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Officials unveiling proposed budget

by David Bowser
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The public will get a peek at the proposed city budget at the Pampa City Commission's next meeting on Tuesday.

The city commission took its first step in setting taxes for the next fiscal year by

adopting a resolution at its meeting last week. Commissioners proposed setting the tax rate for the 2008-2009 fiscal year at 66.5 cents per \$100 valuation. After passing the resolution, they can lower that rate, but they can't raise it beyond that amount.

The 66.5 cent rate, while

lower than this year's 69 cent rate, is the highest tax rate the city can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures, according to Robin Bailey, Pampa's financial director.

City property taxes are a function of two things, the tax rate and the appraised value of the property being taxed.

While the tax rate may drop, the increase value of property, due to Pampa's growth, may increase taxes, but a large increase over the effective tax rate (this year's adjusted taxes divided by next year's adjusted tax base yields the effective tax rate) could lead taxpayers to file for a rollback.

This year's tax rate is the actual rate used to determine property taxes last year. This year's rate is 69 cents.

Next year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if properties in both years are compared.

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County officials looking at FY figures for '09

by Marilyn Powers
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Gray County commissioners will continue their discussion of the county's fiscal 2009 budget at a special meeting which will begin at 9 a.m. tomorrow in the second-floor courtroom at Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

Longevity pay for county employees for fiscal 2009 and a resolution grant for Meals on Wheels are also on Friday's agenda.

Commissioners began budget talks at their Aug. 1 meeting and proposed a county tax rate of .44673 cents per \$100 valuation of taxable property at their Aug. 15 meeting.

Two public hearings will be held concerning the proposed rate, along with the proposed county budget, before the final vote on the rate and budget will be held. The hearings are scheduled for 9 a.m. Aug. 27 and 9 a.m. Sept. 2, both in the second-floor courtroom of the courthouse, according to Gray County Tax Assessor-Collector Gaye Whitehead.

The final vote by commissioners on the tax rate and budget is scheduled for their 9 a.m. meeting Sept. 15, Whitehead said. The county's fiscal year begins Oct. 1 each year.

The proposed county budget for 2009 is available for public inspection at the county clerk's office on the second floor of the courthouse, according to County Judge Richard Peet.

Lights, camera, action!

Filmmaker promoting industry

by David Bowser
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Amarillo filmmaker Roger Lindley wants to talk to Pampa's State Rep. Warren Chisum, but only when Lindley has some more data.

As the only member of the Texas Motion Picture Alliance's legislative committee of the Texas Motion Picture Alliance from the Panhandle, Lindley would like to see more movies, more videos, more television commercials and more video games shot in Texas, especially in the Panhandle, and that means incentive packages for filmmakers.

The Texas Comptroller's Office is conducting a study on the economic impact of the filmmaking industry in the state based on a 16 percent incentives package, but those numbers won't be available until the end of the year.

Chisum is the chairman of the Texas House of Representatives appropriations committee.

Lindley said he's been in touch with other area lawmakers in the area, including State Sen. Kel

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staff photo by David Bowser

Amarillo filmmaker Roger Lindley is working to increase the incentives the State of Texas pays to bring film projects to the state. He also wants local governments to enhance those incentives.

Ten volunteer for Police Chaplain program

by Marilyn Powers
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The Pampa Police Department is working to offer a new service to its personnel and to members of the community by establishing a volunteer police chaplaincy program.

"This is by no means a new concept," said

Pampa PD Chief Logan Stout. "We have tried to do it before but only had one or two volunteers."

The current program has already surpassed that number of volunteers, with 10 participants now on board.

They are Nancy Ruff of First Presbyterian Church, who will be the coordinator of the program; Ben Ceyanes, New Life Assembly of God; Doug Hixson, Cornerstone Baptist Church; Paul Nachtigall, Highland Baptist Church; Mike Sublett, Hi-Land Christian Church;

Willard Kiper, chaplain for the Jordan and Baten Units of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; Johnny Funderburg, First Baptist Church; Ronnie Goode, Trinity Fellowship Church; Richard Bartel, Calvary Baptist Church; and Kenny Rigoulot, First

Presbyterian Church. Police chaplains may be called out to the scene of a traumatic accident or death to provide counsel and comfort for family members and officers; assist police with death notifications; counsel members of the community or officers who are experiencing stressful or traumatic situations; provide personal or family counseling to officers upon request; preside at weddings, funerals or other religious events as requested and offer invocations at department functions; visit sick or injured department employees and their families; provide spiritual guidance upon request; and

assist in finding resources for the homeless or indigent.

To be qualified as a police chaplain, the volunteer must be ordained by a recognized religious body, be able to perform duties in a non-denominational manner, establish a rapport with police officers, uphold confidentiality in accordance with the law, have a specialized interest in law enforcement chaplaincy, pass a stringent background check and agree to keep up-to-date with events and situations in the police department.

"The difference between a chaplain and a pastor, minister or

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Grazing initiative program sponsoring summer series

CLARENDON — A USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service summer series workshop, sponsored by the Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative program, will be Sept. 3 at Clarendon College in Clarendon. The workshop will include presentations and outdoor demonstrations presented by the NRCS, Donley County Soil and Water Conservation District and Texas AgriLife Extension. It will be held in the Bairfield

Activity Center on the college campus. Landowners who attend the workshop can expect to receive information on managing grazing lands through classroom instruction during the morning session, followed in the afternoon by practical demonstrations which will provide hands-on instruction in the field concerning forage production and management.

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Friday-Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South-southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 89. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South-southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 86. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east-southeast.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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YARD SALE weather permitting, 530 Lowry, 4:30pm. Fri., August 22.

Services tomorrow
TICE, Lorene Madeline (Nenee) — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Workshop

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The registration fee will include lunch and a newly-published handbook titled "Managing My Piece of Texas." The how-to guide was developed to assist landowners in managing grazing lands across the state. Topics in the handbook include estimating forage production, grazeable acres and setting proper stocking rates, among other grazing management principles.

To register for the workshop, call the Donley County SWCD office in the USDA Service Center at (806) 874-3561, extension 3. Deadline for registration is Aug. 29.

For more information on managing grazing lands, visit the GLCI web site at <http://www.GLCI.org> or the Texas NRCS Web site at <http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov>.

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Obituaries

Billie Jean James, 77



James

DECATUR, Texas — Billie Jean James, 77, died Aug. 19, 2008, at Dallas, Texas.

Services were to be at 2 p.m. today, Thursday, Aug. 21, 2008, at the First Baptist Church in Decatur with the Rev. Ken May officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Coker-Hawkins Funeral Home of Decatur.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, 2008, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mrs. James was born Jan.

8, 1931, in Wheeler County, to D.T. and Teba McCathern Pfeil. She was a volunteer for the Wise Regional Health System Auxiliary and a member of the First Baptist Church of Decatur.

Billie was preceded in death by her husband, parents, and a sister, Barbara Ring.

