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Pampa ISD board to meet Thursday

Pampa school board members plan a special meeting at 5:15 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 14, at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert. Purpose of the meeting is to set a date for discussing and adopting the 2003-2004 Pampa Independent School District budget and tax rate. No other action items are listed on the agenda.

STATE

Gov. Perry announces funding to G.I. Forum

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry announced a \$300,000 grant for the American G.I. Forum on Tuesday, a day after the Hispanic veterans group told reporters a lack of funding was forcing it to shut down its third state office.

DEATHS

John Christopher Knipp, 20, university student.

Loretta Fern Rankin, 73, homemaker.

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City officials look at hiring freeze

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

City of Pampa department heads were experiencing some consternation today after the city manager surprised them with a suggested hiring freeze during the city commission's work session Tuesday evening.

The prayer and pledge of alliance at the Pampa City Commission meeting Tuesday evening took three minutes. The meeting took two.

The blood letting was not at the city commission meeting, but during the commission's work session that preceded it, and there will likely be more to come.

City Manager Mitch Grant presented commissioners with the proposed \$7.9 million budget for the next fiscal year during the work session. It is balanced, but it is spare. As one city official said, there is no room for error. There is no cushion for emergencies.

The North Fire Station remains in the budget. There



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Budget discussions were the topic of the day during the Pampa City Commission work session Tuesday afternoon in City Hall. From left to right, City Manager Mitch Grant, Commissioner Robert Dixon, Commissioner Faustina Curry, Mayor Lonny Robbins and Commissioner Jeff Andrews.

are no personnel cuts other than the position of Community Services Director, which is now vacant and will not be filled under

the new budget. There is no money in the budget allocated for Marcus Sanders Swimming Pool for next year. There is little money

budgeted for capital improvements. Other than \$80,000 for two police cars and a pickup, all capital improvement costs are

less than \$10,000.

There is no money allocated for seal coating city streets, a project that had been expected to be about \$100,000.

Expected revenue from a temporary increase in water rates this summer to cover repairs at the waste water treatment facility have failed to materialize.

Residents used less water during the month of July. Commissioner Robert Dixon noted there are also fewer users because there are fewer people living in Pampa.

City officials confirmed that there were about 100 fewer water connections last month than the month before.

Canadian River Municipal Water Authority has raised its rates on water it provides to Pampa and its other member cities.

Water rates may have to be raised, Commissioner Faustina Curry conceded.

City officials noted that there is little in the budget in

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'03 United Way drive kicks off with breakfast

Pampa United Way's 50th annual campaign is off and running with a breakfast kick-off celebration at 7 a.m. today in the Pampa Community Building.

Board President Porter Briggs welcomed the approximately 100 United Way volunteers, agency representatives and supporters gathered for the event. Briggs announced the beginning of the 2003 drive to raise \$311,600 for the 16 United Way partner agencies.

Briggs announced that weekly check-in meetings will be held at noon on Thursdays, beginning Aug. 28, through the end of September. The luncheons are to be sponsored each week by a different group of the 16 agencies. After introducing the local United Way Board of Directors, Briggs turned the meeting over to this year's

Campaign Chair, Duane Harp.

Harp thanked the group for their willingness to support the effort and for the contributions of time and energy to help support their neighbors in the Pampa community. He thanked Kayla Pursley, a Pampa business owner and graphics specialist who donated her services to design and produce the campaign materials using this year's theme: "50 years of caring and still going strong!"

Harp also recognized Katrina Bigham, local UW executive administrator, for her 16 years of work with the agency here. He remembered how he had unexpectedly become the United Way campaign chairman in 1987, when Bigham had only served a few months as executive director. "Both of us got quite a baptism in that campaign," Harp

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(Courtesy photo)

A cool treat is the traditional water polo game offered by the Pampa Fire Department during Chautauqua on Labor Day in Central Park.

Kaleidoscope of activities awaits Chautauqua-goers

A kaleidoscope of activities await visitors to the 22nd annual Chautauqua in Pampa's Central Park on Labor Day, Sept. 1.

Those attending can bring a sandwich and enjoy the free stage entertainment from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and pursue a variety of other activities, many of them free. These include the Carson County Square House Museum craft activity for children and the displays and art activities in the art tent. Janice Sackett plans a

display of art media and Judy Griffin will be painting Cherokee art designs.

St. Matthew's support group will award prizes at their duck pond, and the Gifted and Talented students will decorate faces again. Trinity Church will feature a large climbing wall and the Top O' Texas Cattlewomen will host games at their booth. McGruff, the Crime Dog, and Safety Pup, may come to visit the

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Texas GOP seeks probe of plane used by fleeing senators

By BOBBY ROSS JR.
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

The Texas Republican Party is seeking a federal investigation into whether state Democratic senators and an Edinburg bank violated campaign finance laws by using a private jet owned by the bank in their escape to New Mexico.

Democratic leaders have said South Texas businessman David Rogers, president of the First National Bank of Edinburg, donated his private plane to help senators flee the state and avoid a

vote on a GOP-backed congressional redistricting plan.

However, online records kept by the Federal Aviation Administration show no planes in Rogers' name. But the First National Bank of Edinburg is the registered owner of two planes. The Associated Press confirmed.

"This is a blatant abuse of campaign finance laws that cannot be tolerated in Texas or any other state," Texas GOP chairwoman Susan Weddington said. "We have rules against companies and national banks making political contributions, and the First National Bank of

Edinburg and the Democrats that fled our state obviously have little regard for these laws."

Rogers did not immediately return a telephone call seeking comment Wednesday.

Texas Democratic Party Consultant Jeff Crosby said Senate Democrats checked with the Texas Ethics Commission on the use of transportation.

"Everything they did was legal and proper," he said. "Contributions to the Texas Senate Democratic Caucus isn't political activity so it's not a political

contribution; therefore, this is a completely frivolous complaint."

Senate Democratic Caucus Chair Van de Putte said last week that she asked Karen Lundquist, the ethics commission's executive director, if it was legal for the Democratic caucus to accept airplane travel that was a corporate contribution.

Lundquist responded in a letter that "a legislative caucus is not prohibited from accepting contributions from corporations."

But Weddington has sent a letter

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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

KNIPP, John Christopher — 10 a.m., Calvary Baptist Church, Pampa. Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memorial Park Cemetery, Amarillo.

RANKIN, Loretta Fern — 2 p.m., United Methodist Church, Miami.

JOHN CHRISTOPHER KNIPP
1982-2003

John Christopher Knipp, 20, died Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2003, in Denton. Services will be at 10 a.m., Friday, at Calvary Baptist Church in Pampa with the Rev. Richard Bartel, pastor, officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Friday, at Memorial Park Cemetery in Amarillo under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

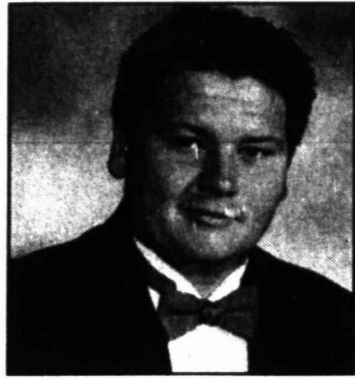
Mr. Knipp was born on Oct. 3, 1982, in Pampa where he had been a lifelong resident. He was a 2002 graduate of Pampa High School, where he was an honor student and was on the Harvester Football Team his senior year.

He was currently attending the University of North Texas in Denton. He had touched many people's lives.

Survivors include his parents, Cheryl and David Bridge of Pampa; a sister, Jessica Knipp, of the home; a brother, Jake Russell, of the

home; his maternal grandparents, A.E. and Reba Trimble of Pampa; his paternal grandmother, Bertha Knipp of D a m a r i, Kansas; and two uncles, Monty Trimble of Pampa and Robert Trimble of Front Royal, Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his father, Christopher Knipp, in 1984, and by his grandmother, Kay Trimble, in 1981.



