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US Air jet crash kills 16 in storm

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — A USAir jet crashed on its second approach to the Charlotte-Douglas International Airport during a thunderstorm, shearing off the top of telephone poles and killing at least 16 of the 55 people aboard.

One man was seen running from the plane yelling, "Help me, help me. I'm on fire." At least 33 were taken to area hospitals.

Airport director Jerry Orr said authorities were still searching for six people. Most of the injuries were from the impact, others were from burns.

Flight 1016, a DC-9, had taken off from Columbia, S.C., said Kathleen Bergen, manager of public affairs for the Federal Aviation Administration in Atlanta.

Bergen said the agency was not aware of any problems before the plane went down at about 6:40 p.m. There were 50 passengers and five crew members.

The plane broke into pieces and the rear section of the plane slammed into a house, Orr said. Crews rescued several passengers who were trapped in the crumpled rear section. There were no reports of injuries on the ground.

The pilot had aborted his initial landing and was about to pull up and make another approach when he apparently struck trees and telephone poles, Orr said. Orr did not know why the first landing attempt was aborted.

Phillip Robinson, a minister who lives near the airport, said he was sitting in his car watching planes take off and land when he saw the jet crash about 200 yards away during a bad lightning storm.

He saw a man with his clothes on fire running from the plane yelling, "Help me, help me. I'm on fire."

Robinson said visibility was very poor because of heavy rain and he could not see the control tower.

The last major accident at the airport occurred in 1974 when an Eastern Airlines jet crashed, killing 70 people.

Seal coating project set for this week

The city of Pampa's annual seal coating program is scheduled to begin Tuesday, and the streets in the southeastern part of the city will be treated.

E.D. Baker of Borger, the contractor for the project, will have approximately two to three days of prep and clean up work to do before the actual seal coating can begin.

In all, the program is expected to last seven or eight days, with the completion date tentatively set to be July 15, weather permitting.

Residents of the area covered in the seal coating program are encouraged to keep vehicles out of the streets on the days their streets are to be sealed. In addition, the city is requesting people to refrain from watering lawns and allowing water to run into the street on the days work is scheduled in their neighborhood.

This year, the seal coating area is bordered on the south by the Sante Fe Railroad tracks, the city limits on the east, Harvester Street to the north, and Cuyler, Hamilton and Highland Park streets on the west.

A proposed work schedule will be available on Tuesday and Wednesday at City Hall.

Area cities plan Fourth of July fireworks, celebrations

Those people who want to get out the backyard and take in some of the area's best Fourth of July celebrations will have a wide variety of activities from which to pick.

While traditional events like fireworks, parades and good food abound, other less traditional activities like a cross-dressing softball game and a hanging are also available.

In Pampa, the city's annual fireworks show will take place about 9:15 p.m. in Recreation Park, which is located east of the city. This year's program will be produced and performed by the same

Carrier, Okla., company which has been used in the past few years, according to Bill Hildebrandt, Pampa's director of community services.

Hildebrandt is urging everyone to take advantage of the city's 32 parks for picnic and family gatherings.

While people and their pets are welcomed in the city's parks on the Fourth of July, fireworks aren't. Ordinances prohibit the exploding devices in all their forms brought in and set off within the city limits.

In Skellytown, residents will be celebrating the fifth annual Fourth of July Funday as a parade is slated

to begin at 10 a.m. on Monday with events for children of all ages, food and prize-giveaways to be held throughout the day.

The highlight of the day promises to be a softball game between members of the Skellytown Volunteer Fire Department and a group of women. What makes the event unusual is that the firefighters will be dressing as women and the women will dress as men.

A demonstration of the Fire Department's jaws-of-life will also be conducted.

At dusk, a fireworks display is planned. All the money collected at the

day-long celebration of American independence will go toward the city park.

In Wheeler, organizers of this year's Fourth of July celebrations promise a lot of entertainment, with the highlight of the day promising to be a huge fireworks display they've been raising money for all year.

Festivities begin early as everyone is welcomed to attend a donation breakfast at the Masonic Lodge at 6:30 a.m. Beginning at 7:45 a.m., the Outlaws, a historical reenactment group from Amarillo, will be performing a mock hanging for the enjoyment of the crowd

gathering for the Fun Run, which is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. in front of the school.

For those people not interesting running or walking, the Punt, Pass and Kick contest starts at 8:30 a.m. at the school's football field. Anyone from 4 years old to 18 years old is eligible to enter.

Beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing throughout the day, turtle races, a swimming meet and various fun activities, not to mention food booths, for both children and adults will be held at the city's park.

At dusk, the city will begin the fireworks display, followed by a street dance in downtown Wheeler.

Top O' Texas Rodeo coming



David Ham, right, and Dwayne Henson of Ham's Banner and Flag of Vernon hang red, white and blue welcome banners on the Hughes Building south entrance Saturday in preparation for the Top O' Texas Rodeo. (Pampa News photo by Jeff Carruth)

Final preparations are underway for the 48th annual Top O' Texas Rodeo, with rodeo performances scheduled July 14-16, preceded by the Kid Pony Show performances July 11-13.

The Top O' Texas Rodeo this year is celebrating its 30th year as a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association rodeo.

The Top O' Texas Kid Pony Show will have performances daily at 7 p.m. in the Top O' Texas Rodeo Grounds in Recreation Park, east of Pampa off Highway 60. Deadline for young people wanting to enter the show events is 5 p.m. Friday, July 8. Entries may be made at the rodeo office in the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

Double Mugging teams wanting to enter the amateur event at the rodeo must contact the rodeo office by 5 p.m. Monday, July 11. The event is limited to eight teams each night, with an entry fee of \$45.

Rodeo performances will begin at 8 p.m. daily,

with special activities scheduled in conjunction with each performance.

On Thursday, July 14, ticket holders will be treated to a free barbecue, sponsored by the Mundy Companies, Albertsons and Bowers Ranch. A Celebrity Pickup Race, featuring "city slickers" teamed with experienced cowboys for a crowd-pleasing event, will begin at 6 p.m.

Friday, July 15, is Family Night, with a half-price child's ticket available with each adult ticket purchased. In addition, senior citizens age 55 and over may purchase rodeo admission tickets at half price for the Friday rodeo performance. Also, a free watermelon feed will be available for ticket holders at 6 p.m., sponsored by Jim Osborne.

On Saturday, July 16, action will get underway with the annual rodeo parade at 10 a.m. Individuals, groups, businesses and organizations wanting to enter the parade should contact the rodeo office at 669-3241 for entry information.

Continuing the rodeo activities Saturday, steer roping will begin at 1 p.m. at the rodeo arena. Pony Express races will begin at 4:30 p.m., with finals at 7:15 p.m. prior to the final rodeo performance.

Youngsters can compete in the calf scramble, sponsored by Bowers Ranch, at the opening of each rodeo performance.

Special features each night of the PRCA rodeo include the Wrangler Bull Fight, sponsored by Bowers Ranch and Wayne's Western Wear; the Coors Chute Out, sponsored by North Country Coors; and the Dodge Ram Tough Rodeo, sponsored by Robert Knowles Dodge.

Also, there will be a dance in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion beginning at 9 p.m. each night of the rodeo. Thursday's guest artists will be area band Young Country. Mercury Records recording artists Davis Daniel will perform Friday night, and Ronna Reeves will be Saturday night's guest artist.

Option 4 plan between G-HISD, PISD clears hurdle

By RANDAL K. MCGAVOCK
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A plan which would promote financial cooperation between the Grandview-Hopkins Independent School District and the Pampa Independent School District while partially excluding the state cleared its final hurdle last week.

The agreement between the G-HISD and the PISD calls for Grandview-Hopkins to send approximately \$490,000 to Pampa under a part of the legislation dictating funding equalization in Texas' school.

"Option 4 is one of the (equalization) options under Senate Bill 7, and it allows a school district to enter into an agreement with another school district to purchase WADA (weighted average daily attendance credits) ... for the purpose of equalizing wealth," said Norman Baxter, G-HISD superintendent.

Baxter characterized the agreement which was approved by the commission of the Texas Education Agency, the government body that oversees the operation of Texas' school system, as being a boon to Grandview-Hopkins as well as Pampa.

While Grandview-Hopkins will

effectively be paying for its students who attend Pampa schools, it will also benefit Grandview-Hopkins as the cost for tax assessment and collection and the cost of participating in an area special education cooperative are picked up by Pampa, according to Baxter.

"It's a win-win situation," he said. "It'll allow Pampa to have more funds for the benefit of not only their students but also for the Grandview-Hopkins students that attend Pampa schools. Also we'll have more money for operating expenses for those students that go K-6th."

Approximately half of the students that attend Grandview-Hopkins ISD, which only offers

class from kindergarten to sixth grade, continue into middle school and high school in Pampa while the other half go to Groom schools.

Last year, G-HISD prescribed to Option 3, which calls for the purchase of WADA credits from the state. Option 4 effectively keeps the money at the local level, Baxter said.

Last May, the PISD voted tentatively to support the plan with the G-HISD. At that meeting, both Baxter and Dr. Dawson Orr, superintendent for the PISD, said the plan could help both schools and that they would fight to see it was approved by the commissioner of education. Then, there was some question as to whether the plan would be sup-

ported at the state level.

"We were very surprised at how quickly it was approved, surprised and pleased," Baxter said.

As for other schools that are considered property-wealthy like Grandview-Hopkins, Baxter said he foresees more schools considering Option 4. In the past, most of Texas' school districts were either under Option 3 or a combination of Option 3 and Option 4.

Presently, the Lefors Independent School district is seeking permission from the commissioner of the state's education authority to enter an agreement similar to Grandview-Hopkins.

Whether it's a possible solution to the state's current school finance quagmire, Baxter said it was a small reaction to a larger problem.

"It's more of a local response," he said. "Working with local people, we can see where the money from Grandview-Hopkins will go to a program that we know is a good program. Our kids have gone there for years, several of our board members are graduates of Pampa High School and we would much rather see local tax money go to a local program that we know is quality."

Senate panel passes health care plan that is a setback for president

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Finance Committee approved health reform legislation Saturday that would leave millions of Americans without insurance coverage, a sharp setback for President Clinton.

The 12-8 vote propelled the highly charged, election-year health care debate toward votes in both houses of Congress next month.

Clinton reacted mildly to the defeat. In a statement, he said the committee's action "moves health care reform another step closer to final passage." At the same time, he reaffirmed his support for "guaranteed health coverage for every American that can never be taken away."

From a new program on long-term care for the disabled to a provision allowing companies to deny abortion insurance coverage for their workers, the scope of the Finance Committee bill is vast.

But at its core is a series of insurance law changes to make coverage more widely available, backed up by subsidies for the poor and tax breaks for some workers to encourage them to purchase coverage.

It sets a goal of 95 percent coverage in 2002, and calls for a national commission to recommend steps to achieve that target if it isn't met.

In voting last week, the committee stripped out Clinton's plan to require employers to purchase insurance for their workers, even as a backup if other measures fail to achieve universal coverage.

The basic provisions were largely the work product of about a half-dozen moderates of both parties. And in the end, the committee's chairman, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York, and White House allies were forced to accept them to get the bill out of committee.

Three Republicans voted in favor. The other six, including GOP leader Bob Dole of Kansas, favor a less comprehensive plan without as much government intervention. Dole signaled a battle to come on the Senate floor.

"We want people to make choices, they want government to make the choices," he said.

The Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee and two House panels have approved legislation designed to achieve universal coverage. They require businesses to finance coverage for their workers, although this provision is unpopular with many Democrats.

The president has promised to veto any bill that falls short of providing coverage for all.

Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell of Maine and Democratic leaders in the House will spend the next several weeks trying to meld the existing bills into measures that command majorities in the both chambers — and also satisfy Clinton's bottom-line demand.

At a news conference after the committee vote Saturday, Mitchell said questions about that process were premature.

"You folks are focusing on whether it's a Chevy or a Ford. We're focusing on its destination," he said.

At the same time, he cautioned that no bill would ever provide coverage for everyone in a society as large and diverse as America.

"Our goal should be to come as close to that as we can," he said.

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Chuck Tanner, Brenda McCullough, Dr. Laxmichand Kamnani and Doug Garner introduce Coronado Hospital's recently acquired heart catheterization equipment Friday during a ribbon cutting ceremony and tour of the lab. Medical staff and local dignitaries in attendance were also given a video demonstration of the equipment by hospital personnel. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Coronado Hospital acquires new equipment for its heart catheterization laboratory facility

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Coronado Community Hospital recently added some high-tech equipment to its inventory that could help area doctors better diagnose patients suffering from problems with their heart and blood systems.

The official unveiling of the heart catheterization equipment was done Friday as media staff, members of the hospital's board of trustees, executives from area hospitals and Mayor Richard Peet attended the invitation-

only ribbon cutting, tour and video demonstration.

Although Coronado Hospital has been doing "caths" since 1989, the newly purchased equipment in the heart catheterization lab marks its first update.

"We went through about four different vendors, and what we wanted to do was get the best equipment for the amount of money we had. We talked to GE, Philips, Seimens and Toshiba," said Bill O'Brien, the hospital's assistant administrator. "We ended up buying the Cadillac of the equipment and that

was from Philips."

The new equipment cost the hospital about \$500,000, according to hospital officials.

In brief, the new equipment can give doctors a look inside veins, arteries and the heart with the help of catheters and non-harmful dye. With the new technology, doctors can peer at blocked arteries or diagnose problems not seen before.

The heart "cath" lab is supervised by Cardiologist Laxmichand Kamnani, M.D., Radiologist Chuck Tanner, ARRT/MRT, and Brenda McCullough, RN.

Dry weather heightens danger from fires

Continued dry weather across Texas is creating an increased wildfire threat, prompting officials to issue fire warnings and discourage both outdoor burning and fireworks.

Gov. Ann Richards is urging Texans to pay particular attention to the fire dangers during the Independence Day holiday, and take necessary steps to help reduce the threat.

"People start most wildfires, and they can prevent them as well," the governor said. "We're asking everyone, especially people who live in rural areas, to be aware of the fire danger and to work closely with their local fire departments to reduce fire hazards in and around their homes."

Bobby Young, head of the Fire Control Department of the Texas Forest Service, echoed the governor's concerns, noting that hot dry weather has increased this summer's fire threat. He said the holiday weekend, with increased travel, campers and fireworks greatly increases the potential for fire.

"Vegetation is drying rapidly and creating a growing fire hazard," Young said. "The current conditions combined with the fuel-loading has intensified the

wildfire potential. Firefighters in extreme West Texas have found that even some green grass will burn, much of its moisture having been sapped by summer heat."

The fire concern is not limited to any particular area of the state, so residents throughout the state should take heed of the increasing wildfire danger, warned Tom Millwee, state coordinator of the Governor's Division of Emergency Management, which is monitoring fire conditions and coordinating resource assistance requests.

"We are facing a substantial threat, and only through awareness and fire safety can we assure this Fourth of July Holiday is a safe one," Millwee said. "The best fire is one that doesn't start."

Bobby Young, head of the Fire Control Department of the Texas Forest Service, said citizens must help reduce the fire threats in their own communities by protecting their homes and property.

"It is important to create an environment around your home which is inhospitable to fire," Young said.

That environment should include a 30- to 100-foot safety zone around a home, from which leaves, limbs and vegetation should be removed. Trees and

shrubs should be pruned from around stovepipes and chimneys, vines removed from walls of homes, and grass mowed and watered regularly.

Homeowners should clear rubbish from around buildings and stack firewood at least 100 feet away from the house. Residents also should exercise caution when burning trash and brush, he said.

Young said that basic fire safety measures both inside and outside a home can make a difference in its survivability when fire threatens. He especially emphasized the value of working smoke alarms on all levels of every home.

Young urged extreme caution with outdoor cooking and barbecues and strongly discouraged the use of home fireworks. Instead, he advised citizens to take advantage of community-sponsored fireworks displays and other holiday activities, as a safe celebration alternative.

Briefs

G-HISD board

Grandview-Hopkins Independent School District's Board of Education will meet beginning at 8 p.m. on Tuesday in the school's cafeteria.

