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THURSDAY

Persian Gulf battlefields quiet today

By LAURA KING
Associated Press Writer

The battlefields of the Persian Gulf were quiet today. Saddam Hussein's Iraq, broken by a six-week beating in the air and on the ground, bowed to all allied demands and heeded to the cease-fire announced by President Bush.

World leaders and American citizens hailed the cease-fire that appeared to herald the end of the Persian Gulf War — and turned to the sober task of reckoning its costs in blood, money and hatred.

"The cease-fire is holding fine," said the commander of British forces, Lt. Gen. Peter de la Billiere. "I don't think there's much left of the Iraqis to have an incident with."

"The cease-fire does appear to be holding," agreed a senior Pentagon military official. He said there have been small skirmishes, exchanges with groups of 10 or 15 who "haven't got the word" that hostilities had ceased.

At least 126 allied troops were killed in the war. Seventy-nine Americans died, including 28 in the ground war, and 52 others were listed as non-combat deaths.

Iraqi casualties were far, far higher, with one estimate ranging up to 100,000. Allied commanders have refused to provide any count of Iraqi war dead, and Iraq has issued none recently.

Continuation of the cease-fire was contingent on a halt to Iraqi attacks — in the war zone or with missiles — and other conditions including the immediate release of prisoners of war and any captured civilians.

Iraq's army was in shambles today, decimated by the allies' lightning four-day ground offensive and the withering 5 1/2-week air assault that preceded it.

The fighting reached its peak Wednesday, as allied armies recaptured Kuwait City and lanced to within 150 miles of Baghdad.

"There was nothing between us and Baghdad," said Operation Desert Storm commander Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf. He said the allies could have walked into the Iraqi capital unmolested, but had no intention of conquering Iraq.

Iraq's best forces were devastated in what was billed as the biggest tank battle since World War II. But the Pentagon source said the Republican Guard tanks "never fought the way you thought a division would fight. We just kind of chased them across the plains, shooting at them," he said.

Kuwaitis, in the chilly dawn of their first full day of freedom, tempered their rejoicing as they surveyed the ruins of their reclaimed country.

"It's a catastrophe. It's indescribable," said Fahd el-Muhammed as he gazed at Kuwait City's once-elegant waterfront, disfigured by twisted barbed wire and Iraqi fortifications.

In the Iraqi capital, Baghdad radio signed on this

morning with patriotic songs and its standard denunciation of the allies as "criminal invaders."

At first, it did not mention the halt in hostilities. But later, a military communique was read, announcing the suspension of allied attacks and telling Iraqi troops to respond in kind.

"We are happy for the halt in fighting, which will save a lot of our sons and grant the safety of our people," it said. "Therefore, orders were issued to all our units in the battlefield not to open fire."

With word of the cease-fire, volleys of celebratory rifle and anti-aircraft fire split the smoke-filled skies over Baghdad. The Iraqi capital, a constant target during the allied air war, came under a final blast of bombardment only hours before the truce took hold.

World financial markets surged in response to the cease-fire. Tokyo share prices jumped in heavy trading today.

On ships in the Persian Gulf, on sprawling air bases and in desert camps, more than half-million U.S. troops — the biggest U.S. deployment since Vietnam — heard word of the halt to fighting.

The soldiers, many of them reservists who had never expected to see combat, expressed elation — and voiced a common wish. "I'm anxious to get back to ... my life," said Staff Sgt. Jesse Cruz, 24, of Detroit, a reservist working in Air Force medical supply in Saudi Arabia.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the

first withdrawal of American troops could conceivably begin within a matter of days. But Bush said a permanent cease-fire depends upon the actions of Iraq.

"This war is now behind us," Bush said in a nationwide address on Wednesday night. "Ahead of us is the difficult task of securing a potentially historic peace."

Diplomats at the United Nations were setting about that task today. The Security Council was meeting this morning, after the late-night drama of Iraq's agreement to abide by the council's resolutions on Kuwait.

The dozen Security Council resolutions passed in the wake of Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait include provisions on reparations and human rights violations, an arms embargo and the renunciation of Iraqi claims to Kuwait.

Iraq's promise to abide by the resolutions came in a letter addressed to the Security Council and signed by Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz.

"The government of Iraq agrees to fully comply with U.N. Resolution 660 and all the other Security Council resolutions," it read in part.

Whatever the long-term postwar picture, the immediate terms of peace were being dictated by the victors on the battlefield. At the stroke of midnight EST — 8 a.m. today in Iraq — allied forces ceased land, sea and air attacks, U.S. military officials said.

To help make sure the Iraqis knew of the cease-fire, the allies dropped leaflets on Iraqi troops and blasted the news over loudspeakers in Arabic.

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War's end brings joyous reactions from residents

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

News that the war with Iraq is over brought joyous responses from all over Pampa today.

Andora Thurman, director of the Desert Shield Support Group, whose husband Steve is serving in the 82nd Airborne, said, "We're now talking about packing me up and going to set up house."

The Thurmans married only hours before Steve was shipped out to the Middle East.

They have yet to establish a household or enjoy married life.

"I can't wait to move to Fayetteville, North Carolina," Mrs. Thurman said.

Fayetteville is the home of Fort Bragg, headquarters of the 82nd Airborne.

"I feel such relief," Mrs. Thurman said. "When the ground war started, my first thought was that Steve would soon be coming home. But I was afraid last night and had nightmares that Saddam Hussein wouldn't comply and would fire chemical weapons. This morning I've been watching CNN and crying, I'm so happy."

She said the last seven months have been a period of "limbo."

"Tonight the Desert Shield Support Group will get together just to eat sandwiches and talk about everything," Mrs. Thurman noted.

That meeting will take place at Briarwood Church at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Gray County Veteran Service Officer John Triplehorn said the best news to come out of the Middle East, aside of the allied victory, is that "no new names will go on the Veterans Monument."

The marble memorial located in Memorial Park pays tribute to local men who sacrificed their lives in the defense of their country.

"That's the best news of all," Triplehorn said. "So far as we know, none of our people have lost their lives."

He also pointed out that victory after only six weeks of war indicates what can happen when politicians leave war tactics to the military.

"It shows that if politicians had left us alone in Vietnam, we would have won," said Triplehorn, a veteran of the military who served during that conflict.

"My biggest concern now is that these countries that have offered to help us pay for this war keep their word," Triplehorn said. "You have to hope that since the fighting is over it doesn't become a 'check in the mail' situation."

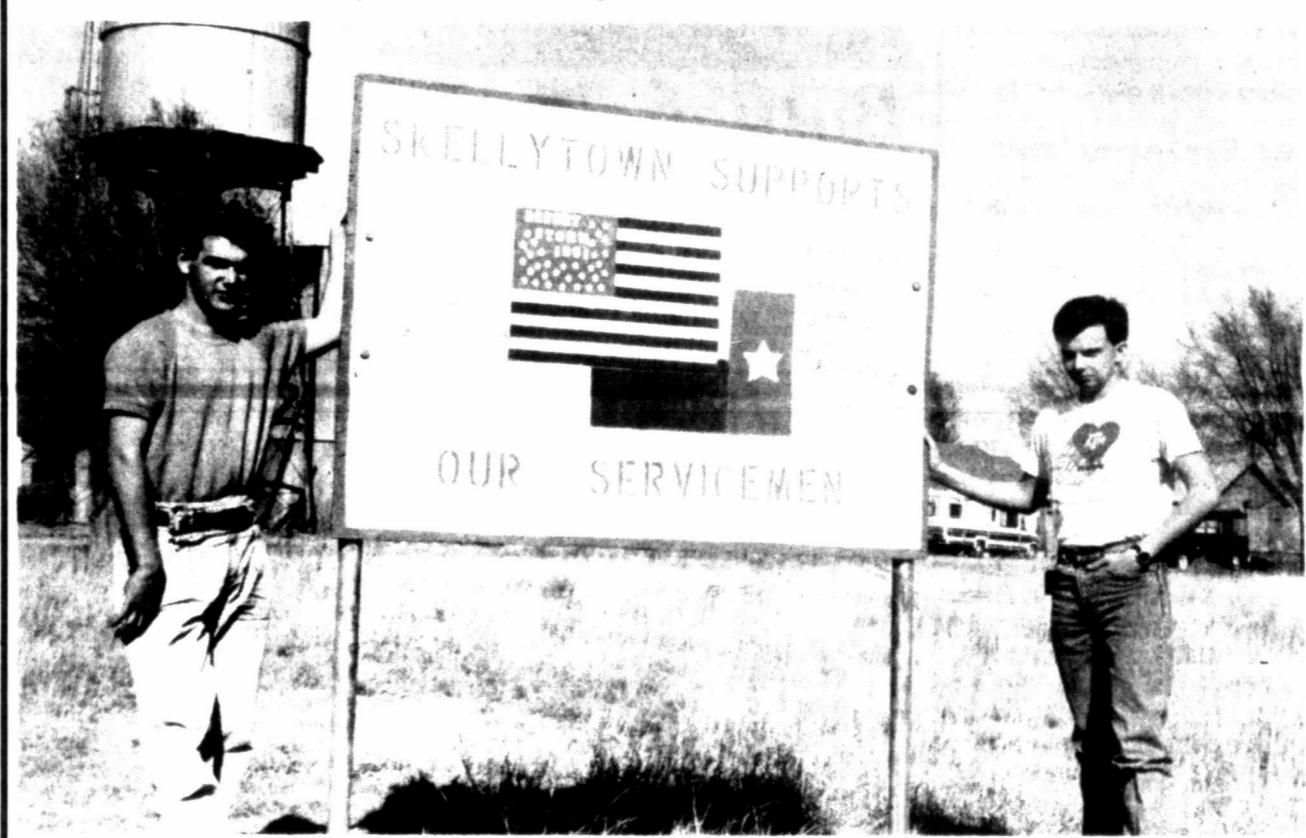
House members take up debate on school finance reform

AUSTIN (AP) — The House today began debating a "Robin Hood" school finance reform plan that would shift local property tax revenue from wealthier to poorer school districts.

"We're building a life raft to get us past April 1," the Texas Supreme Court's deadline for a new plan, House Public Education Committee Chairwoman Ernestine Glossbrenner said Wednesday, on the eve of the scheduled House vote.

The court ruled unconstitutional the current \$14 billion-a-year school finance system, which relies on state aid, local property taxes and some federal money. Disparities in property wealth

Red, white and blue city



Mark Walden, left, and Michael Poole stand beside the sign they designed to show Skellytown's support for troops in the Middle East. The sign is being displayed on Hwy. 152 near the Skellytown turn-off. In addition to the sign, which honors military service people from Skellytown, the city has planned a community-wide afternoon rally Sunday, March 10, at the grade school. Becky Ulmer, a city employee, has added to Skellytown's efforts at unanimous troop support by decorating a bulletin board at City Hall, and the Skellytown Fellowship of Christian Athletes has sold over 300 red, white and blue ribbons honoring Operation Desert Storm troops.

Fire marshal testifies fatal blaze would be more diligently investigated today

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

Pampa Fire Marshal Tom Adams testified Wednesday that had the April 12, 1989, fire that killed a 41-year-old man and his 16-year-old stepson occurred today, it would be investigated more diligently by the fire marshal's office.

Adams said that he ruled the cause of the 1200 Charles St. fire to have been "accidental" and to have started from a box on a floor furnace in the residence.

He said, however, that procedures in Pampa for investigating such fires have changed significantly in the past two years. He said he has more help now, and if the same fire occurred now, he would have taken floor samples and looked at other areas.

"If we had the same fire today, I'd investigate it just like I would an arson," he said.

Killed in the April 1989 blaze were John Bryan Vernon III and his stepson, Stuart Jacob "Jake" Long. Both died of carbon monoxide poisoning, according to the forensic

pathologist who conducted the autopsy.

Adams will continue testimony today in the civil trial being held in 223rd District Court at the Gray County Courthouse.

Margaret Vernon, wife of John Vernon and mother of Jake Long, escaped from the burning house in the early-morning hours of the fire. She has sued M&L Transfer and Storage Co. and Allied Van Lines Inc. She is seeking at least \$3 million for each of the deaths.

The family was preparing to move to Houston on the morning of the fire and a moving company had been boxing up contents of the house the two days before the fire.

However, the defense claims its company did not put any boxes on or near the floor furnace and that it is not responsible for the fire.

Adams said he arrived at the scene of the fire about 5 a.m. on April 12, 1989. The fire was reported to Pampa Fire Department at 4:18 p.m. and was out within about five minutes, Capt. Charles Davis of the fire department testified Wednesday.

Davis also said the flames coming out of the north window when he arrived were orange.

Adams said he smelled smoke, but did not smell any flammable liquids at the scene.

"My determination was a box was on the furnace," Adams said of the cause of the fire.

He also added that, "I didn't see any evidence of arson."

If he had suspected arson, he said he would have sent samples off to a testing laboratory, cleared the floor and looked at the debris.

"I've got a lot more help and we do a real thorough investigation on every fire," he said of the changes in the past two years.

Adams said he believed the fire was a "smoldering" fire, which sends up a lot of smoke before it breaks out into flames. He said a smoldering fire also gives a wider "V" pattern than a flammable liquid fire would.

The "V" pattern is a pattern that fire investigators look for as the origin, and is shaped like a V.

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McLean residents preparing for museum grand opening

McLEAN — Grand opening of the Devil's Rope Museum - Texas Old Route 66 Exhibit, featuring "one-of-a-kind exhibits," is set for March 23.

Established entirely with donated funds and labor, grand opening of the museum complex is the culmination of a 1 1/2-year effort to establish a national barbed wire museum and to provide the Texas Old Route 66 Association with space for exhibits.

Devil's Rope Museum Complex is housed in a formerly abandoned 14,000-square-foot factory building at 100 Kingsley St. and Old Route 66.

The grand opening marks completion of the initial renovation phase, according to organizers. The first phase included remodeling the interior of the building to fit museum needs.

The second phase, which begins with the grand opening ceremony, consists of an all-out effort to advertise, educate and distribute materials and information concerning the museum complex. Museum volunteers will be recruited and trained and an "Education Week" program involving area schools is expected to be implemented.

The third phase is expected to include installation of a wire identification display, professional organization of a reference library and addition and continual upgrading of artifacts as they become available.

Devil's Rope Museum, a state-chartered non-profit corporation, was established to bring together in one location barbed wire collections

as well as better recognize the history of barbed wire.

Joseph Farwell Glidden, of DeKalb, Ill., is credited with inventing barbed wire in 1873, according to museum officials.

Old Route 66 Association of Texas was established by a group of McLean area residents when it was discovered Texas did not have an official organization aimed at promoting and preserving the historic highway.

The association plans to publish a quarterly newsletter for members and act as liaison between the other eight states with official Route 66 associations.

