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Lubbock celebrates Fourth of July in style

By AMY COLLINS
The University Daily

America's 215th birthday was celebrated in style as Desert Storm veterans, honored as marshals of Lubbock's Fourth of July Victory Parade, marched down Broadway Thursday morning to receive a warm welcome home from an estimated 30,000 appreciative South Plains citizens.

Many Lubbock businesses participated in the Fourth of July festivities, including One Guy From Italy owner, Jerry Mazzumuto.

"I think this is the best parade so far," Mazzumuto said. "They planned the parade so far in advance that everything is going well."

Mazzumuto said he was glad to see the soldiers come home safely and to receive such a warm welcome.

"The kids seem to be having a good time," Mazzumuto said.

Mazzumuto's contribution to the parade included an eagle, designed by his wife, on top of the family car.

The highlight of the parade was the service men and women, who received applause and cheers from the crowd.

"I think the men and women of Desert Storm are the real attraction to this parade," said Ruth Anne Norman, a spectator at the parade.

Norman said she felt it was about time to welcome home the troops in style.

Norman's son, Corey was also at the parade joining in the Fourth of July celebration.

"I like seeing the military men the best," he said. "I would someday like to join the Air Force."

Corporal Bobby Price of the Lubbock Police Department was one of many officers on duty whose job was to keep the crowd of under control and out of the way of the more than 200 parade entries.

"This year is the first year that the streets have been closed for traffic and open for the general public," Price said.

Price said the police department did not have any trouble handling the large crowd.

"The fireworks always cause a little trouble, but that is expected on the Fourth of July," Price said.

Price said the highlight of the parade for him was mixing with the crowd and sitting in the shade.

"I want everyone who participated and watched the parade to remember our country's birthday. There have been many sacrifices to keep our country free and the best in the world.

—First Lt. Scott Buchanan

"The toughest part about working on the Fourth of July is the 16-hour day," Price said.

Texas Tech classical radio station KOHM intern Clinton Barrick said the reason why KOHM chose to enter a float in the parade was that it was good commercial exposure.

"The float was important to us because it was our personal plug for the Fourth of July," Barrick said. "We also wanted to thank the men and women of Desert Storm."

Tech student Kenneth Killian, a senior architecture major from Garland, designed the KOHM float, which consisted of a torn flag and star bursts on each side of the flag embed-

ded in rock. Marine Maj. David Bradshaw, a veteran of Desert Storm, participated in Thursday's festivities.

"I enjoyed being in the parade because the crowd was so wonderful and responsive," Bradshaw said. "I always appreciate a positive community response."

Bradshaw said he was stationed in Saudi Arabia for three months in the a Marines civil affairs division.

"My job included working between the military and the civilians in Saudi Arabia," Bradshaw said.

Bradshaw said he enjoyed his work in Saudi Arabia because "everyday was completely different from the one

before." Bradshaw returned from the Gulf during the last week in April and said he had anticipated the parade for some time.

"I knew that while we were over in the Gulf, we were supported 100 percent," Bradshaw said. "I wanted to know that we were still supported and appreciated even though we are back home."

Bradshaw said he feels the support for he and his fellow service men and women has not suffered at all due to the troops returning from the Persian Gulf.

First Lt. Scott Buchanan, also a veteran of Desert Storm, participated in the parade as a representative of the Army's 114th evacuation hospital.

"I served as an operating room nurse," Buchanan said.

Buchanan said he felt the parade was great, and the support from the people of the United States was insurmountable.

"I want everyone who participated and watched the parade to remember our country's birthday," Buchanan said. "There have been many sacrifices to keep our country free and the best in the world."



Walter Granberry/The University Daily

Queen (duck) for a day

KCBD-TV's Karin McCay and Abner Euresti present Texas Tech women's basketball coach Marsha Sharp with the Fowl Royalty Queen Duck award at the Lubbock duck races at Buddy Holly Park Thursday during Lubbock's July

4th celebration. Bernhard Mitemeyer, M.D., executive vice president and provost of the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center, won the King Duck award.

Presidential proclamation dedicates Fourth to troops

By JULIE COLLINS
The University Daily

A picturesque day full of sunshine and high temperatures greeted Lubbock families as they gathered on the grounds of the County Courthouse during Lubbock's 4th on Broadway festival Thursday.

Children waved American flags and flies buzzed around plates of food as Lubbockites listened to a presidential proclamation from President George Bush, given by U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, R-Lubbock.

According to the proclamation, fireworks and backyard barbecues contain a deeper meaning than that of celebrating the Fourth of July in the traditional manner.

"July 4th, 1991, is different from celebrations of the past because this holiday is dedicated to all military personnel who helped liberate Kuwait from Saddam Hussein," Combest said.

The proclamation also urged Lubbockites to remember the fallen soldiers of Operation Desert Storm

who paid the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.

Two native Lubbockites, Army Pfc., Corey Winkle and U.S. Master Sgt. Samuel "Mel" Gardner, Jr., lost their lives during the six-month campaign in the Gulf.

Winkle, 21, died in February in a non-combat grenade accident in Saudi Arabia. Winkle was a former Texas Tech student who majored in theater arts and appeared in a variety of campus theater productions.

Gardner, Jr., 35, died in August when his C-5 military cargo plane crashed at Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany.