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LORETTA FERN RANKIN
1929-2003

MIAMI — Loretta Fern Rankin, 73, died Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2003, in Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m., Friday, at the United Methodist Church in Miami with the Rev. Jeff Boothe, pastor of the Christian Church of God in Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Rankin was born on Dec. 30, 1929, in Miami where she had been a lifelong resident. She married Rudolph Rankin on Sept. 18, 1948, in Miami.

She was a devoted wife, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

She loved to watch PBR (Bullriding) and loved her Weight Watchers friends.

She was a member of the Christian Church of God in Amarillo.

Survivors include her husband, Rudolph

Rankin, of the home; a daughter, Janet Voss of Miami; two sons, Newell Rankin and wife Toni and Ted Rankin and wife Connie, all of Miami; a brother, Sid Talley of Miami; two granddaughters, Robin King of Canadian and Candace Sellers of Pampa; four grandsons, Ryan Rankin of Roaring Springs, Brandon Voss of Pampa, Daniel Rankin of Clarendon, and Tyler Rankin of Miami; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Ed Talley and Joe Dan Talley; by two sisters, Nettie Folley and Laura Mae Talley; and by her parents, John and Dena Talley.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176, or Christian Church of God, 801 Quail Creek Dr., Amarillo, TX 79124.

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WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

The forecast today is calling for partly cloudy skies, highs in the mid 80s and east winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight should see partly cloudy skies, lows in the lower 60s and light and variable winds. Thursday should be mostly cloudy. Chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. East winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 30 percent. Thursday night, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph shifting to the southwest 5 to 10 mph.

Chance of rain 20 percent. Friday, mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 5 to 15 mph. Friday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Saturday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s. Sunday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. Sunday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

STATEWIDE

Texas weather today should be a copy of yesterday's weather: cool summer temperatures in the upper 80s to low 90s, and good chances of afternoon rain in south and north Texas.

North Texas should feel warmer temperatures on Friday. South and West Texas will feel a gradual rise in temperatures by Saturday. Highs around the state then should mostly be in the low to mid 90s, with some higher readings likely.

Chances of rain, scattered and isolated, will continue across the state through at least Friday. A tropical wave currently near Florida may create some heavy

rain on the Texas coast when it arrives this weekend.

West Texas will continue to see cooler than normal temperatures: highs in the upper 80s to low 90s today and a bit cooler on Thursday. By Saturday, highs should warm up to the low 90s north, low and mid 90s south and west. The far west will continue to see unseasonably cool weather, with high temperatures in the 80s.

Today, all but the Panhandle may see some isolated afternoon and evening storms. A few of the storms in central West Texas may be severe. On Thursday and Friday, better chances of rain are

forecast, along with cloudier skies. Clouds should break some on Saturday accompanied by warmer temperatures.

South Texas will be cloudy for the next few days everywhere but the south, with chances of afternoon and evening rain. Some storm activity is possible later today across the region, with heavy rainfall, gusty winds and small hail in some of the storms. Rain chances, and chances for severe weather overall, will improve on Thursday. Rain is likely Thursday in south Central Texas, the Coastal Bend and Rio Grande Plains.

This weekend, a tropical wave may bring heavy coastal rain. Beginning Friday, skies should clear some north and central, with cloudier skies in the south. Temperatures will gradually warm. By Saturday, highs should be in the low 90s except warmer in the west.

ON RECORD

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests.

Tuesday, Aug. 12

Jamie Paul Kellerman, 34, Amarillo, was arrested on a Potter County warrant for forgery of a financial instrument. He was released on bond.

Douglas Ray Hollingshead Jr., 42, 1020 Twiford, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for theft over \$50 and under \$500 and expired motor vehicle inspection.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Aug. 12

10:29 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a controlled burn at Keller Estates.

Wednesday, Aug. 13

12:04 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a gas odor in the 1000 block of Neel Road. No source of the odor was found.

6:48 a.m. — Two units and five firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at U.S. Highway 60 and Price Road. No injuries were reported.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Tuesday, Aug. 12

8 a.m. — A 1990 Ford Thunderbird driven by Gloria Deleon, 51, 723 Scott, and a 1999 Ford F-150 pickup driven by Michael Bruce Jenkins, 47, 905 Barnard, collided in the 800 block of East Frederic. Deleon was cited for no insurance, failure to register vehicle, no driver's license and turned when unsafe. No injuries were reported at the scene.

7:08 p.m. — A 1995 Chevrolet Astro van driven by Preston L. Sargent, 74, 612 S. Reid, and a 1994 Ford F-150 pickup driven by Luis Gonzales Jr., 40, Wheeler, collided in the 100 block of North Hobart. Sargent was arrested for driving while intoxicated. He was taken by police to Pampa Regional Medical Center for treatment of possible injuries and then placed in Gray County Jail.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m., today.

Tuesday, Aug. 12

11:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following arrests and incidents.

Monday, Aug. 11

A lost cell phone was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Tuesday, Aug. 12

Someone burglarized a car in the 300 block of North Christy and took a CD player valued at \$80.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 1500 block of Williston.

Someone entered a residence in the 500 block of Yeager through a window then exited through an open front door. Nothing was reported taken.

A bicycle was found in the 700 block of Powell.

A bicycle was found in the 600 block of Lowry.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 900 block of South Hobart.

Preston Sargent, 74, 612 Reid, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Wednesday, Aug. 13

Harassment was reported in the 500 block of Hazel on Aug. 12 and Aug. 13.

Heather Heiskell, 22, 620 E. Foster, was arrested for theft over \$50 and under \$500.

CORRECTION

In a front page article Tuesday, Aug. 12, on a meeting of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation board, the land about which the Pampa City Commission had passed a resolution was incorrect. The land is Section 53 donated to the PEDC by Celanese not the Industrial Park 213 acres.

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Texas carjacking victim dropped off in Louisiana

LAFAYETTE, La. (AP) — St. Martin Parish sheriff's detectives are investigating the sexual assault of a woman who was carjacked and kidnapped in Spring, Texas, before being dropped off in south Louisiana.

The woman was found Saturday in a wooded area north of the Butte La Rose exit off of Interstate 10, St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Capt. Audrey Thibodeaux said.

"We believe the sexual assault occurred in our parish. We're working on that end with the victim," Thibodeaux said.

The St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office is assisting Harris County Sheriff's Office in Texas with the case, Thibodeaux said.

The victim was carjacked

and kidnapped Friday around noon in Spring, Texas, by a male and female, Thibodeaux said.

Thibodeaux said the Sheriff's Office needs the public's help with information regarding the suspects or any suspicious activity remembered over the weekend near the exit.

The male suspect is described as a Hispanic man with a dark complexion, black hair and dark brown eyes. He is between 5 feet, 8 inches tall and 5 feet, 10 inches tall with a medium build. He has a tribal band tattoo on his left arm.

The other suspect is described as a very slim, white female with a white complexion. She has reddish hair and greenish brown eyes. She is 5 feet, 6 inches and weighs about 90 pounds.

The suspects' vehicle is described as a 1980s, white, full-size, utility-type van with rust spots on the lower portion of the van.

Thibodeaux said information was not released about the incident until Tuesday because the woman needed medical attention.

"She's alive but went in for treatment. She didn't stay in the hospital," Thibodeaux said. "We were able to conduct an interview with her (Tuesday)."

Thibodeaux said investigators are unsure if the suspects were heading back west on Interstate 10 or east. Spring, Texas, is outside of Houston and about 250 miles from Butte La Rose.

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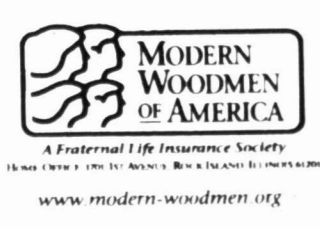
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PROBE

seeking "an immediate investigation" to Archie L. Bransford Jr., deputy comptroller of the Comptroller of the Currency's Southeastern District office in Atlanta. The Comptroller of the Currency is a bureau of the U.S. Treasury Department and regulates national banks. Bransford did not immediately return a telephone call Wednesday.

