



(Staff photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Brenda Wilkinson, outreach and victim advocate coordinator for Tralee Crisis Center, second from left, hands out teddy bears to Sgt. Steve Chance, left, and Officer Rick Hall of the Pampa Police Department.

Tralee Crisis Center, Pampa police work to assist children in traumatic situations

Tralee Crisis Center and the Pampa Police Department are working together in a program designed to assist children experiencing traumatic situations and improve relationships between children and police officers, officials of both agencies have announced.

Through the program, each patrol car of the Pampa Police Department will be provided with two stuffed bears which are donated specifically for the program by local businesses, explained Brenda Wilkinson, Tralee outreach and victim advocate coordinator. These bears will be given to children involved in incidents of domestic violence or a traffic accident who may need to be comforted, she said.

Alco Discount Store and Wal-Mart donated the first of the bears, Wilkinson said, adding that Wal-Mart has offered to donate new supplies on an ongoing basis as the need arises.

"One of the goals of this program is to help change the image of the police officers," Wilkinson said. "Often when the officer is called out,

he or she is seen as the bad guy being mean to the child's parents. This will hopefully alleviate some of those feelings along with the fear, helping maintain a better relationship."

Wilkinson said each of the bears will be wearing a wooden heart painted red around its neck, with Tralee Crisis Center's name on the front and the phone number painted in white on the back.

Sgt. Steve Chance will coordinate the program through the police department, said Chief Jim Lara-

more. Chance has developed a policy for the program and has received the bears from Tralee officials; the bears will now be placed in the police patrol cars.

"It's unfortunate that police have to be involved in these type incidences," Laramore commented, adding, "We want to try to handle situations involving children as delicately as possible because it will most likely have more effect on the children than anyone else. They just don't understand."

Conference committee to work out differences in school finance plans

By PEGGY FIKAC
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Legislative leaders said they expect a conference committee to work out differences between House and Senate versions of a "Robin Hood" school finance plan.

The House passed its bill Thursday, on a 103-35 vote, to shift local property tax money from wealthier to poorer school districts. The Senate approved a similar measure last week.

The legislation is in response to a Texas Supreme Court order to equitably fund poor school districts. The present system includes wide swings in education funding among school districts because of disparities in property wealth.

House Public Education Committee Chairwoman Ernestine Glossbrenner, D-Alice, has objected to the term "Robin Hood," calling her bill the "family plan" because it shares local wealth to benefit all the state's school children.

Senate Education Committee Chairman Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, agreed. He said the current system is like forcing children at a dinner table to eat only what is on the platter in front of them.

"So if you happened to sit where the dry bread was, that's all you'd get. If you happened to be sitting where the steak platter was, you'd have a great meal. And that's the way the current system is working. If you happen to be in a district that has a lot of oil and gas under it, you're in great shape. If you live in a district that doesn't have anything but homes in it, you're in terrible shape," Parker said.

Ms. Glossbrenner said she expects the Legislature to meet the Supreme Court's April 1 deadline to pass a

reform plan. The court threatened to halt state education spending if the deadline is not met.

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

The bill sponsored by Glossbrenner would address funding disparities by creating about 200 education taxing regions, drawn largely along county lines. Some local tax money would be redistributed among school districts within those regions.

The bill would set a minimum local property tax rate of 60 cents per \$100 valuation, climbing to 80 cents in four years. Every school district would be guaranteed about \$3,400 per student at the minimum rate.

School districts also would be guaranteed another \$26 per additional penny of tax, up to 30 cents to enrich their programs and up to another 20 cents for construction projects. That would guarantee districts about \$4,700 per student at a tax rate of \$1.30.

School districts also could levy additional property taxes to enrich programs under an amendment to the bill by Rep. Kent Grusendorf, R-Arlington. The school district would keep half the money, and the other half would be pooled within the taxing region based on districts' tax rate, wealth and number of students.

Such additional taxes could not bring the total to more than \$1.50.

The amendment is a response to Monday's Supreme Court opinion that absolute equality may not be necessary for a constitutional school finance system.

Glossbrenner said because of the amendment, she was unsure exactly how much local tax money would be redistributed. An earlier estimate was about \$300 million a year, when the plan would be fully implemented.

Texas Senate praises troops in Desert Storm

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate has adopted a resolution praising the U.S. troops who rolled to victory over Iraq, saying they have given Americans "a deep sense of pride ... not seen since V-J Day" at the end of World War II.

"Few remained unmoved as we watched our intrepid young men and women prepare for the unknown terrors of a possibly lengthy desert

war," said the resolution unanimously adopted Thursday.

"Leaving behind families and homes, these gallant warriors were ready to sacrifice their lives to defend the principles of freedom and democracy ... Electing to serve their country, these young men and women have proven themselves patriots of the highest order," it said.

The resolution, sponsored by Sen.

Gene Green, D-Houston, was adopted about 12 hours after allied forces of Operation Desert Storm ceased firing against the shattered Iraqi army that was driven from Kuwait.

"Wednesday, Feb. 27, 1991, will long be remembered as the day Americans learned they had successfully thwarted the evil designs of a foreign dictator and helped free subjugated people," the resolution said.

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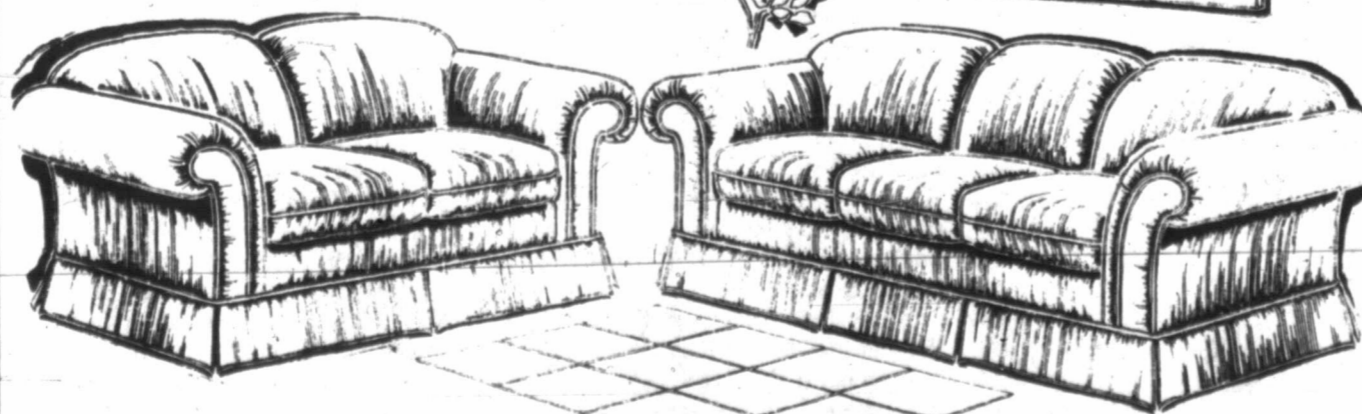
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Soviet miners strike to demand higher pay

By JOHN IAMS
Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — Thousands of miners in Kazakhstan and the Ukraine staged a one-day warning strike today to demand higher pay, earlier retirement and the resignation of President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, a union official said.