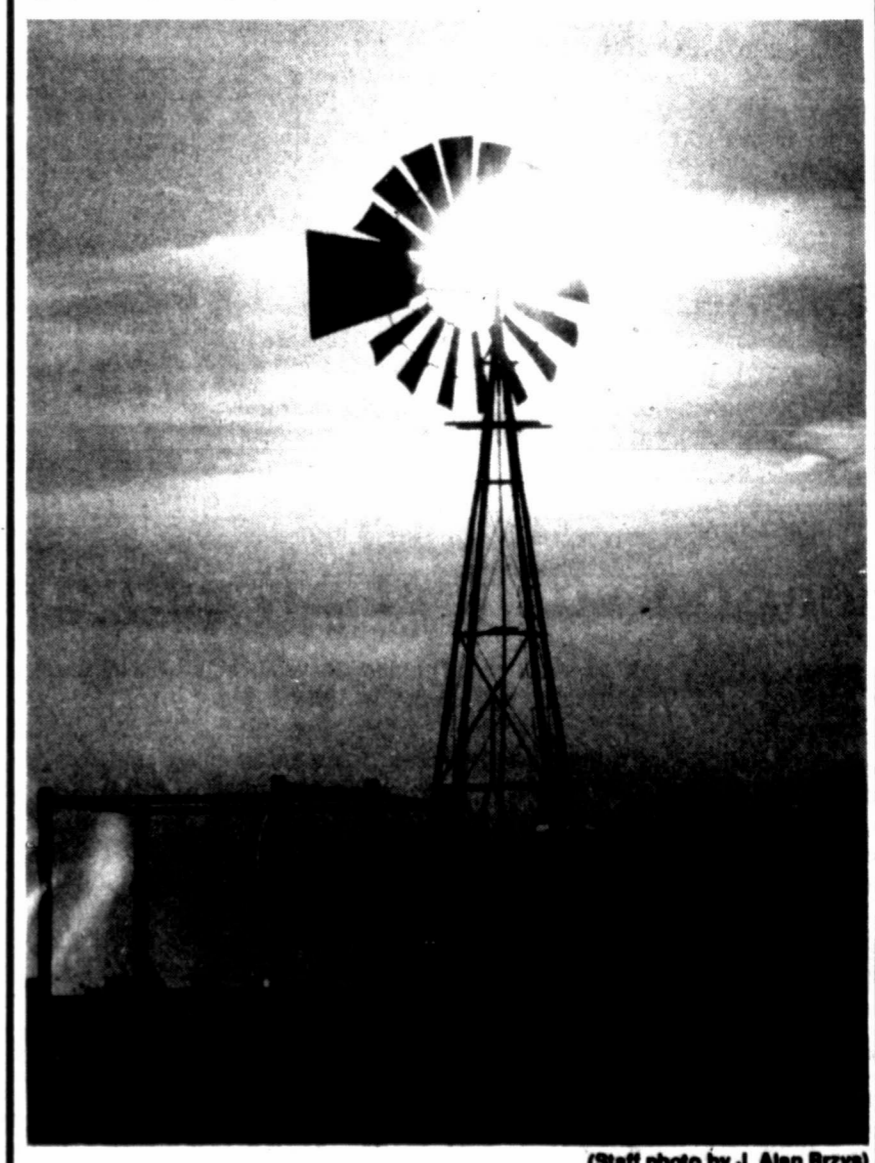
Memorabilia of Old 66, a hall of fame program and a Texas 66 historical marker program are expected to be featured in the Texas Old Route 66 Exhibit housed in the museum complex.

According to Delbert Trew, museum agent and curator, celebrities from along Old Route 66, national collectors, organization dignitaries, local club members and area elected officials have been invited to participate in the activities.

The grand opening is sponsored by The Historical Museum of Barbed Wire and Fencing Tools, The Old Route 66 Association of Texas, The McLean Chapter of Old Route 66, The Alanreed-McLean Area Museum and the city and community of McLean.

Funding was made available by area citizens and by collectors in the United States and Australia.

Sun shield



An idle windmill east of Skellytown shields ever so briefly the bright setting sun on a warm February day. The mild late-winter weather is expected to continue for the next several days, with a slight chance for rain showers.

(Staff photo by J. Alan Brzya)

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

REYNOLDS, Alta - 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel.

Obituaries

ALTA REYNOLDS

HOWARDWICK - Alta Reynolds, 63, died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 1991. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of Central Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa by Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Reynolds was born in McLean. She had lived in Pampa for 30 years, moving to Howardwick in 1975. She married Alfred L. Reynolds on Dec. 23, 1950, at Pampa. She was a homemaker and a Baptist. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Sandra Morris, in 1983.

Survivors include her husband; two sons, Alfred Lee Reynolds of Plainview and Ricky Reynolds of Pampa; three daughters, Sherrill Cloud of Amarillo, Betty Reams of Pampa and Diana Logan of Wichita Falls; two brothers, Orville Holt and Oscar Holt, both of Amarillo; a sister, Faye Davis of Hobbs, N.M.; 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

NELLIE GRIFFIN

Nellie Griffin, 83, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 1991. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Open Door Church of God in Christ with Elder Hubert Kelly officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery. Arrangements by Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Griffin was born Aug. 12, 1907, in Jacksonville. She was a Pampa resident for 45 years, moving here from Mangum, Okla. She married Dee Griffin in Pampa; he preceded her in death on Oct. 12, 1965. She was a homemaker. She was a member of the Open Door Church of God in Christ.

Survivors include one daughter, Lula Motley of Pampa; three sisters, Allene Colbert of Pampa, Katherine Pyles of Pueblo, Colo., and Mildred Powell of Amarillo; one brother, Allen Templeton of Rialto, Calif.; one granddaughter, Karen Andrews of Amarillo; and several nieces and nephews.

CECILE K. TOWNSEND

Cecile K. Townsend, 92, died Monday, Feb. 25, 1991, in Brownsville. Graveside services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Memory Gardens Cemetery with Dr. John T. Tate, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating. Cremation arrangements were held in Brownsville. Local arrangements are by Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Townsend was born Oct. 2, 1898, in Allen County, Ohio. She attended school in Spencerville, Ohio. She married Joseph Blair Townsend in 1917 at New Kirk, Okla.; he preceded her in death on Dec. 19, 1979. She was a Pink Lady at the Worley Hospital in Pampa. She was past president of PTA in Pampa. She was a Red Cross volunteer. She was a former member of the First Christian Church in Pampa, teaching a Sunday school class for about 50 years. She was a member of Central Christian Church in Brownsville.

Survivors include a daughter, Betty Jo Thompson of Brownsville; one sister, Marjorie Molter of Charlotte, N.C.; two granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.

The family requests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

Minor accidents

The Pampa Police Department reported the following accident during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 27

10:35 a.m. - A 1980 Chevrolet driven by James Baird, 613 Lowry, collided with a 1990 Dodge driven by Jeanne Doss, 1216 E. Foster, in the 100 block of North Russell. Baird was cited for unsafe start from a parked position.

DPS - Accident

TUESDAY, Feb. 26

2:55 p.m. - A parked 1984 Chrysler, owned by Don Philpott of Miami, jumped into gear and struck a parked 1987 Chevrolet owned by Dana Miller of Miami in the 100 block of South Main Street - FM 748 in Miami. No citations were issued and no injuries reported.

Calendar of events

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK

A free blood pressure check and blood sugar check is offered each Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Red Cross office at 108 N. Russell in downtown Pampa.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions
 William B. Cox, Pampa
 Debbie Dixon, Pampa
 Karla Nelson, Pampa
 Amelia Schwope, Pampa
 John H. Warner, Pampa
 Linda T. Williams, Pampa

Birth
 To Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Williams of Pampa, a boy.

Dismissals
 Opal Crabb, Pampa
 Thyra Meese, Pampa
 Elizabeth Heiskell, Pampa

SHAMROCK HOSPITAL Admission
 Mamie McCormick, Shamrock

Dismissals
 Hobert Brazell, Merkel
 Mamie McCormick, Shamrock

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa:

Wheat	2.32	
Milo	3.82	
Corn	4.18	

The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:

Ky. Cent. Life	7 7/8	up 1/4
Serfo	5 1/2	up 1/8
Occidental	20 1/2	up 1/8

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Magellan	62	
Puntan	13	

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa:

Amoco	52 1/4	dn 3/8
Arco	131 3/4	dn 1/8
Cabot	31 7/8	up 1/8
Cabot O&G	15 3/8	NC
Chevron	75 1/8	up 5/8
Coca-Cola	53 1/2	NC
Enron	55 1/2	up 5/8
Halliburton	54 1/2	up 5/8
Ingersoll Rand	52 1/4	up 1/2
KNE	22 1/2	dn 1/8
Kerr McGee	46 3/4	up 7/8
Limited	23 1/2	up 1/2
Mapco	45	up 1/8
Maxus	9	NC
McDonald's	31	up 1/4
Mesa Ltd.	2 5/8	NC
Mobil	62 1/8	up 1/8
New Atmos	17 1/8	dn 1/2
Penney's	52 1/4	NC
Phillips	27 3/8	dn 1/4
SLB	63 3/4	dn 1/4
SPS	28 1/4	up 1/8
Tenneco	48 3/4	dn 1/8
Texasco	64 1/8	up 5/8
Wal-Mart	36 3/4	up 1/8
New York Gold	363.30	
Silver	3.63	
West Texas Crude	19.20	



Mrs. Alta Reynolds, 63, died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 1991.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 27

Allsup's, 500 E. Foster, reported a theft at the business.

Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks, reported a theft at the business.

Police reported domestic violence in the 100 block of North Nelson.

Mary Smith, 2234 Mary Ellen, reported criminal mischief at the residence.

Furr's Emporium, 1233 N. Hobart, reported a theft at the business.

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Darrell Brown, 505 N. Dwight, reported a forgery at the residence.

Arrests

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 27

Desmond Parnell Jackson, 27, 1036 Neel Rd., was arrested at One Medical Plaza on a warrant for theft. He was released on bond.

Douglass Gordon, 28, 204 Tignor, was arrested at 2225 N. Hobart on two warrants for no liability insurance. He was released on payment of fines.

John Allen Thompson, 26, 521 Montague #1, was arrested in the 500 block of North West on a warrant for delivery of marijuana. He was transferred to county jail. (See related story)

Lisa Dawn Doyle, 25, 3009 Rosewood, was arrested at 1233 N. Hobart on a charge of theft.

Ruben Garza, no age given, 410 N. Somerville, was arrested at the residence on a warrant for allowing a dog to run at large. He was released on bond.

Bobbie Jo Kitchens, 28, 1031 N. Sumner #205, was arrested at the residence on a felony warrant for injury to a child. (See related story)

Allen Jay Vick, 35, 1031 N. Sumner #205, was arrested at the residence on a felony warrant for injury to a child. (See related story)

DPS - Arrests

TUESDAY, Feb. 26

Brian Lee Fuller, 24, 1025 Christy, was arrested on Texas 152, west of Pampa, and charged with driving while intoxicated (third offense).

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 27

Arthur Christ Velonis Jr., 50, Salinas, Calif., was arrested on Interstate 40, east of Groom, and charged with driving while intoxicated (first offense).

Linda Barham Holland, 32, Pampa, was arrested on U.S. 60, west of Pampa and charged with driving while intoxicated (first offense).

GRAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Arrests

TUESDAY, Feb. 26

Drucilla Gay Mullen, 22, 312 N. Christy, was arrested by the Precinct 2 constable and charged with failure to display driver's license, no proof of liability insurance, and failure to appear.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 27

John Floyd McDaniel, 21, 1524 Coffee, was arrested on a charge of issuance of bad check. He was released on bond.

Fires

The Pampa Fire Department reported no calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

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Fire

Adams said soot on the windows, or acidity, is also a smoldering fire characteristic. He said all of the characteristics were evident in the Vernon residence fire.

Asked by the defense if Adams took pictures of the residence or took any evidence, Adams said, "No. At that time I determined it was an accidental fire."

He said the investigation was practically stopped after he determined it to be an accidental fire. However, he said he received a telephone call from a Greenville, S.C., police officer in late 1989, that caused him to return to the scene of the fire and make a supplemental report.

He said he was informed that Mrs. Vernon had been convicted of solicitation to commit murder of her deceased husband's ex-wife about a year before the fire. Adams said his supplemental report ruling was that it was still an accidental fire.

Adams said he also learned Mr. Vernon had a \$100,000 life insurance policy. Defense attorney Robert Templeton added that Vernon also had another \$300,000 in life insurance.

Asked by the defense how much flammable liquid it would take to get a box on fire, Adams said, "It wouldn't take very much, but I wouldn't expect to see the signs of a smoldering fire I saw there."

Asked what a fire with multiple origins would mean, Adams said, "It probably was set."

Regarding the upstairs where both the boy and his stepfather died, Adams said he believed that wardrobe boxes in the boys' room did not prevent him from getting out safely. Asked what did prevent the boy from escaping, Adams said, "The smoke."

"He'd have had to weave in and out, but there wasn't a path

blocked," the fire marshal said.

Templeton also asked Adams if he was aware Mrs. Vernon had been receiving psychiatric treatment for many years, if he was aware she was hospitalized in 1988, if he was aware she had received shock treatment in January 1989 and if he was aware she had threatened suicide in the past. Adams responded "No" to each question.

From pictures shown to Adams, he said it did look like there was some type of flammable liquid involved in the fire, but added there are a lot of household products that are flammable liquids. However, he said if a flammable liquid product was in a box, he would have expected the whole box to burn up.

In earlier testimony by deposition Wednesday, Kenneth Long testified that he had been married to Margaret Vernon on two separate occasions. He refused to discuss the reason he filed for divorce in 1987, saying the South Carolina court records were sealed.

On a scale of 1-10, Long said that at the best point in his marriages to his ex-wife, he would rate them at 2 1/2 or 3.

Long testified that he arrived in Pampa on April 12, 1989, about noon and that he saw his ex-wife at the hospital. He said she told him at that time that the floor furnace had been "acting up" and they had some problems with it. He said he also recalled his ex-wife telling him that Vernon had helped her escape and had gone back to help Jake.

He said his ex-wife was under the care of a psychiatrist for 12-13 years during their two marriages and that she had taken various medications throughout their marriages. Asked if he had declined to bring suit against the moving company in this case, Long said, "Yes."

Long said they had moved numerous times during their marriage and he was currently living in his 30th dwelling. Asked if Mar-

garet Vernon knew what she was doing in a move, Long said, "Of course."

He said there were also times during their marriages that Mrs. Vernon talked about taking her own life. He said problems started after the birth of Jake, when an emergency C-section was required. He said his ex-wife "basically was killed" and brought back during the operation. He said her heart and lungs stopped, but she retained consciousness.

He said that later she had an "anxiety attack" in which she was hyperventilating and had an extremely fast pulse. And because of problems she was having, they chose not to have any more children.

"He (Jake) came as nearly as tragically as he left," Long said of his son.

During the deposition, Templeton asked Long, "Did anyone tell you Jake's clock was set for 4 a.m.?"

Long said that he had heard that, but could not recall who told him.

Templeton asked Long that if Mrs. Vernon said he and his son had a bad relationship, would he agree.

"I would violently disagree," Long responded.

He said he paid \$1,150 a month in child support to Mrs. Vernon from the time they separated in June 1987 until Jake's death in April 1989. He said he talked frequently to his son on the telephone and had spoken to him the night before he died in the fire.

Templeton asked Long if he was aware Mrs. Vernon had "persuaded" Mr. Vernon to take out a large insurance policy on himself and if he knew she had received \$450,000 already.

Long said he would not be surprised at that amount of life insurance. He said he had about \$1 million of insurance on himself when he and his ex-wife were married.

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Battlefields

With the start of the cease-fire, surviving Iraqi forces were being allowed to make their way home, military officials said.

"If they come up to U.S. positions and do not attack U.S. positions, then our policy now is to allow them to pass with their

weapons," said a U.S. military official in the Saudi capital of Riyadh, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The allies called on Iraq to designate military commanders to meet allied military representatives within 48 hours, at a site to be chosen in the Kuwaiti theater of operations, to arrange for military aspects of the cease-fire.

The allies have demanded the release of all prisoners of war and

third country nationals, all Kuwaiti detainees - estimated by U.S. officials at 40,000 - and the remains of those who died.

In addition, the coalition is demanding the location of all land and sea mines laid by the Iraqis.

The U.S. terms specify that all Iraqi equipment captured by U.S. forces belongs to the United States and will either be taken away or destroyed. Echoing U.S. sentiments about Saddam's armed might, a U.S. officer in Riyadh said of the weaponry: "We're not going to leave it to let it be used again."

The allied bombing campaign wrecked Iraq's infrastructure and crippled its industrial capability. Although the allies used high-tech weaponry to home in on strategic targets with astounding precision, coalition commanders acknowledged that civilians were hit too.

The Iraqis released few figures about casualties, but an Iraqi government official said 20,000 Iraqis had been killed and 60,000 wounded.

County Commission to meet Friday

Gray County Commissioners Court is scheduled to receive engineering proposals for the planned state prison road during a Friday meeting.

The county is obligated to build the road to the prison site and has requested bids on the engineering project.

In other business at the regular bi-monthly meeting, the group is to discuss a plan to sell surplus and salvage county personal property, consider proposals for autopsy ser-

vices and a new morgue at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo and consider a funding request from Child Protective Services.

The Commissioners Court is also scheduled to consider a resolution concerning bank account signatures, discuss law enforcement insurance and consider routine items of payment of salaries and bills and consider transfers.

The meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Gray County Courtroom on the second floor of the courthouse.

City briefs

BRICK REPAIR: Harley Knutson 665-4237. Adv.

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

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CALF FRIES. Moose Lodge. Thursday, February 28. Members and guests. Adv.

DOUGLAS PAINT & Body has moved to a new, larger location, 317 E. Brown. Adv.