T.J. Patterson, Lubbock mayor pro tem and city council member, was also on hand to show support for the troops of Desert Storm and to proclaim his patriotism.

"July 4th has been met with a beautiful day, and we are lucky to be celebrating it in a beautiful country. God has truly blessed America," Patterson said.

Presidential wrongdoings

Inquiry into hostage incident could hurt Democratic hopes



Tom Wicker
Columnist

Despite Democrats' fears of the political result, they can hardly avoid a formal congressional inquiry into the charge that Ronald Reagan's aides conspired with Iran in 1980 to hold up release of American hostages until after the election.

That charge, bruited about for years and vigorously denied by Reagan, has taken on weight recently, owing mainly to support from Gary Sick, a member of President Carter's national security staff. He now teaches at Columbia University.

Sick, an authority on Iran, has written that long study of the matter overcame his original skepticism. He now believes a meeting in Madrid between senior Iranians and William J. Casey, the director of the Reagan campaign, may have arranged a delay of the hostages' release to benefit Reagan's election chances.

A congressional inquiry obviously is the best means either to validate this serious allegation — which Sick is not alone in making — or to lay it to rest. If it were sustained, the political problems created for the Republicans and President Bush probably would be substantial. But some Democrats, including Speaker Tom Foley, worry that if the charge can't be proved they'll suffer a political backlash for looking into it.

These political considerations, important as they may be, are secondary to the questions whether democracy's most vital function — a national election — as well as a president's conduct of foreign policy were illicitly distorted for

partisan political advantage.

And a deliberate two or three month delay in the release of the hostages would have been a despicable tactic, for any reason.

A congressional inquiry need not be a big, showy affair, as were the Watergate hearings or those on Iran-Contra in 1987. Then, a president in office and his lieutenants were being investigated, generating great public interest; impeachment of Nixon or Reagan was at least a possibility.

Now, a historical matter of far less immediacy is at issue; and while President Bush's political prospects might be affected, nothing suggests his possible impeachment.

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” What happened in 1980, if anything, did not elect George Bush in 1988; at most, it helped him at eight years' remove and probably without his complicity.

Bush has strongly denied any knowledge of the alleged 1980 deal; and it hardly seems possible that, while a vice presidential candidate very much in the public eye, he could have traveled in secret to Europe to help make that deal, as has been alleged.

The very fact that some Democrats are reluctant to open an inquiry, for fear that it might backfire on them, is further reason that it probably would not be a “show trial.”

A small, select committee with adequate Republican representation could conduct a discreet investigation, without televised hearings, at least until a prima facie case was established or repudiated.

Certain circumstances, beyond the findings of Sick and others, suggest the need for such an inquiry. This is the second case, for example, in which Republican campaigners have been accused of tampering with foreign policy for political purposes.

In 1968, Nixon aides were charged with persuading the South Vietnamese to delay their participation in peace talks to deny possible advantage to Democrats in that year's elections.

Some allegations suggest, moreover, that the proven later dealings of the Reagan administration with Iran grew out of the alleged hostage deal in 1980. Bush, in denying that he knew of such a deal, did not insist that it never happened. Reagan, as usual, only said he knew of no such arrangement; but he never knew much of what went on around him.

The overriding reason for a congressional investigation is the possibility that the truth might be established. The death of Casey, who would have been the key witness, and the unavoidable political aspects of an inquiry, may make that possibility remote.

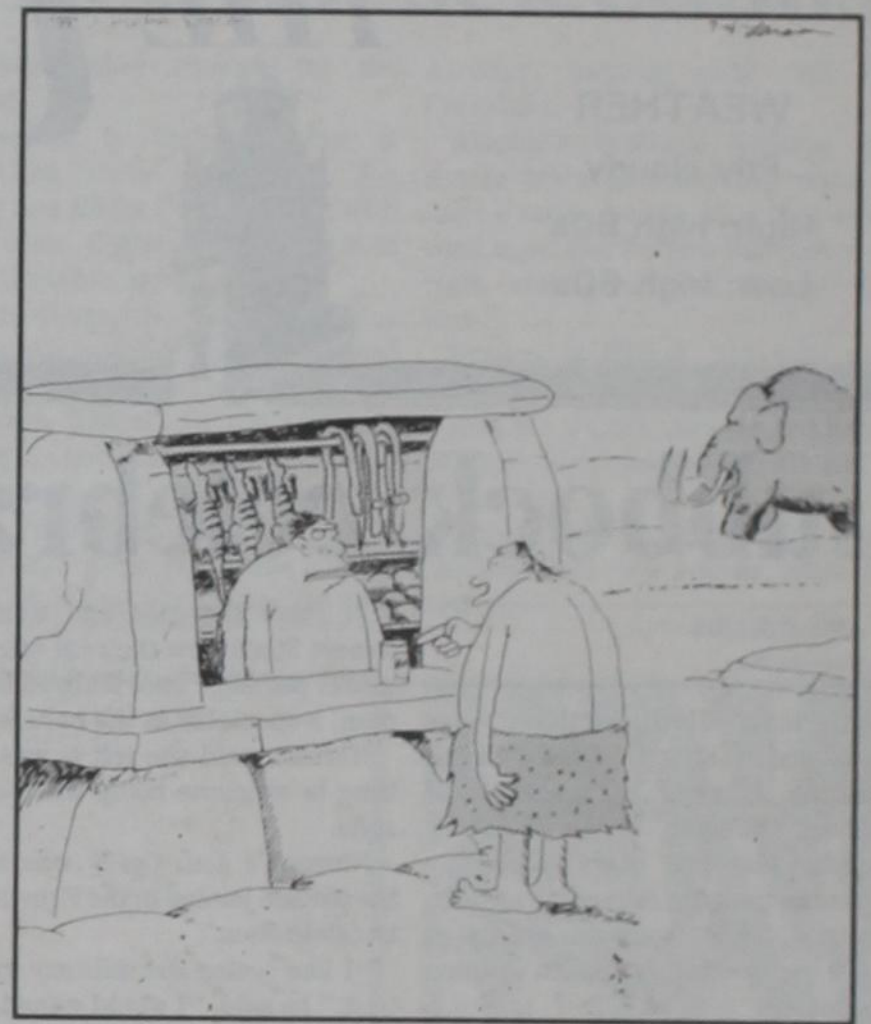
But such a search is necessary — as Rep. Butler Derrick, D-S.C., put it — because the charge “goes to the root of what democracy is all about.”