Survivors include three daughters, Jan O'Neal and husband Mike of Hobbs,

N.M., Guyla Eudey and husband Charles of Bowie, and Pam Turner and husband Randy of Aurora; 10 grandchildren, Jeremy Smith, Jami Mount, Graham Eudey, Erin Harris, Carrie Vincent, Sally Gathings, Guy Turner, Monty O'Neal, Kyle O'Neal and Trent O'Neal; 10 great-grandchildren; one sister, DeLena Young and husband Dean of Fort Townsen;

numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends.

MEMORIALS: Billie James Scholarship Fund, c/o First Baptist Church of Decatur, Adult 6 Department, 1200 W. Preskitt Road, Decatur, TX 76234.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home in Pampa from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, 2008.

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

Jenny Lind Myatt Ralls, 84



Ralls

SAN ANTONIO — Jenny Lind Myatt Ralls, 84, died Sunday, Aug. 17, 2008, in San Antonio.

Memorial graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, 2008, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, Texas, with the Rev. Robin Gantz, Presbyterian minister, and the Rev. Kenny Rigoulot, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Pampa, officiating.

Cremation and arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Ms. Ralls was born on Dec. 10, 1923, in Konowa,

Okla., and was raised in nearby Pampa, Texas. She was a 1941 graduate of Pampa High School, where she was a member of the National Honor Society and recipient of the Best Citizen Award.

She attended Amarillo Business College, where she earned an Associates of Business degree.

As a finance company manager for more than 50 years, she lived and worked

in San Antonio, and loved her adopted hometown. Jenny Lind was a member of the First Baptist Church of Universal City.

Survivors include a daughter, Karen Salmon and husband David of Spring, Texas; a son, John Everling and wife Debbie of Midlothian, Va.; two sisters, Norma J. Healy and husband Frank of Universal City, and Betty Bohlander of Pampa; three grandchildren; six great-

grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and devoted friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ben Ralls; her parents, Cecil and Hattie Myatt; two sisters, June Kelp and Mary Myatt; and a brother and sister-in-law, Ed and Rosie Myatt.

MEMORIALS: Macula Vision Research Foundation, Five Tower Bridge, 300 Barr Harbor Drive, Suite 600, West Conshohocken, PA 19428.

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

Lorene Madeline (Nenee) Tice, 73



Tice

Lorene Madeline (Nenee) Tice, 73, of Pampa, Texas, died Aug. 18, 2008, at Oklahoma City, Okla. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22, 2008, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Fines Marchman, pastor of First Baptist Church of Skellytown, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Mausoleum under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Miss Tice was born Sept. 14, 1934, in Pampa, to David F. and Minnie May Ford Tice. She worked for Your Laundry, Panhandle Packing Plant, Brown & Root, Arthur Brothers, and she retired from the Pampa Independent

School District as the head custodian of Horace Mann and Woodrow Wilson schools in 1998.

She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Lorene was an avid bowler in her younger days, winning several bowling league awards. She loved attending her grandchildren's activities and was their biggest cheerleader. They were her everything.

Lorene loved to go camping, fishing and family get-togethers. She was a Dallas Cowboys and Texas Rangers fan. She was preceded in

death by her parents; a sister, Gladys Griffin; and brothers, Woodrow F. Tice and Bennie George Tice.

Survivors include one son, Randell Tice and wife Sheri of Pampa; one grandson, Randy Allen Tice of Pampa; one granddaughter, Cassandra (Cassy) Elizabeth-May Tice of Pampa; two sisters, Alice Hassler and husband Jim, and Pauline Ware, all of Amarillo; two brothers, Milton Roy Tice of Pampa and Ralph (Butch) Tice and wife Barbara of Skellytown;

one sister-in-law, Elsie Tice of Skellytown; 19 nieces and nephews, and a host of great nieces and great nephews; and her grandpuppies, Turbo, Chloe, Allie, Boston and Diesel.

MEMORIALS: American Heart Association, 2514 82nd St., Suite B, Lubbock, TX 79424, or Pampa Optimist Club, P.O. Box 802, Pampa, TX 79066-0802.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, 2008.

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

Correction

The following correction was submitted by Mike Cox for a column published in Monday's edition of The News titled "Hole in the ground finally fulfilled a purpose":

My mathematical abilities have a lot to do with why I'm a writer and not an engineer or chemist.

An alert reader, an engineer, spotted some math errors in my column about Monahans' long-abandoned, 1928-vintage million dollar oil reser-

voir. (One piece of new information: The tank cost \$250,000 to build.)

For the record, while water does weigh slightly more than oil, the difference is only 8.34 pounds per gallon compared with about 8 pounds a gallon for oil. And a barrel of oil contains 42 gallons, not 50. (Sure, they call 'em 50-gallon barrels, but apparently that's just a turn of phrase.)

That means each barrel would weigh about 336 pounds, with the

pressure on the concrete floor of the tank amounting to some 870 pounds per square foot, not the calculation given in the column.

Finally, the math shows there was no way the tank could have held as much as 5 million gallons. It was designed to hold a million gallons, and that's what it held. Well, for a while.

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 2:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.
 3:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Faulkner and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.
 5:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to BSA Hospital.
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Viewpoints

Mineral deficiency: A hazard of old age ...

I TRY to eat my spinach. I really do. I like vegetables. I like fruit. I eat cheese. I eat peanut butter because it's good for you. However, as hard as I try to maintain a healthy diet, I cannot possibly eat enough of the recommended foods to get the suggested amount of nutrients to daily meet my "system" requirements.

My chiropractor believes I need more magnesium because I have trouble with my knees. Let me tell you, I have pert near overdosed on peanut butter and spinach trying to get enough magnesium (and iron) into my system lately. In fact, I've eaten both foods five to six days a week for an extended period of time.

I mean, how much spinach and/or peanuts does it take to get the required magnesium? What I get is extra weight. Hmph, I wish there was a delicate way to put this, but poundage is the one area I am definitely not lacking.

See my predicament? To say that this circumstance is frustrating is to verse my degree of aggravation in the most benevolent, and inaccurate, of terms.

I give up. Let me now say: I simply cannot afford to buy all the necessary vitamin tablets it would take to effectively augment my diet.

Sigh. BIG sigh. I didn't have this problem when I was younger. Now that I'm eating and watching my health

instead of stuffing myself with fast food, Twinkies and tortilla chips, I am literally falling apart. What is wrong with this picture? Is there anything good to come of advancing years?

Oh, yes! Calcium deficiency. Yippee.

Past a certain age, we women have calcium deficiency to which to look forward. Really, I'm scratching my head for a glimmer of an idea that would advance a feeling of optimism regarding my march toward the "golden" years, but no pluses are visible on the horizon. On the

contrary, most people who know me are quick to verify that I'm NOT getting any wiser, and I can certainly vouch that I'm not getting any wealthier.

