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A police officer with a metal detector walks past the Hathorn Court residence where a man was killed early Friday by a stray bullet.

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bystander being shot) was finally going to happen. The real tragedy is a wife is without a husband and children are without a father."

Police said it is possible more than one person fired shots. They continued to canvass the scene well into the evening hours.

Some witnesses have been cooperative, while others have not, police said.

Police didn't know what may have led to the shooting.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Elmira police at 737-5611. Anonymous tips can be reported at 271-HALT.

Friday's death was Elmira's third homicide of the year.



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As many as 15 shots were fired in the area of 352 Hathorn Court, witnesses told police.

Two people died from injuries suffered in a May 23 house fire on East Third Street. Authorities deemed the deaths homicides because they believe the blaze was intentionally set.

Kevin Teeter, 41, died two

days after the fire. His sister, Cindy Teeter, 43, died Wednesday, more than two months after the blaze. Their father, Wilkie Teeter, 76, survived.

No arrests have been made in the case.

## SCHIP

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afford private insurance.

Last year, Kuhl voted

against expanding SCHIP because it would have included illegal immigrants and adults. The change would also raise the income eligibility for families and

raised the program cost by billions.

That SCHIP bill fell just 13 votes shy in the House of overriding President Bush's veto.

## IMPASSE

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similar bill and several others by House Democrats - including a plan to encourage drilling in already available coastal areas and in Alaska - failed to advance after party leaders brought them to the floor under procedures that required supermajorities to pass. That procedure blocked Republicans from forcing a vote on opening new areas to oil drilling.

Republicans have been pressing to allow oil exploration in areas that are currently off limits, including the eastern Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. They have been relentless in their assault on Democrats over the topic, even though opening the Outer Continental Shelf to new exploration wouldn't put any oil on the market for a decade or more.

Democratic leaders have been resolute in blocking new offshore exploration, even as oil patch members and moderates in the party support the idea. It's clear that if a vote were allowed, new offshore drilling would be allowed.

"Congress shouldn't leave its business unfinished while American wallets are drained at the pump," said Rep. Ander Crenshaw, R-Fla.

After the House officially adjourned and the House had stopped its TV feeds to C-SPAN, dozens of Republicans remained on the floor giving impassioned speeches about Democrats' decision to adjourn without a vote on their energy plan.

"Republicans will not go quietly," said Rep. Mike Pence, R-Ind. "Let us demand that the president of the United States ... call a special



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Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., right, points to a chart during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington Friday to discuss energy plans, with, from left, Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D., Sen. Blanche Lincoln, D-Ark., and Sen. John Thune, R-S.D.

session of this Congress on energy." The talk-in lasted more than five hours, ending only after police escorted tourists out of the House chamber at 4:30 p.m. EDT, when the Capitol normally closes to visitors.

Democrats believe they can weather the criticism since voters are hardly sympathetic to the big oil companies pressing to lift the drilling restrictions. They perform better than Republicans in opinion polls on energy - despite the shift in opinions favoring offshore drilling - as well as on most other issues.

The battle over energy has also largely shuttered the annual appropriations process, the 12 bills funding Cabinet agency budgets that are supposed to be passed by the Oct. 1 start of the 2009 budget year. The House and Senate chairmen of the Appropriations committees shut down panel deliberations to avoid votes on lifting the offshore moratorium, which

has been in place about two decades.

The spending measure that passed Friday is just one of a very few that even have a chance to become law before Congress adjourns for elections. It awards generous increases for veterans medical care and military base construction and base closures. It is easily the most bipartisan of the 12 annual appropriations bills since it funds politically sacred veterans accounts, despite exceeding President Bush's already generous budget increase for veterans and military construction by \$3.4 billion.

The measure also contains 510 so-called earmarks, line-item projects requested by the administration and lawmakers. Early this year, top Republicans such as Minority Leader John Boehner of Ohio made a big push to impose a moratorium on such hometown projects, sensing an election year opening with voters, especially people in the conservative GOP base.

## JAIL

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The arrests followed a joint investigation by the Steuben County Sheriff's Office and the county's animal cruelty

investigator, Scott Mazzo, after a Savona resident contacted the local SPCA.

Although witnesses in Hoffman's trial implied James initiated the beating, prosecutors said James and Hoffman were considered accomplices.

Legally, it is irrelevant who initiated the attack, prosecutors said.

James pleaded guilty two months after Hoffman's trial. He faces up to two years in state prison when he is sentenced later this summer.

