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Allied troops report 'tremendous success'

By ALEXANDER G. HIGGINS
Associated Press Writer

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Allied troops continued to experience "tremendous success" today, rolling over Iraq's troops and units of its vaunted Republican Guard with little difficulty, the military said.

"We are meeting the enemy and beating the enemy," Marine Brig. Gen. Richard Neal told a late-afternoon briefing. Iraqi prisoners numbered near 20,000, a forward U.S. post had been carved out 50 miles into Iraq, and allied troops advanced on Kuwait City.

"Terrorism remains the only Iraqi success to date," Neal said, pointing to what he said was an accelerating number of oil field fires and civilian atrocities attributed to the Iraqis.

In the second day of the ground war, Neal put American casualties at four dead, 21 wounded. Lt. Gen. Khalid bin Sultan, joint Arab forces commander, said five of his forces had been killed, and 20 had been wounded in action.

In what he called an "extremely conservative" accounting of Iraqi losses, Neal said the allies had destroyed more than 270 tanks since the ground offensive began. Among them, he said, were 32 Soviet-made T-72s — the Iraqis' most advanced tanks, and the tank used by the highly touted Republican Guard.

"We've engaged some forces of the Republican Guard and (they) are

enjoying the same sort of success" as other Iraqi forces, Neal said.

He said he knew nothing of a report that 80 Guard tanks were on the move toward the allied forces.

"They're finally flushing," F-15 squadron commander Lt. Col. Steve Turner said. "They've got to do something — either that, or get killed in their holes."

He said the allied advance was so quick and so successful that army reserve units originally slated to be held back for the first 24 hours were sent in just 12 hours into the offensive.

One of the allies' biggest problems was coping with the thousands of Iraqis who were surrendering.

Neal said 18,000 Iraqis had surrendered to allied forces; Khalid put the total prisoners at 20,000. It was not clear whether these included the prisoners taken before the start of the ground offensive Sunday morning.

The officials would not say where the Iraqis were captured, but the bulk appeared to have belonged to front-line units that had not been expected to put up as much of a fight as Saddam's better-equipped second-tier forces.

In one poignant moment, a wounded Iraqi POW, unable to walk without help, kissed one of the Saudi captors supporting him. The scene — in Kuwait — was filmed by British journalists operating outside the Pentagon's "pool" system.

In what officers called the largest

helicopter operation in military history, more than 2,000 men of the Army's 101st Airborne Division were airlifted more than 50 miles into Iraq on Sunday.

The airborne operation was part of a push to establish a strong toehold in Iraqi territory west of Kuwait — in order to cut supply lines to Iraqi forces in Kuwait and possibly move to encircle them.

Out in the Persian Gulf, Marines in an amphibious task remained aboard ship during the offensive's first day. Once night fell, helicopters from the force roared toward the Kuwaiti coastline in a dual mission: reconnaissance — and keeping Iraq guessing about whether a beach assault was imminent.

"As long as they are watching the coast, they are not engaging our forces in Kuwait and farther west," said Maj. Gen. Harry Jenkins, commander of the Marine landing force.

In the first such known attack of the war, Iraq launched a Silkworm anti-ship missile at allied warships off Kuwait today, British officials said, saying it was intercepted by a Sea Dart missile fired by the British destroyer HMS Gloucester.

One U.S. officer, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said missile batteries on Faylakah island, at the entrance to Kuwait Bay, were targeted today with fire from the 16-inch guns of a U.S. battleship and bombed by warplanes including U.S. B-52s. In Baghdad, overnight bombard-



(AP Laserphoto)

Members of the Army's 82nd Airborne celebrate Saturday before crossing over the border into Kuwait.

ment sent clouds of black smoke billowing over the city's western edge, Associated Press correspondent Salah Nasrawi reported today. Guests

of the al-Rashid Hotel, where most Western journalists are based, reported enormous explosions in downtown Baghdad.

The air war did not pause. Neal said more than 3,000 missions were flown in the past 24 hours, including 1,300 over Kuwait and southern Iraq.

Local gas prices still above state and national averages

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Gas prices in Pampa are running between 14 and 19 cents higher than the national average and 19 to 25 cents higher per gallon than those in Amarillo.

Jerri Tall of the AAA in Amarillo said gas prices should be falling nationwide as news of the war with Iraq continues to be positive.

However, prices in Pampa today remained among the highest in the entire nation.

With the exception of one Pampa station, regular unleaded was running \$1.24.9 for self-service through this morning.

At Belco Conoco, Hobart Street and Perryton Pkwy., prices for regular unleaded were the lowest found in the city, running at 1.19.9 per gallon.

Tall said gas in Amarillo can be found at many stations for under a dollar.

Average pump prices around the state include \$1.05.9 in Austin and Houston, \$1.03.9 in Dallas, and \$1.08.9 in Fort Worth and El

Paso.

"There wouldn't be any way to know the variations, but you would be able to find it a lot lower than that at a lot of stations, since these are averages of the very highest and the very lowest," Tall said.

The average pump price in Pampa was around \$1.28.9 for regular unleaded, with full-service prices driving the average 20 to 25 cents higher than most other cities.

Meanwhile, Pampa motorists reported unleaded prices in Borger on Sunday at 99.9 cents per gallon, and Dumas at \$1.03.9.

Tall said the state average in Oklahoma for unleaded is down to 99.9 cents a gallon, with the eastern half of that state reporting average prices at 95.9 cents a gallon.

AAA officials in Tulsa said that city's average is 94.9 cents per gallon, with numerous stations selling regular unleaded for prices that fell as low as 87 cents per gallon.

In New Mexico, state averages

show prices are down to \$1.13.9 per gallon.

Pampa gas station owners and distributors have been at a loss in the past to explain why prices are so much higher in Pampa than the rest of the state.

However, Lynn Strickland of V. Bell Oil Co., a Pampa distributor which owns the Belco Conoco, said today, "There wasn't a real reason we dropped the price (at the Belco station). We just dropped it down."

He said that in spite of the wide difference between gas prices in Pampa and Amarillo, he believed Pampa was still competitive with the state average.

"As far as prices in Oklahoma, you've got to take into account differences in state taxes," Strickland said.

He also noted, "There are a lot of things regarding pricing that people don't understand."

One of those differences, he said, is that Borger stations can buy gas directly from refineries in that city, while Pampa gas must be shipped in.

Sammons offers new 'lifeline' service at reduced cost to cable customers

Beginning April 1, Sammons Communications cable television customers will have the option of a basic "lifeline" service at a reduced cost.

Stations WGN, WTBS, C-Span, KFDA, KAMR, KVII, KCIT, C-Span II, KACV and QVC will be offered at \$11.50 per month, said Sammons Manager John Mason.

He said Nickelodeon, CNN, TNT, FNN, HSE, ESPN and The Weather Channel are available for \$1.50 more on Tier One service.

Those wishing Tier One, which is currently termed "basic cable," will merely continue to pay their monthly bill as usual.

Anyone wanting to down-grade

to the lifeline service can notify Sammons, Mason said.

Pampa city officials have said lifeline service is designed for those on fixed incomes who desire only the most essential service and are uninterested in the vastly expanded cable service Sammons is preparing for Pampa.

Once additional channels are added to the cable system later this year, Tier One service is expected to increase to around \$19, City Manager Glen Hackler said.

Approximately 40 channels will then be offered on the rebuilt Tier One system, Sammons officials have said.

Also scheduled for April 1 is a minor re-adjustment of some cable

channel assignments.

CNN will move to channel 14, trading places with C-Span II, which will be found on channel 11. QVC and Nickelodeon will also trade slots, with QVC moving to 13 and Nickelodeon locating on channel 19.

Mason said those wishing the lifeline service have the option of subscribing to any premium channels except Cinemax, in addition to their basic service.

Premium channels include Disney, The Movie Channel and HBO.

Because of technical circumstances, Mason said, Cinemax will only be offered to those on Tier One.

Pampa's unemployment rate falls to 4.2 percent

Area unemployment is down from December in all five counties in *The Pampa News* circulation area, according to figures released by the Texas Employment Commission office in Pampa.

Rodney Springer, TEC manager, said Pampa had an unemployment rate of 4.2 percent in January, dropping from the 5 percent recorded in December 1990.

Gray County recorded a 4.4 per-

cent unemployment rate in January, down from the 5.1 percent listed in December.

In Hemphill County, the January unemployment rate was listed at 4.1 percent, decreasing from the 4.9 percent rate recorded in December.

Carson County had the lowest unemployment rate in the area, according to the figures provided by Springer. The county's January rate

was 3.3 percent, falling from the 3.7 percent listed for December.

Roberts County had the biggest drop in the unemployment rate, nearly a full percentage. Its January rate was recorded at 6.4 percent, dropping 0.9 percent from the 7.3 percent rate reported for December.

In Wheeler County, the TEC listed a January unemployment rate of 3.7 percent, down from the 4.1 percent listed for December.

Bush: War is on course

By WILLIAM M. WELCH
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush emerged from war briefings this morning and said that coalition forces "have the initiative and we intend to keep it" as troops moved ever-deeper into Kuwait and Iraq.

Bush said the two-day-old ground war to oust Iraqi forces from the oil-rich kingdom is "on course and on schedule." At the same time, the president cautioned against excessive optimism, and said "there are battles yet to come and casualties to be borne."

While Bush did not mention the Iraqi leader, the fate of Saddam Hussein was being debated across the capital. Sen. Richard Lugar said, "We should be bold enough to suggest to Iraqis that democracy is a good idea." House Speaker Thomas Foley said Bush would be "ill-advised" to make Saddam's departure a distinct goal of the war.

"It might be difficult to actually topple him without invading Iraq itself and occupying the country and we should be very careful about that," said the Washington Democrat.

The president was on the phone to the White House Situation Room at 5:30 a.m., EST, for an update on the war. Again today, there were drumbeats of opposition from a few anti-war protesters nearby.

In his first public appearance since announcing the ground campaign Saturday night, Bush said the news from the war front is good.

"Coalition air and ground forces

are advancing on their objectives. Enemy prisoners are surrendering in large numbers and thus far, thank God, U.S. and coalition casualties are few.

"Make no mistake," he said, speaking of the war that began 40 days ago with a massive air bombardment of Iraqi targets, "we will prevail and Kuwait will soon be free."

In his comments, Bush offered no prediction of how long the Gulf War might last.

But he said that American troops would soon "return home to the thanks and respect of a grateful nation."

Envisioning an allied victory, he said, "Our success in the gulf will bring with it not just a new opportunity for peace and stability in a critical part of the world, but a chance to build a new world order, based upon the principles of collective security and the rule of law."

Bush said he had spoken a short while earlier with Gen. Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the nation's ranking military officer. "The liberation of Kuwait is on course and on schedule," he said. "We have the initiative and we intend to keep it."

Half a world away, thousands of U.S. and coalition troops were said to be advancing on their targets by land and air in a massive attempt to encircle Iraqi troops and destroy the occupying army.

Administration officials and key members of Congress sought to dampen initial euphoria over the pace of the Persian Gulf War and the ease with which the massive allied ground assault sliced through Iraqi

fortifications in Iraq and Kuwait.

"The Republican Guard ... that's the real test yet to come," Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

But the administration clearly was looking ahead to a post-war Middle East. Officials said Iraqi President Saddam Hussein would be stripped of his offensive military capability by the invasion force, and that perhaps he would tumble from power as well.

"The restoration of peace and stability in the gulf would be a heck of a lot easier if he and that leadership were not in power in Iraq," Secretary of State James A. Baker III said Sunday on ABC.

Rep. Pat Schroeder, D-Colo., a senior member of the House Armed Services Committee, said the future of Saddam should be decided by the Iraqi people rather than the Desert Storm coalition.

Rep. Henry Hyde, D-Ill., who appeared with Gen. Colin Powell on the NBC "Today" show, said Saddam "has to go," and predicted the Iraqi military would remove him.

Foley said that if Saddam "continues inside Iraq to fire Scud missiles at Israel or Saudi Arabia or Kuwait then it might be necessary to go farther. I think it would be ill-advised at this point to make it a definite war aim to topple him."

The House speaker said he foresees a U.S. presence in the Persian Gulf after the war ends "but not a very large one."

"The region should be protected by peacekeeping forces from the region, from neutral countries," said Foley.