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Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, mostly cloudy, breezy and mild with a 20 percent chance of showers, a low in the mid 40s, and southwesterly winds 15-25 mph. Friday, partly cloudy, windy and warmer with a 20 percent chance of showers, a high in the lower 70s and westerly winds 15-25 mph and gusty. Wednesday's high was 64; the overnight low was 42.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Mostly cloudy tonight. Clearing and windy Friday. A slight chance of showers over all sections tonight. Lows tonight in the 40s and 50s. Highs Friday mostly 70s with a few low 80s in the south. Winds will be gusty through the period, especially Friday when 20 to 30 mph speeds will be common from the Panhandle through the Edwards Plateau.

North Texas - Mostly cloudy, windy tonight with widely scattered thunderstorms. Lows mid to upper 50s. Mostly cloudy Friday central and east with widely scattered thunderstorms, partly cloudy west. Windy west and central. Highs mid 70s to around 80.

South Texas - Cloudy and warmer tonight and Friday with scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly east. Lows in the 50s north to 60s south. Highs in

EXTENDED FORECAST

Saturday through Monday

West Texas - Panhandle: Mostly fair with highs in low to mid 60s. Lows in upper to mid 30s. South Plains: Mostly fair with highs in upper 60s. Lows in low 40s Saturday and in mid 30s Sunday and Monday. Permian Basin, Concho-Pecos Valleys: Mostly fair with highs in the 70s. Lows near 50 Saturday cooling into low 40s by Monday. Far West: Mostly fair with highs around 70 and lows in mid to upper 40s. Big Bend: Mostly fair with highs near 70 mountains to low to mid 80s along the Rio Grande. Lows mid 30s mountains to near 50 along the river.

North Texas - A chance of thunderstorms Saturday. Partly cloudy Sunday and Monday. Turning cooler Sunday. West and Central: Lows in low 50s Saturday and in low 40s Sunday and Monday. Highs in mid 70s Saturday and in upper 60s to low 70s Sunday and Monday. East: Lows in upper 50s Saturday cooling to low 40s by Monday. Highs in mid 70s Saturday cooling to mid 60s by Monday.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Fair to partly cloudy. Cooler Sunday and Monday. Lows Saturday near 60. Highs near 80. Lows Sunday and Monday in the 40s; highs in the 70s. Coastal Bend: Fair to partly cloudy and

cooler. Lows Saturday in the 60s;

highs in the 80s. Lows Sunday in the 50s; highs near 80. Lows Monday in the 50s; highs in the 70s. Lower Rio Grande Valley and Plains: Partly cloudy. Cooler Sunday and Monday. Lows Saturday in the 60s; highs near 80 coast, in the 80s to near 90 inland. Lows Sunday and Monday in the 50s; highs in the 70s to near 80. Southeast Texas and Upper Coast: A chance of showers or thunderstorms Saturday. Fair to partly cloudy and cooler Sunday and Monday. Lows Saturday near 60. Highs in the 70s. Lows Sunday near 50. Highs in the 70s. Lows Monday in the 40s; highs near 70.

BORDER STATES

Oklahoma - Mild with scattered thunderstorms tonight, most numerous east. Continued windy and warm Friday with scattered thunderstorms ending west and continuing east. High Friday upper 60s to mid-70s. Lows tonight near 40 Panhandle to mid-to upper 50s east.

New Mexico - Winter storm watch all mountain areas tonight. Tonight a chance for showers statewide. Snow likely across all mountain areas. Friday mostly cloudy and windy with a chance for rain showers and mountain snow showers. Highs Friday 40s and 50s mountains and northwest with mid 50s to near 70 east and south. Lows tonight mostly 20s mountains with upper 20s and 30s elsewhere.

Second suspect arrested in drug case

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Pampa police and agents with the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Task Force on Wednesday executed their second arrest warrant in as many days for a suspect alleged to be trafficking marijuana in the city.

John Allen Thompson, 26, who listed his address as 521 Montague #1, was arrested in the 500 block of North West at 5:35 p.m.

He was transferred to Gray County Jail after being processed through the city's holding facility.

A police press released stated that the arrest came from an undercover operation in the city.

Sources said it was part of the same investigation that led to Tuesday's arrest of Brent William

Thomas, 18, who listed his address as 522 N. West.

Authorities allege Thomas and Thompson were involved in moving marijuana through Pampa on Nov. 14 of last year.

Both men have been charged with third degree felonies in the case.

Texans greet news of cease-fire with joy, plan homecomings for soldiers

By MICHELLE MITTELSTADT
Associated Press Writer

Texans rejoiced, cried and planned homecomings for the troops as President Bush told the nation, on the 42nd day of the Persian Gulf War, that the conflict was coming to an end.

"It's like we can wake up tomorrow, and it won't be this nightmare anymore," said Margie Uvalle of San Antonio, whose husband, Sgt. John Uvalle, serves with the 340th Supply and Service Company in Saudi Arabia.

"I'm just praying that my husband comes home and that there will be peace soon," she said Wednesday.

"I'm in a total state of shock," said Stella Delzeit of El Paso, whose husband, Sgt. James Delzeit, was deployed Oct. 13 to the Gulf from Fort Bliss. "I know this is it. Inside, I know it's over."

In Killeen, a jubilant Vanessa Martin, whose husband was recently reactivated into the Army and was about to be sent overseas said, "Thank you, Jesus."

Bush's speech, which was broadcast live at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in the Astrodome, drew cheers and applause from the crowd with the news that military forces were suspending combat attacks at midnight.

At the Dallas Parkway Hilton, bar patrons were enthusiastically supportive of Bush, but doubtful that Saddam Hussein would live up to his end of the bargain.

"I'm thrilled," said Cissy Monson, 41, of Irving, whose son, stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C. has yet to be called to the Persian Gulf. "I've been sweating it out all along."

"It's not another Vietnam," said Cindy Bathe, 28, of Houston. "The (public) support is phenomenal."

Others greeted news of the cease-fire with a mixture of skepticism.

"I'm just going to keep my fingers crossed, because you don't know what Saddam is going to do," said Cecilia Fulton of San Antonio, whose husband, Sgt. Paul Fulton, is in Saudi Arabia.

Her daughter, Capt. Cheryl Fulton, and son, Spec. David Fulton, also have been in Saudi Arabia since January with the 114th Evacuation Hospital from Fort Sam Houston.

Although Sue Savell of Lubbock was "ecstatic" when she first heard Bush's speech, she later experienced mixed emotions after thinking about families whose loved ones were killed.

"I'm sure they're asking, 'Why couldn't this have ended sooner?'" she said.

Todd, a Fort Hood-based Army specialist who declined to give his last name, was skeptical of the cease-fire plan.

"I honestly don't think we should have a cease-fire because he (Saddam) is too messed up in the head to give up," he said at Sam's Station, a country-western night club in Killeen. "It's going to become like another

Korea. We'll be there for years and nothing's going to happen."

"It's relieving, it really is, yet we want to be cautious, very cautious," said Colleen Carroll, with the 1st Cavalry's military intelligence unit at Fort Hood. The troops, she said, are aware that "even though the president said the war has ended, we know they'll be over there another six months."

For some Arab-Americans, the cease fire announcement was bittersweet and clouded by how the United States will deal with Saddam and Iraq.

"Everybody should welcome peace. To err is human, to forgive is divine. If there is something to forgive, President Bush should forgive and show he is worthy to be the leader of this new world order," said Munir Bayoud, a member of the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee in Dallas.

Bayoud, a native of Lebanon, said the United States will worsen tensions in the Middle East if Bush insists that Saddam be removed from power and Iraq forced to pay war reparations.

"I'm encouraged by the fact that the president is calling on the UN to help form the peace," said Mavis Belisle, spokeswoman for the Dallas Peace Center. "And I hope ... and I think ... we'll put some effort into seeing that the foundation for a just and lasting peace in the region is formed."

But for Mrs. Delzeit in El Paso, news of the cease-fire signaled a celebration. She said relatives contacted

her in the moments following Bush's speech to prepare for a homecoming celebration for both her husband and her brother-in-law, Army Spec. Juan Ybarro, also stationed in the Middle East.

In Killeen, nestled next to Fort Hood, residents greeted news of the cease-fire with jubilation. Fort Hood, the Army's largest military installation, has deployed 24,000 troops to the Gulf.

Cashier Kim Corey, at an H-E-B grocery store in Killeen, said a customer "just came into my line and she was smiling, saying the war is over. The war is over."

"I'm overjoyed," said a staff sergeant with the 2nd Armored Division based at Fort Hood, who declined to give his name. "My future brother-in-law's over there and I was scheduled to go over there, too."

He stopped at a store to buy beer to celebrate. Some Texans turned their attention to the prospect for peace and what will happen next in the turbulent Middle East.

"If we're going to leave peacekeeping troops I hope we're not going to leave a lot of Americans over there," said El Paso waitress Lisa Early, whose husband is a member of the 978th Military Police.

"Peace is always more complicated, especially in the Middle East," said Houstoniah Alex Schlesinger. "I'm hoping that all these great people with the president, around him, will be able to fulfill the same great task with the same result."

Brothers in arms



An Egyptian soldier carries a wounded Iraqi prisoner to a waiting ambulance during this week's fighting in Kuwait. More prisoners are gathered at the left as they await transportation. (AP Laserphoto)

Expert: Free trade could devastate Mexican farmers

By MATT SMITH
Associated Press Writer

CULIACAN, Mexico (AP) — An unlimited free trade agreement with the U.S. and Canada could devastate Mexican farmers since they lack the money and technology to compete with their American counterparts, an expert here says.

Jorge Calderon, a researcher at the National Autonomous University, told a free trade seminar in this capital of the northwestern state of Sinaloa on Wednesday the proposed trilateral free trade agreement could also deepen Mexico's dependence on food imports from the U.S.

"FTA would mean putting 2.7 million Mexican communal farmers and 1 million small farmers — all undercapitalized — in direct competition with the most advanced agricultural system in the world," Calderon said.

"With the FTA the Mexican government will deepen the country's dependence on U.S. food and hasten the ruin of Mexican agriculture," he warned.

Calderon was one of eight speakers at seminar, which ends today. It is sponsored by the Sinaloa Autonomous University and the Department of Agriculture.

U.S. agriculture is more efficient, better financed and enjoys stronger protection than farming in Mexico, another speaker, Demetri Sodi de la Tijera, chairman of the Chamber of Deputies Commerce Commission, also warned.

"There is no comparison with Mexico. Before the talks begin, we need to agree on how far we're going to let these negotiations go," Sodi added.

But Deputy Agriculture Secretary Jorge Kondo said American farmers are not as powerful as some make them out to be.

"One can't deny the U.S. has significant advantages in some areas. But some seem to entertain the idea that sorghum just grows wild there, that wheat and soybeans just sprout up naturally in their fields — this idea of an agricultural utopia people have — it's just not real."

Kondo said Mexico, even now, can compete directly with the U.S. with some products, although the U.S. is way ahead in the production of basic grains, producing from 3 to 10 times as more per acre.

"Hopefully, we'll be able to protect corn, beans, rice and wheat in upcoming negotiations," Kondo said. "Successful agriculture in the presence of FTA can only happen if the government assumes the responsibility of protecting farmers."

Prices supports, farm subsidies and tariffs on basic grains were mentioned among the protections that Mexico would fight to keep in the negotiations, expected to start soon.

But Mexican farmers are nervous because they have not been told which crops — if any — would be protected under the FTA, said Ramon Danzos Palomino, leader of the Center for Independent Farm Workers.

"All we hear about government free trade policy are meaningless generalizations," Danzos said. He added that Mexican farmers are not

necessarily against FTA, so long as it will better their lot.

"If free trade will give us a better price for cotton on the New York Stock Exchange, or if it will make Phillip Morris pay us a fair price for tobacco, we're all for it," he added.

President Bush said that he intends to request a two-year extension in his authority to negotiate non-amendable trade agreements sometime this week, even though U.S. legislators put him on notice they plan to challenge the project with Mexico.

Bush is expected to use the fast-track authority to negotiate the North American free trade agreement with Mexico and Canada and to continue international trade talks under the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The U.S. already has such an agreement with Canada since January 1989, but Canada expressed interest in making the pact a trilateral one, and both countries agreed.

Such a trilateral agreement would set up a block of 360 million people, with an overall annual trade of more than \$6 trillion.

Formosa Plastics assessed \$3.4 million penalty for hazardous waste violations

By EVAN RAMSTAD
AP Business Writer

DALLAS (AP) — A plastics company on the Texas coast has been levied the stiffest fine ever for violating federal hazardous waste law, the government says.

Formosa Plastics Corp. agreed Wednesday to pay a \$3.4 million penalty for improper handling of hazardous waste and contamination, the Environmental Protection Agency said.

The fine is the largest hazardous waste penalty since the EPA was founded in 1970.

The previous record fine — \$2.8 million — was levied in 1987 by a federal judge against Environmental Waste Control Co. of Rochester, Ind.

Formosa, located in Point Comfort near Victoria, said it agreed to the fine to avoid administrative hearings and judicial action. The company said it would neither admit nor deny the EPA charges.

The EPA said Formosa started contaminating soil and groundwater at the plant in December 1988 by mishandling hazardous and solid waste.

The company was also cited for not having a permit to operate a hazardous waste treatment facility and not having a hazardous waste plan, which identifies the substances at a particular workplace.

"If you don't know what you have, you can't do a very good job of handling it," said Roger Meacham, spokesman at the EPA's regional office in Dallas.

"We have been in intensive negotiations with Formosa since last October to arrive at an environmentally beneficial and balanced settlement," said Robert Layton Jr., administrator in the EPA's Dallas regional office.

He said the Texas Water Commission's documentation of chemical contamination formed the base for the EPA's action.

The company said it wanted the matter ended quickly so it may proceed with a \$1.5 billion expansion of the Point Comfort plant, which employs 220.

Formosa volunteered to pay a contractor to prepare an environmen-

tal impact statement for the EPA on the expansion.

The company will hire 4,000 workers for construction of the expanded facility, which will have 1,200 permanent employees.

Formosa has made plastics at the plant in Point Comfort since 1980. During production, the plant generates wastewater that is pumped into six holding ponds. EPA tests of the ponds found they were leaking contaminants into groundwater at the plant.

The worst problem is with crude ethylene dichloride, or EDC, a carcinogen when inhaled, ingested or absorbed through the skin. The EPA said the six ponds now contain six million gallons of water that may be hazardous.

No groundwater was contaminated off the plant site, Layton said.

The company agreed to treat the water now in the ponds and four million gallons of groundwater a year for up to 20 years.

In addition, Formosa will replace hazardous waste storage tanks with new tanks built to federal standards.

The plant is part of Formosa Plastics Group, which is based in New Jersey and is the U.S. operation of a Taiwanese firm.

By BETH MILLER
Staff Writer

The city of Pampa showed an increase this year in its sales tax rebate for this month, which represents sales made in December.

Pampa received a payment of \$167,864.05, up 1.60 percent from the \$165,222.95 payment received last year. For the year to date, Pampa remains above last year's figures of \$267,118.13, having received \$272,111.29 in the past two months of this year, for a 1.87 percent increase.

The city of Lefors shows a 5.33 percent increase this month with its \$730.30 payment, compared to the \$693.34 payment received last February. For the year to date, Lefors is up 9.55 percent, having received \$1,479.16 this year compared to \$1,350.27 received during the same period last year.

The city of McLean shows a 26.62 percent decrease in its payment of \$1,707.05 this month compared to the same month last year when \$2,326.46 was received. For the year to date, McLean is down 16.86 percent, receiving \$3,324.84 this year compared to \$3,999.31.

In Carson County, all cities show decreased sales tax collections for

this month compared to last year at the same time. Groom is down 16.81 percent this month with its \$2,498.15 payment. For the year to date, Groom is down 9.13 percent, receiving a total of \$4,349.23 this year.

The city of Panhandle is down 5.57 percent with this month's \$7,309.29 payment. For the year to date, Panhandle is down 4.66 percent, having received \$11,048.40.

Skellytown is down 8.32 percent with its \$1,869.80 payment this month, and down 17.99 percent for the year to date with payments totaling \$2,556.77.

White Deer is down 5.62 percent with its \$4,619.65 payment this month, but up for the year to date, having received \$6,888.63 this year compared to \$6,781.36, a 1.58 percent increase.

In Hemphill County, the city of Canadian is down 4.69 percent this month with its \$16,320.34 payment, and up 9.84 percent on payments to date, having received \$30,290.36 so far this year.