An investigation might end in political advantage for the Democrats, or possibly do them damage. It might remove an alleged blot on the reputations of Casey and the Republicans, or it might confirm it. Either way, Congress has a historical imperative and an institutional responsibility to seek the facts.

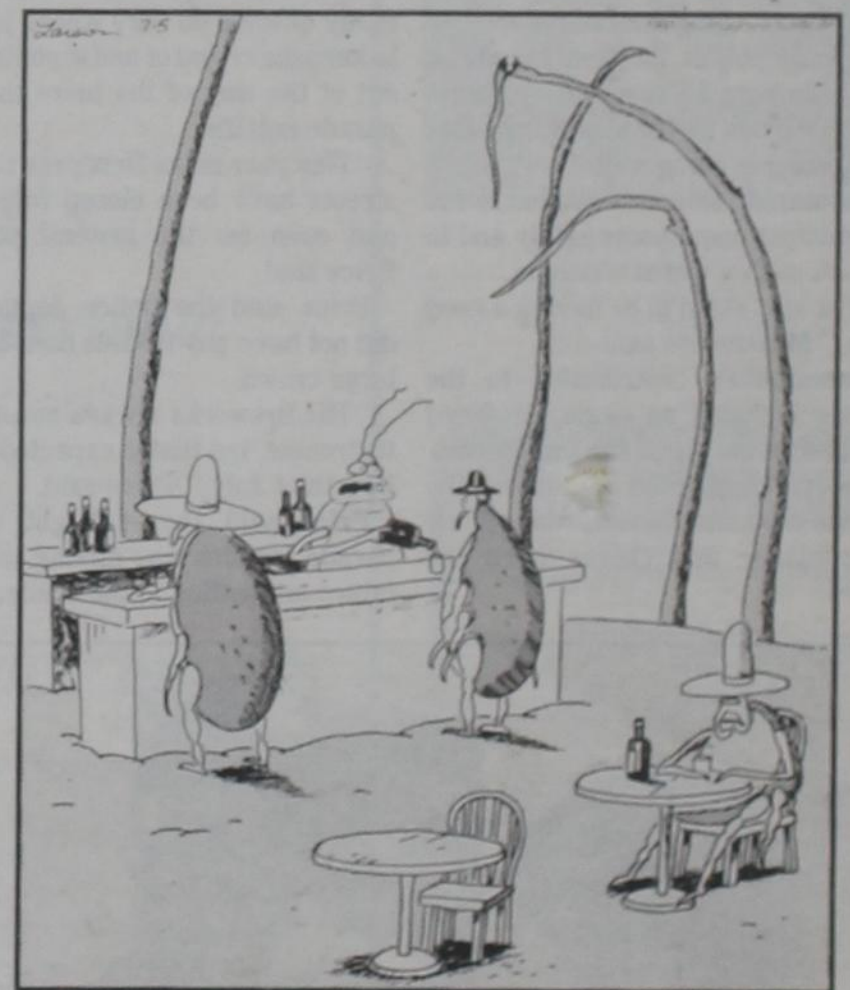
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THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



“Hey! Not this new stuff. ... Me want Jurassic Coke.”



“You're a long way from Big Poodle, stranger. ... This here is Dead Skunk, and if I were you I'd just keep on movin'.”

Letter

Questioning Tech policies

To the editor:

I recently read in the UD a letter concerning budget cuts and the unneeded changing of light bulbs on campus. Well, my concerns are similar in that I can't understand why there is a need for tuition increases, salary cuts, class cancellations, etc., when an institution of higher education insists on watering the grass in the heat of the day.

Doesn't the well educated staff of Texas Tech University realize that the middle of the day is not the most appropriate time to water the yard. I also can't understand the renovations in the UC. I realize that the UC does not consist of any modern, up-to-date decor, but if money is so tight, I feel like the student body would understand if we put that money toward improving our education and paying our faculty a comparable salary of those at other universities. Just wondering?