Miners in the Donetsk region in the Ukraine and the Karaganda region of Kazakhstan were halting the shipment of coal for at least 24 hours, said Pavel Shushpanov, a member of the executive bureau of the Independent Miners' Union.

Coal miners in the Ural mountain region of Vorkuta voted for a similar warning strike at midnight today, Shushpanov said. In the central Siberian region of Kuznetsk, miners said they would strike Monday.

The strikes are the first nationwide test of strength for the 80,000-member Independent Union of Miners, which was formed last fall.

Eighteen months ago, work stoppages by hundreds of thousands of miners spawned the new union and forced concessions from the government, including promises of pay

increases and improved working conditions. Many of the concessions have not yet been fulfilled.

Slava Gohkov, a strike committee member in the Kuznetsk Basin, said workers are demanding the resignation of Gorbachev and the transition of mine ownership from the central government to the Russian Federation.

Ukrainian Prime Minister Vitold Fokin called the Donetsk miners' demands "exorbitant." He said, "It's completely clear that everything has been done to make the demands unfulfillable, and that no compromise is possible."

In a speech broadcast Thursday night on the national evening news, he said the government would have to cut wages of other workers in order to increase miners' pay.

Since the strikes in the summer of 1989, administration of many mines has been taken over by republic governments, and the official trade union has lost much of its influence. But it was unclear whether the republic or central government would have power to answer the demands.

Shushpanov said it was imperative that a representative of the

national government go to the mining regions and try to resolve the issue of who owns the mines, the republics or the central government.

The miners' demand for Gorbachev's resignation was the second such call this month, Russian republic leader Boris Yeltsin said Feb. 12 that Gorbachev should transfer power to the Federation Council made up of the 15 republics' leaders.

Yeltsin and other reformers are angry at Gorbachev for the new hard line he has shown toward the secessionist Baltic republics and other issues in weeks.

Other demands by miners in the Kuznetsk region are depoliticization of the army and KGB secret police, greater sovereignty for the Russian republic, elimination of censorship, and more subsidies to mines through the Russian government, Shushpanov said.

Miners in the Donetsk region, the nation's largest coal reserve, demand that their pay at least double from the current 350 rubles a month.

The average Soviet worker earns 270 rubles a month. The striking miners also are demanding to retire after 25 years of work underground.

Cheerleader's mom pleads innocent to contract murder

By WENDY BENJAMINSON
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — A suburban-housewife police describe as "the ultimate stage mother" pleaded innocent Thursday to a charge she tried to hire a hitman to kill the mother of a girl competing with her teenage daughter to be a cheerleader.

Wanda Webb Holloway, 37, of Channelview, is scheduled to go on trial June 10 on a charge of solicitation of capital murder, said her lawyer, Troy McKinney.

Despite the upcoming trial, a barrage of interview requests from international media and a pending child custody hearing sought by Mrs. Holloway's ex-husband, McKinney said the Holloways' family life is "pretty much returned to normal."

"You'd be surprised at how normal her life is," he said, describing Mrs. Holloway as a homemaker who does some volunteer work.

He said the lives of Mrs. Holloway's children, Shanna, 13, and Anthony, 17, also "are pretty normal. They've gotten a great deal of support from family, friends, school and church."

Police claim Mrs. Holloway is the "ultimate stage mother," so intent on having Shanna win a spot on the cheerleading squad she tried to hire a gunman to kill Verna Heath because she believed Mrs. Heath's daughter, Amber, would be so distraught over the death she would drop out of the competition.

Mrs. Holloway, 37, who was arrested Feb. 1 and indicted Feb. 19, is free on a \$10,000 bond. She could

face five years to life in prison if convicted of the crime. Mrs. Holloway also faces a March 6 hearing sought by ex-husband Tony Harper to take custody of Shanna and Anthony. McKinney said Mrs. Holloway would fight the custody attempt, which Harper has said he sought because of the publicity's effect on the teenagers.

Investigators say Mrs. Holloway contacted her former brother-in-law, Terry Lynn Harper, in January to find someone to kill Mrs. Heath, 38, before the spring cheerleader tryouts for the future ninth-graders.

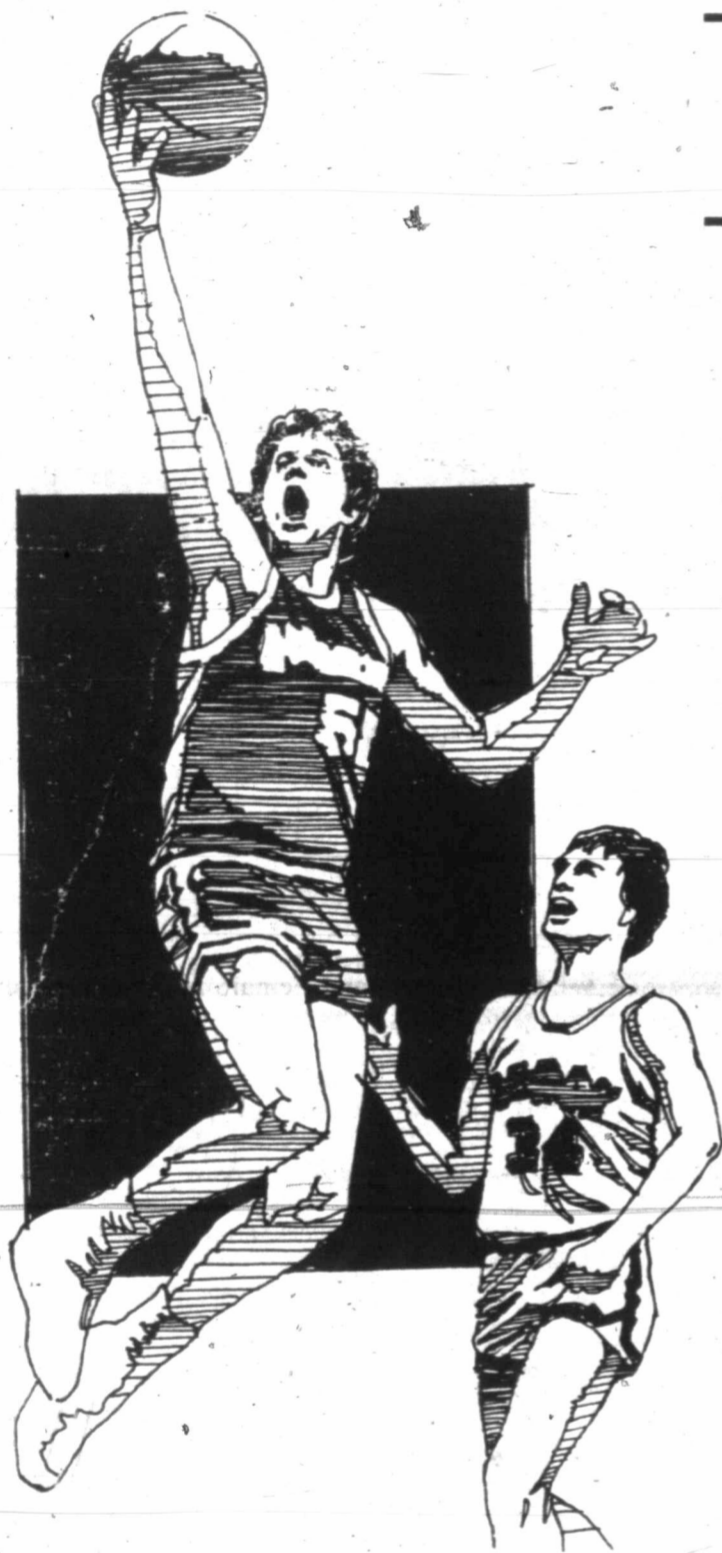
They say she originally offered \$7,500 for a hitman to kill both Mrs. Heath and Amber, but later agreed to pay \$2,500 to kill only Mrs. Heath.

