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LEFORS SHOOT DOWN OWLS



The Lefors Pirates burst into the 2009 football season Thursday night and routed the Owls of Hedley. Complete coverage of the game is on page 1B.

Deputies shoot out tires of man evading arrest

BY DAVID BOWSER
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 A Pampa teenager was free on bond today after posting a \$2,500 bond after having his tires shot out and being arrested by Gray County deputies Thursday afternoon.
 Walter Carl Everson, 19, of Pampa, was free on bond today after being arrested on charges of evading arrest in a motor vehicle by Gray County deputies shortly before 5 p.m. Wednesday near Celanese after reportedly hitting a house in White Deer.
 Officers said the house and the vehicle were heavily damaged.
 Although the case is still under investigation, authorities said Everson's vehicle apparently

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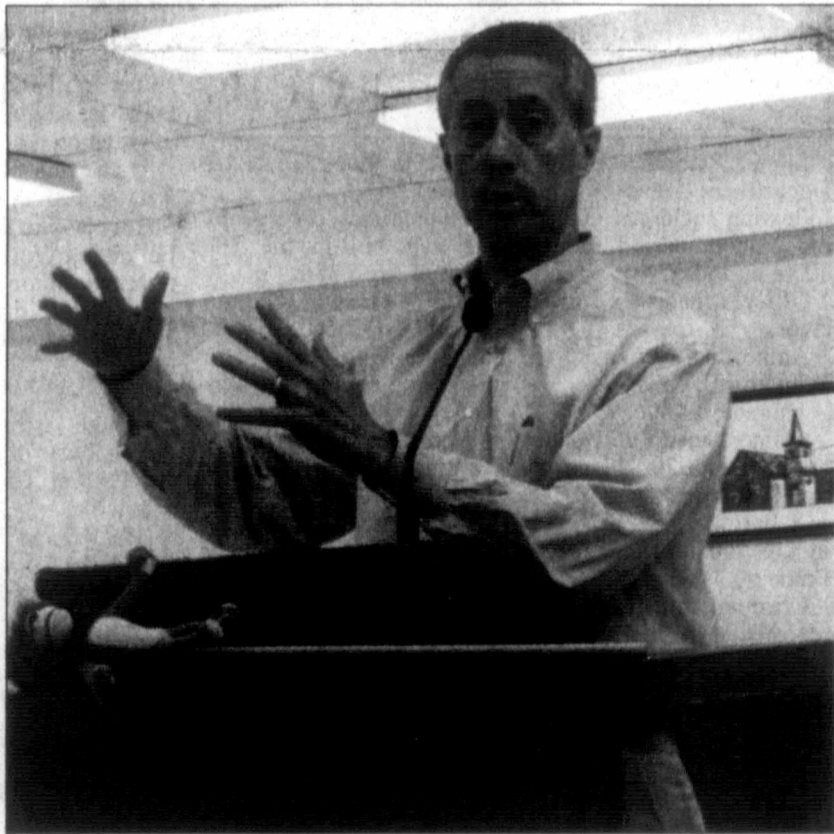
Congressman addresses health care, listens to Pampan's concerns

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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 Congressman Mac Thornberry spoke about health care and took questions during a Lion's Club luncheon at First United Methodist Church.
 Thornberry addressed why the health care bill has become a big deal, whether it is considered social medicine and how to slow it down.
 The 13th District Congressman said health care has become a big deal because it's a personal thing.

"It affects each and every person in the country in a way that global warming, tax increases, and stimulus don't," Thornberry said. "The prospect of turning health care system in this country upside is I think why people are very motivated. It was the trigger to the scenes you've seen in town hall meetings, a lot of letters, calls and interests in what's going on."
 Thornberry did not say the bill is a move to socialized medicine, but said it is a move to bigger government in decisions that are usually made between doctor and patient.
 "If they (the government) decide a certain drug is not cost effective for the broad population, they'll say 'no it cannot be included' (in the health care plan)," Thornberry said. "If you want to look at where this leads look at other countries that say, 'I'm sorry but you cannot have a hip replacement because you are too old.' Or they may, in Britain,

for example they may not permit doctors to prescribe a certain drug for a certain disease."
 The 13th district congressman said whether the bill can be stopped depends on how many vote against the bill.
 "If every republican member in the house of representatives votes against a bill, you still need 40 democrats to vote against it to stop it," Thornberry said. "The key question is whether the 40 to

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Congressman Mac Thornberry speaks on health care Thursday afternoon at the Pampa Lions Club luncheon at First United Methodist Church.

Swine flu rises at US colleges as students return

ATLANTA (AP) — Colleges across the country are seeing spikes in the number of students with suspected cases of swine flu as dorms fill up and classes begin for the fall semester.
 While the increases were expected and colleges say they were ready for the coughing, sneezing and feverish students before move-in day, health experts say hundreds more could get sick as the virus winds its way through college campuses.
 At Georgia Tech in Atlanta, classes are in full swing for the university's 20,000 students, and so is the highly contagious H1N1 virus, commonly known as swine flu.
 The university has had 150 sus-pected cases of the virus in the two weeks since students moved back to campus.
 Georgia Tech freshman Elise Woodall, 18, was met with a message scrawled on the bathroom mirror of her dorm when she moved in two weeks ago: "Wash your hands. Swine is not fine."
 "Nobody wants to get sick because missing classes is a pain," said Woodall, a biomedical engineering major from Marietta.
 At the University of Kansas, almost 200 students have reported having flu-like symptoms in the last week or so, spokesman Todd Cohen said. University of Tennessee

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Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 84. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 58. East southeast wind around 10 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 76. Southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 81. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Officers made six traffic stops.

Authorities responded to eight animal calls.

Thursday, Aug. 27.

Officers made a welfare check in the 700 block of South Sumner.

A burglary was reported in the 800 block of West Francis.

Criminal mischief was reported at the high school.

A medical emergency was reported in the 1300 block of North Russell.