Brandon Moore

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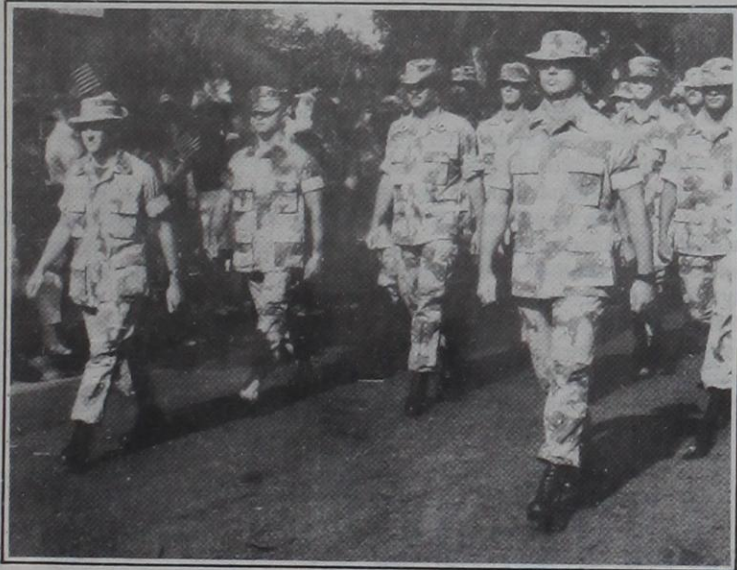
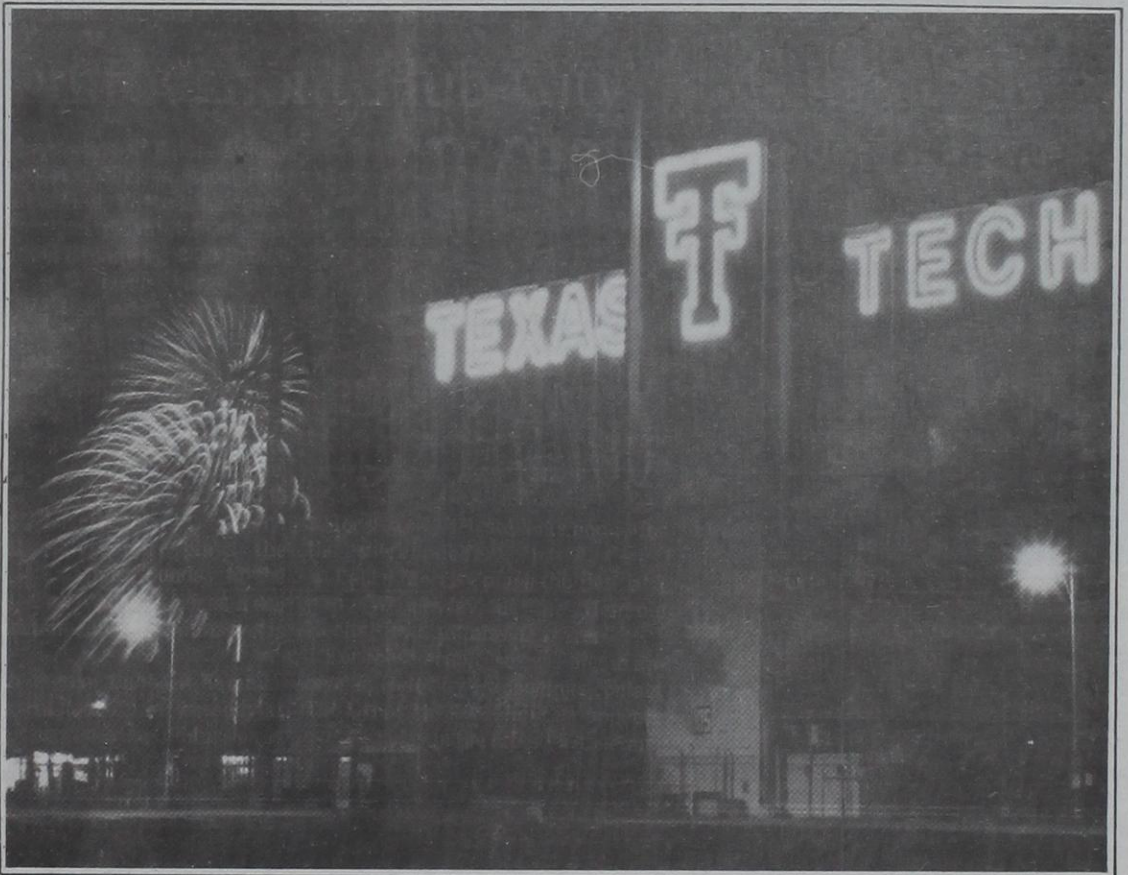
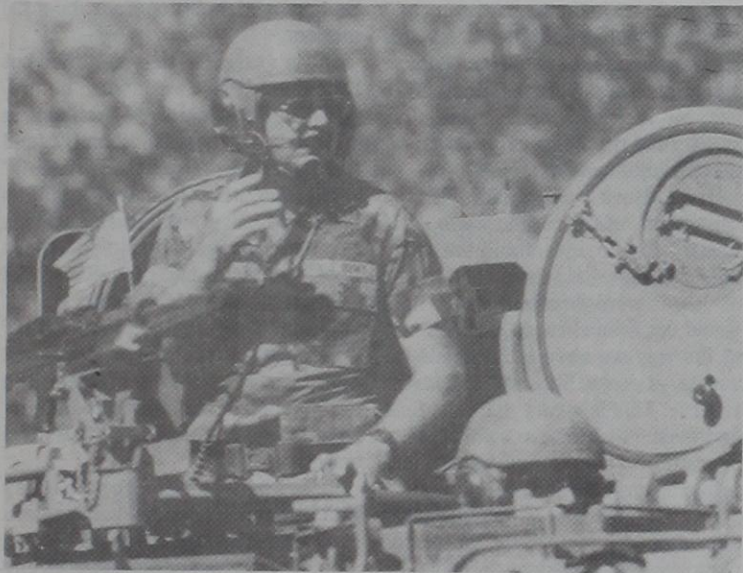
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Lubbock's Fourth on Broadway