The letter cites the planes owned by the Edinburg bank and says, "It appears that one, or more, of these planes were used for partisan political purposes."

Weddington also points to a federal law that makes it unlawful for national banks to make many different types of political contributions.

Republican leaders accuse the Democratic senators of refusing to do their jobs.

"Now, with a possible federal investigation into their acceptance of illegal contributions, Democratic senators should come home and explain to Texas taxpayers all their actions," Weddington said.

Circle of Friends party planning



(Community Camera photo)

Janyth Bowers, Sarah Martindale, Lora Baggerman, Martha Campbell and Sue Cree work out last minute details for the Annual Circle of Friends Party slated Saturday, Aug. 16, at the home of Buck and Alexia Arrington. Proceeds will benefit Harrington Cancer Center. For reservations or more information, call Baggerman at 665-7318.

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CHAUTAUQUA**

Pampa Crime Stoppers. Poke the Clown will offer train rides.

Arts and crafts include decoupage plates by Harriet Scoggins, a variety of unique baby gifts and baskets by the Gift Mill, KK's Crazy Krafts with beaded items and jewelry, and hand-painted saw blades and picket fences by Betty Renner. Sand Thingees returns with their items that include colored sand by Merle Clemishire of Amarillo. Karen Handley will feature shoes, including flip-flops, beaded and with ribbons.

To be on the Chautauqua map, booth reservation spaces must be in by Aug. 20 to Pampa Fine Arts, Box 818, Pampa, TX, 79066, or leave a message at 665-0343.

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CITY

the way of capital improvements for infrastructure.

The \$7,987,494 proposed budget is bare bones.

City commissioners, however, seemed to reject Grant's suggestion of a hiring freeze.

The city presently has four openings, two in public safety and two in public works.

Commissioner Dixon said that the most complaints he gets from his constituents concerns weeds and streets, the domain of the Public Works Department.

"We have weeds on Hobart Street that are six feet tall," Dixon said. "That does not give an enticing picture of Pampa."

The Public Works Department is already short-handed, however.

"We don't have the staff to

do those things," Commissioner Curry responded.

Almost all the commissioners agreed that things are going to get worse.

"Everybody wants services," Curry said, "but nobody wants to pay for them."

"We've got to cut," said Mayor Lonny Robbins. "There's no more money out there."

Citizens will have their chance to be heard next week.

A public hearing on the proposed budget is scheduled for 6 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 19, at City Hall.

The first reading leading to the adoption of the budget is scheduled for the next city commission meeting, 6 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 26.

The second and final reading is set for the city commis-

sion meeting of Sept. 9.

"We're going to have to cut big time," Curry said. "We're going to have to find different ways of doing stuff."

City Commission Chaplain Paul Nachtigall opened the commission meeting Tuesday evening with a prayer for help with the budget. That plea for help and the pledge of alliance lasted three minutes. The commission meeting lasted two minutes.

Commissioners approved the minutes from the previous meeting and accepted a bid of \$100 from Larry D. Myers for delinquent tax property at 1200 S. Dwight. The property is valued at \$12,790. There are \$9,127 in taxes due on the property.

Grant said that as part of the bid Myers would have to bring the building in compliance with

the city codes or demolish it.

In other business during the work session, Grant said that Gray County Commissioners had balked at selling the tax delinquent property at 300 Ballard.

Earlier this summer, the Pampa City Commission had approved the sale of the property with the condition that the person buying it would demolish 11 buildings on the property. The bidder agreed, but only on condition that the city would waive landfill fees totaling about \$17,000.

The city proposed splitting the landfill fee among the taxing entities involved, the city, the county and the school district. The county objected to having to pay their share of \$1,100.

Grant also said the city now has a contract with McCarty-Hull to rent the U.S. Bus building, 822 E. Foster, for warehouse space. They are to move in Sept. 1.

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KICK-OFF

said. "But you know, it apparently made us pretty tough, because here we are back 16 years later in the same roles!"

Harp said he plans to "shake things up a bit" this year to create a higher level of awareness and enthusiasm in an effort to reach all areas of the community.

"You know, amazing as it is, people generally don't give to the United Way unless someone goes to them individually and asks them to give."

Citing examples, he suggested a company challenge where management pledges to something fun or unusual based on the employees' response to the internal campaign, or someone baking cookies to sell to co-workers with the proceeds being given

to the United Way, or hosting a "trade-off lunch" in which people bring a brown bag lunch and donating what they would have paid for a restaurant lunch to the United Way.

Harp challenged those attending to think beyond the ordinary to reach their neighbors in a new way.

United Way funds in Pampa support 16 agencies which in turn touch more than 11,000 lives each year, he said.

That 11,000 people are about two-thirds of the city's population who are reached each year by United Way-supported activities, he pointed out.

"These are not only agencies which help the elderly or people in crisis, these are agencies which help every one of us in our everyday lives," Harp said.

Harp explained the process

of selection and level of funding for the agencies which received United Way funds. He said they are not a pre-chosen group dictated by the national organization. A local board certifies each agency selected and determines how much will be allotted to each group based on their proven needs, he said.

One of those agencies, Tralee Crisis Center, provided the program for the kick-off.

The audience appeared to be moved by the progression of several real-life stories presented by Tralee staff.

Key positions in this year's campaign are to be filled by Bob Marx, major firms; Paul Goff, commercial; Lee Cornelison, public; Josh Seabourn, professional; Russ Martindale and Gavin Porter, oil and gas; John Forister, individual; and Randy Watson, special gifts.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Fiance Threatens To Ground Family's High-Flying Vacation

DEAR ABBY: I have saved for two years to take my children — ages 7, 11 and 13 — on a dream vacation. My kids have never been on a plane, and they are very excited about the prospect.

The problem is my fiance, "Drew." He wants to come with us. However, he has just admitted to me that he is deathly afraid of flying. He wants us to change our plans and drive instead. It would require an 18-hour drive each way.

The kids will be very disappointed if they have to give up their first flight, and we'd all be miserable spending that much time confined in a car. We'd be tired before we arrived, and worst of all, four days of our one-week vacation would be spent in transit.

I have offered to pay for Drew's gas or train ticket so he can meet us there. I even found the name of a psychologist who specializes in phobias, but Drew won't fly, take a train or see a "shrink."

Drew claims if I "really loved him," I would accept him, fears and all, and return the plane tickets. He also says if we go without him, the engagement is over.

I understand that Drew's fears are very real, and I am sympathetic to his problem. However, I feel it is unreasonable for him to expect us to make such a drastic change of plans to accommodate him — especially since we are leaving in less than a month.

Am I unsympathetic?
TRYING TO BE REASONABLE
IN RALEIGH

DEAR TRYING: I don't think so. You made an important promise to your children, and it should be kept. A mature individual would understand that and not twist your arm with an ultimatum.

If I were you, I'd take the children on that trip and let the chips fall where they may. Your fiance appears to be controlling and self-centered. He does not have your children's best interests at heart, and his attempts to control you and them show what kind of stepfather he will be. Please think twice about tying the knot with Drew.

DEAR ABBY: One of my co-workers, "Roger," conducts business for his second job — real estate — every day of company time. Everyone in the office can hear him "selling" on the phone.

My office mates and I find Roger's real estate paperwork scattered all over the place — left in the copier or fax machine, even in the lunchroom. He is constantly surfing the Internet looking at houses.

Roger is a nice person with a sweet wife and three little kids. However, my office mates and I see the side of him that is without morals. I, for one, don't know how to treat him. All employees sign a "code of conduct" each year in order to continue working for our company. The document clearly states that employees are to report anyone conducting outside or personal business on company time.

I am torn about what to do. I don't want to ruin this man's career, but I feel I have broken a pledge by not reporting him. What's the answer, Abby?