Officers investigated an open door 2000 block of North Hobart.

The Pampa Senior Citizens Center reported \$15 work of food taken.

A 911 hangup call was reported from 700 block North Sloan.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 500 block North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported 1000 block of S. Faulkner.

A gas drive-off was reported in the 200 block of West Brown.

A propane grill, three picture frames, two mirrors and \$463 worth of soap was reported stolen from a house in the 2200 block of North Christy.

An accident was reported at County Road 9 and County Road G.

The city answered a water call in the 2300 block of North Cherokee.

Authorities investigated a fire report in the 600 block of North Christy.

Officials responded to an alarm in the 600 block of East Frederic.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1400 block of North Russell.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart.

A threat was reported in

the 2200 block of North Duncan.

A medical emergency was reported in the 100 block of West 30th.

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests for the period ending at 7 a.m. Friday.

Wednesday, Aug. 26.

Deidra Eureka Davis, 28, was arrested by Texas Department of Safety troopers on charges of insufficient bond in connection with the manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance.

Rod Lamont Donnell, 33, was arrested by Gray County Sheriff's deputies on charges of manufacturing a controlled substance.

Boyd Joe Vardy, 47, was arrested by Pampa officers on charges of possession of marijuana.

Dana Lynn Daniels, 44, of White Deer, was arrested by Pampa police officer on charges driving without insurance.

Walter Carl Everson, 19, was arrested by Gray County Sheriff's deputies on charges of evading arrest.

Ayvore Doninne Young, 18, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of criminal trespass.

Christian Edward Bruce, 29, arrested by Pampa police officers for assault against a family member.

Codee Schneeman Bowman, 26, was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety on charges of possession of marijuana.

Marcher Renell Hughes, 23, was arrested by Gray County Sheriff's deputies on a bench warrant.

Rodney Don Kelley, 43, was arrested by Gray County Sheriff's deputies on charges of assault threat.

Thursday, Aug. 27.

Eduardo Carrillo Vaquera, 29, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

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Obituaries

Barbara Lou Ball, 77

Pampa— Barbara Lou Ball, 77, died August 26, 2009, in Pampa, Texas.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 29, 2009, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. C. W. Parker, Odyssey Hospice chaplain, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Ball was born December 20, 1931 in Beloit, Kansas. She married Melvin Ball on December 14, 1952 in

Russell, Kansas. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1965. Barbara was a homemaker. She loved traveling, sewing and painting. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Survivors include her husband, Melvin Ball of the home; two daughters, Cindy Fulton and husband Kevin, and Linda Lanham and husband John, all of Pampa; four grandchildren, Michael Lewis, Shanda Arzen and husband Chris, Crystal Herring

and Johnny Blakemore; four great-grandchildren, Madison Lewis, Kaylee Arzen, Zerick Arzen and Brittney Blakemore. She was preceded in death by her parents: Clarence Elmer and Anna Mildred Wagner Colvert; and a brother: Billy Covert.

MEMORIALS: Odyssey Hospice, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, Texas 79106, or a favorite charity.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5:00-7:00 PM on Friday,



Ball
August 28, 2009.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Bobby Lavoe Burnett, 73

Amarillo— Bobby Lavoe Burnett, 73, died August 26, 2009, in Amarillo, Texas.

Services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, August 29, 2009, at First Baptist Church of Skellytown, with Rev. Fines Marchman, pastor, Rev. Darrell Bonjour of Paramount Baptist Deaf Church of Amarillo, and Rev. Jimmy Fox, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, August 31, 2009, at the Seneca Cemetery in Seneca, Missouri with Rev. Jerry VanMoss, officiating.

Mr. Burnett was born September 9, 1935 in Seneca, Missouri. He had been a resident of Miami, Oklahoma until 1978 when his mother passed away. Bobby was a resident of Skellytown for 26 years before moving to Amarillo in 2004. While in Skellytown, he was involved in Little League baseball and the PanFork Baptist Campground. He was a longtime and active member of First Baptist Church of Skellytown, and attended Paramount Baptist Deaf Church in Amarillo.

Survivors include one sister, Arlene B. Mathews of Amarillo; three nieces: Karen Horner and hus-

band Jimmie, Nancy Fox and husband Jimmy, and Denise Smyth and husband Blaine, all of Amarillo; two aunts, Maedean Shivers and husband Grady, and Mardelle Henley and husband Phillip, all of Arkansas; several great nieces and nephews and great-great-nieces and nephews, and other close friends.

Bobby was preceded in death by his parents: Arthur and Essie Mae Burnett; a half brother: Morgan Burnett; and a brother-in-law: Paul Wayne Mathews.

MEMORIALS: BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, Texas 79105, or First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 176, Skellytown,



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SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 7:00-8:00 PM on Friday, August 28, 2009.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Raymond Truitt "R.T." Brooks, 81

Raymond Truitt "R.T." Brooks, 81, of Guymon passed away Monday evening, August 24, 2009 at the Pampa Nursing Center in Pampa, Texas.

The son of Walter Berry and Lola Frances (Wheeler) Brooks, he was born on August 27, 1927 in Guymon.

At the age of seventeen R.T. served in the United States Navy in the Seabees. Following World War II he returned home and graduated from the Guymon High School with the Class of 1947.

R.T. was united in marriage to Elizabeth Quesenbury on December 24, 1949 at Clayton, New Mexico.

He worked for Phillips Petroleum Company for 33 years; retiring in 1985 as field operator.

R.T. joined the Morning

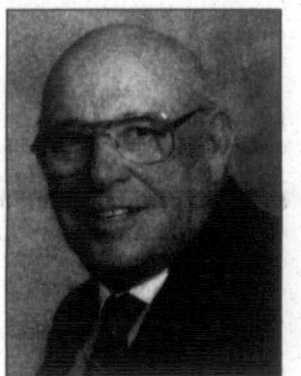
Star United Methodist Church in Hough in 1997. He and Elizabeth enjoyed many years of traveling and seeing many different places. R.T. also enjoyed flying his plane, fishing, and camping in the mountains.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Geraldine Rowbotham, and one brother, Kenneth Brooks.