University Daily photographer Walter Granberry was on hand at Lubbock's Fourth on Broadway celebration to capture some of the highlights of July 4th in Lubbock. Thursday's celebration was dedicated to the veterans of the Persian Gulf, who were the honorary Grand Marshals of the parade. Thousands of Lubbockites crowded Broadway to take part in games, food, craft demonstrations and concerts. The night was capped off by a spectacular fireworks display.

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Taped police beating reminder of L.A.

By The Associated Press

FORT WORTH — A handcuffed auto theft suspect struck at least 28 times by a baton-wielding police officer said Thursday he lost count of how many times he was hit, because he passed out.

The beating Wednesday afternoon, reminiscent of the March 3 beating of a black motorist by Los Angeles police, was videotaped by a woman in a nearby yard.

"He hit me so many times, I passed out," said Ernest Anderson, 21, in an interview Thursday from the Tarrant County Jail with KXAS-TV of Fort Worth.

Anderson was treated in the emergency room at John Peter Smith Hospital for several hours and then jailed.

The officer involved in the beating, three-year veteran E.J. Parnell, has been placed on detached duty with pay pending completion of an internal affairs investigation. Under detached duty, the officer must remain confined to his home during working hours.

Anderson was being transported to jail on suspicion of auto theft

when he began threatening to kill himself, said police spokesman Lt. Alvin Allcon. The suspect, seated in the back, kicked out the right rear window and began wriggling out of the moving car.

Anderson said he was trying to get Parnell to loosen the handcuffs.

Parnell pulled the car over in east Fort Worth on Interstate 30 and began using what Fort Worth Police Chief Thomas Windham termed an improper use of force.

The videotape shows Parnell beating and jabbing someone outside the patrol car with his baton.

Parnell is shown several times using what is known as "a double-handed overhead swing," said Allcon, adding the technique is not taught by the police department.

"Obviously the baton is being used in a manner which we do not train. We do not train that overhanded striking motion the officer was using," Windham said.

The chief said Parnell overreacted when Anderson kicked out the patrol car window.

"Apparently the officer did act improperly, did use his baton improperly," he said.

But a resident who saw part of the

beating defended Parnell's actions.

"The officer had to restrain him somehow," Nick Marr said Thursday. "He had to do what he had to do, and he had to work him over."

An unidentified Explorer Scout riding in the patrol car as an observer is shown in the video assisting Parnell in restraining the suspect. The scout appears to be pushing Anderson back into the car.

Allcon said Explorer Scouts ride occasionally with officers as observers. In previous incidents, he said, scouts assisted officers in restraining and subduing suspects.

The scout will be interviewed as part of the internal affairs investigation, Allcon said.

Anderson, who was charged with evading arrest, resisting arrest, criminal mischief and theft of stolen property, was brought Thursday morning before a county magistrate, who set bond at \$2,500.

He faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted of the criminal mischief and theft of stolen property charges. The other two charges are misdemeanors.

Unlike the Rodney King beating in Los Angeles, both Parnell and Anderson are black.

Comptroller accuses UT of operating 'slush fund'

By The Associated Press

DALLAS — Texas Comptroller John Sharp says University of Texas officials are maintaining a nearly \$1 billion "slush fund" he contends should be used to reduce taxpayer support of the institutions.

But UT officials called Sharp ignorant of the state's bookkeeping processes and said the money helps maintain the schools' reputation for excellence in medical education.

"Before we go to the taxpayers and ask them to accept higher taxes or a state income tax, I think we ought to ask (University of Texas officials) to use, for lack of a better word, this slush fund to help us reduce expenses," Sharp said.

Hans Mark, chancellor of the University of Texas System, said Sharp failed to understand the workings of the special fund.

"If this were private industry, this would not even show up, but because of the way we have to label our accounts, it looks like an unallocated reserve. This is a very dynamic fund and most of it has been committed to operating expenses and capital improvements," Mark said.

Sharp called for cutting the state allocation to University of Texas campuses and medical schools by about \$146.8 million annually for the next two years, including \$22 million

annually for UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. He said the schools could make up the losses by dipping into the reserve fund.

Systemwide, the average proposed allocation cut is about 15 percent per campus. But UT Southwestern would be the hardest hit of all system schools — taking a 32 percent cut, to \$48 million annually from about \$70 million.

Other cuts include 16 percent at UT-Arlington, to \$53 million from about \$63 million; and 8 percent at UT-Dallas, to \$27.5 million from about \$30 million.

Sharp's target — first identified but little noticed last week when he proposed approximately \$4 billion in state cuts — is a \$963 million UT fund that he says is "larger than prudent."

The fund, which includes \$78 million from UT Southwestern, receives revenues from various campus operations, philanthropic donations and medical services, Mark said.