WORKING WITH A CHEAT
IN MICHIGAN

DEAR WORKING: The person in the office who is closest to Roger should have a heart-to-heart with him, conveying the sentiments of the rest of the employees. If that doesn't do the trick, then all of Roger's co-workers — including you — should sign a letter to the bosses informing them about the breach in company policy. The names should be listed in alphabetical order.

Rogers' behavior is not only dishonest, but it also undermines office morale. A warning from his supervisor may teach him a lesson and get him to shape up. If he's lucky, he won't be dismissed.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90068.

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

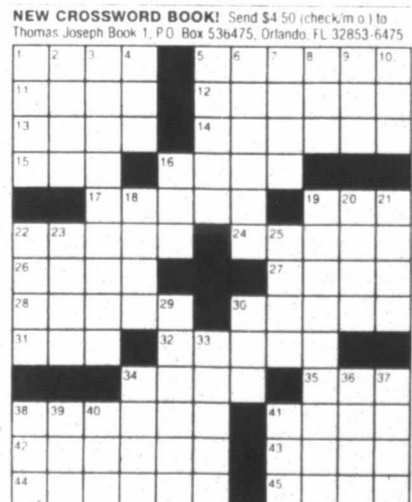
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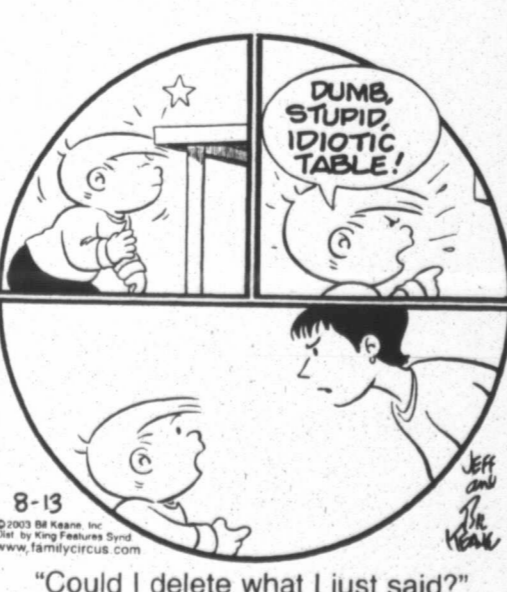
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SPORTS

If White stays healthy, OU poised for title run

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Jason White has almost everything Oklahoma is looking for in a quarterback: accuracy, the respect of his teammates and a history of winning big games.

But the 6-foot-2 senior also has two wobbly knees, something that could prevent the Sooners from challenging for their eighth national championship.

If White can stay healthy — something he hasn't been able to do after going down with knee injuries in each of the last two years — then the Sooners likely will be odds-on favorites to play

in the Sugar Bowl, this year's national championship game.

"I feel that, physically, he's in tremendous shape," coach Bob Stoops said. "But I felt that way a year ago."

At last year's end, Oklahoma (12-2, 6-2 Big 12) had the look of a team eager to make amends for a couple of regular-season mishaps by easily beating Colorado in the Big 12 title game and Washington State in the Rose Bowl.

The Sooners hope to build off of those wins with an efficient, balanced offense and a downright dominating defense.

Nine starters return to a unit that ranked 10th in the nation in total defense, fifth in points allowed.

"We can be the best defense that OU has ever had," defensive tackle Dusty Dvoracek said. "Maybe the best that college football has ever seen."

The anchor is defensive tackle Tommie Harris, who made All-American last season despite battling a groin injury. He's one of four Sooners on the preseason watch list for the Nagurski Award, given to the best defender in the nation. The other OU nominees are senior linebacker

Teddy Lehman, senior cornerback Derrick Strait and senior safety Brandon Everage.

If that wasn't enough, the two newcomers to the starting lineup — junior defensive end Jonathan Jackson and junior safety Donte Nicholson — have been the objects of praise all summer.

The 6-foot-2, 210-pound Nicholson, a junior-college transfer from California, is being touted as the next Roy Williams. Jackson came on strong at the end of last season, finishing with two sacks in the Rose Bowl.

"We've got tons of athletes all over the place," Lehman said. "We're so deep, it's going to be awesome to watch."

That should relieve some of the pressure on an offense that must depend on White's creaky knees, while replacing an 1,800-yard rusher and its top four receivers.

Sophomore Kejuan Jones figures to get first crack at taking over for Quentin Griffin, who last year had the second-best single-season rushing performance in school history and left as OU's all-time leader in receptions.

NOTEBOOK

GOLF

PAMPA — The Pamcel Golf Scramble will be held on Thursday and is open to the public.

Golfers need to check in by 5:30 p.m. for the 6 p.m. start.

Entry fee is \$10 for non-members. Carts are available to rent at \$5 per person.

In case of a tie, the pot rolls over to the next scramble. Winner takes all.

The scramble is limited to the first 40 entries.

PAMPA — The Pampa Lions Club Day-Night Golf Scramble will be held Friday, Aug. 22 at Hidden Hills Golf Course.

The scramble is Pampa's only day-night tournament.

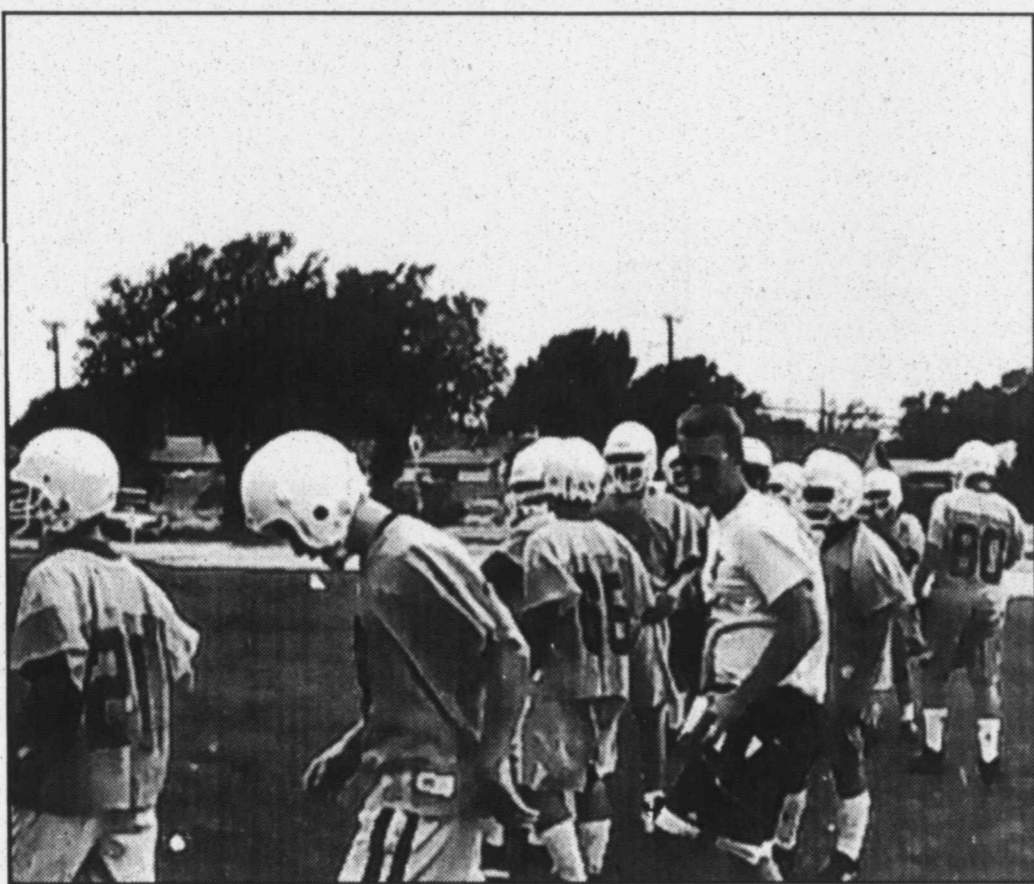
There will be shotgun start-registration at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 22 for the four-person scramble. Hamburger and drinks will be provided.