Items scheduled to be considered by the board members include financial matters having to do with the approval of bills, an amendment to the school's budget and the renewal of a tax collection agreement with Gray County.

Also, the board will be discussing a resolution thanking Nolene and Jerry Hawk of Creative Graphics, Mr. Gatti's Pizza and Pizza Hut, and holding its annual Chapter II hearing.

In other business, the board will conduct the third and final reading of five policies dealing with instructional goals, tutorial, remedial, special education and bilingual education, and conduct the second reading of a measure dealing with the disposal of school properties.

Finally, the board will hear from Norman Baxter, superintendent of the Grandview-Hopkins school district, who will be talking about the Lone Star Investment Pool report and the current situation with school finance. Gray County Appraisal District's Board of Directors will meet beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the appraisal district's offices located at 815 N. Sumner.

GCAD meeting

A public hearing of protests to a tax on vehicles used during for business will begin at 9:15 a.m. and continue through 11:30 a.m.

Following a break for lunch, the hearing of protests from real estate accounts will begin at 1:30 p.m. and last until 4:30 p.m.

In addition to the public hearing, public comments and the chief appraiser's report will be considered.

Pat Bagley is the chief appraiser for the district, which is governed by a five-member board of directors which includes Samuel Haynes, chairman; Neil Quattlebaum, secretary; Wallace Birkes, John Spearman and Keith Teague.

West Texas fires

LUFKIN (AP) — Firefighters have contained two West Texas blazes, which state forestry officials said were ignited by lightning.

The 9,500-acre Delaware Rim fire was brought under control in Culberson County, the Texas Forest Service said Saturday.

Firefighters also brought a 2,400-acre fire under control in Poverty Canyon in Coke County, said Steve Adams, forest service incident commander.

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HEALTH HAPPENINGS

PRACTICING SAFE SUN
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The wonderful sunny days of summer have arrived. Outdoor activities are a lot of fun, but applying the proper sunscreen is very important to ensure sun safety. No one can escape the damaging effects of the sun's rays. That's why daily protection is very important, since it is estimated that up to two-thirds of your lifetime sun exposure is during everyday activities like driving, gardening, walking to and from your car, etc. Recreational activities and outdoor occupations add to your skin damage. Chronic sun exposure and the resultant skin damage leads to skin cancer, premature wrinkling, keratosis (pre-cancerous scaly spots), and brown spots.

Skin cancer accounts for about one-third of all reported cancers in the U.S. More than one-third of all Americans over 65 will get skin cancer at least once in their lifetime. More than 90 percent of all skin cancers are thought to be caused by overexposure to the sun. Protecting our children is especially important, since it is estimated that 80 percent of lifetime sun exposure and subsequent damage occurs before the age of 20. But protecting ourselves as adults is necessary as well because with protection our skin has the ability to repair some of the previous damage.

The sun's radiation is made up of infrared, visible, and ultraviolet (UV) rays. It is UV rays (UVA, UVB, and UVC) which affect the skin. UVB rays penetrate the skin's top layer (the epidermis) and are the principal cause of sunburn and skin cancer. UVB rays also contribute to premature skin aging. They are strongest, and thus most damaging, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. UVA rays penetrate the skin more deeply into the connective tissues where they aggravate the effects of UVB radiation and play a major role in skin aging. Unlike UVB rays, however, UVA rays are strong all day long, all year long. The sun's rays also increase in intensity as the altitude increases, and is a factor contributing to an increased risk of skin cancer here in the High Plains. Even on cloudy or hazy day, you are still exposed to 80 percent of the sun's radiation. And reflection off of snow, water, or beach sand can double your exposure, even under an umbrella.

There are three basic rules for practicing safe sun:

- 1) Avoid midday sun, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
- 2) Cover up. Long sleeve shirts, long pants, and a hat. A cowboy hat provides more protection than a baseball type cap.
- 3) Wear a sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher everyday, year round.

QUESTIONS OFTEN ASKED ABOUT SUN PROTECTION

1. What is an SPF?
SPF stands for Sun Protection Factor. It is based on the Minimal Erythema (redness) Dose. Your MED is the amount of sun exposure required to produce a mild redness on YOUR skin. It is different for each individual. To determine your protection from sunburn, you multiply the SPF of the sunscreen product times your MED. For example, a SPF of 15 times the MED of 10 minutes equals a protection of 150 minutes without a sunburn. Remember this is measuring only sunburn protection (UVB) not UVA protection.

2. What does waterproof mean?
Waterproof sunscreens remain effective for 80 minutes in water. Water resistant sunscreens remain effective for 40 minutes in the water. However if you are in the water longer, or towel dry you should reapply the sunscreen.

3. Can I wait to apply a sunscreen when I see sunburn?
No. By the time you have sunburn you have skin damage. And, sunscreens are not effective until 30 minutes after you apply them and they have undergone a binding process to your skin. Always apply your sunscreen before you leave the house, don't wait until you are at the pool or other activity.

4. Can I re-apply a sunscreen and stay in the sun longer?
No, re-applying sunscreens does not increase the original SPF. It does increase protection if you have perspired, swam, or toweled off your sunscreen. Select a SPF appropriate for your skin type and the length of time you expect to be outside.

5. Why do you recommend a SPF of 15 or higher if I'm only going to be out for 30 minutes?
For two reasons. First, 30 minutes often turns into 60 minutes before you know it. Second, the manufacturers testing is done under specific conditions. A large amount is applied, let dry completely, and tested 30 minutes later. No sweating, swimming, or toweling off is allowed, unless specifically testing for that characteristic. Most of us don't apply as much, and often sweat, swim or towel off. It is estimated that in actual use sunscreens deliver only half the SPF rating listed on the bottle.

6. What kind of sunscreen doesn't burn your eyes?
Gel or sunscreens labeled "Sport" type are less likely to irritate your eyes.

7. I wear a makeup that contains a sunscreen. Is that enough?
In general, no. Most foundations have a maximal SPF of 8. Wear a sunscreen labeled "Facial" under your foundation or powder.

8. I think I have had an allergic reaction to sunscreen. What should I do?
True allergy to sunscreen is rare. Hypoallergenic products are those that have a reduced chance of causing allergic reactions, but allergy is still possible in sensitive individuals. There are two basic chemical families that absorb light energy and provide sun protection: para-aminobenzoic (PABA) esters and cinnamates. Most sunscreens contain derivatives of one or both of these substances. Many hypoallergenic products do not contain PABA esters and are instead based on cinnamates and may contain the labeling "PABA free." If you have had trouble with a PABA ester-based sunscreen, you may wish to try a cinnamate-based sunscreen and vice-versa. Or try a "chemical free" sunscreen which relies on so called physical sunscreens such as zinc oxide or titanium dioxide.

9. What kind of protection should one use for babies?
Sunscreens have not been tested for safety in infants, and so the official recommendation of the American Academy of Dermatology and the sunscreen manufacturers is not to use on children less than 6 months of age. Infants skin is very thin and delicate and really is not suitable for extended sun exposure even with sunscreens. Use hats, clothing, umbrellas and keep them out of the direct sun.

10. Do I need to buy expensive sunscreen?
No, department store brands are no better than drug store brands. It is worthwhile to invest in a facial sunscreen which looks cosmetically better under makeup, and a gel or sport type sunscreen that won't sting your eyes. Both can be obtained in your drug store.

11. What are your favorite sunscreens?
Some of my personal favorites are: Facial: Eucerin daily Facial Lotion SPF 20, Purpose Dual Treatment Moisturizer 15, Neutrogena Facial, Presun Facial, Oil of Olay Daily UV protectant SPF 15. Sport: PreSun Sport, Bullfrog gel or lotion. Waterproof: WaterBabies SPF 30 or 45. Stick: Neutrogena Stick SPF 25. Aerosol: PreSun Spray.

But remember there are many excellent sunscreen products available. The best sunscreen isn't the one in the magazine, in the drug store, in your purse, in your medicine chest or in your golf bag, but is the one that you WEAR.



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Opinion

'Religious right':
Curse or blessing?

Is the growing influence of the so-called "religious right" a curse on the Republican Party, or its salvation? Is it a threat to representative government, or a natural expression of it? Or is it merely a group of people deciding to become more involved in the political process?

What's beyond question is that religious conservatives are making their presence felt across the country. In Minnesota, Christian farmer and former state legislator Allen Quist trounced liberal incumbent Gov. Arne Carlson at the state Independent-Republican convention. (The two will face off in a September primary.) In half a dozen other states, religious conservatives have achieved positions of leadership in the Republican party.

This trend has provoked a curious blend of public hand-wringing and private gloating. The worry we see in the media is that the Republican Party is being "taken over" by intolerant fanatics who will undermine pluralist democracy and destroy the Grand Old Party. Meanwhile, Democratic activists see this supposed division in the Republican Party as an opportunity for their party to win back disgruntled voters.

The reality of the religious right is far different. The people who comprise this movement are grass-roots conservative activists who go to church and generally oppose abortion and "gay rights." They are Americans increasingly fed up with rising taxes and government intrusion into their lives. They play by the rules of our political system, attending precinct caucuses, voting in primaries, sending direct mail, staffing phone banks and voting on election day.

Liberal activists have attempted to tar religious conservatives with all kinds of unattractive labels. Their goal is clear: to discredit this political movement and drive these people out of the political process.

Far from being a threat to the Republican Party, religious conservatives are a natural part of any coalition favoring the free-market and limited government. Generally speaking, religious conservatives don't want to expand the power of government; they want to curb its power to meddle in their homes, their churches and in their children's education. Like most conservatives, they want government to leave them alone (though, as some critics perhaps rightly note, they don't necessarily want to leave others alone, preferring to impose their beliefs and standards on others through the political process).

Religious conservatives, still, are usually good team players when it comes to party politics.

For any politician, party or political movement hoping to stem the growth of government, religious conservatives should be considered a natural ally. Proponents of big government should not be allowed to use name-calling to bully religious conservatives into silence.

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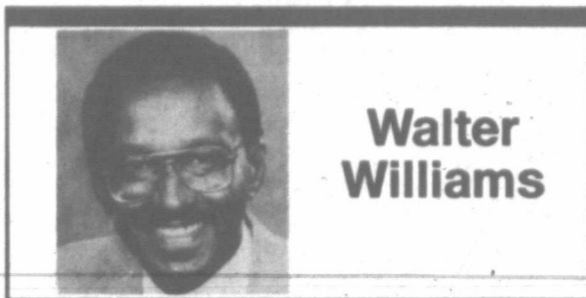
Liberals created black racism

People are shocked, dismayed and perplexed over a significant portion of the black community's seeming endorsement or silence over the plainly racist and anti-Semitic diatribes of Nation of Islam's Minister Louis Farrakhan and his disciple Khalid Muhammad.

Stripped of racism, anti-Semitism and nationalism, Minister Farrakhan's message to blacks is: Get off welfare and get a job; stop depending on white people and be independent; stop using drugs; stop criminal preying on the black community; stop having babies out of wedlock; take responsibility for yourself; show respect for black women; and put some prayer into your lives.

Ironically, that message contains much of the argument that conservative blacks have been making for several decades. There's been warning after warning against the leftist delverance of poor blacks into the debilitating clutches of the welfare state and its spiritual and moral destruction.

Conservative blacks have warned about abandonment of traditional values and substitution of those values with alternative lifestyles. However, conservative criticism of half-baked schemes of the '60s and '70s was greeted with scorn and belittlement by establishment blacks, black politicians, civil rights leaders and white liberals. With media complicity, blacks who preached the non-racist elements of the Farrakhan message were condemned as "sellouts," "blaming the victim"



Walter Williams

and "giving aid and comfort to America's racists." It was easy to dismiss the messenger but not the message or its reality.

Liberal ideas have been especially devastating to the black underclass. Because "original causes" could not be eliminated, liberals have accepted a level of criminal activity and property destruction that has turned many black neighborhoods into economic wastelands. Liberals have used a bad home environment as an excuse to permit hostile, disruptive kids to stay in school and make education impossible for everybody else. Slavery and racism have been used as an excuse for out-of-wedlock births, and welfare has been promoted as a substitute for fathers.

Conservatives have always argued this was nonsense. Farrakhan's successful nationalistic appeal results from black and white liberals' success in snuffing out civil criticism and discourse. Suppression of alternative ideas created the vacu-

um so ably filled by Farrakhan and his disciples. From what I know of Nation of Islam philosophy, behavior justified by those excuses is not tolerated and surely is not encouraged.

It's easy for Minister Farrakhan and others to indict racism for today's problems. After all 40 years after Brown vs. Board of Education, black education is in shambles and, in many cases, worse than it was in 1954. The nation has allocated massive resources to fight discrimination and create affirmative action programs. But for many blacks, college and a decent job is an unrealizable dream. Predominantly black-populated cities face fiscal chaos, social disarray and an exodus (black and white) of their most productive people. The gross failure of the programs of the '60s and '70s to deliver on their promises helps make charges of "institutional racism" and "subtle racism" seem plausible. For many people, what else can explain the failure of good intentions and costly social programs to deliver on the promises?

Had conservative critics not been silenced and liberal ideas no gone unchallenged, not only wouldn't we see today's level of black racism, there would be far less poverty and despair. In the process of using poor black people to further their ideological, income and political agenda, liberals have produced the conditions for Minister Louis Farrakhan's popularity. A conservative challenge to liberal lunacy is long overdue. Too bad that it's cloaked in racism, anti-Semitism and nationalism.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, July 3, the 184th day of 1994. There are 181 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On July 3, 1863, the three-day Civil War Battle of Gettysburg, Pa., ended in a major victory for the North when confederate troops retreated.

On this date:
In 1608, the city of Quebec was founded by Samuel de Champlain.

In 1775, Gen. George Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Mass.

In 1890, Idaho became the 43rd state of the union.

In 1898, the Navy defeated a Spanish fleet in the harbor at Santiago, Cuba, during the Spanish-American War.

In 1930, Congress created the Veterans Administration.

In 1950, American and North Korean forces clashed for the first time in the Korean War.

In 1962, Algeria became independent after 132 years of French rule.

In 1971, singer Jim Morrison of The Doors died in Paris at age 27.



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Headed for disaster in Korea

Maybe I'm missing something. I don't pretend to be brilliant, but if North Korea develops nuclear weapons, so what?

Did we not just survive several decades of ideological hostility with a very large country, the Soviet Union, which had a very large number of nuclear weapons and the means to put them in our laps?

A number of countries possess nuclear weapons, several others are thought to be working on them and nearly every country with nuclear reactors has the capacity to make them. What's the big deal about North Korea? Just what do these panic-mongers expect North Korea to do with one or two plutonium bombs?

Resort to nuclear blackmail? That won't fly. North Korea is too small a country to play nuclear chicken. Sell them? Why would the North Koreans be any more likely to sell nuclear weapons than some other countries that possess them? Drop them on somebody and commit national suicide? I doubt that.

The North Korean government may be sullen, but it's not silly. The post-war age has shown that short of all-out war between major powers, nuclear weapons are of little use except as a deterrent, and even that use is limited. Having nukes won't deter a government from a conventional or unconventional war, because it knows if it keeps the stakes low enough, using nukes would not be politically acceptable.

Charley Reese

It would not be in North Korea's self-interest to use nuclear weapons against South Korea. That would invite a nuclear response from the United States, which North Korea could not survive. On the other hand, if they stuck with conventional forces, they might have a chance, because the United States does not have the stomach for a drawn-out, high-casualty conventional war over a limited, foreign objective. Nor should it. Conversely, it would be criminal stupidity for the United States to fight with conventional forces. If war comes, the United States should nuke North Korea, politically acceptable or not.

But I doubt North Korea wants a war with the south. The 1950 war was instigated by Joe Stalin and supported by the Soviet Union and China. There is no Soviet Union today, no support in Moscow for the North Korean government, and China has its own agenda, which I don't think includes getting dragged into a war by a small country of little or no strategic value.

Incidentally, the idea of the strategic value of the Korean peninsula — the assumption on which our policy is based — is really outdated. In the pre-rock, pre-air age, the Korean peninsula was of strate-

gic value because historically it had been a jumping off or on pit for invasion forces bound for Japan or China. But the days of seaborne armadas and massive invasion forces aimed at a major power are finished. Satellites, air power and missiles have put them into the category of cavalry charges on horseback.