Authorities continue investigation of Sunday shooting in Skellytown

SKELLYTOWN — A shooting victim remains in critical condition this morning in Northwest Texas Hospital reportedly suffering from a gunshot wound on Sunday afternoon.

Marie McCarty, whose address is listed as 109 E. 1st, was transported to Coronado Hospital at 2:30 p.m. Sunday after suffering a gunshot wound at the residence, a hospital spokesman said today.

She was transferred from Coronado Hospital to Northwest Texas

Hospital in Amarillo after being stabilized, said Linda Haynes, Coronado spokesperson.

Donna Johnston, nursing supervisor at NWTX, said today that McCarty was in critical condition in the hospital's intensive care unit.

Police radio traffic indicated McCarty, who is believed to be in her late 50s or early 60s, was shot once in the temple.

Carson County Sheriff Terry Timmons said there were no witnesses to the shooting and no arrests

have been made.

"We worked on it all night," Timmons said. "We've got a lot of interviews to do and we are getting back on it today."

Timmons said a man who lives at the same residence is not considered a suspect in the case.

A .22 caliber handgun was recovered at the scene, Timmons said.

The sheriff said attempted suicide has not been ruled out in the case.

Lefors ISD board member submits resignation

LEFORS - Lefors Independent School District Board of Trustees has called a special meeting for 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 26, to discuss several items.

The board is scheduled to go into executive session to discuss disciplinary actions taken by a professional teacher.

The board is also scheduled to

consider the resignation of Mike Steele, a board member, from the school board. Superintendent Ed Gilliland said Steele submitted his resignation due to personal reasons.

Because of Steele's resignation, a new order of election of school trustees for the May 4 election will be called. There will be two, three-

year terms; one, two-year unexpired term; and one, one-year unexpired term on the ballot during the May election.

The board is also set to consider the adoption of the resolution of the "Working Group Plan," which is a House bill being considered for the school finance plan.

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Services tomorrow

BERRYMAN, Bessie Ellen — 10:30 a.m., Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel.

Obituaries

MARTHA L. BOHANNAN
GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Martha Bohannon, 64, the sister of a Pampa man, died Saturday, Feb. 23, 1991. Services were to be at 2 p.m. today in Amarillo.
 Mrs. Bohannon was born in McLean. She married Warren Bohannon in 1946 in Amarillo. They moved to Florida over 20 years ago. She was a member of Tower Road Baptist Church in Gainesville.
 Survivors include her husband; a daughter, Janis Renea Bohannon of Gainesville; a brother, Robert Howard of Pampa; and two sisters, Una Ford of Canyon and Almada Blankenship of McLean.

Minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents during the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

FRIDAY, Feb. 22

8 a.m. — A 1981 Oldsmobile driven by John Hughes, Stinnett, a 1980 Ford driven by Paula Cabajal, 545 S. Barnes, and a 1975 Chevrolet driven by George Johnson, 716 Sloan, collided in the 400 block of South Barnes. No injuries were reported. Cabajal was cited for no proof of liability insurance.

9:27 p.m. — A 1978 Chevrolet driven by Clede Aldridge, 1200 N. Wells #21, struck a fence and wall at Pampa Nursing Center, 1200 N. Wells. Aldridge was transported to Coronado Hospital by AMT Ambulance. He was pronounced dead at the hospital. Police reports cite medical sources as saying Aldridge had a history of high blood pressure and had suffered a minor stroke earlier in the week.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported no calls during the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.		
Wheat	2.34	
Milo	3.80	
Com.	4.18	
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:		
Ky. Cent. Life	8 3/8	up 1/4
Seafco	5 3/8	NC
Occidental	19 3/8	NC
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:		
Magellan	62.51	
Partisan	13.21	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.		
Amoco	51 1/4	dn 1/2
Arco	126 7/8	up 1
Cabot	31 1/8	up 1/2
Cabot O&G	15	up 1/4
Chevron	71 3/4	dn 1/4
Coca Cola	53 3/4	up 1/2
Eaton	55 3/4	NC
Halliburton	50 3/4	up 2 3/8
Ingersoll Rand	48 3/8	up 5/8
KNE	22 1/2	up 1/8
Kerr McGee	44 7/8	up 1/4
Limited	23 5/8	up 3/8
Mapco	43 1/4	up 1/2
Marx	8 1/2	NC
McDonald's	31 1/2	up 3/8
Mesa Ltd.	2 5/8	NC
Mobil	59 1/8	up 1/8
New Aztec	17	NC
Penney's	53 3/8	up 1/8
Phillips	25 3/4	dn 1/4
SLB	61	up 1 3/4
SPS	28 3/8	dn 1/4
Tenneco	48 3/8	up 1/8
Texas	59 3/4	up 1/8
Wal-Mart	38	up 3/4
New York Gold	357.50	
Silver	3.54	
West Texas Crude	17.30	

Calendar of events

REPUBLICAN WOMEN

The Top O' Texas Republican Women will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 9:30 a.m. at 1716 Chestnut. Visitors are welcome.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions
 Adrain Anderson, Pampa
 Shamrock, Pampa
 Edward E. Graves, Pampa
 Annie Henson, Skellytown
 James W. Clay, Pampa
 Letain E. Gober, Canadian
 Jane Jordan, Pampa
 Meril K. Potter, Skellytown
 Terrie Jan Sale, Fritch
 Geneva Mae Schroeder, Pampa

Births
 To Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Thomas, Pampa, a boy.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sale, Fritch, a girl.

Dismissals
 Ellen Bronner, Pampa
 Flora P. Davidson, Canadian
 Marquisha Jackson, Pampa
 Eva M. Kelly, Pampa
 John Pennington, McLean
 Adrain Anderson, Shamrock
 Patricia L. Griffin and baby boy and baby girl, Pampa
 Carmel L. Hagaman, Pampa
 Jonathan Olson, Pampa
 Aubia G. Randolph, Pampa
 Winnie D. Roland, Pampa
 Sherry L. Swindle and baby boy, Pampa
 Christina M. Thomas and baby boy, Pampa
 Jimmie D. Owen, Pampa (extended care)

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 40-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

SATURDAY, Feb. 23

Patricia Nickleberry, 1037 Neel Rd., reported a burglary at the residence.
 Police reported domestic violence in the 1800 block of North Wells.

SUNDAY, Feb. 24

Warren Chisum, 1014 Quail Place, reported criminal mischief to an auto in the 200 block of North West.

John Carrol, 1909 Lynn, reported burglary of a motor vehicle at the residence.

Police reported domestic violence in the 800 block of East Craven and the 300 block of Anne.

Arrests

SATURDAY, Feb. 23
 Gustavo Solis Vasquez, 17, 618 Frost, was arrested at 1113 Seneca on a warrant. He was released on payment of fines.

SUNDAY, Feb. 24

Francisco Mendoza, 33, 807 E. Craven, was arrested at the residence on a charge of domestic violence-second offense. He was released on bond.

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Arrests

FRIDAY, Feb. 22
 Jesse M. Settle III, 44, Canadian, was arrested on U.S. 60, east of Pampa, on a charge of driving while intoxicated-second offense.



(AP Laserphoto)

This is an aerial view looking southwest Sunday morning at a downtown Philadelphia bank burning out of control. Three firefighters died fighting the blaze which reportedly broke out Saturday night. At lower right is City Hall's tower.

Official claims lack of sprinklers contributed to high-rise inferno

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A lack of sprinklers on eight consecutive floors allowed a small fire to grow into a high-rise inferno that killed three firefighters, the city's fire commissioner said.

The fire that broke out Saturday night in One Meridian Plaza burned for more than 18 hours, gutting nine floors of the building located across the street from City Hall. Sixteen firefighters were injured, including two who were hospitalized in stable condition.

Investigators hoped to examine the scene today for clues to the cause, but fire Commissioner Roger M. Ulshafer said possible structural damage to the building may delay the investigation and final cleanup.

"We're concerned that the cold water on the hot steel up there will cause further contraction and expansion and then give us a collapse," he said. "We're going to let the building cool down normally and probably go up there for final extinguishment sometime (today)."

Ulshafer said the building, constructed in 1972, has three sprinkler systems, but none on the first eight floors the fire burned.

The city strengthened its high-rise sprinkler law in 1981 to require sprinklers in lobbies, conference rooms, hallways and other areas.

"Our position for many years has been that every high-rise should be

fully sprinklered," Ulshafer said.

"It's very important. There's no fire department in the country that can handle a fire of this magnitude."

The fire, which started on the 22nd floor, burned up to the 30th floor, where water from sprinklers and from hoses manned by firefighters on adjacent buildings finally halted it, Ulshafer said. No other buildings burned.

He said firefighters were also hampered by a series of mechanical failures.

An emergency electrical system failed, elevators didn't work and water pressure was low in the building's "standpipe" system, or internal hydrant. The air conditioning was supposed to switch to reverse in a fire to pump smoke out, but failed.

"Everything failed very early,"

Ulshafer said.

Without elevators, firefighters in heavy gear had to lug hoses up 22 flights of stairs.

Three firefighters got trapped on the 28th floor and died of smoke inhalation.

"We're in bad trouble," one of them radioed, according to The Philadelphia Inquirer. "... The captain is down."

The victims were identified as Capt. David P. Holcombe, 52, a 28-year veteran, and firefighters Phyllis McAllister, 44, a 10-year veteran, and James A. Chappell, 29, a four-year veteran.

The Inquirer, citing anonymous police sources, said four maintenance workers had been using solvents Saturday afternoon on the floor where the fire began.

City briefs

BRICK REPAIR: Harley Knutson 665-4237. Adv.

B.E. INCOME Tax Service, Monday thru Friday. Appointments evenings or Saturdays. Betty Epperon, 665-8258. Adv.

RAY'S BODY Shop moved to 413 W. Foster. 669-9481. Adv.

TAX SERVICE & Bookkeeping, Glenda Brownlee, 665-0310 or 274-2142. Adv.

PERSONAL TOUCH- 5 Days Left. Fall and Winter Merchandise 75% off or \$10. Adv.

INCOME TAX and bookkeeping services. Lendi Jackson, 835-2890. Adv.

LOST: DPS walkie talkie, McCullough Street vicinity. Return to DPS office, 2909 Perryton Pkwy., 665-7168. Adv.

Tracor watches Southland's bankruptcy

By EVAN RAMSTAD
 AP Business Writer

DALLAS (AP) — The lessons of Southland Corp.'s use of trendy "prepackaging" in its four-month bankruptcy reorganization are already being applied by another company.

By learning from Southland, which had to redo its reorganization plan and put it to a new vote before winning court approval last week, executives and attorneys of Tracor Holdings Inc. in Austin may be creating an even faster way to restructure debt.

Southland is the largest company to try prepackaging, which differs from the typical bankruptcy process because a reorganization plan approved by creditors' vote is submitted at the time of the filing.

When Tracor filed under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code Feb. 15, the company said its creditors had been consulted and approved the plan to restructure \$500 million in debt. But no vote had been taken and the plan was not given to the judge.

Tracor spokeswoman Marian Kelley said the technology services company is going through a "pre-planned" bankruptcy, something in between the normal process and prepackaging.

"We feel like we're coming a new word," Ms. Kelley said.

"We're looking for the most expeditious, least expensive way to achieve our restructuring with the

least impact to operations," she said.

Southland, burdened by debt left from its \$5 billion 1987 leveraged buyout, filed the prepackaged plan in late October for the same reason. Prepackaging allowed Southland to move fast enough through bankruptcy to take advantage of a \$430 million buyout offer by its Japanese affiliates.

The typical Chapter 11 process, in which a company files and then later presents a judge with a reorganization plan that must be approved by creditors, can take months and even years.

"We learned from Southland. That certainly shaped some of our decisions," Ms. Kelley said. Tracor has negotiated its reorganization with creditors but is holding off the vote to assure that only one ballot will be needed.

"We are confident we will receive the required number of acceptances from our senior lenders and bondholders and that our plan will be confirmed with a reasonably short period of time," James Skaggs, Tracor's chairman, said when its filing was announced.

Southland ran into difficulty when some creditors questioned who should be allowed to vote on the plan and how the votes should be counted.

The company conducted its reorganization vote among the investment brokers, called record holders, who keep its bonds on behalf of individual investors. But some dissident bondholders complained to U.S.

Bankruptcy Judge Harold Abramson that individual investors should have been given a vote.

Southland didn't have the ability, under securities laws, to find out who the individuals were until Abramson authorized such disclosure and ordered a second vote.

