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Rodeo queens Markie Oden (left) and Jennifer Huffhines present Braeden King with free tickets to this year's Top O' Texas Rodeo as a prize for finding the Golden Horseshoe.

Grand Jury indicts 22 people

By Marilyn Powers
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A Gray County grand jury handed up 22 indictments Thursday in 223rd District Court. The indictments were for two first-degree felonies, five second-degree felonies, five third-degree felonies and 10 state jail felonies.

Zachary Lee Mears, 28, was indicted for manufacture/delivery of one gram or more but less than four grams of a controlled substance, enhanced. Bond on the first-degree felony was set at \$4,500.

On Oct. 19, 2007, Mears allegedly possessed with intent to deliver one gram or more but less than four grams of methamphetamine.

On Aug. 25, 2005, he was convicted in 31st District Court in Gray County of the felony offense of possession of a controlled substance.

Thalia Rodriguez, 20, was indicted for manufacture/delivery of four grams or more but less than 200 grams of a controlled substance. Bond on the first-degree felony was set at \$20,000.

On March 13, Rodriguez allegedly possessed with intent to deliver four grams or more but less than 200 grams of cocaine.

Spencer Ray Boyd, 55, was indicted for possessing a prohibited substance in a correctional facility, enhanced. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$3,500.

On Jan. 4, Boyd allegedly possessed cocaine while in Gray County Jail.

On Nov. 8, 2001, Boyd was convicted in 31st District Court in Gray County of the felony offense of delivery of a controlled substance.

Jarred Duane Moler, 20, was indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$7,500.

On Aug. 9, 2007, Moler allegedly caused bodily injury

to a person by striking the person in the chest with a firearm.

Joshua Lloyd Mullen, 23, was indicted for burglary of a habitation. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$7,500.

On March 5, 2007, Mullen allegedly entered a habitation with intent to commit theft and without the effective consent of the owner.

Mullen was also indicted for two counts of credit card or debit card abuse. Bond on each of the state jail felonies was set at \$3,000.

On Feb. 19, 2007, Mullen allegedly used a credit card and a debit card with knowledge that the cards had not been issued to him and with knowledge that the cards were not used with the effective consent of their owner.

Jerry Lynn Norwood, 43, was indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$10,000.

On Nov. 14, 2007, Norwood allegedly caused bodily injury to a person by stabbing the person in the leg with a sword.

Jose Zamora, 25, was indicted for burglary of a habitation. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$10,000.

On May 28, 2007, Zamora allegedly entered a habitation without the effective consent of the owner and with intent to commit assault.

Jessica Marie Cinicio, 18, was indicted for possession of one gram or more but less than four grams of a controlled substance. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$10,000.

On Jan. 5, Cinicio allegedly possessed one gram or more but less than four grams of cocaine.

Zachary Malone, no age given, was indicted for assaulting a public servant. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$10,000.

On Jan. 18, Malone allegedly struck a Pampa police officer in the face while the officer was lawfully attempting to arrest him.

Justin Allen Thomas, 20, was indicted for forgery of a government or national government instrument or security. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$5,000.

On Jan. 24, Thomas allegedly passed to another person seven \$20 bills and one \$10 bill in forged U.S. currency while knowing that the bills were forged.

Thomas was also indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$2,500.

On Jan. 8, Thomas allegedly possessed less than one gram of methamphetamine.

Ricky Torres, 21, was indicted for possession of one gram or more but less than four grams of a controlled substance. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$10,000.

On Jan. 5, Torres allegedly possessed one gram or more but less than four grams of cocaine.

Steven Wade Trejo, 22, was indicted for possession of one gram or more but less than four grams of a controlled substance. Bond on the third-

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Thornberry: Wind energy tax credits will be extended

By David Bowser
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AMARILLO -- Pampa's congressman thinks the production tax credits for wind energy will be extended before the end of the year. The question, he said, is what form the legislation will take.

Congressman Mac Thornberry, in Amarillo for a groundbreaking at the Bell Helicopter Military Aircraft Assembly Center, said today that the federal production tax credit due to expire at the end of December will be extended, but one of the questions surrounding them is for how long?