Of course, the North Koreans have said they are not seeking nuclear weapons, and are ticked off because the United States is treating them in a biased manner. I don't know about the truth of the first part, but the second part is certainly true. North Korea has even said it wants to participate in an international conference on nuclear proliferation, as proposed by Boris Yeltsin but rejected by Bill Clinton.

I agree with the North Koreans to this extent: Something stinks in the Clinton administration's position on this issue. I don't know what's behind it, but it smells like rotten fish to me. They are making a tumor out of a zit.

If Clinton is genuinely concerned about stopping nuclear proliferation, then he ought to take Yeltsin up on his offer of a major international conference. The Russians, even under the Soviet regime, have a far better record on the issue of nonproliferation than the democracies.

The present Clinton course — threats, bluster, backups, vacillations, deliberate ambiguity — can lead to a genuine disaster.

Do presidents need to wear uniform?

Wherever Bill Clinton has turned in recent weeks, someone has giped him about his lack of military experience.

When he delivered a Memorial Day address at Arlington National Cemetery, ABC's Brit Hume felt compelled to remind millions of viewers that Clinton's relationship with the military is suspect because he went to great lengths to duck the draft. As the president prepared to cross the Atlantic to speak at ceremonies commemorating the 50th anniversary of D-Day, Baltimore Sun columnist Roger Simon observed that the speech would "remind people that Clinton avoided military service 25 years ago during the Vietnam War."

Somebody clue me in here. When did it become mandatory to have worn the uniform in order to serve as president of the United States?

Indeed, a quick review of presidential biographies reveals that barely more than half of all chief executives served in military ranks — and that's giving the benefit of the doubt to Ronald Reagan, who "served" just down the road from his Hollywood home, making propaganda films at the Hal Roach Studio.

Three of the Founding Fathers who were elected president — John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison — did not serve in the military. Two of our most famous wartime presidents — Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Delano Roosevelt — somehow managed to lead us to victory in World Wars I and II (yes,



Joseph Spear

Truman did finish the job) without benefit of prior military service, although FDR did serve as assistant secretary of the Navy under President Wilson.

Please understand, I am not trying to belittle the benefits of military service. I am an honorably discharged veteran, Vietnam era, who believes in a strong national defense and the judicious use of it. But the notion that a person has to serve to qualify for the presidency seems preposterous to me.

I am aware of the principal argument: We need leaders who know what it means to send men and women to war and who are personally familiar with the military's propensity to get too deeply involved in foreign policy if given too much reign.

I think another argument is equally powerful: We need leaders who do not have close, personal ties to the people who run the Pentagon, leaders who are friendly but not too cozy with the brass hats, leaders who can call the shots impartially.

Besides which, if we are to insist on military service as a stipulation for the highest office in the land, then we will be forced to limit the pool of candidates to a relative handful.

First of all, there might never be a woman president because comparatively few women ever wear the uniform.

Second, a great many politicians would be automatically disqualified. According to a Cox News Service computer analysis of Congress, only 7 percent of the lawmakers who were born in 1950 or thereafter have had any military experience.

Third, many prominent Republicans who lust for higher office — including some who are unhesitatingly critical of Clinton's military record — would be rejected out of hand because they too managed to wriggle out of military service.

House Minority Leader Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., could not be president. He avoided Vietnam with academic deferments. Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, did likewise. Patrick Buchanan skipped military service with a medical deferment for bad knees, which have miraculously healed enough for him to jog regularly. Dick Cheney, who ran the Pentagon for George Bush, bypassed Vietnam with student deferments. He "had other priorities," he has said.

"Perhaps, when some of these men are running for the White House in a couple of years, the watchdogs of the press will remind us with every story that these pol, too, did not serve."

Letters to the editor

Celebrate liberty

To the editor:
On July 4th, America will celebrate with great pomp and pageantry the 218th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, a crucial moment in world history. On this day, I hope your readers will join the reaffirmation of the American Dream.

When the Founding Fathers gathered in 1776 in Philadelphia to pledge their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor for liberty's sake, they not only initiated an experiment in democracy that gave rise to what has become the most powerful, prosperous nation on earth, they redefined the very concept of freedom.

The idea was that America was a unique place in the world; that you could leave the Old World, come to America and be part of a new nation, where you would be judged not by your ethnic group or by who your parents were, but on the basis of your God-given talent and your effort. This was a revolutionary idea in 1776, and it is a revolutionary idea in 1994. But it is an idea that took root in America.

We don't have much trouble defining the American Dream because for most of us; our parents dreamed it and we lived it.

The secret of the American success is not that the brilliant and talented people in the world came to live here. What made America successful is that ordinary people like us had the opportunity and freedom to achieve extraordinary things.

We need not be historians to understand that we owe a debt to the courage of past generations for freedom that was won and preserved at an enormous cost. We should celebrate the joys of liberty after pausing for a moment to honor those who sacrificed so much to guarantee our chance to partake in the American Dream.

Phil Gramm
United States Senator

Sarpalius responds

To the editor:
It is not my practice to respond to letters to the editor that deal with my actions as a member of Congress. However, you recently printed a letter from Mr. Ray Velasquez that I feel must be answered.

When one of my constituents contacts me for assistance with a federal agency, I follow the appropriate steps required by the Privacy Act and make inquiries of the federal agency involved. I consider these requests confidential and do not discuss them with anyone, even though there are occasions when I am contacted by the press or others with questions about cases with which I am assisting.

Mr. Velasquez has contacted me on many occasions with many requests. He described an incident in his letter to you and indicated that I had not responded to his request. That simply is not true. The fact of the matter is, the complaint Mr. Velasquez described to me was a matter for the local authorities and the state board that oversees nursing homes — not the federal government. Mr. Velasquez was made aware of this fact, but refused to accept that answer. When he was not satisfied with the conduct of the local authorities, he requested that I have the FBI investigate them.

I firmly believe the federal government should not intrude into state and local matters — that is the job of state and local governments. Anytime one of my constituents needs assistance with a federal agency, I am more than happy to offer any assistance I can. I do not,

as a rule, contact state and local agencies. State and local officials have been elected to serve the public on those levels. They should be allowed to do their jobs without interference from the federal government.

Bill Sarpalius
U.S. Representative

Have a fun, safe 4th

To the editor:
The City of Pampa would like to encourage the public to take advantage of the city's 32 parks this Independence Day weekend for picnics, family gatherings and other outdoor recreation activities.

Due to the extensive temperatures we have been experiencing lately and the drying effect it has had on the natural vegetation, the city would like to remind our park users of the fact that shooting, firing or otherwise detonating fireworks inside the city limits (including the parks) is prohibited by ordinance except by prior written authorization of the fire marshal.

The public is invited to our annual July 4th fireworks show to be held this Monday evening after 9:15 p.m. at the west side of Recreation Park off Highway 60. This year's show will be produced and performed by the same professional pyrotechnics contractor out of Carrier, Okla., that we have utilized for the last five or six years. Additional parking has been established adjacent to the main road that runs from the highway entrance toward the lake.

Please remember that fireworks are not toys and require adult supervision. Fireworks should never be aimed or thrown at persons or animals, and there should be an IMMEDIATE source of water on hand to put out any spot fires. Remember that fire can spread at a phenomenal rate under the right conditions, and that the property or lives at risk may be your own.

Have a fun and safe July 4th — see you at the show at Recreation Park!
Bill Hildebrandt
Director of Community Services
City of Pampa

Spewing out hate

To the editor:
I am replying to the letter in last Sunday's paper by the Gray County Republican chairman. I was one of 14 Democrats from Gray County who attended the State Democratic Convention earlier last month in Fort Worth.

We had the opportunity to hear our governor, Ann Richards, make the speech the Republican chairman criticized in his letter. She most certainly did not characterize everybody who is a conservative like I am and who attends church on Sunday as "a radical right-winger" like he said in his letter. I wonder where he got his information?

Gov. Richards did warn us to be wary of people who preach hatred rather than look objectively at the backgrounds of the candidates and their records. Whatever happened to Republicans who believed each of us should treat other people "with charity for all and with malice toward none"?

When I read the Republican chairman's letter, I wondered why he did not discuss the issues and Ann Richards' record instead of just spewing hate with his name-calling. After I thought about it, I realized that he knows his candidate cannot win that way. The only way he can win is by distorting and misrepresenting what Ann Richards has said and done.

I believe our state is going in the right direction under Ann Richards' leadership. Crime is down 18 percent.

More than 500,000 more Texans are working than three and a half years ago. Some 500 new companies have moved to Texas after Ann Richards contacted them and helped sell them on our state. Tourism is up. Texas is now the second most visited state in the nation. I think we will keep going in this direction if we re-elect Ann Richards as our governor.

John W. Warner
Pampa

Real men in sports

To the editor:
Why is it that the super wealthy athletes of the world can come to America, compete for their most coveted honor (World Cup Champion), suffer through bad calls by the officials, endure sweltering heat, be kicked, shoved and tripped by their opponents and yet maintain manly control? If you watch American sports (with the exception of golf and soccer), you would believe it quite impossible for a man to control his temper. Tantrums are constantly thrown by adult men who have never decided to grow up and become REAL MEN. They continue in the ways of immature children by throwing coolers and bats, kicking in the dirt, screaming and pointing fingers at those with whom they disagree, punching lockers and walls and basically displaying themselves to be exactly what they are: BABIES!

And it isn't just professional athletes! In leagues around the country men gather to play softball, volleyball and basketball in the name of "good clean fun." What often takes place then is the same kind behavior that we witness on our televisions. And it isn't just when men gather to "play" some sport that this happens. If often happens when they are coaching young boys and girls. Is it any wonder that we then see many of these kinds of behavior in our children? What is it going to take for men to stand, up, grow up and be REAL MEN!

Real men don't throw tantrums! Real men don't use violence! Real men control their tempers! Real men can win or lose with manners! Real men can be tolerant of

bad calls! Real men would sacrifice a championship to teach a child discipline! Real men control their tongues when watching sporting events, realizing that younger eyes see and imitate! Real men aren't spectacular, they are just REAL MEN! After working with children for over 20 years, I can honestly say that one of the things that young boys and girls need to see most are men who have stopped living like little boys in big bodies and have decided to be REAL MEN!

Mike Sublett
Pampa

Jesus is the way

To the editor:
This is concerning a letter written to you and printed two Sundays ago. It disturbed me very deeply and I just had to write to offer what the Bible shows me is the truth.

The writer's pet peeve seemed to be about people letting everyone else know how much money they put into the offering plate at church. That's not what bothered me.

At the close of his letter, the writer said, and I quote, "They don't mess around asking Jesus, they go around small names and go straight to the Lord." This statement offends me and I must speak on behalf of Jesus, as well as myself.

Jesus is no small name and there is no getting around him if you want to get to the Lord. John 14:6 says — Jesus saith unto him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, BUT by me." Also, Jesus IS the Lord! John 10:30 — "I and my Father are one." John 14:9 — Jesus saith unto him "... he that hath seen me hath seen the Father ..."

I am not some Bible quoting maniac and this letter is not meant to shove my beliefs down anyone's throat. I am merely pointing out facts — words spoken by Jesus himself. I love Jesus and appreciate you allowing me to voice my beliefs.

