canon City, Colorado, and Al Musgrove of Clarendon; five sisters, Wanda Drumgoole and Edna Pounds, both of Clarendon, Lorene Atwood of Bentonville, Ark., Bonnie Calahan of Rogers, Ark. and Dorothy Jensen of Salt Lake City, Utah; 18 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

SEBA E. WEST

LEEDY, Okla. - Seba E. West, 86, died Saturday, July 5, 1997 in the Great Plains Regional Medical Center at Elk City, Oklahoma. Services will be held Monday, July 7, 1997 at 2:30 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church at Leedy. Burial will be followed in the New Hermon Cemetery. Arrangements are by Shaw Funeral Home.

Mr. West spent most of his life in the area farming and ranching. He was married to Eloise Britton November 16, 1940 in Oklahoma City. They made their home southwest of Leedy where he lived at the time of his death. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Pearl and Mary, and one brother, Claude West.

Survivors include his wife, Eloise; brother, Edwin West of Morris, Oklahoma; two sons, Lee West and his wife, Judy of Lefors; Joe West and his wife, Brenda of Leedy; four grandsons, Jeff West of Guymon, Oklahoma, Jason West of Garden City, Kansas, Joe Zane West and Jevon West of Leedy; three granddaughters, Amy Yearwood and her husband, Robert of Memphis, Lisa Gibson and husband Lance of Famington, Minnesota and Johanna Jo West of Leedy and five great-grandsons.



(Pampa News photo by Dianna F. Dandridge)

Cliff Jay, Steve Gordon and Duane Waldrop use a hand power grinder to sharpen a tool at the intersection of Foster and Somerville in preparation to replacing an old fire hydrant.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department responded to the following incidents in the 48 hours ending at 7 a.m. Monday.

SATURDAY, July 5

A resident at 712 Bradley made a report of an adult furnishing a minor with alcohol.

A phone harassment was reported at 812 Denver.

A possession of marijuana was reported at the intersection of Henry and Murphy. One arrest was made.

SUNDAY, July 6

A runaway was reported at 615 W. Buckler. One juvenile was arrested.

Officers reported a suspect evading arrest at Somerville and Browning. One suspect was arrested.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa

Wheat	2.94	Chevron	76 1/8	up 1/4
Milo	3.61	Coca-Cola	71 3/8	up 5/8
Corn	4.29	Columbia/HCA	40 1/4	dn 1/16
		Enron	41 11/16	dn 1/4
		Halliburton	83 7/8	up 1/2
		Ingersoll Rand	62 3/4	up 1/2
		KNE	41 5/8	NC
		Kerr McGee	65 3/16	up 3/16
		Limited	20 1/8	dn 1/8
		Mapco	32 3/4	up 3/8
		McDonald's	49 1/16	up 5/16
		Mobil	72	up 1/2
		New Atmos	23 3/4	dn 1/8
		Parker & Parsley	39 3/8	dn 1/16
		Phillips	54 1/2	up 1/8
		Phillips	46	NC
		SLSB	136 1/2	up 2 3/16
		SPS	39 1/16	dn 1/16
		Tenneco	44 5/8	NC
		Texasco	112 7/8	up 1 5/16
		Ultras	33 5/16	up 1/8
		Wal Mart	35 1/8	up 7/16
		New York Gold		318.90
		Silver		4.41
		West Texas Crude		219.83
		Cabot O&G	18 1/16	NC

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:

Occidental	25 11/16	NC
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The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Magellan	93.92
Puritan	19.95

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by E.F. and Jones & Co. of Pampa:

Amoco	92 1/4	up 1 1/16
Arco	73 3/8	up 1/4
Cabot	28 1/2	up 1/2
Occidental	25 11/16	NC

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department responded to the following incidents for the 48 hour period ending at 7 a.m. Monday.

SUNDAY, July 6

5:43 p.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to a damaged gas meter at 604 Doucette.

Monday, July 7

2:56 p.m. - Three units and seven personnel responded to a false Alarm at 1 Medical Plaza.

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents and arrests for the 48 hour period ending at 7 a.m. Monday.

SUNDAY, July 6

Donald Lat Tinney, 43, Lefors was arrested for public intoxication. He remains in custody.

Tonya Lynn Forrest, 28, Ft. Smith, Ark., was arrested for driving while intoxicated. She bonded out.

Carver Thomas, 17, Los Lunas, NM., was arrested for possession of marijuana, under two ounces. He bonded out.

Danetta Pennington, 17, 615 W. Buckler was arrested for evading arrest. He remains in custody.

Michael Scott Rabel, 26, 1113 S. Barnes, was arrested for violation of protective order. He remains in custody.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance	911
Energas	665-5777
Fire	911
Police (emergency)	911
SPS	669-7432
Water	669-5830

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low in the low 60s. South wind 10-15 mph. Tuesday, mostly sunny with a high of 90 to 95. Southwest wind 10-20 mph. Sunday's high was 82; the overnight low, 64. Rain overnight measured .52-inch.

REGIONAL FORECAST

WEST TEXAS - Panhandle - Tonight, partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low near 65. South wind 10-15 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy with a high around 90. Southwest wind 10-20 mph. South Plains - Tonight, partly cloudy. Widely scattered to scattered showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the 60s Tuesday, partly cloudy. Widely scattered to scattered showers or thunder-

storms. Highs 90-95.

NORTH TEXAS - Tonight, partly cloudy. A slight chance of evening showers or thunderstorms southeast. Lows 68 to 72. Tuesday, partly cloudy southeast with a slight chance of showers or thunderstorms. Mostly sunny elsewhere. Highs 89 to 95.

SOUTH TEXAS - Hill Country and South Central Texas - Tonight, a few early morning low clouds south central, otherwise mostly clear. Lows in the mid 70s, upper 60s Hill Country. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Upper Texas Coast - Tonight, mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms, some possibly severe. Lows near 70 inland to near 80 coast. Tuesday, partly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s inland to near 90 coast. Coastal Bend and the Rio Grande Plains - Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows near 80 coast to the mid 70s

inland. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs near 90 coast to the lower 90s inland, near 100 Rio Grande plains.

BORDER STATES

NEW MEXICO - Tonight, a few evening thunderstorms west then fair later tonight. Scattered thunderstorms lingering east overnight. Lows in the 40s to low 50s mountains, mid 50s to near 70 at the lower elevations. Tuesday, partly cloudy with afternoon and evening west with isolated thunderstorms, fair at other times. Variable clouds east with a chance for mainly afternoon and early nighttime thunderstorms. Highs Tuesday 70s to mid 80s mountains, upper 80s to near 100 lower elevations.

OKLAHOMA - Tonight, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Mainly west. Lows mid 60s to lower 70s. Tuesday, partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms north. Highs in the 90s.

City briefs

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

EMERGENCY JAIL TWO FOR Tuesday at Release. 24 hrs. Jack Ward, 669-9911. Adv.

CAMPER PULLING Special - 1989 Chevy 3/4 ton, 4 door pickup. 10-5:30, 665-6064. Adv.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING Deadline has been changed for Sunday-to noon on Friday effective July 11. Questions? 669-2525.

COUNTRY GENERAL - All tree and shrubs 50% off, summer clearance. Adv.

Subway. Buy one 6 inch sub at regular price and a medium drink and receive second sub of equal or lesser value sub Free. 2141 N. Hobart. Adv.

ALL YOU Can Eat Salad Bar 11:30-2 p.m. for Tuesday - chicken & dumplings, with fresh baked bread, cinnamon rolls and homemade fudge. The Coffee & Candy Barn, 301 W. Kingsmill. Adv.

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Congress slow to fund I-35 project

FORT WORTH (AP) — Improvements to Interstate 35 will have to wait, despite traffic congestion because of the North American Free Trade Agreement, according to congressional officials said.

The 1,550-mile-long I-35 is considered to be the logical traffic artery to shuttle freight among the United States, Canada and Mexico. The road runs from Laredo on the Rio Grande to Duluth, Minn., and the ports on Lake Superior.

Since NAFTA took effect in 1994, leaders from all the states on the highway's path have been asking Congress for an estimated \$4.7 billion to add electronic tracking devices, access ramps, more lanes and other improvements so I-35 can handle more and heavier trucks.

But the drive to cut the federal budget deficit likely will undermine those requests, said U.S. Rep. Kay Granger, R-Fort Worth. The House freshman began pushing for I-35 improvements when she was mayor of Fort Worth, through which the highway runs.

"I'm told there may not be enough money available this year," Granger told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "So we may have to take a more incremental approach."

Granger and others had hoped that money for I-35 improvements would be included in the upcoming bill to reauthorize the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act, or ISTEA, for the next five years of highway funding. But an amendment that would have added \$15 billion that could have been used for projects such as the I-35 upgrade failed by two votes in the House Transportation Committee.

The best alternative would be for Congress to create an International Interstate Highway category and designate I-35 as part of the NAFTA Superhighway System, Granger said.

That would come at the expense of U.S. 59, which meanders from Laredo to Texarkana before eventually joining Interstate 69. Officials in Houston and East Texas are pushing to upgrade that road to make it part of the superhighway system.

Granger downplayed any competition between the two highway projects.

"We never did want to get into a battle between I-35 and I-69," Granger said. "In that battle, Texas would lose."

Granger added: "The important thing this year is to at least get the designation for I-35 as a NAFTA superhighway. This is going to be a lengthy process. But once it's in place, I predict that the highway will have an economic impact to our region equivalent to that of DFW Airport."

There still might be hope for putting money this year toward a NAFTA superhighway, at least in Texas. U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, is sponsoring legislation that would require Washington to return at least 95 cents from every dollar a state pays in federal gasoline taxes.