But Terry Harper, who has a prior felony conviction, contacted authorities about the deal and an undercover officer posed as the hitman. Investigators say she offered diamond earrings worth \$1,500 as a down payment to the officer, and their conversation was recorded.

"I feel Terry Harper's background does affect his credibility," McKinney said. "A great deal of this case may turn on how believable he is."

Thursday, Mrs. Holloway sat calmly in the courtroom, accompanied by an unidentified female friend, while McKinney entered the plea. She walked quickly through a phalanx of television cameras and reporters without making any public comment about the case.

"She's dealing with it," McKinney said. "She has to be that way. I'm sure there are moments when she's not that composed, as you can imagine. But she's dealing with it."



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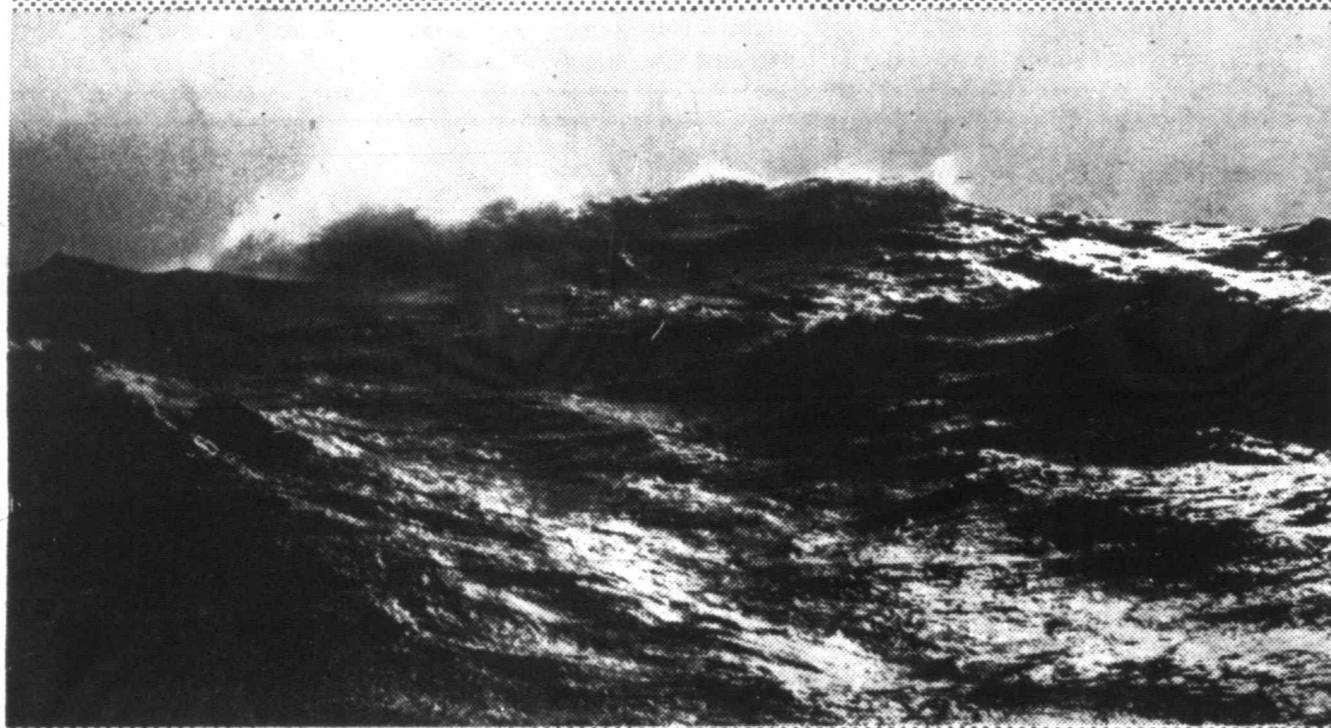
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The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.



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Anyone is invited to come to the luncheon which provides a time of sharing for ongoing groups. Those interested in joining a prayer group or beginning a group may bring a salad and participate in the luncheon.

For more information, call 665-8489 or 669-7874.

His Touch

By Charlotte Barbaree

Scripture: *But it is the spirit in a man, the breath of the Almighty, that gives him understanding.* (Job 32:8 NIV)

Much is said concerning the miracles performed by Jesus. His miracles of healing, resurrecting the dead, calming the storm, exorcising demons, granting absolution and salvation, and so many more ... all are awesome.

But we never hear of his most common, yet no less awesome, miracle of being heard. Think about it ... Jesus spoke to multitudes of thousands without benefit of a public address system! That's comparable to a Billy Graham crusade without any voice enhancement!

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However, in the midst of the pressing confusion and clamor, the Holy Spirit is being heard! He's being heard prevailing on sinners to repent; he's being heard promoting the truth of Jesus; he's being heard assuring the saved; he's being heard comforting the hurting; he's being heard giving guided tours to victorious living.

The Holy Spirit isn't heard in a social whirl of the market place; he's heard in the quietness of an open soul ... the results of a miraculous sound system ... a mighty miracle.

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Breakfast set for Saturday

St. Mark C.M.E. Church, 406 Elm St., is sponsoring a pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. on Saturday.

Pancakes will be served along with bacon, sausage and eggs, and coffee and orange juice. Donations will be accepted. The public is invited to attend.

Church to host minister for deaf

On Sunday, March 10, the Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ is to host "Whit" Whittington of Goliad, minister for the deaf, as special guest speaker for the Sunday morning sermon and possibly the Sunday evening sermon.

The entire community, especially the deaf, are invited to attend the worship services at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 10.

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The Blackwood Quartet of Branson, Mo., is to perform in concert here at 7:30 p.m., March 8, at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

The program is free to the public. A goodwill offering will be taken.

The Blackwood Quartet with Ron Blackwood have been nominated for numerous awards as leaders of the gospel music field. They have played more than 1,500 fairs and thousands of concerts and churches. Other members of the group include Denny Yearly, Craig Hodges, Charles Crain and Don E. Thomas.

Ron Blackwood has been involved in the music business for 26 years. He is the son of the late R.W. Blackwood, part of the original Blackwood Quartet, who was

killed in a plane crash in the 1950s. Bass singer Denny Yearly has been a member of the group since 1972. Charles "Chuck" Crain is lead singer, and Craig Hodges serves as pianist, vocalist and arranger.

The Blackwoods, together, are said to have a powerful mixture of voices that blend together to please even the most critical ear. Highlighting the concert will be a moving testimonial by Ron Blackwood.

The Blackwood Quartet originates from a tradition of Blackwood family performers. The original Blackwoods began in 1932 in Ackerman, Miss., and included R. W. Blackwood, Ron's grandfather Roy Blackwood, and his uncles, James and Doyle Blackwood.