Mrs. Sherri White
Pampa

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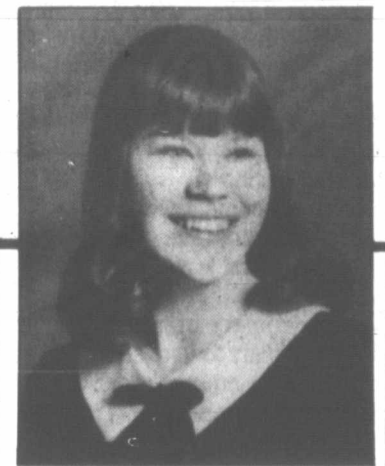
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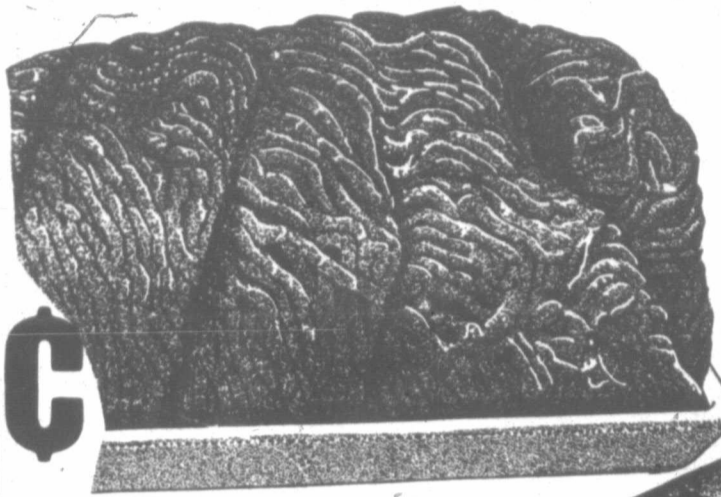
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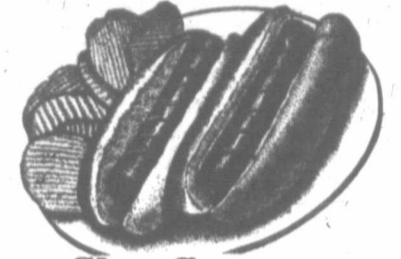
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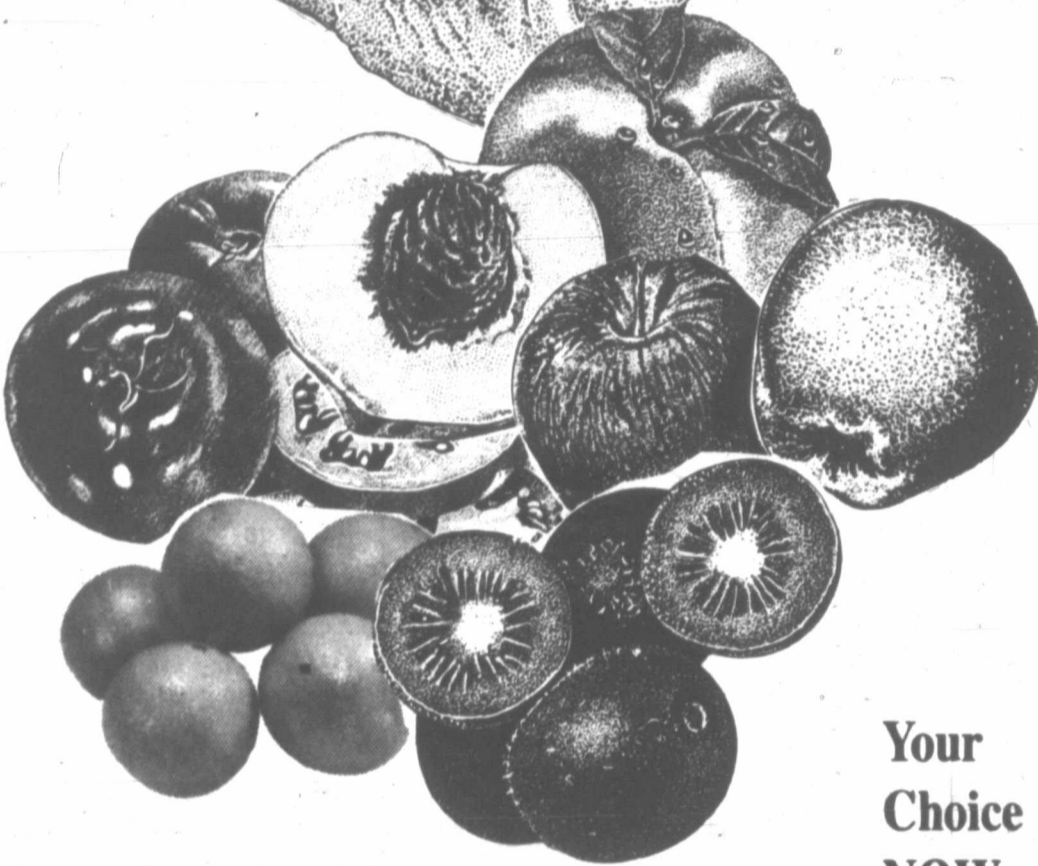
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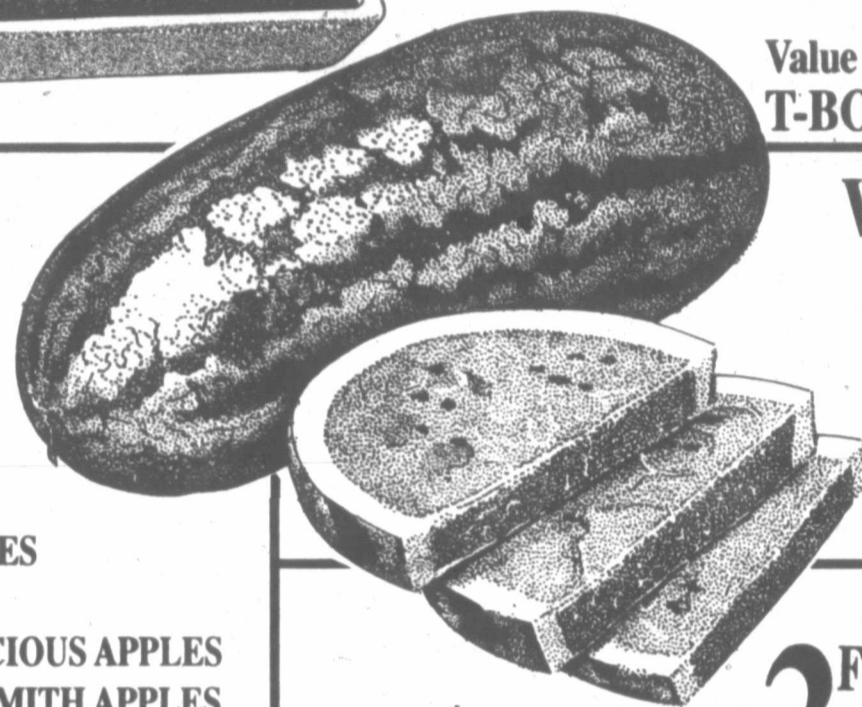
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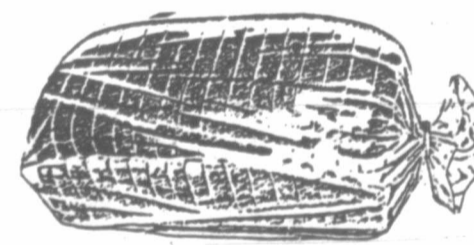
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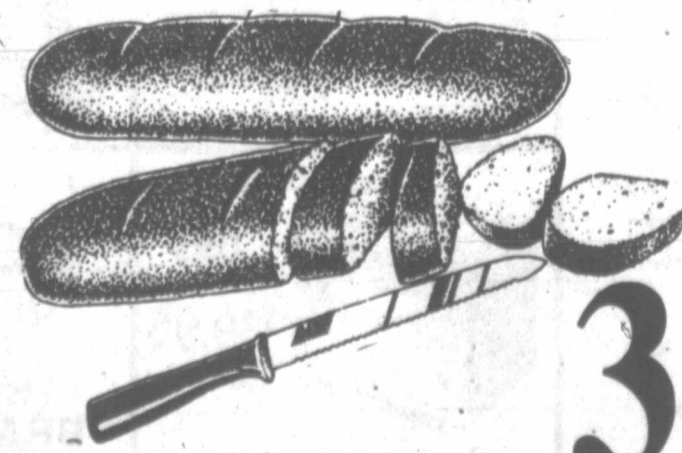
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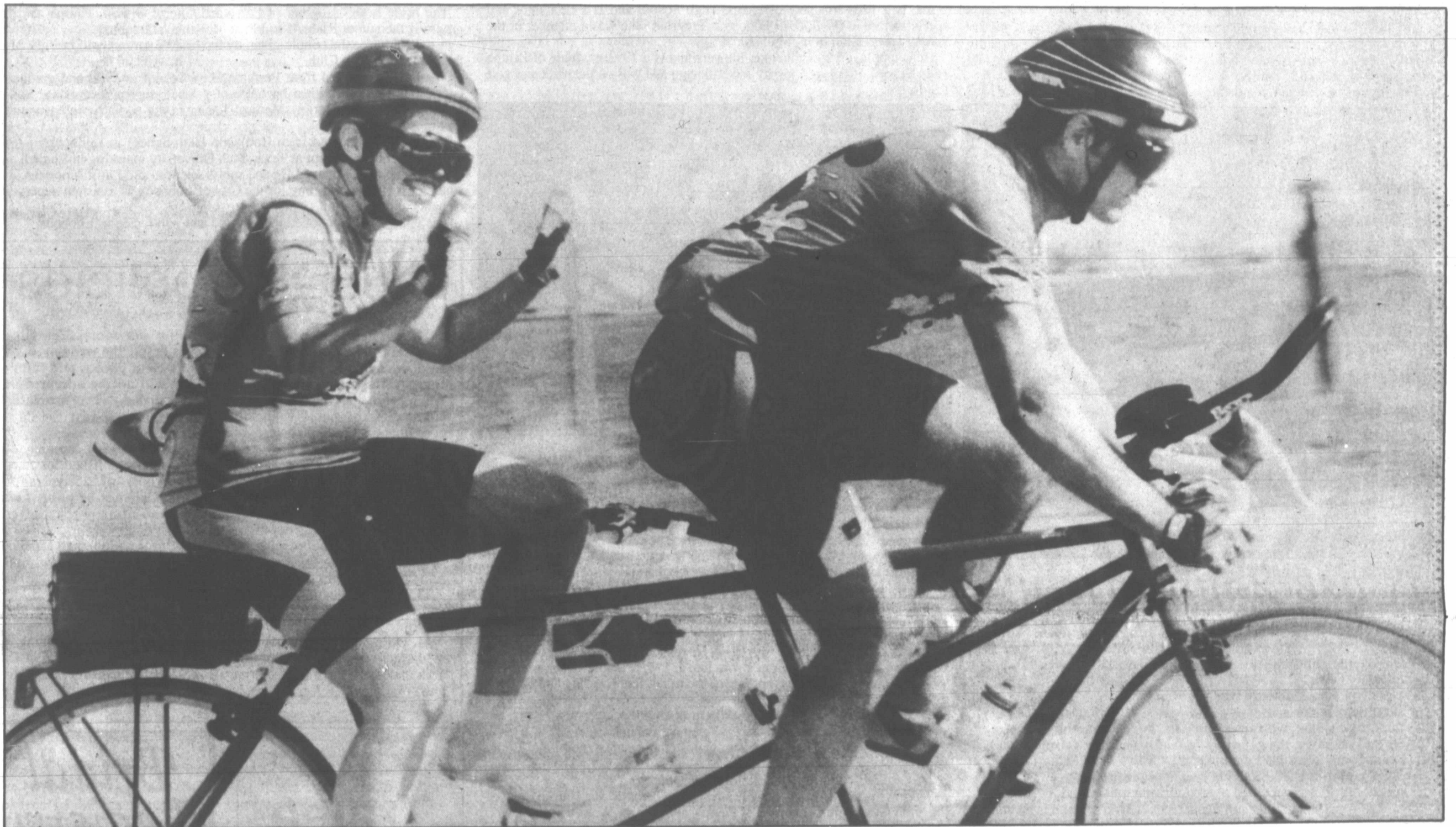
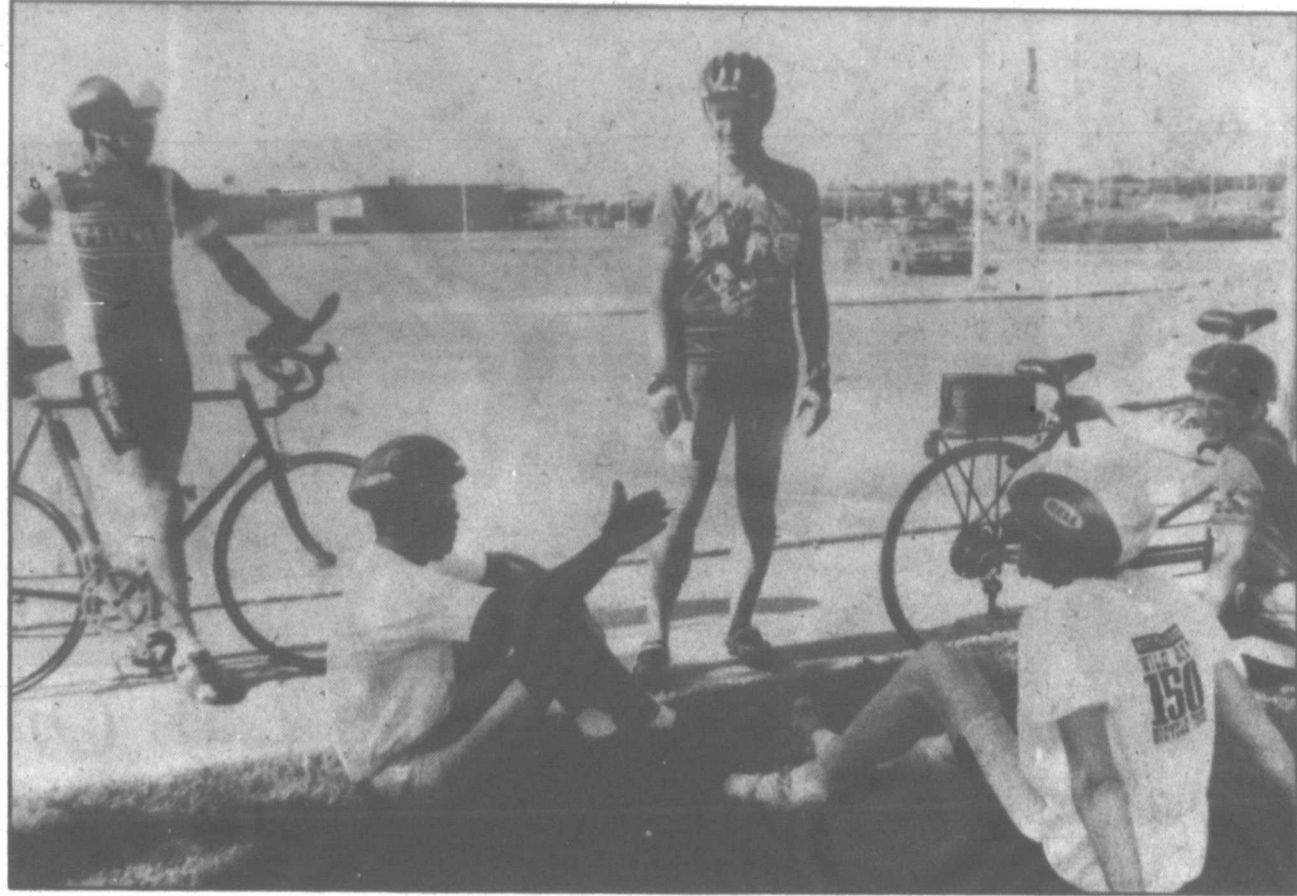


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Lifestyles



Free Wheeling



A relaxing way to keep fit. That's what a group of cyclists here in Pampa think about the sport.

An informal group consisting of about 15 to 20 cyclists of various ages ride at any given time and welcome anybody who wants to ride with them. They usually get together at the M.K. Brown Auditorium on Mondays and Thursdays, plan their route and take off promptly at 5:30 in the afternoon cycling for 20 to 50 miles. Usually, though, not all 15 to 20 go along.

"A lot of people work shift work," said Bobby Schiffman who has been riding since 1983. So anywhere from two to five people ride along on the excursions.

Schiffman's wife Rosemary became interested in cycling after her husband did.

"It was kind of osmosis with me," she said. Though the others may prefer to ride one seat bicycles, she prefers riding a tandem with her husband.

"We have an 11 (year old) and 15-year-old daughters that ride, too," she said.

"We like to exercise," she continued.

"The good thing about bicycling," said her husband. "Is you can eat anything you want to and still maintain your weight."

What they and the others also like about cycling is the company. Bobby said cyclists appear nicer and have healthier attitudes because in order to be a cyclist, a person can't abuse their bodies with alcohol or drugs. He said one man had even quit smoking so he could cycle.

A friend of his whom he has been riding with for awhile is Jimmy Reed who started in 1987 after his brother saw several cyclists along a road and was able to interest Reed in the sport.

Another cyclist, Lyndon Field, said he was on life support nearly six years ago after having most of his small intestine removed after a food poisoning incident. His doctor told him it was going to take a lot of effort for him just to sit up. Now, he cycles the long distances with the other cyclists and is doing quite well.

"It's amazing what the body can do," he said, adding that he is a testimony to that.

Top photo: Far left Chris O'Neal, Jimmy Reed, Bobby Schiffman, Fran Kludt, and Rosemary Schiffman meet at the M.K. Brown Auditorium and discuss the route they are going to take during a Thursday ride.

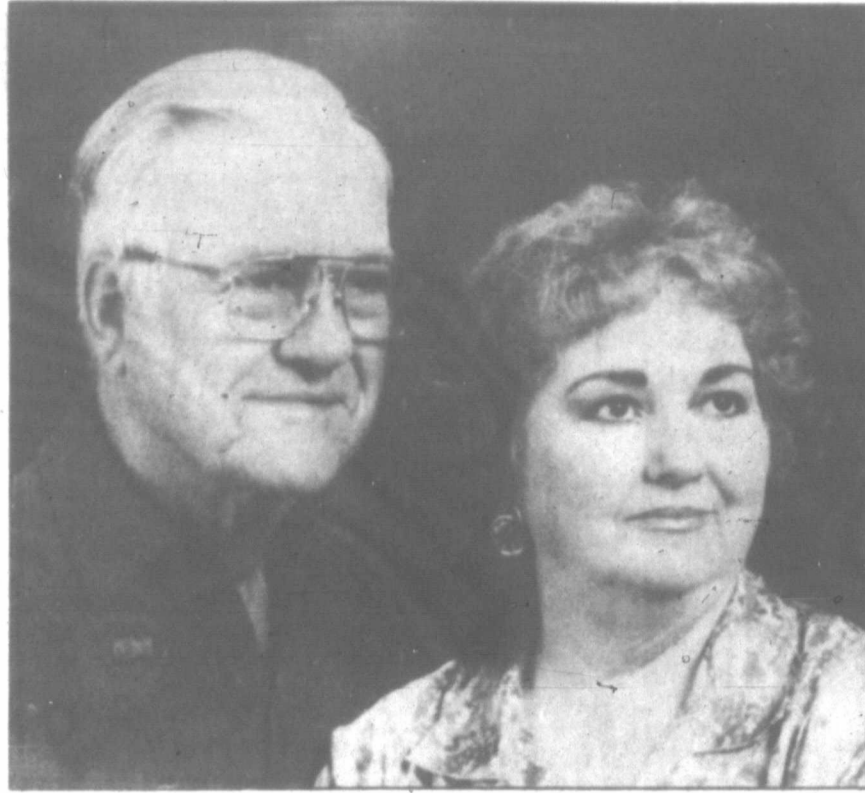
Center: Rosemary Schiffman smiles and waves as she and her husband ride a bicycle built for two along the Borger Highway.

Bottom left: Jimmy Reed waits at the M.K. Brown Auditorium for the other cyclists to arrive.

Bottom right: Fran Kludt and Lyndon Field cycle along Price Road.