R.T. is survived by his wife of 59 years, Elizabeth of the home; one son, Berry Brooks and wife, Diane of Pampa, TX; two daughters, Sherry Brooks of Pampa, and Shawna and husband, Arnoldo Portillo of Guymon. Survivors also include one brother, Bob Brooks and wife, Lois of Sevierville, TN; twelve grandchildren: Michael Adams and wife, Mia, Lisa and husband, Brian

Barnum, Lori Brooks, Sarah Savoie, Tarah Burnett and husband, James, Heather Lewis and husband, Brandon, Terry Brooks, Lacey Brooks, Derek, Dylan and Danica Portillo, and Kira Oliver; thirteen great grandchildren, and one great great grandson, Rosstyn Truitt "R.T." named after his granddad; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday afternoon, August 28, at 2:00 p.m. at the Morning Star United Methodist Church in Hough, OK with Rev. Jacki Banks, pastor officiating. Interment with military honors will follow in the Elmhurst Cemetery. Services are under the care of the Bunch - Roberts Funeral Home of Guymon. The family suggest memorials be given to the



Brooks

Pampa Nursing Center, BSA Hospice of Pampa or the Morning Star United Methodist Church. Memorials will be accepted at the Bunch - Roberts Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1112, Guymon, Oklahoma 73942.

Friends can sign the online guest book and leave condolences at www.bunchroberts.com.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

English, 25, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of making a false report to a police officer and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Jason Deion Ellis, 26, was arrested by Pampa police officers on a warrant.

Robbie Eugene Godsey II, 21, was arrested by

Pampa police officers on charges of assault in connection with family violence.

Christin Louis Ragan, 30, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of burglary of a building.

Manuel Victor Rentera, 17, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of driving without a valid

drivers license and no wearing a seat belt.

Tyson Lee Waycaseer, 26, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges

of by on charges of public intoxication.

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Kennedy embodied bygone era of bipartisan dealing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Over nearly a half-century, Ted Kennedy watched his beloved Senate change from a collegial boys' club known for bipartisan deal-cutting to a far less friendly place dominated by polarized parties, where broad compromise is a dying art.

His death Tuesday at 77 after a battle with brain cancer leaves the Senate without one of its consummate bridge-builders — possibly the best-known and most respected of an ever-dwindling breed of lawmakers willing and able to reach across the political aisle to strike bargains on big issues.

It's also a reminder of a bygone era in what is often called the world's greatest deliberative body, when coalition-building was the rule, not the exception — because it had to be.

"He's one of the members that was trained and came of age in the Senate in the 1960s, when each party was divided into major factions, and so to pass any major piece of legislation, it took a real coalition of some factions from the Democratic Party and some from the Republican Party. There was no such thing as a party-line vote in those days," said Betty Koed, a Senate historian.

Now an all-one-party vote — or one with just a few defectors from the other party — is the norm.

Back then, conservative Southerners were a force in both parties, and liberal Democrats and moderate Republicans were smaller but often powerful minorities that could band together to get big things — like civil rights laws — done.

Kennedy was part of a generation of policymakers that took those lessons into the 1980s and 1990s, as both parties began to solidify and strove to forge agreements that could transcend the ever-hardening party lines.

"A major element of that tradition will be lost now" with Kennedy's death, Koed said.

Former Republican Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas, who served as GOP leader from 1985 to 1996, says Kennedy's style was firmly rooted in the Senate of the past, where liberals like him had to strike sometimes unlikely bargains to get things done, but is just as relevant today.

"Kennedy understood, just like Ronald Reagan used to tell me when I was



In this Sept. 13, 1984 file photo, House and Senate conferees meet at the start of their first session on the immigration reform bill on Capitol Hill in Washington. From left are, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.; Alan Simpson, R-Wyoming, Rep. Romano Mazzoli, D-Ky; Rep. Hamilton Fish, R-N.Y.; Rep. Peter Rodino, D-N.J. (AP Photo/Ira Schwarz, File)

the leader, 'I want it all, but if I can get 70 percent, I'll run with it.' That was sort of Kennedy's attitude — he knew in the legislative process you've got to allow some give and take," Dole said.

The lesson holds true today, Dole said, as Democrats like Sen. Max Baucus of Montana and Republicans like Sen. Mike Enzi of Wyoming search for the elusive middle on a health care overhaul — something Kennedy called "the cause of my life."

But few if any members of today's Senate have the kind of reputation and respect Kennedy did, which enabled him to bring others along on difficult issues, Dole said.

"Kennedy had the aura and the mystique. He didn't have to pay homage to anybody," Dole said. "He could be very independent and strike his own deal, and you knew you either went along with him or a lot of the time (were going to) be left out in the cold because he was going to get a bill."

The Senate Kennedy joined in 1962 was almost entirely white and even more male-dominated than today's; just two women were serving there when he arrived in 1962, and it wasn't until more than 30 years later that more than two served simultaneously. It was also a much more social place than the Senate of today, in part because transportation to and from the capital was slower and more cumbersome. Lawmakers were usually in Washington all week

and sometimes through the weekends, forging legislative partnerships at restaurants and bars, dinner parties and barbecues, Koed said.

Today senators typically jet in on Mondays or Tuesdays for weekday schedules packed with meetings and fundraisers, then escape Thursday or early Friday for a weekend back home.

"There was a certain degree of collegiality and senatorial courtesy, and also of rising above partisan stakes and trying to find a common national interest, and I think he was certainly the champion in that regard," said Nick Allard, Kennedy's counsel on the Judiciary Committee in the mid-1980s. "There are fewer in the Senate these days that do that — it's more of a win-or-lose partisan atmosphere."

Kennedy was a strong partisan in his own right, but his adversaries sought him out as a quintessen-

tial Senate "workhorse" — another quality senators, historians and aides say is harder to find in today's Senate — who was willing to help get something done.