That could be a boon for Texas, which has historically received less than 80 cents on the dollar, said John Feehery, DeLay's spokesman.

Fewer blacks, Hispanic attending Texas universities

DALLAS (AP) — Ron Kirk has no problem looking past race. As Dallas' first black mayor, he routinely notes that he represents all ethnic groups in city affairs.

Race, however, has become a big deal for Kirk and others who are finding it difficult to accept a court ruling that apparently will leave the University of Texas Law School with its smallest minority enrollment since the 1970s.

"I find it incomprehensible that in less than 40 years, we would go from the state of Texas saying that you cannot come to our law school for the sole reason of the color of your skin ... from that type of sanctioned discrimination to saying we won't even take into account race to address that evil and legally sanctioned practice of apartheid and segregation in the South," said Kirk, who attended the Texas law school from 1976 to 1979.

Joe Jamail was one of the whites who attended classes in the early 1950s with the Texas law school's first group of black students.

Jamail, best known for the \$10.5 billion verdict he won for Pennzoil against Texaco and giver of about \$50 million to Texas universities, says he is "sick" over declining enrollment figures for blacks and Hispanics.

"I think it was a slap in the face to all minorities," Jamail said.

The slap that shook Jamail and Kirk was delivered by a federal appeals court ruling that abolished the use of race as a factor in deciding who should get into school.

In the case named after lead plaintiff Cheryl Hopwood, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals struck down the University of Texas School of Law's admissions policy, which was meant to boost enrollment of blacks and Mexican-Americans.

In the first year since the Hopwood decision, state schools, particularly professional schools, have seen a decline in minority applicants and acceptances.

The appeals court said the policy discriminated against whites, and the U.S. Supreme Court allowed the ruling, which applies to Texas, Mississippi and Louisiana, to stand.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales issued an opinion after the ruling stating that no Texas college or university can use race in admissions and financial aid decisions unless the

Legislature determines that there are remaining effects of past discrimination.

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At first, it looked like Malcolm Laverne of Houston would be the only black student enrolling in law school at Texas this fall. Laverne changed his mind in May when he learned no other blacks had been accepted, and decided to attend Cornell University Law School.

Since then, three blacks and 20 Hispanics have put down deposits at UT law, consistently ranked as one of the top schools in the nation.

Traditionally, however, about 30 to 40 blacks and 50 to 65 Hispanics have been in the class of about 500 new students at the school each fall.

In contrast is the picture at the University of Houston law school, where the admissions committee went through a painstaking new process to pick its fall class.

The school, which once accepted most students based largely on an index score combining their grade point averages and scores on the Law School Admission Test, overhauled the system to consider factors such as hardships potential students had to overcome and leadership qualities.

Day care outing



St. Matthew's Day Care took a walk and found this Army truck. Children featured include: (top left) Olin Boyd, Evan Meschke; (second row) Jessica and Ty Baggerman, Michael Feagin, Kayla Taylor, Dustin Forsyth, Claire Boyd, Caitlyn Tanner; (front row) Brenden Rice, Danielle Wall, Justin Miller, Hayley Steger, Alex Warminski.

High blood pressure shrinks brain

DALLAS (AP) — High blood pressure speeds the loss of memory and other cognitive abilities in the elderly, and causes their brains to shrink, a study found.

The changes occur in spite of drug therapy to control blood pressure, according to Gene E. Alexander, the study's senior investigator.

The results suggest that more-effective treatment may be needed for elderly patients with high blood pressure, Alexander said.

But a neurologist who was not involved with the study said further work is needed before standard therapies are changed.

"The differences (in brain size and cognitive performance) were clearly significant, but seemed overall to be relatively small," said Larry Goldstein, an associate professor of medicine and neurology at Duke University Medical Center and Durham Veterans Administration Hospital. "You have to factor in not only the potential benefits but all the other side effects and costs related to altering therapy in an elderly population."

Elderly people with too-low blood pressure may faint, Goldstein noted.

Alexander and other researchers at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Md., compared people with normal blood pressure in two age groups — 56-69 and 70-84 — with people who had long-standing histories of well-controlled high blood pressure.

Participants underwent brain-imaging scans to evaluate physical characteristics and neuropsychological tests to assess general intellectual function, short-term memory, attention span, language function and other areas.

Nation briefs

Witches cry foul, say capitalism rules

SALEM, Mass. (AP) — Witches claim one of their best-known has fallen under an evil spell — capitalism.

Several witches in this city are angry at Laurie Cabot for losing touch with the spiritual side of their religion by making a buck off it.

Cabot, 63, has made her witchcraft the subject of books and college courses, and is opening an art gallery and shop downtown.

"Spirituality is something that can't be sold," complained Maria Guerriero, a high priestess of the Wicca religion. "It's like a witch war out here."

About 30 religious leaders from Wicca and pagan groups met last week and agreed to stop referring

students of witchcraft to Cabot.

Guerriero said Cabot's money-making has made witches competitive, but Cabot said witches have been running shops and charging for services like tarot card readings for years.

Besides, she said, she never claimed to be a role model for witches in Salem, infamous for the witch trials of 1692.

"I'm not their leader and I never put myself in the position as a leader," she said. "That's a fantasy. I don't have a throne and I don't want one."

Abbey monks object to use of word 'trappist'

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — An ale house has found out you can't tangle with Trappist monks.

Redfish New Orleans Brewhouse was selling a "Trappist-style ale," named for the European monks known for their brewing prowess, when he got a call from the abbey lawyers telling him to stop.

The "Trappist" name, apparently, is a trademark.

"I'm not trying to fool anybody and I certainly wouldn't want to tick off the holy monks of Belgium," brewhouse owner Brian Lutz said.

The Trappists belong to the order of Cistercians founded in France 200 years ago. They attend church six times a day, do not speak unless the subject is business and give their money to charity.

Their beer is world-renowned, using a yeast and fermentation process that produces vivid flavors — sweet, spicy, fruity, aromatic and earthy. Though they don't talk much to outsiders, they do keep an eye out for trademark violators.

Just ask the New Belgium Brewing Co., which last year tried selling a Trappist-style ale. It didn't take long for the company to get a call from the law firm Farkas & Manelli of Washington.

"It's amazing how long their reach is," said Kim Jordan, co-owner of the Fort Collins brewery. "We thought using the word 'style' indicated it wasn't a Trappist beer."

Lone Star Publications pick on New Jersey

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Poking fun at New Jersey — whether it's jokes about hazardous waste dumps, syringes on the beach or organized crime — is an American tradition.

But everyone has been asked to knock it off, at least for a week.

Sunday marked the start of "Be Nice to New Jersey" week, according to the Lone Star Publications of Humor in San Antonio, Texas.

The company's publisher, Lauren Barnett, said there are more mean-spirited jokes about "Joysie" than any other state. As part of the be-nice week, she has proposed a national apology to New Jersey.

"If you have friends or relatives in New Jersey, call or write them to tell them how sorry you are for picking on their state," she said in Sunday editions of *The New York Times*.

And if you don't know anyone there, Barnett suggested that written apologies be sent to Gov. Christie Whitman.

Shuttle astronauts conduct metal, fire experiments

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Astronauts aboard the space shuttle Columbia have turned their attention to experiments on metals, gleaming data that may lead to improvements in everything from computers to golf clubs.

The crew spent Sunday running the experiments and igniting small fires in sealed chambers. Astronaut Gregory B. Bressler began a test on zirconium-based alloys that could help researchers determine superior ways to process metallic glasses.

"We are taking fundamental measurements of these alloys, in some cases for the first time," said project scientist Jan Rogers of NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala. "These measurements will be used to make better products on Earth."

Rogers said the results of the tests into the elastic properties of

metallic glass could be used to improve such sports products as golf clubs.

Metallic glass also could be used in the computer industry and at processing plants. Present applications include transformer cores and hard-facing for oil-field drill bits.

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Let Peace Begin With Me

This newspaper is dedicated to furnishing information to our readers so that they can better promote and preserve their own freedom and encourage others to see its blessings. Only when man understands freedom and is free to control himself and all he possesses can he develop to his utmost capabilities.

We believe that freedom is a gift from God and not a political grant from government, and that men have the right to take moral action to preserve their life and property for themselves and others.

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Opinion

Public access can be snatched away

Among more than 5,000 bills filed during the 75th session of the Texas Legislature, about 200 attempted to close some aspect of government to public access.

Sadly, this effort is not unusual. Virtually every session of the Legislature produces scores of bills that would close various records and meetings.

Just as sadly, the perennial enemies of open government are tax-supported groups set up to serve the public. Most notable among them in 1997 were the Texas Municipal League, the University of Texas Board of Regents, the Texas Association of School Boards and the Texas District and County Attorneys Association.

Obviously, both the public and press have an interlocking and compelling interest in keeping government open.

That is why last November, the Texas Daily Newspaper Association and the Texas Press Association formed a joint Legislative Advisory Committee.

The committee's purpose was to identify and fight any bill that keeps Texans out of state and local government meetings or restricts access to public records.

Over the past several legislative sessions, the Texas Municipal League has established itself as the most active opponent of open government in Texas.

In the 1995, session, TML opposed the Public Information Act (HB 1718) by Sylvester Turner, D-Houston. This session, it opposed the "staff briefings" bill (SB 308) by Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio. On March 10, TML sent out a memo to members urging opposition to SB 308.

TML also fought for one of the worst open records bills of the session - HB 960 by Will Hartnett, R-Irving. It would have removed some computer-generated information and records from the state's cost-copy guidelines. The bill failed.