"I think longer is better so that people can make financial decisions," Thornberry said. The second question, he said, is what are the tax credits going to be packaged with? "What we ought to do is have an energy bill to produce energy of all kinds, including wind energy," Thornberry said, "and it ought to be a broad, comprehensive bill."

But he said he doesn't know if that is how it will play out in Congress.

"That's what we're trying to get up on the floor of the House," Thornberry said. The U.S. Congress, now in their summer recess, will only have about six weeks to get a lot of work done after they return to Washington before they adjourn again.

Thornberry has introduced an energy bill that calls for a 10-year extension of the wind energy production tax credits, but he said that he has also co-sponsored a bill that calls for a five-year extension.

"Five is the minimum that the wind companies have told

me they need for planning purposes," Thornberry said. Congress has renewed them in the past on roughly a three-year basis. When the production tax credits have been allowed to lapse, expansion of the wind energy industry has historically slowed.

"I think it will be extended," Thornberry said. "There is widespread support for it. The question is what's going



staff photo by David Bowser
Congressman Mac Thornberry, center, greets Dr. Fred Davis of West Texas A&M University and Amarillo City Commissioner Jim Sims during groundbreaking ceremonies at the Bell Helicopter facility in Amarillo.

to be in that package?" That, he says, is going to be hard to know.

Thornberry was in Amarillo today to participate in a groundbreaking ceremony at Bell Helicopter that will expand the huge white assembly building by 50 percent. It's the second expansion of the building since Bell began building the V-22 Osprey here almost 10 years ago.

Their assembly facility here, which employs a number of Pampanos, also involves the UH-1 "Huey" and the Cobra helicopters.

Roger Williams, executive director and site leader, said he expects the facility to expand even more with hangars being build for the helicopter operation as the V-22 tilt rotor aircraft grows into the present helicopter hangar space.

"A year from October," Williams said, motioning toward the scene of the groundbreaking ceremony, "we can this again."



staff photo by Randy Pribble
Pampa VFW Post President Danny Martin (left) talks with John Thomas during a meeting Monday evening of volunteers who have organized to bring a Vietnam War Memorial replica to the city in November. The group will meet again at 6 p.m. Monday at the VFW Post. Anyone interested in helping with the project may attend.

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

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 88. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64. East-southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Obituaries

Bret Lee Atchley, 46

MIDLAND — Bret Lee Atchley, 46, of Midland, died Sunday, Aug. 10, 2008. Memorial services are scheduled at 10 a.m.

Wednesday in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Patrick Payton officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral

Home of Midland. The family will receive friends between 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Online condolences may be

submitted at www.mem.com.

Ray C. Belcher, 80

Ray C. Belcher, 80, of Pampa, died Aug. 12, 2008, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Belcher was born Aug. 27, 1927, at McAlester, Okla. He had been a Pampa since the mid-1950s and worked for Ogden & Son Tire Co. for 43 years.

Mr. Belcher was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marie. Survivors include special

friend, Peggy Smith of Pampa. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Patsy Elizabeth Fairchild

FOUNTAIN, Colo. — Patsy Elizabeth Fairchild died Aug. 9, 2008.

Services are scheduled at 9 a.m. Thursday at Dove-Witt Fountain Valley Chapel in

Fountain. Internment will take place at a later date in Canadian, Texas.

Mrs. Fairchild was preceded in death by parents, sister, husband and two children.

Survivors include two sons, Richard Frank Fairchild and Quentin Fairchild; two daughters, Sally McDermitt and Nancy Sommerfeld; a sister, Marion

Jenkins; numerous grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at Dove-Witt Fountain Valley Chapel.

Dr. Matthew B. Kirkpatrick, 28

Matthew Kirkpatrick, 28, of Fayetteville, Ark., died Thursday, Aug. 7, 2008, in Tonitown, Ark.

Born Oct. 11, 1979, in Port Arthur, Texas, he was the son of Reed Bryan and Chris Manning Kirkpatrick.

Matthew earned his Bachelor's degree at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas, in 2002, his Master's at Midwestern University in Wichita Falls, Texas, in 2004 and has been awarded his Doctorate by the University of Arkansas,

posthumously.