In Roberts County, the city of Miami received a \$2,198.51 check this month, down 9.2 percent from last year's check received at the same time. For the year to date, Miami is down 10.58 percent with

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Opinion

America should fly private skies

The Feb. 1 crash at Los Angeles Airport, in which at least 33 people died, has brought a close scrutiny of the nation's air traffic control (ATC) system. The best criticism has come from Robert W. Poole, president of the Reason Foundation and by training an aerospace engineer, in articles he wrote for *The Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today*. Poole has now gone beyond that to produce a comprehensive critique of ATC, "Building a Safer and More Effective Air Traffic Control System."

The situation: Airlines were deregulated in 1978, giving passengers the bounty of more flights and lower fares. Air travel (before the Persian Gulf war): up 68 percent.

The problem: The existing government run air-traffic control system was designed for the pre-1978 era of government-controlled airlines and just can't compete with the free-wheeling, private air world of the 1990s. "One result is extensive delays," Poole explains. "According to the Department of Transportation, these delays cost airlines and passengers some \$5 billion a year. Another result is decreased safety." The LAX crash and another "resulted from ATC deficiencies."

As reported just days after the Los Angeles crash, Dick Russell, a former Southern California safety coordinator for the Air Line Pilots Association, explained the air traffic controllers have "done a good job up to this time with what they have to work with, but they haven't been given the tools to do their job." He added, "They're also trying to do it with too few people." And Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Fred Farrar said that the LAX ground radar system, which was broken at the time of the crash, is one of only "12 systems in the country and none of them are modern."

The solution: Privatize the system. "Spinning off ATC to a user-funded corporation would solve these structural problems," advises Poole. This solution has already been instituted in England, Switzerland and New Zealand; all of Europe might soon adopt such a system. A private American air-traffic control system would shelve the government's molasses speed procurement procedures, and install state-of-the-art equipment. It would replace unworkable civil-service personnel policies with private policies, in which enough people would be hired, trained and placed on the job.

Poole concludes that a private ATC would bring "a rapid increase of qualified air traffic controllers, relieving today's critical shortage." And a private system would provide the capital and management need to bring about "the large-scale technological modernization which the FAA has failed to accomplish." Air traffic delays would be reduced and margins of safety improved.

The government ATC crashed and burned at LAX and Detroit Metro. It's time to fly the safe skies of privatization.

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Health-care cries for reform

The nation's health-care system doesn't require more exploratory surgery - Congress should perform the legislative equivalent of a heart transplant now.

On one hand, Americans spend on average more than \$2,000 each on medical care - an estimated \$600 billion in 1989 alone, far exceeding the entire economic output of most nations.

Meanwhile, it's estimated that 50 million Americans lack adequate health insurance, and as many as 37 million others have none at all.

And most of those over 65, the fastest growing segment of the population, are protected against the wrong thing: Under Medicare they get "free" prescription drugs, but if they have an accident or illness requiring nursing home care - which can cost up to \$36,000 per year in most metropolitan areas - they're on their own.

As medical costs continue to soar, even Grocho Marx's horse doctor, Hugo Z. Hackenbush, would realize that even those of us with adequate insurance must choose between bulging out-of-pocket expenses or sharp reductions in coverage.

Meanwhile, insurance companies complain that premiums are being driven up by doctors who order unnecessary tests and procedures. Doctors, in turn, say their hands are tied by the need to guard against malpractice suits.

The White House has provided little leadership;



Edwin Feulner

and, in Congress, the would-be Ben Caseys and Marcus Welbys are quick to turn to the same time-worn prescriptions - a nationalized health-care system, or requiring employers to provide insurance coverage.

What the health-care system really needs is a dose of good, old-fashioned competition.

A sensible solution has been proposed by my colleagues Stuart Butler and Edmund Haislmaier. In effect, each family would be responsible for paying its own routine medical bills and buying its own insurance. To ensure its affordability and fairness, Butler and Haislmaier recommended that (1) employers give their workers a cash benefit equal to the amount now spent on health insurance, and (2) tax credits be used to reimburse families for insurance costs and out-of-pocket medical expenses.

To help families juggle these new expenses,

breadwinners would be allowed to adjust the amount of income tax withheld from their paychecks. To protect against financial disaster from a major illness or injury, everyone would be required to buy a basic, low-cost, catastrophic insurance policy. Those who couldn't afford it would receive government vouchers to pay for insurance and out-of-pocket medical expenses.

This system would compel families to become wise consumers of both medical care and insurance. This, in turn, would provide a powerful incentive for doctors and other health-care providers to be as efficient and effective as possible.

The good news is that this competitive approach to health care appears to be gaining momentum on Capitol Hill. A central element - a refundable tax credit for poor families to buy insurance for their kids - was included in the final child-care legislation passed during the last session of Congress, an important first step toward comprehensive health-care reform. Other key elements of the proposal will be offered in the 102nd Congress.

Robert Evans, a Canadian health economist, recently observed, "You Americans don't mind throwing people out of the lifeboat as long as you don't have to hear them scream."

The cries for health-care reform are becoming too loud to ignore.



The Boogie Man will get ya

There are probably a lot of people like me who want to keep abreast of Things That Will Get You.

My interest in Things That Will Get You started when I was 5.

One evening my mother cooked liver for dinner. It was the first time I had ever been served liver.

I took a bite of liver off my plate and immediately gagged and spit the bite of liver back onto my plate.

"Are you trying to poison me?" I asked my mother.

"Eat that liver right now," my mother said. "It's good for you."

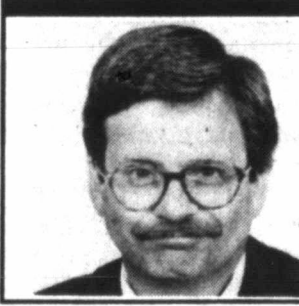
The liver debate continued for several minutes. My mother tried the old "You're going to sit at this table until you eat that liver" ploy on me.

I countered with, "I don't care if I have to sit here until I'm 22, I'm not going to eat this stuff."

At this point my mother went with her other pith.

"If you don't eat that liver," she threatened, "the Boogie Man is going to get you."

The Boogie Man? It was the first time I ever heard of such a person. Was he real? He must be. My mother didn't make things up.



Lewis Grizzard

Santa had been real, hadn't he? He ate the cookies and drank the milk I left for him on Christmas Eve and he brought me a set of Lincoln Logs just like I'd ask him to, hadn't he?

What did this Boogie Man look like? He was probably a large person with scars all over his face and a big nose.

He also probably carried a sack and what he did when he got you was put you in his sack and take you off someplace and made you eat liver three times a day. I took no chances. I ate my liver.

I bring all this up because I heard of a great new Thing That Will Get You. They were talking about

U.S. planes on television, ones that currently are flattening Iraq, and they called one type of aircraft a Warthog.

A Warthog? What on earth is a Warthog? Is it a real thing? Must be. They were talking about it on television. Does a Warthog snort fire and blood, have warts all over it, and gets you by rubbing all over you so you'll have head to toe warts, too?

A Warthog. What an awful, scary name. "Warthog from Hell." "Warthog's Revenge." The Warthog That Got Little Lewis.

Warthog joins my long list of Things That Will Get You. If I ever have a child who refuses to eat liver, I will say, "Eat that liver, or the Warthog is going to get you."

Warthog joins the Boogie Man, of course, along with the Monster Under the Bed, The Skeleton in the Closet, The Face in the Bedroom Window, The Copperhead Water Rattlers, the meanest kind of snake in the world, Wombats and Wooleyboogers.

Saddam Hussein is a Boogie Man gone berserk, a Warthog, a Wombat, a Wooleybooger, and he invented liver.

And some wonder why we're at war.

Split government is U.S. blunder

By WILLIAM A. RUSHER

As we all know, the United States is a democracy. (I know, I know - there are those who argue that it isn't a democracy, it's a republic; but spare me such pointless chop-logic, which leads nowhere and proves nothing.) So we defer, at least in many cases, to the wishes of the majority.

Being aware of this principle, thoughtless people sometimes make the mistake of assuming that the majority is always right. But that, of course, is nonsense.

Although it is nowhere so stated, our political system seems to be based on the proposition that, while the majority isn't always right, it has a better right than anyone else to call the shots anyway. Since everybody makes mistakes, at least let ours be the mistakes of the majority.

That is about the only consolation I can dig up for a blunder that the American people have been making for most of the last 50 years: electing a Congress of one party and a presi-

dent of the other.

That was the state of affairs from 1946 to 1948, when the Congress was Republican and the president was a Democrat. And it was the case again (with the parties' roles reversed) from 1952 to 1960, from 1968 to 1976, and from 1980 right down to date (with the exception that from 1980 to 1986 the Democrats controlled only the House, not the Senate, under a Republican president). That adds up to 29 years of divided government.

It isn't altogether fair to conclude that the American people have deliberately made this state of affairs the chronic condition of the federal government. Shrewd gerrymandering by Democrats-controlled legislatures, back in the party's heyday, has made it all but impossible for the Republicans to win control of the House, even when the political tide is going their way.

But there is recent and dismaying evidence that most people think that dividing the executive and legislative branches of the federal government

between the Republicans and the Democrats is actually a pretty clever idea.

According to a national survey conducted last October by Hart-Teeter Research (a bipartisan polling organization) for NBC News and the *Wall Street Journal*, only 23 percent of those questioned believe "it is better for the same political party to control both the Congress and the presidency," while 67 percent think it is "better for different parties to control Congress and the presidency." (The remaining 10 percent weren't sure.)

Even allowing for the tendency of many people to think that the status quo - even, in this case, divided government - is always best, those are appalling figures.

Apparently a great many people have, stored away in the backs of their minds, a fuzzy recollection, acquired in some high-school civics course, that this country is constitutionally based on something called "the separation of powers." If so, then giving Congress and the presidency

to rival political parties is a pretty nifty contribution to that high principle, isn't it?

No, it isn't. Traditionally in this country, the president and majorities in both Houses of Congress have belonged to the same party. That encourages them to work together for a common set of policies, and if these turn out badly the voters can always replace them with the politicians of the other party.

Instead, for nearly half a century we have repeatedly hurled the two parties at each other like ancient gladiators, differently but equally armed: the Republicans with the presidential sword and shield, the Democrats with Congress' net and trident.

Then we sit around any bellyache to each other because they can't (or won't) agree on a budget, or much of anything else.

My friends, we are asking for chaos - and, since this is (remember?) a democracy, we will probably get it.

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Bush emerges as the winner

By TERENCE HUNT
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seven months after drawing a line in the sand and assembling an unprecedented international coalition, George Bush has achieved the results he promised: Saddam Hussein stands disgraced, his once-feared army broken.

Bush said the war against Iraq would not be another Vietnam. Indeed not. It was declared over — and won — in just 43 days.

Bush took an immense political gamble when he decided to send American troops into a faraway desert to challenge one of the world's most dangerous, heavily armed dictators.

Many in Congress doubted Bush's strategy, urging patience and caution. He replied that the crisis couldn't wait.

He vowed Iraq's aggression would not stand. It did not.

He promised to free Kuwait. He did.

And, Saddam's threat to wage the mother of all battles? It crumbled into a myth.

"Kuwait is liberated, Iraq's army is defeated," Bush announced to the nation after 100 hours of relentless ground attacks against Iraqi forces.

Immediately, Bush began picking up political bouquets, even from those who had opposed him. House Speaker Thomas S. Foley, D-Wash., who had urged Bush to allow more time for sanctions and diplomacy, said Bush "conducted this operation brilliantly."

Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, D-Maine, another doubter, said the victory was a credit to Bush and his military leaders. Longtime doves in Congress have been turned into hawks, urging Bush to keep up the pressure until he unseats Saddam.

The victory was a testimonial to Bush's skillful leadership in stitching together an improbable alliance whose membership even included the radical state of Syria. The Soviet Union refused to commit any troops, but was cajoled into consenting to every U.N. resolution proposed by Bush.

In the end, the battlefield conquest was easier than anyone imagined.

By all accounts, Saddam's awful arsenal of chemical and biological weapons was not unpacked. His air force was afraid to fly. His ground troops surrendered so fast they couldn't be counted. Iraq barely put up a fight. American casualties were said to be amazingly low.

Even before the victory was declared, Bush was soaring in the polls with an approval rating near an astronomical 90 percent. Hard to believe, but ratings probably will go higher.

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Beaten on the battlefield, Saddam remains unpredictable. Bush wants him removed from power, but that may be tough to achieve. There have been abortive coups and at least seven assassination attempts against Saddam since he took power in 1979.

He made himself a hero to many in the Arab world by building a match for Israel's military strength and then firing missile after missile at the Jewish state. There is no obvious leader to replace him.

It's uncertain whether Saddam will surrender the POWs or meet the terms for a permanent cease-fire. Bush has demanded war reparations and threatened war-crimes trials.

"We still have some difficult days ahead," White House press secretary Marlin Fitzwater acknowledged.

The end of the war also puts pressure on Bush to address the long-simmering Arab-Israeli dispute.

There are debts to be paid on both sides. Many Arab nations stood solidly with Bush against Saddam. And Israel honored Bush's plea that it stay out of the war.

Bush announced he is sending Secretary of State James A. Baker III to the Middle East next week, promising "we can assist and support the countries of the region and be a catalyst for peace."

For now, though, after months of uncertainty, Bush stands in triumph. The skeptics have been silenced. America's leadership has been reborn.

And Bush proclaims, "This war is now behind us."

EDITOR'S NOTE — Terence Hunt has covered the presidency since 1981 and is the chief White House correspondent for The Associated Press.

Flags and ribbons still flying; Chamber plans busy year



About town

By Larry D. Hollis
Managing Editor

Weeks ago there was a Support Our Troops rally held in Central Park, mainly through the efforts of the Pampa Jaycees, Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce and Mayor Richard Peet.

Those who attended may have noticed the Chamber's Gold Coat members passing out long yellow ribbons among the crowd for those wanting to show their support for the American military troops serving in Operation Desert Storm.

The ribbons were prepared by Clements Flower Shop, on short notice, and given to the Chamber free of charge for distribution at the rally. A tip of the hat for the job!

There's been no doubt that the Persian Gulf War has been quite a hot topic of conversation for people in the area since they learned the evening of Jan. 16 that the allied forces had begun bombing Iraq.

Whether residents gathered in their offices or met at coffee breaks or just anyplace where several people collected, the war became part of the talk.

At least one local business, however, brought in a television set attuned to CNN's continuous broadcasts for its customers to watch. Those gathered at Peggy's Place, 301 W. Kingsmill, could catch up on the latest information on the progress of the war while eating or drinking coffee at the restaurant. There are also small American flags

located atop the napkin holders as the restaurant shows its support for our forces engaged in battle.

In a departure from the flags and ribbons being displayed about town, check out the planter in front of Giles Cabinet Shop and Antiques, 113 W. Kingsmill.

Atop the planter is a string of flashing white lights. But showing some of the patriotic attitude is the round planter itself, decorated with a string of red, white and blue lights. It offers a welcome spot of color for the downtown area at night.

Speaking of the Chamber — the organization has some busy weeks ahead of it for several of its committees.

Friday, from 3:30 to 5 p.m., the Chamber will be sponsoring a "come and go" reception to honor two officials from the Hoechst Celanese Chemical Group's Pampa Plant, saying goodbye to one and hello to another.

Brent Stephens will be leaving as plant manager for another post at the company's Bishop, Texas, plant. So the Chamber will be honoring him for his many years of service to the organization, through the past few years as plant manager here and through his earlier years at the plant in the 1970s and early '80s. Brent has served on several committees in the past in addition to being elected to the board of directors. He also

has worked for Pampa through the Industrial Foundation and served various other groups in the city. Joining him for the reception will be his wife, Laura, and their two sons, Cory and Russell.

Replacing Brent in the Celanese plant manager post, as well as taking over the Chamber board spot, will be Jerry D. Moore, coming to Pampa from Celanese's operations in Menlo Park, New Jersey.

This is not Moore's first time to become a Pampa resident. He told me that he lived here for about six months when he was seven years old. His father, a consulting engineer, moved the family here for a job he had in the Pampa area. Then later, after his college years, Moore returned to Pampa to begin his service with Celanese at the plant here.

As Chamber President Mike Keagy puts it, "Although we're losing someone really special [Brent], we're also gaining someone who will feel right at home in Pampa."

In other activities, the Chamber is gearing up for its annual membership drive, due to get under way in April. Keagy, who has taken the reins of the Chamber as its first woman president, is encouraging current members to renew their memberships, urging previous members to sign up again and inviting other businesses and residents to join the Chamber in the exciting plans ahead for the coming year.