In addition, TML supported what was perhaps the worst threat to open government - HB 399 by Toby Goodman, R-Arlington, a bill which removes accident reports from police logs. Gov. George W. Bush vetoed one version of the bill in stand-alone form, but it was attached as an amendment to another bill and became law.

HB 399 illustrates the problem of attempting to track the open-government impact of some 5,000 bills as they are debated, amended and re-amended in a short time-frame. Almost every session, some damaging legislation slips through.

Here is a summary of the fate of a few key open government bills.

SB 308, by Wentworth, died on point of order. The bill's intent was to close a loophole in the Texas Open Meetings Act that allows staff members to brief government bodies behind closed doors. Opponents of this open government measure in its original form included the UT regents, TML and the Texas Association of School Boards.

Before the bill died, both UT and the TASB attached amendments to exempt them from the bill.

SB 1101, the Holmes vs. Morales bill, by Wentworth. This bill was a response to a 1996 Texas Supreme Court Ruling, and it would have reopened access to some investigative files. The bill died in its original form and was later attached as an amendment to HB 951 and passed, but in a much diluted form. Now, the public may see only information Texas district attorneys deem to be open, a small improvement.

SB 1850, the privatization bill, by Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria. It would have provided at least some accountability for public dollars spent on former state functions that are privatized. Unfortunately, the bill died in the House Calendars Committee.

HB 531, by John Shields, R-San Antonio. This bill would have permitted the Texas Department of Insurance to expunge records of violations committed by an insurance agent if the agent remained clean for six years. The bill was attached as an amendment to another bill in the House and Craig Eiland, D-Galveston, wisely killed the amendment in committee.

HB 3162, by Kim Brimer, R-Arlington. This bill, filed on behalf of the Texas Railroad Commission, would have allowed the RRC to ignore copy cost guidelines on requests for oil and gas log information. The bill died after newspapers ran stories and editorials explaining it.

HB 951, by Sylvester Turner, D-Houston. This bill was passed and recently was signed by Gov. Bush. The bill allows for e-mail and facsimile requests for information from public studies. The bill also contains language seeking to correct the Holmes vs. Morales problems.

During the recently ended session, newspapers succeeded in passing some good legislation and in defeating some terrible bills that would have made officials less accountable to the people they serve.

Much work remains, however. As each new session of the Legislature proves, maintaining open government in Texas requires constant vigilance.

The enemies of open government are strong, well organized, patient and persistent. Those who favor open government must be equally committed.

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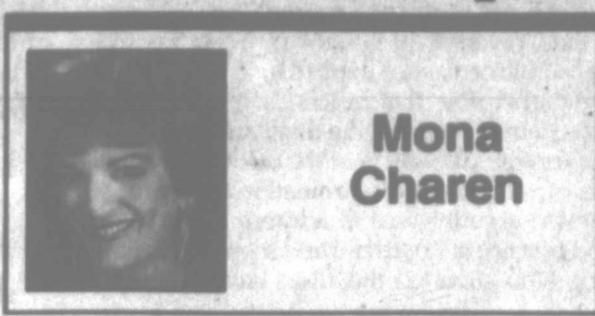
Can liberalism replace God?

Speaking to a conference on Judaism and conservatism a couple of years ago, I began my remarks by noting that Jews are the most religious people in America - unfortunately, their religion is liberalism. I was joking. But Elliott Abrams' eye-opening new book, Faith or Fear, proves, to my astonishment, that it is quite literally true.

The overwhelming majority of the dwindling American Jewish population has all but abandoned traditional Jewish religious observance - the dietary laws, keeping the Sabbath and attending synagogue. A Gallup poll taken in 1991 asked New Yorkers, "How important is religion in your life?" Seventy-four percent of blacks said "very important," as did 57% of white Catholics and 47% of white Protestants. But only 34% of Jews gave the same answer.

Nationally, 67% of Americans belong to religious institutions, and 58% attend services once a month or more. Among Jews, only 40% of households contain a synagogue member. And attendance - excluding the High Holidays - is much sparser. Abrams reports that among fourth-generation Conservative Jews, only eight percent attend services once a month or more. Among the Reform, the figure is 2.5%.

This flight from Jewish observance is not (surprisingly) a matter of guilt or angst for Jews. Ninety percent of Jews responding to an American Jewish Committee survey in 1989 agreed or agreed strongly that "a Jew can be religious even if he or she isn't particularly observant." And while 81% of respondents said it was very important that their children "feel good about being Jewish," only 46% said it was important that they practice Jewish rituals.



Mona Charen

So, if they don't keep kosher, observe the Sabbath or attend services, what defines being Jewish for most American Jews? The answer appears to be liberalism.

When the Los Angeles Times asked Jews, "What do you consider most important to your Jewish identity?" 17% said "Jewish observance," while 59% said "a commitment to social justice."

Jewish organizations have reflected this perspective, lobbying for liberal causes like welfare, the nuclear freeze and strict separation of church and state. So deep is the belief in secularism among Jews that they have parted company with Orthodox Jews and their interests, seeing no overlap.

In the Kiryas Joel case, for example, a case involving a Hasidic sect in New York wishing to educate its handicapped youngsters at state expense, major Jewish organizations - including the Anti-Defamation League, the American Jewish Committee and the National Council of Jewish Women - lined up against the Hasidim in the Supreme Court. Only organizations representing Orthodox Jews argued on behalf of the Hasidim.

At the 1991 meeting of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, an umbrella group, the one issue that most engaged attendees was abortion. The goals of this group are summarized by Abrams as follows: "a national health-care plan with coverage far more comprehensive than President Clinton had proposed, complete opposition to capital punishment, a strong statement about gay rights, and a call to give the Environmental Protection Agency cabinet rank. These matters the NJCRAC - which includes 117 local and 13 national Jewish agencies - defined not as standard liberal fare but as Jewish interests."

Many Jews have convinced themselves that the Jewish prophetic tradition is a prelude to the American Civil Liberties Union. They ignore or reject those aspects of Judaism that demand obedience to divine law (that is, pretty much all of Judaism).

The exchange of liberalism for traditional Judaism has not succeeded in keeping Jews Jewish. Why should it? The goals of liberalism are just as well advanced by non-Jewish groups and activities. And the intermarriage and assimilation rates among non-Orthodox Jews betray this failure. Moreover, many of the ends of liberalism - particularly abortion on demand - are not consistent with Judaism.

Abrams does not deny that Judaism is a demanding faith. But he argues strenuously and persuasively that a) it is worth the candle and b) nothing else - not Israel, not the Holocaust and certainly not liberalism - will keep Jewish Americans from disappearing. The modern American situation can be summed up this way: Without God, you will have Jews, but not for long.

Today in history

By The Associated Press Today is Monday, July 7, the 188th day of 1997. There are 177 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On July 7, 1865, four people were hanged in Washington, D.C., after being convicted of conspiring with John Wilkes Booth to assassinate President Lincoln.

On this date: In 1754, King's College in New York City opened. The school was renamed Columbia College 30 years later.

In 1846, U.S. annexation of California was proclaimed at Monterey after the surrender of a Mexican garrison.

In 1896, the Democratic National Convention opened in Chicago.

In 1898, the United States annexed Hawaii.

In 1930, construction began on Boulder Dam on the Colorado River. It is now known as Hoover Dam.

In 1946, Italian-born Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini was canonized as the first American saint.



Murderers must pay for their crime

Sirhan Sirhan appeared last week before a California parole board. It was the 10th attempt by the assassin to be freed from his "life" sentence.

Sirhan was originally sentenced to die in California's gas chamber after he was convicted in 1969 of gunning down presidential candidate Robert Kennedy at a Los Angeles hotel. The assassin got lucky in 1972 when California's death penalty was ruled unconstitutional. His death sentence was changed to "life" imprisonment.

Yet, Sirhan is not satisfied that he escaped his much-deserved appointment with the executioner (even though California's death penalty was reinstated in 1977). He somehow thinks he deserves to be returned to society.

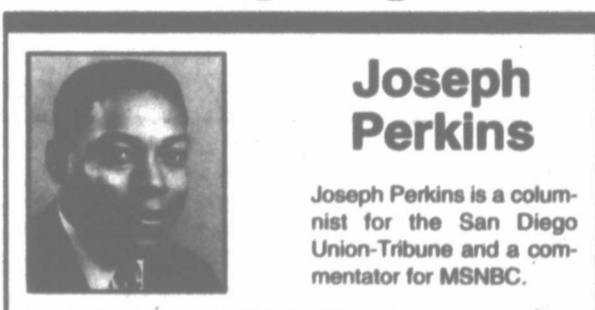
"I'm ready to live in compliance with the law," he told the parole board. "I'm ready to live as a normal citizen. I've done my time. I've behaved myself."

Sirhan's attorney, Lawrence Teeter, chimed in. His assassin-client was a model prisoner, he assured the parole board. He would pose no threat to society. He even had a job awaiting him on the outside as a historical researcher.

Of course, this entire proceeding was a mockery of criminal justice. It reminds us that even a so-called "life" sentence doesn't really mean life. It reveals that the prison system has become so tilted toward "rehabilitation" of criminals that it has lost sight of its foremost purpose - punishment.

Indeed, Sirhan's parole board declined to set him free not because they felt he was insufficiently punished for his crime, but because, they said, the assassin has neither learned a trade while in prison nor completed other self-improvement programs.

Chances are, if Sirhan had not committed an especially notorious murder, he already would be a



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free man. In fact, more than 1,500 convicted killers are living in communities throughout California, having been turned out of prison by state parole boards.

And California is by no means the only state that is soft on killers. A Bureau of Justice Statistics survey found that, nationwide, the average sentence for murder was 15 years, while the average time served was only 5.5 years.