Though my spiritual heart is young, I fear it is of little use in this struggle with Father Time.

Ah, but I suppose one advantage to aging is that being young now is harder to weather than when I was growing up. Gangs and violence by both sexes was practically unheard of at my school, and alcohol, not drugs, was prevalent. Then, too, I was completely ignorant of

anything called "crystal meth."

With another school year about to get under way, the folks at Narconon Arrowhead encourage parents to keep a close watch on their children for any warning signs of drug or alcohol use. In an electronic news release, Narconon offered the following "signs" for parents to take note of in their school-age kids:

- Missed classes, lateness, incomplete or missing assignments, falling grades;
- Accidents, mistakes;
- Sudden, unexplained weight loss or gain;
- Neglect of school, work or family affairs;
- Discontinuation of hobbies, sports or group activities;
- Deterioration in appear-

ance or hygiene;

- Change in communication with family or good friends;
- Secretive behavior;
- Missing money or unexplained money or new and expensive items, missing items of value;
- Health problems, change in sleep patterns, runny nose, cough, irritated shin, hangovers; and
- Explosive arguments, often over small matters.

Narconon provides a free booklet, "10 Things Your Friends May Not Know About Drugs," to help parents educate their children on the ills of addiction and experimentation with illicit drugs. Call 1-800-468-6933 toll-free to find out more.

Skyla Bryant
City Editor

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Aug. 21, the 234th day of 2008. There are 132 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

In the early hours of Aug. 21, 1968, the Soviet Union and other Warsaw Pact nations began invading Czechoslovakia to crush the "Prague Spring" liberalization drive led by Alexander Dubcek.

On this date:

In 1831, former slave Nat Turner led a violent insurrection in Virginia. (He was later executed.)

In 1858, the first of seven debates between Illinois senatorial contenders Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas took place.

'Of course, there are a lot of ways you can treat the blues, but it will still be the blues.'

— Count Basie
American bandleader (born this day in 1904, died 1984)

In 1878, the American Bar Association was founded in Saratoga, N.Y.

In 1911, Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" was stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris. (The painting turned up two years later, in Italy.)

In 1940, exiled Communist revolutionary Leon Trotsky died in Mexico City from wounds inflicted by an assassin the day before.

In 1944, the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union and China opened talks at Dumbarton Oaks in Washington that helped pave the way for establishment of the United Nations.

In 1959, Hawaii became the 50th state as President Eisenhower signed an executive order, five months after he'd signed the Hawaiian statehood bill.

In 1963, martial law was declared in South Vietnam as police and army troops began a crackdown on Buddhist anti-government protesters.

In 1983, Philippine opposition leader Benigno S. Aquino Jr., ending a self-imposed exile in the United States, was shot dead moments after stepping off a plane at Manila International Airport.

In 1991, the hard-line coup against Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev collapsed in the face of a popular uprising led by Russian federation President Boris N. Yeltsin.

Ten years ago: Samuel H. Bowers, a 73-year-old former Ku Klux Klan leader, was convicted in Hattiesburg, Miss., of ordering a 1966 firebombing that killed civil rights activist Vernon Dahmer. (Bowers died in prison in November 2006 at age 82.)

Five years ago: Alabama's top judge, Chief Justice Roy Moore, refused to back down in his fight to keep a Ten Commandments monument and lashed out at his colleagues who'd ordered it removed from the rotunda of the state judicial building.



E-mail urban legends keep growing ...

Tell me if you've heard this one:

"Police are warning motorists to be aware of a potentially deadly new gang initiation rite. Prospective gang members drive around at night with their headlights turned off, wait for the first friendly motorist to flash a high-beam signal as a warning, and then follow and kill the helpful driver. If you see a car with its headlights turned off, do NOT flash your high-beams at them."

If you've been on the Internet very long, chances are, you've received an e-mail with "this warning." Welcome to the wide world of Urban Legends! This story is a prank. No police department in the United States has reported any incidents of this type ever occur-

ring. In fact, law enforcement officials are very frustrated at the extent this story has spread. They report fielding thousands of calls from nervous drivers every month.

How did this story get started? No one knows. But the ease and speed of e-mail has given this prank nationwide attention.

Although some urban legends had their creation based on some sort of factual event, most are completely fabricated by tricksters. The more "truthful" they sound, the farther they will travel before they fade away.

Take, for instance, the

"stolen kidney" legend. It goes something like this:

"A guy meets a girl, they go to her room... and he passes out. He wakes up hours later in a bathtub full of ice, a metal pan underneath him, and a phone handy, with a note to call 911 and tell them he's had a kidney removed."

The legend goes on to say that "black market organ demand is creating this new type of crime. Beware of going home with someone you don't know."

If I didn't know better, I'd think this legend was started by worried parents, trying to scare their teenagers into

abstinence.

Organ theft is a very popular urban legend because it sounds like it COULD be true. The fear of just such an incident usually incites the e-mail reader to forward it to their closest thousand friends. And so the legend goes on ...

Urban legends have always been around. Only now, however, have they exploded into major myths. In large part, the Internet is to blame. New computer users often have the misconception that if their computer says something, it must be true! We tend to believe our computer over a story overheard at the company water cooler.

Another type of urban leg-

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Editorial thought

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around the nation:

■ Aug. 11
Courier-Post, Cherry Hill, N.J., on President Bush and China's human rights:

The president might have angered Chinese leaders, but he was right to challenge the country's repressive government.

President Bush properly used his world stature to turn a brighter light on China's despicable human rights record. Chinese officials were pre-

dictably defensive. Yet, China has an indefensible history of stifling freedom in Tibet and the rest of its country, as well as blocking United Nations efforts to end genocide in Sudan. ...

... There was hope expressed by Bush and other world leaders that the Olympics might prompt China to clean up its act. That has not been the case. ...

The Olympics offers more than an opportunity for world-class athletes to test their mettle. It also is a chance for people worldwide to learn more about China, its people, culture and history. In the process, the world might recognize the Chinese are not foreigners, but

a reflection of ourselves.

Yet, unfortunately, this coming out party for China isn't about being accepted by the world; but about the world accepting China on its own terms. ...

On the Net:
<http://www.courierpostonline.com>

■ Aug. 11
The Miami Herald, on how the anthrax-poisoning case and the FBI: The FBI's announcement last week

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Crow offers free music to voters

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Sheryl Crow is giving away free music — a tactic she calls the “Tupperware” party approach to inspiring young people to vote.

The Grammy Award-winning singer announced a plan Wednesday to give a digital copy of her album “Detours” to the first 50,000 people who register three friends to vote.

“I hope people wake up and emotionally engage in issues,” Crow told The Associated Press in a telephone interview during a visit to Los Angeles.

Crow’s giveaway is a kickoff to Rock the Vote’s voter registration drive.

She is also offering a free download of her politically charged song “Gasoline” to anyone who logs onto the Rock the Vote Web site or anyone on the group’s mailing list, said the organization’s executive director Heather Smith.