As a historian, he taught at the University of Arkansas, Fort Smith and the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

He was an active and dedicated member of First Baptist Church of Fayetteville and was an Eagle Scout.

Matthew is survived by his wife, Naomi Kirkpatrick of Fayetteville; his parents,



Kirkpatrick

Reed and Chris Kirkpatrick of Pampa, Texas; and his brother, Daniel Kirkpatrick and his wife, Michelle of Fort Worth, Texas.

Funeral Services were held on Monday, Aug. 11 at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Fayetteville under the direction of Moore's Chapel. Douglas Falknor, pastor, officiated.

Graveside services will be

at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, Texas with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, of First Baptist Church in Pampa, officiating.

Visitation was held on Sunday, Aug. 10 from 4-6 p.m. at Moore's Chapel.

Memorial Gifts may be made to CASA of the High Plains, 315 N. Ballard, Pampa, TX 79065.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.moorefuneral.com or <http://www.moorefuneral.com>

Indictments

Continued from Front Page degree felony was set at \$10,000.

On Jan. 5, Trejo allegedly possessed one gram or more but less than four grams of cocaine.

George Glen Eggleston, 43, was indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On Jan. 30, Eggleston allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine.

Robbie Eugene Godsey II, 20, was indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$2,000.

On Aug. 10, 2006, Godsey allegedly possessed less than one gram of methamphetamine.

Ira Don Hicks, 38, was indicted for driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On Jan. 27, Hicks allegedly operated a motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated

on alcohol and while the vehicle was occupied by a passenger younger than 15 years of age.

Kristi Gayle Maddox, 22, was indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On Oct. 3, 2007, Maddox allegedly possessed less than one gram of methamphetamine.

Stanley Erle Nash, 52, was indicted for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On Jan. 20, Nash allegedly used a vehicle to flee from a peace officer who was attempting lawfully to arrest or detain him.

Richard Eugene Wormington, 40, was indicted for money laundering of \$1,500 or more but less than \$20,000.

He was also indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on each of the state jail felonies was set at \$10,000, for total bond of \$20,000.

On Jan. 9, Wormington allegedly possessed or transported the proceeds of possession and transport of a controlled substance, with the value of the funds at \$1,500 or more but less than \$20,000. Also on that date, Wormington allegedly possessed less than one gram of methamphetamine.

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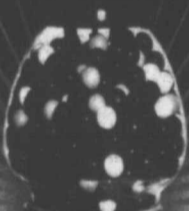
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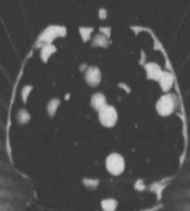
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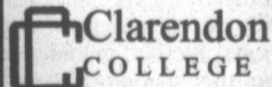