The format will have only one player per team with a 9 or less handicap. Team handicap will be 50 or more.

Entry fee is \$45, which include cart, green fees and "glow ball."

Contact David Teichmann at Hidden Hills for 806-669-5866 if more information is needed.

Harvester practice



Jeff Quisenberry, Pampa assistant coach, inspects the offensive line at a recent practice. The Harvesters scrimmage Frenship at 8 p.m. Aug. 21 at Tulia.

Zambrano shuts down Astros

CHICAGO (AP) — Carlos Zambrano doesn't hide his emotions on the mound. He might pound his chest or scream to himself or pump his fist.

And his winning streak has his teammates excited, too.

Zambrano pitched his first major league shutout Tuesday night, winning his fifth straight start, and Alex Gonzalez hit a two-run homer as the Chicago Cubs beat the Houston Astros 3-0.

"He's been dominating," Gonzalez said. "You sit out there and watch him pitch, almost like a spectator."

Zambrano (11-8) allowed just five hits and matched his career high with 10 strikeouts.

At age 22, the 6-5, 245-pound Zambrano made the opening day roster for the first time this season. On a staff that already has two hard-throwing young pitchers in Kerry Wood and Mark Prior, Zambrano is making a

name for himself.

"He's different," Chicago manager Dusty Baker said. "He's a power pitcher with a lot of movement. It moves, it sinks, it cuts, it darts. ... His potential is unlimited."

He's pitched his best against the Astros, going 3-0 with a 0.85 ERA.

"It's one team that makes me throw more aggressively than other teams," Zambrano said.

Houston's lead in the NL Central was reduced to one game over St. Louis, which beat the Pirates 10-6, and 2 1/2 over the Cubs.

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FOOTBALL

LIBERAL, Kan. — Gary Cornelisen, former Pampa track and field coach, will take over as interim head football coach at Liberal, Kan. High School.

Cornelisen currently serves as the school's athletic director. He is a long-time track coach at Liberal and also coached football from 1991-2001. Cornelisen replaces Rich Anderson, who resigned last week.

Cornelisen led the Redskins to four Kansas State football titles and have been the dominant track and field force in Kansas since the late 1980's.

Cornelisen led the Pampa girls track team to state championships in 1986 and 1988.

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Knee injuries have forced Texas A&M senior offensive lineman Andre Brooks to quit playing football, coach Dennis Franchione said Tuesday.

Brooks, who started five games at offensive tackle last season, was expected to compete for a starting position this season. He saw action in 10 of the 12 games for the Aggies in 2002.

"Andre is medically unable to continue," Franchione said. "He knees are just not in the best interest for him to go forward. I feel bad about losing him, but we certainly understand."

Brooks made the decision after the team's morning workout Monday.

The player completed his undergraduate studies last spring, earning a degree in management, and will remain at A&M to continue his graduate studies.

Entry deadline Aug. 20 for fall softball leagues

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be offering the following leagues for Fall Softball: Men's Open & Mixed Open.

The entry fees or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per team (\$185 if team is already sanctioned). The player's fee is \$15 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's Open and 12 persons for Mixed Open.

The entry deadline is Friday, Aug. 20 at 5 p.m. There will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on Aug. 27 at the Recreation Office.

Play will begin the week of Sept. 2.

Roster forms, fact sheets and by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions or would like more information on the Fall Softball Leagues, please contact the Recreation Office at 669-5770 during business hours.

Young Riders 4-H Club is sponsoring rodeo in Perryton

PERRYTON — Young Riders 4-H Club will sponsor the fifth annual Texas Cowboys Rodeo Association (TCRA) Rodeo on Aug. 22-23 in conjunction with the Wheatheart of the Nation Celebration in Perryton. Each performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Ochiltree County Arena in Perryton.

The events include bareback riding, calf roping, breakaway roping, saddle bronc, steer wrestling, team roping, barrel racing and bull riding.

The specialty act this year will be Paul Myers, a PRCA rodeo clown from Denison.

Youngsters can participate in the calf scramble and boot scramble each night. Admission for the rodeo will be five dollars with children under six free of charge.

The seventh annual

WRCA Jr. Ranch Rodeo with Pokey the Clown will be at Leatherman Park for kids ages 3 to 16. Winners of the three divisions will qualify for the World WRCA Finals at Amarillo in November.

Registration is from 12:30 to 1 at the park. Pre-registration is encouraged. Entry forms and rules can be picked up at the extension office or by calling Pam Chisum at 435-2587.

Entry fee is \$20 per team or five dollars apiece. Buckles will be given again this year to the winning teams. Medals and prizes will be also be awarded to the second and third place teams.

The Junior Ranch Rodeo Horse Auction will be held. Horses have been purchased by local businesses to be auctioned during the TCRA rodeo Saturday at the park.

2003 Property Tax Rates in CITY OF PAMPA

This notice concerns 2003 property tax rates for CITY OF PAMPA. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$1,971,280
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 834,453
Last year's total taxes	\$2,805,733
Last year's tax base	\$ 403,702,590
Last year's total tax rate	0.695000 / \$100
This year's effective tax rate:	\$ 2,797,032
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	
+This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$393,257,184
=This year's effective tax rate x 1.03 = maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearing	0.711247 / \$100
	0.732584 / \$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$2,659,675
+This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 393,257,184
=This year's effective operating rate	0.676319 / \$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.730424 / \$100
+This year's debt rate	0.202286 / \$100
=This year's rollback rate	0.932710 / \$100
-Sales tax adjustment rate	0.172035 / \$100
=Rollback tax rate	0.760675 / \$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease
If CITY OF PAMPA adopts a 2003 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.711247 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2002 taxes by \$64,841.

Schedule B 2003 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
1999 C.O.	\$ 80,000	\$133,679	\$600	\$214,279
2001 C.O.	\$ 30,000	\$ 9,808	\$600	\$ 40,408
2001 G.O.	\$240,000	\$ 96,700	\$600	\$337,300
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1997 C.O.	\$110,000	\$ 23,310	\$600	\$133,910
1995 G.O.	\$ 45,000	\$ 4,705	\$ 0	\$ 49,705
Total Required for 2001 Debt Service				\$775,602
-Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$ 0
-Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$ 0
-Excess collections last year				\$ 0
=Total to be paid from taxes in 2003				\$775,602
xAmount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95.00% of its taxes in 2003				\$ 40,821
=Total Debt Levy				\$816,423

Schedule C: Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$694,327 in additional sales and use tax revenues.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 205 N. RUSSELL, PAMPA, TX, 79065.

Name of persons preparing this notice: GAYE WHITEHEAD RTA
Title: TAX ASSESSOR COLLECTOR
Date Prepared: August 5, 2003

Hatfield hopes Owls football benefits from baseball success

HOUSTON (AP) — Ken Hatfield doesn't expect his football team to match the national championship won by Rice's baseball team. He does expect to benefit from the afterglow.

When coach Wayne Graham's baseball team beat Stanford in the final game of the College World Series on national television, the smallest school in NCAA Division I-A became the little school that could.

"I think you'll see an effect for everybody involved at Rice," Hatfield said. "It was a plus for everybody. If we do anything, if any Rice team does anything for the next six to eight months, they'll say, 'Now they did this.' They will expect it. There will be more coming from Rice instead of something odd that happened."

Hatfield's aim is Rice's first Western Athletic Conference title, which could be the only way the Owls will get a bowl invitation.

Two years ago, Rice went 8-4 with possibly Hatfield's best team in nine seasons at Rice. Despite having the school's best record since 1953, there were no postseason invitations.

"We're trying to do something and be a part of that first team that ever won the

WAC and the first team ever to go to a bowl game in a long time," Hatfield said. "That's what keeps us going. That's a good goal for our guys."