Crow, 46, was one of the founding artists of Rock the Vote 18 years ago. She said the “Detours” album fits perfectly into the group’s cause since the lyrics touch on topics such as adoption, breast cancer, the war in Iraq, the environment and Hurricane Katrina.

“It’s about the issues that everyone’s talking

about, but there’s a lot of hope,” Crow said. “At this moment in my life, writing about anything else would be uninteresting and impossible because I feel such urgency.”

Crow, who has advocated for environmental, health and humanitarian causes, said her fans know where she stands politically. But in this voter registration campaign she’s concerned only for the future of her 1-year-old son, Wyatt, and the future

of American democracy.

Crow suggested that more musicians should use their music to promote issues that affect Americans. She said she was inspired by pop musicians from the 1960s and 70s, when political songs were performed by Edwin Starr, Buffalo Springfield, Marvin Gaye and Peter Paul & Mary.

“There was healthy competition among artists to create art that was commercial and political at the

same time,” Crow said.

“Our music (now) is not representing the times — at least not socially and politically. Or maybe we’re just distracted.”

Rock the Vote aims to register 2 million young people to vote by November — the largest youth voter drive in history by three times, Smith said.

“These musicians speak to millions of people every day so for them to use their voices to inspire people is

a key part of our program,” she said.

Anyone who recruits three people to vote will have to log onto the Rock the Vote Web site and go through a verification process before receiving Crow’s album, Smith said.

On the Net:
Rock the Vote:
<http://www.rockthevote.com/sherylwantsyoutovote>

Spell

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category. Basically, it comes as a forwarded message from a friend, but originally sent by a “Scott Fitzgerald.” He claims that his system is infected with a nasty virus that (a) cannot be detected by any antivirus software and (b) will destroy your system within 14 days. As proof, he has you search your system for the virus file, named JDBGMGR.EXE.

However, any Windows user that searches for this file WILL FIND IT on their system. That’s because the JDBGMGR.EXE file is a legitimate Windows file (specifically the Java Debugger Manager). Despite the fact that the icon for this file is a stupid looking teddy bear, the file IS valid and should not be deleted. A similar virus hoax message went out a year or two ago about the dreaded “SULFBNK.EXE” file. Once again, it is a legitimate file and should not be deleted.

I usually get “warned” by some of my customers about these stories and viruses at least twice a week. So, before you forward a warning to your closest 500 friends, please check it out at one of the following Web sites first: <http://www.urbanlegendsonline.com>; <http://www.urbanlegends.about.com>; and <http://www.snopes.com>.

Please, don’t believe everything you receive via e-mail ...

I’ll see you in Cyberspace!

end, and perhaps the most popular, is the “false e-mail virus.” These days, the JDBGMGR.EXE hoax is the most popular in this category.

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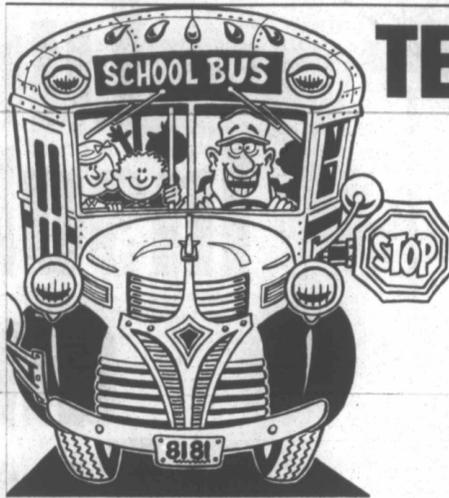
microbiologist Bruce E. Ivins, and the Justice Department says that if the evidence were presented to a jury, Mr. Ivins’ guilt would be proven beyond a reasonable doubt. Feel better now? Don’t.

Justice and the FBI are merely making the best of the information they have and the case they’re left with. Mind you, the evidence — all circumstantial — does present a strong case that Mr. Ivins was responsible for the attacks. But the manner in which this case was handled — by the nation’s premier investigative agency, no less — is cause for concern about the FBI’s efficacy and for doubt about the conclusions reached in this case. ...

The anthrax scare cost businesses millions of dollars and caused many Americans to lose faith in government’s ability to protect them. America needs an FBI that is more sure-footed and less prone to stumbling.

On the Net:
<http://www.miamiherald.com/opinion/editorials/story/636766.html>

that it has solved the 2001 anthrax-poisoning case that took the lives of five people was less than reassuring. After seven years, the FBI now blames Army



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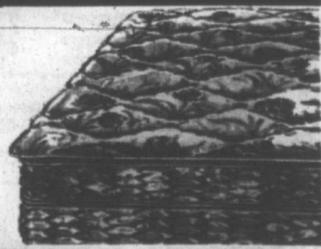
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Movies

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Seliger (R-Amarillo), Rep. John Smith (R-Amarillo) and David Swinford (R-Dumas), and has received strong support.

"David Swinford was a good supporter last session," Lindley said.

In the past, Lindley said that Texas had a strong filmmaking industry.

"There were studios, personnel, equipment," he said. "It was known as the Third Coast because of its robustness."

But making movies is an expensive and competitive industry.

Canada came up with the idea to offer incentives to producers if they would come to Canada to shoot their films, Lindley said. The country would reimburse producers for some of the money they spent in Canada.

"You can imagine the results," Lindley said.

State governments in the U.S. got wind of that and began their own programs.

"They began to look at this as an opportunity to take a bite out of that apple," Lindley said.

Louisiana and New Mexico are prime competitors of Texas in the film industry, he said, although several states have now adopted incentives.

Michigan has recently enacted legislation that would allow the state to reimburse filmmakers up to

42 percent of all money spent there on film production, Lindley said.

New Mexico in 2002 allocated \$8 million for film-related production.

"In 2006," Lindley said, "that number was raised to \$428 million."

Louisiana in 2002 had about \$20 million allocated for filmmaking.

"In 2006," Lindley said, "they exceeded \$620 million."

Shreveport, La., is now known as Hollywood South, he said.

"They were just a dusty old oil town," Lindley added.

The Amarillo filmmaker said Texas is losing a tremendous amount of revenue by not offering competitive incentives in the film industry.

"In the 2007 Legislature," Lindley said, "we put to work a 5 percent incentive package with a cap of \$20 million. That's how much the state would spend on this program."

That has had a tremendous impact on television commercials and video game production in the state, he said.

"They've done very well with the incentive packages in those industries," Lindley said.

But the broader film industry continues to erode in Texas, he added.

"I look at the film incentives that are offered as a bit of a necessary evil," Lindley said. "They're an economic development program."

He said he doesn't think an industry should be supported by the state when it can easily stand on its own merit.

"Texas was several years ago," Lindley said.

It is out of necessity, he said, that the state is being forced to offer incentives on par with other competitive states.

The state's current incentive package has brought in \$140 million in revenue this year, he said.

"It's had some impact," Lindley said, "but it's still not where we need to be."