That's why the hundreds of convicted murderers on death row throughout the country are profoundly unlucky. In most murder cases, the convicted killer not only escapes a death sentence, not only avoids a life sentence, he doesn't even serve out half of whatever sentence he receives.

That's why there is so little deterrent to murder in this country. That's why 20,000 murders are committed every year. The criminals out there know that they can get away with murder in most cases with little more than a slap on the wrist.

State legislatures have tried to address this failing of the criminal justice system. They've passed mandatory sentencing laws. They've passed three-strikes laws.

These laws have been somewhat helpful. But they have been overly broad, covering all manner of crimes, great and small. What lawmakers really should have done - what they ought to do now - is target murder, the crime the public fears most. They should pass laws that guarantee swift and sure punishment for criminals who take lives.

If a murderer has been sentenced to the gas chamber or to lethal injection, he should not be able to spend eight years (on average) filing all manner of appeals at the state and federal level.

Once convicted, he should get three appeals: one before a lower state court, another before a state high court and a final appeal to a federal court. This process should take no more than 18 months, six months per appeal.

As to those murderers sentenced to "life" imprisonment - like Sirhan they shouldn't even dream about living "as a normal citizen," no matter if they're model prisoners, no matter if they've learned a trade in prison. If a jury sends a killer away for life, the public should rest assured that he will be safely behind bars until his lifeless body is hauled away in a pine box.

There also should be "truth in sentencing" for those murderers who receive something less than a life term. It's bad enough when a killer is spared both the death penalty and a life sentence. It's a gross miscarriage of justice when a parole board considers reducing a murderer's 15-year (or whatever) prison term.

States ought to be so hard on murderers that they are happy merely to stay alive. It's a joke that a notorious assassin like Sirhan Sirhan thinks he should be set free because he thinks he has done enough time for his crime.

All in all, Gingrich is a decent hitter

Newt Gingrich gets a lot of grief for his wacky ideas, but a study of his stats shows that he's a '300 hitter. Considering the league he plays in, that's a pretty respectable average.

Everyone would score his hits differently, of course, but my guess is that even his severest critics would credit him for three out of ten. I recently jotted down 13 of Newt's ideas, for example, and found myself in admiration of four of them.

The ones that I thought were ludicrous included the space trilogy: the idea that space tourism will be a growth industry for the United States, that the handicapped should be shot into space, that space will be the Niagara Falls of the future for newlyweds. (Wedding nights can be awkward right here on earth. Imagine the scene in a weightless environment.)

No, am I enamored of the concept of laptop computer tax credits for the poor, or resurrecting orphanages, or converting America into an international mall for organ transplants, or building a real Jurassic Park and bringing back extinct species?

Holding out beach volleyball as a measure of our freedom strikes me as a stretch. And portraying the curtailment of free ice to Congress as a symbol of GOP thrift seems absurd.

But consider these Newt Notions: -Periodic "Correction Days," during which Congress would review "self-evidently stupid," "profoundly dumb" and "stupid government regulations and vote them out of existence. -The donation of free time by the TV networks for



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anti-drug commercials. "When the networks can give \$600,000 a show to three (Seinfeld) stars, each in the same half hour," said Newt in a speech, "the networks can give every single ad we need to communicate with our kids, and they ought to do it as citizens because Americans have been pretty darn good to the networks."

-Privatization of the National Endowment for the Arts.

"If the people who come to lobby us (for arts funding) who are famous and rich would simply dedicate 1 percent of their gross income to an American Endowment for the Arts," Newt told a press conference in April, "they would fund a bigger system than the National Endowment for the Arts." He pointed to the \$90 million that the Walt Disney Co. paid to departed president Michael Ovitz and added: "If Disney would simply donate as much to the endowment as Disney pays one executive who is leaving the company, you could finance the whole thing."

The NEA is currently funded at \$99.5 million a year, so it would take a trust fund of about \$1 billion to generate that much annual income, and that is a lot of moolah to raise privately. Nonetheless, Newt's idea is a good one. Given its controversial nature, publicly supported art will always be subject to censorship as long as mealy-mouthed politicians are writing the checks. The arts should be privately funded, and it is about time the snooty crowd in Los Angeles and New York put a portion of their fat fees where their loud mouths now are.

- Pay down the national debt.

The deficit is steadily declining, but the government still borrows billions every year. Each annual shortfall gets piled onto the cumulative national debt, which now stands at about \$5.3 trillion and costs the taxpayers nearly \$1 billion a day in interest payments. Newt's idea is to get the budget in balance and keep going, using surpluses to pay down the debt. If the government spends one percent less each year than it takes in, he figures, the debt would be paid off by the year 2020, and we could begin to build up a "rainy day fund."

Such a scenario is impossible to imagine, given the powerful interest groups - from tax cutters to the defense industry to educators to welfare advocates - that would go berserk if they saw money going into a national savings account.

Still, I give Newt credit for his vision. Indeed, I would go so far as to say he hit a home run with the rainy day fund.

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Ribbon-cutting celebration



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Pampa Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats Charlene Morris, Dennis Goldwin, and Jim Davidson (right), cut the ribbon to the new Sun Loan Company with the help of Juanita Flores, Guy Cooper and Chel Smith.

Sojourner in touch with 'Barnacle Bill'

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The Sojourner rover sat face-to-face with a lumpy Martian rock called "Barnacle Bill" today after a 12-inch journey across the powdery red soil

It later plunged its spectrometer into the dust at the bottom of the ramp, beginning NASA's up-close chemical examination of a harsh landscape that bears unmistakable signs of ancient water activity — a basic requirement for life. The soil analysis has not yet been released by NASA.

The rover was programmed to spend ten hours nosing up against the rock to determine its chemical composition. That information was to be downloaded today from Pathfinder's computers.

Many of the planet's mysteries can be answered in the area around Pathfinder. Just the first few inches of Sojourner's wheel tracks told scientists that the site is covered in floury dust that appears to lie above a harder layer.

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that launched Pathfinder's exploration of the planet in earnest.

"Sojourner and Barnacle Bill are holding hands," Deputy Project Manager Brian Muirhead told The Associated Press late Sunday as a television feed at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory showed the six-wheeled rover up against a pockmarked rock.

Sensors showed it had made contact after a journey that proved controllers could direct the little robot geologist from 119 million miles away.

The prospecting trip by humankind's first planetary rover came just a day after Sojourner rolled down a Pathfinder ramp and onto the Martian surface.

"She is the robotic equivalent of Neil Armstrong on Mars," rover scientist Henry Moore said proudly. "She's your field geologist, and she wants to thank the people of the United States and all foreign contributors paying for her."

In its first two days on the Martian surface, Pathfinder has returned bleak but spectacular shots of terrain that resembles eastern Washington state, an area long ago scoured by a giant gush of water from melted glaciers.

The flood that created the Ares Vallis plain where Pathfinder now stands appears to have carried rocks from the planet's highlands and deposited them in the area, project scientist Matthew Golombek said. Those rocks are now being checked out by Sojourner.

Cartel devastated following leader's death

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The death of Mexico's No. 1 cocaine trafficker could give law enforcement an edge as the underworld struggle begins for control of a smuggling business said to generate tens of millions of dollars weekly.

Carrillo's demise is expected to launch turf wars between Mexico's drug cartels, with his top rivals — the Arellano Felix brothers — leading the charge. Carrillo's younger brother Vicente or one of his four top lieutenants is expected to assume leadership of the Juarez cartel.

Amid the confusion, U.S. and Mexican law enforcers could find it easier to nab the other drug barons on their "Most Wanted" lists.

"Amado Carrillo-Puentes was arguably the most powerful drug trafficker in Mexico," Thomas Constantine, chief of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, said in Washington on Sunday.

"The disruption his death will cause among Mexican drug trafficking organizations will be significant," said Constantine. "Law enforcement on both sides of the border should capitalize on the ensuing confusion and we should redouble our efforts to destroy his organization."

The struggle among competing cartels probably won't significantly affect the amount of cocaine and other drugs entering the United States. The Mexican organizations ship hundreds of tons of drugs across the U.S.-Mexico border each year, including about 70 percent of the cocaine entering the country.

That flow didn't stop when Mexican authorities arrested another top trafficker, Juan Garcia Abrego, 18 months ago. The flow was only temporarily disrupted when Miguel Angel Felix Gallardo, the "godfather of Mexican drug trafficking," was arrested in 1989.

The scramble for power could increase drug violence in Mexico, especially along the border. Tensions between Carrillo's Juarez cartel and the Arellano Felix brothers' Tijuana cartel have increased in recent months.

"I am sure that the Arellano Felix brothers will seize the opportunity to move in just as Amado Carrillo did when Garcia Abrego was arrested," said retired U.S. drug agent Phil Jordan, who until recently headed a government center monitoring the drug lords.

"There will be lot more bloodshed than there is now," he predicted.

Drug-related violence along the border

There is growing evidence that the Carrillo and Arellano Felix gangs are employing corrupt officials to attack each other.

Fifteen people with suspected drug ties disappeared in January in Juarez. Witnesses said the kidnapers had "INCD" on their black uniforms — the Spanish acronym for the now-defunct federal anti-drug agency that was headed by Gen. Jesus Gutierrez Rebollo.

The general was arrested in February on charges that he was on Carrillo's payroll.

The DEA recently named Vicente Carrillo, 34, along with his more notorious sibling, on a list of Mexico's top 20 drug traffickers. Little infor-

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increased when Carrillo took over over much of the business of Garcia Abrego, who is now serving eleven life prison terms in Texas for trafficking and money laundering.

Carrillo earlier persuaded several less powerful bosses to join him in what U.S. drug agents dubbed the "Mexican Federation."