To reach their goals, the 2003 Owls will have to learn how to win the close games. Their 4-7 record and sixth-place finish in the WAC last season could have been dramatically different if they'd converted just a few more plays.

They lost by a combined 11 points to Fresno State (31-28), Hawaii (33-28) and Texas-El Paso (38-35). Losing to Houston 24-10 in the season opener set a bad precedent.

"The Houston game was so big," Hatfield said. "We drove 80 yards to their 6-inch line and fumbled. They drove 99 yards and it's a 14-point swing that's the difference in the game."

In Fresno's win, Rice gave up a 77-yard touchdown pass when two defenders ran into each other. The Owls were stopped on Hawaii's 11-yard line with eight seconds left. UTEP won on a 59-yard field goal as time expired.

"Those are little moments that hurt us," Hatfield said. "That was what we lacked last year that we had the year before when we made the one more play."

Hatfield's spread option offense is ready to again rank among the national leaders in rushing offense. Rice was sixth in the country last year at 247.7 yards rushing last season.

Quarterbacks Kyle Herm and Greg Henderson will probably share time and could give the Owls more of a passing attack than previous years. Fullback Robbie Beck, the leading rusher last season, also returns.

"We've got the best receivers we've had since I've been here," Hatfield said. "We threw more this spring than we have before because both quarterbacks were back and they were throwing well."

Marcus Battle and former quarterback Jeremy Hurd are the Owls' top hopes at wide receiver.

Defense isn't as well-stocked with only three returning starters: senior leader Jeff Vanover at linebacker, tackle Jeremy Calahan and free safety Ray Morris Barnes.

"Defense is always a concern," Hatfield said. "The biggest thing defensively is having enough depth to rotate people. When you get tired in the fourth quarter and can't rush the passer, they sit back and beat you with their two-minute offense."

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

National League At A Glance					San Diego (Peavy 9-8) at Atlanta (Ru. Ortiz 16-5), 7:35 p.m.				
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East Division					East Division				
Atlanta	76	42	.644	—	New York	71	46	.607	—
Florida	65	54	.546	11 1/2	Boston	68	51	.571	4
Philadelphia	64	54	.542	12	Toronto	59	60	.496	13
Montreal	60	60	.500	17	Baltimore	57	61	.483	14 1/2
New York	49	69	.415	27	Tampa Bay	47	71	.398	24 1/2
Central Division					Central Division				
Houston	64	55	.538	—	Kansas City	63	55	.534	—
St. Louis	63	56	.529	1	Chicago	63	56	.529	1/2
Chicago	61	57	.517	2 1/2	Minnesota	61	58	.513	2 1/2
Pittsburgh	54	63	.462	9	Cleveland	51	69	.425	13
Cincinnati	52	66	.441	11 1/2	Detroit	31	86	.265	31 1/2
Milwaukee	47	71	.398	16 1/2	West Division				
West Division					San Francisco	73	45	.619	—
San Francisco	73	45	.619	—	Arizona	63	55	.534	10
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Los Angeles	61	57	.517	12	Colorado	61	61	.500	14
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Monday's Games					Monday's Games				
Montreal 3, Colorado 1					Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 3				
Los Angeles 9, Florida 3					Minnesota 5, Cleveland 3				
St. Louis 6, Pittsburgh 4					Texas 9, Detroit 3				
Houston 3, Chicago Cubs 1					Kansas City 12, N.Y. Yankees 9				
Tuesday's Games					Toronto 5, Seattle 3				
Colorado 6, Montreal 3, 11 innings					Anaheim 10, Chicago White Sox 8				
Florida 5, Los Angeles 4, 13 innings					Oakland 4, Boston 0				
St. Louis 10, Pittsburgh 6					Tuesday's Games				
Milwaukee 6, Philadelphia 3					Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 2				
N.Y. Mets 5, San Francisco 4					Cleveland 9, Minnesota 6				
Arizona 2, Cincinnati 0					Detroit 7, Texas 4				
San Diego 14, Atlanta 4					N.Y. Yankees 6, Kansas City 0				
Chicago Cubs 3, Houston 0					Seattle 3, Toronto 1				
Wednesday's Games					Chicago White Sox 10, Anaheim 4				
Houston (Robertson 11-5) at Chicago Cubs (Estes 7-9), 2:20 p.m.					Oakland 5, Boston 3				
San Diego (Jarvis 4-4) at Atlanta (Hampton 9-5), 7:05 p.m.					Wednesday's Games				
Colorado (Stark 1-0) at Montreal (Vazquez 9-8), 7:05 p.m.					Baltimore (Helling 7-8) at Tampa Bay (Gonzalez 5-5), 2:15 p.m.				
Los Angeles (Ashby 3-9) at Florida (Pavano 9-10), 7:05 p.m.					Detroit (Maroth 6-16) at Texas (Dickens 6-5), 8:05 p.m.				
St. Louis (Fassero 1-6) at Pittsburgh (Meadows 2-1), 7:05 p.m.					Cleveland (Ja. Davis 7-9) at Minnesota (Santana 6-3), 8:05 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Sheets 10-9) at Philadelphia (Millwood 11-8), 7:05 p.m.					N.Y. Yankees (Weaver 6-8) at Kansas City (Appier 7-8), 8:05 p.m.				
San Francisco (J. Williams 5-2) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 10-7), 7:10 p.m.					Toronto (Thurman 1-1) at Seattle (R. Franklin 8-10), 10:05 p.m.				
Arizona (Batista 7-6) at Cincinnati (Bale 0-0), 7:10 p.m.					Boston (Lowe 11-6) at Oakland (Mulder 15-8), 10:05 p.m.				
Thursday's Games					Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 10-11) at Anaheim (Washburn 9-11), 10:05 p.m.				
St. Louis (Stephenson 6-11) at Pittsburgh (D'Amico 7-11), 12:35 p.m.					Thursday's Games				
Los Angeles (W. Alvarez 2-1) at Florida (Redman 10-5), 1:35 p.m.					Cleveland (B. Anderson 8-9) at Minnesota (Radke 8-9), 1:05 p.m.				
Houston (Fernandez 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 9-10), 2:20 p.m.					Boston (Wakefield 9-5) at Oakland (Lilly 6-9), 3:35 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Obermueller 0-3) at Philadelphia (Wolf 11-7), 7:05 p.m.					N.Y. Yankees (Petitte 13-7) at Baltimore (Moss 0-1), 7:05 p.m.				
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Arizona (Webb 7-5) at Cincinnati (Huang 1-0), 7:10 p.m.					Toronto (Escobar 8-6) at Seattle (Meche 13-7), 10:05 p.m.				
					Chicago White Sox (Garland 8-8) at Anaheim (Shields 2-3), 10:05 p.m.				

Autopsy: Dennehy shot twice in head, no drugs found in body

WACO, Texas (AP) — Baylor basketball player Patrick Dennehy was shot twice in the side of the head and did not have drugs in his body, according to an autopsy report.

Belinda Summers, a McLennan County justice of the peace, said the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences in Dallas faxed her the autopsy report Tuesday, but it was illegible except for the information on the gunshot wounds and toxicology tests.

Summers said she received the full autopsy report in the mail Wednesday but declined further comment.

The 6-foot-10 Dennehy had been missing about six weeks when his body was found July 25 in a field near a rock quarry four miles south of the Baylor campus. He died of gunshot wounds to the head, according to a preliminary autopsy report released last month.

Jessica De La Rosa, Dennehy's girlfriend of two years, told The Associated Press that she was not surprised when authorities gave her details of the autopsy report that the toxicology tests were

negative. "I had no doubt in my mind that (drug use) was no part of this," she said from her home in Albuquerque, N.M. "We're still having a hard time that he's not coming back to us."

Dennehy's stepfather, Brian Brabazon, said he knows only some of the details of what happened to Dennehy. "It probably will be hard to hear, but I do want to know," Brabazon told The Associated Press on Tuesday from his home in Carson City, Nev.