He said that the Texas Motion Picture Alliance is trying to increase the incentives to 15 percent of all money spent in the state by a film company.

"One of the things that New Mexico offers," he said, "is their incentive package includes 25 percent of all qualified expenses."

The issue in Louisiana is that the incentive money there has to be brokered so it goes through a number of hands.

"Their rate is probably in the 18 percent range," Lindley said.

He said that he thinks Texas will end up with an effective 18 percent incentive package with the 15 percent incentive that's being proposed coupled with the tax abatements that are already being offered.

"We have a 6 percent lodging tax that will be waived for productions that are here for 30 days or longer," Lindley said.

He said that he hopes to be able to come up with a revenue neutral incentive package for the state. The state would neither make nor lose money on the incentives, but they would be able to create a positive economic impact in communities where the film projects are being shot. That economic impact, he said, would come back to the state in terms of more taxes paid and increased state fees.

"We did not expect to pass the incentive package that we have now," Lindley admitted.

The lobbyist in Austin said not to expect it to pass. He didn't think it ever would, but as it turned out, there was a lot of support from legislators.

"But we still see it as an uphill battle," Lindley said.

He said he thinks trying to continue the program will be difficult enough. He doesn't know if they'll be able to expand it.

"It's a tremendous battle," Lindley said. "We'll face stiff opposition to it when it happens."

Lindley said he's also working on a plan for local governments to enhance the state's incentive plan, particularly in the Panhandle. Those packages, he said would make money available to offset the costs of shooting a film in a specific area, but if no film is shot, the money would not be spent and the community wouldn't lose anything.

"But a great idea and making it work are two different things," Lindley said.

City

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This year's adjusted taxes are \$3,232,717. Next year's adjusted tax base is \$523,555,674, up from this year's \$478,548,551.

Plugging those numbers into the formula yields an effective tax rate for next year of 61.7454 per \$100 valuation.

If the city adopts that tax rate, tax revenue next year would decrease compared to this year by \$46,584, according to figures compiled by Gaye Whitehead, the Gray County Tax Assessor Collector.

The city owes about \$739,000 in principal or contract payments from certificates of obligations issued in 1999, 2001, 2005 and 2008. It also owes about \$138,000 in interest. That totals about \$878,000 that will be paid out from property taxes in principal and interest for the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

Bailey told commissioners last week that the general fund budget was built over the past few months based on the recommended 66.5-cent tax rate. She said the funding does include a 3 percent cost of living allowance increase, but it does not include capital funding for long-term projects.

"We think we can hold this," City Manager Trevlyn Pitner told the commission.

Pitner indicated that about \$400,000 still needed to be cut from proposed spending in next year's budget to bring it into balance, but he said that he thought that could be done by the time the proposed budget is presented to the city commission at its Aug. 26 meeting, which will begin at 4 p.m. in the city commission chambers on the third floor of City Hall.

PPD

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priest is that a chaplain is non-denominational," Stout said. "A chaplain performs his duties without regard to the religion of the person or officer he is helping, and

does not represent any particular religion. He is the keeper of the chapel, and his chapel can be the break room at the PD, at a crime scene, or in the lobby of the emergency room."

Chaplains will be encouraged to go out in the field with police officers, attend training sessions, accompa-

ny the SWAT team and go to the firing range.

"By experiencing the same pressures and stresses as the officers they are counseling, chaplains will better understand what those officers are going through," Stout said.

Pampa PD's volunteer chaplains have already

begun meeting, he said, but more are welcome to join.

"Amarillo and Randall County have a combined unit, the only other such program in the area," Stout said. "Borger has one chaplain."

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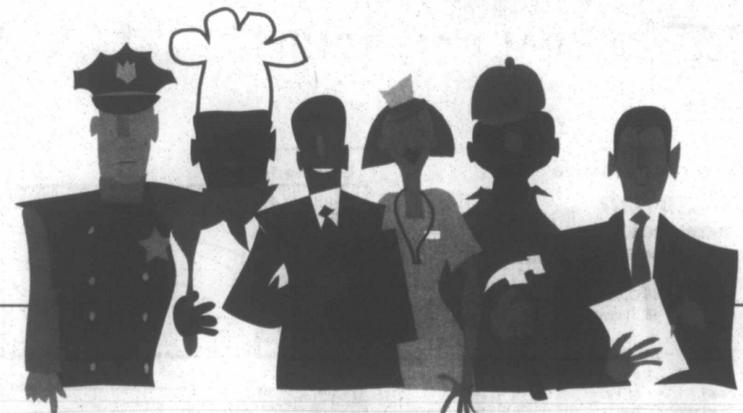
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My sister, "Frannie," and I are both professionals, married to men who are complete opposites. My husband, "Grady," is a blue-collar guy who never attended college. He has many wonderful qualities, but lacks self-esteem. He has a good, stable job and is more "street smart" than "book smart." Frannie's husband, "Austin," has a graduate degree and a professional career. He is also a "know-it-all" who loves to flaunt his knowledge to everyone, especially to Grady. This makes my husband feel insecure and makes it difficult for us to be around Austin and Frannie. I have told my sister how we feel. She says I need to talk to Austin about it. If I do, it will cause a huge argument. I just wish Austin could be a little less boastful and a bit more humble. Any suggestions on how to deal with this? -- **FRANNIE'S KID SIS**

DEAR KID SIS: Before I offer any, has it occurred to you that Austin may be even more insecure than your husband, and your sister is a wimp? It is not your "job" to teach her husband social behavior -- that's what a loving wife does when her husband does something obnoxious. And Austin's behavior falls into that category. Perhaps, if you point this out to Grady, it will help him feel less insecure around his windbag of a brother-in-law. Educated people who feel good about themselves do not have to show others how smart they are. In fact, they are so adept at sharing their knowledge that they can converse with anyone on any level without the person feeling talked down to.

DEAR ABBY: What do you think of marriages where the husband and wife merely tolerate each other and have little emotional connection? In our situation, my wife seems to accept that our marriage "just is," but I feel that marriage should offer more.

I would press for a divorce except for the fear of making matters worse. In this case, no children are involved. It's doubtful that counseling would change a thing. Do we just stick it out after 25 years of marriage? -- **LOVELESS IN GEORGIA**

DEAR LOVELESS: Marriages in which the spouses "merely tolerate each other with little emotional connection" are called marriages of convenience. I'm sad to say they are not uncommon. Some couples who have drifted apart have been able to reconnect through a program called Retrouvaille, which began in 1977 in Canada. Although it is Catholic in origin and orientation, it is open to all married couples regardless of their religion. I have mentioned Retrouvaille in my column before. It consists of a weekend, plus a series of 12 presentations that take place over the following three months. The program is run by three married couples and a priest. The "team couples," all of whom have experienced disillusionment, pain and anger in their own marriages, share their personal struggles, reconciliation and healing. Before you decide whether to continue living in an emotional desert or chuck the marriage entirely, ask your wife to attend a Retrouvaille weekend with you. It might be the spark you need to get your relationship going again, and it has worked for many other couples. For information on programs in your area, call toll-free 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.retrouvaille.org.