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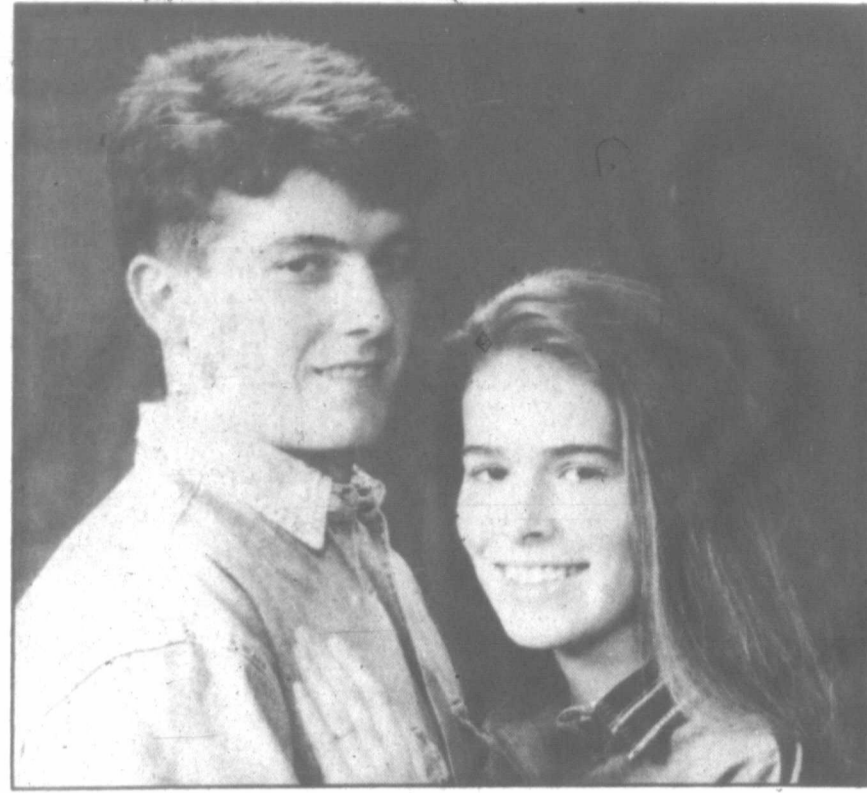
Taylor

Rudy and Dene Taylor, Pampa, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Wednesday, July 6. She is the former Dene Curtis.

They were married July 6, 1944, in Sayre Okla., and have been lifelong residents of Pampa.

Their children are Max, Brenda, and Steve Taylor of Pampa. Mr. Taylor owned and operated Rudy's Automotive and retired in 1992. A reception on Saturday, July 9, will be hosted at the Pampa Community Building by their family, Bula Flynn, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Taylor, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Morelan and family.

The Taylors have seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



Carlisle-Hampton

Lora Lee Carlisle and Marcus Lynn Hampton, both of Pampa, plan to marry August 6 at the Mary Ellen Harvester Church of Christ in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Cary and Myra Carlisle, Pampa, and the prospective groom is the son of Jimmy L. and Barbara Hampton, Pampa.

She is a 1994 graduate of Pampa High School and is a peer tutor and sports partner in the Special Education Program. She was a member of the varsity tennis team in high school.

He is employed by Culberson-Stowers and is a 1993 graduate of Pampa High School. He played varsity football team and was on the track and golf teams.



Orman-McKinley

Traci Renae Orman and Christopher Dean McKinley, both of Lubbock were married May 28 at the San Sophia Bed and Breakfast Inn-Observatory in Telluride, Colo., with Judge Sharon Shuteran, Telluride, officiating the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Larry and Cheryl Orman, Pampa, and the groom is the son of Richard and Pam McKinley, Granbury.

A reception for the couple given by the bride's parents will be July 31 at the Pampa Country Club.

The bride graduated from Perryton High School in 1989 and graduated cum laude in 1993 with a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is employed at the University Medical Center in the pediatric intensive care unit in Lubbock.

The groom graduated from Coronado High School in Lubbock in 1991 and is currently a student at Texas Tech University majoring in English and has a double minor in exercise and sports sciences and Latin American area studies. He works part-time for the City of Lubbock as assistant supervisor of parks and recreation.

The couple honeymooned in Telluride and will reside in Lubbock.



Case-Zimmerman

Marian Beth Case and Christopher Jon Zimmerman, both of Philadelphia, Penn., were married June 25 at the Ridley Creek State Park in Pennsylvania with the Rev. Susan, Minasian, Philadelphia, officiating the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wayne Case, Pampa, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Stanley Zimmerman, Slaughter Beach, Del., who all escorted the bride and groom.

After the ceremony, the gathering of family and friends enjoyed a barbecue dinner and were later entertained by a live band under the leadership of John Morphet, Philadelphia, friend of the groom.

Classical music was provided by a violin and guitar duet.

The bride is a 1989 graduate of Texas Tech University and is an administrative assistant for the AIDS Clinical Trial Unit at the University of Pennsylvania.

The groom attended the University of Pittsburg and owns a cleaning service.

After a honeymoon trip to New York, the couple will reside in Philadelphia.



Ritchey-Massick

Kirsten Renae Ritchey, Pampa, and Jimmy Massick, Borger, were married June 25 at the First Christian Church in Pampa with Rev. Jack Gindorf of the First Christian Church of Miami officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Lonnie and Danette Ritchey, Pampa, and the groom is the son of Rick and Kathy Massick, Pampa.

Christy Hendrick, Pampa, was the maid of honor. Serving as the bridesmaids were Jennifer Clay and Julie Massick, sisters of the groom, both of Pampa, and April Gomez, Pampa. Courtney Ritchey, sister of the bride, served as the junior bridesmaid.

Standing as the best man was Chris Hoganson, Pampa. The groomsmen were Brad Clay, the groom's brother-in-law, Pampa; Ronnie Lyles, Amarillo; and Eric Ritchey, brother of the bride, Pampa. Clay and Ritchey also served as the ushers.

The candles were lit by Delane Williams, Amarillo. Registering the guests was Ashley Freeman, Pampa.

Providing music were Julie Long, pianist and organist, and Luke Long, vocalist, both of Pampa.

A reception followed in the parlor of the church.

Serving the guests were Jessica Carr; Kerrey Brown; Sue Burrell, aunt of the bride; Stephanie Cooper, all of Pampa, and Maxine Watson, Lefors, who was in charge of the reception.

Heidi Mitchell, Pampa, was the wedding coordinator.

The bride is a recent graduate of Pampa High School and will attend Frank Phillips College in Borger in the fall and will work at Mr. Gattis.

The groom is a Pampa High School graduate and is the manager of Mr. Gattis in Borger.

After a honeymoon to Colorado Springs, Colo., the couple will reside in Borger.



Elbert-Havard

Kimberly Kaye Elbert and Rick Havard, both of Dallas, were married June 18 at the Weiner House Bed and Breakfast in Seguin with Rev. Samuel Gottlieb officiating the ceremony.

She is the daughter of Betty and C.J. Johnston, Pampa, and he is the son of Drs. Harold and Janice Havard, Plano.

The matron of honor was Kelly Cates, Houston. Standing as the best man was the groom's father.

Greg Wheeler served as the usher. Karen Wheeler registered the guests.

Alexa Rae Norman provided music for the event. A reception followed the ceremony at the house.

The bride graduated from West Texas State University and works as a sales representative for Bell South Mobile Communications.

The groom graduated from Baylor University and is a brokerage trainee with Fidelity Investments in Dallas.

After a honeymoon to Cancun, Mexico, the couple will reside in Dallas.



Courtney-Paronto

Stephanie Ann Courtney and Tyson Edwin Paronto, both of Pampa, plan to marry July 30 at the Calvary Baptist Church in Pampa.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred G. Courtney, Jr., and the groom-to-be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence E. Paronto, all of Pampa.

She is a 1992 graduate of the University of New Mexico and is employed by Texas Panhandle Mental Health Authority and Coronado Hospital.

He is employed by Topographic Land Surveyors.

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"FROM HEAVEN OR FROM MEN?"

"And when He was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto Him as He was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? And who gave thee this authority? And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one question, which if ye tell me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things. The baptism of John, whence was it? From heaven or from men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; He will say unto us, Why then did ye not believe him? But if we shall say, From men; we fear the multitude, for all hold John as a prophet. And they answered Jesus, and said, we know not. He also said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things." (Matt. 21:23-27.) These people to whom Jesus was speaking, claimed to believe in God yet were not doing His will. Theirs was a ritualistic religion, based largely on traditions rather than the law of God. They realized their predicament and therefore did not answer Jesus' question. The Lord's question, "From heaven or from men?" is a most provocative one. It is the acid test for all matters religious. Most assuredly, it is either from heaven or from men. If it is from heaven then it is not from men and if it is from men, then it is not from heaven. Thus we can clearly see the two sources of authority for religious belief and activity.

Many today have the mistaken idea that religious doctrine can be "from men" and still be approved of God. Yet, the Bible teaches for it to meet with God's approval it has to be authorized in His word (Jas. 1:17-18; 4:12; Matt. 28:18; Rom. 10:17.) When men substitute their thinking and legislation for God's word they bring the wrath of God upon their heads (Gal. 1:8-10.) Jesus plainly taught that to worship God according to man-made doctrines constituted "vain worship" (Matt. 15:9.)

The difference between the authority for belief and practice being from heaven or from men means the difference between being saved or lost. The soul of man is much too precious to endanger its salvation by following that which is "from men."

-Billy T. Jones

Address all inquiries, questions or comments to:
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Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I, both in our 60s, recently had the most disappointing weekend of our lives.

Our daughter and son-in-law invited us to their lake home for Mother's Day weekend. We were promised some good fishing. We love to fish, and because we both work long hours and don't own a boat, we had really looked forward to the weekend.

We drove two and a half hours to their home, and found their front door unlocked and a note on their kitchen table saying they had taken some friends out on the lake. We could have cried. Dad and I fished off the dock alone.

When the kids returned late that evening, they said, "We thought you'd be tired after that long drive, so when our friends stopped by, we took them out on the lake to fish." Not wanting to upset them, we didn't tell them how hurt we were.

Do you think we should have created a scene and told them how hurt we were? Or should we have driven back home before they returned, which was what we almost decided to do?

NOT A HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

DEAR NOT: You were far more generous than most people would have been under the circumstances. I would not have blamed you had you left a note saying, "Sorry we missed each other" — and then driven home. To have created a scene would have made an uncomfortable situation even more uncomfortable.

DEAR ABBY: The letter about the three women showing up at the same place wearing identical hats was funny. (It resulted in two laughing while the third had her nose bent out of shape.) That letter reminded me of a well-publicized incident of many years ago.

At a large social gathering in Washington, D.C., a woman felt chagrined. She had been told that her gown was an original — then first lady Mamie Eisenhower descended the stairway wearing an identical gown!

When Mrs. Eisenhower spotted her, she went directly to the woman, smiled warmly, and said, "My dear, I hope mine looks as lovely on me as yours looks on you."

MIKE VARADY, LOS ANGELES

DEAR MIKE: Thank you for the human interest story about the gracious, down-to-earth Mamie Eisenhower.

Here's an interesting aside concerning President Eisenhower: He had wanted an appointment to the Naval Academy at Annapolis, but he had passed the age limit of 20, so off he went to West Point!

DEAR ABBY: The letters in your column about the rooster reminded me of a poem I wrote during my Ogden Nash period. Thought you might enjoy it:

The rooster is quite erudite
He's heard when he is out of sight.
His crow causes the sun to rise
And sleepy folks to open eyes.
Since there's no law against the rooster,
He takes a lot of getting useter.

BILL IN COLORADO

DEAR BILL: Enjoy it? I cackled!

4-H Futures & Features

DATES
4 — Extension office closed
8 — Swine Program, 7 p.m., Gray County Annex Breads, Foods and Nutrition Tour sign up deadline

DISTRICT HORSE SHOW RESULTS

Two Gray County 4-H'ers, Sean O'Neal of Pampa and Chad Richards of McLean, competed at the district 1 4-H Horse Show. Both 4-H'ers achieved excellent results.

Sean O'Neal qualified for state by placing 1st in the Grade Mare class. Sean also placed 4th in Novice Showmanship, 1st in Novice Poles, and 6th in Novice Barrels.

Chad Richards narrowly missed qualifying for the State Horse Show. He placed 4th in Registered Mares 5 years and over and 9th in Showmanship.

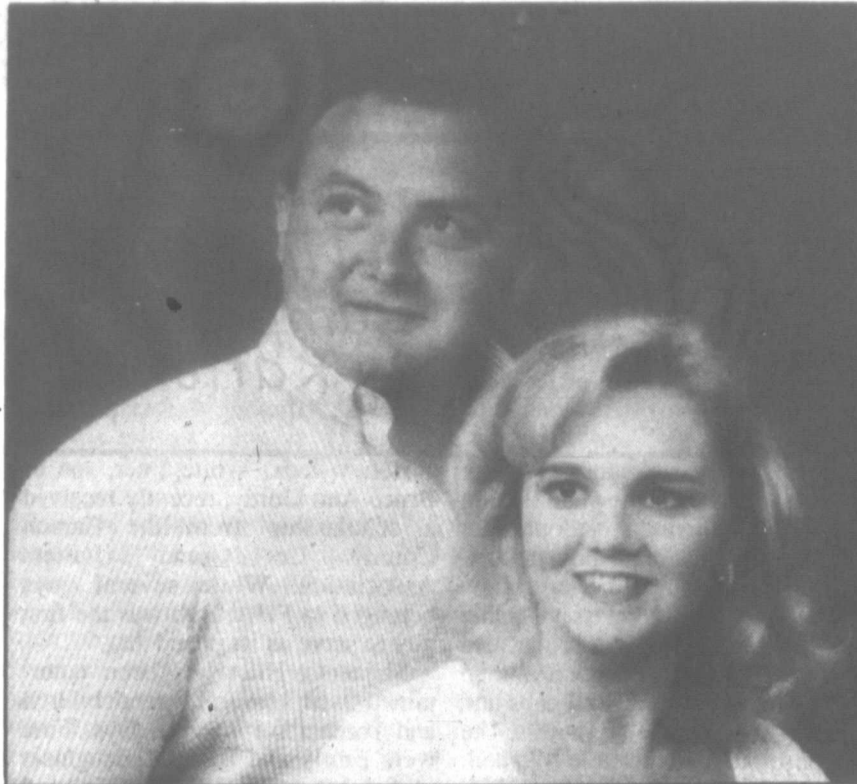
These two young men have many years of competition left and will do very well in the futures.

SWINE PROGRAM

There will be a swine program on July 8, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Gray County Annex. Dr. Bill Thomas, Swine specialist at Texas A&M, will be the speaker. Topics will focus on new information pertaining to networks. For example, marketing networks, buying networks, information networks, etc. If you are interested, feel free to attend.

FOODS NUTRITION/BREADS PROJECT TOUR

Get a head start on your 4-H Foods-Nutrition project and add to your breads project by participating in a Tour to Amarillo on Monday, July 11. The tour will leave Pampa at 7:30 a.m. and return around 5:30 p.m. Plans include tours of the bakery at Wal-Mart Super Center, Affiliated Foods Warehouse, Faith City Mission and High Plains Food Banks. 4-H'ers and parents or leaders planning to attend should call our office no later than noon on Friday, July 8.



Parsley-McGill

Deanna Parsley and David McGill, both of Pampa, plan to marry August 27 here in Pampa.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie K. Parsley, Pampa, and the prospective bridegroom is the son of Bill and Helen McGill, all of Pampa.

She is a 1988 graduate of Pampa High School and attended West Texas A&M University. She is a former member of the Lone Star Ballet and also a former member of the "Texas" musical drama. She is employed by Beaux Arts Dance Studio and Optimal Fitness. He is a 1986 graduate of Pampa High School and graduated from Texas Tech University. He is the owner of Optimal Fitness and is a recreation consultant for the Jordan Unit.



Riche-Dallas

Sherry Riche, El Paso, and Charles Dallas, Pampa, were married June 4 at Scotsdale Baptist Church by the Rev. Guy White of the church.

The bride is the daughter of Alberta Riche, Phoenix, Ariz. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dallas, Pampa.

Serving as matron of honor was Suzie Waggoner, sister of the bride, El Paso. Laurel Waggoner, niece of the bride, El Paso, was the bridesmaid. Alisha Dallas and Adenna Dallas, Pampa, were the flower girls. Standing as best man was Earl Dallas, Pampa. Dave Brannon, Lubbock was groomsmen. Arin Dallas and Cory Dallas, Pampa, were ring bearers.