But U.S. agents say the federation began splitting as the Arellano Felix brothers increasingly refused to cooperate, raising fears of a turf war.

The Arellano Felix gang is considered Mexico's most violent and second most powerful narcotics trafficking organization. Court records filed in U.S. federal court in San Diego last year described Arellano Felix gang members plotting to murder Carrillo — a plan never carried out.

mation is available about Carrillo's brother or how he would manage the family business.

The younger brother reportedly receives cocaine-laden aircraft from Colombia, oversees stash sites, and arranges transportation to distribution sites. He is sought on an October 1993 indictment issued in Dallas charging him with cocaine violations.

Some Mexican observers believe that one of Carrillo's top four lieutenants will assume power.

Former Mexican drug agent Eduardo Valle, who regularly exposes narcotics corruption in his country, told the Mexico City radio station Formato 21 over the weekend that it will be up to inter-cartel diplomat Juan Jose Esparragoza Moreno to keep the peace.

Outfitted for the 4th!



(Pampa News photo by Sherry Cromatle)

Earlene Flippin of Amarillo is sporting her flashy 4th of July outfit. She is attired in a hat and vest and pants of red, white and blue colors with red sequins covering most of the materials. She makes hats of all shapes and designs, and a friend makes the clothing. "I just do this kind of stuff for fun, and I like to meet interesting people," she said. During the Saints Roost celebration in Clarendon on the 4th of July, her patriotic outfit helped her meet more people who wanted to comment on its attractiveness.

Boy missing since the 4th found in creek

DALLAS (AP) — The family of a seven-year-old boy, whose body was found in a creek, believe the spirited child died trying to jump the small stream on his bicycle.

The body of Jonathan Harrison was found shortly after 6:30 a.m. Sunday along a small creek near his father's apartment complex, where he had been staying when he disappeared Friday.

Police withheld judgment on how the boy died until they get a medical examiner's report. On Sunday, they continued to interview residents at the Carrollton Park Apartments in Far North Dallas for additional information.

The boy's family characterized Jonathan as a daredevil who loved motorcycles. They noted that the creek is narrow but is deceptively deep.

"There is no doubt in my mind from right here that he tried to jump the creek," said Avery Rodgers, Jonathan's uncle.

"That's just the way he was ... We're going to miss him." Rodgers said they do not believe there was any foul play involved in Jonathan's death.

Jonathan's body was fully clothed and there were no obvious signs of trauma, said Dallas police spokesman Ed Spencer. The body was lying close to the red mountain bicycle his father, Ray Harrison, had reported he was riding the last time he was seen, Spencer said.

Drug lord victim of plastic surgery

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. drug enforcement chief Thomas Constantine predicts that Mexico's most successful drug cartel will have difficulty finding a new leader as dynamic as Amado Carrillo Fuentes, who died after plastic surgery to alter his appearance.

Another Mexican gang, the Tijuana-based cartel led by the Arellano Felix brothers, now will probably try to muscle in on the drug smuggling previously done by Carrillo's Juarez-based gang, Constantine said in an interview Sunday.

His death will cause significant disruption among Mexican drug trafficking organizations, and "law enforcement on both sides of the border should capitalize on the ensuing confusion," Constantine said.

White House drug policy chief Barry R. McCaffrey said he hoped the death would "provide U.S. and Mexican authorities extra leverage to continue ... the relentless law enforcement pressure that forced Carrillo Fuentes to undergo appearance-altering surgery that cost him his life."

Carrillo, 41, stood out as craftier and more imaginative than many foreign drug lords, Constantine said. He forged the first alliances between Mexican gangs and the Cali and Medellin cartels in Colombia to smuggle Colombian cocaine into the United States.

Carrillo earned the nickname "Lord of the Skies" for bringing jumbo-jet loads of cocaine from Colombia to Mexico. Carrillo began by charging the Colombians \$1,000 per kilogram for smuggling

the Colombians' drugs into the United States, "but when he learned that the Colombians were earning \$14,000 per kilo, he told them to just give him half the cocaine as his fee," Constantine said.

As arrests and killings decimated the leadership of the Colombian cartels, the Mexican gangs, led by Carrillo's, began to shoulder their share as major suppliers of cocaine, methamphetamines and other drugs to this country, beginning on the West Coast, then expanding to the Chicago area.

Since January and February, Carrillo's organization had been responsible for distributing multi-ton loads of cocaine into New York City. "He was displacing Colombian organizations in New York City, and we had never seen that before," Constantine said.

Earlier, Carrillo had taken over much of the business of another Mexican gang, known as the Gulf Coast cartel, when its chief Juan Garcia Abrego was arrested a year and a half ago.

Constantine called Carrillo an expert in counter-surveillance who used encrypted telephones and had his own counterintelligence teams.

But he made a show of openness. "He would walk around the plazas in Juarez to show he was untouchable," the DEA chief said.

Carrillo's problems escalated, however, and his style changed after the arrest in February of Gen. Jesus Gutierrez Rebollo, head of Mexico's anti-drug agency. Mexican authorities have charged that Rebollo was in the pay of Carrillo. Rebollo has denied this.

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Confidant Wonders If Secrets Are Best Buried With The Dead

DEAR ABBY: I will soon be meeting with someone who is writing a biography of his late father. I knew the man well (perhaps too well) more than 30 years ago. I was privy to certain indiscretions that I would never reveal, except that now all the principals are dead.

I don't know what my friend would want now. It may be that he would not want me to reveal what I know. Is there a statute of limitations on confidentiality? Does it end with the death of the subjects, or the death of everyone known immediately to them (i.e., living family and/or friends)? Or does confidentiality last forever?

Journalist friends tell me that in the tradition of their profession, the dead have no privacy. I'm not sure I agree with that, or whether it applies to personal confidences. Courts have ruled that public persons have less privacy than nonpublic persons. Does that apply here?

My friends are divided on this. I'm in the middle. What do you think?

SITTING ON A SECRET
DEAR SITTING: In general, privacy rights die with the person. My legal experts tell me dead people cannot be defamed. Their good names die with them.

However, in the moral sense, if you kept your friend's secret while he was alive, you should continue to do so. Listen to your conscience and you won't go

Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

wrong.
DEAR ABBY: I have lived in an upstairs apartment for seven years. It is convenient to where both my spouse and I work. The rent is affordable, and we have a good relationship with our landlord.

The problem? Two years ago he rented the office directly downstairs to a woman who chain-smokes. He told her when she rented it that he had a no-smoking policy. (I don't know if it was written into her lease or not.) She has ignored the no-smoking policy since day one. After four or five requests from me that she not smoke, she replied that I would "just have to open a window."

Abby, opening a window does nothing. Our rugs and furniture stink. The clothes in our closet stink. Our throats tickle, our eyes burn, and I hate to think of the long-term effects on the health of our 3-year-old daughter.

After the "just open a window" comment, I went to our landlord. He told her in no uncertain terms that she was not to smoke in the

building. She stopped briefly, then started again. Back to the landlord I went. She stopped briefly once again, then started again. Back to the landlord again. Now, she simply denies that she's smoking (there's no doubt that she does), and I am tired of bothering our landlord.

The building is very old and nothing short of demolition would keep the smell from drifting up here. The floors are hardwood. I love this place for its rustic charm, and have put a lot of work into making it a pleasant and comfortable home.

Abby, does she have the right to smoke? Don't I have the right to keep my home smoke-free? I am a happy person, but she's making my life miserable.

FRUSTRATED IN ST. PETE'S BEACH, FLA.

DEAR FRUSTRATED: If the non-smoking policy your landlord has been trying to enforce is part of the lease, then your neighbor does not have the right to smoke — she's in violation of the agreement, and the landlord can insist she move.

If it is not in the lease agreement, and the stench of stale smoke has reached a level you fear could harm your daughter, then you are the one who will have to move.

Your landlord would be wise to choose which tenant he wishes to keep before you make the decision for him.

will work against you with equal efficiency.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Avoid becoming involved in any type of financial joint endeavor today with an individual whose character is at all questionable.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Usually you do quite well dealing with others on a one-to-one basis, but today could be an exception. Try to be a good listener and let others speak.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You usually enjoy lending a helping hand to others in need. Today, however, you might resent the imposition and turn a deaf ear to their requests.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Someone in your social circle might try to do something cute today that makes you the fall guy. If you're alert, it can be handled with a role reversal.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) To avoid domestic abrasions today, don't bring up an old issue that sparks disagreement between you and your mate. This is still a no trespassing area.

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Horoscope



Tuesday, July 8, 1997

In the year ahead you might develop new interests that incorporate a new group of friends. Both these friends and the interest will greatly expand your social life.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If you're inclined to talk about others today, try to find something nice to say about them. Your comments will be elaborated upon and repeated for their ears. Trying to patch up a broken romance? The Astro-Graph Matchmaker can help you understand what to do to make the relationship work. Mail \$2.75 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758 Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Instead of being content with your lot in life today, you might compare what you have with another who you think has more. This evaluation is faulty.