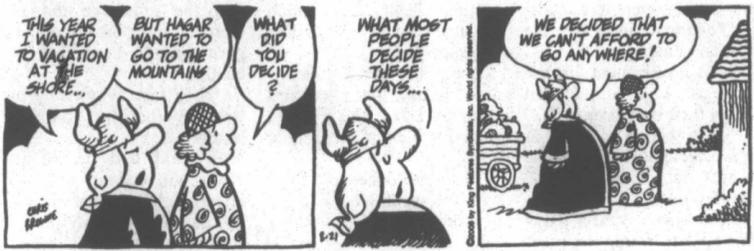
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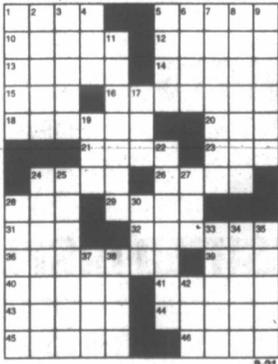
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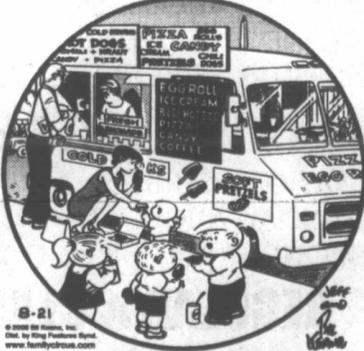


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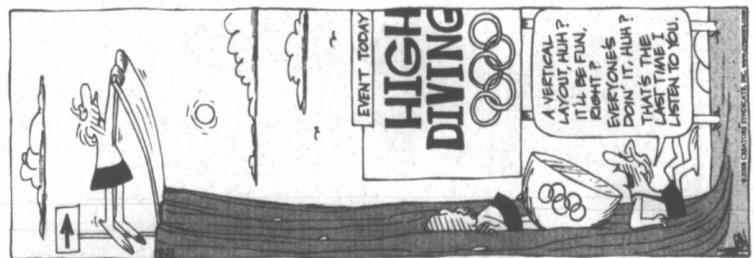


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NFLPA head Gene Upshaw dies of cancer at 63

NEW YORK (AP) — Gene Upshaw, the Hall of Fame guard who during a quarter century as union head helped get NFL players free agency and the riches that came with it, has died. He was 63.

Upshaw died Wednesday night at his home in Lake Tahoe, Calif., of pancreatic cancer, which was diagnosed only last Sunday, the NFL Players Association said Thursday. His wife Terri and sons Eugene Jr., Justin and Daniel were by his side.

"He was a giant in the NFL," New York Jets owner Woody Johnson said. "Gene continually served in the best interests of the game of football. He played a colossal role in the success the NFL enjoys today, even more than many people realize."

His death was first reported by Clear Channel Online that appeared on several radio Web sites.

Upshaw's death came only two days after the union announced he would hold a briefing on labor negotiations before the Sept. 4 season opener between Washington and the New York Giants.

His outstanding 15-season playing career was entirely with the Oakland Raiders and included two Super Bowl wins and seven Pro Bowl appearances. Upshaw's biography was posted on the front page of the Hall of Fame Web site Thursday along with his enshrinement speech from 1987.

In 1983, he became executive director of the players' association and guided it through the 1987 strike that led to replacement football. By 1989, the players had a limited form of freedom, called Plan B, and in 1993, free agency and a salary cap were instituted.

Since then, the players have prospered so much that NFL owners recently opted out of the latest labor contract, which was negotiated two years ago by Upshaw and then-commissioner Paul Tagliabue.

Upshaw was criticized by some for not being tough enough in talks with Tagliabue, a close friend of the union head. He also was blamed by many older veterans for not dealing sufficient-

ly with their health concerns.

But the salary cap for this season is \$116 million and the players are making close to 60 percent of the 32 teams' total revenues, as specified in the 2006 agreement. In all, the players will be paid \$4.5 billion this year, according to owners.

Upshaw recently became more aggressive in his dealings with the owners and Tagliabue's successor, Roger Goodell. Owners opted out of the collective bargaining agreement, which means a season without a salary cap in 2010. Upshaw declared the cap would disappear for good should there be no new deal by March 2010.

"I'm not going to sell the players on a cap again," Upshaw said. "Once we go through the cap, why should we agree to it again?"

NFL officials claimed players are getting a disproportionate amount of the revenue. Upshaw's supporters said management's viewpoint indicates he did his job well.

The players called a strike in 1987 — leading to games with replacements — and it wasn't until 1993 that labor peace was reached with a breakthrough seven-year contract. It included free agency and a salary cap. Almost ever since, player salaries have spiraled up along with revenue from television and marketing deals made by the league.

The NFLPA also has its own marketing arm, Players Inc., established in 1994, that has grown into a multimillion dollar operation.

Frequently was listed as one of the most powerful men in U.S. sports, Upshaw was drafted in the first round by Oakland in 1967 out of Texas A&I — hardly a football factory. He was an NAIA All-American at center, tackle and end, but was switched to left guard by the Raiders.

And that's where he stayed through a magnificent career that included 10 conference championship games as well as the Super Bowl victories.

AP Football Writer Barry Wilner contributed to this report.

US Olympic men, women drop out of 400 relays

BEIJING (AP) — Tyson Gay reached back to grab the baton "and there was nothing."

He's not the only American track favorite who will leave Beijing empty-handed.

The American men's and women's 400-meter relay teams both misconnected on the final handoffs in their preliminaries Thursday, a pair of stunning setbacks that made it that much easier for the Jamaicans to say the Bird's Nest is really their house.

Jamaican Veronica Campbell-Brown ran the fastest women's 200 in a decade to beat American Allyson Felix and complete her country's sweep of the four men's and women's sprint races, the first sweep since the United States did it in 1988. And with the Americans out of the mix in the relays, there could be even more gold in store for Usain Bolt and the rest of the Jamaican team.

"I think this Olympics is the Jamaican Olympics, no disrespect to the Americans," said Kerron Stewart, the Jamaican who finished third in the 200. "Dominating like we are, it's no surprise. I know it's been crazy because we've been on the podium a lot."

Not that it was a totally disappointing day for the Stars & Stripes.

LaShawn Merritt led a U.S. sweep in the men's 400 — the second American sweep of the track meet. But even that had a strange twist. The guy he beat, Jeremy Wariner, was the defending world and Olympic champion and the favorite. Wariner

lost the race by almost a full second, laboring down the stretch to hold off David Neville, who dove across the finish line.

Wariner joins a long list of 2007 world champions from the United States who failed to win gold in Beijing.