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## SEVEN-DAY FORECAST

WETM 18 Storm Team  
Meteorologist Joe Pasquarelli  
Meteorologist Nick Bannin

Today  
Mostly cloudy, occ. showers or t-storms  
High | 77  
Low | 62

Sunday  
Partly sunny  
High | 80  
Low | 58

Monday  
Partly cloudy  
High | 85  
Low | 57

Tuesday  
P sunny, sct. showers or t-storms later  
High | 85  
Low | 62

Wednesday  
Partly sunny, poss. showers or t-storms  
High | 83  
Low | 60

Thursday  
Partly sunny  
High | 81  
Low | 59

Friday  
P. sunny, sct. showers or t-storms  
High | 78  
Low | 56

**National forecast**  
Forecast highs for Saturday, Aug. 2

Fronts: Cold, Warm, Stationary  
Pressure: High, Low

**NEW YORK**  
Today will be mostly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms and highs in the upper 70s.  
Tonight will be partly cloudy with a chance of showers and lows in the upper 50s.  
Sunday will be partly sunny with a chance of showers and highs in the upper 70s.  
Sunday night will be mostly clear with lows in the mid-50s.

**WEATHER HISTORY**  
In 1989, low pressure from the remains of Hurricane Chantal deluged north central Texas with heavy rain. Up to 6.5 inches drenched Stephens County, and Wichita Falls reported 2.22 inches of rain in just one hour.

**MOON PHASES**

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FRIDAY AUG. 16 AUG. 23 AUG. 30

**SUNRISE | SUNSET**

Sunrise today 6:03  
Sunset today 8:25  
Sunrise Sunday 6:04  
Sunset Sunday 8:24

	YESTERDAY			TODAY			TOMORROW		
	Hi	Lo	Prc	Hi	Lo	Otk	Hi	Lo	Otk
Albany	83	65		79	63	Rain	77	62	PCldy
Boston	80	66		75	67	Rain	79	66	Rain
Buffalo	81	63		75	66	Cldy	76	61	PCldy
Chicago	89	68	1.05	83	63	Cir	87	61	PCldy
Cincinnati	97	72		84	66	PCldy	88	64	Cir
Cleveland	87	66		80	65	PCldy	81	62	Cir
Columbus, Ohio	91	71		86	70	PCldy	87	63	Cir
Denver	104	61		98	65	Cir	97	66	PCldy
Detroit	88	65		82	64	PCldy	84	62	Cir
Honolulu	89	77		88	74	Cir	89	74	Cir
Las Vegas	110	87		109	85	Cir	107	84	Cir
Los Angeles	84	63		84	66	PCldy	82	66	PCldy
New Orleans	86	77	1.01	93	76	PCldy	94	79	PCldy
New York City	90	74		84	71	Rain	84	69	PCldy
Orlando	91	73	.10	93	74	PCldy	92	74	PCldy
Philadelphia	89	74		89	74	Rain	86	69	Cir
Phoenix	113	96		111	90	Cir	106	89	PCldy
Pittsburgh	85	67		81	63	PCldy	82	58	PCldy
Portland, Maine	77	60	.04	74	61	Rain	75	62	Rain
Portland, Ore.	71	59	.03	76	57	PCldy	81	53	PCldy
Providence	86	69	.05	78	67	Rain	81	65	Cldy
Raleigh-Durham	94	73		94	71	PCldy	93	68	Cir
Richmond	95	74		95	72	PCldy	91	68	Cir
Sacramento	91	57		88	58	Cir	87	56	Cir
St. Louis	94	73		92	72	Cir	94	72	Cir
St. Petersburg	101	80		103	79	PCldy	98	78	Cir
Salt Lake City	103	74	.06	99	74	PCldy	96	74	PCldy
San Antonio	97	78		100	78	PCldy	100	77	PCldy
San Diego	75	67		75	66	PCldy	75	66	PCldy
San Francisco	67	56		67	57	PCldy	68	54	Cldy
Santa Fe	95	57		94	58	PCldy	91	60	PCldy
Seattle	70	53	.21	71	54	PCldy	74	54	PCldy
Shreveport	101	80		103	79	PCldy	104	77	PCldy
Sioux Falls	85	61		90	64	PCldy	94	70	PCldy
Spokane	78	60		78	62	Cir	81	52	Cir
Syracuse	81	65		78	62	Rain	78	61	PCldy
Tampa	85	76	.99	88	77	PCldy	89	76	Cir