Alan Dallas and Butch Dallas, Pampa; Curtis Witaker, Midland; Jerry Johnson, Fort Worth; Ken Barr, Carrollton; and Kevin Burgess, Phoenix, Ariz., were ushers.

Candles were lit by Wesley Waggoner, El Paso, and Chris Dallas, Pampa.

The couple plans to make their home in Pampa.

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Menus

July 5-8

Pampa-Meals on Wheels

Monday
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Tuesday
Polish sausage, cheese grits, spinach (canned), peaches.

Wednesday
Chicken/rice, casserole, mixed vegetables, candy bar.

Thursday
Cabbage rolls, lima beans, squash casserole, pudding.

Friday
Spaghetti/meatsauce, green beans, bread sticks, applesauce.

Pampa Senior Citizens, Inc.

Monday
Closed for the holiday.

Tuesday
Chicken fried steak or stir fry

chicken; mashed potatoes, green beans, fried squash, beans, slaw or tossed or Jello salad, orange cake or banana pudding, cornbread, or hot rolls.

Wednesday
Roast beef with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, cream corn, beans, slaw or tossed or Jello salad, cherry cobbler or butterscotch pie, cornbread or hot rolls.

Thursday
Chicken fried chicken breast or taco salad, mashed potatoes, fried okra, succotash, beans, slaw or tossed or Jello salad, Boston creme pie or angel food cake, cornbread or hot rolls.

Friday
Fried cod fish or meatloaf, twice baked potatoes, broccoli casserole, squash, beans, slaw or tossed or Jello salad, brownies or coconut creme pie, garlic toast, cornbread or hot rolls.



Whitfill-Russell

Shelly Beth Whitfill and Bobby Glen Russell, both of Amarillo, plan to marry August 20 at the First Baptist Church in Plainview.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Raymond and Jan Whitfill, Plainview, and the prospective groom is the son of Larry O. and Judy Beasley, Canadian.

She is a 1989 graduate of Plainview High School and received a bachelor's degree in English and psychology from Wayland Baptist University in 1993. She is a graduate student at West Texas A&M University and is employed by Shelton's Flowers in Amarillo.

He is a 1988 graduate of Canadian High School and attended Seward County Junior College. He received a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Southwestern College in Kansas in 1992 and is an engineering technician at Pantex.

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And a happy Fourth of July to you! It's confession time! Two or three months ago a story with a patriotic ending became lost in the shuffle, lost, folded and put in a dark corner of nowhere. How it popped up for a patriotic holiday printing is still unknown, but here it is.

On the unknown weekend Grant and Flossie Anderson went to Oklahoma City to celebrate Grant's 88th birthday with their daughter June Lewter, Odessa, her son Robert Lewter and wife and two children of Edmond, and a friend Eddie Opera, formerly of Bulgaria. All had dinner at the Spaghetti Warehouse in Bricktown followed by the birthday song and birthday cake. After the song, Eddie raised his hands in the air and said, "Ten years ago, I became an American citizen. I love the beautiful American flag! Oh, this beautiful America, I love you!"

Belated 88th birthday wishes to Grant, a long time Pampan and a great guy!

Belated 50th wedding anniversary wishes to Joyce and Leroy Frazier! Their three sons, Rick of Kingwood, Terry of Huntsville, Ala., and Chris of Frisco hosted a reception last Saturday at the First Assembly of God Church.

An unusual girls-only party was held at the Coronado Inn on Friday night, a perfect time for a family bridal shower for Liane Frazier, Houston, according to the logic of her sister and party hostess, Lara Frazier, Washington, D.C.

Party invitations suggested a

nightcap, a little girl talk and a lot of fun to honor Joyce, a bride of 50 years and Liane, the bride-to-be. The party was complete from games to gifts to refreshments and fun.

Attending were Liane's mother Louise of Kingwood; her maternal grandmother Doris Richardson, Abilene; Peggy and Tammy Frazier, Huntsville, Ala.; Carey, Jennifer and Paula Frazier, Frisco; LaDawn Wallis, Vickie and Beth Flatter from Fairborn, Ohio; Diana Frazier, Midland; Linda See, Amarillo; Hazel Ragdale, Jerri Parris and Nina Collum, Shawnee, Okla.; and Ann Franklin, Pampa.

The three Frazier boys, all Pampa High School graduates were prominent band members who married their high school sweethearts, who were also VIPs in the PHS band. Terry served as the drum major and Rick and Chris as PHS band presidents. Rick's wife, the former Louise Richardson and Terry's wife, the former Peggy Peoples were PHS band queens and Chris's wife, the former Carey Franklin was a twirler.

Joyce and Leroy, Don and Wallie Wallis later spent a few days in South Texas.

Congratulations to Kit Grice, who was installed as president of the Pampa Noon Lion's Club. Earl Long, vice district governor of District 2 installed the officers. You already know how many good deeds the Lions do in every community, and you know, too, that only the stout hearted can survive their continuous heavy kidding. Well, Kit had sur-



Peeking at Pampa By Katie

vived his share and more of being kidded about his somewhat shining scalp. Remembering a National Fire Academy graduation, a class on hazardous materials and the term glow worm used in the class, Claudie Phillips, came up with a bright idea of having a group of Lions show up in nude colored latex skull caps and sunglasses to dull the brightness. The co-conspirator was Jeannie Mitchell.

The new president was greeted with the unveiling of a poster of a shining scalp and a number of guys in skull caps and sunglasses. Participants were Ray Boring, outgoing president; Jay Johnson, D.D.S.; Claudie Phillips; Larry Orman; Larry Baker; David Webster; Harold Taylor; Rusty Tapp; Chris Smith; Jim Davenport; Pete Denney; Bill Wade; Kevin plus those whose tops were shining with a natural shine. Picture it!

On the serious side, Stephanie Green sang a vocal solo and Katina Thomas was recognized as Lion's Club Sweetheart of the year. Katina made a quick trip home from Lubbock, where she attended two days of freshman orientation at Texas Tech.

Youth Choral composed of 200 young voices, they will sing before Pope John Paul in St. Peter's Basilica and have breakfast with him in his summer home the next morning. The girls brought music with them for their mom to help with daily practice.

Belated birthday wishes to Paulette Hinkle! With her busy schedule, how did she ever have time to celebrate the occasion?

The Employees Club of the City of Pampa will set up a food booth under the group shelter at Recreation Park. Proceeds will be used for the Christmas giving to see that needy children of Pampa will have a good Christmas. Karen Spence is president of the organization, which would like to be chartered. However, when the funds are set aside for that purpose, suddenly a great need pops up and the need for chartering is put aside.

The Pampa Texas Social Security Office was well represented at the Annual Social Security/Medicare Golf Tournament held in Temple early in June. Joe Deschaine, branch manager took first place in the Medalist Flight; Prudy Albreksi simply played. Congratulations are in order in a big way, since the tournament was for the entire Southwest region!

Mr. and Mrs. H.F. McDonald celebrated their 55th anniversary in Amarillo with grandson, Mike Martin, his wife Debbie and great-granddaughter, Stefanie Lynn.

The McDonald's daughters Gayle Lynne Casey, Hockley, and Linda

Joyce Borden, Dallas, surprised their parents when they appeared suddenly to help host the occasion.

A wonderful dinner was enjoyed by all. The anniversary cake arrived with a serenade of, "Happy Anniversary."

H.F. McDonald married Virginia Patton June 23, 1939. The McDonalds have two daughters, two grandsons, Mike Martin and Chris Borden, one great granddaughter, and three step children, Patrick, Chris, and Jessica Casey.

Jack and Wanda Mitchell arrived back from their trip to New Mexico and Colorado with a huge 40th anniversary gift waiting for them.

Their family painted their house, replaced what needed replacing, and sanded what needed to be sanded.

The Mitchell's daughters Laura, Susan, and Frankie, along with Laura's children Ann and Robert Underwood, Susan's husband, Keenan and daughter Krishna Henderson, and Frankie's boys, "Bud" and Thomas Flechter all lent a hand in spiffing the place up for them.

Their other children, Russell Mitchell, and Molly Mitchell, both of Houston and son William Mitchell, New York, all couldn't make the trip but they lent financial support for the endeavor. Jack and Wanda were said to be teary-eyed at the surprise their children gave them.

Do keep the safety rules in mind so that we may all be back here next week. Katie.

Fourth of July celebrations began around 1907 in Pampa

For some time before July 4, 1907, the White Deer Land Company had been successful in selling farm lands and town lots, and the population of Pampa was steadily increasing. M.K. Brown suggested to T.D. Hobart that a real Fourth of July celebration in Pampa might be a good advertisement for the company.

Hobart agreed and instructed Brown and C.P. Buckler to make arrangements. In later years Brown and Buckler joked about the fact that they — two natives of England — had organized a celebration initially begun to observe colonial independence from Great Britain.

Brown, who always welcomed any occasion to display

Museum Mementos

Eloise Lane
White Deer Land Museum



the flag of the United States, canvassed \$1,000 to meet expenses. He contacted a man in Woodward, Indian Territory, to arrange for a large marquee tent which was set up in the east part of Pampa. A dance floor was installed in the tent.

Area ranchers agreed to donate beef for a big barbecue. Three barrels of beer were ordered. Each barrel contained 120 pint bottles with corks that required a corkscrew for

removal and packed in straw. One barrel was dropped off at the livery stable, one at the little out-house by the Holland Hotel, and one at a house on the east side of Pampa near the race course.

Arrangements were made for a special excursion train to come from Amarillo, pick up passengers in Panhandle, spend the day in Pampa, and return to the starting point that night. A special train from

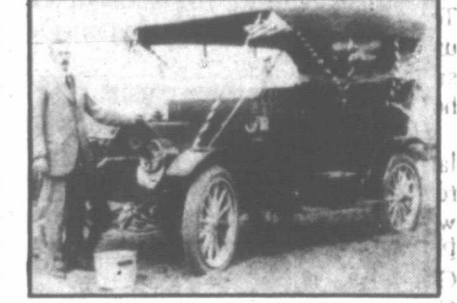
Woodward picked up people in Canadian and Miami. These persons returned to their homes on the regular passenger train that evening.

Entertainment consisted of horse racing, foot racing, a show in the marquee tent and dancing in the evening. Automobiles, a great novelty in 1907, attracted much attention. Pampans had five automobiles at that time and there was one automobile from Panhandle.

When the last train left Pampa, the entire water supply had been consumed. However, when Brown made the round of the beer barrels the next morning, he was surprised to find that two dozen bottles of beer

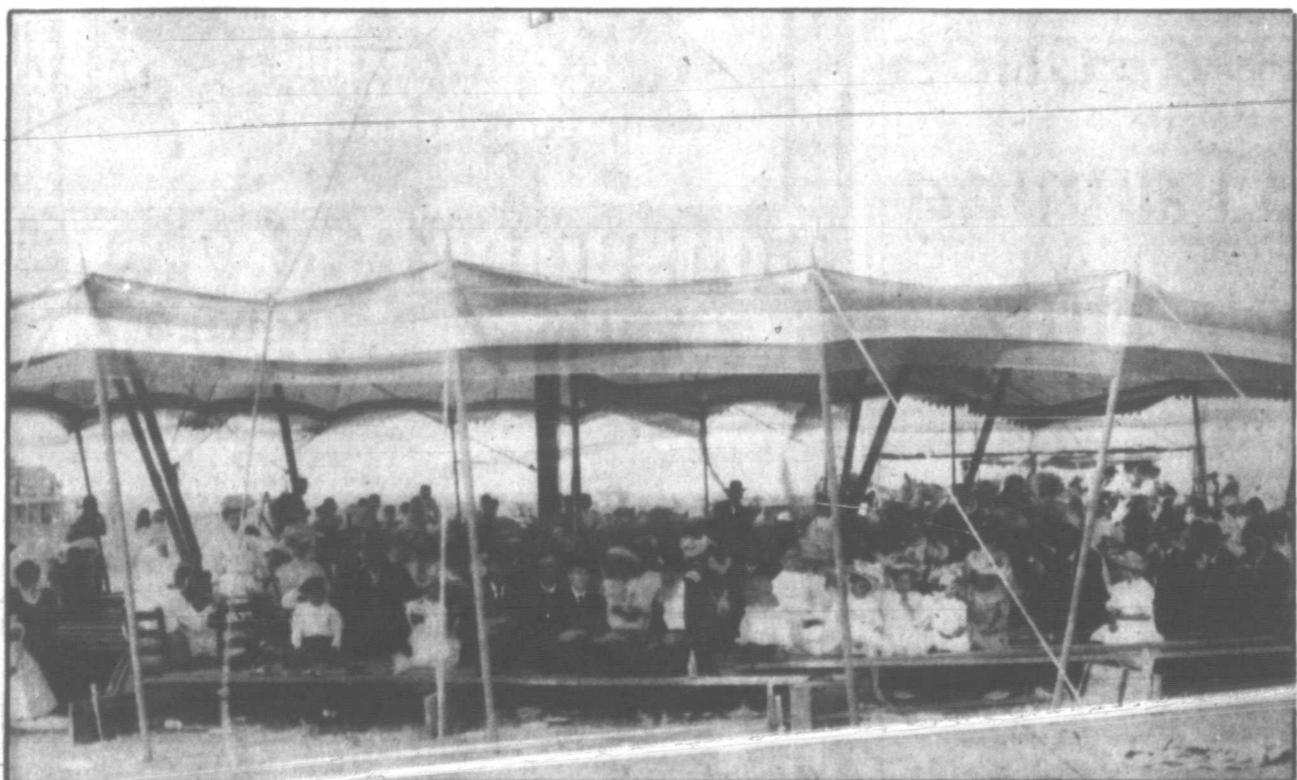
had been left behind the hotel. He was glad that it did not take long to get the old gasoline engine pumping water again so that he could have a "swab-down" (bath).

In later years Brown told reporters that everything at this first Fourth of July celebration had gone off according to schedule and that everyone had a wonderful time. He thought that the "big day" of 1907 was the spiritual ancestor of the Top O' Texas Rodeo which was organized in 1945 and operated every year except 1970 and 1971. In April, 1970, a tornado destroyed part of the east-side grandstands. In 1971, the area was quarantined against



M. K. Brown is standing beside a car decorated for the first Fourth of July celebration in Pampa. (photos courtesy of the White Deer Land Museum)

moving of livestock because of an outbreak of Venezuelan encephalomyelitis, a viral disease of horses.



Top photo: An excursion train from Woodward, Indian Territory, brought passengers for the Fourth of July celebration in 1907. (Oklahoma was admitted to the Union on November 16, 1907.) The depot was on the west side of Cuyler Street between Atchinson and the railroad. The small white house in front of the depot is the White Deer Land Company exhibit house.

Bottom photo: The large marquee tent was set up near the home of C.P. Sloan at 711 East Browning. When the Holland Hotel was full, guests were sent to the Sloan house, the first two-story house in Pampa.