Carlton Dotson, who played basketball at Baylor last season and lived in Dennehy's apartment a few months, has been charged with murder. Dotson, 21, remains jailed in his home state of Maryland, awaiting transfer to Texas.

Dotson was arrested July 21 after telling FBI agents that he shot Dennehy after the player tried to shoot him, according to the arrest warrant affidavit.

Dotson's estranged wife, Melissa Kethley, was expected to testify Wednesday before a McLennan County grand jury in the Dennehy case. She told the Star-Telegram

that Dotson has told her nothing about Dennehy's death.

"All he says is this will be over soon and he'll take care of me now and forever," Kethley told the newspaper for a story in Wednesday editions.

Investigators found a .32-caliber gun and a box of bullets near the body, but the pistol was Dennehy's and had not been fired, the Waco Tribune-Herald has reported.

Dennehy, 21, was last seen on campus June 12, and his family reported him missing June 19. His vehicle was found June 25 without license plates in a Virginia Beach, Va., parking lot, about 160 miles from Dotson's hometown of Hurlock, Md.

After Dennehy disappeared, allegations of NCAA violations surfaced from some of his family and friends who said a coach gave him money for a car and apartment rent and that his tuition was taken care of, although he was not on a scholarship.

Basketball coach Dave Bliss and athletic director Tom Stanton abruptly resigned Friday.

Baylor president Robert Sloan said school investigators discovered that Bliss was involved in two players' receiving improper

financial aid and that staff members did not properly report failed drug tests by players. Sloan said Stanton had no direct knowledge of

any violations. A newly appointed search committee has started looking to fill those two positions.

Ducks Unlimited enlarges staff

MEMPHIS, Ten. — Two new staff members will be joining Ducks Unlimited (DU) as regional biologists to focus on conservation programs and issues in the southern Mississippi Alluvial Valley (MAV), which also includes a portion of Texas. Parts of Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee are also included.

"We are very pleased to announce that Mike Checkett and Chad Manlove are joining our headquarters staff to expand our ability to deal with numerous conservation issues," said Don Young, Executive Vice President for DU. "This effort will provide greater service to our members and the waterfowl community at large as we expand our work in this very important region of the U.S."

Checkett is coming to DU from the Arkansas Fish & Game Commission (AGFC) where he has been the Migratory Game Bird Program Coordinator since

2000. "Mike Checkett has done an exceptional job as waterfowl biologist in a state in which waterfowl hunting in a premier outdoor recreational activity," says Dr. Scott Yaich, DU's Director of Conservation Programs. He has been very active with Arkansas' DU organization as well, including serving as State Greenwing Chairman. The professional respect and credibility he has earned as a biologist among the waterfowl community, and his broad, personal experience with Arkansas' duck hunters and DU members in Arkansas will serve DU well in his new capacity," says Yaich.

"DU is a tremendous organization, and I am truly excited about the opportunity to join its staff," says Checkett. "It's recognized throughout the professional wildlife community as one of the foremost conservation organizations, and the leader in wetland and waterfowl conservation. As a long-time

waterfowl hunter I know how much DU does to support the sport that I love. I'm looking forward to being able to focus on some of the same types of outreach activities as I was involved with in Arkansas, and spent a lot of time meeting with duck hunters and DU members."

Manlove, currently Regional Biologist for Conservation Planning in DU's Southern Regional Office in Jackson, Miss., will also be joining the national staff.

"Chad Manlove brings a wealth of knowledge about waterfowl populations and needs within the lower Mississippi valley and surrounding region. His recent work in helping DU strategically focus its habitat conservation activities in the region on the things that matter most to waterfowl populations here," says Yaich.

— This article was submitted by Laura Houseal of Ducks Unlimited

Mariners maintain three-game lead over A's in AL West

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Mariners were thrilled to see Freddy Garcia snap his six-game losing streak. They certainly need him to keep winning if they want to hold off Oakland in the AL West.

Garcia got out of two early jams, outpitching Roy Halladay and leading the Seattle Mariners past the visiting Toronto Blue Jays 3-1 Tuesday night.

"For him to dig down deep and show the conviction he did, that's something he can build on," Mariners manager Bob Melvin said.

Seattle maintained its three-game lead over the Athletics, who beat the Boston Red Sox

5-3 in Oakland behind Barry Zito.

Eric Chavez and Terrence Long homered off John Burkett (9-6) during Oakland's five-run first inning, helping Zito end his five-game losing streak. The Cy Young winner hadn't earned a victory since July 3.

After closing in on Boston for six weeks, the A's finally pushed past the Red Sox in the wild card race with their second big win in two nights.

"I think it's a boost to our team," Zito said. "We know for sure now that we've got what it takes to be a playoff team. These two games have done a lot for us."

In other AL games, it was:

New York 6, Kansas City 0; Chicago 10, Anaheim 4; Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 2; Cleveland 9, Minnesota 6; and Detroit 7, Texas 4.

Zito (9-10) allowed three runs and six hits in 5 1-3 innings. Oakland relievers Chad Bradford and Keith Foulke escaped tough jams as the A's hung on for their 11th win in 13 games at the Coliseum.

Foulke pitched two innings for his 29th save in 33 chances. "He was unshakable tonight," Zito said.

Garcia (10-12) gave up a leadoff homer to Frank Catalanotto but worked out of trouble in the first and third

innings. The two-time All-Star had not won since beating Anaheim 6-4 on June 24.

He allowed four hits and five walks in 6 1-3 innings after going 0-6 with a 10.03 ERA in his previous seven starts.

"I started bad," Garcia said. "I was able to make good pitches and get back in the game."

Shigetoshi Hasegawa pitched the ninth for his 11th save in 11 chances. He has not allowed a run in 26 innings since June 1, a team record for a reliever.

Halladay (16-4) threw a six-hitter for his second consecutive complete game and fourth this season. Yet he lost for the second time in three starts fol-

lowing a 15-game winning streak.

"It's just one of those games where every time I got a guy on base they found a way to get him in," Halladay said.

Edgar Martinez's RBI double put Seattle ahead for good, and right fielder Ichiro Suzuki threw out a runner at third to thwart a Toronto rally in the seventh.

The Mariners also activated closer Kazuhiro Sasaki from the disabled list.

Yankees 6, Royals 0
At Kansas City, Mo., Mike Mussina (13-6) allowed only four hits in eight innings and Jorge Posada went 4-for-5 with a home run as New York

snapped a three-game skid.

White Sox 10, Angels 4
At Anaheim, Calif., Dan Wright (1-5) earned a victory in his second appearance out of the bullpen after going winless in 12 starts this season for Chicago.

Magglio Ordonez, Sandy Alomar Jr. and Carlos Lee drove in two runs apiece for the White Sox, who roughed up Ramon Ortiz (13-10) and moved within a half-game of first-place Kansas City in the AL Central.

Indians 9, Twins 6
At Minneapolis, Ryan Ludwick homered twice and Cleveland ended Minnesota's four-game winning streak.

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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Aug. 14, 2003:

Others seek you out. You might want to take your time making decisions, especially if you feel confused. Juggling your personal relationships with your must relationships could take unusual effort this year. Your creativity will come forward if you allow your imagination to flourish. Don't hold back, especially with stream-of-consciousness discussions. You also seem to be able to gain financially. If you are single, you will have many people around you. Be careful whom you choose to have close, as not everyone is as trustworthy as you would like. Get to know a suitor very well, as the wool could easily be pulled over your eyes. If you are attached, don't always expect to agree, especially about finances. Juggle your different needs. PISCES helps you make money.