"While we didn't get to use the prepackaged vote, I think we were able to use a lot of the groundwork," said Mike Sutherland, Southland's lead bankruptcy attorney.

That groundwork allowed the company and its creditors to enter bankruptcy court with a lot of momentum and conduct the second vote quickly, he said.

Tracor hopes to save even more time by conducting just one creditors' vote.

"The judge required them to go out for another vote in bankruptcy," Ms. Kelley said. "Whether you did it (the creditors' vote) before or after you filed, it might not stand."

But she didn't know when Tracor would seek a vote and file its plan.

"It's still early to tell how all this is going to work," Ms. Kelley said Friday.

Sutherland said he would recommend other companies, particularly retailers who are sensitive to fast-moving market conditions, consider prepackaging if they need to file Chapter 11.

But he cautioned: "To some extent, it's going to be a trial and error approach. It shouldn't be regarded as a risk-free transaction."

Smokers more likely to suffer deadly form of stroke, researchers say

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Smokers who go through a pack of cigarettes a day or less have four times the chance of non-smokers of suffering a highly deadly form of stroke called subarachnoid hemorrhage, according to a new survey.

Researchers also found that a 50-year-old who smokes two packs of cigarettes a day has artery damage comparable to a light smoker 10 years older. The studies were discussed Saturday at the American

Heart Association's annual meeting on strokes.

Dr. Robert Dempsey, a neurosurgeon at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, said researchers studying strokes used a special ultrasound scanner to determine the thickness of waxy deposits building up inside the carotid artery, one of the principal suppliers of blood to the brain.

These deposits can ultimately diminish or block blood flow to parts of the brain, causing strokes.

In examining 790 patients, Dempsey said researchers discovered that the thickness of the deposits, called plaques, was directly related to how much people smoked.

"Heavy smokers have much more plaque in their carotid arteries than non-smokers," Dempsey said.

Diabetes and high blood pressure were also linked to the formation of plaques, but smoking was a greater risk factor than either of those, he said.

Legacy of failed banks will remain after recession ends

By DAVE SKIDMORE
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Months after the current recession is over and the economy is growing again, the government will be struggling with a legacy of failed banks.

Bank failures, in the vernacular of economists, are a lagging indicator. They follow rather than lead declines in the economy.

That's significant in light of the more than 1,000 bank failures in the past six years. They have gone under, not in hard times, but in the midst of the economy's longest peacetime expansion.

No one knows for sure how much more the banking system will deteriorate when the problems of a recession are added to an already weak industry, but the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. predicts 180 failures this year, up from 169

last year, and 160 in 1992. And that's if the recession is mild.

If the downturn is worse than expected, failures likely will hit a post-Depression record of 230 this year, falling slightly to 210 in 1992, the agency said.

Under that scenario, the FDIC fund protecting more than \$2 trillion in bank deposits would be depleted by the end of this year, requiring a bailout from member banks.

The FDIC board is scheduled Thursday to consider a proposal by banking trade groups to shore up its fund by borrowing \$10 billion from the industry. But the plan is already being criticized as inadequate.

Three private economists have submitted a report to the House Banking Committee showing bank failures in a severe recession swamping the industry-financed

insurance fund, necessitating a massive loan from taxpayers.

Robert Litan of the Brookings Institution, James Barth of Auburn University and R. Dan Brumbaugh, a San Francisco consultant, warn that taxpayers may have to pump as much as \$50 billion into the FDIC.

They say that, at best, repayment by surviving banks would take 10 years and, at worst, would be impossible.

Banking's largest problem is foundering commercial real estate markets, said Carole S. Berger of C.J. Lawrence Inc.

In the past five years, real estate lending has been responsible for more than 60 percent of the industry's asset growth, she said, and banks have one in every five dollars invested in real estate loans.

Real estate troubles started in the Southwest after a collapse of oil prices in 1986 ruined the region's

economy. A real estate recession nearly as severe has struck New England, and more recently spread down the East Coast to the Mid-Atlantic states and the Southeast.

Eventually, nearly every market in the nation will suffer, according to William W. Weiant, managing director of the First Boston Corp.

"Non-performing real estate loans are expected to increase in 1991 for banks generally, and given the rolling recession, problems will become more evident in both the Midwest and California during the year," he said.

Except for the Southwest, real estate problems have not fully rippled through the banking system. Of 169 bank insolvencies nationally last year, 103 were in Texas. Only nine were in New England.

"Unfortunately, real estate is not the industry's only problem," Berger said. "With recession come cred-

it losses in the consumer and commercial portfolios as well."

Those, too, will not fully take their toll for months, she said.

Unemployment likely will not peak until late this year and defaults on consumer loans until sometime after that. Business failures follow rather than lead a recession and likely will top out early next year.

"This credit cycle is far from over, even if we are now witnessing the weakest point in the economy. Real estate problems may endure through the mid-1990s, and commercial and consumer credit problems are unlikely to be on the mend until mid-1992," Berger said.

What is especially worrisome is that, unlike the 1980s, it's the nation's biggest banks that are under stress in the '90s.

Many already were weakened from lending to Third World

nations, which have not repaid their loans. Sour real estate loans and bad loans in support of corporate takeover deals are stretching their resources even thinner.

Nineteen of the nation's 45 largest banks would fall short of new capital standards if they were imposed now instead of 1992 as scheduled, the Treasury Department said.

Most analysts, however, believe regulators will be able to nurse the big banks through their troubles without a failure, perhaps forcing mergers that will allow weak banks to cut costs by closing branches.

"I don't think you're going to see any money center banks topple, but you're going to see some money center banks shrink and you're going to see some of what I call shotgun weddings," said economist Paul Getman of Regional Financial Associates in West Chester, Pa.

Report: Oil and gas drilling threaten Texas wildlife

By JENNIFER DIXON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — A spit of sand in the Texas Gulf Coast where endangered whooping cranes spend the winter is threatened by military aircraft exercises, boating, and oil and gas operations, according to a draft government report.

The Defenders of Wildlife, which obtained the report after filing a Freedom of Information Act request, said oil and gas drilling or exploration are identified as harmful on 10 national wildlife refuges in Texas, more than in any other state.

"This is especially noteworthy in light of the fact that oil and gas operations are identified as one of the activities producing the greatest amount of harm to refuges nationwide," said Robert Dewey, refuge program associate at the Defenders of Wildlife.

In Texas, oil and gas operations are disturbing the wintering habitat of the whooping crane on Matagorda Island and Aransas National Wildlife Refuge, according to the survey by the Fish and Wildlife Service, which oversees national wildlife refuges.

Oil drilling is also considered harmful to a wildlife corridor of thorny brushlands along the Rio Grande that is home to such endangered species as the ocelot, jaguarundi, bald eagle,

brown pelican and peregrine falcon, the report said.

But the wildlife service said negative impacts from drilling and exploration at refuges in Texas were being kept to a minimum through cooperation with oil and gas operators.

The draft report, in which refuge managers identified threats to wildlife, found incompatible activities were occurring at five refuges in Texas, including Aransas and Matagorda Island. Harmful activities were reported at a total of 12 refuges.

Matagorda Island and the San Bernard National Wildlife Refuge on the Texas Gulf Coast south of Houston, reported the greatest number of harmful uses.

Craig Rieben, a spokesman for the Fish and Wildlife Service, called the report "a bunch of draft data" and said he could not comment further until the agency releases a final report.

"Our conclusion is that the report indicates serious problems on federal wildlife refuges and the Fish and Wildlife Service should delay no longer in releasing the report and getting on with the needed reforms," Dewey said Friday.

Some changes, however, would require legislation, he said.

In Texas, the threats to wildlife and habitat include airboats; grazing; oil and gas exploration or extraction; mining; pipeline leaks; power lines

that birds may strike in the dark or in fog, breaking their wings; military or civilian aircraft; and mosquito control.

The report found mosquito control was affecting the entire food chain and water resources at the San Bernard and Brazoria refuges in Brazoria county. The Fish and Wildlife Service, however, is working with county officials to eliminate spraying over the refuges but legislation may be needed to exempt refuge lands and water from the requirements of a legally designated mosquito control district.

Airboats are considered a threat to the whooping cranes' feeding and roosting areas at Aransas and Matagorda, which is also being harmed by military aircraft exercises, the report said.

Additionally, cattle grazing there was found harmful to freshwater ponds and aquatic vegetation, dune stabilization, and to the sensitive barrier island ecosystem and its wildlife. Grazing, however, had been scheduled to be phased out last September.

Also facing several problems is the Lower Rio Grande National Wildlife Refuge, a ribbon of thorny subtropical forest ranging from Falcon Dam to the mouth of the Rio Grande.

The report said those problems include a gravel pit, which is supposed to be rehabilitated, oil and gas drilling, potential or realized problems from pipeline leaks or power lines.

Texas companies to aid in oil firefighting in Kuwait

By The Associated Press

Texas companies are on standby to extinguish the oil well fires in war-torn Kuwait and rebuild the infrastructure once the Persian Gulf War ends.

Three Houston-based firefighting companies have been hired to tamp out some of the estimated 200 fires that were raging Sunday.

Renowned oil-fighter Red Adair of Houston said Sunday on ABC's "This Week with David Brinkley" that he would leave for Saudi Arabia today but couldn't begin fighting the fires until the war ends.

Joe Bowden, president and owner of Wild Well Control, said Sunday that his Kuwaiti sources estimate that about 180 of the more than 1,000 wells in the small Persian Gulf nation are on fire.

U.S. officials have blamed the

fires on a "scorched-earth" policy by the occupying Iraqi forces. The Iraqis blame the blazes on allied bombings.

Both Adair and Bowden said it would take days, if not weeks, before their personnel could begin putting out the oil well fires.

"I think it will probably be around 30 days before the military will have everything cleared and we can go in," Bowden said.

Adair said each fire could consume \$1,000 worth of oil a minute and would take four to five days apiece to extinguish.

He warned that soldiers won't be able to get close to the fires.

"That ground is going to be awful hot, it's going to turn that sand into glass," Adair said. "The other thing that concerns me is ... how close they laid those mines to those wells."

Oil well fires are typically fought with explosives, water and liquid

nitrogen, all used to temporarily deprive the blaze of oxygen. If done right, Bowden said, the well will not be heavily damaged and can be restored quickly to production.

Also under contract with the Kuwaitis to fight the oil well fires is Boots & Coots, also of Houston.

Bowden said the three companies are the only "professional" firms specializing in fighting oil well fires worldwide, although a number of countries have their own firefighting teams.

Once the fires are extinguished, a Midland firm will step in to conduct repairs.

O'Brien, Goins & Simpson Engineering is one of 16 primary contractors that will be responsible for the rebuilding project that could last as long as half a decade and cost as much as \$100 billion.

T.B. O'Brien, a principal in the West Texas company, said that get-

ting the Kuwaiti wells ready to produce again may take \$500-\$750 million.

"It will be an unprecedented construction project," said O'Brien, adding that his company will be responsible for all drilling and well-site repairs needed to rebuild oil fields.

"The drilling rigs and other equipment will not be far behind the military as we try to rebuild the Kuwaiti oilfields," O'Brien said. "But we will not go in until the military has cleared lanes through the mine fields and cleared areas around the wells of mines."

On some of the 14,000-foot directional wells, containment could take up to six months, with an estimated two to five years to restore significant production, said O'Brien.

Plans to rebuild Kuwait have been underway since September and active recruitment since Oct. 1, he said.

Sheriff's deputy, teen wounded in bloody confrontation

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Bexar County sheriff's deputy was in critical but stable condition early today after he was wounded in a gun battle that also left a teen-ager wounded, authorities said.

Deputy Leo G. Gomez, 35, remained in the intensive care unit at Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center early today, said Tech. Sgt. Charles Soule.

Seventeen-year-old Enrique C. Lopez was in fair condition at the same hospital, a hospital spokesman said. The sheriff's department said Lopez was booked by proxy and charged with attempted capital murder.

Sheriff Harlon Copeland said the shooting occurred early Sunday as Gomez investigated reports of gang-related activity on the county's west side. Gomez, who was in a marked sheriff's car, is assigned to the department's gang unit.

Gomez radioed a sheriff's department dispatcher to say he was questioning a young man who appeared intoxicated, according to Copeland's statement. Several minutes later, Gomez radioed that he had been shot, Copeland said.