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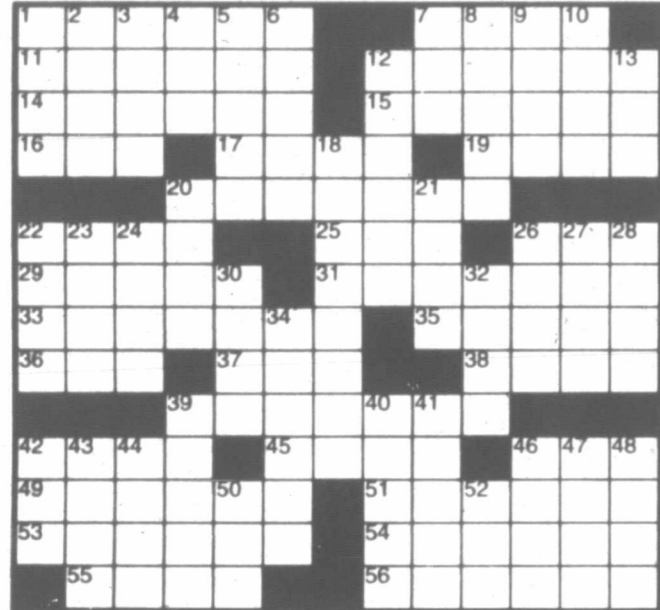
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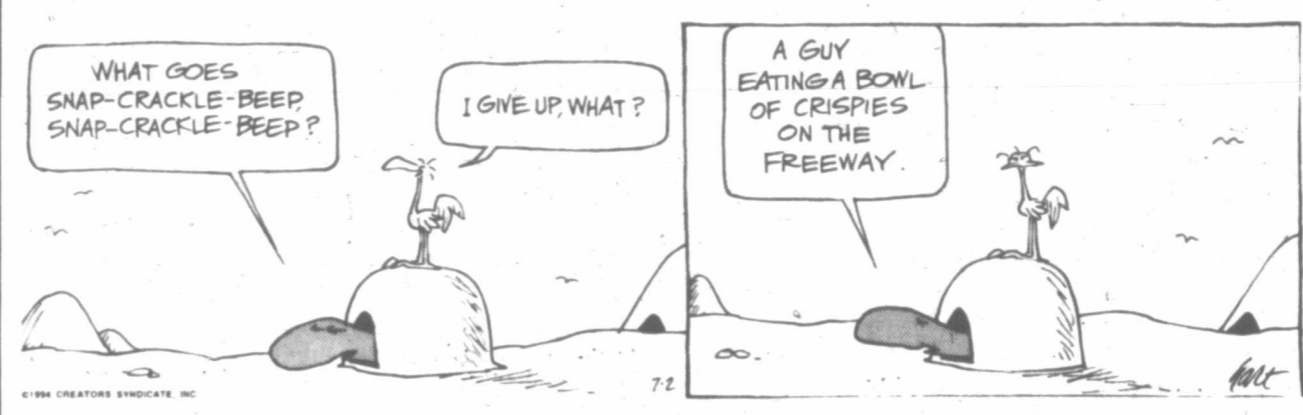
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CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be on your toes today, because you might be able to gain from something another has initiated. You'll see ways to expand upon this arrangement and earn a piece of the action. Major changes are ahead for Cancer in the coming year. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today. Mail \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 4465, New York, N.Y. 10163. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) In matters where you have authority over others, you should conduct yourself very well today. You'll know how to make them feel as if they are friends rather than subordinates.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Stand up and be counted today if you feel you've been ignored in a matter where you've made a major contribution. Your place is on the battlements, not behind a fence.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) If you're around hopeful, positive people today, it will automatically arouse your enthusiasm. Seek such companions, because their fervor is contagious.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Today you might be able to finally change something that has thus far appeared to be unadjustable. It could benefit others, as well as yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Your gift for getting others to cooperate with you is your main stock in trade today. All involved will innately know they're being dealt with fairly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Some interesting conditions might begin to stir today where your work or career is concerned. These influences could also bond you and co-workers closer together.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Youngsters can be more easily managed today if you are less assertive and demanding. Be masterful, but smile and have fun while you're doing so.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) This is a good day to introduce changes that could enhance harmony in your household. These intentions have been long discussed, and now it's time to implement them.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be a little more visible today if there is someone of the opposite gender whom you've recently met and would like to know better. This person will be pleased you are interested.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) There are two material arrangements that look promising for you at this time. You are well aware of each. It's time to take some type of positive action on them today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your strongest assets today are your leadership qualities, which should be used instead of remaining dormant. Don't be afraid to step in and take charge of things that appear to lack guidance.

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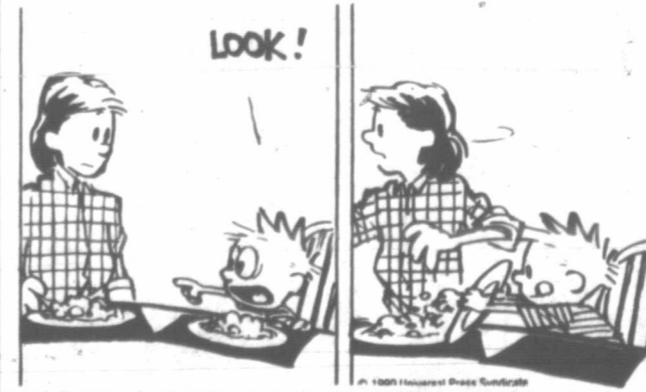
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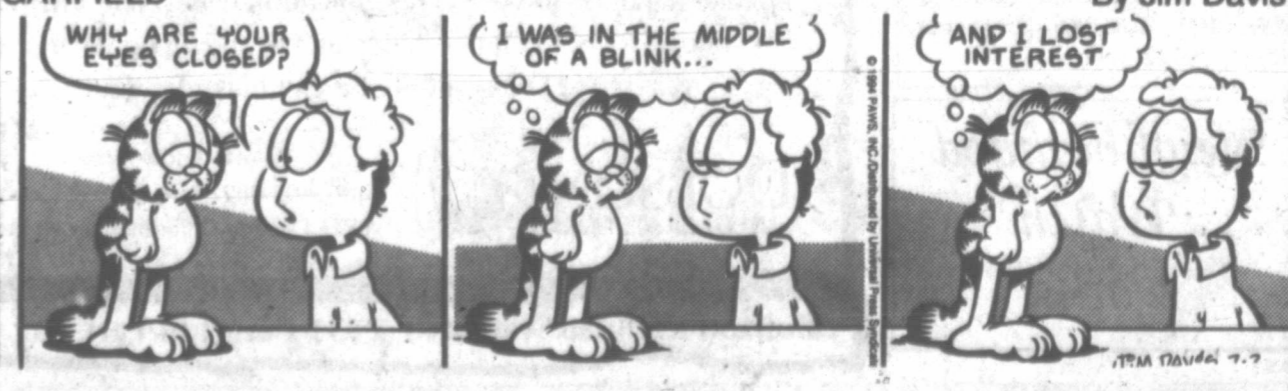
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Tensions abound as tribe's leaders negotiate to store nuclear waste

By EDUARDO MONTES
Associated Press Writer

MESCALERO, N.M. (AP) — The serene vistas of pine-laden mountains that dominate the Mescalero Apache Reservation belie an undercurrent of tension surrounding the Indian homeland.

Among these green peaks best known as a vacation getaway, the tribe's leaders are crafting a deal that would bring tons of highly-radioactive nuclear waste to the south-central New Mexico reservation.

The plans are breeding animosity within and without the Apache nation, where some complain the tribal council is putting aside the tribe's best interests as it works with 30 utility companies to design and construct a spent nuclear fuel storage facility.

"The tribal council has deliberately excluded the voices and the wills of the people," said tribal member Rufina Marie Laws, an opponent of the storage facility.

As conceived by partners in the venture, the facility would hold spent nuclear reactor fuel rods for up to 40 years. The rods eventually are to be transferred to a permanent disposal site, which the federal government is obligated to build although no site has been chosen.

Mescalero leaders argue that their facility, one of several being sought by tribes nationwide, will create jobs for tribal members and provide money for schools, housing and other programs.

"This gives us an opportunity to choose and to do what we want to do," said Silas Cochise, the Mescaleros' manager for the project.

Cochise and tribal Vice President Frederick Peso said the facility will also further the tribe's attempts to diversify its business enterprises, which now include a sawmill, ranching, a ski resort and the luxurious Inn of the Mountain Gods.

Rare turtles getting new chance at life

By JOHN CURRAN
Associated Press Writer

STONE HARBOR, N.J. (AP) — The freckle-faced kindergarten student reached into a pailful of diamondback terrapins and pulled one out. Gingerly, he stepped to the water's edge in a saltwater marsh and lowered it in, waving goodbye as the turtle entered its own habitat for the first time.

"It felt like he was going to bite me," 5-year-old Matthew Bridgeman said.

"Now he's swimming all the way out there," he said, pointing to the winding river that snakes through the marsh.

After him, 24 other children paraded two by two to the same spot, each releasing a turtle and watching it disappear into the blue waters of the marsh.

The "turtle launch" marked the end of a yearlong conservation effort, the Terrapin Rescue Project, in which zoologists scraped eggs from diamondbacks killed by motor vehicles, raised the hatchlings in captivity and released them into the wild.

The baby turtles got a second chance at life partly because their mothers didn't. And the children learned an early lesson in conservation.

"The kids live all around these wetlands and this lets them know that there's more than tall grass there," said Cindy Hein, a teacher who accompanied the children. "It makes them aware of the environment at an early age. It's a good place to start."

Diamondback terrapins live in salt marshes along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts of the United States.

They are rarely seen. But each year, from early June to mid-July, female terrapins crawl up out of the marshes in search of higher ground to dig nests and lay their eggs.

Many end up as summer's squashed.

Last summer, Stockton College zoology professor Roger Wood and students under his direction removed eggs from dead females and raised 25 baby turtles in laboratories.

The children got to see the baby turtles when they were quarter-sized miniatures last fall. When they saw them again recently, the turtles were 3 and 4 inches long.

In between, the children baked turtle-shaped cookies and held a raffle for a quilt embossed with turtles to raise money for the project.

David Harlan, 6, presented Wood with a check, the proceeds of which will help pay to raise this year's batch. "We raised \$390 for the baby turtles," he said shyly, handing an envelope to Wood.

"That's going to buy a lot of turtle food. That's going to make a lot of turtles happy this winter," Wood told the boy.

Moments later, like a Pied Piper of the marsh, Wood led the children, down a path and out into the marsh for the launchings, and the giggling children began reaching into the pails to pull out wriggling turtles.

The latter two have for years been drawing tourists up N.M. 70 to the heart of the 461,000-acre reservation with its soaring peaks and looming pines.

Yet some tribal members are leery of this particular attempt at diversification, if not downright opposed.

"They say we're going to get millions of dollars from the project," said tribal member Joseph Geronimo. "They said the same about the other tribal enterprises."

The reality, said Geronimo, is that "the money goes into a few pockets. Our people get service jobs. They clean up after the people. They don't get anything."

The rumblings of displeasure also can be heard elsewhere.

Political leaders from Gov. Bruce King to members of the state's congressional delegation to officials from communities surrounding the reservation have expressed determination to oppose the spent-fuel repository.

But as they bristle and fume, the Mescaleros' leaders and their utility company partners continue apace, while government agencies seem unwilling or unable to act, even when they say they want to.

U.S. Department of Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary has said she wants to keep the project at arms' length.

The New Mexico Public Utility Commission has no jurisdiction over the facility, since the participating utilities are from outside the state.

New Mexico's Environment Department also lacks jurisdiction, although the agency plans to urge the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to seek to collect information from the site that has previously been unavailable.

An environmental impact statement must be prepared during the federal licensing phase for the facility, and New Mexico officials want to ensure it contains never-before-collected

baseline data on ground water, wind conditions and existing radioactivity levels at the site. That would be necessary to help gauge what effect, if any, the storage facility is having on the surrounding area once it is operating.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission won't take a position until the Mescaleros submit a licensing application, which won't come for several months.

"There's never been an application like that before," said NRC spokesman Frank Ingram.

Richard Stallings, the federal nuclear waste negotiator, has said an NRC license is "based on pure science" and should be relatively easy to obtain.

So for now, the greatest challenge is coming from the state, which has appealed to the Clinton administration for aid and threatened legal action.

"The utilities do need to know that should they ever try to construct such a facility and try to ship waste to it, they would have a considerable legal battle on their hands," said John McKean, the governor's spokesman.

"So our hope is that once that becomes clear to them that they will decide that this is not a good idea."

The utilities have already decided it is a good idea. They say they must do something with the nuclear fuel rods that are piling up in power plant holding pools around the nation.

Utility officials met with tribal leaders last month to work on the legal agreement to create an entity — a corporation or joint venture — to operate the facility.

"Things have progressed really well," said Scott Northard, technical standards manager for Northern States Power Co. of Minneapolis.

Northern States was the first utility to join the Mescaleros' efforts and remains a leader in the facility's development.

Northard said that, among other things, a planning team is working on detailed business plans, transportation issues and the facility's design. Much of the details are still being worked out.

Once the legal agreement is completed sometime this fall, it will be up for a tribal referendum. The licensing phase will follow. Utility officials expect a facility to go on line by late 2001 or early 2002.

Northard said the plan will go through only if the tribe approves the agreement, however.

Cochise said the tribe is being apprised of negotiations as they progress. But like much of the project, that's being disputed.

"Since the beginning, our tribal council has never informed our people about the negotiations," said Geronimo.

Lance Hughes, director of Native Americans for a Clean Environment, has similar concerns after hearing from reservation residents.

"I'm not even sure how you could tally up the supporters and the opposition," said Hughes. "But what I have heard a lot of is that constant concern they're not sure what they're being told is everything."

Miller Hudson, a consultant to the

tribal council, assures that tribal members will have full access to the agreement once it is completed, probably sometime this fall.

Still, he acknowledged most tribal members won't be in on the ongoing meetings.

"By and large, this is an agreement that will be negotiated by the tribal council. ... We expect there are going to be some contentious (business) issues and those kinds of things are best not thrashed out in public," said Hudson.

A proposed nuclear waste storage site is expected to open in late 2001 or early 2002 on the Mescalero Apache reservation. Here is what utility and tribal officials have said about the project's timeline and some specifics about the facility:

— The tribe and participating utilities are still negotiating details concerning the design and management of the facility and a business plan. Project officials hope to have a finalized plan ready by Oct. 1, at which time tribal members are expected to vote on it.

All members age 18 and over will be eligible to participate in the referendum.

— If the tribe approves the plan, project officials will begin seeking a

license from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, which will prepare an environmental impact statement to be approved by the federal EPA. The Department of Transportation must also approve plans for transporting the waste.

— Construction will begin once the NRC license is obtained. Depending on the size of the facility, which is still being negotiated, that could take from four to six years and employ 500 to 700 people.

— The facility will be designed to hold somewhere between 10,000 and 30,000 metric tons of spent radioactive fuel. Depending on the size, it will provide between 150 and 250 permanent jobs.

— The tribe is expected to negotiate a "preference clause" ensuring tribal members will get first consideration for jobs at the facility. Project officials say training programs will likely be provided at a site near the reservation prior to the opening of the facility.

— The waste will likely be brought onto the reservation by rail, although that will require construction of a rail spur leading to the site. Project consultant Miller Hudson declined to comment on any specifics of the transportation plans the facility's planning committee may be considering.

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Shrimping ban may be imposed if more dead sea turtles are found

HOUSTON (AP) — A shrimping ban may be imposed for the first time along some Texas coastal areas if dead sea turtles are found after the new trawling season starts July 7.

"If we have very strong evidence that we have large-scale turtle strandings that are caused by shrimping activities, we will, indeed, seriously consider closing areas," said Brian Gorman, a National Marine Fisheries Service spokesman.

The possibility of the ban could mean one of the most troubled shrimping seasons since fishermen in 1989 barricaded the state's major shipping lanes. That action was a protest against the forced use of turtle excluder devices or TEDs in their nets.

A leader of one Texas shrimpers' association vowed last week to take the government to court if the fisheries agency imposes any limits on shrimping based on sea turtle kills.

"The industry has just about had it," said Wilma Anderson, director of the Texas Shrimp Association. "We're the scapegoat. This industry is in compliance that has been very costly imposed. And all we get is threat after threat."

In some past years, dozens of sea turtles have turned up dead on Texas beaches in the early days of shrimping seasons. Conservationists have maintained the turtles died in shrimp nets, but shrimpers generally have denied responsibility.

This year, conservationists hammered the fisheries services for action after 222 dead sea turtles washed up on state beaches during the April and May shrimping season.