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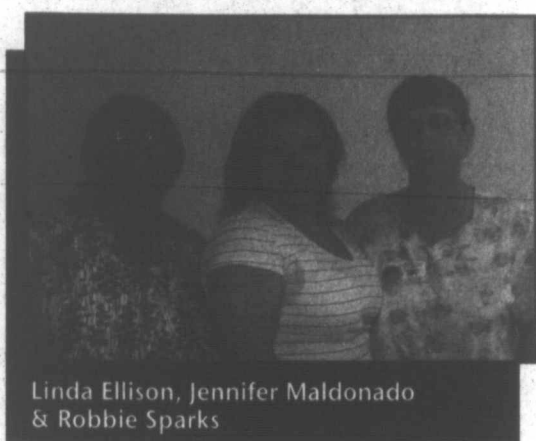
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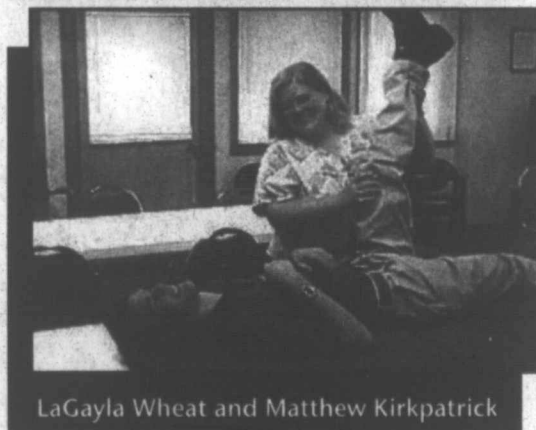
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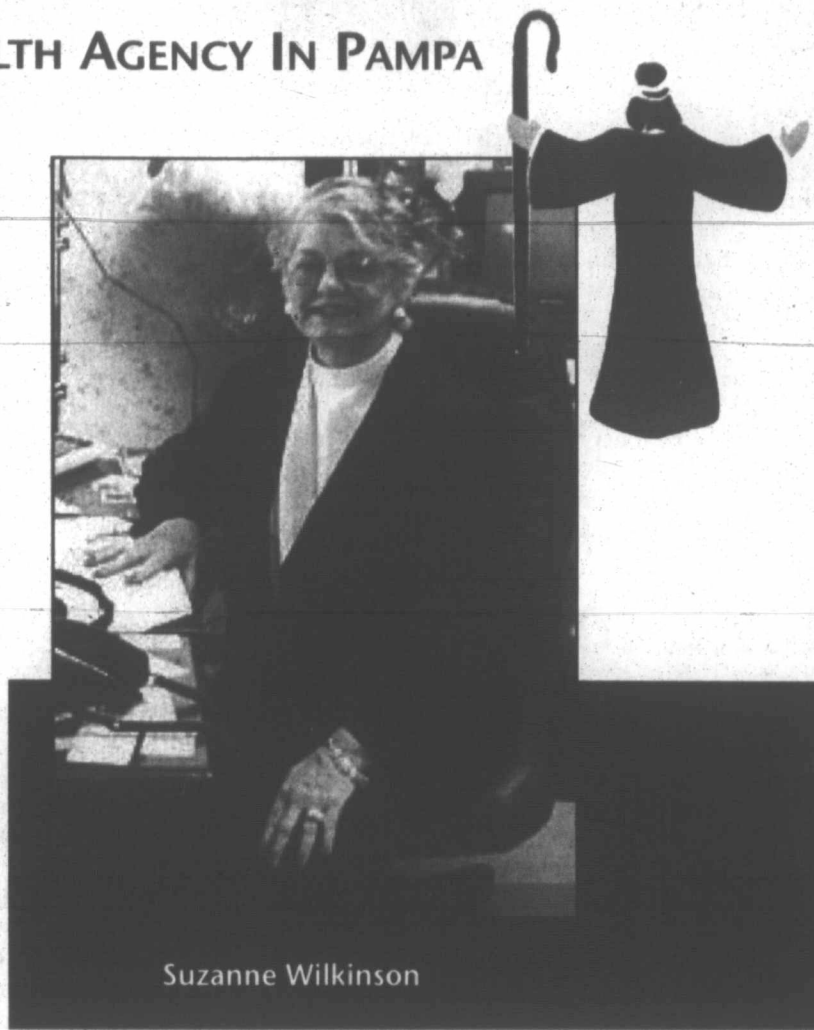
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Viewpoints

Remember: Winning isn't everything

The 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, China, have so far lived up to my expectations of offering both stunning triumphs and deep disappointments for competitors and spectators.

As of this morning, the U.S. athletes had earned seven gold medals, six silver and eight bronze, making us the country that has been awarded the most medals to date.

There are such a variety of events that it might be difficult for someone to find nothing that could interest them. I for one have been following the swimming events, in which U.S. entrants have collected five each of the gold, silver and bronze medals.

Other medalists from the U.S. include the women's fencing team. These ladies grabbed one each of the medals for their contest.

The U.S. men's gymnastics team captured my attention, also. Some of them seemed a little off their game, while others turned in spectacular performances to give them a chance at a medal when final competition begins.

The U.S. women's sculling team also remains in the running for a medal. They

earned the right to be in the final showdown when they placed second in their group earlier this week.

The Olympics represent years of commitment and sacrifice by athletes to earn the chance to compete against the world in their chosen activity. Each athlete deserves respect and support.

Local athletes deserve no less respect and support. This is true no matter what the age of the competitor. When I see a parent pushing a child to be a superstar in some sport, or a parent showing disappointment in a child when that child's sports performance did not meet the parent's expectations, I cringe.