The Blackwood Quartet (Special Photo)

Assemblies of God speaker to be at New Life Worship

Glenn Renick, secretary of the church loans department for the Assemblies of God headquarters in Springfield, Mo., is to be guest speaker at New Life Worship Center, 318 N. Cuyler, on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., announced Allen Poldson, pastor.

As church loans department secretary, Renick has oversight of the church builders and church extension loan plan. He also manages the accounting of the Krause loan fund for the division of home missions for the denomination.

Renick works with local churches which are contemplating a building program to assist them to obtain project funds through these loan plans. He has headed the department since 1981.

Born and raised in Hannibal, Mo., Renick attended and graduated from Central Bible College, Springfield, Mo. He was ordained to the ministry in 1954 and pastored churches in New York, New Jersey, and Illinois between 1952 and 1968.

In 1968 he was named promotions coordinator and Caring editor for the Assemblies of God benevolences department. From 1973 until his appointment to the church loans post, he served as estate planning consultant in the stewardship and deferred giving and trusts department.



Glenn Renick

Renick and his wife, Louisa, live in Springfield.

New Life Worship Center is planning a new worship center at Harvester and Sumner streets and plans to begin construction in April. Geodesic Domes of Whitehouse has helped design the new building for the local congregation.

"Rev. Renick will not be making any fund-raising appeals, but is here for the inspection of properties as well as to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the people attending the services Sunday," Poldson said.

St. Matthew's honors Whitten with retirement celebration

Jerry P. Whitten, organist and choirmaster for St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, was recently honored on his retirement with a champagne brunch on Feb. 24, hosted by church and choir members.

Whitten and his wife, Nancy, were guests of honor at the occasion which followed regular church services. Hosting the event were Nelda Rogers, committee chairwoman, and Mary Martindale, Keith and Beverly Teague, Bob and Gwen Loerwald, Carol Orr, Peggy David, Bill and Jan Ragsdale, Mark Lang and Ruth Hudson.

Approximately 150 attended the event in the church's parish hall. Jennifer Scoggin, pianist, and Teryn Scoggin, flutist, provided musical entertainment.

Special guests included Whitten's twin brother, Jack Whitten, and his wife, Betty, of Muskogee, Okla.; his sister, Helen Stith of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Mrs. Whitten's mother, Mrs. Dee Patterson of Pampa.

Other out of town guests included the Rev. Fred H. and Judy Tinsley, Kay and June Fancher, Randy Reeve, Deven and Sheri Cross, all of Amarillo; Wayne and Susan Abrahamson of Borger and John and Diana McGarr and family of Canadian.

Letters of good wishes were read from the Rt. Rev. Sam Hulsey, former rector of St. Matthew's and now bishop of the Northwest Texas



(Courtesy Photo)

Nancy and Jerry Whitten at Whitten's retirement party. Mrs. Whitten holds tickets to Las Vegas.

Episcopal Diocese, Doris Goad and Myrna Orr.

After a "roast" and presentation of gag gifts, the Whittens were given a trip to Las Vegas. The trip, which includes spending money, was presented by Father Bill Bailey, pastor of St. Matthew's, on behalf of the parish with "love and thanksgiving for 16 years of devoted service."

Whitten began his career in August 1947 at age 20. He has

served as organist for Trinity Baptist Church and First Christian Church, both in Oklahoma City.

He has been a member of the Oklahoma City chapter of the American Guild of Organists for 11 years.

He received a bachelor of music degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1952 and studied organ with the late Mildred Andrews.

He earned a master of sacred

First Assembly pastor resigns

Pastor Herb Peak has announced his resignation at First Assembly of God in Pampa, effective this Sunday.

Peak and his wife, Evelyn, have accepted a call to pastor a church in Bristol, Tenn., in the far eastern section of the state.

The couple was associated with First Assembly of God in Pampa for four years, moving here from Iowa.

"This is the smallest city we have ever pastored in," Peak said, "but Pampa has been good for us and our children."

He especially complimented the music departments of the Pampa public school system, say-

ing band director Charles Johnson and choir director Fred Mays are to be commended for the job they do.

"They have made an impact on my sons' lives that will be felt in their ministry for years," Peak said.

Peak grew up in Bristol, graduating from school there and serving on the staffs of two churches in the city before moving to Springfield, Mo.

He is a graduate of Central Bible College in Springfield.

His wife has worked in the Chapter One program at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School, serving as a teacher's assistant.



Herb Peak

Religion roundup

CHICAGO (AP) — Lutheran Bishop Lowell H. Mays of Madison, Wis., has resigned, saying he did so to avoid "resultant harm which may be occasioned to my wife, family and church."

His denomination, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, said its head, Bishop Herbert W. Chilstrom, indicated that Mays was asked to resign because of alleged past sexual misconduct.

Mays, 53, was elected bishop of the South-Central Synod of Wisconsin in 1987. He previously served as director for human ecology at Madison General Hospital, on the University of Wisconsin faculty and in the campus ministry program.

Placed on leave from the clergy, Mays said in a statement:

"I have declined to engage in a protracted hearing which could be emotionally devastating in an attempt to establish my innocence regarding alleged events of some 20 years ago."

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NEW YORK (AP) — The National Conference of Christians and Jews has appealed to Christian leaders to use their new contacts with churches in Eastern Europe to combat any revival of anti-Semitism.

Gillian Martin Sorensen, newly elected conference president, and outgoing President Jacqueline Green

Wexler said in a joint letter to 36 prominent American church leaders:

"We hope that the growing East-West Christian interaction can be instrumental in counteracting Eastern European forces now threatening to rekindle the ancient, smoldering embers of anti-Semitism and other forms of targeted bigotry."

The letter noted reports from various Eastern European countries indicating a resurgence of such sentiments "frightfully similar to those that led to ghettos, pogroms and concentration camps."

The letter said Eastern European churches have not been in touch with the West's post-World War II Christian theology which, in dealing with the Holocaust, recognizes anti-Semitism as "a sin against God and humanity."

CHICAGO (AP) — Eighty-eight percent of lay members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America think church social statements should reflect the views of a majority of members, but only 38 percent of clergy agree with that opinion, a survey found.

NEW YORK (AP) — The World Council of Churches says American support has begun rebounding for its program to combat racism, which was sharply criticized in the past for its aid to the African National

Congress in South Africa.

Charges by the critics that the aid was going to communist revolutionaries had cut support for the program to almost zero in the United States, its supporters say.

But that has changed with the recognition of the African National Congress as a leading force in changing apartheid laws in South Africa and the freeing of its leader, Nelson Mandela, and his tumultuous welcome in this country, they say.

The Rev. Joe Agne, a United Methodist long committed to the council's program, said U.S. churches now are donating \$50,000 to \$60,000 annually to the program.

About two-fifths of the \$539,000 in 1990 grants went to the African National Congress and the Pan Africanist Congress to continue struggles against apartheid.

Jan Love, a member of the World Council of Churches Central Committee, said the program has had an important and unexpected "evangelizing impact" among people in former colonial areas who had resented Christianity because of its ties with former ruling powers.

But since the program is identified with the quest for justice, "many such people are giving the church a second chance," Love said.