"He'd come over and say, 'You know, we've got to get some Republicans, and if you can get me a couple or three I can talk to, maybe we can get a bill,'" Dole said. "You don't see a lot of that now."

Kennedy worked with former GOP Sen. Alan Simpson of Wyoming on immigration legislation in the 1980s that Kennedy ultimately decided to vote against — but that Simpson believes would never have become law without Kennedy's initial collaboration.

"The thing about the Senate is, the giants are gone," Simpson told Hardy. "Whether they were Republican or Democrat, they were giants in days long past."

Pickens, others file briefs about water rights

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) — T. Boone Pickens and other Panhandle water rights owners have filed briefs opposing a Texas Supreme Court review of a lower court's ruling favorable to them.

Pickens' Mesa Water L.P., the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority and the city of Amarillo have spent tens of millions of dollars to buy water rights for more than

700,000 acres.

They believe water can be sold separately from land deals under the state's rule of capture. The city of Del Rio on the Mexican border claims it can pump groundwater from land it purchased despite not owning the water rights.

Del Rio wants the state's high court to review an appeals court ruling denying the city access to the water.

Flu

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administrators are estimating about 100 suspected swine flu cases on campus, spokesman Jay Mayfield said.

The University of Alabama had more than 50 cases of flu reported on the first day of classes last week. At Texas Christian University, 10 students were diagnosed with swine flu on the first day of class Monday.

"We're finding out for the first time in a long time how quickly a contagious disease can move," said Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs at Texas Christian.

To get ready for the expected outbreak, colleges stocked up on hand sanitizing gel and Tamiflu — an anti-viral pill — while others have designated empty dorms where sick students can be isolated. Some campuses have developed "flu kits" with items like tissues, thermometers and box lunches for students in isolation.

Students have been getting regular e-mails from administrators reminding them to wash their hands frequently, stay away from sick friends and isolate themselves if they develop flu-like symptoms.

"We all knew this was going to happen," said Liz Rachun, spokeswoman for the University of Georgia health clinic, which has seen nearly 50 suspected swine flu cases in the last two weeks. "We stocked up on masks and we have doctors in place."

Health experts predict swine flu cases would spike once the school year began and that colleges and elementary and secondary schools would see an increase in cases.

Most campuses won't know for certain how many confirmed swine flu cases they have this year because many states are no longer routinely running tests on every suspected case. Still, many administrators say they're treating every case as if it's swine flu to help stem the spread of the disease.

Health officials say the concern is that swine flu is very contagious and spreads quickly once it is introduced to a population. That means hundreds more could get sick in the next few weeks.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta recommends students with flu symptoms — fever, cough, sneezing, chills, aches, sometimes diarrhea or vomiting — stay home from class.

"The mere fact you have lots of people in close proximity with each other results in the virus being transmitted from person to person," said CDC spokesman Tom Skinner. "I don't think we're surprised by the fact influenza is returning to these campuses. What is concerning to us is people becoming complacent about this and not taking the steps we know can protect them."

Arrest

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hit a house about 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in White Deer. A passenger in the car, knocked from the vehicle, was taken to North West Texas Hospital, reportedly in a great deal of pain.

Officers said the gray sports utility vehicle that hit the White Deer house sped east out of White Deer toward Pampa, running several cars off the road.

Gray County Deputies David Rushing and Rhett Rollins tried to stop the SUV as it approached the old Celanese Plant on U.S. Highway 60 west of Pampa. The heavily damaged SUV then turned south on FM 2300 and tried to evade law enforcement authorities.

Deputies shot out the tires on the SUV, said Lt. Joe B. Hoard with the Gray County Sheriff's Department.

Everson was arrested near the Celanese Plant entrance and taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center for examination and then booked into Gray County Jail.

Carson County Chief Deputy Loran Brand said today that the investigation of the incident had been turned over to the Texas Department of Public Safety. No charges have been filed yet by Carson County or state authorities.

Trooper Chris Ray of Borger was investigating the case, he said.

Pampa High School Swim Team Booster Club is holding their annual car wash fundraiser from 9-2 on Saturday, August 29 in the NBC bank parking lot and help support our swimmers.

Health

really understand it, or try to ask people to figure out what difference it's going to make for rural health care, well then I'm not going to vote for it," Thornberry said. "It's not enough to read the bill, you need to understand it and have some feel for the consequences."

Another person raised the question of why these bills are going through so fast. Thornberry said there is a political timetable.

"Once you get closer to next year's election, it gets harder and harder to do this kind of stuff," the Congressman said. "The president and the speaker made a calculation that his popularity would never be more than it is at the beginning, so they would do as much as they could as fast as they could."

Thornberry thought it was interesting and helpful for him to hear the frustration of his district.

"I feel the same way," the Congressman said. "The challenge is channeling that frustration in constructive ways."

Thornberry said the changes that have occurred since Obama took office has hit some in the coun-

try in the wrong direction but finds their response encouraging.

"A lot of people are rising up and saying they don't like where this is going," Thornberry said. "I'm going to try to stop it."

More political involvement by more people is a good thing."


Thornberry encourages people to pay attention to what's going on because it does affect them.

"It's their money, their

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lives, their health, their freedom is at stake," Thornberry said.

Members of the Rotary Club and the Kiwanis attended the luncheon also.




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Plea deal reveals new details about swindle case

HOUSTON (AP) — The former finance chief for jailed Texas financier R. Allen Stanford said his boss created a business empire where blood oaths were taken to secure loyalty, bribes were paid from a secret Swiss bank account and investor profits were more fiction than financial genius.

New details about how Stanford allegedly bilked investors out of \$7 billion were made public Thursday after James M. Davis, Stanford's former chief financial officer, became the first person to plead guilty in the case.