It's a version of the phenomenon sometimes referred to as "pageant moms." Pageant moms are mothers who are convinced their daughters are the most beautiful, talented females on the face of the earth, and who spend all their waking moments working to see crowns and sashes placed on those

children at every pageant they can find to enter.

Parents and others should remember that the most important thing about any competition is the competition itself, especially where children are involved. Such events should be chances for fun, for improving skills and for meeting and socializing with others while learning a few useful things to apply to other aspects of life.

When the new school season starts later this month, I hope everyone remembers that winning isn't everything and that what is most important is how the game is played. I realize that winning is fun, exciting and rewarding, but let's not turn sports into a source of torture for children by expecting them to win every time and making their lives miserable when they don't.

Adults should also avoid demanding that a child play a sport for which they are not suited and do not have any interest. And let's not

forget that it is just as important to offer support and encouragement for academic pursuits and competition, too.

One time I was one of three students representing my high school at the University Interscholastic League state championships in Austin. I was in an academic event, while the other two were in an athletic competition.

When we arrived at our motel in Austin, a telegram from back home was waiting for us. The message was one of support and encouragement. The only problem with it, from my point of view, was that it was addressed to the two athletes only. Nowhere was I mentioned.

I'm sure the oversight was not intentional, but it was disappointing, nonetheless. I got the feeling that since I wasn't in an athletic event, whatever I did couldn't possibly be of any interest.

Parents should be cheerleaders for their children, no matter what type of activity the child is working to master.

Meanwhile, I'm going to enjoy the rest of the Olympics this week.

Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer



Welfare state anathema to free society

Edgar K. Browning, professor of economics at Texas A&M University, has a new book aptly titled "Stealing from Each Other." Its subtitle, "How the Welfare State Robs Americans of Money and Spirit," goes to the heart of what the book is about. The rise of equalitarian ideology has driven Americans to steal from one another. Browning explains that certain kinds of equality have been a cherished value in America. Equality under the law and, within reason, equality of opportunity is consistent with a free society. Equality of results is an anathema to a free society and within it lies the seeds of tyranny.

Browning entertains a discussion about when inequalities are just or unjust. For example, college graduates earn income higher than high-school dropouts. Some people prefer to work many hours and earn more than others who prefer to work fewer. Students who spend 25 or more hours a week on classroom preparation earn higher grades than students who spend five hours. Most would agree that these inequalities are just. There are other sources of inequalities that are unjust, such as when incomes result from fraud, corruption, stealing, exploitation, oppression and the like. Such sources of inequality play an insignificant role in producing income inequality in America. Most economists agree that income is closely related to productivity.

Much of the justification for the welfare state is to

Walter Williams

Columnist



reduce income inequality by making income transfers to the poor. Browning provides some statistics that might help us to evaluate the sincerity and truthfulness of this claim. In 2005, total federal, state and local government expenditures on 85 welfare programs were \$620 billion. That's larger than national defense (\$495 billion) or public education (\$472 billion). The 2005 official poverty count was 37 million persons. That means welfare expenditures per poor person were \$16,750, or \$67,000 for a poor family of four.

Those figures understate poverty expenditures because poor people are recipients of non-welfare programs such as Social Security, Medicare, private charity and uncompensated medical care. The question that naturally arises is if we're spending enough to lift everyone out of poverty, why is there still poverty? The obvious answer is poor people are not receiving all the money being spent in their name. Non-poor people are getting the bulk of it.

Browning's concluding chapter tells us what the welfare state costs us. He acknowledges the non-economic costs such as infringements on liberty and strains on the political process, but focuses on the quantitative economic costs. The disincentive effects of Social

Security have reduced the GDP by 10 percent, the federal income tax (as opposed to a proportional tax) by 9 percent and past deficits by 3.5 percent for a total of 22.5 percent. He guesses that welfare programs have reduced GDP by 2.5 percent. The overall effect of redistributionist policies has created incentives that have reduced GDP by a total of 25 percent. Without those, our GDP would be close to \$18 tril-

lion instead of \$14 trillion.