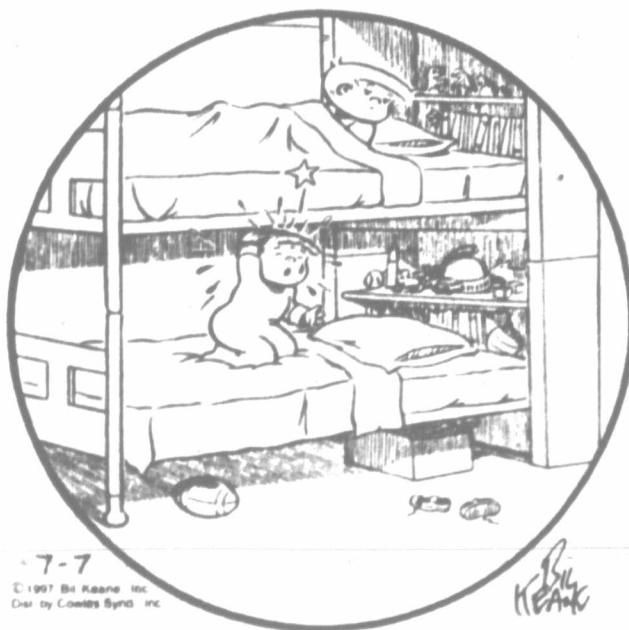
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You will not suffer from a lack of ambition today, yet you might not accomplish all you hope to. Stay focused and single-minded.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Rather than dealing with the now, you might wish to dwell on a bitter experience from the past. Do not waste your energies or emotions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Forego attempting to make friends over in your own image today. Accept them for what they are, even if they don't measure up to your standards.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) The objectives you set today could turn out to be counterproductive if you're not careful. Know what you want and why you want it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your imagination can work wonders for you, but only if it's positive. Negative thinking



"Who invented bunk beds?"



"Who said you could push those chairs together?"

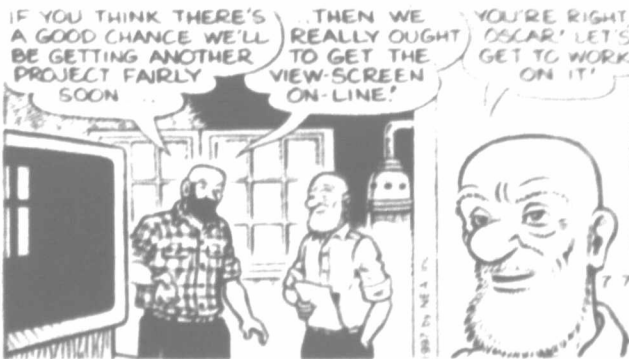
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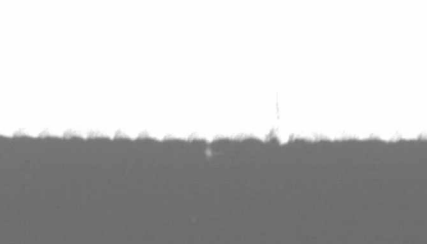
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SOFTBALL

PAMPA — Pampa plays Dumas at 7 p.m. tonight in Canadian in the 9-10 girls' softball District championship series.

It will be the best two of three series with all the games starting at 7 p.m.

FOOTBALL

PAMPA — Pampa High School Football Moms will meet at 7 Monday night in the Caprock Apartment Clubhouse.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Rangers put together two-thirds of an imposing checking line over the weekend, agreeing to terms with right wing Mike Keane and center Brian Skrudland.

Rangers general manager Neil Smith was scheduled to announce the signings of the unrestricted free agents today, according to published reports in New York and Florida.

"I've got to give Neil credit," Rangers coach Colin Campbell told the Daily News on Sunday night. "He went after these guys and he hung in there and worked hard to get them. They were our hopeful guys and he got them."

"I know people pay a lot of money for tickets at the Garden and they like to see the stars and the record-breakers. But the fans will like these guys even though they're not going to put big numbers on the board."

"These guys bring character and depth. And my barometer of a trade is if it ticks off New Jersey or Philly or the Islanders, the teams in our division. I think this will."

Keane, 30, who spent the last two seasons with the Colorado Avalanche, reportedly agreed to a four-year deal worth about \$8 million. Skrudland, 33, the only captain in Florida Panthers history, is expected to make around \$5.2 million for three seasons.

Florida reportedly offered Skrudland a two-year deal for \$2.7 million, with the promise of a front-office job after his retirement.

"I would look like a complete idiot to say I'm bitter (about Florida's lower offer) when I just signed for this kind of money," Skrudland told The Palm Beach Post on Sunday. "But those who look beyond money would see disappointment."

"Everyone understood how much I wanted to stay in South Florida, so for it to come down to this is very disappointing."

Skrudland had five goals and 13 assists in 51 games last season, missing the last 16 games and the playoffs because of a knee injury. Keane, who teamed with Skrudland in Montreal, had 10 goals and 17 assists in 81 games last season.

FISHING

GILBERTSVILLE, Ky. — Competitive bass angling will take another giant step forward in 1998 as officials of the Wal-Mart FLW Tour, the richest series in tournament fishing history, have announced the addition of over one-half million in prize money, bringing the total payout for the seven-event series to 3.65 million.

The third year Wal-Mart FLW Tour will feature four \$400,000 qualifying events, one \$600,000 Wal-Mart Open, the \$1 million Forrest Wood Open, and the no-entry-fee \$450,000 EverStart Championship.

"The success of the Wal-Mart FLW Tour has been phenomenal," said FLW Tour Chairman Irwin Jacobs. "The fishermen, national media and corporate sponsors have embraced the tour to a degree that has far exceeded our expectations. Our vision of developing a wholesome sport with credible models and giving them the opportunity to make significant money while receiving national media exposure and notoriety is right on target."

Major realignment still possible for 1998

CLEVELAND (AP) — At next year's All-Star game, Jeff Bagwell and Craig Biggio could be playing for the AL.

So could Pedro Martinez. And without trades or free agency.

Baseball's realignment committee will meet before Tuesday's All-Star game to discuss whether owners want to try for a radical change in the sport's structure next season.

"We discussed a minimal plan in Philadelphia," realignment committee chairman John Harrington said Sunday, referring to last month's owners' meeting. "We want to discuss something more substantial, with maybe four, five, six teams changing leagues. We'll see if there's any consensus within the committee for that."

Some owners have proposed

that baseball realign along geographical lines. One plan would have Houston and Texas in the same division, another would have Montreal and Toronto play together with Detroit in a reformed "Northern" division.

Some owners have talked about putting Kansas City and St. Louis together in the NL Central. Florida, without making any commitments, said it might consider a move to the AL East if it pairs the Marlins and Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

"We want to see what makes the most sense," said Harrington, chief executive officer of the Boston Red Sox.

Owners have been grappling with realignment since January, when they made league assignments for the 1998 expansion

teams, putting Arizona in the NL and Tampa Bay in the AL.

"We're discussing all scenarios. We've been doing that since January," acting commissioner Bud Selig said. "We'll continue to do it. It's impossible to make any predictions right now. We just keep going through scenario after scenario until, hopefully, we find the right one."

Under the original plan discussed by the ruling executive council, Tampa Bay would have gone into the AL East, Detroit would have shifted to the AL Central and Kansas City would have moved to the AL West. But the Royals balked because it didn't want additional West Coast starts for road games televised back to Kansas City, leaving the Devil Rays no other place to go but the

AL West — a situation most teams want to avoid.

At last month's owners' meetings, the committee discussed a new plan in which Tampa Bay would go into the AL East, Detroit would move to the AL Central, Houston would move to the NL West and Arizona would move to the AL West, but Diamondbacks owner Jerry Colangelo refused to go along.

Under their expansion contracts, the Diamondbacks and Devil Rays can't be forced to change leagues against their will until after the 1999 season. Houston considered whether it would be willing to switch to the AL, but decided it would rather stay in the NL.

None of the existing teams can be forced to switch leagues, and NL

teams can't be forced to switch divisions.

"There's been a lot of discussion since then, but we haven't settled on a plan," Harrington said.

The owners association has given players a one-month extension until July 31 for presenting a draft 1998 schedule, and owners might meet again later this month to vote on a plan.

"We know that if we want to make changes for 1998, this is a crucial month," Harrington said.

Major league teams have not changed leagues since the 19th century. Harrington is still hopeful he can persuade at least one NL team to switch, allowing Tampa Bay to play in the AL East next season.

"Whether it's Arizona or Houston, we won't know until the votes come in," he said.

Area athletes will compete in All-Star Games in Lubbock

LUBBOCK — The 1997 Texas Six-Man Coaches Clinic and All-Star Games will be held this week with Lubbock hosting the event for the second time in three years.

At the conclusion of the week-long coaches' clinic will be the association's all-star games. The all-star basketball and football teams will practice today through Thursday.

Competition will begin on Friday with the North-South Boys' basketball game at Monterey High School, followed by the North-South girls' basketball clash.

On Saturday, the East-West boys' and girls' basketball games will be held at Monterey, and the Texas Six-Man Football Classic will be played at Lowrey Field on Saturday night.

Six Pampa area athletes will be on the teams. Playing for the North girls' basketball teams are Lindsay Gill and Danita Kauk of Miami and April Purcell of Fort Elliott. Playing for the North boys' basketball team is Jared Neighbors of Miami.

Danny Sloan of Jayton is coaching the North girls' team. Donnie Dutton of Silverton is coaching the North boys' team.

Justin Ritter and Sean Crowell of Groom are on the West boys' football team.

Jerry Windham is the West boys' coach.

Tickets will be \$5 for each all-star game and will go on sale prior to the start of the game. For more information, call the Lubbock Sports Authority at 806-747-5232.

Covered camping is a must in Texas summers

By ROBERT SLOAN
Beaumont Enterprise

BEAUMONT, Texas — The shady, dry side of camping, via a protective tarp, is the only way to fly during a hot and often stormy Texas summer, especially if you'll be spending a few days and nights at one of the many state parks scattered across the state.

On a recent camping trip to Pedernales Falls State Park, located just west of Austin, shade was tough to find. A group of us had made reservations well in advance, but even at that, we found slim pickings as far as shady camp sites go. It's first come, first pick, when dealing with state park camp sites, once you get past the check-in station.

We ended up with a patch of oaks and cedar trees on the perimeter.