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Road home from Saudi will be slower for some

By SUSANNE M. SCHAFER
AP Military Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Pentagon planners say they hope to have more than half of the 537,000 American troops sent to the Persian Gulf home within the next 10 weeks, but they caution that many may have to remain there for months.

"We haven't talked to the Iraqis yet, so we don't know for sure that the war is over," Lt. Gen. Thomas Kelly, operations director for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Thursday when asked about plans for troop withdrawals. "But it is going to be as rapid as they can make it."

Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams said there was "no plan yet" to bring troops home. But several military officials said work is under way on proposals to establish a "controlled" flow of troops back home.

"We don't want there to be any false hopes," said a senior Army officer who is drawing up plans for top Pentagon officials and spoke on condition of anonymity. He said the withdrawal will be "speedy, but it will not be hasty."

While the White House has promised that troops may return home "within days," the officer said only a "token, symbolic" group would be brought home next week.

That unit would be a "small to medium" unit, probably only a company or a battalion, he said.

The officer said planners "hope we can get more than half the troops out by mid-May" and that preference would be given to most of those who've been in the gulf the longest.

That will be good news for:

- Units such as the 82nd Airborne Division, the 101st Airborne (Air Assault) Division, the 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized), 1st Cavalry Division and the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, which

are expected to be among the first to return.

- Combat reserve units such as the 48th Brigade of the Georgia National Guard, which just completed its training at the National Training Center in California. That brigade had been set for movement to the gulf on March 4.

- Elements of the medical reserve establishment in the gulf can expect to be deactivated sooner, rather than later, given the low loss of life in the war.

- And those units put on alert in the United States to deal with expected casualties — such as veterans hospitals — also will be released.

- Marine Lt. Gen. Joseph Hoar, who is the deputy in charge of plans, policies and operations, said those required to remain longest will be the logistics personnel, who will pack up and move the mountains of supplies and combat gear brought to the Arabian peninsula since August.

- Others who can expect to remain for some time include:

- Cargo handlers and transportation specialists who will help ship combat equipment and supplies back to the United States and Europe.

- Civil affairs experts needed to help restore the infrastructure of Kuwait, such as military police, members of the Army Corps of Engineers and explosives experts needed to clear mines and other unexploded ordnance.

- Air defense units, until the Iraqis hold to their promise not to fire any more Scud missiles.

- A "significant number" of the Army's 145,000 reservists may need to remain on active duty for at least another two months to clean and then maintain their equipment once it is returned stateside.

- But in the meantime, many could be granted leave so they can return to their families and rejoin units later to deal with the equipment, the Army officer said.

Oil crisis may not have taught U.S. any lessons

By DIRK BEVERIDGE
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Now that the war in the Persian Gulf oil fields has ended, experts are looking ahead to more stable petroleum prices, but they say the quick resolution of the crisis may turn out to be a mixed blessing.

Short-term economic benefits may obscure potential long-term hazards, if the sudden relief of cheaper oil prices and public euphoria over Iraq's defeat make America overconfident about its energy future.

Gone is the crisis that lifted fuel prices, eroded consumer confidence and helped pitch the economy into recession. But some people wonder if the pain was severe enough to teach the nation any lasting lessons about the costs of depending on foreign oil.

"This country, under the leadership of George Bush, has used enormous force, in part to defend access to oil and control over oil policy," said Edwin S. Rothschild, energy policy director for Citizen Action, a Washington-based consumers group. "The swift resolution of it may reduce the visibility of our oil dependence and what that dependence means."

"Now, what's going to happen is our need of oil and usage of oil and imports of oil will increase, but the public pressure to change that will have diminished."

Whether or not the world's biggest energy glut changes the way it thinks about oil, the latest shock provided vivid examples of how the nation can be rocked by the price of a vital commodity swinging out of control.

Crude oil for next-month delivery closed at \$21.54 per barrel at the New York Mercantile Exchange on Aug. 1. As the Iraqis stormed into Kuwait the next day, the price jumped nearly \$2 per barrel as oil was thrust into a wild upward spiral.

Initially, the U.N. boycott of Iraq and Kuwaiti crude took 4 million barrels a day off the world market, pushing prices higher in response to worries about shortages. Other oil-producing states quickly began pumping more crude, but oil then moved higher on fears that a war could threaten supplies in Saudi Arabia.

Oil peaked at \$41.15 per barrel — its highest price ever at the Mercantile Exchange — on Oct. 10.

Expensive fuel costs hammered the economy, devastating some industries, such as the airlines, and dramatically raising the price of filling up the car or loading a home heating oil tank.

But experts pointed out that when inflation was taken into account, oil prices did not get as high as they had gone during the early 1980s, when the Iranian Revolution pushed prices up. The Gulf crisis prompted frequent accusations of price-gouging by the big oil companies but no gasoline lines, and the public outcry seemed more muted than in earlier oil scares.

After October, prices tapered off, though they remained far above what supply and demand would have dictated, thanks to what professional oil traders called the "war premium." Traders assumed the outbreak of a shooting war in the gulf would push prices even higher.

The experts called it wrong. After the allied air raids on Iraq began, oil prices collapsed within hours, falling a record \$10.56 per barrel at the Mercantile Exchange on Jan. 17.

"Initially, the markets anticipated the worst and that's what drove them to their highs last fall," said Ann-Louise Hittle, a senior oil analyst with Shearson Lehman Brothers Inc. "But once the war occurred, it became clear that the threat to Saudi oil supply was going to be minimal."

With oil dipping below its pre-invasion levels and continuing to fall this month, the experts began predicting a further collapse once the war was over.

They were wrong again. After the ground war began over the weekend, futures prices moved higher in the first four trading sessions this week.

"A lot of things happened that were sort of contrary to everybody's predictions and wisdom," said John Lichtblau, president of the Petroleum Industry Research Foundation in New York.

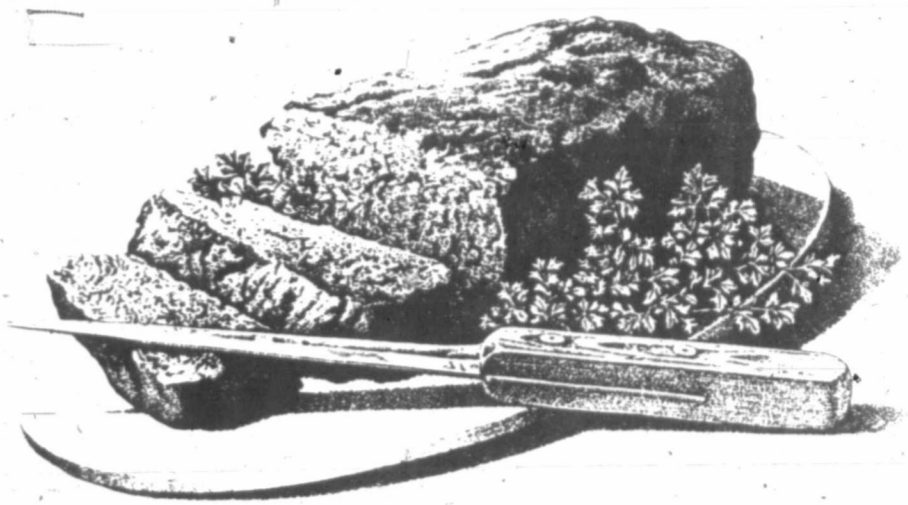
With the war out of the picture, traders are looking ahead to pending attempts by OPEC to install new production quotas to get the price back up.