Kern Wildenthal, president of UT Southwestern, said Sharp's proposal eventually could decimate the system's research efforts and ability to attract and keep talented scientists.

"Don't believe them when they say that," Sharp said. "What we are recommending will not eliminate one employee or reduce the level of any service unless they want it to happen."

Shevardnadze quits Communist Party

By The Associated Press

MOSCOW — Former Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze announced Thursday that he has quit the Communist Party, a move sure to deal a severe blow to any attempts by Mikhail S. Gorbachev to keep the party in power.

The departure of such a prominent figure as Shevardnadze, who is widely known and respected for his role in helping end the Cold War, could prompt many more defections from a

party whose membership is already plummeting.

The Communist Party, widely discredited for decades of mismanagement and corruption, is reeling from an internal struggle between hard-liners who wish to return to dictatorship and democratic reformers.

On Monday, Shevardnadze joined eight other prominent reformers in founding a democratic opposition movement that he said aimed to end "the threat of dictatorship" once and for all.

All nine have been or remain close to President Gorbachev, who remains Communist Party chief.

Gorbachev made it clear in a speech published Wednesday that he is still fighting to preserve the party he began reforming when he took charge of it in rising to power six years ago.

Shevardnadze sent a letter to the party's Central Control Commission announcing his resignation, which indicates he feels the hard-liners are still in control.

His spokesman, Temuraz Stepanov,

said the letter was sent Wednesday.

Shevardnadze said in the letter that he could not tolerate the committee's attempt to investigate him for saying the Soviet Union would benefit from a strong competitor to the Communists, who relinquished their constitutionally guaranteed monopoly on power in February 1990.

"Not in any circumstances will I submit to such an investigation and judgment," he said, according to a

text he released to the Interfax independent news agency.

He said to do so would amount to accepting "the return of the Communist Party leadership to repressive methods of suppressing alternative views."

Shevardnadze also said he knew of plans for a "campaign of compromise" against himself and others.



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Lubbock Desert Storm vets honored in Victory Gala

By JULIE COLLINS
The University Daily

U.S. Rep., Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, Lubbock Mayor B.C. "Peck" McMinn and Col. William Henny, commander of Reese Air Force Base, were on hand to honor the veterans of Operation Desert Storm and also to remember the two native Lubbockites who lost their lives during the six-month campaign at the Desert Storm Victory Gala at the Holiday Inn South Wednesday night.

Kathy Singleton, co-founder and director of Lubbock's chapter of Support Our Soldiers, organized the event in conjunction with the Holiday Inn South.

Singleton said although the peak of support for the SOS organization occurred in February. Many Lubbockites, especially those whose family members participated in Operation Desert Storm, still wanted to show support.

"Approximately 300 people showed up for the Gala event and there were many people who were willing to help with the event. Larry Combest in particular was very willing to speak at the reception," Singleton said.

Approximately 275 certificates

honoring the veterans of Operation Desert Storm were handed out, she said.

Former Texas Tech student Marine Sgt. Robert Underhill attended the event and said it made him feel reassured of his performance in the Gulf.

He said he is thankful that Lubbock does care for veterans of the war before, during and after the six-month campaign.

"This kind of show of support makes me feel very proud of the job we did while in Saudi Arabia," he said.

Underhill said he was proud to have served in Operation Desert Storm but his future plans do not include carrying a weapon. He wants to return to Tech using the G.I. Bill and finish his college education.

McMinn compared the patriotism that Operation Desert Storm has stirred across the country to the patriotism that was felt during World War II.

"The servicemen who served in Desert Storm show the kind of enthusiasm that was evident in the servicemen who served during World War II. This Gala event is a tribute to them," McMinn said.

While the success of Operation

Desert Storm has ignited patriotism to an almost fanatical degree, McMinn said the patriotism will not subside anytime soon.

"United States patriotism will last for a while. It is too bad that we had to have a war, but it did renew the idea of freedom, and it makes many Americans appreciate America even more," McMinn said.