"Deputies arriving at the scene discovered Gomez lying on the street next to the patrol unit bleeding from gunshot wounds to the upper

body," the statement said.

Gomez shot Lopez, who was found lying on the street several feet away from him suffering from gunshot wounds to the legs and elbow, deputies said.

The department refused to say how many times each man had been shot or what type of weapons were used, although the statement said a high-caliber handgun was found near the youth.

Sheriff's department officials who refused to identify themselves said no other charges had been filed in the case Sunday afternoon and that no more information would be released.

First black Dallas city councilman dies at 82

DALLAS (AP) — Funeral services will be held Tuesday for George Allen, the city's first black city council member and a leader in the civil rights movement.

Allen, a veteran of five decades of racial struggle, died Friday at age 82 of complications related to surgery. He had been in declining health since suffering a stroke about a year ago.

A Louisiana native, Allen was graduated from Xavier University in New Orleans and later attended Southern Methodist University and the University of Southern California.

But it was at the University of

Texas where Allen played a landmark role. He was among the first blacks who tried to eliminate segregation in Texas. In 1938, he enrolled at the University of Texas at Austin and attended classes for 10 days before university officials rescinded his registration. University administrators had thought Allen was white.


"He leaves a very rich legacy," said Al Lipscomb, one of two black city council members.

Allen's public career began in 1968 when he was appointed to the council after new voting boundaries were drawn. He was elected to the council the following year.

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Opinion

Money just going down the potholes

Like most other things he has done, the transportation program President Bush announced contains a few smart proposals to decrease government control, but overall it increases government control and boosts spending on unneeded projects. At a time when the economy is choking on higher taxes and spending, Bush seems incapable of any reaction except to give us more of the same.

His program would cost \$105 billion over five years, including a 39 percent increase in spending for highways, to \$30.3 billion, and a 25 percent increase in spending for mass transit, to \$16.3 billion. The proposal would remove a few restrictions on the use of federal money to build toll roads and bridges, some of which could be run by private companies. And it would shift responsibility for many roads to the states and cities.

The Bush plan undoubtedly will be written by Congress to reflect the interests of the predominant pork-raisers on Capitol Hill. And the special interests are already taking aim at the proposal. The reaction was swift from Hal Rives, Georgia's state transportation director and president of the Association of State Highway Transportation Officials. "The concept is good. It streamlines the entire program," he conceded. "But the funding is clearly inadequate to meet our national transportation needs." Then why not call for privatization, Mr. Rives?

Bush's proposed increase in mass transit spending is especially wasteful. Mass transit systems in Atlanta, Washington D.C., Detroit and Miami have proved costly boondoggles. Detroit's People Mover costs \$9.5 million a year to operate, but rider fares pay only \$1.8 million of that; the other \$7.7 million comes from taxpayer subsidies. The People Mover carries only 11,000 people a day, about one-seventh of the 75,000 that planners had predicted.

Rather than this mish-mash of proposals, we need a comprehensive program of privatization. The interstate highway system was launched in the 1950s as a "national defense" network. Well, the system is complete and ready to meet any emergency. It now should be sold to private companies. So should Amtrak, the perennially subsidized government-run passenger train system.

As to mass transit, where such networks are feasible, they should be built and run entirely by private companies. Most areas would best be served by private bus companies.

"We've got to find ways to expand our nation's mobility," warned Bush. But we already have found the ways: privatization and more privatization. Now we must act.

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Looking ahead after the war

WASHINGTON — It was two weeks ago that we read in the newspapers that a land operation probably would be launched for the liberation of Kuwait. Now that the ground operation has started, it is time for some hard thinking on what comes next.

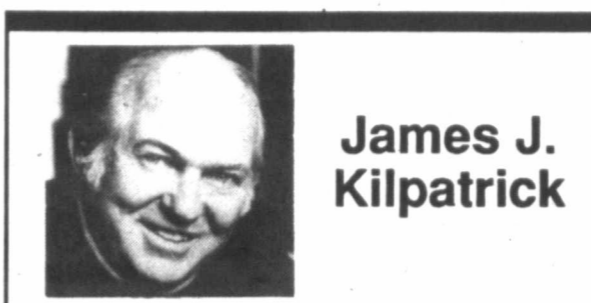
When this all began, back in August, there was no time for sober reflection on long-range consequences. George Bush had to act. He was damned if he intervened; he was damned if he did not intervene. He chose the first course, and he chose right.

Now we are well embarked upon a war whose ends cannot be clearly foreseen. It is universally assumed — and the assumption seems sound — that the allied coalition will "win" the war. What is not so clear is what we will have won, or at what price.

Why are we there? It may be useful to reflect upon the reasons the people have been given. We are there:

- To demonstrate to the world that naked aggression will not go unpunished.
- To liberate Kuwait and to restore its legitimate government.
- To protect a vital national interest in access to Middle Eastern oil at a reasonable price.
- To carry out a mandate of the United Nations, expressed in Resolution 678, authorizing member states to use "all necessary means" to achieve the unconditional withdrawal of Iraqi forces from Kuwait.
- To set in motion a process that will lead to what the president calls a New World Order in the area.

These are the ostensible reasons. It will be seen that some of these reasons are lofty, and some are not.



James J. Kilpatrick

Western nations have not consistently leaped to the punishment of aggression — not in Tibet, not in Afghanistan — and we have lately engaged in a little aggression ourselves. The restoration of the emir of Kuwait to his dynastic throne is not a goal worth a drop of American blood.

But underlying these ostensible reasons was another argument. It proved crucial during the somber debate that occupied Congress in early January. This was the conviction that Saddam Hussein could not be left free to terrorize the Middle East with nuclear weapons.

What may now be said of this implied but unstated justification for war?

For the sake of appearances, the United States must maintain a solemn pretense that we act merely as an obedient member of the United Nations. We are there to carry out its resolutions. There were 12 such resolutions in all, and all of them stop with the liberation of Kuwait.

It has to be kept in mind that the removal of Saddam Hussein never has been an announced aim of the United Nations. It had better not become openly an aim of the allied coalition either.

The reasons are obvious. To capture the tyrant involves the invasion, conquest and occupation of Iraq itself. Arab members of the coalition would not agree to any such action. An extension of the war would multiply the already huge costs.

Moreover, we have reason to believe that Iraq's capacity for developing nuclear weapons has been greatly damaged if not altogether nullified. It is entirely plausible that a defeated Saddam Hussein, bearing sole responsibility for the disaster he has inflicted upon his people, could not long survive their resentment.

At least for now, let us quiet the bombastic rhetoric about trying Saddam for war crimes. In a few months he may not greatly matter.

Eventually, for good or ill, this war will end as all wars end. Both sides will mourn their dead. Everyone will set to work cleaning up the mess. Iraq will still be there. The jealousies and passions that have roiled the gulf for 10,000 years will not have been assuaged.

Do we have any plan for victory? Under a New World Order, how do we reach agreement on the rights of Israelis and the needs of the Palestinians? What new relationships do we envision with Syria, with Jordan, with Iran? Once Kuwait is liberated, what American presence is to remain? For how long? Is the embargo against Iraq to be lifted? Under what conditions?

These are deeply troubling questions. They have yet to be thoughtfully addressed. George Bush has demonstrated great skill in welding together the allied coalition. As leader of the free world, he soon will face an equally difficult task. Having won the war, he must not lose the peace.

Today in history

By The Associated Press
Today is Monday, Feb. 25, the 56th day of 1991. There are 309 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 25, 1913, the 16th Amendment to the United States Constitution, giving Congress the power to levy and collect income taxes, was declared in effect.

On this date:
In 1570, Pope Pius V excommunicated England's Queen Elizabeth I.

In 1793, the various department heads of the U.S. government met with President Washington at his home for the first Cabinet meeting on record.

In 1836, inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver.

In 1870, Hiram R. Revels, R-Miss., became the first black to serve in the U.S. Senate. He was sworn in to serve out the unexpired term of Jefferson Davis.

In 1873, opera singer Enrico Caruso was born in Naples, Italy.

In 1901, United States Steel Corporation was incorporated by J.P. Morgan.

In 1919, Oregon became the first state to tax gasoline.

In 1948, Communists seized power in Czechoslovakia.



Kitchen table teacher excels

While you are reading these words at your kitchen table, something else is going on at 100,000 other kitchen tables.

It was not yet legal in the state of Texas when Joyce Swann of El Paso, Texas, began to ponder the educational prospects for the first of her 11 children.

Devout Baptists, the Swanns examined area schools, public and private, found none which seemed to offer both adequately supervised deportment and academic excellence.

So she began teaching baby Alexandra at her kitchen table.

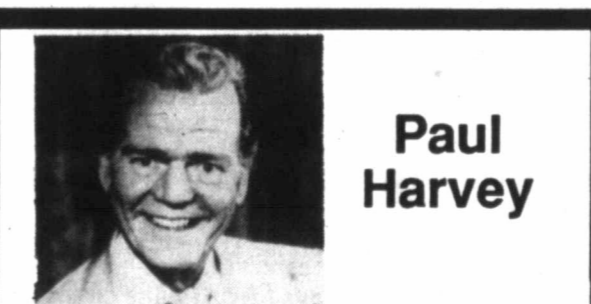
With toddlers at her feet, an infant at her breast and pregnant with her fifth child, Mrs. Swann embarked on a teaching career.

When Texas school officials threatened prosecution, the Swanns moved 200 yards across the border to Dona Ana County, N.M.

(Texas changed its state law requiring classroom education in 1985.)

In the 20 years since Mrs. Swann has been tutoring her children at home, one started college last spring at the age of 11.

One will graduate from Brigham Young University (BYU) next summer at 17.



Paul Harvey

One, with a bachelor's and a master's degree at 18, is now a financial consultant.

And let me tell you about the eldest — Alexandra, who is now 20. I'm detailing her so-far progress because the so-far experience of the other Swann siblings demonstrates comparable excellence.

Their mother, their teacher, had only a high school diploma.

All Swann children typically graduate from high school at age 11 and from college at 14; three have received their master's degrees at 16.

Alexandra, home-taught from age 5, graduated high school at age 11. While continuing home-schooling, she enrolled in a BYU correspondence

course and went on to become the youngest graduate of BYU at age 15.

She was then enrolled in a similar program at California State University and there earned her master's degree at 16.

Alexandra was teaching school at El Paso Community College at the age of 19 — though she was younger than many of her students.

The kitchen table at the Swann house is still busy, with mother sometimes teaching 54 subjects simultaneously as the youngest become school age.

As each member of the family achieves a master's degree before he or she is eligible for a driver's license, the advantages of home education should be too obvious to require elaboration.

According to the New Mexico Christian Home Educators, more than 2,000 students are educated thus per year.

Nationally the number can only be estimated since there are usually several students at one kitchen table, but the Home School Legal Defense Association guesstimates that a million American youngsters are now getting home teaching, demonstrating that decency, deportment and scholastic development, side-by-side, still thrive.

All they are saying is without a stance

By WILLIAM A. RUSHER

Have you noticed what a low-rent bunch of imitations this year's crop of anti-war demonstrators is?

Granted, a revival is practically never as good as the original show. The demonstrators who took to the streets to protest the Vietnam war were doing Their Thing, such as it was, for the first time in history, and it showed. But this crowd has the unmistakable earmarks of a road-show company. Even its theme song ("Give Peace a Chance") is 25 years old.

The current protesters probably thought the Gulf war was a Heavensent opportunity to revive the spirits and prospects of the old New Left. Once again tens thousands of young idealists would trudge around the Washington Monument in good weather, carrying their placards and mock coffins and intoning the names of the war dead. TV cameras would be on hand to record every clenched and upthrust fist. Slowly but surely,

American public opinion would turn against the war.

But that just demonstrates how far out of touch with reality these people are. The Gulf war differs from the Vietnam War in almost every major respect.

In the first place, Americans have a much livelier appreciation of why it's necessary for American forces to be in Saudi Arabia than they ever did in the case of Vietnam. They understand that the Middle East is absolutely vital to the world economy. Vietnam was a backwater even by Southeast Asian standards.

Second, this time the enemy is neatly summed up in the person of Saddam Hussein — a villain straight out of Central Casting, who has already gassed his own people. The North Vietnamese and the Vietcong, on the other hand, were symbolized by "Uncle Ho" Chi Minh — a frail old gent with a wispy goatee whose supporters ran around in black pajamas.