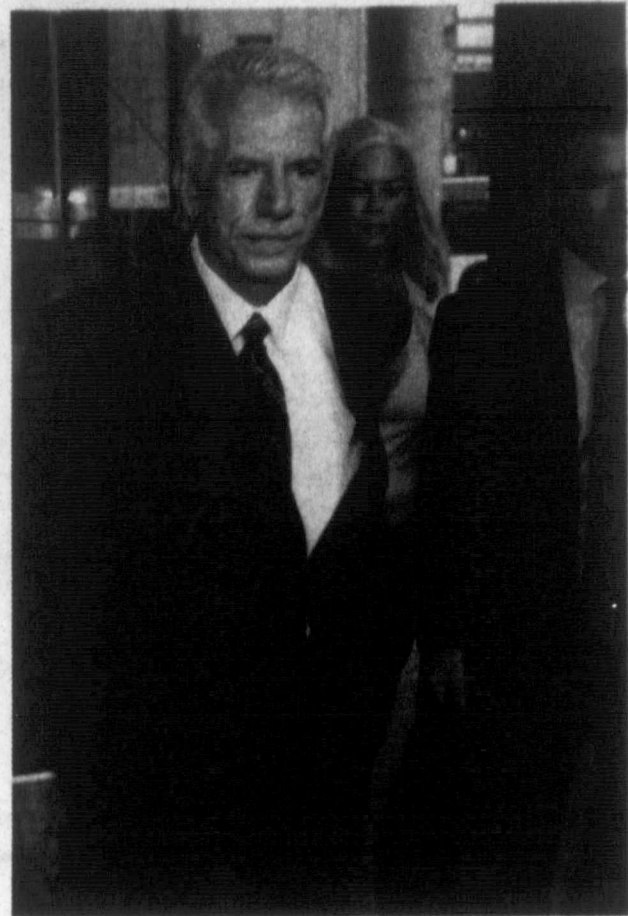
Davis pleaded guilty in Houston federal court to three counts: conspiracy to commit mail, wire and securities fraud; mail fraud; and conspiracy to obstruct a Securities and Exchange Commission investigation. The plea is part of a deal Davis, who has been helping prosecutors, made with the Justice Department in exchange for a possible reduced sentence.

His plea came hours after Stanford was taken from the privately run prison where he is being held outside Houston to a local hospital with an irregular heartbeat and high pulse. Stanford had been set to appear in the same courtroom for a hearing on whether he can get a new attorney. U.S. Marshals spokesman Alfredo Perez said Stanford was undergoing tests at the hospital but declined to give more details.

Davis, 60, only made a brief statement after his hearing.

"I did wrong. I'm sorry. I apologize. I take responsibility for my actions," he told reporters outside the courthouse.

But Davis' 23-page plea agreement provided new



Former Stanford Financial CFO James M. Davis arrives at federal court in Houston Thursday, August 27, 2009. (AP Photo/Michael Stravato)

details of how Stanford's business began; how he, Stanford and others manufactured profits; and how panic set in as they tried to hold off federal investigators who were closing in on their scheme.

Investors were promised their investments were safe and were scrutinized by Antigua's bank regulator and an independent auditor.

But Davis said in the court documents that the bank's balance sheets were made up and the work of "reverse engineering."

"Stanford was insistent that (the bank) appear to show a profit each year. Stanford and Davis would collaborate to select a false revenue number ...

Stanford, Davis (and other conspirators) would then use the 'budgeted' numbers to develop falsely inflated revenue numbers which would be claimed as the 'actual' revenue numbers to generate the desired Return on Investment," according to the plea agreement.

Asked why Davis defrauded investors for years, David Finn, his attorney, said it was greed.

To protect his scheme, Stanford paid more than \$200,000 in bribes, as well as \$8,000 for two tickets to the Super Bowl in Houston in 2004, to Leroy King, the former chief executive officer of Antigua's Financial Services Regulatory Commission or FSRC.

Mega Millions jackpot grows to \$333 million

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Friday's jackpot in the Mega Millions multistate lottery game has grown to \$333 million.

That's the second largest jackpot in history. The cash payout is estimated at \$210.4 million.

The largest payout so far has been a \$390 jackpot shared by a New Jersey couple from Cape May County and a

truck driver in Georgia in 2007.

If no one wins Friday night's jackpot, it will rollover to \$430 million — the largest in history.

Tickets are sold in California, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Texas, Virginia and Washington.

Governor names Suehs to oversee human services

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry is naming Thomas Suehs of Austin to be executive commissioner of health and human services for Texas.

The appointment, announced Friday, is effective next week. The executive commissioner oversees the five agencies with-

in the health and human services system, including the Department of Family and Protective Services and the Department of Aging and Disability Services.

Suehs replaces Albert Hawkins, who announced in May he was retiring.

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PHS renovation nearing final stage

By Dawn Bowman
The Pampa Independent School District board of trustees met Tuesday night to discuss the progress of the Pampa High School renovation project. The board heard reports from the superintendent, Dr. Randy Stephenson, and the project manager, Steve Smith, about the status of the \$15-million renovation. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the school year.

City, PEDC to team up against trash

By Dawn Bowman
The City of Pampa and the Pampa Economic Development Corporation are teaming up to address the issue of trash in the city. The city is providing funding for the PEDC to hire additional staff to enforce city ordinances and to provide more frequent trash collection services.

Perry says he will call special session

By Dawn Bowman
Gov. Rick Perry said he will call a special legislative session to address the state budget deficit. Perry said he will call the session in the next few weeks to discuss ways to reduce spending and increase revenue.

Open meetings violation suit filed against PISD

By Dawn Bowman
A lawsuit has been filed against the Pampa Independent School District for allegedly violating the Texas Open Meetings Act. The lawsuit was filed by a group of citizens who claim that the school board's meetings were not properly open to the public.

Gov breaks collarbone in biking accident

By Dawn Bowman
A state legislator has broken his collarbone in a biking accident. The legislator was riding his bike on a residential street when he lost control and fell. He was taken to a hospital and is expected to have a long recovery.