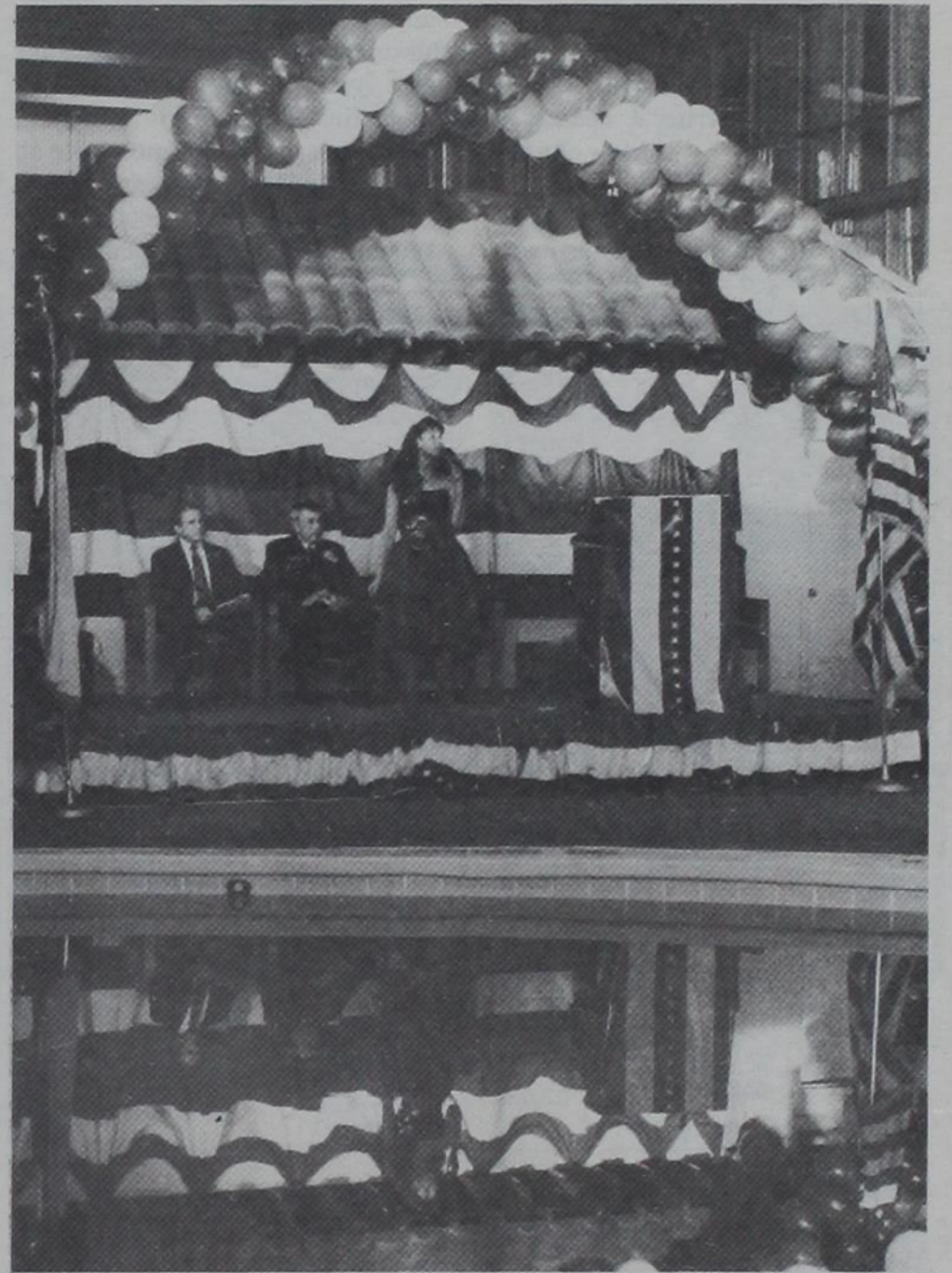
The last Lubbock troops returned from Saudi Arabia late Wednesday night.

"Lubbock is expecting the arrival of a group of Marines today (Wednesday). These troops were some of the first individuals to leave for Saudi Arabia, and they are some of the the last individuals to return," McMinn said.

Henny said many Americans still remember fighting a war — the Vietnam conflict — which caused national dissent and distrust of the military. With the success of Operation Desert Storm, he said that is simply no longer the case.

"A couple of months ago, George Bush saw a fork in the road and took the road less traveled. The outcome was the liberation of Kuwait," Henny said.

Abner Euresti of KCBD-TV was on hand to host the presentation.



Walter Granberry/The University Daily

Partial solar eclipse to occur Thursday

By ALICIA ALLEN-PEARSON
The University Daily

Between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Thursday, the moon will pass between the earth and sun, which from some vantage points will totally block the sun for up to seven minutes. In Lubbock, the results will not be quite as spectacular, however, as only a partial eclipse is expected.

This natural phenomenon will not repeat itself for that length of time until at least the 23rd century.

"We should get about a 60 percent coverage of it (the partial solar eclipse)," said Dr. David McCartney, associate director of cornea services at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center's department of ophthalmology.

However, looking into the sun even momentarily during an eclipse can burn the retina — the sensitive mem-

brane at the back of the eye — which is comparable to the film in a camera, he said.

"The inner coat, or sensitive film layer of the eye, takes light, chemical and electrical impulses which travel down the optical nerve," he said.

"The eye was never meant to look directly into the sun. It's just too much energy for it."

"The damage (done to the eye) is different with each individual, but it's best to avoid even a momentary look into the sun," McCartney said.

Though such damage is painless, he said, it is permanent, and there is no treatment.

McCartney stressed that welding glasses, smoked glasses or sunglasses, with or without ultraviolet blocking, will not protect the retina.

"We were only meant to view reflected light," he said. "Acute high

levels of ultraviolet light can damage the cornea, and long-term low exposure to the ultraviolet light can cause cataracts."

Viewing the eclipse through a telescope or binoculars is even more hazardous. A telescope or binoculars magnify the image which is cast on the retina, McCartney said.

The safest way to view this natural phenomenon is to watch the eclipse on television and to check with a professional viewing group and to follow their instructions before trying to view it on your own, he said.

McCartney also said one way to view the solar eclipse is to stand with your back to the sun while holding a piece of cardboard parallel with one shoulder with a hole through it. By holding another piece of paper at your waist, the moon can be seen blocking the light from the sun through the hole in the paper.