So what's Browning's solution? First, he reminds us of the biblical admonition "Thou shalt not steal." Government income redistribution programs produce the same result as theft. In fact, that's what a thief does; he redistributes income. The difference between government and thievery is mostly a matter of legality.

Browning's solution is captured in the title of his

last chapter, "Just Say No," where he proposes, "The federal government shall not adopt any policies that transfer income (resources) from some Americans to other Americans." He agrees with James Madison, the father of our Constitution, who said, "I cannot undertake to lay my finger on that article of the Constitution which granted a right to Congress of expending, on objects of benevolence, the money of

their constituents." For years I've used Professor Browning's and his colleague Mark A. Zupan's excellent textbook "Microeconomics: Price Theory and Applications" in my intermediate microeconomics class. "Stealing from Each Other" is a continuation of his academic excellence.

—Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Aug. 3
Houston Chronicle on China's open Internet access during the Olympics:

It seemed too good to be true when the International Olympic Committee announced months ago that China had agreed to allow unrestricted Internet access to visiting media. The estimated 253 million Internet users inside the country have long been subject to Beijing's stringent censorship.

But as media arrived and set up shop at Olympic press facilities in the capital, it quickly became obvious that China had not kept its promise of open Internet access. Reporters could not access the Web sites of human rights organizations such as Amnesty International, which had just released a report blasting China's failure to honor Olympic human rights pledges. Censors also blocked Web sites dealing with Tibet or the banned religious group Falun Gong.

IOC officials admitted that they had agreed with the Chinese government

behind closed doors that politically sensitive sites would be denied to reporters during the games. A spokesman for the Beijing Olympic organizing committee said the restricted sites were not related to sports and should not be of interest to journalists.

As international criticism of the censorship mounted, Chinese authorities cracked their great firewall just a bit. Suddenly Amnesty International was accessible, with its report highlighting the plight of imprisoned Chinese such as Shi Tao, sentenced to 10 years for sending an e-mail concerning media restrictions to a Web site outside the country. The group posted a rebuke of the Olympic Committee for its collaboration with the Chinese censors.

"On this occasion it seems that public outrage has succeeded where the IOC's 'quiet diplomacy' failed. It's time for the Olympic movement and world leaders to speak up about human rights in China."

Amnesty International has also criticized technology giants, including Yahoo!, Google and Microsoft for going along with Chinese repression of Internet users.

The Paris-based media watchdog Reporters Without Borders found that their Web site was available on the Internet in the Chinese capital for the first time in five years. The group issued a cautious statement welcoming the easing of censorship. "This partial lifting of censorship shows the Chinese government is not completely insensitive to pressure. If the entire world had been pressuring China since 2001, even before these Games were assigned to Beijing, the situation might have been different today. And perhaps imprisoned journalists would have been freed before the opening ceremony."

The Beijing Olympics provide a rare opening to a country where denial of its citizens' right to free speech and an open media can and should be highlighted at every opportunity. As the Chinese government uses the sports event to showcase its growing economic and technological prowess, so its Olympic visitors should shine a light on those aspects of the country that have stayed the same. URL: <http://www.chron.com>

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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have been involved in a long-distance relationship for the past year. I'm crazy about him and have been completely faithful to him. While we were talking on the phone today he asked, "What would you do if I cheated on you?" It came out of the blue, and I realized he was serious! My family and friends believe he has already cheated on me and was feeling guilty. Part of me thinks they may be right. Can you settle my disturbed thoughts? — **UNSETTLED IN DERRY, PA.**

DEAR UNSETTLED: Long-distance relationships can be especially challenging. When someone asks a question like your boyfriend asked you, it usually means the person has cheated or is considering doing so. It would be interesting to know how you responded to his question. If it's not too late, tell him, "If you cheated, I would be hurt and disappointed. And if you have already cheated, then it's time we BOTH started seeing other people."