Felix (200), Gay (100, 200), Bernard Lagat (1,500), Brad Walker (pole vault) and Reese Hoffa (shot put) are the others who failed to win gold in their events this year. Of that list, only Felix got any kind of medal. Lolo Jones and Sanya Richards were other American favorites who came up short.

Americans David Payne and David Oliver picked up silver and bronze medals in the 110-meter hurdles, won by Cuba's Dayron Robles, whose path became clearer when Liu Xiang of China pulled out with a foot injury earlier in the week.

Gay also came in with health problems — the hamstring he strained at Olympic trials last month — but he ran. He didn't make it out of the semifinals of the men's 100 meters, though, and after the botched handoff in the relay, he'll leave not only without a medal but without having run in a final.

"I take full blame for it," Gay said of his bad exchange with Patton. "I kind of feel I let them down."

The men's relay team failed to reach the Olympic final for the first time since 1912. The women missed for the first time since 1948.

Indeed, preliminary rounds of relays are supposed to be about as routine as making the bed, filled with safe passes and no risks.

In the men's race, things were going smoothly for the United States through the first two legs. But when Patton closed in on Gay and Gay reached backward, they couldn't connect. Patton made a final lunge to get the stick to Gay before he ran out of the passing zone, but as Gay's hand closed, the stick wasn't in it. It bounced off the rain-slickened track, and the crowd gasped.

Gay said he felt the baton but "then I went to grab it and there was nothing. It's kind of the way it's been happening to me this Olympics."

Patton said he was every bit as much to blame. "That's Tyson Gay," he said. "He's a humble guy, but I know it's my job to get the guy the baton and I didn't do that."

The women were also in good shape heading into the final exchange, but Lauryn Williams didn't receive the baton from Edwards. It fell to the ground as Edwards yelled and covered her face with her hands. Williams went back to retrieve it and finished the race — but the Americans were dead last.

Williams will now go down as the American involved in not one but two

faulty Olympic exchanges that cost her team a chance at a medal. In 2004, she misconnected with Marion Jones in the final and the Americans were disqualified for making the exchange outside the 20-meter handoff zone.

"If people want to assess the blame to me, that's OK," Williams said. "I mean, I can take whatever it is that people are going to dish out. We had good chemistry. The hand was back there. She was there. I don't know what happened."

Had they advanced in either race, the Americans may not have been favored anyway, considering the world records Bolt set over the past week in the 100 and 200 and the way Jamaica has dominated the women's sprints as well.

Both Jamaican teams won their relay heats, and the men did it without Bolt on the track, meaning when he returns for the final Friday, the world record of 37.40 could be in jeopardy. The team will also include Asafa Powell, who held the 100 mark before Bolt broke it.

Now, Jamaica also has an even clearer path toward being called the dominant team of these Olympics. With three days left in the meet, Jamaica has five gold medals, one more than the United States. Not a bad scoreboard for an island country of 2.8 million, which would be only the third-largest city in the U.S.

"They're dominating," Felix said. "They're running well all the way around. I wouldn't say I'm surprised because they've always been so strong."

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Bronze Medal Winner

National Football League: Preseason Glance

AMERICAN CONFERENCE East						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	38	38
Miami	1	1	0	.500	25	31
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	34	33
New England	0	2	0	.000	25	25
South						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Houston	2	0	0	1.000	50	43
Tennessee	2	0	0	1.000	51	29
Jacksonville	1	1	0	.500	34	36
Indianapolis	1	2	0	.333	52	62
North						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	31	38
Cincinnati	1	1	0	.500	30	44
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	37	34
Cleveland	0	2	0	.000	54	61
West						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Denver	1	1	0	.500	39	32
Kansas City	1	1	0	.500	41	47
Oakland	1	1	0	.500	34	23
San Diego	1	1	0	.500	37	24
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Washington	3	0	0	1.000	60	40
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500	47	47
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	34	29
Dallas	0	2	0	.000	30	54
South						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Tampa Bay	2	0	0	1.000	44	16
Carolina	1	1	0	.500	36	44
New Orleans	1	1	0	.500	51	51
North						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Atlanta	0	2	0	.000	26	36
West						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Detroit	2	0	0	1.000	40	20
Minnesota	1	1	0	.500	40	49
Chicago	0	2	0	.000	46	53
Green Bay	0	2	0	.000	23	54
West						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Seattle	2	0	0	1.000	63	43
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	37	41
St. Louis	1	1	0	.500	20	40
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	40	40

Beijing police grab foreign and Chinese activists

BEIJING (AP) — Police descended on a group of foreign pro-Tibet activists and some disgruntled business owners from Hong Kong on Thursday, taking both groups away minutes after they displayed protest signs in central Beijing.

The abrupt end of the separate protests underscores China's determination to prevent any disruption during the Olympics.

The government has said it would allow protests in three areas during the games, but no application to hold a demonstration has been accepted. One of the Hong Kong protesters on Thursday, Wang Pei, told The Associated Press his group also tried to submit an application.

"But police put up many

obstacles to make it difficult," Wang said from a police station where the group — five men, two women and a teenage girl — was being held.

The group went to the Zhongnanhai compound in central Beijing where China's leaders live and work and waved a green and yellow sign that said "Hong Kong businesses want justice." After about five minutes they were taken away by police.

Wang said he and several others in the group had invested in a business in Shanghai but were cheated out of their money and had not been able to reclaim it despite winning a court ruling that awarded them \$150,000 in a settlement.

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US softball team denied gold, loses 3-1 to Japan

BEIJING (AP) — Losing for the first time since 2000, the U.S. softball team was denied a chance for a fourth straight gold medal Thursday, beaten 3-1 by Japan in the sport's last appearance in the Olympics for at least eight years — and maybe for good.

Yukiko Ueno, Japan's remarkably resilient right-hander, shut down the Americans and handed them their first loss since Sept. 21, 2000 at the Sydney Games. The U.S. had won 22 straight since then, most of them with outrageously lopsided scores.

Another gold was certainly within reach. Instead, they walked off Fengtai Field with their heads bowed.

"It hurts a lot," slugger Crystl Bustos said. "You train your whole life and you want to win. You don't expect to lose."

The U.S. team never led and made two uncharacteristic errors in the seventh inning to help the Japanese

add an important insurance run — one they didn't even need.

When Caitlin Lowe grounded to third for the final out, Vicky Galindo, who led off the U.S. team's seventh inning with a pinch-hit single, wrapped her hands over her helmet and cringed.

Moments later, U.S. coach Mike Candrea huddled with his stunned players, many of whom couldn't even look up. Lowe choked back tears as Bustos tried to console her overwhelmed teammates.

Bustos, who homered in the fourth for the Americans' only run, was first in line to congratulate the Japanese players. As she shook hands with the U.S. team, Japan catcher Yukiyo Mine teared up.

"You don't want it to end this way, but it's all we could do," said Bustos, who attended the medal ceremony wearing sunglasses.

This wasn't how it was

supposed to end for the Americans, who had lost just four of 36 in Olympic play.