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)
***** Read between the lines. You see a situation differently. You might want to think through a decision before launching into action. In essence, your perspective might be quite unique and a source of debate. Encourage discussions rather than misunderstandings. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** Aim for exactly what you want, knowing full well the implications of what is on your mind. You can be sure others have different views, which might not be reconcilable. Keep your long-term goals in mind before doing or deciding on anything. Tonight: Where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Keep reaching out, making what you want happen. Your ability to realize what you want from others could make a big difference. Laugh and play along with someone who might be too serious and needs to lighten up. You also might need a dose of lightening up. Tonight: A must show.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** You seem able to handle extremes well. Your sense of what might be workable could change once you get others' feedback. Surprisingly enough, your perspective evolves through dissension, creating a stronger idea or package. Tonight: Do needed research.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** When you cannot come up with an idea, know that someone else will. You might find out that someone who really cares will go out of his or her way for you. You cannot tell someone how to express his or her caring. Accept a gesture. Tonight: Sort out your finances.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** If you want, go out of your way to find out what might be going on with a child or loved one. What someone offers might be too good to say "no" to. A friend makes suggestions that help bring others together. Don't fuss. Tonight: Where the action is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** You might want to mellow out and do some thinking about your work. Investigate the possibilities that surround a friendship or someone you care about. A boss could be very serious about what he or she wants. Tonight: Think work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** Try visualizing more of what you want. Think through a decision that involves a child or loved one. Many people have different opinions. Know that

everyone could be right, but the solution lies elsewhere. Tonight: Tap into your creativity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
*** Stick with your priorities. Your family could be demanding, but you certainly know how to handle the pressure. In some ways, you might feel as if you're in a pressure cooker — everyone wants something different. Tonight: Focus on family and friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** You could be overwhelmed by what comes down. Think carefully about what you want. You might be juggling two different interests and not sure exactly what will work. Do more listening. A partner needs your ear. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Investigate what you need to do to balance your budget. Matters seem a bit off-kilter, though you might not be sure what to do. A friend could mean well but direct you in the wrong direction. Tonight: Your treat.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** You should think carefully about your different options. A boss could be unusually difficult or touchy. Realize what you want and what needs to happen. A partner might enjoy playing devil's advocate! Tonight: Sort through your invitations.

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After-school program relies on UW funds

This article is one in a series of articles of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information is being provided by Pampa United Way as part of its 2003 "50 Years of Caring and Still Going Strong" fund-raising campaign.

Gray County Latchkey was born out of a need of parents who worked and went to school. These parents conceived an idea that would bring peace of mind to them and allow an opportunity for their children. The phrase, Latchkey

grown to encompass all six elementary schools. This idea, conceived out of need, had become a reality and a vital part of the community.

Latchkey is now open to all children (and their parents) enrolled in the Pampa elementary school system. It serves approximately 200 children and their parents in the community.

Latchkey is state licensed which means it has to meet state requirements just as all child-care facilities must. The staff receives at least 15-hours of child-care training each year and must be certified in CPR and first aid.

Pampa ISD has given the program use of local schools' cafeterias, so students do not have to be transported to another location, but rather remain on school grounds. The children are already there and can be checked on quite effectively if not present.

Gray County Latchkey is a non-profit organization. It is represented by a 12-member board of directors made up of parents of program children, teaching staff from each elementary school, and community volunteers.

It is a United Way agency, allowing it the opportunity to offer reduced rates to single-parent families and parents who are going to school to better their futures.

Children are entertained in a number of ways while at Latchkey — with games, arts and crafts, individual and group/inside and outside activities — and they have use of their school's gym on cold days.

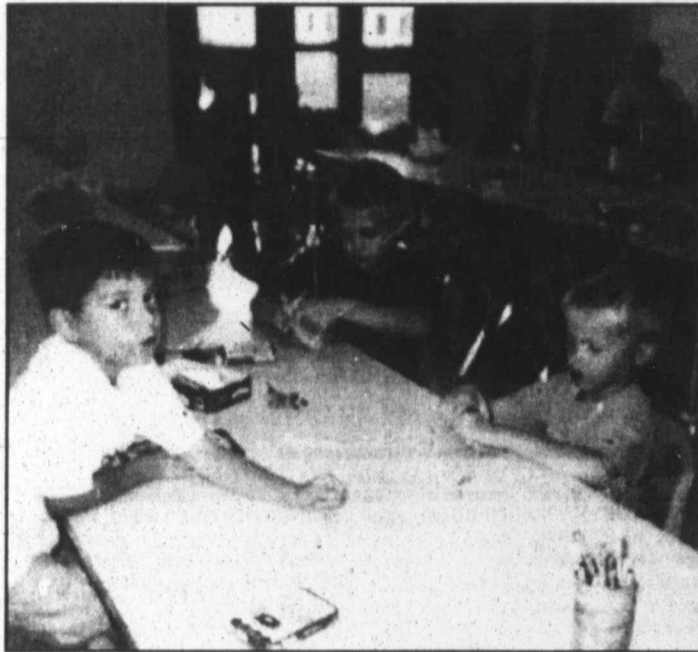
Time is set aside for homework assignments and quiet time as well.

Children make special arts and crafts projects throughout

the year, making decorations for UW meetings, placemats for Meals on Wheels recipients at Thanksgiving, and greeting cards for local nursing homes. Latchkey promotes positive socializing and sharing, and

children are rewarded with encouragement and gratitude for positive behavior.

Latchkey strives to create a positive environment so children can grow socially, emotionally, and physically.



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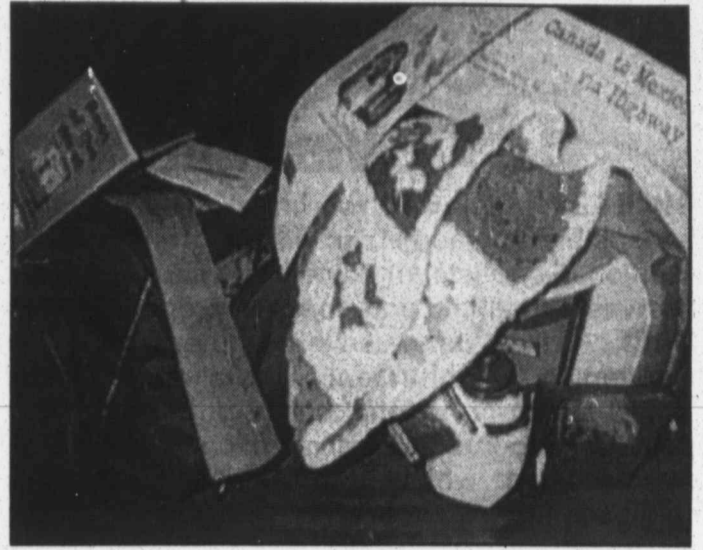
'Latchkey kids' Ian Thorp, Hunter Hall and Chris Nesbit do a little socializing during the after-school program which is supported by Pampa United Way.



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J.T. Skinner, Conor Bressler, Stephanea Marshall and Kyle Olson play a board game during Latchkey, an after-school program offered at Pampa ISD elementary schools.

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Showdown brewing in Colorado

DENVER (AP) — A showdown is developing in Colorado cities over the right to bear arms as city councils consider barring residents from openly carrying guns in public buildings.

A new state law prevents cities from banning concealed weapons in public buildings, but at least seven communities are trying to keep people from carrying them openly.

The Colorado Springs City Council approved a ban on openly carrying weapons in city buildings on a 5-4 vote Tuesday, prompted by a resident who took an unloaded shotgun to meetings at City Hall.

The Breckenridge City Council gave preliminary approval to a similar ban

Tuesday. A final vote was scheduled for Aug. 26.

The executive director of Rocky Mountain Gun Owners, which lists 7,000 members, warned the bans may be illegal.

"All we can say to those politicians who vote in favor of banning citizens' right to defend themselves is, watch out in the next election," said Dudley Brown, executive director of the 7,000-member Rocky Mountain Gun Owners.

"We believe wholeheartedly, cities can't make up rules all over the place," he said. "Otherwise, a driver's license might not be valid in Denver if it's valid in Breckenridge. It seems pretty silly, yet we're doing that on firearms laws."

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