Double vision

Whitney Gillcrest sings "God Bless America" at the Desert Storm Victory Gala at the Lubbock Holiday Inn South Wednesday. Congressman Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, and Col. William Henny, commander of Reese Air Force Base, seated behind Gillcrest, were guest speakers. A reflection of the event can be seen in the swimming pool in the foreground.

Lubbock hails war veterans

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Other Lubbock dignitaries included State Rep. Delwin Jones and Lubbock County Judge Don McBeath.

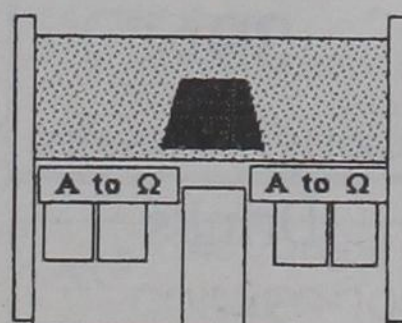
Songs such as "The Yellow Rose of Texas" and "You're a Grand Old Flag" rang throughout the festival with the help of the West Wings Band of Lubbock.

Sausage, fried chicken, beans and brisket were provided by the 4th on Broadway Committee. The food was catered by Danny's catering of Lubbock.

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Walker thrills audience with progressive brand of country music

By KIRK BAIRD-PARKS
The University Daily

Perhaps this writer's opinion of country music should change somewhat.

After seeing veteran country musician Jerry Jeff Walker's performance before a packed house Tuesday night at Midnight Rodeo, it is easy to see where fanatics of this musical genre come from.

Walker's solid two-hour perfor-

mance was like an old bottle of whiskey featured in many country music lyrics. It was smooth, tough and definitely packed a punch, although to say the audience woke up with a hangover the next day is probably carrying the metaphor too far.

Having never been to a country concert before, I wasn't exactly sure what to expect — in terms of the audience, the music and the showmanship. Happily, all were first rate.

The show started promptly at 9:30

p.m. (How many other bands can say they started right on time?)

This five man band (including Walker and Lubbock musician Lloyd Maines sitting in on steel guitar) launched into several of Walker's hits. To be honest, few I recognized, but the audience certainly did and seemed to have a fine time out on the dance floor two-stepping, whoopin' it up and providing energy for the band.

Hits like "L.A. Freeway", "Sangria Wine" and "London Homesick Blues" seemed to douse the audience in a bit of nostalgia. A highlight was Walker's performance of "Mr. Bojangles", a song he wrote while spending a night in a California jail. While the classic,

"Up Against The Wall", had the crowd singing-along (performing even the dreaded singing-the-lead-vocals-for-the-band at one point.)

But it was all in good fun and that is certainly what Walker had in mind.

One of the originators of progressive country, Walker laid the foundation in the early '70s for such country "outlaws" as Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings. All lived life hard and fast, but Walker may best personify the free-wheeling spirit of this particular brand of music.

During his Tuesday night show, Walker's no-nonsense band proved tight and provided a steady stream of backdrop music for his cerebral

lyrics. Lyrics that are more biting in content at times than most people realize.

And for this particular show, Walker's cognitive ability shown through, whether the subject at hand was traditional country themes of pickups, trains and gettin' drunk or the exploits of Nolan Ryan (yes, this versatile performer even wrote a song about the Rangers' 44-year-old icon). Like Ryan, Walker is definitely a marvel.

All in all, Walker's performance was less of a concert than simply a plain, ol', ordinary good time.

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Voting fans strike out on All-Star Game selections



Charles Pollet
Managing Editor

is selecting Toronto's Roberto Alomar ahead of Texas' Julio Franco as the AL starting second baseman. Franco's batting average is .321 with nine homeruns and 40 RBIs through Wednesday. Comparatively, Alomar is batting .277 with five homers and 36 RBIs.

Statistics do not lie. Another blatant oversight by the adoring fans is that Franco, a reserve on last year's All-Star team, was named Most Valuable Player of the game. So Franco has proven his ability to come through in the "big one" — and he did it coming off the bench.

The non-selection of Rangers outfielder Ruben Sierra is another unforced error. Sierra, third in the AL batting .333, garnered the most votes for a Ranger with 741,159, but still finished seventh in the balloting.

Alomar gathered 951,058 more votes than Franco, which just goes to show that it's the team you play for, and not the individual player, that makes the All-Star team.

Oakland, San Diego and Chicago are the only teams with more than one All-Star starter. Incidentally, these are high-profile cities with high-profile players. Not to say Arlington

and the Texas Rangers are not, but the Rangers do not have a multi-million dollar superstar that excels above the rest of the team.

Franco, Sierra, first baseman Rafael Palmeiro and third baseman Steve Buechele are quality players for the Rangers, but none were voted to the All-Star team.

However, the fans are not solely to blame for the All-Star selection disparities. The all-powerful entity known as television is also to blame. In fact, TV is the reason why fans make the choices they make.

Ryne Sandberg and Andre Dawson

of the Chicago Cubs are starters for the National League team. Millions of fans see the Cubs regularly on WGN, a Chicago-based cable television station. Sandberg and Dawson have stepped up a level in the public eye through the media.

Until fans can better judge All-Star player selections without distorting their choices with average players from regularly-aired teams like Chicago, Atlanta and Oakland, true All-Star teams with the best players of the season will remain with the mighty Casey of Mudville nine — a fantasy.

The Texas Rangers have failed to place a starter on the American League All-Star team — again.

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