The Tourism Committee is busy getting billboard signs together to place on Interstate 40 and Highways 60 and 70, directing travelers to stop by and get to know Pampa and its attractions. The Retail Committee has undertaken a project to prepare a community calendar of events that can be used by merchants in advertising campaigns and promotions to draw people to the city.

Cranston to fight censure over Keating affair

By LARRY MARGASAK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Ethics Committee says Sen. Alan Cranston may have committed major ethics violations, but no action is needed against the four other members of the Keating Five.

Cranston, D-Calif., is fighting the allegations, while his colleagues are trumpeting the conclusion of their cases.

The six-member committee's unanimous report Wednesday set the stage for possible censure of Cranston by the full Senate.

The panel said it found "substantial credible evidence" that "Senator Cranston engaged in an impermissible pattern of conduct in which fund-raising and official

activities were substantially linked."

The committee, even while ending the four other cases, said Sens. Donald W. Riegle Jr., D-Mich., and Dennis DeConcini, D-Ariz., "gave the appearance of being improper" in their actions on behalf of former savings and loan owner Charles H. Keating Jr.

Sens. John Glenn, D-Ohio, and John McCain, R-Ariz., "exercised poor judgment," the committee concluded. But it said the two "violated no law ... or specific rule" of the Senate.

The panel did not repeat such a statement for Riegle and DeConcini, concluding instead that "no further action is warranted."

Keating and his associates donated \$1.3 million to the campaigns and political causes of the five senators, most of it while the Federal Home Loan Bank Board was conducting its examination of Keating's now-failed Lincoln Savings and Loan of Irvine, Calif.

Lincoln was seized by federal regulators in April 1989 at a potential cost to taxpayers of more than \$2 billion to cover insured deposits.

The 14-month investigation was triggered by a complaint from the public interest group Common Cause. Its president, Fred Wertheimer, called the decision "a damning indictment of the committee" because "all five senators in



Sen. Alan Cranston

case. He did not testify because he was being treated for prostate cancer in California.

Asked if Cranston would continue to fight the allegations, his lawyer, William Taylor III, said: "You can be sure of that."

The committee said Cranston "may have engaged in improper conduct that may reflect upon the Senate" — a catchall charge covering general ethical misconduct. After Cranston responds, the committee can recommend action by the full Senate to censure the chamber's former assistant majority leader.

Cranston said, "It's clear that I have been unfairly singled out, despite the evidence in all five cases."

McCain repeated statements that his intervention with regulators on Keating's behalf was "a mistake." But he said, "Clearly, 'no improper conduct' is what is important here, and I view that as full exoneration."

Riegle pronounced himself "gratified to be cleared of any wrongdoing." He added, "I accept the committee's view that an appearance of a conflict of interest was created by the proximity of legal campaign contributions to otherwise proper conduct."

Glenn said, "I have been vindicated, just as I said I would be from the very outset of this investigation."

Regulators say New Jersey among top areas for bank fraud

ATLANTA (AP) — New Jersey's top federal prosecutor says his state doesn't have the "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" image that one might associate with white collar crime, but a bank fraud conference here was told that looks are deceiving.

Officials said New Jersey's problems are not of the magnitude of those in Texas, where prosecution of widespread bank fraud has made that state a symbol to some of the national problem.

U.S. Attorney Marvin Collins of Dallas said at the conference that there have been 495 convictions for federal bank fraud-related offenses in Texas since 1985.

But the New Jersey problem was termed as significant nonetheless.

Regulators from three federal agencies, gathered in Atlanta for a two-day meeting, heard Wednesday that New Jersey has emerged as one of the nation's centers for bank and thrift fraud.

"Unfortunately, there's a lot of new business in the New Jersey area," said Timothy Ryan, director of the federal Office of Thrift Supervision.

"Newark is not Los Angeles or Dallas in a lot of ways," said U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey Michael Chertoff. "Newark has a very different image. I'm sure there are people in this room who wonder what you can spend a million dollars on in Newark. There are a lot of things you can spend \$1 million on."

"We probably have one of the most serious thrift problems and one of the most serious bank problems," Chertoff said.

"We're now near the top of the heap in problems," Chertoff said. "We don't want to boast about fraud, but we are going to see more problems emerging."

Ryan, whose OTS regulates the nation's savings and loan associations and federal savings banks, said New Jersey has had an increase in

bank and thrift failures recently.

"When there's an increase, people are under pressure to make decisions that are inappropriate," Ryan said after a presentation to the conference.

"It's certainly a growth area from the standpoint of problems with bank and thrift failures, and there's a correlation between failures and criminal activity," he said.

Chertoff said his office has prosecuted two major bank fraud cases in the past year.

In one case, involving United Savings Bank in Paterson, N.J., the president of the bank pleaded guilty to embezzlement and other charges. The official attempted to justify his action, Chertoff said, by saying he had worked hard and deserved something extra.

The other major case, involving the state's largest S&L, City Federal Savings, included evidence of \$2.5 million in bribes to secure certain loans, Chertoff said.

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Americans rejoicing at end to hostilities in the Gulf

By ARLENE LEVINSON
Associated Press Writer

After 42 days and 42 nights of the Gulf War, Americans laughed and cried on hearing it was over. Or seemed to be. As emotions tumbled across the country in a giant wave of relief, some held on to a touch of doubt, just in case.

"All of us have waited for this moment," said Barbara Gaines, of Anderson, S.C., mother of Air Force Sgt. Robert L. Gaines Jr. "I'm jumping up and down inside."

The moment was delivered by President Bush. U.S. and coalition forces would suspend fighting at midnight, Eastern time, he told the world by television Wednesday night.

"This is a victory for the United Nations," Bush told Americans. "For all mankind, for the rule of law and for what is right."

It came 100 hours after the ground offensive began, six weeks after the war started and it a brief eternity since Aug. 2, 1990, when Iraq invaded its neighbor Kuwait setting war in motion.

The peace came with many ifs, chief among them Iraq's cooperation. Hours later, though, past the peacehour, the cease-fire seemed to be taking hold.

"I can't stop crying," Matilda Cummings of Savannah, Ga., whose husband is with the 165th Supply Company of the Georgia Army National Guard. "I got down on my knees and I thanked Jesus. There is a God. I know it now."

Cautious voices were heard around the country, especially from military spouses. One was Greta Gordon of Hinesville, Ga. Her husband, Sgt. Charles Gordon, is in the Persian Gulf with the Army's 24th Infantry (Mechanized) Division.

"I'm one who won't take it seriously until I actually see it happen," Mrs. Gordon said. "I want to

see these soldiers come home. When I see my husband, I'll believe it. It's been a long time. We've had our hopes up too many times."

For other people, though, the war brought certainties large and small.

It gave George Bush a new fan in 68-year-old Olga Carney, night manager at Canter's delicatessen in Los Angeles.

"I used to think he was a wimp, but I have the greatest admiration for him now," Ms. Carney said.

"I'm pregnant and I'm thinking of naming the baby 'Stormin' Norman,'" in honor of Gulf War commander Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, said Capt. Kay Richardson, family assistance officer for the Nebraska National Guard in Omaha.

"I couldn't be prouder right now of being an American citizen," said Chicago artist Bill Stebbins. He and his wife, Mikki Appleton, stopped their pool game in a downtown Chicago bar to whistle and applaud Bush's speech.

Thundering applause filled Madison Square Garden in New York City when peace was announced during the hockey game between the Washington Capitals and New York Rangers. Fans stood for an ovation and chanted "USA, USA."

More reflective were the thoughts of people like the Rev. George Clements, pastor of Chicago's Holy Angels Church. "I'm pleasantly surprised it was over this quickly. Our prayers have been answered," said the Roman Catholic cleric. "I hope and pray now that when the African-American troops come back, they'll be able to come back to more opportunities for education and employment than when they left."

Clements said. "We are depressed. We are



(AP Laserphoto)

Linda Chaney, left, of Lockland, Ohio, and Linda Bodkins of Fort Hood, hold photos of their husbands who are serving in the Persian Gulf as they celebrate the beginning of the cease fire just after midnight Wednesday on the Fountain Square in downtown Cincinnati.

angry. We are sad," said Howard Emmer, a spokesman for Pledge of Resistance, a Chicago anti-war group. "We think tens of thousand civilians in Iraq just died and (it was) not for peace."

"The country is so rah-rah about winning this war," Emmer said, "but what about the homeless?"

For some Arab-Americans, the war's end is bittersweet.

"Everybody should welcome

peace. To err is human, to forgive is divine," said Munir Bayoud, a member of the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee in Dallas.

"If there is something to forgive, President Bush should forgive and show he is worthy to be the leader of this new world order," said Bayoud, a native of Lebanon and retired professor of mathematics at Southern Methodist University.

Lawmakers plan to challenge free trade agreement

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers say they intend to challenge the Bush administration's plans to negotiate a free trade agreement with Mexico, while a business-sponsored study concludes the pact is a "win-win" proposition.

The study, sponsored by U.S.

corporations with an interest in Mexico, concluded that a free trade agreement would stimulate economic growth across a broad range of domestic industries and, contrary to fears of a decline in demand for U.S. labor, actually benefit work-

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And Rabbi Jehiel Orenstein of the Beth El congregation in South Orange, N.J., saw divinity and echoes of ancient history in the cease-fire.

"I do believe prayer had a lot to do with ending the war: tonight

(Wednesday) is a night of Purim, celebrating the overthrow of the evil dictator Haman in the year 444 B.C. in Persia, after he wanted to destroy all the Jews. He engineered a day of destruction and he was foiled on this day."

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Man's suicide leaves family struggling to pick up pieces

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I started attending Survivors of Suicide meetings, which have helped a great deal. I know the painful feelings that a survivor of suicide experiences, and I wrote the "1-2-3's of Survival" to help those who are faced with such a trauma.

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2. Believe in a higher power.
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4. Do not repress your feelings.
5. Express your feelings to someone you trust.

6. Forgive your loved one.
 7. Allow yourself time to grieve.
 8. Help your family members through their grief.
 9. Live in the present, and put the past behind you.
 10. Keep those special memories of your loved one close to your heart.
 11. Make time for yourself.
 12. Pick up the pieces of your life and slowly put them back together.
 13. Quit blaming yourself.
 14. Take good care of your health; focus on survival and hope for the future.
 15. Dwell on the positive, and your zest for life will return.
- For those families who wish to find a nearby chapter of Survivors of Suicide, send a stamped (29 cents), self-addressed, business-sized envelope to: Survivors of Suicide, 3251 N. 78th St., Milwaukee, Wis. 53222, Attention: Sharry Schaeffer.

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Foreign students, visitors to speak Friday to Kiwanians

Sachiko Yamada of Japan, Rune Slettbackk of Norway, both American Field Service exchange students to Pampa High School, and Ildiko Simon of Romania, a Pampa visitor, will bring news of their countries to Pampa Kiwanis Club members Friday noon at the First United Methodist Church.

The Pampa chapter of AFS was begun by the Pampa Kiwanis Club in 1950, and the club has contributed annually to the chapter. Since the beginning, Pampa families have hosted about 40 students who have attended Pampa High School, and over a dozen Pampa students have studied abroad.

AFS, the oldest exchange student program, is an international community of students, host families, alumni, and volunteers from more than 40 countries. It was organized in 1947 by ambulance drivers who served in both World War I and World War II and who felt a greater need to strengthen a bond among nations. It began with 52 students, and now nearly 3,000 come to the U.S. annually and many U.S. students and teachers go abroad.

One host family has been obtained for a student for Pampa High School for the school year 1991 to 1992, but the chapter will

consider placing a second student, said Dan Snider, chapter president. Families interested should contact Snider or Darlene Birkes, placement officer.

Self evaluation and home interviews are required of both the host family and visiting student and orientation is conducted. Students are required to be in good health, but AFS carries medical insurance for illnesses or injuries. The primary expenses are food and family activities. The local chapter gives a monthly allowance, and \$50 per month is deductible for income tax purposes.

The program is open to teachers, also, who want to go abroad or for families who wish to host a foreign teacher for a school year.

U.S. students wishing to study abroad must apply by April 1 for the next school year. They can apply for one or two semesters or for a summer program. Students must be at least 15 and not yet 19 and must have at least a B minus average or a 2.6 GPA.

"Hosting is essentially beneficial in opening the eyes of youth to the world beyond their own," said Snider. "It gives us the opportunity to promote world peace and understanding on a one to one basis."

Newsmakers

Navy seaman recruit Michael S. Augustine, son of Ronald and Jeanine Augustine of Pampa, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, San Diego.

During the eight week training cycle, he studied general military subjects, seamanship, close order drill, naval history, and first aid. Personnel who complete this course are eligible for three hours of college credit in physical education and hygiene.

Augustine is a 1989 graduate of Pampa High School and joined the Navy in October 1990.

Kathy Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Smith of Pampa, is one of the three singers chosen as back up singers for the Oklahoma Christian University of Science and Arts "Spring Sing 91".

The back up singers will assist the host ensemble in presenting the theme "Stepping Out" as well as helping between club shows and with the finale.

Sponsored by the student senate, Spring Sing will involve 12 social service clubs competing for performance trophies with some 700 students participating in their club's

interpretation of the theme on stage and behind the scenes.

Oklahoma Christian is a private liberal arts university beginning its 41st year of operation.

Ryan Teague and Mark Wood of Pampa have been inducted into the Psi Zeta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) at Western Texas College.

PTK is the only nationally recognized honor society for students in junior and community colleges. To be eligible for membership, students must have completed at least 12 college credit hours with a grade point average of 3.2 or higher. Membership is by invitation.

Teague is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Keith Teague. Wood's parents are Ronnie and Suzanne Wood. Both are freshman members of the WTC Westerner golf squad.

David Lee Whitson of Pampa has been named to the 1990 fall semester distinction list for academic excellence at Southwestern University, Georgetown. To be selected, full-time students must be carrying a course load of 12 hours, have a 3.6 grade point average and be in good standing with the university.

St. Patrick's Day pictorial cancellation available in March

SHAMROCK-Postmaster Pam Thompson announced that Shamrock will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day on March 17, with a special pictorial cancellation. This special cancellation depicts a leprechaun and will be used to cancel postage stamps throughout the celebration festivities. Customers can obtain this special cancellation by going by the mobile post office at 210 Madden Street or they may write to: Pictorial Shamrock Cancellation, Postmaster, Shamrock, TX 79079-9998. All cancellations should include prestamped, pre-addressed envelopes or money orders sufficient to handle requested envelopes or postage. All requests by mail must be received by May 1.

TIPS topic "Teen Sexuality"

Teen Issues for Parents Series, TIPS, is presenting a program on "Teen Sexuality" on Thursday, March 7 at 7 p.m., at the Gray County Annex, East Highway 60 across from John Deere. This is a session for parents of teenagers focusing on teen sexuality as it relates to health and society, communicating about sexuality, and resources available to parents.

Featured speakers are Katie McDonald, home economics parenting teacher of Pampa High School; Carolyn Hall, R.N., Texas Department of Health; Miriam Lynch, Pampa Learning Center; and Donna Brauchi, Gray County extension agent. This program is free of charge.

Chicago recycles plastic

CHICAGO (AP) — Last year the Chicago Park District logged its millionth pound of plastics collected and recycled in its Plastic on Parks ongoing program, reports American Metal Market.

This makes the district the single largest recycler of plastics in Illinois, notes the daily newspaper, which tracks the worldwide metals and materials markets.

Patrons of more than 500 parks, playgrounds and fieldhouses have brought plastic containers, milk jugs, water bottles and bleach and detergent bottles to collection points where unacceptable containers are removed and the remainder crushed into 750-pound bales.

These are shipped to a plastic recycling center where they are converted into several sizes of plastic "lumber." This is returned to the district, which then makes park benches, walkways, retaining walls and floating docks.

The unusual feature of the Chicago program is that the actual materials collected and processed are sent back to their place of origin. This acts as an incentive for

people to bring in their material because they see the recycled material put to good use in the parks they frequent.

While "plastic lumber" costs somewhat more than pressurized lumber for the same application, the plastic type is virtually indestructible, is harder than wood, is impervious to casual wear, resists spray-painted graffiti and lasts almost indefinitely.

Babies' interactions as social development

NEW YORK (AP) — Babies as young as six weeks can develop special relationships with other infants and toddlers. They can even invent games that build social relationships, researchers at Columbia University's Teachers College say.