Third, the Vietnam War staggered

on for a decade, grinding up the lives of American servicemen while first Lyndon Johnson and then Richard Nixon tried to think of some way to end it without unduly irritating the Russians and the Chinese.

President Bush, well aware of that fact, has firmly pledged that the Gulf war will be "no Vietnam," and that American forces won't be compelled "to fight with one hand tied behind their backs." Rightly or wrongly, the general assumption is that this war will be short — a matter of months at most.

Fourth, the structure of home-front support for this war is very different than it was in the case of Vietnam. In that conflict the whole American left was united in opposition to the war effort, and after Nixon replaced Johnson it gradually succeeded in recruiting to its banners the vast majority of liberals and the leadership of the Democratic Party.

That has certainly not happened yet, in the case of the Gulf war. Nor is it likely to: Jewish opinion, though

divided, includes a formidable Zionist segment that thoroughly approves of the war against Iraq. No wonder Hollywood is almost wholly silent, and the media far more cautious in their knee-jerk negativism!

Lastly, college students, who were so central to the anti-war protests in the Vietnam era, have a vastly different relation to the Gulf war. The U.S. armed forces in Vietnam included scores of thousands of draftees; but college students were exempted from the draft, fueling a tremendous sense of guilt. Every man and woman in the Gulf, however, is a volunteer.

So today's anti-war protests aren't going to get anywhere — at least, unless the conditions described above change in some major respect. Generals are supposed to be the ones who always make the mistake of fighting the last war, but this time they seem to be avoiding that blunder. Instead it's being made by the flakes on the left.

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Lifestyles

Heirloom vegetables are golden oldies

By GEORGE BRIA

POUND RIDGE, N.Y. (AP) — "New" is an enticing word in vegetable seed catalogs, ranking up there with "tasty" and "tender." But "old" also shows up frequently nowadays, usually dressed up as "heirloom." The word brings up nice thoughts of grandpa's garden or even great-grandpa's.

Nearing 75 and long a grandpa — and a gardener — I've been growing some vegetable varieties that may have been "new" when I started but now are "old." I raise them because, for me, they taste as good now as before.

Some of these may truly qualify as "heirloom" or "originals" by having come down the generations untouched by hybridization. A real oldie, "Winterkeeper Beet," for example, is ugly as sin but has a heavenly taste.

You wouldn't want it if you saw it in the supermarket — grossly misshapen, rough skin, no shine. But it's as sweet in December as in August. I've dug it out of the ground in March, its flavor still "right" after a below-zero winter.

And there are catalogs, like a \$2 one from Seeds Blum, Boise, Idaho, which lists more than 700 open-pollinated varieties (pollinated by insects or wind without human intervention). You can create a garden exclusively inhabited by oldies and have yourself a conversation piece.

Looking over the vegetables in my garden, I see that my most reliables don't necessarily go back to colonial times.

Silver Queen corn seems to me to get even better over the years despite its upstaging in the catalogs by the newer, supersweet varieties. I've enjoyed some wonderfully rich ears of this creamy white beauty. Silver Queen is a hybrid and not one of the real old varieties. But if there's a garden "heirloom" I'd like to leave my descendants, this is it.

Beefsteak tomatoes get good promotion, but "big"

doesn't necessarily mean "tastiest." I've found one of the smallest tomatoes, "Yellow Pear," which goes back quite a way, yields the perfect blend of sweet and tart that I crave. They're intriguing to the eye, too, resembling tiny bottles or bowling pins as well as pears. The one-inch-wide fruits come in clusters on long, spreading vines that produce from mid-summer right up to frost.

A broccoli that made its debut in catalogs only a few years ago — Romanesco — turned out to be not new at all but an Italian heirloom variety. Once tasted, it won a permanent place in my garden.

Most broccolis come in vivid shades of green, but Romanesco's large heads are a gorgeous chartreuse. You won't likely find it in the market because commercial growers can't rely on its performance. It matures when, and if, it pleases — one of the quirks of heirlooms. But gardeners can wait — and the fine taste is worth the waiting.

Like broccoli, Brussels sprouts are rich in vitamins and minerals and worth growing in out nutrition-conscious age. New hybrids are introduced with fanfare, but of the ones I've tried none has matched an old strain called Long Island Improved.

I've grown all kinds of lettuces, making it a point to try a new one every year. But there's always a place reserved for Buttercrunch, a not-so-old All-America Winner whose leaves justify the catalog promotion thick, juicy and tender.

There are countless varieties of beans, a vegetable native to the Americas but worked on for centuries by Europeans and others.

Like many another gardener, I prize Kentucky Wonder, a pole bean esteemed by both for good shell beans and tasty pods. King of the Garden, an old-time pole lima, yields beans the size of quarters.

Lately, a Frenchie has earned tenure with me. Called Triomphe the Farcy, this pencil-thin green bean, very elegant on the plate, is fairly new in U.S. catalogs. But looking it up, you find it's an heirloom in France.

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Lt. Quent Rideout

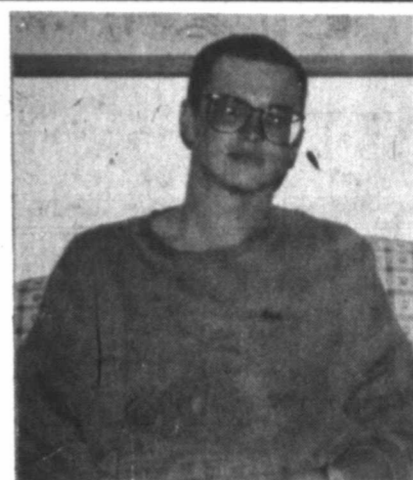
Joan Ellison, owner of Crunchville, at the Pampa Mall is collecting 3x5 cards with addresses of service men and women.

If anyone would like to add the name of their loved one to the collection at Crunchville, take a card to her at the Pampa Mall. These addresses are being displayed so that people may choose a name or names and write to the soldier.

The Desert Shield Support Group sends birthday and other greetings to service men and women involved in the Middle East conflict. They are in need of greeting cards, stamps, or access to a postage meter.

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church has scheduled a service of Holy Communion and prayer each Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. during the war. The public is invited.

The Desert Shield Support Group meets each Thursday at 7 p.m. at Briarwood Church, 1800



PFC David Hood

W. Harvester. The public is invited.

Lt. Quent Rideout is an A-10 pilot in Saudi Arabia. He is the grandson of Ollie Knotts, nephew of Jr. and Joy Shelton, and cousin of Lonnie and Marilyn Shelton. Write to him at:

1st Lt. Quent Rideout
452-53-9095
23 TASS D. O. Deployed
Desert Shield
APO New York, 09855

Robert Wade Morriss, son of Robert and Judy Morriss of Lefors, is serving in Saudi Arabia. His sister is Cydney Morriss. Robert is a member of Charlie Company, one of the first units to leave for the Middle East. He and his unit were featured in the *Anchorage Daily News*. Write to him at:

Spc. Robert Morriss
454-61-9262
USAR-CENT
APO New York, NY 09856

PFC. David Hood, son of Ms. Lee Nisbet Hood of Dallas and Clayton Hood of Amarillo, is serving with a U. S. Army Com-

bat Engineering Company on the Iraq-Saudi border. David graduated from Amarillo High School in 1986 and enlisted in the service in 1986. He is the grandson of Bobbie and Scott Nisbet of Pampa and the late Madeline Hood. PFC Hood would appreciate mail from friends and relatives at the following address:

PFC David Hood
461-67-8657
362nd Engr. Co./92nd Engr. Bt.
36th Engr. Grp.
APO New York, NY 09315

We have a corrected address for PFC Delwin Ferguson:

PFC Delwin Ferguson
450-31-5780
D-Btry 25th fa (TA)
Operation Desert Shield
APO New York, NY 09310
PFC. Ferguson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ferguson.

PFC White, Dennis D.
449-45-2811
A Co. 307th Engineers 82 Airborne

APO New York, NY 09796
He is the son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Kesterson of McLean. He is in the Saudi desert.

We have a corrected address for Sgt. James D. Reid. He is an airplane mechanic for the Air Force, located in the Saudi desert. It is:

Sgt. James D. Reid
467514460
Operation Desert Shield
23 T. F. W. - 2951 C1ss
Deployed
Box 290
APO New York, NY 09855

He is the son of Janie and Rex Reid of McLean and a 1983 graduate of McLean High School.

PMS students advance in competition

Twelve Pampa Middle School students competed recently in the Academic Enterprises competition, a team computer competition. The sixth grade team was composed of Shawn Caskey, Heather Garner, Jennifer Jones, and Kathryn Killebrew.

The seventh grade team members were Justin Allison, Andrew Berzanskis, Katie McKandles, Jere-

my Nolte, Edith Osborne, Debra Smith, Hugh Teng, and Ross Watkins.

The seventh grade team has advanced to round 2. From round 2 will come the four national finalist teams who will go to Lexington, Kentucky, in May, to compete in the national finals. The Pampa Middle School receives a certificate for

\$200 in software because they have advanced to this level.

All students who participated received a certificate of merit. The students are part of the Pampa School's Gifted and Talented classes.

Principal of Pampa Middle School is Ronnie Wood and teacher is Mrs. Cay Warner.

The pleasures of custom clothing: hiring and working with a personal dressmaker



Homemakers' News

Donna Brauchi

This is the time of the year when thoughts, time, and effort go into selection of prom or wedding clothing. Particularly at this time of year many individuals seek the services of a sewing professional to fashion that garment in their mind's eye. There are some basic considerations for consumers of professional sewing.

The first questions that may come to mind is how to find a professional seamstress. Most dressmakers get new customers from referrals and build their business through word of mouth. By canvassing your neighborhood and asking friends and acquaintances if they can recommend a dressmaker, you can find local talent. Fabric stores and dry cleaners also often keep a list of recommended dressmakers.

Once you have obtained the name of a dressmaker, contact her by telephone. Ask the dressmaker about her sewing schedule and ask if she has time for a new customer. Ask about the fee. The dressmaker may give you a general price range, and then discuss the exact price when she sees the project. Ask the dressmaker for several references and be sure to call them before you meet for the initial consultation.

Before the initial consultation, decide why you are hiring the dressmaker and the extent of your expectations. The more explicit you are about what you want done, the better your results will be. When you meet for the first time, take the pattern, the fabric or garment and photos or magazine clippings that might help explain or demonstrate your ideas to the dressmaker. The most important thing you should determine at the interview is whether or not you can work successfully with the dressmaker. If you are uncomfortable about the situation, you are not obligated to hire the dressmaker and should look elsewhere.

Ask to see some samples of the dressmaker's work and examine the garments carefully, inside and out. If she is a true professional, she will be proud to show off her talent. Check the topstitching to see if it's straight. Check the seams for professional seam finishing.

The next step is to discuss the price. Many dressmakers work on an hourly rate and some calculate prices by the job or sewing proce-

sure. Usually, the higher the skill level required by the project, the higher the charge.

Dressmakers often schedule the first fitting when they are hired, based on their work progress. It is best to discuss the fitting schedule in advance. When you agree on an appointment date, keep the appointment. Canceling and rescheduling appointments will delay the completion date originally agreed upon. When you arrive for fittings, wear the undergarments and shoes you plan to wear with the garment.

A custom seamstress can be your friend and greatest ally when you find one, remember that this is her profession. She uses her time to create garments for you. Labor is a major cost in the manufacture of clothing. By the time you buy fabric, pattern, and notions, plus the pay a custom seamstress for her work, most garments will have a total cost equal to or about 90 percent of retail.

Remember these "client's bill of rights":

- (1) The right to have a quality garment well constructed, excellent detail, well fitted, and flattering.
- (2) The right to receive it on agreed completion date.
- (3) The right to be respected for legitimate fitting complaints.
- (4) The right to receive a really beautiful, well-worked garment that can be worn comfortably and for a long time.
- (5) The right to participate in a creative, personalized experience.

Finally, recognize the "dressmaker's bill of rights":

- (1) The right to clarify and refine client's judgement about fabric, pattern, and style selection.
- (2) The right to be respected in terms of her work, expertise and time.
- (3) The right to set the stage, control the progress and provide the finished garment having utilized all the skills, expertise, and technology available.
- (4) The right to refuse to work with a client for any reason.
- (5) The right to enable another human being to enter the remarkable world of creativity.
- (6) The right to feel a deep and beautiful sense of accomplishment and to accept the rewards of a job well done.