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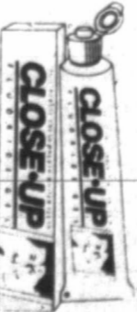


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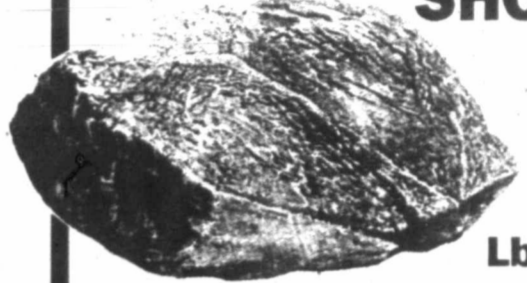


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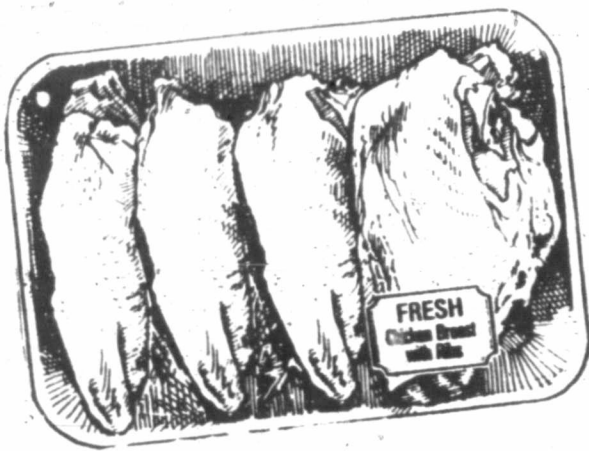
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U.S. companies will benefit as Kuwait rebuilds

By BART ZIEGLER
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The next big deployment in the Persian Gulf will come from Corporate America, which is signing contracts and rounding up workers to help rebuild shattered Kuwait in a reconstruction effort that could be worth up to \$100 billion.

Among the major U.S. companies involved are Bechtel Group Inc., American Telephone & Telegraph Co., Caterpillar Inc., International Business Machines Corp., Motorola Inc. and Raytheon Co.

A host of smaller companies, such as oil-field specialists, also should benefit from what could become the largest rebuilding effort since the Marshall Plan reconstruction of Europe after World War II.

Kuwait is expected to spend the bulk of its rebuilding funds with companies from the United States and other nations whose troops liberated the nation from Iraq, officials said Thursday.

One of the first chores will be extinguishing the oil well fires that are blanketing the Kuwaiti sky with black smoke. Nearly two-thirds of Kuwait's 950 oil wells are believed to have been sabotaged by the retreating Iraqis, along with oil storage and transportation facilities.

Three Houston companies, The Red Adair Co., Wild Well Control Inc. and Boots & Coots Inc., will be put to work fighting the oil fires. The companies have not disclosed the value of their contracts.

Once the fires are out, Bechtel, the nation's second-largest construction and engineering company, is expected to head the rebuilding of Kuwait's petroleum industry.

Bechtel has received a letter of intent from the state-run Kuwait Petroleum Co. calling for Bechtel to act as the project management contractor, said Bechtel spokesman Mike Kidder.

Bechtel, a privately owned San Francisco company that has worked in Kuwait for 40 years, will send about 4,300 employees and subcontractors to the emirate, Kidder said. The company also has extensive offices in Houston.

Bechtel said it did not yet have an estimate on the value of the work. Some petroleum experts believe the cost of rebuilding Kuwait's oil, natural gas and petrochemical facilities could hit \$10 billion.

Reports of such a windfall have sent the stock prices of U.S. construction firms and equipment makers soaring in recent days.

"The market's been euphoric," said Richard Sweetnam Jr., an analyst who follows the construction industry for Kidder, Peabody & Co.

Sweetnam said the contracts awarded to construction firms will have a trickle-down effect, since much of the equipment and supplies needed by the contractors will be bought from other companies.

Among companies whose stock has climbed is Fluor Corp., a construction concern based in Irvine, Calif. Fluor shares rose \$4.62 1/2 Wednesday and an additional 37 1/2 cents Thursday to close at \$53 on the New York Stock Exchange. Fluor had not disclosed any Kuwait-related contracts as of Thursday.

Shares of construction equipment maker Caterpillar Inc. surged \$3.25 in heavy trading Wednesday

and rose an additional \$1.12 1/2 Thursday to close at \$54.62 1/2 on the NYSE.

Caterpillar recently shipped an order of generator sets to Kuwait to be used to restore electrical power. And the Peoria, Ill.-based company could supply Kuwait with large bulldozers for clearing rubble and rebuilding roads, but has not yet disclosed such a contract.

The stock of CSX Corp., an owner of railroads and a shipping line, jumped \$2.62 1/2 Wednesday in heavy trading to close at \$38 a share following a media report that it received a contract to transport all rebuilding materials to Kuwait.

However, the Richmond, Va.-based company denied the account, saying it had only signed a contract to deliver emergency supplies. It declined to disclose the contract's value. CSX stock fell 12 1/2 cents a share Thursday to \$37.87 1/2.

A number of smaller construction companies should benefit from \$45 million worth of reconstruction work being done by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on behalf of Kuwait. This will involve rebuilding the nation's highways, airports, water and sewer systems and electrical utilities.

Among the construction firms on a list of potential recipients of Corps contracts are Perini Corp. of a Framingham, Mass., and H.B. Zachry Co. of San Antonio, Texas.

Among major non-construction companies benefiting from Kuwait's rebuilding:

• IBM has signed an initial contract for a wide range of computer equipment for the Kuwait government, said IBM spokesman Matt Jeffery, who added he did not know the value.

• Raytheon, maker of the Patriot missile defense system, received a \$5.7 million contract from the Corps of Engineers on behalf of the Kuwaiti government to build an airport control facility in Kuwait, said spokesman Lawrence L. McCracken.

• AT&T is reportedly in line for a contract to help rebuild the nation's telephone system. AT&T already is working to install a temporary satellite phone system in Kuwait City.

• General Motors Corp. has bid on a contract to resupply the Kuwaiti government fleet. Ford Motor Co. spokeswoman Lin Cummings and Chrysler Corp. spokeswoman Karen Stewart said those companies also were negotiating to sell cars to the Kuwaiti government.

• Motorola reportedly supplied two-way radio equipment to the Kuwaitis.

Financing Kuwait's reconstruction could put heavy demands on the U.S. bond market.

"One of the things the bond market is concerned about is if the Kuwait Investment Office starts to liquidate their investments to raise cash," said Marilyn Cohen, investment broker for Capital Insight Inc. of Beverly Hills, Calif.

Cohen said the investment office's portfolio contains a large amount of U.S. Treasury bonds. Dumping the securities could temporarily depress bond prices, which could result in higher interest rates.

The Kuwait government also could raise cash by selling petroleum, but that would depend on how quickly it could resume pumping and refining oil, she said.

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College Station bank seventh to fail in '91

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — United Citizens Bank, N.A., was declared insolvent and closed Thursday.