DEAR ABBY: We have lived next door to "The Moochers" for three years. Things have gotten so bad that my husband and I avoid them at all costs, which isn't easy, as they live in close proximity to our home. If we're on our porch or in the backyard and they see us, they always ask for something. We have been friendly and have helped them in the past, but feel as though our kindness has been mistaken for weakness and we have been taken advantage of. The Moochers have asked to borrow our outdoor grill, pieces of our living room furniture, toys for their grandchildren to play with, permission to hang their laundry on our clothesline (which we have since removed), and have even asked for Christmas ornaments right off our tree! Since we have started avoiding them, we have gotten a bad reputation in our neighborhood as being "unfriendly." We have asked them to return our grill, but they

actually refused, saying it was GIVEN to them with a smile. We would love some advice. — **MISUNDERSTOOD NEIGHBORS IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR MISUNDERSTOOD: It's time to start doing a little public relations work of your own. If you are on speaking terms with any of your other neighbors, tell them what has happened and why you and your husband now avoid The Moochers. From my perspective, they appear to be peculiar bordering on the eccentric, not to mention extremely nervy. Avoiding them is your best defense, unless you're planning on moving.

DEAR ABBY: Is it poor manners for people to leave an event, concert, show or graduation before the final piece is played or spoken because they want to avoid the crowd or traffic at the conclusion? It annoys me, and I'd like to know if my view is justified. — **ANNOYED IN MARYLAND**

DEAR ANNOYED: If someone has paid admission to an event, concert or show and wishes to leave before the end, it is his/her privilege (or loss, depending on how you view it). However, in the case of a graduation or other ceremony in which people are being honored, good manners dictate that attendees stay until the last honor is bestowed and the last achievement is recognized.

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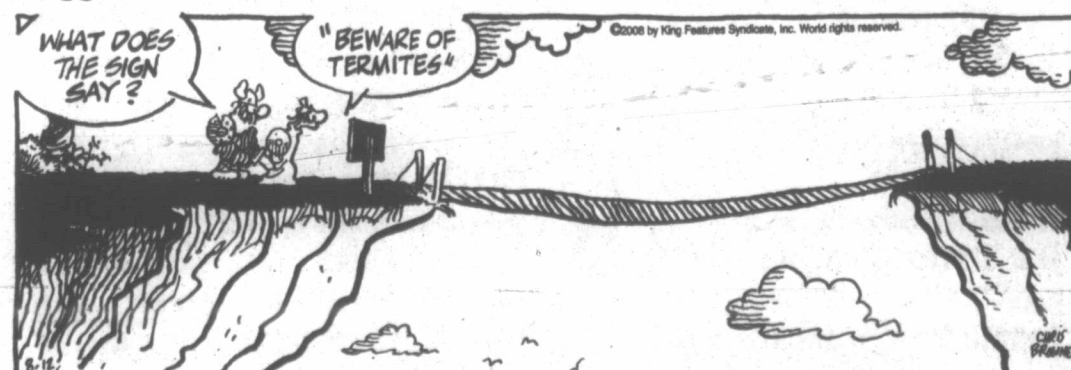
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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 5 Pay for everyone
 - 6 Puts in stitches
 - 7 Not matte
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 - 9 Every-thing
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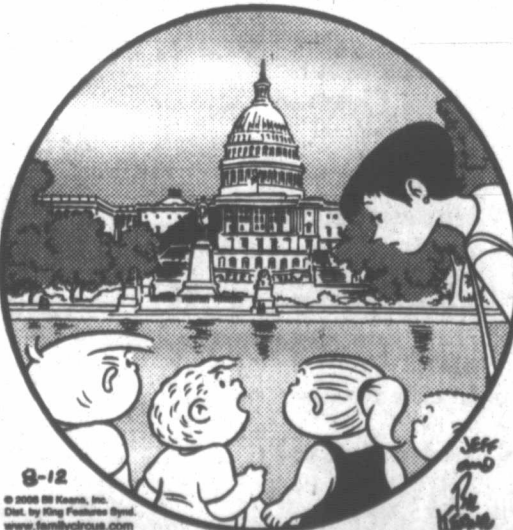
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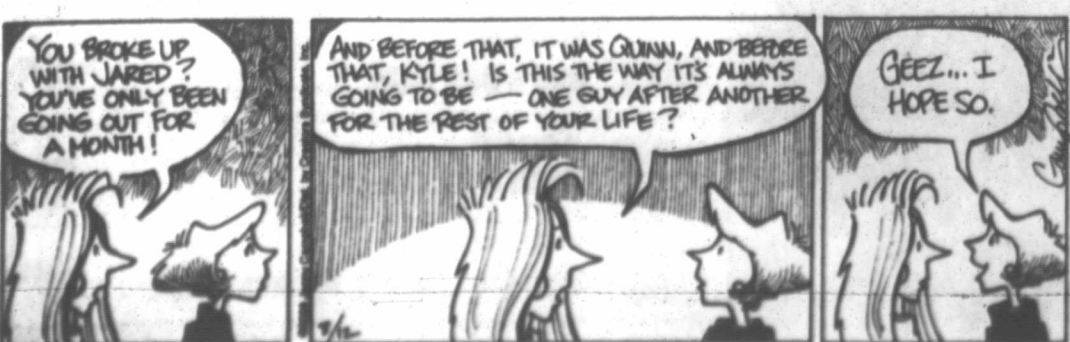
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By Bil Keane