For Horticulture

Joe Van Zandt

"Don't Bag It" kickoffs March 7; more about pruning

DON'T BAG IT

City-wide kick-off meetings for a "Don't Bag It" program will be held Thursday, March 7 in the Pampa Community Building's M.K. Brown Room.

Two meetings will be held covering the same topics - 1:30 p.m. and another at 7:00 p.m. The 1:30 p.m. session will offer two hours of CEU credit for licensed pesticide applicators whether they be commercial, non-commercial or private.

The general theme of the program will cover turf grass management so that the homeowner does not need to bag the clippings but rather let them remain on the lawn and decompose.

Dr. Richard Duple, Extension Turf Specialist and Dr. Carl Patrick, Extension Entomologist, will highlight management procedures to enable homeowners to "Don't Bag It". There will also be some local homeowners give some testimonials about their "Don't Bag It" experiences.

USE PROPER PRUNING TECHNIQUES

Proper pruning enhances the beauty of almost any landscape tree and shrub, while improper pruning can ruin or greatly reduce its landscape potential. In most cases, it is better not to prune than to do it incorrectly. In nature, plants go years with little or no pruning, but man can ruin what nature has created. By using improper pruning methods, healthy plants are often weakened or deformed. In nature, every plant eventually is pruned in some manner. It may be a simple matter of low branches being shaded by higher ones, resulting in the formation of a collar around the base of

the branch, restricting the flow of moisture and nutrients. Eventually the leaves wither and die and the branch then drops off in a high wind or storm. Often, tender new branches of small plants are broken off or are pulled up by wild animals in their quest for food. In the long run, a plant growing naturally assumes the shape that allows it to make the best use of light in a given location and climate. All one needs to do to appreciate a plant's ability to adapt itself to a location is to walk into a wilderness and see the beauty of natural growing plants.

Pruning, like any other skill, requires knowing what you are doing to achieve success. The old idea that anyone with a chain saw or a pruning saw can be a landscape pruner is far from the truth. More trees are killed or ruined each year from improper pruning than by pests. Remember that pruning is the removal or reduction of certain plant parts to improve the health, landscape effect or value of the plant. Once the objectives are determined and a few basic principles understood, pruning primarily is a matter of common sense.

The necessity for pruning can be reduced or eliminated by selecting the proper plant for the location. Plants that might grow too large for the site, are not entirely hardy or become unsightly with age should be used widely and kept to a minimum in the landscape plan. Advances in plant breeding and selection in the nursery industry provide a wide assortment of plants requiring little or no pruning. However, even the most suitable landscape plants often require some pruning.

More facts about Africa

The deadly tsetse fly, now nearly eradicated by insecticides, has been called "the best game warden in Africa," because of its role in keeping human settlement and livestock out of wilderness areas.

In Botswana, where rainfall averages a mere 18 inches a year, the land is so dry that the national motto, the national greeting and the word for money are the same: puia (rain).

The African nation of Botswana has set aside 17 percent of its land as national parks or game reserves — a higher proportion of protected

land than almost any other country, says National Geographic.

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American way of death is costly and complicated



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Your correspondent, "Unfinished Business," attended a friend's funeral and was "dismayed to learn that the family had decided to have a closed-coffin burial," thereby denying a visual farewell and the opportunity to better cope with reality. As you rightly pointed out, the next-of-kin have the final say in such matters.

A word of amplification: The open-casket funeral is unique to the United States and Canada. In no other country is the bizarre ritual of "viewing" the deceased a part of any funeral service.

In the 1920s, a public relations spokesman for the funeral industry coined the phrase "Beautiful Memory Picture" to describe the embalmed and prettified cadaver in a suitably costly casket.

The funeral industry has long tried to convince the public that "viewing" is essential to what they are pleased to call "grief therapy," swallowed whole by the likes of "Unfinished Business." If that is so, how come it isn't practiced in England, France, Germany, etc.?

To the contrary, an English jurist wrote that a public exhibition of an embalmed body, as that of Lenin in Moscow, would in England be considered a revolting spectacle and therefore a public nuisance.

Readers looking for a simple and inexpensive funeral should write to the Continental Association of Funeral and Memorial Societies, an educational non-profit organization with affiliates in most major cities. The organization can provide information on dignified low-cost funerals. The address: 7910 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda, Md. 20814.

JESSICA MITTFORD
(AUTHOR OF "THE AMERICAN WAY OF DEATH")

DEAR JESSICA MITTFORD:

How well I remember the bomb-shell your book created in 1963. "The American Way of Death" rode the best-seller list for a year. And in its wake (no pun intended) was spawned a new generation of Americans who would bury their loved ones with dignified low-cost funerals, without feelings of guilt or embarrassment.

Previously, too many poor people went into debt for lavish, expensive funerals because they were emotionally stressed at the time, and felt that the amount of money they spent on their final farewell was an indication of how much they valued the deceased. Utter balderdash!

DEAR ABBY: Your reply to the person who wrote to ask what to tell a child whose mother is going off to war was right on the button! (You said, "Give the child the same answer you'd give if 'Daddy' was going off to war.") Good for you!

When my husband joined our local unit of the National Guard, we knew what it entailed. Sure, we enjoy the extra money every month, but when the Guards are activated, he'll go where he's ordered to go for whatever reason. (Snow duty, flood duty, Honduras — four times already — or perhaps the Persian Gulf.)

We family members are made of sterner stuff so those in the military know that we support them 100 percent!

A WEST VIRGINIA WOMAN WITH A NATIONAL GUARD HUSBAND, A NAVY SON-IN-LAW AND AN AIR FORCE NEPHEW

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American Heart Association

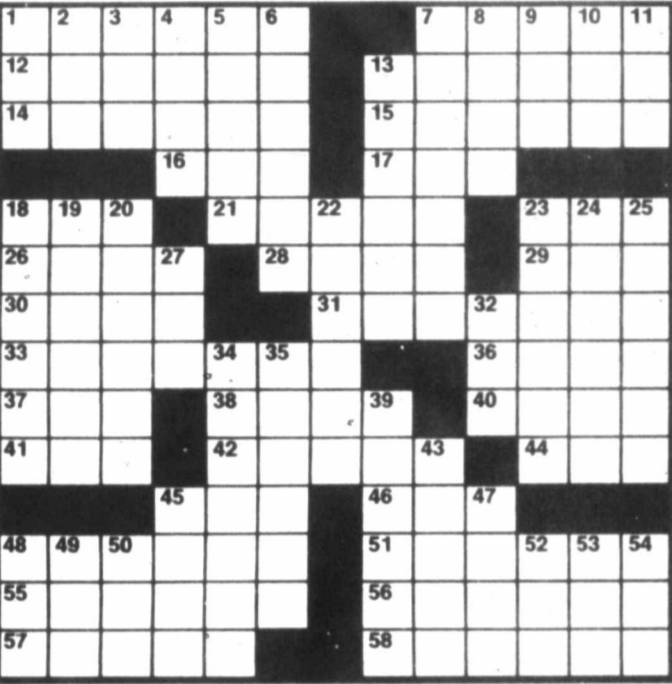
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 - 21 Gallant
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 - 26 Flying saucers (abbr.)
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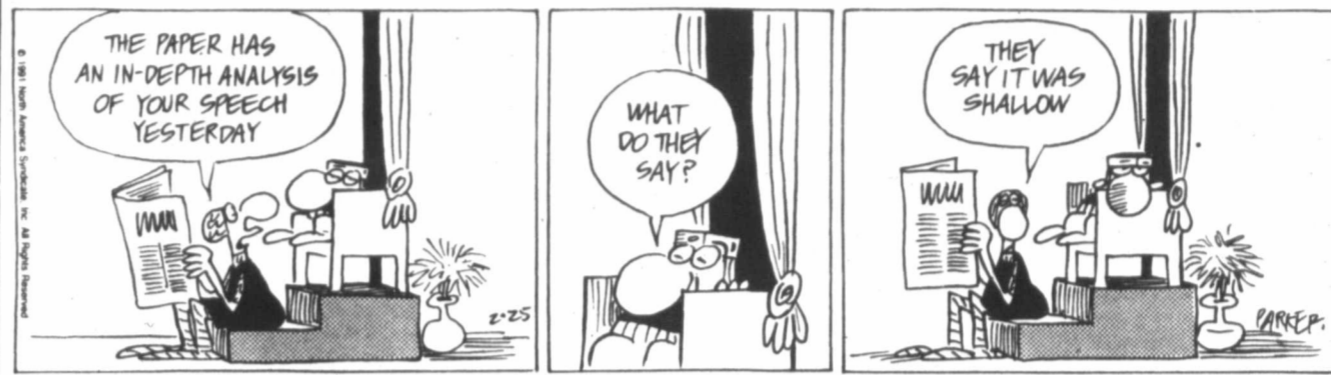
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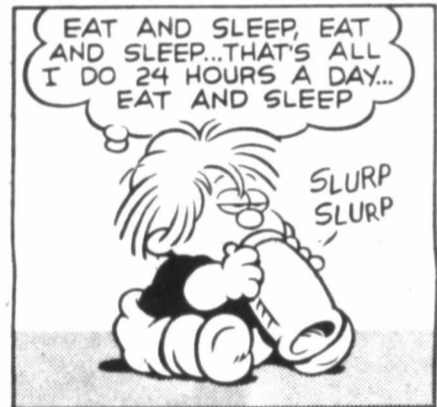


By Johnny Hart

Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol
PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You might not get out of the starting gate as fast as your competitors do today, but you're a good runner down the stretch. When the final score is tallied, you should be ahead of them. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.
ARIES (March 21-April 19) You have a knack today for improving upon the ideas and suggestions of others in ways that make them more beneficial for all parties concerned. It will be used constructively.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You're in a favorable trend where your finances are concerned. You could be lucky in generating a greater yield from something that is already producing quite handsomely.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) An endeavor in which you're presently involved is sorely in need of leadership. This role is tailored to your capabilities, so don't leave decisions up to others.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't be hesitant to play your hunches today, especially in your commercial affairs, even if they induce you to do something daring that you've never previously tried.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Even though developments may not have lived up to what you had anticipated, do not lower your hopes and expectations at this time. Things will get better if you're persistent.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You should be an excellent strategist today, particularly when confronted by competitive developments. Success is likely if you rely upon your mind and not your muscle.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) The same tactics and procedures that worked effectively for you recently could work for you again today, even though you might have to deal with a new set of players.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Do a bit more detective work today regarding a situation about which you've been suspicious. The information that has been eluding you can now be uncovered.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Conditions in general look rather encouraging for you today, but things you do with the aid of partners could really be the big standouts. It might be wise to give them priority.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Changes you've been hoping for where your career is concerned could start taking place today. It's a favorable tide and you'll do well riding the waves.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Someone who has been lucky for you in the past could be equally as fortunate for you in the present. This individual may talk to you today about an arrangement in which you may be invited to participate.