The bank's deposits and secured liabilities were assumed by First American Bank of Bryan, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. said. The failed-bank's three offices will reopen Friday as branches of First American.

United Citizens had total assets of \$54.4 million. First American will purchase about \$48.4 million of the assets at a discount of nearly \$5 million.

The Bryan bank assumes about \$53 million in 14,300 accounts.

The Comptroller of the Currency said problems with United Citizens Bank were first noted in late 1987. Poor quality real estate loans harmed the bank's condition.

The bank was the seventh to fail in Texas this year. There have been 19 bank failures in the United States in 1991.

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Saddam Hussein gives United States a new catch phrase - 'mother of all'

By LARRY McSHANE
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - Tired of reading George Bush's lips? Already know where the beef is? Then try the first great catch phrase of the 90s, courtesy of Saddam Hussein. Barely a month after he proclaimed the Gulf War "the Mother of All Battles," the hyperbolic description has permeated public consciousness.

Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney mockingly referred to the battered Iraqis' surrender as "the mother of all retreats." A reporter in Saudi Arabia praised Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf's tour-de-force news conference as "the mother of all briefings."

Headline writers, cartoonists and comedians are jumping on the bandwagon. "Now The Mother of Problems: What to Do With Saddam Hussein," read one headline; "Mother of All Routs" popped up several times as the Iraqis were driven from Kuwait.

A look back at a World War II desert battle between the Allies and German troops was described as "the mother of the mother of all battles" in another article. An editorial cartoon picturing a televised

Fourth U.S. rabies case since 1980 reported in Texas border community

By ROBERT BYRD
Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA (AP) - Although human rabies is rare in the United States, bat rabies is virtually everywhere - and that's what led to just the fourth human case since 1980, according to federal health officials.

A 22-year-old Texas man died of rabies encephalitis last June 5, less than two months after he was bitten on the finger by a bat at a bar in the Mexican border town of Mercedes, the national Centers for Disease Control reported Thursday.

He had fallen ill in late May, complaining of weakness in the hand, and suffered from pain, hyperventilation and hallucinations before falling into a fatal coma June 5.

The Texas case is demonstrative of a change in rabies in the United States, the CDC said; while most cases of the rare disease came from domestic animals in 1950, three of the four cases since 1980 have come from bats.

"Bat rabies occurs everywhere in the continental United States," the Atlanta-based agency said in its report on the case, adding that rabies is widespread in the Mexican free-tailed bat, the "most important" carrier of rabies in the Southwestern states.

"Most terrestrial mammals are susceptible to rabies virus infection," the CDC said. "Contact should be avoided with all wild and domestic animals exhibiting atypical behavior."

Rabies, although quite rare among humans in this country, is readily found in some animal populations. In people, the viral disease is contagious and almost always fatal.

The Texas case was just the fourth case of human rabies acquired in the United States since 1980, the CDC said. Nine other cases among people in this country were acquired abroad.

It was Texas' first case of human rabies since 1985.

The victim worked in a blood bank and had donated blood on May 22, before his symptoms began. Rabies virus was not isolated from his blood; "and he probably was not infectious," but a patient who received platelets from the blood donation was given precautionary rabies treatment, the CDC said.

Names in the news

NEW YORK (AP) - Mel Gibson's fans may think of him as a man of action, but the actor says he feels right at home playing men cursed with the inability to make up their minds.

Gibson stars as Hamlet, the thinker who wasn't sure whether "to be or not to be," in the latest adaptation of Shakespeare's classic tragedy.

"You're never really supremely happy, except in short spurts in your life," Gibson told Parade magazine in its March 3 weekend editions.

"I certainly have times when I feel like chucking the towel in, pulling up roots and going to some island somewhere - but then you realize that you must never abandon hope," he said.

Gibson, 35, had played Shakespeare on-stage before becoming a film star. Also appearing in the film are Glenn Close as Gertrude and Helena Bonham Carter as Ophelia.

Bush haranguing Saddam in his bunker was called "The Mother-in-Law of Battles."

The Washington Post headlined a story: "Iraq, Mother of Metaphor."

The overweening Iraqi president may seem an unlikely catch-phrase creator, but so did Clara Peller, the

little old lady who bellowed "Where's The Beef?" in a 1984 Wendy's commercial. President Bush came up with one of the '80s last great slogans: "Read my lips."

Ronald Reagan knew a good line when he heard one; he appropriated fellow actor Clint Eastwood's

"make my day" for his speeches. Bush, by the way, is described on Baghdad radio as America's Satan, the-grand Satan, and the Satan of the era. That's enough to give a guy the mother of all inferiority complexes.

Experts say such vivid imagery is common in Arabic. The "mother

of all battles" simply means it's the ultimate fight. Thank you, in Arabic, literally translates as "May Allah increase your well-being."

The American military, in contrast, has been colorless in its descriptions of "collateral damage," "surgical strikes" and "killing

boxes" - which would come as no surprise to Raphael Patai, author of "The Arab Mind."

He writes: "Compared to the eloquence of the simplest illiterate Arab, the use of English by the average American appears as a series of disjointed grunts."

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Lifestyles

PMS choirs rate at UIL

Eighty-six seventh and eighth grade choral music students of Suzanne Wood at Pampa Middle School participated in the U. I. L. Solo and Ensemble Contest at West Texas State University in Canyon on Feb. 23. Their adjudicator was John Woickowksi of Lubbock.

A 7th grade girls ensemble consisting of Amber Adkins, Jenny Bowers, Amanda Brown, Michelle Bybee, Cindy Hobbs, Shannon Hughes, Christy Kilcourse, Aimee Martinez, Laura Miller, Lillie Ramirez, Matilde Resendiz, Jennifer Rushing, and Connie Villarreal sang "All the Pretty Little Horses" and received a II rating.

The Treble Choir ensemble consisting of Andie Bullard, Carrie Caswell, Misty Ferrell, Jessica Harris, Heather Hess, Jolene James, Michelle Johnson, Sabrina Johnson, Teri Martin, Stacy Neal, Melinda Randall, Myrna Rodriguez, April Rogers, Jamie Slater, Katrina Villarreal, Layla Williams, and Hillary Ybarra sang "Li'l David, Play on Yo Harp" and received a II rating.

A boys ensemble consisting of Cullen Allen, Jay Braddock, Steven Crocker, Blake Crockett, Joel Ferland, Clifton Fletcher, Mark Fondren, Levi Giles, Bryan Hanks, Jeff Henderson, Shaun Hurst, Mark Henderson, Ty Newman, Omar Pena, Danny Schmitto, Brandon Soukup, Anthony Villarreal, and Chris Withers sang "Noah's Ark" and received a I rating.