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Sports

Pirates cruise to win in season opener

45 point rule invoked

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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Lefors head coach Joey Czubinski, said before the game Hedley would be a straight up running team, with very little pass.

Coach Ski was correct and his Pirates caught on quickly, winning 59-12 over the Owls, with the 45-point rule invoked in the third.

Coach Ski said the win was a huge confidence builder for his team.

"Older guys, I don't want to say they expect to win like this but they want to," Coach Ski said. "The younger guys, this will give them confidence because these our guys we are going to see down the road."

Lefors (1-0) got the ball first, and only needed two plays to score. Trevor Czubinski ran 38 yards for a touchdown. Trevor's extra point was blocked, giving the Pirates a 6-0 lead.

Hedley (0-1) did not take long either on their first possession. The Owls needed only four plays to go 46 yards. Chriss Blackburn ran for 31 yards on second down and four, from the Pirates 35. Reid Coplien finished the drive with a four-yard run. Hedley's extra point was blocked keeping the game tied at six.

On the Pirates next possession, Keenan Lott gained all the yardage. After an incomplete pass, Lott ran for five yards on second down and fell down for a loss of four on third down. On fourth down and 14 from the Owls 36, Lott got outside and ran around, and in between Owl defenders to score a 36-yard touchdown. Lefors missed the extra point, taking a 12-6 lead.

The Owls looked like they were going to answer back, but they fumbled deep in Pirates territory

and from there Lefors had the momentum the rest of the way.

Trevor Czubinski got two more touchdowns from one yard and 10 yards, to give the Pirates a commanding 34-6 lead.

Trevor said they worked a lot on the running game in practice.

"We were pushing the sled," Czubinski said. "We focused on our lineman whether they blocked in or out. All the running backs do is read (the blocks)."

Lott scored three more touchdowns. Lott scored on a 42-yard kickoff return, a 60-yard run, an interception return and threw for the last touchdown of the game. Coach Ski said Lott's strength is running in the open field.

"If you are someone else trying to tackle him, it's frustrating as hell," Coach Ski said. "You think you got him and he makes a move and he is gone. He has a nose for the ball, he's a good football player."

Lott said Hedley was a good team, but they were able to take advantage of their mistakes.

"We see a mistake, we're going to try and capitalize on it," Lott said.

Coach Ski said his team made adjustments after Hedley's first drive.

"We didn't see guys take the proper gap, or the proper angle," Coach Ski said. "These our not backups these our starters doing this stuff. Once they get corrected that they were OK."

Coach Ski was impressed with the running game especially his offensive line's blocking.

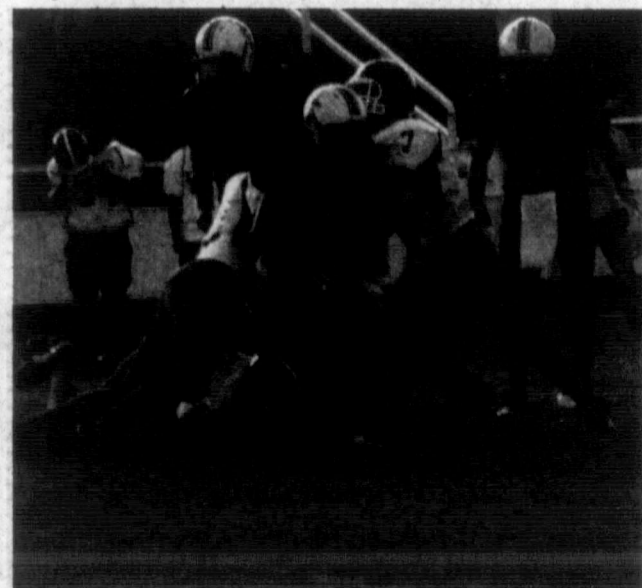
"I thought Trevor stepped up today he got some good runs," Coach said. "I thought our offensive line blocked exceptional tonight. I thought they blocked really well."

Lefors next game is at home against Ft. Elliot, 7:30 p.m. on Friday.



Wakely Pairsh (3), of Lefors looks to fake out Jacob Weidner (10) of Hedley. Lefors won 59-12 in the third.

staff photo by Andrew Glover



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Wakely Parish (3), is wrapped up by Dylan Pettit (7) and other Owls in Lefors 59-12 win Thursday night.

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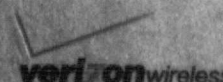
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Good Samaritan June-July news

Good Samaritan, 309 N. Ward St., is open from 2 to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We can use volunteers on any of these days.

A board meeting was held Thursday, July 23 with 17 Board members present representing 12 churches.

The next Board meeting will be : Thursday September, 24, 2009 at 5 p.m. at 309 N. Ward.

Statistics— Total families 9,647 Food 2,471, clothing 776, utilities 296, Medical 59, Lodging 20, Transportation 37, other 278.

Good Sam's Blessings
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First Christian Church food drive (Goal 2000 pounds) to be shared with trailee reached 900 pounds already.

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Baptist for providing new socks, underwear and T-shirts

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Phil Meek for spending four hours installing two new blinds.

High Plains Food Bank for donating lettuce, squash, and mangoes for our clients "Somebody cares" renovating and rebuilding a house for some deserving Pampa family.

The Inez and H.E. Mccarley Foundation for a \$5,000 Grant.

To all our supporting churches, private donors, grants, the businesses of Pampa and all the Volunteers that keep us operating.

Needs for August 2009— Macaroni and cheese any pasta, skillet, pots and pans, tennis shoes, plastic sacks and Brown Paper Sacks.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am concerned about my nephew. His whole life he has lovingly hugged and kissed on his mother. It was cute when he was a toddler, but now he's a teenager, and he continues to drape himself on her and hug and kiss her on the cheek -- at home and in public. She does not discourage it. I don't know if my brother-in-law has noticed it, or if he just chooses not to see.