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By Tom Armstrong

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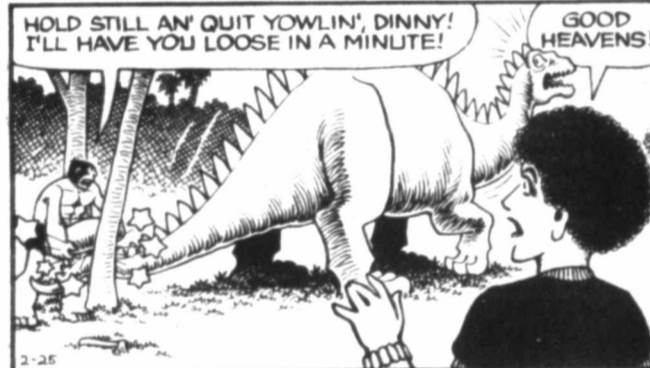


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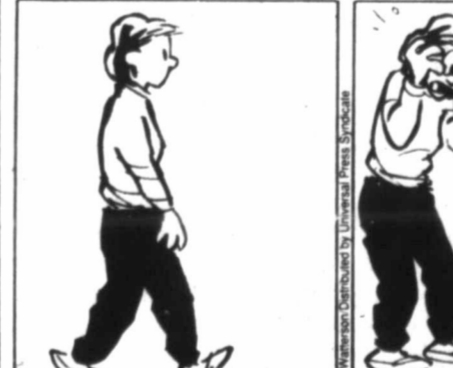


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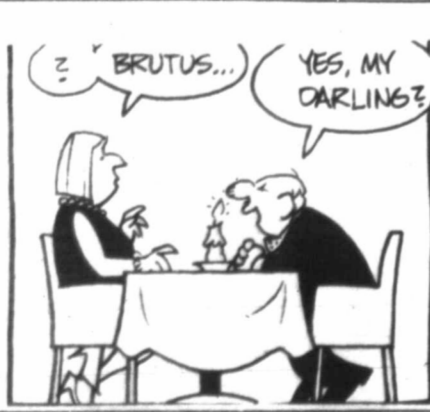
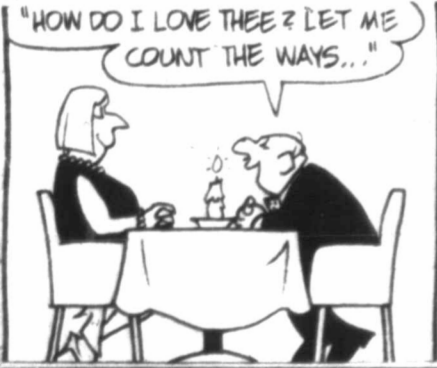
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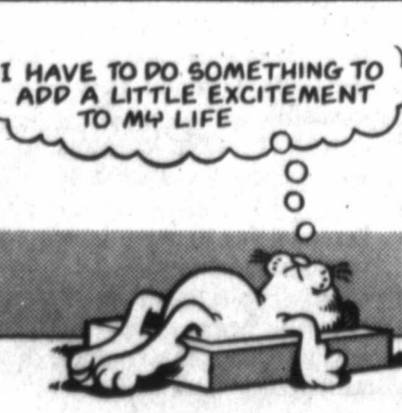
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Sports

Community-wide rally planned for Harvesters

Pampa meets Burkburnett in 4A regional semi-finals

A community-wide pep rally is planned tonight for the Pampa High School boys' basketball team, who meet third-ranked Burkburnett at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday at Lubbock Municipal Coliseum in the Class 4A Regional semi-finals.

The rally starts at 7:15 p.m. in the Pampa High School auditorium and organizers are urging the fans to attend and wear green and gold colors.

Ex-Harvester players are asked to be at the pep rally at 7 p.m. so they can be introduced along with this season's team members.

Seventh-ranked Pampa, 32-3, advanced to the regionals by defeating Sweetwater, 58-53, in the Area round Saturday night in Plainview.

Burkburnett, which has a 28-3 record, defeated Pampa, 67-52, in the finals of the Westside Lions Club Tournament last December in Fort Worth.

The Pampa-Sweetwater contest was a battle right to the end.

Cederick Wilbon and David Johnson led Pampa in scoring with 15 points each.

With the score tied at 49-all, it was Johnson's 3-pointer that gave Pampa the lead for good midway in

the fourth quarter. Jeff Young added 13 points for the Harvesters, who won their third straight district championship this season.

The following rap song was written by Jan Haynes, mother of Harvester player David Johnson.

It will be sung at tonight's pep rally.

THE HARVESTER BOMB SQUAD TEAM.
We've got a rap for the Bomb Squad team—They look real c-o-o-l and they play real m-e-a-n.

Dribblin', shooting', and runnin' their game—The Hustling Harvesters are their name!

They work really hard at practice everyday—Then they get on the court and play, play, play.

They've been the District Champs for the last 3 years—They are the dreaded opponent EVERYBODY fears.

They have a whale of a coach, his name is Hale—With him their leader, they cannot fail.

He runs them hard up and down the floor—They finish their practice saying "more, more, more."

Coach Jones is there to be of assist—Without him around he's really be missed!

They've won 32 games and they're really proud!

The magic they perform, draws quite a crowd.

David shoots the ball from 3-point land—

Jeff dunks the ball with his great big hand!

Cederick dribbles, and shoots and scores real high—

J.W.'s our man that can really fly!

Randy and Daniel are the big post men—

They'll block your shot time and time again.

Paul's our man at the top of the key—

He's fast as lightin' and stings like a bee!

Quincy—Sean, and Brent are Harvester men—

They'll stuff that ball down your chin—chin—chin!

Dwight plays real hard with a great big smile!

Just watchin' him now—makes it all worthwhile.

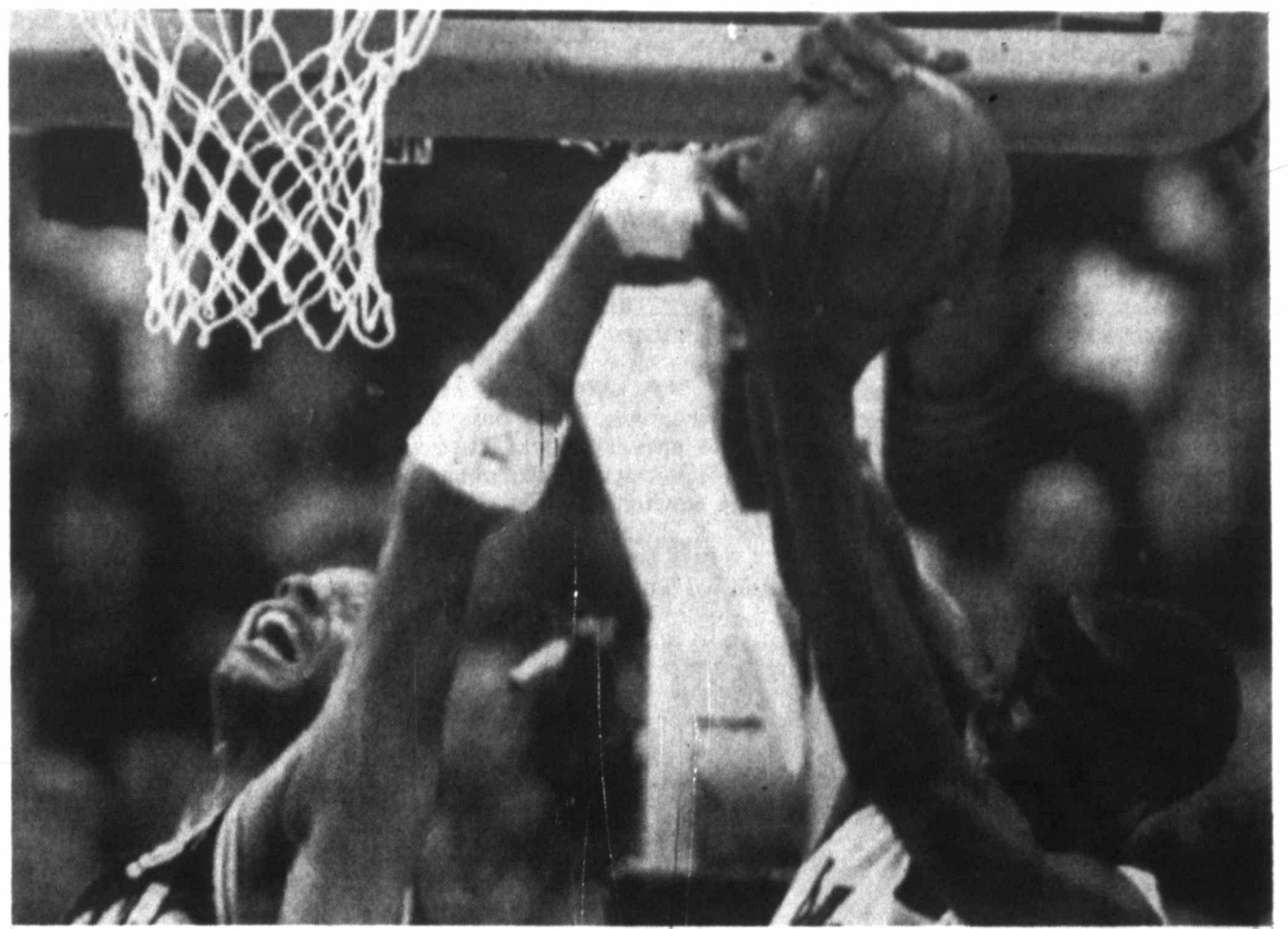
Regions in sight and Austin's their dream—

Don't you wish you were on the Bomb Squad Team?

Bomb Squad Team, Harvester Bomb Squad Team—

Bomb Squad, Bomb Squad, Bomb Squad Team!

Champs—Champs—Champs—Champs, Champs, Champs!



Trail Blazers' Cliff Robinson, right, battles San Antonio's Terry Cummings for the rebound during their NBA game in Portland.

Spurs end Portland's home streak

By BOB BAUM
AP Sports Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Recent history sometimes doesn't mean much in the NBA.

Take Sunday night's San Antonio-Portland game, for instance.

San Antonio entered the contest on a four-game losing streak and suffered one of its most humbling losses of the season Friday night against the Clippers in Los Angeles.

Portland's Trail Blazers had won 13 straight at home and had beaten Phoenix by 21 points Friday night in what may have been their most impressive performance of an outstanding season.

So what happened? San Antonio beat Portland 95-88, the Spurs' first victory in Memorial Coliseum in five years and only the third home loss for Portland in 31 games this season.

"This is the biggest win of the year," San Antonio coach Larry Brown said. "We beat Detroit with four guys hurt and that was a phenomenal win at Detroit. But the way our team's been going, with the problems we've had and the quality of team we're playing, this is the best win of the year."

The Spurs joined the Lakers and Phoenix as the only teams to beat the Blazers in Portland this season and set up a rematch between the

two Tuesday night in San Antonio.

"We haven't been playing anywhere near what we're capable of," San Antonio's David Robinson said.

"Against the Clippers we basically gave it away as bad as anyone can give one away. Tonight I think everyone came out a lot more focused and we played a lot more like we're capable of playing."

"There is no excuse for us to have lost those last four games, especially the way we lost them, so this one is big for us because we won in a place where we haven't won in a long time."

The Spurs, who pulled into a virtual tie with Utah for first place in the Midwest Division, took the lead for good late in the second quarter and stretched the margin to as many as 10 in the second half.

The game wasn't exactly the finely honed effort the Blazers had counted on before heading out on a tough four-game road trip this week. Portland set an NBA record for fewest turnovers in a game with three against Phoenix. The Blazers had 21 against San Antonio.

"The world has not come to an end for us," Portland coach Rick Adelman said. "We're still leading our division by 3 1/2 games. We still have the best record. It's our 11th loss. You've got to keep some things in perspective. But it's disappointing, especially after the way we played Friday."

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Willie Anderson led the Spurs with 25 points. Robinson, coming off a season-low six-point performance against the Clippers, scored 20 and grabbed 12 rebounds.

The Blazers were within four at 82-78 with 2:32 remaining, but Anderson scored on a breakaway stuff shot and Terry Cummings made an uncontested basket inside with 1:02 to play to clinch the victory.

Kevin Duckworth led the Blazers with 18 points but fouled out with 2:46 to play. Clyde Drexler added 17 and Terry Porter 16 for Portland.