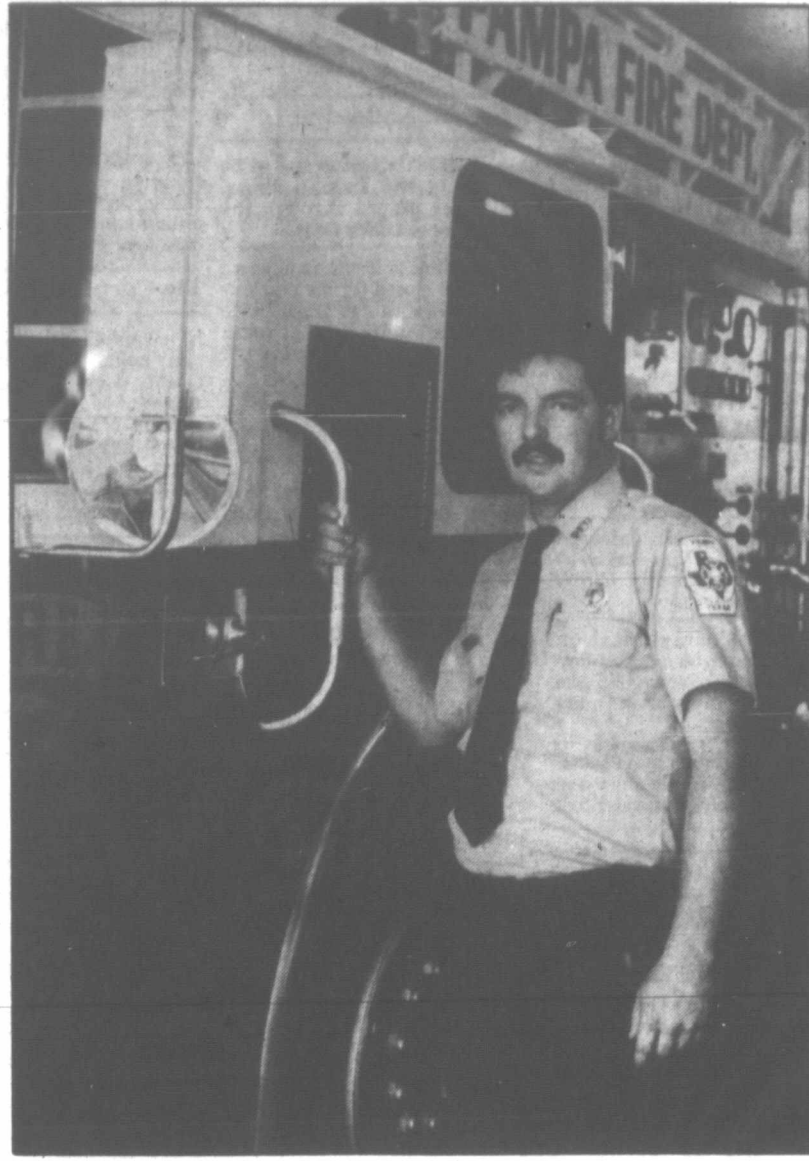
Texas waters were closed to shrimping May 12 and will reopen 30 minutes after sunset on July 7.

The annual hiatus, known as the Texas closure, is designed to give juvenile shrimp a chance to migrate from bays to deep water and mature to market size.

Effective July 9, the fisheries service will require shrimpers to attach floats to TEDs to make sure that devices that free turtles from a bottom hatch work properly.

This is the first year, however in which the fisheries service has talked of banning shrimping in portions of the Gulf of Mexico if another mass stranding of sea turtles occurs.

Firefighter's promotion



Gary Winton, a 5-year veteran of the Pampa Fire Department, was recently promoted to the rank of equipment operator. Along with the promotion comes the added responsibility of driving and operating one of the fire engines that runs from Fire Station #1. In addition to having completed equipment operator training and basic and intermediate firefighter training, Winton is also a certified emergency medical technician and dispatcher. (Pampa News photo by Randal K. McGavock)

Indicators show national economy advancing, but at a moderate pace

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's chief forecasting gauge of economic activity was unchanged again in May while construction spending rose 0.9 percent, the third straight increase. Analysts said the economy was advancing at a moderate pace.

The Commerce Department said Friday the Index of Leading Economic Indicators in May remained at 101.2, matching its all-time high but showing no movement since March. The government began keeping the index in 1948.

Analysts said the trend is further confirmation that the economy is cooling but is still in good shape.

Most had expected the index to rise slightly in May.

"It should give some comfort to the financial markets, which were beginning to get another case of the 'we're-growing-too-fast' blues," said Martin Regalia of the Chamber of Commerce.

"My perception is we're having a mini-slowdown," said economist David Orr of First Union Corp. in Charlotte, N.C. "It's the ebb and flow of consumer cash flow. The rate of growth has slowed, but the level of activity is fine."

Consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of the nation's economic activity, has

Congress to allow extra dose of selenium in livestock feed

By **ROBERT GREENE**
AP Farm Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Selenium makes dandruff shampoo work on humans, and you can find it in vitamin pills. Livestock need small amounts of the mineral to live and reproduce.

Trouble is, too much selenium can kill or cause birth defects in waterfowl, and there's some worry that animal wastes will contribute to the problem. Selenium could hurt fish and other aquatic life as well.

Congress, in a quiet way, is about to resolve the potential conflict between agriculture and environmentalists in favor of agriculture.

House and Senate spending bills would allow higher amounts of selenium before the impact on the environment is completely understood. So would a House bill reorganizing the Agriculture Department.

Congress is expected to complete work within a few weeks on the bills, which were written by farm-state lawmakers. Committees in charge of the Agriculture Department budget also control pursestrings for the Food and Drug Administration. And the FDA regulates what goes into food and animal feed.

Depending on how you look at it, Congress is about to rescue the FDA from a dilemma or it is about to bypass environmental law for the benefit of feed and livestock producers.

Animal feed contributes less than 0.3 percent of the selenium found in the environment. Most occurs naturally in the soil. But industrial

selenium, produced from copper smelting, goes into making glass, photocopiers, pigments, a lot of chemicals and even dandruff shampoo.

The National Environmental Policy Act requires studies that will take years and several million dollars if the selenium level in feed is to be raised, the FDA and industry scientists estimate.

Meantime, producers could lose hundreds of millions of dollars from animals that sicken, even die, or don't reproduce or fatten well because they lack selenium.

"This is a life-threatening situation if you can't have it in the diet in normal amounts," said Stephen Sundlof, director of the FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine.

A San Francisco businessman who would benefit from tighter regulation of feed additives says the FDA and Congress are making an end run around environmental law.

"If people are going to pass legislation, they should do it out in the open," said David A. Eisenberg, president of Micro Tracers Inc., a company that analyzes feeds.

Eisenberg faced financial losses in 1987 when the FDA changed how feed mixes would be regulated. That also was when FDA tripled the amount of permissible selenium in feed, from 0.1 parts per million to 0.3.

That's about 7 milligrams per cow per day. By comparison, a regular-strength aspirin tablet has 325 milligrams of aspirin.

Eisenberg became a thorn in FDA's side, found some allies among environmentalists. He caught the attention of Rep. John

Dingell, D-Mich., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Eisenberg's needling brought in the Interior Department and Environmental Protection Agency, which said FDA hadn't done enough homework on the environmental impacts.

As a result, the FDA last September ordered feed makers to return to pre-1987 levels of selenium, but put off enforcement for a year.

Bob April, chief of the EPA branch that measures ecological risks, said local differences in natural amounts complicate the issue.

"Selenium in animal feed is OK in most places and could cause problems in some places," he said.

Much of the Midwest is selenium poor, meaning the corn and other feed grown there have to be supplemented. Pockets from the Dakotas, Kansas and Nebraska westward have high amounts.

The worst case arose during the 1980s in California's San Joaquin Valley, where the surrounding hills are rich in selenium. Irrigation runoff entered the Kesterson Reservoir. Young waterfowl were killed, others had birth defects, and others were prevented from hatching.

April suggested a regional approach to the issue, with different levels for different areas. But no one likes that, including the feed industry.

"People have to know what they're doing, feed manufacturers have to make different feed formulations for one place or another place, and people seem pretty unwilling to do that," he said.

shown signs of slowing from the pace that fueled the growth surge at the end of last year.

Some of the slack caused by leveling consumer demand, particularly for cars, new homes and other big-ticket items, is being taken up by increased spending by businesses for factories and equipment, economists say.

Meanwhile, a survey of U.S. facto-

ry purchasing managers reported a decline in a barometer of manufacturing growth. The Purchasing Managers Index fell 0.2 percent in June.

But, in a possible inflation warning, the price index of the National Association of Purchasing Management rose to its highest level in nearly six years.

The government's index of 11 for-

ward-looking statistics is designed to predict economic activity six to nine months down the road. Three straight moves by the index in the same direction are considered a good gauge of where the economy is headed.

The index posted a 0.7 percent gain in March, its eighth straight increase before remaining flat the last two months.

Tire swingin'



Enjoying the summer weather at the Community Day Center recently by swinging together on a tire swing are, from left, Marissa Hudson, Veronica Villa and Jacee Villareal. The three girls were among the other 4- and 5-year-olds taking a break on the playground last Thursday morning. (Pampa News photo by Darlene Holmes)

Judge recommends no benefits for widow of dead lawmaker

AUSTIN (AP) — An administrative law judge has recommended denying \$271,000 in state insurance benefits to the widow of former state Rep. James Hury, an aviation enthusiast who was killed two years ago in a runway accident at a Houston air show.

Hury, a five-term legislator from Galveston who had served as chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, died in October 1992 when his airplane was struck by another aircraft as Hury's plane sat on the runway.

Hury's accidental death policy with Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Texas Inc., contained an exclusion for death during "travel or flight," unless Hury was on state business.

His widow, Linda Bengt, lost her appeal of the insurer's decision not to pay the claim when administrative law judge Cathleen Parsley issued a proposed order this week.

Ms. Parsley determined that although Hury's plane had come to a complete stop after landing, he still was traveling because he had not taxied to a hangar or holding area and disembarked.

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Russia's army feels adrift, but its influence is growing

By DEBORAH SEWARD
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — Like most soldiers in the new Russian army, Defense Minister Pavel Grachev still wears the hammer and sickle on his cap.

His ministry says it has no money to replace the millions of Soviet symbols on uniforms, weaponry — even its own buildings — with new Russian insignia.

This conflict of symbols reflects a deep identity crisis that has developed within the military even as it acquires great political influence.

These days, the generals feel their army lacks the mission, money and manpower it needs as the defender of a huge country. But the collapse of communism and the resulting ideological vacuum also has given them great freedom of action in politics, foreign policy and shaping the future of the armed forces.

What role the army may assume in Russia's troubled political picture is widely debated, and discussing the issue causes discomfort in the lower ranks.

"To tell the truth, I don't agree with this government. I have my own opinions, but I'm on duty and I fulfill my orders," said Volodya, a 36-year-old captain who gave only his first name.

By the government, Volodya means President Boris Yeltsin. Twice in three years, the army has reluctantly saved Yeltsin's political career: during the failed coup attempt against Mikhail Gorbachev in 1991 and in the political violence of October 1993 in Moscow.

To square the debt, Yeltsin gave Grachev a free hand to design military reform and draw up the new doctrine that defines Russia's strategic priorities and the military's role in them.

Military analysts worry that weak political leadership, economic chaos, worsening crime and internal division could provoke a coup by military leaders.

"General disorder and a complete loss of control could force them to take power," not out of desire but because of "a complete failure of the political mechanism," said Alexander Kononov, director of the Center for Military Policy.

"The military has great political influence, but it's in a very tough position," said Sergei Blagovolin, president of the Institute for National Security and Strategic Studies. "There is a lack of qualified officers, the failure of the draft and bad technology."

Soviet soldiers once marched proudly and paraded their hardware across Red Square on national holidays. Now, servicemen can be found begging on the streets of Moscow.

"We were let out of the barracks for a day, but we don't have any money. What are we supposed to do?" Pvt. Volodya Solovyov said on Russian independence day in June. He was

trying to raise 3,000 rubles (\$1.50) for beer money near a Moscow train station.

"Where is their pride? Where is their honor?" a passer-by muttered.

Russian recruits, like their Soviet predecessors, often are put to work on construction projects or in the harvest fields, which drains their morale:

"If you want to reform the army, don't send soldiers to pick potatoes, build roads or repair buildings," said Vladimir Dudnik, a retired general who writes about reform. "Give them a real challenge like intensive combat training."

At its peak, the Soviet army had soldiers based around the globe. Nearly all officers were Communist Party members and the army went where the party ordered. The officer corps was a privileged caste with a sense of mission to win the world for the cause.

At the core of army policy is the new doctrine laid out by the generals. "Surprisingly, it seems to me the military were left free to write down the political part of the document, and they are not politicians," said Kononov of the military policy center.

"It's a crazy situation when we leave it to the military to decide who is the enemy and what type of war we are preparing to wage in the foreseeable future. It should be done by the political leaders, but they didn't."

The army is blocking civilian control of the defense budget and appointment of a civilian defense minister. Grachev has said he considers the military doctrine to have more force than laws passed by Parliament.

While the army aggressively seeks to regain its influence in the former Soviet republics and is dissatisfied with the political leadership, it does not seem to be actively pursuing political power.

Its main beef with the politicians is over money. Yeltsin has taken a tougher line recently, telling Grachev he must cut costs and reduce army personnel to 1.5 million men, which still would be nearly three times the U.S. Army's strength.

About 21 percent of the current national budget, equivalent to roughly

\$19 billion, is earmarked for the armed forces. The brass claim that is not enough and are fighting for more.

To save money, navy ships remain in port, fighter pilots are grounded and maneuvers have been sharply curtailed. The hundreds of thousands of soldiers who have returned from eastern Europe and the Baltics are poorly housed and have dim prospects for civilian jobs.

"Housing is one of the most critical problems," said Sergei Yushenkov, chairman of the Defense Committee in the lower house of Parliament. "Only 12 percent of the construction program is being fulfilled."

Many returning soldiers were among the millions of Russians who cast their ballots in December either for ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy or the Communist Party, which are competing for influence in the military.

"One of every two soldiers has forgotten his honor," said Col. Mikhail Kuznetsov. "Nothing has been proposed in its place."

"There is no moral order. There is no will to formulate patriotic ideas. The army is tired of the government doing nothing, the low standards of living of soldiers, the low pay."

Young officers and specialists dismayed by military career prospects are leaving the service in droves for private business. "The Defense Ministry says it had only about half the personnel it needed last year."

Only 22 percent of draftees in last fall's call-up were inducted and the new volunteer system has attracted few recruits.

The army is top-heavy with officers — 2,218 generals in 1993, or about one

per 1,000 soldiers, according to ministry figures.

"They are feudal rulers and reform would mean a great loss of privileges," Dudnik said of his former colleagues. "The president put reform in the hands of the generals, and those generals will never carry out reform."

Elements of Russia's military doctrine:

PURPOSE — Defines strategic priorities and military's role.

APPROVAL — Prepared by armed forces and approved in November by President Boris Yeltsin. Contains three main parts: political, military and technical-economic, dealing mainly with defense industries.

STATED GOALS — To preserve Russia's sovereignty and independence, prevent military conflicts. Force to be used only in response to armed attack on Russia or allies.

ENEMIES — Declares that Russia considers no state an enemy and that all states with policies not damaging to its interest are considered partners.

NUCLEAR — Reserves right to launch use missiles if someone attacks Russia or allies with conventional weapons.

INTERNAL THREATS — Permits armed forces to intervene in domestic crises to protect constitutional system or nuclear or chemical facilities.



Russian army soldiers look down at shoppers from a balcony in the Moscow GUM department store. These days, the army lacks the mission, money and manpower the generals feel it needs as the defender of a huge country. The sign in the background reads "Business Center." (AP photo)

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Food For Thought by Danny Bainum

High-starch baking potatoes turn into rich mashed potatoes (better than boiling potatoes, which may seem watery.) Even better are Yukon Gold potatoes that taste buttery even before you add butter.

What could be better than anchovy in Caesar salad? Try it with smoked salmon and decide.

Tomato paste not only concentrates the flavor of tomatoes, it concentrates their nutrients, too. Tomato paste has twice as much beta carotene as the tomato itself.

Marinate raw shrimp (shelled and deveined) in bottled Italian dressing plus chopped dill and hot red pepper to taste. Then simmer shrimp in the marinade about 3 minutes, turning once. Chill. Serve on picks.

Any kind of cookie is more special when it's dipped into chocolate. Melt a cup of semi-sweet chocolate chips with 1 Tbs. shortening over low heat, stirring constantly. Dip half of each cookie, then place on cookie sheet lined with wax paper. Chill until set.

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