I have mentioned this to my sister before, but she told me I'm too critical. We were in line at the store and I heard people behind us react with audible sighs when they saw the behavior. I am uncomfortable around them. Others have told me that the affection seems excessive.

How can I help? I'm afraid there's a problem brewing that needs to be addressed now. -- ALARMED IN APPLE VALLEY

DEAR ALARMED: From my perspective your nephew appears to be a sweet, affectionate young man who is close to his mother. There is an old French saying that translates, "Evil be he who thinks evil of it." In other words, you may be mistaking the dirt on your glasses for a relationship that is "off-color," so please reserve judgment.

DEAR ABBY: I lost my wife of 10 years after a long battle with cancer. I am 50 and have a 10-year-old son. If it wasn't for raising my son, I don't think I'd even want to live anymore, but the good Lord gave me this job, and I want to make sure I do it well.

It is very lonely at times without a woman around. When I do get out and meet women 40 to 50 years old

and they hear I have a spoiled kid at home, they turn away. I know at my age I should be a grandpa. Is there any chance for me to find another lasting love to spend the rest of my life with? I never thought I would ever lose my wife; I thought we'd be together forever. -- BETWEEN LOST AND FOUND

DEAR BETWEEN: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your wife. Of course there's a chance for you to find love again. Right now you're feeling down because life has dealt you a difficult hand.

Plenty of women would find you attractive, and not be turned off by the fact that you are raising a son. I'm talking about single women with children of their own to raise. You can meet them at your nearest chapter of Parents Without Partners. To find one, call (800) 637-7974 or visit www.parentswithoutpartners.org.

DEAR ABBY: As a child care provider for a local program in my hometown, I am often treated differently because I am a male.

If women can do anything men can -- including the same job -- shouldn't the opposite be true? Do you think society will ever completely accept male teachers and child care workers? -- PAUL FROM PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR PAUL: I hope so, because men are certainly capable of nurturing -- particularly those of the recent generation, who are far more involved in co-parenting than men were before the 1960s.

Male teachers and child care workers can give fatherless children something that female teachers cannot -- a male role model with whom they can identify.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON GRAY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET

The following notice publication is required by House Bill 432, passed by the 71st Legislature in 1989, effective September 1, 1989.

The Gray County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the 2010 fiscal year. The public hearing will be held at a meeting to begin at 8:30 a.m on Tuesday, September 08, 2009 at the Gray County Appraisal District offices, 815 North Sumner, Pampa, Texas.

The following is a summary of the Appraisal District budget in the manner and form prescribed by Section 6.062 of the Texas Property Tax Code:

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$ 727,060.

The total increase over the current year's budget is \$ 30,064 or 4.315%

The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 10 (full - time employees).

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be 10 (full-time employees).

The increase in the proposed budget is due to increase in normal operation expenses due to cost of living and recent legislation.

The Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Appraisal District.

If approved by the Appraisal District Board of Directors at a public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns and Water District served by the Appraisal District.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of these governing bodies.

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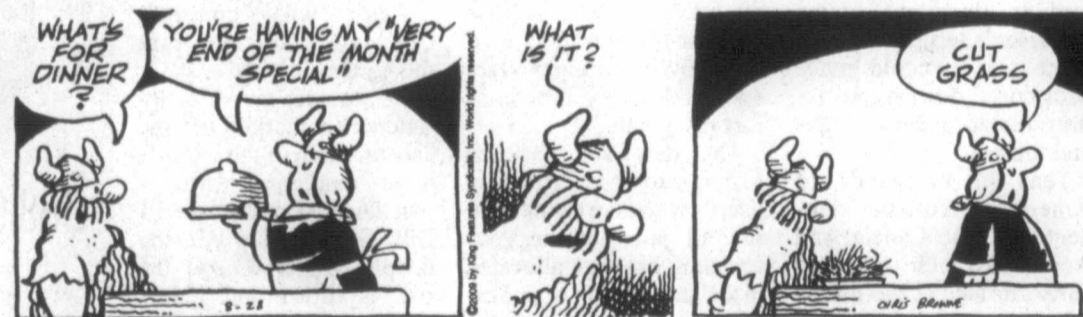
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By Bil Keane



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Daily Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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More parents seek child-support reduction

NEW YORK (AP) — As the owner of a successful acupuncture clinic in a wealthy Washington suburb, David Vandenberg never had any problems making a \$433 monthly child support payment.

Until last year, when his business faltered and he went on unemployment. Unable to find another job, the 50-year-old Vandenberg moved to Arkansas to live with his parents. Now they're paying the child support for him.

"I felt I didn't have any recourse," said Vandenberg, who has a 12-year-old daughter and tried unsuccessfully for a court-approved reduction in his child support payments. After child support, "I get \$100 a month in unemployment."

With the economic downturn hitting men harder than women — 9.8 versus 7.5 percent unemployment — and men comprising most noncustodial parents, many dads are finding themselves struggling to make child support payments that were based on incomes they no longer earn.

In a survey of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers earlier this year, 39 percent of the members reported an increase in modifications being made to child support payments, and 42 percent cited a rise in the number of changes made to alimony.

"You have all these guys losing their jobs, having to take lower paying jobs or part-time work and they are

flooding the courts to get downward modifications," said Glenn Sacks, executive director of Fathers & Families, which advocates for reform of the family court system. "The courts have improved to a degree, but they move much too slowly."

The Maryland Child Support Enforcement Administration has seen an 18 percent increase over the last year in requests for child support modifications, said Paula Tolson, spokeswoman for the state Department of Human Resources.

In Prince George's County, requests have tripled over the past 1 1/2 years. While historically requests have come from custodial parents who need an increase in support, many are now coming from noncustodial parents seeking a reduction, according to Joan Kennedy, director of the county's Office of Child Support Enforcement.

Many times the custodial parent feels the hit from a downward modification. Sometimes she has experienced her own income loss.