"No problem," announced Bill Panto, ever the optimist. "We've got plenty of tarps and rope. With a little effort we'll turn this place into a dome of shade."

Panto, who mastered survival training while in the Army Special Forces, unfolded three polyethylene tarps. Then he reached into a bag and pulled out a wad of rope in varying lengths and diameters.

"You never know what you'll need in length and strength of rope," he said. "It's best to have all sizes so you can tie off to roots, limbs or even rocks."

In no time flat our campsite was lush with shade, thanks to well-built

tarps. They offered all the protection we could hope for from random thunderbusts and a searing afternoon sun.

With a little effort you can turn a shadeless camp site into a tolerable comfort zone.

It all starts with polyethylene tarps that can be purchased from just about any sporting goods store. They're made of waterproof and windproof material.

The best tarps are big, measuring 18x24 feet. Some are bigger. Others are smaller. Bigger is better when engineering shade.

For example, with several lengths of rope, a couple of sticks, a telescoping painter's pole and limbs of a nearby oak, Panto took a 20x30 foot tarp and rigged up a shelter that provided an immense amount of shade over the picnic table.

"The trick is to make the tarp stable," explained Panto. "All your ropes need to be tied off tight and secured with good knots. When making a shelter over a picnic table, I've found that a painter's pole is ideal. It'll adjust to varying heights and is usually needed to hold up at least one corner of the tarp."

What most campers don't think about is covering their tent with a tarp. This does two things. The first is that when elevated about a foot above the tent's roof, the tarp provides cool shade. Second, it'll definitely keep you dry during rain.

Rangers fall to Athletics, 9-8

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — There's no place like the road for Tony Batista.

He has only four homers this season, and they've all been on the road. And he hit one Sunday night that killed the Texas Rangers.

Batista, recalled from the minors on July 2, hit a three-run homer and knocked in four runs to carry the Oakland Athletics to a 9-8 victory over the Rangers.

"I don't know why I just hit my homers on the road, but after the All-Star break I promise I'm going to hit a few of them at home," the light-hitting Batista said.

Oakland snapped a three-game losing streak and Texas' four-game winning streak. The Rangers also fell to 8-17 in one-run games.

Matt Whiteside (1-1) gave up the

game-winner to Batista — who had been playing for Triple A Edmonton — in the sixth inning after a single and an error. It was Batista's 11th RBI.

"I'm just happy I got an opportunity to play," Batista said. "And it really makes me happy to know I was able to help by hitting a home run."

Earlier in the count, Batista got the bunt sign.

"That's good for my confidence when they took it off," he said. "I'm not a real good bunter. When they let me hit what I can do."

"No more looking back. I'm going to try to be here 10 or 20 years." Dane Johnson (3-0) picked up the win with 1-3 innings of one-hit ball in relief.

Automatic scorekeepers



(Pampa News photo)

Pampa Haverster Lanes employee Jacki Lamberson points out the new automatic scorers the bowling alley has installed this summer. Lanes owner Warren Dahn said all 20 alleys would be equipped with the new machines by the time fall leagues start. "Sixteen of the machines are being used now for summer leagues. We've had some minor problems with the other four, but they should be ready for this fall," Dahn said.

Astros find their hitting groove

HOUSTON (AP) — Just when the Houston Astros found their hitting groove, they got three days off for the All-Star break.

Jeff Bagwell drove in four runs with two homers, and pinch-hitter Tony Eusebio singled home the tie-breaking run in the ninth inning as the Astros beat the Cincinnati Reds 6-5 on Sunday.

"Today, we got the big guy going," Astros manager Larry Dierker said. "It was nice to get a come-from-behind win. I almost wish we could play tomorrow."

Bagwell hit a solo homer in the first and added a three-run homer in the four-run third tied the game at 4-4.

"With Baggy, over and over he's the guy you don't want to beat you," Reds manager Ray Knight said. "But he finds a way. You try to make a pitch and he's just so good he beats you if you don't make it."

Luis Gonzalez followed Bagwell with his fourth homer for a 5-4 lead in the third.

"It was probably just a matter of time before we started hitting,"

Bagwell said. "We haven't been swinging the bats and (Mike Hampton) they got behind early but kept us in the game and we came back and scored runs."

Mike Hampton gave up four runs on four hits to the Reds in the first inning. But Bagwell had his 23rd homer in the bottom of the inning.

"We won the last two games and now we've got three days off," second baseman Craig Biggio said. "We'll come back for the second half of the season feeling good about ourselves and see what happens."

Deion Sanders homers in the fourth for a 5-5 tie that remained until with one out in the ninth, pinch-hitter Derek Bell got an infield hit to third and went to third on Brad Ausmus' single to right field.

Eusebio then singled up the middle off reliever Scott Sullivan to score Bell with the winning run.

"Tonight was my day," Eusebio said. "He threw me a fast ball right down there and that's what

I like. In that situation you are looking for one good pitch and he threw it and I hit it."

Billy Wagner (5-3) pitched a perfect ninth. Mike Remlinger (3-4), worked a third of an inning for the loss.

"I just had a gut feeling that (Eusebio) was going to deliver that run," Dierker said. "I'm glad that he did."

Craig Biggio reached on a fielder's choice, and Chuck Carr singled with two out before Bagwell hit Dave Burba's first pitch over the left field fence for his 24th homer.

Luis Gonzalez followed with his fourth homer, giving Houston the lead.

Bagwell had the 10th multi-homer game of his career. He has nine two-homer games and one three-homer performance — in 1994 against Los Angeles. Bagwell's most recent two-homer game was May 19 against Philadelphia.

"Last night, we got outpitched and tonight we couldn't get the big base hit," Knight said.

Sampras wins fourth Wimbledon championship

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — This Grand Slam thing is getting too easy for Pete Sampras. What he needs is a rival to make it more interesting.

With four Wimbledon titles, 10 Grand Slam championships and the prospect of several more to come, history seems the only adversary for Sampras as he chases the records that could validate him as the greatest in history.

After Sunday's 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 blowout against Cedric Pioline in the Wimbledon final, Sampras lamented that there's no player to push him and inject more spice

into the men's game.

"Especially in the United States, you need a rivalry, you need some different personalities so that people that don't follow tennis will follow tennis," Sampras said. "For the last couple of years, we really haven't had that in tennis."

Sampras cited Boris Becker and Andre Agassi as his two main rivals during his career. Becker all but retired after losing to Sampras in the quarterfinals last week, while Agassi has barely played this year and seems to have given up on the game.

That leaves no one to serve as

Sampras' foil. Asked whom he considered his major rivals, he said, "There's not really one guy that stands out."

He named Mark Philippoussis, Tim Henman and Tommy Haas as young up-and-coming stars, but none of them has yet made a major breakthrough.

Already considered one of the greatest of all time, Sampras knows his place in history and what he needs to do to be considered the best.

His win Sunday tied him with Bill Tilden for the most Grand Slam titles by an American.

Woods captures Western Open

LEMONT, Ill. (AP) — Tiger Woods was being followed. Thousands of fans — maybe even tens of thousands — broke through the ropes aligning the 18th fairway so they could stare the moment with golf's present and future star.

Having landed his second shot safely on the green, Woods had the Western Open won Sunday. Still, he tried to ignore the boisterous, adoring crowd that trailed him down the fairway, a group that kept growing in numbers. A normal occurrence at the British Open, it rarely happens in the United States.

"I definitely heard them," Woods said. "I didn't really see them. I was facing forward. I didn't want to look back. It does no good. I have to finish out the hole. Finishing out the hole is not behind me."

Such focus. Combine that trait with skill, power, confidence and mental toughness, and it explains why 21-year-old Woods has won more tournaments and more money than any other golfer in the world.

Sunday's victory at Cog Hill's Dubedread course was Woods' fourth title this season and sixth in 21 events since turning pro last August. The list includes this year's Masters.

"I was like a lot of people last year who thought it would take him two years to win. Like many other people, I was proven wrong," said Frank Nobilo, who finished second at 10-under-par 278, three strokes behind Woods' 275, and one ahead of Justin Leonard, Steve Lowery and Jeff Sluman.

"When it stops, no one will know. If he was to win another three or four, I don't think people would be dramatically surprised," Woods certainly won't be.

"If I play my normal game, I should be able to win," he said. "The biggest thing is to have the belief that you can win every tournament going in. A lot of guys don't have that. (Jack) Nicklaus had it. Every time he'd tee it up, he felt he was going to beat everybody. That's the mindset you have to have if you want to win."

For winning the Motorola-sponsored Western, Woods got \$360,000. That gives him \$1,761,033 in earnings this year, and only a

and came with his 330-yard-plus drive Sunday, he was unhappy because so few landed in the fairways.

"Going into the day, I thought the par-3s were going to be my saving grace just because of my length," Woods said. "But that wasn't the case. I hit a couple bad drives and, consequently, made only two birdies. The par-3s are what saved me and won me the tournament."

He birdied 6, 12 and 14. And

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huge slump will keep him from becoming the first golfer to make \$2 million in a season. As it is, he's less than \$20,000 behind the record Tom Lehman set last year.

"The money takes care of itself," Woods said. "I just want to win tournaments."

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Four wins in 13 starts this year puts Woods in the company of some all-time greats. Nicklaus — the man Woods uses as a measuring stick — won seven of 18 in 1973 and Jimmy Demaret six of 12 in 1940. Ben Hogan captured five titles in six events in '53, including the Masters, the U.S. Open and the British Open.

Woods' next stop is Royal Troon. "I think the British Open will suit him to a tee," Nobilo said of the major tournament, which begins July 17. "The British Open does suit a stronger hitter of the ball."