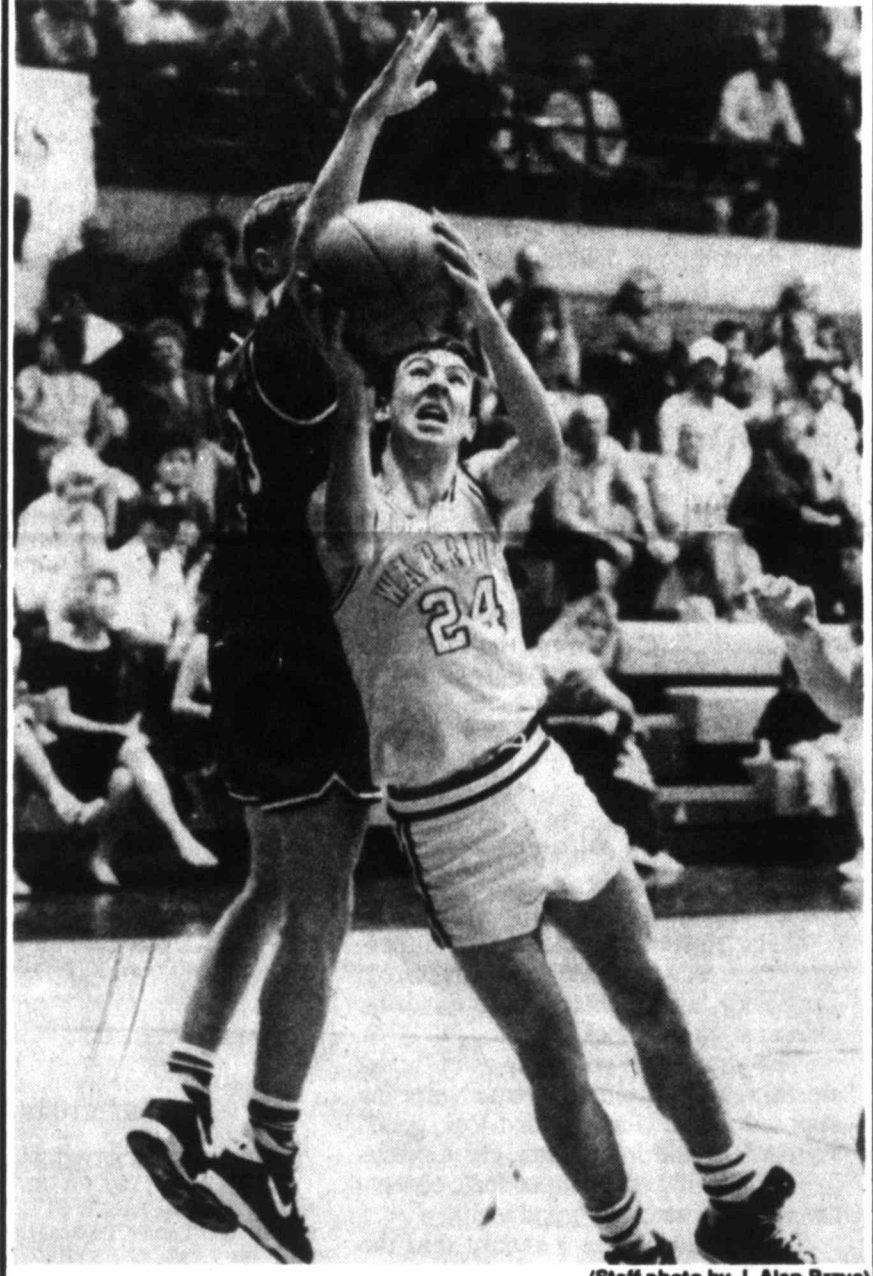
The Blazers were in early trouble with referee Jake O'Donnell, who called Jerome Kersey and Adelman for technicals in the first quarter, then ejected Kersey for kicking the ball after an offensive foul call early in the final quarter.

Adelman was asked to comment, but he didn't know what he did to get his technical, he declined.

"I'm dealing with Zeus up there. There's nothing I can say. All it would do is cost me money," he said.

Adelman acknowledged that the Spurs played tough defense. The point total matched the Blazers' lowest of the season.

Miami faces Gruver Tuesday



Matthew Neighbors, shown scoring in a win against Groom Thursday night, is one of several offensive threats the Miami Warriors will throw at Gruver in a Class 1A area playoff game set for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Borger.

Hogs close to nailing SWC title

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

The third-ranked Arkansas Razorbacks are only one victory away from achieving the second of four goals they had set out to obtain this Southwest Conference basketball season.

The Hogs, who ran Texas A&M University ragged in a 111-72 victory on Saturday, accomplished goal No. 1 by setting a school record with their 27th regular season victory.

Arkansas can nail down goal No. 2 by defeating the Baylor Bears on Tuesday night in Fayetteville, clinching a third consecutive SWC title. No SWC team has won three straight conference crowns since the late E.O. "Doc" Hayes guided Southern Methodist to the trophies in 1955-57.

Goal No. 3 for Arkansas is winning the SWC post-season tournament in Dallas and the fourth goal is returning to the NCAA Final Four and winning a first-ever national title.

Should Baylor upset Arkansas, the Hogs would face Texas on national television March 3 for the outright SWC lead.

Texas clinched at least the second seed in the tournament with a 96-79 victory over Texas Tech on Saturday.

"We looked fresh and hopefully we're ready to finish out the season strong," said Texas coach Tom Penders.

Texas (18-6) upset Georgia and Purdue to reach the NCAA Midwest regional finals against Arkansas last year with a strong run in the second half of the season.

In other games Saturday, Texas Christian stayed in the torrid battle for the third seed with a controversial 75-74 victory over the Houston Cougars.

Rice stayed in the thick of the third place chase with a 61-59 triumph over SMU, and Baylor downed Southeastern Louisiana 96-45 in a non-conference game.

A&M suffered its worst defeat in the 144-game series with Arkansas.

Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson, who had been worried about his team after a devastating nationally televised loss to Nevada-Las Vegas, was pleased to see such a dominating performance by his team.

"It will be great to have a chance to cut down the nets in your home arena," Richardson said. "This was our seventh consecutive road win, the most since we've been here."

Arkansas is 14-0 in the SWC, followed by Texas at 12-2.

Houston is 8-6 and TCU and Rice are at 7-7 each in the battle for third place.

Houston's loss to TCU could have severely damaged the Cougars' hopes for an NCAA tournament bid.

Duke scares Arizona in double OT

By The Associated Press

That's why they call it the home-court advantage.

Ninth-ranked Arizona kept its composure when Duke did not and, boosted by a boisterous student body at McKale Center, extended its nation-leading home winning streak to 61 games Sunday by beating the seventh-rated Blue Devils 103-96 in double overtime.

Twice at the end, once in regulation and then in the first overtime, the usually steady Blue Devils got rattled. Each time it cost them and

allowed Arizona to tie it in the closing seconds.

"We have an experienced team," Arizona coach Lute Olson said. "The players did a nice job of keeping their poise. We've won a lot of close games, and it doesn't all come down to luck. It was our court and we had the advantage."

In the second overtime, it was no contest. Matt Muehlbach opened with a 3-pointer and added four more points as Arizona pulled away.

"I'd sure like to meet the ghost of McKale," said Brian Williams, who led Arizona with 24 points. "He's definitely got a jinx on somebody."

Arizona (22-5) now returns to Pacific-10 play, where there is no postseason tournament. If they can win the rest of their games, the Wildcats may have a shot at the top seed in the East for the NCAA tournament.

Duke (23-6) goes home for the rest of the Atlantic Coast Conference schedule and the postseason tournament.

In other games Sunday, No. 4 Indiana routed Michigan 112-79, No. 5 Syracuse beat No. 22 Pitt 89-68, and No. 16 Oklahoma State downed Colorado 79-67.

Schulz wins L.A. Open

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ted Schulz made the drives, the approach shots and the putts. But he said winning the Los Angeles Open was a team victory.

Schulz credited three others with helping him win for the second time on the tour.

"I learned a lot from Chip Beck, to put any negative thoughts behind me and to remain positive and just go and hit the next shot," said Schulz, who played in a threesome with Beck, a former LA Open champion, the first two days at Riviera Country Club.

Schulz said his putting was improved because of tips from fellow pro Larry Mize and from Bill Tindall, a friend of Schulz's.

"I had a good feeling the whole day that I was going to win," Schulz said after his one-stroke victory over Jeff Sluman on Sunday.

Schulz shot a closing 3-under-par 68 to finish the tournament at 12-under 272.

"This tells me I can really play with these guys out here and I have the confidence to go on and have a long career," said Schulz, whose

other victory was in the 1989 South-east Open.

After paring the final hole, Schulz waited as Sluman, in the last threesome, missed an 8-foot try for birdie that would have forced a playoff.

Sluman, who got the benefit of watching Bruce Lietzke putt on almost the same line before he tried his birdie putt on No. 18, said he still misread the break.

"I thought I was going to get a read on it, but I was on a slightly different angle than Bruce and I hit it right-center. ... It broke a mile," said Sluman, who finished with a 70.

Sluman, whose only tour victory was the 1988 PGA Championship, was disappointed with his final round.

"I guess I made it a heck of a finish," he said. "I wasn't as sharp as I was the past three days."

Lietzke, Craig Stadler and Davis Love III tied for third, a shot back of Sluman at 274.

Schulz needed two years to earn a tour card and then lost it after a disappointing rookie season in 1987.

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Trial of two lawmakers to begin in 'Operation Lost Trust' sting

By GARY KARR
Associated Press Writer

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Two state legislators prepared to face a bribery trial in a case that has taken a dramatic twist in recent days as the prosecution's key witness was indicted on drug charges.

Jury selection was to begin today in the trial of Democratic Reps. Larry Blanding and B.J. Gordon, with U.S. District Judge Falcon Hawkins presiding.

Blanding, 37, and Gordon, 58, are among 14 current or former members of the Legislature, four lobbyists and a member of the state Highway Commission indicted in connection with the FBI sting dubbed Operation Lost Trust.

The case took a new twist on Thursday when Ron Cobb, an undercover FBI informant, was indicted on two counts of cocaine possession.

Cobb, a lobbyist and former state legislator, was accused of having

cocaine while working for the FBI last year and earlier this year.

He represented a phony company set up by the FBI to offer bribes to legislators for their support of a bill to legalize betting on horse and dog racing.

Cobb was expected to be the key prosecution witness.

One of the people indicted in connection with the sting, former Rep. Ennis Fant, pleaded guilty Friday to one count of conspiracy to violate a federal bribery law. Fant, who was to go on trial this week with Blanding and Gordon, resigned from the Legislature and agreed to cooperate with prosecutors. In return, authorities agreed to drop two bribery counts against him.

U.S. Attorney Bart Daniel declined to say if the 29-year-old Democrat would testify against Blanding and Gordon.

Cobb began helping investigators after they arrested him in connection with a 1989 drug deal. He agreed to cooperate in exchange for

immunity from prosecution, but federal authorities said his drug indictment last week violates the terms of that agreement.

Blanding and Gordon each are charged with conspiring to violate the Hobbs Act, a federal anti-bribery law. Blanding is accused of accepting \$1,300 from Cobb, while Gordon is accused of accepting \$1,000.

Before his indictment, Blanding was vice-chairman of the House Ethics Committee.

Both lawmakers are under suspension until the charges are resolved.

Of the 14 current or former lawmakers arrested, seven have pleaded guilty and one has been convicted.

Of those who pleaded guilty, one was sentenced to six months in a halfway house. Sentencing is pending for the others.

The one former lawmaker convicted, former Democratic Rep. Luther Taylor, is serving a 61/2-year prison term.

'Lonesome George' Gobel dies at 71

By THERESE LEE
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "Lonesome" George Gobel, whose low-key, self-deprecating humor entertained radio, television and nightclub audiences for more than a half-century, has died at age 71.

Gobel died Sunday at Encino Hospital of complications following bypass surgery to a major artery in his left leg, said Sam Honigberg, a longtime friend.

"He was an adorable man," said Hal Kanter, who wrote, produced and directed episodes of television's "The George Gobel Show" in the mid-1950s. "He was probably the last of the sweet comedians. The man's comedy was never harmful to anyone."

Gobel, known affectionately as "Lonesome George," made his debut at age 11 singing on the WLS Barn Dance radio revue in his native Chicago.

He was best known to younger audiences as a regular on television's "The Hollywood Squares"



George Gobel

and a frequent guest on "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson" in the 1970s and early '80s.

Although originally a musician, Gobel began to weave humor into his act while performing on the guitar and singing for his buddies in the Army Air Corps during

World War II.

After the war, he began to appear in night clubs and hotels, gradually developing his trademark understated wit.

"The George Gobel Show" debuted in 1954 and was an immediate hit. He won an Emmy that year as television's outstanding new personality and a Peabody Award.

He continued to appear on television frequently after the show ended in 1960. Among his roles was that of the tipsy mayor in NBC's "Harper Valley PTA."

Gobel also appeared regularly on Broadway in such plays as "The Odd Couple," "Three Men on a Horse" and "Let It Ride."

He appeared in such movies as "The Birds and the Bees" and "I Married a Woman."

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Alice, whom he fondly referred to as "spooky old Alice" in his comedy routines; a son; two daughters; and three grandchildren.



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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 7:45 P.M.

LUBBOCK MUNICIPAL COLISEUM

"The Following Merchants Would Like To Wish The Harvesters Good Luck..."

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UTILITY TIRE CO. 447 W. Brown 669-6771	TOP O' TEXAS QUICK LUBE Naida & Borger Hwy. 665-0950	BROWNING HEATING AIR COND. & REFR. Price Road 665-1212	HOMELAND Pampa Mall 665-7821
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