Dr. Annette Axtmann, director of the College's Center for Infants and Parents, says infants are innately social. She says they have subtle ways of showing interest and affection not only toward one another but toward older children and adults.

Researchers at the center have watched babies turn spontaneous interactions into simple games of social exchange. For example, a 3-month-old shakes her foot and looks toward another 3-month-old. The second shakes his foot and returns the look. The actions are repeated. In one instance, Axtmann says, it continued for seven minutes.

Self-invented games are the best curriculum for social learning for they are exactly tuned to what infants understand. "At the Center for Infants and Parents," Dr. Axtmann said, "we observe, protect and facilitate the babies' natural interest in one another."

Axtmann and her students also found that toddlers develop games

they play only with special friends. For example, one 27-month-old came back to visit after an absence of four months. Just before he arrived, a teacher put down a mat in the center of the room.

The mat was part of a game the toddler had created months before with another toddler, now 25 months old. They would run around the mat and one would flop down. The other would catch up and flop down, too. Then they would hug and jump up to start over.

A few minutes after the visitor arrived, he and his old friend were playing the same game at the mat, running, flopping down, hugging and then jumping up to run again.

Videotaped observations at the center show that infants who engage in joyful encounters with peers experience equally tuneful interactions with their parents, researchers found. Infants who do not initiate and maintain effective interaction with peers are engaged in awkward, often inconclusive actions with their parents.

"Clearly," Axtmann says, "learning how to interact with peers is grounded in the baby's first, most important relationship — the baby's interaction with the parent."

Area musicians to play in Classic Honor Band in June

Radio station 101, Woodward Okla. announces plans for its Third Annual 101 Classic Bowl. This involves all star players, cheerleaders, band members, coaches and fans from Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. The event will be held June 1 at Woodward's Boomer Stadium.

The Classic Bowl is being expanded to include Classic Honor Band participation. Those selected to attend will spend four days in Woodward attending clinics and activities. The director of bands at the University of Oklahoma, Gene Thraillkill will direct the four day band clinic and the 101 Classic Bowl Band.

Several area students will be attending the festivities. From Miami are Lori Goodman, flute; Ashlee Flowers, trumpet; Dee Ann Locke, baritone; Tandy Thompson, percussion and Carla Goodman, percussion.

Partners in Parenting to sponsor volunteer workshop

Partners in Parenting is sponsoring an information program and basic training for individuals interested in working one-on-one with parents to help them develop and/or improve their parenting skills. The program is planned for the Lovett Library meeting room at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 11. The program will include information on the purpose of Partners in Parenting, responsibilities of the volunteer, matching volunteers to parents, and a resource update.

"TCU Today" on March 7

High school students from the Amarillo area and their parents are invited to a reception and information program to be given Thursday, March 7, by Texas Christian University. TCU is a private liberal arts and sciences university in Fort Worth.

The "TCU Today" event will begin at 3 p.m. at the Harvey Hotel located at 3100 I-40 West in Amarillo. This event is an effort to "take the campus setting" to the prospective students and is designed to assist high school students in choosing the college or university that best meets their needs and expectations as well as the family budget.

Reservations for the reception are accepted from high school students and their parents. The informational program is designed to answer questions about various aspects of collegiate life. An audio-visual presentation will describe TCU's campus, faculty, and student body.

Topics will include TCU's role in higher education, academic areas offered and available financial aid and admissions procedures.

Reservations, due March 7, and additional information about the event are available by calling either (806) 359-9120 or the university at 1-800-TCU-3764.

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- 15 Idle
- 16 Dakota
- 17 Indian
- 19 Film director
- 19 Jacques —
- 19 Imitate
- 20 —'s
- 21 Witnesses
- 22 Shudder of fear
- 25 Fort —, N.J.
- 26 Ribbed fabric
- 29 Goods for sale
- 31 Flowers
- 33 Chinese snack
- 35 Peddles (2 wds.)
- 36 By birth
- 37 Hurry

- 38 Romantic exploit
- 39 Treble
- 42 Author Zane
- 45 Two words of under-standing
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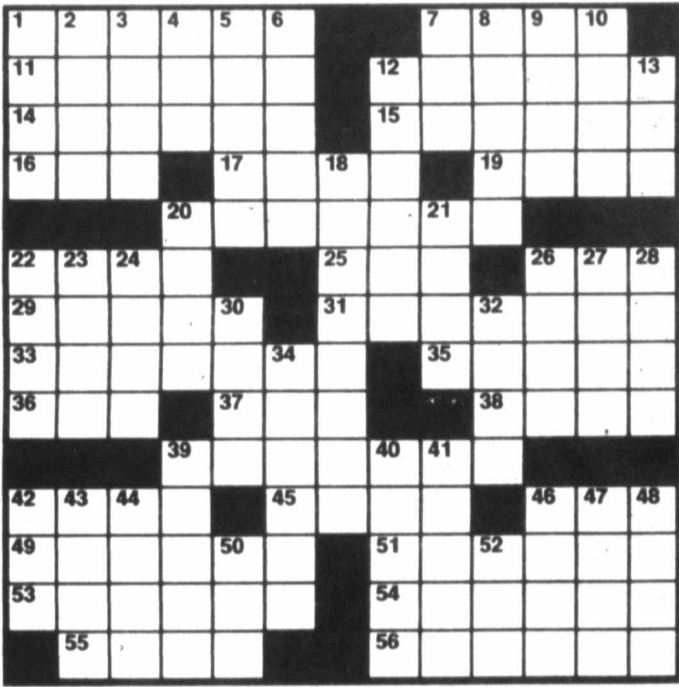
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- 22 Dancer Verdon
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- 39 Where Damascus is
- 40 Fable writer
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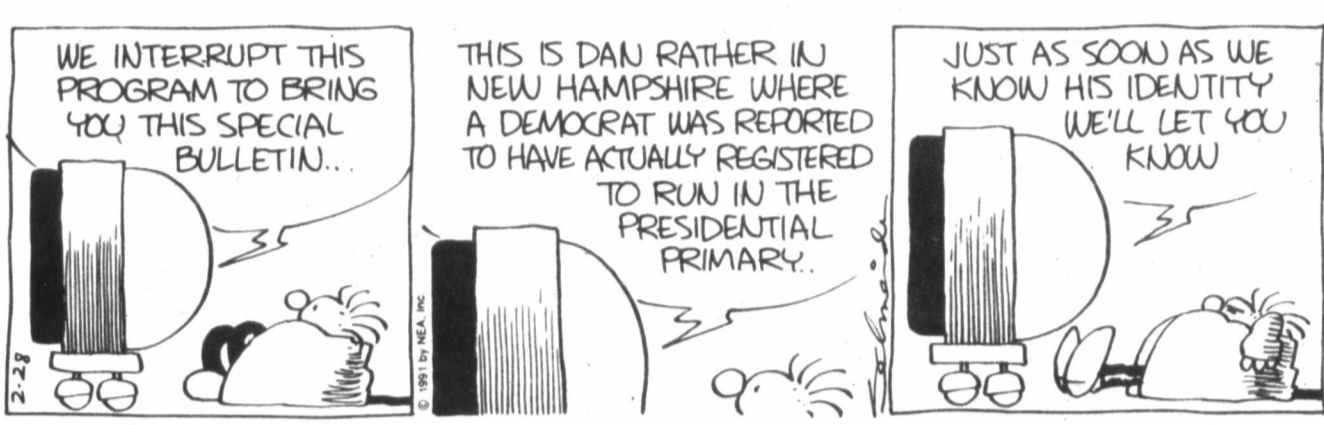
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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) You might learn of the loyalty of a friend whose affection you thought had been wavering a bit of late. It should help restore your faith in human nature. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences which govern you in the year ahead. Send for your Astro-Graph predictions today by mailing \$1.25 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Conditions are a trifle unusual today in that you might profit in some manner from the labors of others. You'll do your bit, but they're likely to do more.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You tend to emulate the attitudes of people with whom you'll be involved today. Try to associate with people who are positive and have high expectations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You'll be able to step in and help where needed today, and this will make you an enormous asset to others. Making them look good reflects favorably on you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your influence over your social circle is much stronger than you may realize at this time. Even if you aren't aware of your impact, your peers will be.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Be on the lookout for an opportunity today that could enable you to reap rewards from something you commercially do for another.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) In order to advance a collective interest today, you might have to be a trifle more assertive than usual, especially if the people involved with you are afraid to speak up when they should.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) You have two effective attributes today that could be used to your advantage. They are your abilities to use reasoning and intuitive faculties to serve a singular purpose.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Involvements you have today with groups or organizations should work out beneficially. This is because you'll instinctively know how to do what's best for the largest number.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Keep your objectives to yourself today, at least until you're absolutely certain you've got everything under control. Premature announcements could invite unwelcome interference.

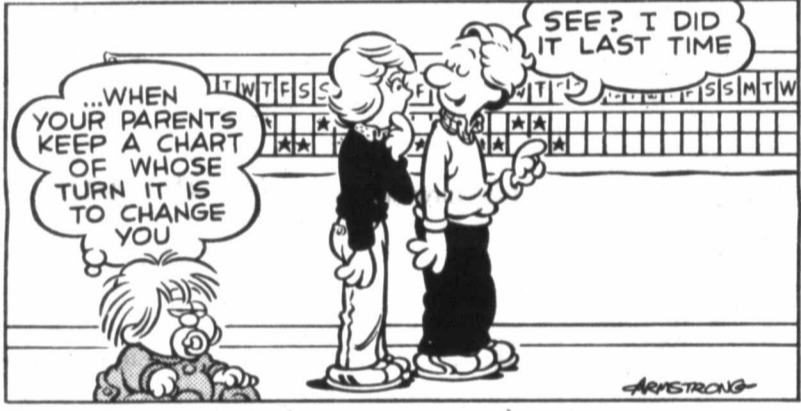
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Keep an open mind today if you get into a conversation with someone whose personality you dislike, but whose mind you respect. Something of value can be learned.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Sometimes, you can rely upon your ingenuity to get you over the rough spots. But, if you hope to succeed today, tenacity and resolve will be the tools necessary to do the job.

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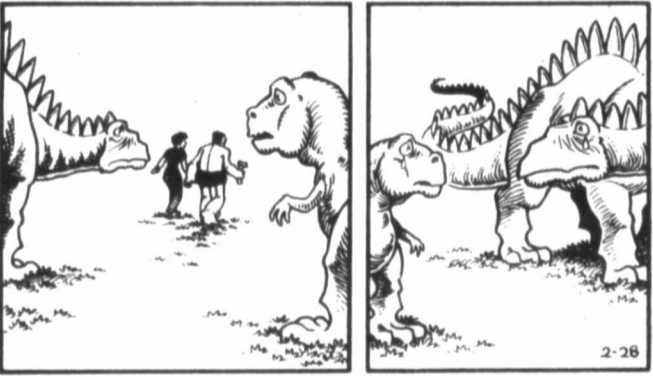
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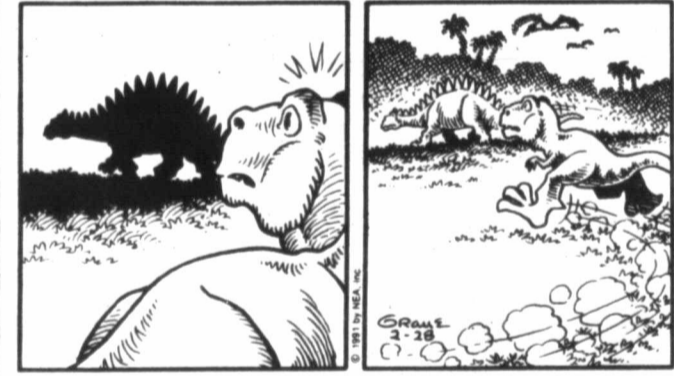
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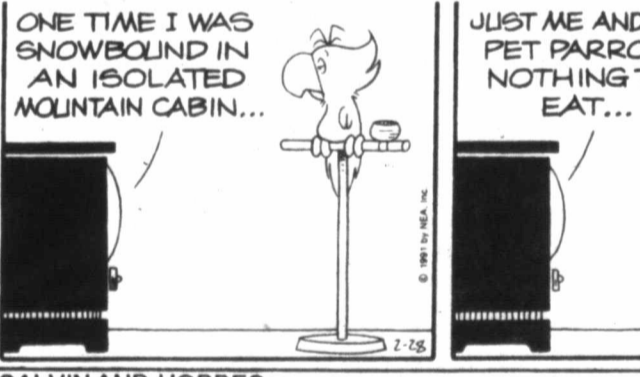


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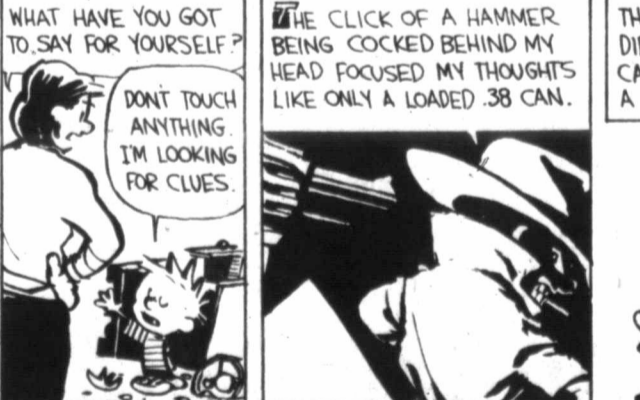
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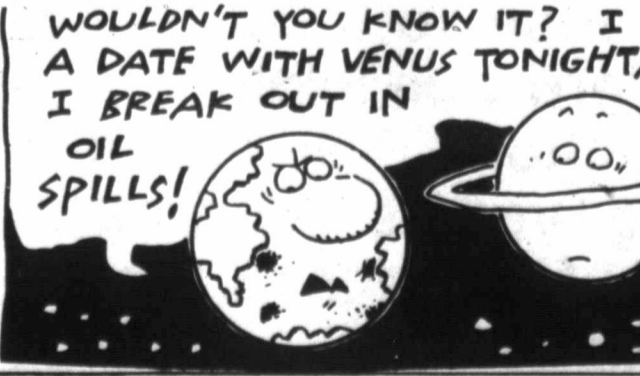
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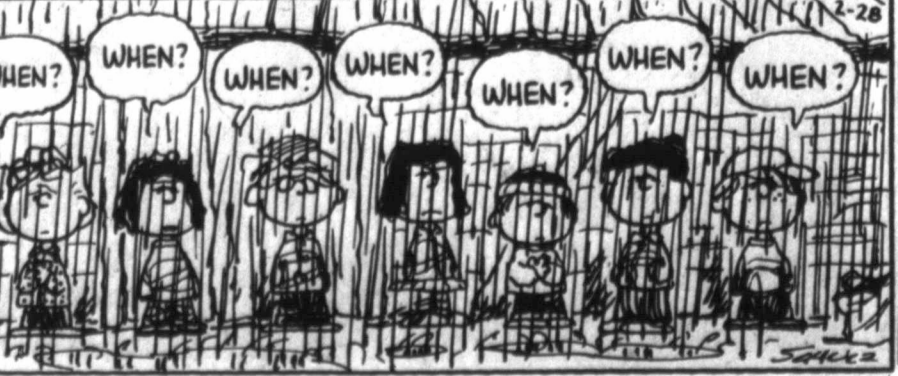
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Sports

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Basketball or the Bahamas?

What is more important - playing a postseason high school basketball game or venturing off on a long-anticipated trip to the Bahamas?

If I had my druthers, I'd ... well, I'm not going to answer this poignant question until you, the reader, has a few minutes to mull over the consequences involved in making such a choice.

You probably came to a conclusion immediately. Sure. On the surface, a relaxing journey to an exotic environment like the Bahamas could quite possibly be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. So why pass it up?

Or, if you're a jock at heart, there's no question that it's far more important to pump up those sneakers and hit the courts running.

But hold on a minute! Nothing is that simple. What if you felt you had to defend your decision to friends, relatives and peers.

All is never what it appears to be on the surface. Unfortunately, this is not a hypothetical situation. Bear with me while I explain.

I've reported on three Miami High School boys basketball games since I arrived in Texas three weeks ago from the eastern coast of North Carolina. It's been great fun covering the playoff games and I've met many fine people along the way.

Participation in sports is a vital ingredient in the educational experience. Students are subjected to the so-called thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. It's all part of the learning and character-building process.