Few, if any, are stronger than Woods. But while he elicited oohs

each 2 score was crucial. No. 6 gave him his first birdie after opening with five pars and drew him within a stroke of Loren Roberts, his playing partner. No. 12 followed a bogey on 10 and a botched birdie attempt on the par-5 11th. And No. 14 all but won him the tournament.

After hitting a tee shot within a foot on the 167-yard 14th, Woods seemed almost embarrassed. He reacted to the fans' roars by smiling sheepishly and shrugging. Woods then tapped in to take the lead for good at 12-under.

"That was like a knife in the back when he made 2 there," said Nobilo, who had birdied tied for the lead. "When he's in a position to win, he hardly ever goes backward."

Woods said he got lucky. "It wasn't a very good shot. It almost went into the bunker," he said. "The golfing gods were definitely looking down upon me in a good way."

All that skill, all that poise ... and golfing gods, too. It really doesn't seem fair.

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San Antonio Spurs stepping up efforts for new arena

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs are stepping up their efforts to get voters to provide a new arena.

The NBA team says it will start campaigning on Labor Day for voter acceptance for a new \$120

million arena.

Spurs officials hope to see a measure on a Jan. 17 ballot that would provide public funding for an arena. A "yes" vote would mean a new home for the Spurs and possibly the San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo.

The team is banking on rookie Tim Duncan and a healthy David Robinson to overcome last year's dismal season and help generate support at the ballot box.

Spurs billboards all over town already are proclaiming: "Now, we're back. Act today!"

Andretti pulls away to win Pepsi 400

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — When John Andretti arrived at Daytona International Speedway for the Pepsi 400, his confidence was so high and his car so good that he felt like Jeff Gordon.

And one lap away from his first Winston Cup victory, Andretti even raced like him.

With Dale Earnhardt's black Chevrolet earning him down during the last caution lap before a one-lap sprint to the finish, Andretti pulled away in his Ford on Saturday to win the Pepsi 400.

"I heard Jeff Gordon talk about this couple of years ago when he won this race," Andretti said. "He said, 'I want to keep Earnhardt on my rear bumper so that he won't get a run on me.' And that's what I wanted to do — keep him so close that he couldn't get a run on me."

"My car accelerates real well, so I knew it wouldn't be a problem."

The victory brought redemption to Andretti, even though he had never finished better than fourth since joining NASCAR's top circuit in 1993.

Andretti has always had good cars at Daytona and Talladega, superspeedways that require restrictor plates — the devices used on carburetors to reduce speeds and create close competition.

He had one of the best cars at the Daytona 500 in February. But he fell three laps off the lead when he told his crew to meet him in the garage — then realized it was only a cut tire.

"I left there pretty humble," he said.

Then he won the pole at Talladega and was running second behind Mark Martin when he made a move to pass him and no one went with him, causing Andretti to lose the draft and fall out of the lead pack.

"For us, it's so hard to trust anybody," Andretti said. "So many people end up working against

you. It's hard to figure out whether somebody is actually going to help you."

The same situation confronted him Saturday with one exception — this time he had help.

On the 137th lap, Andretti went low on the first turn and Bill Elliott, one lap off the lead, went with him. Andretti passed Martin on the back stretch and never trailed again.

"The biggest difference was Bill Elliott," Andretti said. "If he would

have chosen Mark instead of me, that would have been the end of my race. I think he figured I had the faster car."

That much was evident when Andretti unchained his Ford on Thursday for qualifying. He had built this car more for the race, when the heat index that soared over 100 degrees made the track slick and more difficult to handle.

Andretti had hoped to start from around the 15th spot, but qualified third.

"I felt I could win this race. That car was really good," Andretti said. "When I got out there, I thought I was Jeff Gordon. I just have the car to beat, and nobody's going to beat it."

— John Andretti

But the track was cleared in time for one last lap, and it figured to be a dandy.

Earnhardt, who has won 29 races at Daytona, was right behind, followed by Dale Jarrett, a two-time winner of the Daytona 500.

But when the two Dales jostled for second, Andretti sailed toward the checkered flag.

A frantic race by other drivers to get into the top 10 resulted in cars going four wide toward the third turn.

The resulting collision knocked Martin out of the top 10 for the first time in his last 10 races and put Ward Burton in the hospital with a concussion.

Terry Labonte sailed past Earnhardt and finished second in his Chevrolet, followed by defending Pepsi 400 champion Sterling Marlin.

Gordon, meanwhile, hit the wall on the 125th lap while trying to get back to the lead pack. Still, he moved from 29th to 21st in the final lap because of the big crash, more than enough to keep the Winston Cup points lead.

Texas Senior Games will be held in Temple

TEMPLE — The Scott and White Texas Senior Games are expected to attract more than 2,000 participants to the state championship event to be held in Temple, September 22 through 28.

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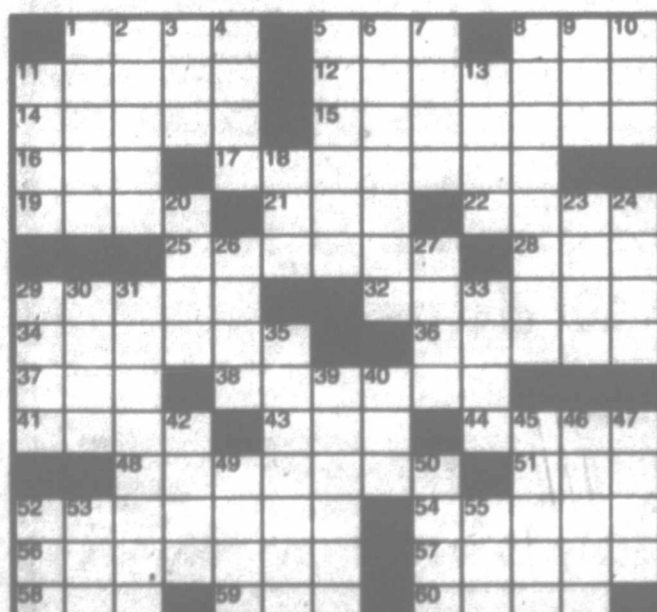
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Newsmakers

LAWTON, Okla. — Lt. Col. Christina Chinnery, granddaughter of Pete and JoAnn Watts of Pampa, was recently selected as battalion commander for the MacArthur High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.

Her selection was based on leadership abilities, leadership style and achievements during her two years of experience in the Junior ROTC. She will be serving in the post for the 1997-98 school year.

Chinnery is the daughter of former Pampa resident Staff Sgt. Beverly Chinnery, 5045th Garrison Support Unit, at Fort Sill, Okla.

She also was honored with the Level II superior cadet medal in

leadership educational training. In other honors, Chinnery received the marksmanship honor for highest score, small-bore rifle in MS II, female, and the overall high shooter award. She also earned the Reserve Officers Association bronze medal.

SHAWNEE, Okla. — Oklahoma Baptist University has announced its honor rolls for the 1997 spring semester.

Students named to the President's Honor Roll include: Tiffany Noel Lane and Audra Shelton, both of Pampa. To be eligible for this honor, a student must maintain a minimum 3.70 grade point average while enrolled in twelve or more semester hours.

WACO — Baylor University has announced its Dean's Academic Honor List for the 1997 spring semester.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must maintain a minimum 3.7 grade point average while enrolled in twelve or more semester hours. Students named to the list include: Leslie Kristin Bridges and Jennifer Lauren Mays, both of Pampa.

NORFOLK, Va. — Navy Master Chief Petty Officer Lewis H. Orthman, son of Nary L. Green of Pampa, recently completed a six day port visit to Marseilles, France. Orthman is currently on a six month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea aboard the aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy.

While in port, Orthman and his shipmates had the opportunity to experience the French culture and also share the uniqueness of a U.S. aircraft carrier with the people of Marseilles. Highlights included tours of French castles and vineyards. In addition, crew members also took time out to paint a local soup kitchen.

Aircraft carriers like Orthman's ship are forward deployed around the world to maintain a U.S. presence and to provide rapid response in times of crises. Sailors and Marines like Orthman are often the first to arrive in situations ranging from humanitarian relief efforts to combat operations.

Orthman joined the Navy in November 1977.

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NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Pawlines, anyone? Perhaps a cito-wow pizza?

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Texan's bill would provide tax holiday to revive idled wells

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seeking to reduce U.S. dependence on foreign oil and boost the domestic energy industry, a Texas congressman is proposing tax breaks to resuscitate some of the nation's more than 900,000 inactive wells.

Rep. Mac Thornberry's legislation is patterned after a Texas incentive program that returned more than 6,000 idled stripper wells to production over three years, resulting in an estimated \$1.6 billion annual boost to the state's economy. Stripper wells produce less than ten barrels a day.

The Clarendon Republican's bill, introduced in June, would grant oil and natural gas producers a federal income tax

exemption for reviving wells that have been abandoned, plugged or idled for at least two years.

Thornberry is touting his measure as one that could help reduce growing U.S. dependence on foreign oil.

Last year, the United States imported 9.5 million barrels of crude oil a day — nearly half of domestic consumption. The federal Energy Information Administration predicts that by 2015, net imports will top 60 percent.

"Every barrel of oil we produce here at home is one less barrel we have to buy from overseas," Thornberry said.

The measure also should help create

jobs, said Thornberry, who is a member of the House Natural Resources subcommittee on energy and mineral resources.

And, it would provide new revenues to the U.S. Treasury by requiring that the owners of the land on which the wells are located pay federal income tax, Thornberry said. Since the wells are inactive, those royalty holders aren't paying any income tax on the wells' production now, he noted.

Thornberry's initiative parallels recommendations made earlier this year by the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission, which favors so-called "tax holidays" for idle wells.

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