Not this team. Not this time. Not this tournament.

The U.S. has dominated the sport since its Olympic debut in 1996, winning all three golds, rewriting the record books and setting a standard for a sport considered too All-American by some.

It was the Americans' utter domination — they outscored the field 51-1 four years ago in Greece — that may have contributed to the International Olympic Committee's decision to drop the sport in a close vote taken in 2006.

The U.S. arrived in China determined to put on a show of power, precision and poise. And except for a tense, nine-inning 4-1 win over Ueno and Japan in the semifinals, the Americans had done just that. That game was by far their toughest test in the

tournament — until they met Ueno again in the final.

One of the few players in the field who could win a roster spot on the U.S. squad, she stopped the Americans on a cool, drizzly night. The day before, she had pitched 21 innings — the equivalent of three complete games — to get her team to the gold-medal match. Less than 24 hours later she was back on the mound and appeared no worse for it.

The 26-year-old Ueno was handed the ball again by coach Haruka Saito, who didn't have many other options against the U.S. team's relentless top-to-bottom attack.

Except for Bustos' homer, Ueno was in command. She was able to escape a pair of one-out, bases-loaded situations to keep the American scoring machine in check. And needing three outs in the seventh, her shortstop raced into foul territory to snag a

pop up by Tairia Flowers and then her third baseman backhanded Natasha Watley's hot smash.

Always out front, this time the U.S. found itself trailing 2-0 in the fourth inning. It was the first time the Americans were behind by more than a run in four Olympics, and it proved to be too much for the world's best lineup to overcome.

Bustos had cut it to 2-1 with her 14th career homer, and it looked as if the Americans would finally get to Ueno in the sixth when they loaded the bases.

Lowe singled leading off and Candrea, who came in 17-0 in Olympic games, had Jessica Mendoza, one of his power hitters, sacrifice. The decision moved Lowe to second, but it allowed Ueno to avoid Bustos by intentionally walking the fearsome slugger.

Kelly Kretschman walked to put runners at every base,

but Andrea Duran popped to short and Stacey Nuveman, a three-time Olympian, popped to second.

Ueno had done it again, and sensing they had dodged disaster, the Japanese players sprinted off the field while doubt began creeping into the Americans' dugout.

Surely, though, they would come back in the seventh.

But the timely hits that were always there, were swallowed up by Japan's sure hands.

And when the last out of softball's farewell game was recorded, there was nothing, more the U.S. team could but wonder what went wrong.

Too emotional to talk, the Americans retreated to their locker room before filing back onto the field for the awards ceremony.

They stepped onto the risers to the right of the smiling gold-medal winners and accepted silver.

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Golden Trowell



Keven Romines was recently presented the Golden Trowell Award at an open meeting of the Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381 AF&AM in Pampa. The Golden Trowel is the lodge's formal recognition of a member's devoted service to Masonic principles in general or to his lodge. Above: Keven is presented the award by his father James "PeeWee" Romines.

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Events calendar

In observation of August as World Breastfeeding Month, the Outreach Health Services WIC office in Pampa is making available to the public breastfeeding information at its office at 1201 N. Hobart, Suite 1-1.

The Wheatheart Satellite of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Texas Panhandle will hold a 5K race and Family Fun Walk Aug. 23 at Perryton High School in Perryton. The walk will start at 8 a.m. followed by the race at 8:30 a.m. The deadline to preregister is Aug. 8. The entry fee is \$25 and includes a T-shirt. The Family Fun Walker

Package is \$90. For more information, call (806) 434-0016 or e-mail bigsmagic@windstream.net.

Texas AgriLife Extension Service and the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, State Energy Conservation Office, are partnering to promote upcoming orientation and grant-writing training meetings to introduce the Texas Agriculture Technical Assistance Program. A meeting in this area is scheduled from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 25 at PYCO Industries in Lubbock. For more information, call 1-800-732-1399.

A farm bill meeting is

scheduled from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Aug. 25 at Fair Park Auditorium in Childress for producers with Farm Bill questions. The guest speaker will be Dr. Joe Outlaw, AgriLife Extension economist and co-director of Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University. The program will include an explanation of the Average Crop Revenue Election, changes on payment limitations, adjusted gross income criteria for payment eligibility and more. For additional information, call Lonnie Jenschke at (940) 937-2351 or at ljenschke@tamu.edu.

Services-To-At-Risk Youth and Their Families will conduct a free "Back in Control Parenting Workshop" from 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 6 at Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation Children's Services Building in Amarillo. Participants must preregister to join. Instructors will be Janice James, MA, UCAP coordinator, QMHP, and Ruth Sullivan, QMHP, STAR case manager II. Continuing education units will be available. For more information, call (806) 359-2005.

Insurance gap leads some elderly to forgo meds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many people in Medicare with diabetes, high blood pressure and other chronic conditions stop taking their medicine when faced with picking up the entire cost of their prescriptions, researchers say.

About 3.4 million older and disabled people hit a gap, known as the doughnut hole, in their Medicare drug coverage in 2007. When that happened, they had to pay the entire costs of their medicine until they spent \$3,850 out of pocket. Then, insurance coverage would kick in again.

About 15 percent of those hitting the coverage gap stopped their treatment regimen. That rate varied depending upon illness. For example, about 10 percent of diabetes patients stopped buying the medicine, as did 16 percent of patients with high blood pressure and 18 percent of patients with osteoporosis.

The drug benefit, which began in 2006, has come in under budget. Most participants report they are satisfied with the program. But many lawmakers and health analysts say improvements could be made.

"If a new president and Congress consider changes to the drug benefit, it will be important to keep in mind that the coverage gap has consequences for some patients with serious health conditions," said Drew Altman, the chief executive officer and president of the Kaiser Family Foundation. The foundation conducted the study with researchers at Georgetown University and the University of Chicago.

The Republican-led Congress in 2003 crafted the doughnut hole as a way to make the drug benefit more affordable for the federal government.

The researchers based their findings on pharmacy claims data provided by IMS Health, a company specializing in collecting health care data. They excluded people who get extra help in paying for their drug coverage because of their income; they do not pay the full cost of medicine even when in the doughnut hole.

When looking at spending by people who did not receive the extra help, researchers could determine when they hit the coverage gap, which began at \$2,400 in total drug spending. They also could determine when they passed through the gap and catastrophic coverage kicked in.

The researchers focused their analysis on eight categories of drugs. Those least likely to stop taking their medicine were Alzheimer's patients, at 8 percent. Those most likely, at 20 percent, were patients taking medicine for heartburn, ulcers and acid reflux disease, 20 percent.

Jeff Nelligan, a spokesman for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, said the coverage gap kicks in after participants have saved about \$1,600 on their drug costs, on average. He also noted that many plans offer some coverage when beneficiaries hit the doughnut hole. Those plans cost at little as \$28.70 a month, and are available in every state for less than \$50 a month.

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