I've been particularly pleased to see relatively small schools field fiercely competitive teams. Fan support has been exceptional.

High school sports at Miami appear to be held in proper perspective, which is no mean feat considering we live in an age when professional athletes are placed on pedestals.

Pro ballplayers demanding multi-million-dollar annual salaries are the norm and not the exception.

Advertising is inundated with endorsements by overpaid superstars. There are observers who fear we have created a nightmare by leading our youngsters to believe if they can excel in a sport, it will be a one-way ticket to success in life. Unfortunately, education becomes the casualty for most.

Four Miami High School senior basketball players recently faced an adult-sized predicament.

At issue was whether to play a basketball game or take a senior class trip. It was cut-and-dried; choose one or the other.

From all indications, the teenagers' decision to go on their senior class trip to the Bahamas instead of playing a tournament game Tuesday night against Gruver High School, was fraught with emotion.

One player, reportedly within days of the big game, was caught high-centered on the proverbial fence. He was suspended in no-man's land, torn between his allegiance to the ballteam (ultimately his school) and a healthy desire to be on an exciting adventure with his other classmates.

It was a no-win situation, a quandary I suspect most adults would find intimidating. I don't envy the parent who might have been asked for guidance in solving this matter.

Certainly, there were people at the game wishing aloud that the seniors were on the court. It was a tough loss for the basketball squad and its fans.

But who would have guessed when the trip was booked that the team would be in the playoff picture and the game would coincide with spring break and the class trip?

Who is to say the four seniors would have guaranteed a Miami victory? Gruver was hotter than a Fourth of July firecracker Tuesday night.

The Miami team that played, garnered greater rewards than could be achieved from any single basketball game victory. They gained in character, confidence, self-esteem and many other intangibles.

The players who opted for their senior class trip - a reward they had earned and anticipated for years - hopefully benefited from the trying experience. They made an adult-sized decision. There's no looking back.

In my book, they did the right thing. There is life beyond high school sports.

Harvesters go against Lamesa for regional crown

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

It will be quickness versus quickness when the Pampa Harvesters meet the Lamesa Golden Tornadoes at 7 p.m. (New Mexico time) Friday night at Eastern New Mexico State University in Portales, N.M.

The winner of the Class 4A regional final game advances to the state tournament March 7 in Austin.

A community pep rally to urge the Harvesters onto victory is scheduled for 6 p.m. tonight in front of the Texas Furniture Store in the 200 block North Cuyler. Booster Club members urged all Harvesters to turn out for the rally and show their support.

Pampa has a 33-3 record and is ranked No. 7 in the state. Lamesa is 31-3 and is ranked No. 5.

Both teams chalked up easy wins in the regional semi-finals. Pampa downed third-ranked Burkburnett, 80-66, while Lamesa defeated Fort Worth Poly Technical, 81-67.

With four players finishing the game in double-figures, the Harvesters started taking command of Burkburnett in the second quarter.

Jeff Young led the way with 24 points, Cederick Wilbon and Paul Brown had 14 points each, and David Johnson 12.

The Harvesters, using a spread offense that led to

easy baskets in the second half, shot a red-hot 62.2% from the floor.

"That spread offense is nothing new for us. We've used it quite a bit and our players really had it working good against Burkburnett," Hale said. "Everybody contributed. Our starters played an outstanding game and the guys came off the bench showing they were ready to play."

The biggest contributor off the bench was junior guard Paul Brown, who scored three quick baskets in the second quarter to help spark Pampa to a 43-36 halftime lead. Brown was also a factor on the boards, coming away with six rebounds.

"Paul did a super job. He really worked hard out there," added Hale.

Wilbon, a junior guard, is averaging 21 ppg to lead the Harvesters in scoring. Young, a junior center, is averaging 17 ppg while Johnson, a junior guard, is averaging 12 ppg.

Bert Butler, a 5-10 guard, poured in 34 points in leading Lamesa past Fort Worth Poly Tuesday night.

Butler, an all-state performer last season, averages 23 points per game for the Golden Tornadoes. Tyrone Lewis, a 6-4 junior, and Brandon Sheppard, a 6-3 junior, are both averaging 16 ppg. Each had 15 points against Fort Worth Poly.

Pampa and Lamesa both play the same up-tempo style while the Golden Tornadoes have a slight advantage in height.

"I don't think two teams could match up any better. Both teams rely on quickness, so it's going to be strength versus strength," said Lamesa head coach Wayne Roberts. "We're about the size, so that's not going to be a factor."

Lamesa, which moved from Class 3A to 4A this year, advanced to the state tournament last year and lost to Navasota in the finals.

"We're trying to prepare for Pampa as much as possible," Roberts said. "It's going to be hard to stop their quickness."

Admission to the regional championship tilt is three dollars for adults and one dollar for students.



(Staff photo by L.D. Strate)

Pampa's Paul Brown (5) breaks to the basket against Burkburnett in the Class 4A regional semi-final game Tuesday night.

Horned Frogs stun Longhorns with 78-70 victory

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

The Texas Christian Horned Frogs made a 49 point turnaround to beat the Texas Longhorns for the first time in four years on Wednesday night.

TCU, which had lost 90-49 to Texas in Austin, stunned the 'Horns in Fort Worth with a 78-70 victory behind Allen Tolley's career-tying high 20 points.

In other Southwest Conference games, Houston whipped Southern Methodist 85-58 and Rice defeated Texas A&M 72-55.

Texas, seeking a 20-victory season for the third straight year, is 19-7 overall and 12-3 in the SWC. TCU is 17-9 and 8-7.

"Texas really humiliated us down there in Austin and this makes us really happy," said Tolley, who had 14 of his points in the first half.

It was TCU's first victory over Texas since 1987 and the losing streak was snapped at eight

games. Texas coach Tom Penders had never lost to the Frogs in seven games.

TCU, shooting only 57 per cent from the line, hit 29 of 38 for 76 per cent.

The last 18 points by the Frogs were from the free throw line.

TCU hit 29 of 38 free throws to only 12 of 17 for Texas.

TCU coach Moe Iba, who beat Penders for the first time, said "We were awfully tired but we did a good job of hitting our free throws. Tolley played a great game."

Tolley said "Collicie was playing off of me and leaving me open so I just decided to try two or three shots and if they were falling I'd keep trying them. They kept falling."

Penders said "it was a tough loss.

The momentum swung to TCU when Joey (Wright) got his technical."

Wright's technical foul at 14:57 and Mark Moton's two free throws gave the Frogs at 47-44 lead. Texas never got ahead again in the game.

"Joey was angry because he had been getting killed when he drove down the lane," Penders said. "He just kept getting hammered."

Pampa boys are entered in Perryton Invitational

The Pampa Harvesters' track team, which opened the season last weekend at the Canyon Relays, competes in the Perryton Invitational Saturday.

The Harvesters scored 38 points to finish in a sixth-place tie with Randall in the Canyon Relays.

"I thought we did a little bit better than I thought we would. We were awfully tired after it was over because we trained hard all week," said Pampa head coach Mike Shklar.

Pampa's best performances came from Dusty Weatherly in the pole vault and Tony Bybee in the 300 intermediate hurdles. Both placed second. Weatherly cleared 12-6 in the pole vault while Bybee was timed at 43.2 in the 300 hurdles.

Bybee was third in the pole vault with a 12-6 leap.

There were 13 teams entered in the meet.

Scoreboard

Tennis

Pampa hosts Amarillo Caprock at 9 a.m. Saturday in a high school tennis dual. The Harvesters are coming off a 22-7 win over Perryton in a dual played Monday.

Pampa 22, Perryton 7.

Boys' Division

Singles

Edward Dunigan (Pampa) def. Sammy Whittenburg, 6-3.

Ben Butler (Perryton) def. Ryan Osborne, 1-6, 1-6.

Joe Welborn (Pampa) def. Caleb Pingleton, 8-4.

Sameer Mohan (Pampa) def. Daniel Wolf, 8-0.

J.B. Horton (Pampa) def. Doug Reynolds, 8-2.

John Allen (Pampa) def. Lance Robertson, 8-4.

Cody Richardson (Perryton) def. Michael Sy, 7-9.

John Riley (Perryton) def. Dustin Dunlap, 8-4.

Damian Cates (Pampa) def. Clint Davis, 8-5.

Aaron Witt (Pampa) def. Wade Julian, 8-3.

Jason Johnson (Perryton) def. Jason Laramore, 8-6.

Stefan Bressler (Pampa) def. Drew McGarrough, 8-3.

Julian Chen (Pampa) def. Jason Schickelanz, 8-4.

Doubles: Welborn-Mohan (Pampa) def. Whittenburg-Reynolds, 6-1; Butler-Pingleton (Perryton) def. Horton-Allen, 4-6; Dunigan-Caborn (Pampa) def. Robertson-Richardson; Wolfe-Riley (Perryton) def. Sy-Witt, 9-7; Cates-Dunlap (Pampa) def. Davis-Julian, 8-6; Bressler-Laramore (Pampa) def. Johnson-McGarrough, 8-2; Schale-Che (Pampa) def. Schickelanz-Biggs, 8-4.

Girls' Division

Singles

Misty Smith (Perryton) def. Laura Williams, 6-3, 6-3.

Sharon Smith (Pampa) def. Amy Wood, 7-

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Milwaukee at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.

San Antonio at New York, 7:30 p.m.

Portland at Atlanta, 8 p.m.

LA Lakers at Denver, 9:30 p.m.

Houston at LA Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: water clear, 58 degrees, 1 foot low; black bass are fairly good to 6 pounds in 20 feet of water on worms with yellow tails; striper are good to 15 pounds around San Pedro Canyon and in the Rio Grande in 10-20 feet of water on 1 ounce Bannanhead jigs or perch; crappie are fair up the Pecos on minnows; white bass are good in the Rough Canyon Area near the Devils River on chumreuse slabs; catfish are fairly good in 40-60 feet of water in baited holes with stink baits and cheese baits.

BRAUNING: Water murky, 59 degrees, normal level; black bass are slow to 8 pounds on cranks; striper are slow; crappie are very slow; catfish are good to 5 pounds on worms; redfish are good to 15 pounds on cranks.

CALAVERAS: Water murky, 69 degrees, 1 foot above normal; black bass are good to 7 pounds on plastic worms and Rat-L-Trap; striper are good to 6 pounds on shad and chicken livers; crappie are slow; catfish are good to 6 pounds on shad; redfish are good to 10 pounds on Tony Accetta spoons; covinia are fairly good to 9 pounds with a 14-pounder caught last Sunday.

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Connors falters in comeback attempt

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — He is 38 years old and still talking to himself. What seems different about this, his last run, perhaps, through the sport he once owned, is that Jimmy Connors may no longer be listening.

The briefest frown crossed Connors' face Tuesday night as he rolled a tennis ball around the palm of his left hand, a few inches below a surgically repaired wrist. He absent-mindedly fingered the fuzz and stared across the court at a digital scoreboard registering the speed of a first serve swallowed by the net.

"Seventy-four miles an hour," he howled with sarcasm. "That's just great."

There was a time, though suddenly it seems long ago, when Connors talking to himself was the cue for an opponent to take cover, when every outburst was something to be feared for the effort sure to follow it, when every such scolding was an almost-certain prelude to somebody else's disaster.

But this time, the only disaster it preceded was his own. Connors rocked, cocked and fired off a second serve, but coaxed just 71 mph from the radar. And 23-year-old Jaime Yzaga, who made a point of watching the living legend at those few tournaments where their paths crossed, took the ball on the rise and slashed a forehand cross-court for an uncontested winner.

The shot provided Yzaga with a service break in the first game of the second set of a first-round match at the Volvo-Chicago tennis tournament

that he would win with surprising ease, 6-3, 6-0 in just 58 minutes.

"It's always nice to see him there. It's great for the fans, it's great for tennis, everybody looks up to him," Yzaga said, almost embarrassed. "It's great to have him around."

On the week marking his 20th season in professional tennis, Jimmy Connors launched his comeback from a six-month layoff, though he has been gone a year if you forget the three first-round losses in 1990 that preceded the surgery last October.

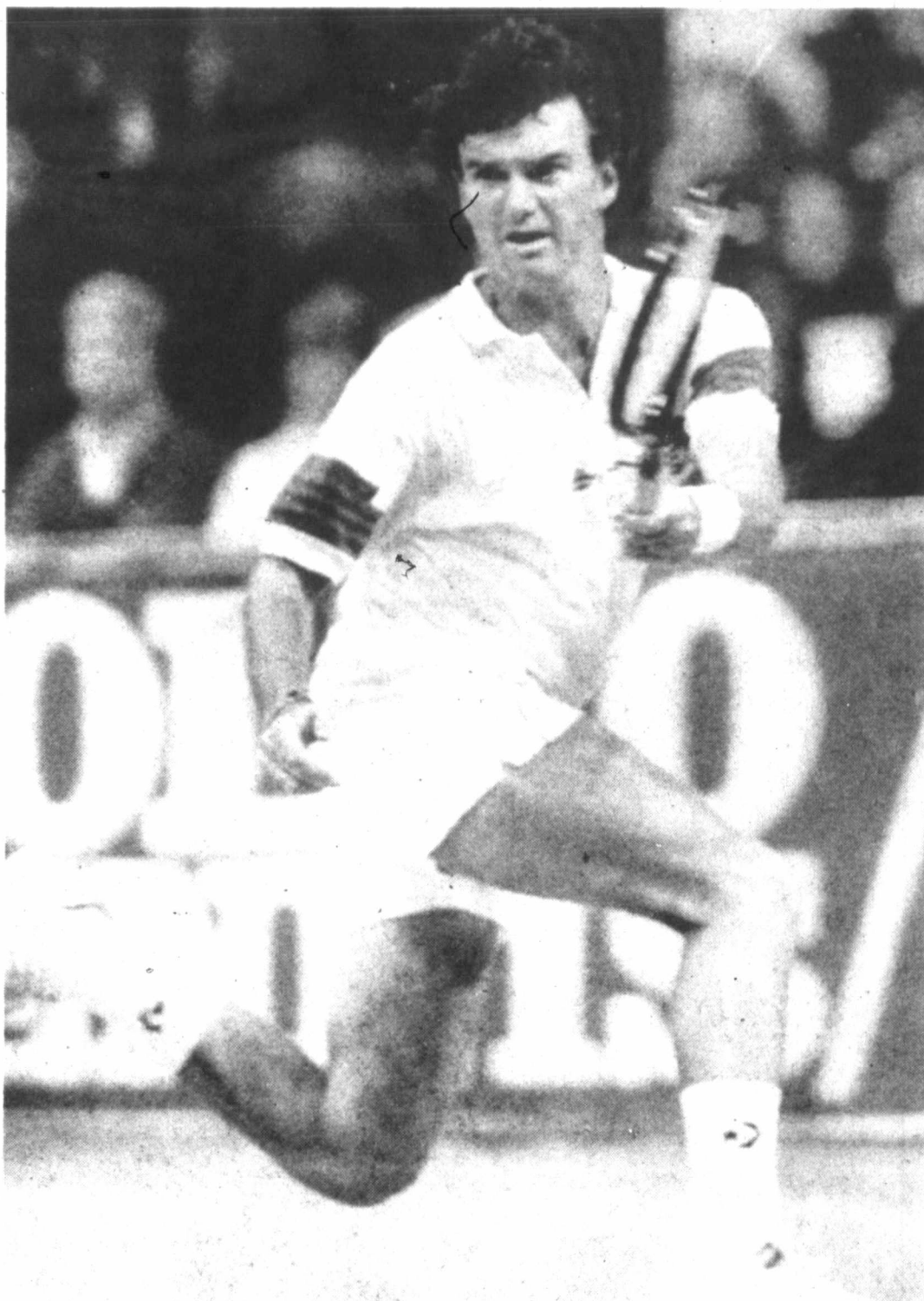
But Tuesday night, he could not scrape the rust from his game or the dullness from his brain and call forth the bravado or the two-fisted fury that wrested tennis from the country-club set and transformed it into a sport that was entertaining to all. The question is whether he will be able to do so again — ever.

"It's a lot different going out and playing tennis at night than staying home and doing my kid's homework with him, which for the last year or so is what I've been doing," he said.

Yet the longer he talked, the more it appeared that Connors himself did not know the answer. He seemed to equate the condition of his game solely with the condition of his wrist.

"It's either going to be OK or it's not, there's no in-between. Either it's going to take the punishment, it's going to take the pounding or not," he said. "If I can play for three months, I can play for five years."