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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WHAT I AM LOOKING FOR IS A BLESSING NOT IN DISGUISE.
- KITTIE O'NEILL COLLINS

Tonight: Hang out with a friend.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Deal with finances by manifesting your natural strength and intelligence. You might not be able to control another's decision, but you can rein yourself in or choose a strong response. Tonight: Explore options rather than eliminate them.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You hit a peak few days. What might be the smart action is to re-arrange your schedule ASAP for anything that is very important. You make a good impression. Try to cut some of the judgments, OK? Tonight: Ask, and you shall receive.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Understand that even you need to cut back some. You cannot always have "things" your way. Pull back. In fact, taking a day off or simply closing your door and not answering the phone could revive you. Tonight: Mull over a situation. It will change soon enough.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Friends surround you. You do not need to test the waters; rather, trust in your desirability, and listen with a stronger sense of self. It might be hard to create exactly what you see, but a joint project could be successful. Tonight: Where your friends are.

BORN TODAY
Cuban President Fidel Castro (1926), women's-rights activist Lucy Stone (1818), filmmaker Alfred Hitchcock (1899)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2008:

You are one of the most determined signs. This year, you will learn the wisdom of bending or trying another path. Face facts. You cannot be right every time, all of the time. An opportunity for growth occurs in your daily life and possibly in your work. You also might develop a sweet tooth if you are not careful. You could witness an expansion of your waistline if you are not careful. If you are single, most likely you will meet someone in your day-to-day travels. The second part of this birthday year could have you socializing a lot. If attached, the two of you grow through a mutual hobby or interest. CAPRICORN makes a great healer for you, as well as a co-worker.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ If you attempt to avoid a situation, you will walk smack into it, causing the opposite effect. Perhaps giving this person the space to simply do and be might be the least controversial stance. Reflect another's attitude. Tonight: Out as late as is necessary.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Others could find you challenging, as your thoughts are deep into something else. The problem remains that someone sorely needs and wants your feedback. You might be stunned suddenly by what you see happening around you! Tonight: Do not take someone personally.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Working with one other person draws the kind of reaction everyone

dreams of. You seem to communicate your ideas, but also impart a great deal of enthusiasm at the same time. Others remember how they feel when sharing with you. Tonight: Do not forget your special person.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Others dominate. Hop out of the way, and you will be, by far, much happier. Your way of handling a problem changes radically if you relax. Someone might not get the truth of your words or cannot hear your message. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Emphasize productivity, but at the same time do not forget about you. Schedule a checkup. Consider a new exercise or diet program. It's your call. Spending some money on yourself might be very important. Tonight: The diet starts tomorrow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Where is that twinkle in your eye coming from? Perhaps you are seeing someone differently, or you are amused at the scenario that surrounds you. Romance and/or creativity bubble forth. Someone finds you to be amazing. Tonight: Start acting like it is Friday night!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ If you can call in, do. Everyone, be they a child or an adult, loves to play hooky. Why not you? Put on your answering machine and share your time with a closed loved one. There is nothing wrong with opting to be alone, either. Tonight: Vanish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your words could turn around a situation. A meeting could be swayed by your thoughts. Be willing to put yourself on the line and make happen what you need. Often, you take a backseat.

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