Delaine Moore, a separated stay-at-home mom of three in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, said there have been fewer trips to the movies and McDonald's and more activities at home since her ex's oil field drilling work came to a halt in March. Her child support and spousal payments dropped from \$6,500 a month to nothing. He has since picked up a part-time job earning

minimum wage but is only paying \$450 a month.

Moore, who blogs about motherhood, divorce and infidelity, said her parents are paying her mortgage and she had money saved, but she is considering turning her home into a day care to earn money. If things haven't improved by Christmas, she may move in with her parents.

"I think my children are still feeling very loved and most importantly I'm here for them," she said. But it's been stressful. "I don't know what's going to happen."

Child support laws vary from state to state, but the amount is primarily based on the noncustodial parent's income. Other factors include how many children there are, how much time the children spend with each parent and the custodial parent's income.

In New York, a noncustodial parent making less than \$80,000 pays 17 percent — less taxes — for one child, 25 percent for two children and 29 percent for three children, plus add-ons such as child care, medical expenses and extracurricular activities. But a reduction in income is not automatic grounds for a modification, said Eyal Talassazan, a divorce attorney in Great Neck, N.Y. Courts are often reluctant to disrupt children's lives.

Family court judge Patricia Macias of El Paso, Texas, said she considers whether the parent is unemployed or underemployed by choice, is actively seeking another job and



This photo taken Aug. 13, 2009 shows Jeremy Lavine working to repair a jetski in Tampa, Fla. (AP Photo/Chris O'Meara)

can retain a job commensurate with their education and skills. Perhaps the person has assets that can be liquidated, she said.

"I believe that family court judges as a general rule are very empathetic to the economic situation," said Macias, immediate past president of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. "But our primary focus is what the kids need. So that it's not good enough to say, 'Judge, you understand. We're in hard economic times.' We all understand but what extra effort are you making now?"

In some ways, the economy has made ex-spouses more willing to work things out on their own, said Ike Vanden Eykel of Koons, Fuller, Vanden Eykel & Robertson, a law firm with four locations

in North Texas. Parents who go that route still need to get the court order changed, he said.

Samantha Land, 39, of Huntington Beach, Calif., agreed to a 50 percent reduction in \$3,700 a month for her 8-year-old son.

"I don't need that much money and his income was getting reduced," said Land, who works as an esthetician, a nonmedical skin care specialist, and a transcriptionist. "The funny thing is because I did that, and because I have been more agreeable he has been more willing to help me when I need help."

Jeremy Lavine, 29, of Tampa, Fla., is keeping his two kids half the time so he is not paying the full support amount. He said he inquired about a modification more than a year ago, but the Florida Department

of Children and Families told him his industry was going to bounce back.

Lavine's child support payment is still \$1,100 a month based on a \$4,500 a month income, though he now makes only \$1,500 a month repairing jet skis. He and his ex-wife are going to mediation to get the changes to custody and child support on the books.

But as everyone knows, divorce can be contentious. Many people don't believe what their ex-spouses tell them when it comes to finances. Specialists recommend that parents work in the best interest of the children.

"Always keep talking," said Vanden Eykel. "Reach an accord. These are unprecedented times. It takes a real level of cooperation to get through it."

Mexico's new drug use law worries US police

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico now has one of the world's most liberal laws for drug users after eliminating jail time for small amounts of marijuana, cocaine and even heroin, LSD and methamphetamine.

"All right!" said a grinning Ivan Rojas, a rail-thin 20-year-old addict who endured police harassment during the decade he has spent sleeping in Mexico City's gritty streets and subway stations.

But stunned police on the U.S. side of the border say the law contradicts President Felipe Calderon's drug war, and some fear it could make Mexico a destination for drug-fueled spring breaks and tourism.

Tens of thousands of American college students flock to Cancun and Acapulco each year to party at beachside discos offering wet T-shirt contests and all-you-can-drink deals.

"Now they will go because they can get drugs," said San Diego Police Chief William Lansdowne. "For a country that has experienced thousands of deaths from warring drug cartels for many years, it defies logic why they would pass a law that will clearly encourage drug use."

Enacted last week, the Mexican law is part of a growing trend across Latin America to treat drug use as a public health problem and make room in overcrowded prisons for violent traffickers rather than small-time users.

Argentina's Supreme Court ruled out prison for pot possession on Tuesday and officials say they plan to propose a law keeping drug consumers out of the justice system.

Officials in those countries say they are not legalizing drugs — just drawing a line between users, dealers and traffickers amid a fierce drug war. Mexico's law toughens penalties for selling drugs even as it relaxes the law against using them.

As Mexico ratcheted up its fight against cartels, drug use jumped more than 50 percent between 2002 and 2008, according to the government, and today prisons are filled with addicts, many under the age of 25.

Rojas hit bottom three weeks ago when he could not score enough money for drugs by begging and found himself shaking uncontrollably. He accepted an offer for help from workers from a drug rehabilitation center who approached him on the street.

"Drugs were finishing me off," said Rojas, whose 13-year-old brother died of an overdose eight years ago. "I lost my brother. I lost my youth."

The new law requires officials to encourage drug users to seek treatment in lieu of jail, but the government has not allocated more money for organizations like Caracol that are supposed to help them.

Treatment is mandatory for third-time offenders, but the law does not specify penalties for noncompliance.

Supporters of the change point to Portugal, which removed jail terms for drug possession for personal use in 2001 and still has one of the lowest rates of cocaine use in Europe.

Foreigners caught with drugs still face arrest in Portugal, a measure to prevent drug tourism.

The same is not true for Mexico, where there is no jail time for anyone caught with roughly four marijuana cigarettes, four lines of cocaine, 40 milligrams of heroin, 50 milligrams of methamphetamine or 0.015 milligrams of LSD.

That's what concerns U.S. law enforcement at the border.

"It provides an officially sanctioned market for the consumption of the world's most dangerous drugs," San Diego County Sheriff Bill Gore said. "For the people of San Diego the risk is direct and lethal. There are those who will drive to Mexico to use drugs and return to the U.S. under their influence."

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