"That's basically what the doctor said," he added. "So hold your breath for me for three months."



Jimmy Connors delivers a backhand shot against Jamie Yzaga in the Chicago Volvo Tournament. (AP Laserphoto)

Duncanville girls aiming for fourth straight basketball title

AUSTIN (AP) — The Duncanville Pantherettes are aiming for an unprecedented fourth straight title in the 41st University Interscholastic League Girls State Tournament that opens today.

Calallen in Class 4A, and perennial Class A kingpin Nazareth, also return as defending champions.

Class 5A: Victoria; Levelland and Georgetown in Class 4A; Tulia and Hardin-Jefferson in Class 3A, and Class 2A Abernathy all have won past titles.

Returning all-tournament performers include one of the state's most sought-after players, 6-

foot-3 guard Angela Aycock of Dallas Lincoln, who averages 27 points and 13 rebounds a game.

Other all-state returnees include Cobi Kennedy of Duncanville (16.5), Lisa Salinas of Calallen, Jessica Ybarra of Marion, Twylana Harrison of Levelland, Monica Kleman (11.2) and Noel Johnson (17.3) of Nazareth and Moulton's Kristie Simper.

In whipping No. 2-ranked Longview in the regional finals, top-ranked Duncanville and Victoria captured its 134th consecutive victory and tied Butler Taylor County, Ga. for the nation's second-longest winning streak behind Baskin (La.) High's 218.

"I told my girls in October I didn't expect our streak to continue this year," said Duncanville Coach Sandra Meadows.

"I'm glad they proved me wrong," she said. "No. 5A team has ever won four straight crowns. Duncanville, 37-0, faces old nemesis Victoria, 25-11, in the semifinals, while Amarillo Tascosa, 24-8, and Alief Elstik, 28-6, will battle in the other semifinal."

Duncanville and Victoria have met twice for its state championship and numerous other times in semifinals contests.

With the absence of Levelland from last year's tourney, Calallen took the

opportunity to nab its first state title but will have to again deal with the Loboettes if they intend to repeat.

Dean Weese's Levelland team, 30-3, won four titles in the 1980s, the last in 1989. Georgetown, 32-3, the 1979 champions, joins the talented group against Dallas Lincoln, 27-8, which lost to Calallen in the semifinals a year ago.

Despite having its 152-game district winning streak snapped earlier this season and being bumped from the state's No. 1 spot for the first time in over three years, the 24-9 Swiftettes will be shooting for their 12th crown in 15 years and third straight

under coach Denese Skinner.

Nazareth, who faces Zavalla, 29-6, in the semifinals, will be joined by another tournament veteran Moulton, 34-4, which has yet to win a crown in 13 tries and owns the state record for tournament losses. The Bobkittens take on Jayton, 25-7, in the other Class A game.

Two-time champions Tulia, 29-3, and Hardin-Jefferson, 30-0, will face each other in the semifinals to highlight the Class 3A bracket, while first timers Yoakum, 26-10, and Winstboro, 35-1, meet in the other semifinal.

Five-time champion Abernathy, 31-5, takes on

1990 runner-up Marion, 31-5, in the first Class 2A semifinal, while Honey Grove, 32-0, and Jacksboro, 26-9, are the other two entrants.

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Player of the Week



The Harvesters' baseball coaching staff has named Tarin Peet as Player of the Week after his performances against Amarillo Tascosa and Canyon. Peet batted .400 and was the winning pitcher in Pampa's 8-6 win over Canyon.

Hershiser ready to pitch again

Spring training notes

By RONALD BLUM
AP Sports Writer

Orel Hershiser's is ready to pitch — in exhibition games, anyway.

That's what the doctor for the 1988 National League Cy Young Award winner said Wednesday after Hershiser threw for the second time in spring training.

"He felt no pain in his shoulder and the ball was moving very well," said Dr. Frank Jobe, who operated on Hershiser's shoulder 10 months ago. "If he's excited, I'm excited."

Jobe said he didn't know if Hershiser would be ready for opening day, but that exhibition games were probable.

"I felt good," Hershiser said. "This outing was progress, compared to the last outing. I hope they all feel this good."

Hershiser threw 62 pitches in a 10-minute session at Vero Beach. On Sunday, he threw 52 pitches.

"He seemed impressive and was throwing free and easy," Dodgers manager Tommy

Lasorda said. "He reported no pain and keeps getting stronger."

While Hershiser was continuing his comeback, Oakland was wondering when Rickey Henderson would come to town. The American League MVP was late, which isn't unusual for him.

"I'm not terribly surprised Rickey's not here because of an undercurrent of unhappiness about his contract," Oakland general manager Sandy Alderson said.

Henderson is entering the second season of a four-year, \$12 million deal. When the deal was agreed to after the 1989 season, Henderson and Kirby Puckett were the only \$3 million-a-year players in baseball. Henderson since has dropped to a tie for 35th on the contract list.

"We have a number of players in camp who are very good players. Maybe not MVPs, but who have performed well over the years," Alderson said. "Unfortunately, we have to live with the system. These types of dramatic changes in the marketplace have occurred."

At Tempe, Ariz., Ken Griffey Jr. was the lone no-show as the Seattle Mariners began full workouts.

Austin golfer moves into semi-finals of Life Begins at 40 Tournament

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — Don Webster of Austin tapped in a short putt for a birdie on the 15th hole Wednesday to wrap up a quick 4-and-3 victory over Gene Frase of Shreveport, La., and move into the semi-finals of the 39th annual Life Begins at 40 Golf Tournament at Harlingen Country Club.

The 58-year-old Webster, making his first appearance in this senior amateur tournament, balanced three birdies with three bogeys on the par 36-36 — 72 Harlingen Country Club course.

A retired Air Force colonel and former linebacker at Colorado State University, Webster will be joined in Thursday's 1:15 p.m. semi-final matches by Charles Milstead of Houston, Lee Wiley of Harlingen, and Tim Peden of Odessa.

"I played pretty steady, but didn't do anything spectacular," said Webster, the two-time defending club champion at Austin's Onion Creek and a winner of more than 30 senior tournaments.

"I almost made a hole-in-one on No. 15. My drive went in the hole and bounced out, setting up the four-foot birdie to clinch the match," Webster said.

Milstead, who will meet Webster in the semi-finals, advanced with a 2 and 1 victory over 1988 champion Frank Davis of Harlingen.

The former Texas A&M and Houston Oiler quarterback got down a short putt for par on No. 17 to eliminate Davis.

Davis was plagued throughout the cool, still day with putting problems. He three-putted four greens.

"The only difference in the match was that Frank missed a couple of short putts," said Milstead, who was 3-over-par when he clinched the win.

Wiley, championship flight consolation winner last year, built a 5-hole advantage through 13 holes then held off a late charge by Little for a 2-up victory.

"You have to be a little lucky to beat Jack," said Wiley. "He's a helluva player."

"I putted real well," added Wiley. "I made everything I should have and a lot of putts I shouldn't have."

Wiley wrapped up his victory with a 35-foot putt for a birdie on No. 18 after Little left a 40-foot birdie attempt one inch shy of the cup on the par-4 hole.

This marks the first time in four appearances for Wiley to move into the semi-finals. He lost his first match last year to two-time champion Jim Cason of Harlingen.

Peden, a former catcher on the University of Texas at El Paso baseball team, rallied from a 1-hole deficit to eliminate Gary Wilson of Har-

lingen, 2 and 1.

"Neither one of us played very well," said Peden, who at 40 is the youngest player in the 256-man tournament field.

Wilson missed a three-foot putt attempt at par on 14 then gave Peden his winning opening by bogeying holes 16 and 17. Wilson advanced to the semi-finals last year.

Peden is matched with Wiley in the other semi-finals match Thursday.

In championship flight consolation matches, two-time defending champion David Brown of Bastrop beat Bob Schuts of Fort Worth, Bobby Lackey of Weslaco beat Bob Rome of McAllen, Bill St. Clair of Muleshoe beat his brother Irvin St. Clair, also of Muleshoe, Bill Strickland of Dallas beat Blake West of Rockport, two-time champion Roy Peden of Kermit beat Charles Hefner of Dallas, and Billy Bog English of Harlingen beat Jess Claiborne of Lamesa.

R. C. Benson of Harlingen beat Bob Herell of Midland, two-time champion Lee Fisher of Harlingen, beat Jerry Stapleton of Harlingen, Jack Thompson of Rancho Mirage, Calif. beat Fred Maxwell of Kilgore, Henry Richards of Jacksboro beat Ed Talman of Plano, two-time titlist Jim Cason of Harlingen beat Harold Davidson of Midland, and Sam Harrington of Dallas beat Otto Knight of Harlingen.

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Study: Almost half of 65-year-olds will need nursing homes

By DANIEL Q. HANEY
AP Science Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Nearly 1 million Americans who turned 65 last year are likely to live in nursing homes before they die, and almost 200,000 will spend more than five years there, according to a study released today.

"Over a lifetime, the risk of entering a nursing home and spending a long time there is sub-

stantial," researchers wrote.

The study projects that of 2.2 million Americans who turned 65 last year, more than 900,000 of them — or 43 percent — are expected to enter a nursing home at least once before they die.

In their analysis of the findings, the researchers questioned whether nursing homes, which now cost an average of about \$25,000 a year, should remain the mainstay of care for the elderly.

"When one in seven men and one in three women who reached the age of 65 in 1990 are projected to spend at least one year in a nursing home, society needs to undertake a fundamental reassessment of long-term care, rather than simply paying for what has been done in the past," they wrote.

The study was based on a survey of 16,587 adults who died in 1986. It was written by economist Peter Kemper and epidemiologist Christopher M. Murtaugh of the U.S. Agency for Health Care Policy Research in Rockville, Md., and published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

Among the findings:

- Nearly two-thirds of the people using nursing homes will be women. This is because women live longer than men, and since they outlive their spouses, there is no one at home to care for them.

- Nearly one-third of all people who reached 65 in 1990 will spend at least three months in a nursing home; 25 percent at least a year, and 9 percent at least five years.

- Thirteen percent of all women will spend at least five years in a nursing home, compared with 4 percent of men.

- In 1986, whites used nursing homes more than blacks. Even when racial differences in longevity were taken into consideration, 38 percent of whites and 27 percent of blacks lived in nursing homes before their deaths.

The number of people in U.S. nursing homes has risen dramatically in recent years. In 1964, about 500,000 people lived in nursing homes. By 1985, the number nearly tripled.

Medicaid covers nursing home expenses for people who cannot

pay their bills. However, they must spend most of their savings and other assets before the government covers their care. In 1988, Medicaid paid over 44 percent of nursing home expenses.

In an accompanying editorial, Drs. Robert and Rosalie Kane of the University of Minnesota said the study depicts "the dire consequences of the aging of a society" — and said the projections may be too conservative.

They suggested being more creative in finding substitutes for expensive nursing home care. One idea is easing licensing rules so homes can get by with less professional help. This would provide a reasonably safe option for elderly people interested in spending less money.

They also suggesting separating the cost of nursing care from housing expenses in nursing homes. This way, well-off elderly people could choose more comfortable quarters while those who relied on government support would have "a basic minimal standard of housing."

Names in the News

NEW YORK (AP) — Meredith Vieira, the only woman correspondent on "60 Minutes," is leaving the top-rated television news show to have a second child.

Variety reported Wednesday that Vieira was fired because she was pregnant and wanted to keep working part-time. Don Hewitt, the show's executive producer, balked, the trade publication said.

Vieira and Hewitt denied she was fired.

"I am, for the short term, going to stay with the show," said Vieira, who plans to finish the season, then depart to have her baby. "I'm not happy about it, but I'm certainly happy with my decision to expand my family."

Hewitt said he needed Vieira to work full time now that Harry Reasoner has left the show.

"Meredith said she couldn't do that," he said. "Now, when Meredith is ready to do that, there is nobody we'd consider more to come back to '60 Minutes.'"

There was no immediate word on who would replace her.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Maureen O'Sullivan, who played Jane to Johnny Weissmuller's Tarzan, received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame near her late co-star's.

Cesar Romero and Janet Leigh were among about 75 friends and fans who gathered Wednesday on Hollywood Boulevard for the unveiling. Miss O'Sullivan's star is the walkway's 1,931st.

Her daughter, actress Mia Farrow, sent flowers. Miss Farrow, who lives in New York, could not attend because she is working on a movie, said Laura Edelman, a spokeswoman for the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to "Tarzan" films in the 1930s, Miss O'Sullivan's movie credits include "Pride and Prejudice," "David Copperfield," "Anna Karenina," "Hannah and Her Sisters" and "Peggy Sue Got Married."

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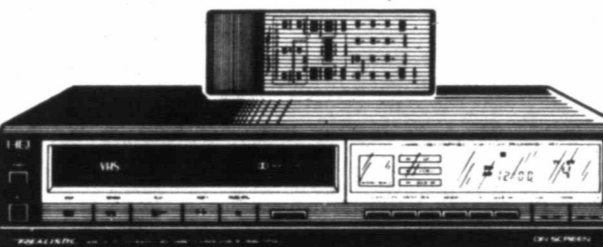
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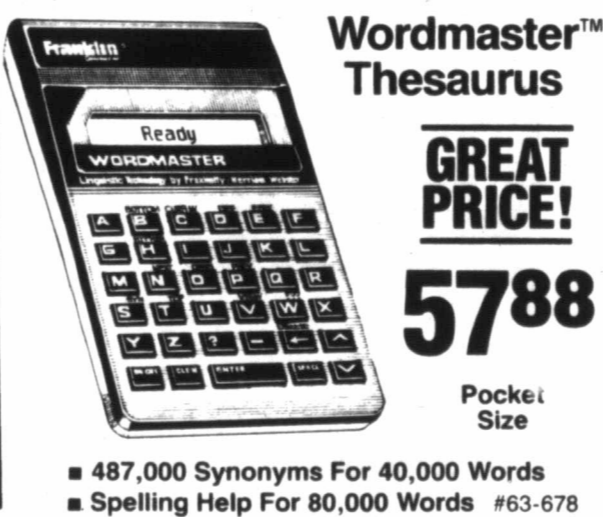
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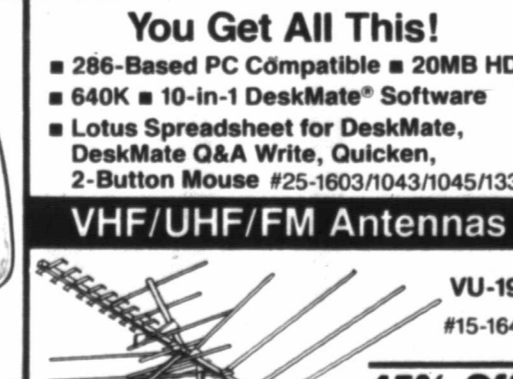
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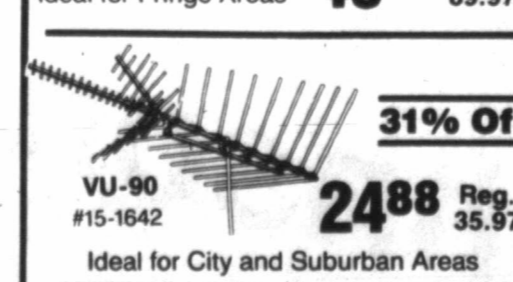
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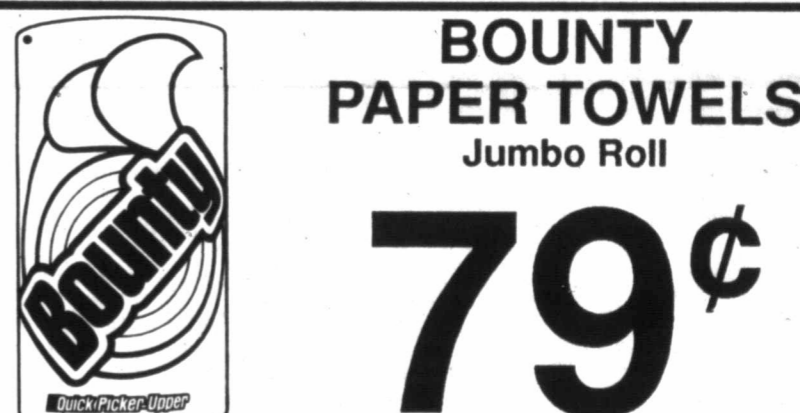
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