Two ensembles from the Concert Girls' Choir also participated in the contest. One consisting of Mechelle Abbott, Ellen Depee, Angie Downs, Denise Eppison, Emily Follis, Robi Franklin, Megan Hill, Laura Johnson, Amber Lindsey, Jennifer Mays, Katie McKandles, Anna Nail, Edith Osborne, Jacque Osborne, Andrea Phillips, Shaylee Richardson, Stacy Sandlin, Dixie Shufelberger, Kimberly Sparkman, and Christy Thomas sang "Annabel Lee" and received a I rating. Another ensemble consisting of Erin Alexander, Amy Bradley, Tracy Bruton, Tammy Chesher, Jamie Earp, Angie Everson, Dawn Fox, Dolores Gonzalez, Amy Hayes, Jennifer Holland, Laura-Marie Imel, Jennifer Keeton, Darcie Larimore, Amy Poole, Dawn Shannon, Dixie Shufelberger, Brandon Soukup, Kimberly Sparkman, Christy Thomas, Katrina Villarreal, Kelley Vinson, Layla Williams, and Chris Withers.

Thirty-six students received I ratings on solos. They were Cullen Allen, Jenny Bowers, Amanda Brown, Tracy Bruton, Steven Crocker, Janet Dancel, Ellen Depee, Angie Everson, Dawn Fox, Levi Giles, Bryan Hanks, Jeff Henderson, Heather Hess, Megan Hill, Jennifer Holland, Laura Johnson, Sabrina Johnson, Jennifer Keeton, Darcie Larimore, Amber Lindsey, Jennifer Mays, Katie McKandles, Ty Newman, Edith Osborne, Omar Pena, Amy Poole, Melinda Randall, Dawn Shannon, Dixie Shufelberger, Brandon Soukup, Kimberly Sparkman, Christy Thomas, Katrina Villarreal, Kelley Vinson, Layla Williams, and Chris Withers.

Eleven students received II ratings on solos. They were Mechelle Abbott, Jay Braddock, Andie Bullard, Michelle Bybee, Joel Ferland, Amy Hayes, Michelle Johnson, Jacque Osborne, Danny Schmitto, Anthony Villarreal, and Hillary Ybarra.

Mr. Woickowksi also designated Jennifer Keeton as "outstanding soloist" for her exceptional performance.

The students were accompanied by Mrs. Wood and Jennifer Scoggin, Pampa Middle School choral directors, and Susie Wilson and Wanetta Hill, private voice instructors.

Barrier free office reduces absences

HOUSTON (AP) — Under the newly-enacted Americans with Disabilities Act, companies must consider the disabled when making any decisions concerning office design and furniture purchase, says Christine H. Neldon, president of the International Facility Management Association in Houston.

Incorporating barrier-free designs into buildings will not only help the disabled, she says, but will also help attract and retain skilled workers. Barrier-free design will help reduce work absences caused by temporary physical impairments, she adds.

Neldon says the Internal Revenue Service offers a business incentive tax that allows business operators to deduct some expenses incurred for making a facility more accessible to the handicapped and elderly.

Scouting for Food begins Saturday in area counties

Scouting for Food, a nationwide 'good-turn' sponsored by Boy Scouts of America, begins Saturday, March 2.

Phil Vanderpool, Santa Fe District Chairman announced that the Cubs and Scouts will be delivering plastic food pickup bags to homes in the Santa Fe District on Saturday morning. The residents are asked to fill the plastic food bag and place it out doors for collection by the Cubs or Scouts on March 9, before 9 a.m.

All food collected will stay in local food pantries according to Vanderpool. Locally, the food will go to the Good Samaritan House for distribution.

According to Vanderpool the last year totals for "Scouting for Food" drive in the Santa Fe District, which includes Gray, Roberts, Donley, Hall, Collingsworth, Wheeler and part of Carson County, exceeded 11,000 pounds. The Scouts in 1991 hope to increase that amount in order to eliminate the Boy Scout 'unacceptable' of hunger.

Proper preparation is key to professional painting

By POPULAR MECHANICS
For AP Newsfeatures

Window sills, door trim, crown moldings and baseboard require a durable protective finish. A good, long-lasting paint job on woodwork and trim involves careful brush work — and that takes a little practice.

It's worth the effort, though, to learn how to prepare and paint woodwork correctly because it really brightens a room. Done properly, a good paint job lasts for many years and withstands repeated cleanings.

In any painting project, first prepare the surface by cleaning and patching it, then paint it. If you're painting the walls and woodwork, begin by patching the walls and the trim so all surfaces are smooth. Paint the trim first, then paint the walls. It's easier to wipe a little paint off woodwork than to get trim paint off a wall.

Wash the woodwork with a solution of water and Spic 'n' Span or trisodium phosphate (TSP). If phosphate cleaners are banned in your area, use a good household cleaner. Rinse the woodwork and let it dry.

Latex or vinyl (water-based) paints are the predominant choice for the home painter and are best for walls. However, latex semigloss and enamel (glossy) are not as abrasion resistant as oil-based paints (especially important on the window sash, handrails and sills) and can't be cleaned as many times as oil-based paints.

Latex trim paints dry quickly, and this makes it difficult to avoid lap marks — even for the most experienced painters. These paints dry to a softer and more flexible film than oil-based paints. Objects placed on latex paint can stick in place if left a long time, even after the paint has

dried.

On the plus side, latex paint is easy to clean up. Spills wipe up with water, and brushes can be quickly washed in the sink. And because it doesn't contain petroleum-distilled solvents, latex paint is less of a threat to the environment.

Oil-based paint provides a tough, durable finish that's ideal for woodwork. It dries slowly to a hard surface. The paint comes in four levels of gloss: flat, eggshell, semigloss and gloss. You clean up oil-based paints with paint thinner (also known as mineral spirits).

Most trim paints cover between 350 and 400 square feet of surface per gallon. Painters allow about 8 square feet of paintable area for each window and about 25 square feet of area for each door. Extra paint is needed for the window's trim or casing and its jamb.

To determine the surface area of base and ceiling molding, estimate it at 6 inches wide (regardless of actual width) and multiply this times its length in inches. Divide this number by 144 to arrive at the square-foot surface area. The average room does not require a lot of trim paint. A quart will usually do it. If you need 3 quarts, buy a gallon.

The material your brush is made from should be determined by your choice of paint. A brush with polyester or nylon bristles is suitable for latex or oil paint. If you're going to buy only one brush, make it polyester.

Brushes made from hog bristle (sometimes called China bristle) are best with oil paints and get limp when used with latex paint. Good quality bristle brushes are expensive. Don't buy the inexpensive ones as they tend to lose their bristles.

Club News

El Progresso Club met Feb. 26 with Pat Youngblood in her home near Lefors. The meeting was chaired by president Julia Dawkins.

Dot Allen announced that she will be assisted by Maedell Lanehart, Mabel Ford and Maxine Hawkins in preparing the yearbook for 1991-1992.

Lilith Brainard told about her participation in the William Tedrick Agricultural Mission to the Soviet Union in April, 1988. The purpose of this tour, sponsored by Texas A&M Extension Service, was to improve international communications and to build friendship between two nations.

Brainard showed slides of places she visited and displayed objects she brought from the Soviet Union.

The next meeting will be on March 12 in the home of Ruth Riehart.

Chapter CS of PEO met at the home of Angela Spearman on Feb. 12. Linda Holt presented a program about potpourri. Pat Youngblood was co-hostess. The chapter met again on Feb. 26 at the home of Lois Gilbert. The president, Dolores Cross presented a program "Cherished Memories". Ruth Riehart was co-hostess. The next meeting is scheduled for March 12 at the home of Betty Cain.

Members of **Preceptor Chi** met Feb. 4 in the lobby of the Lovett Memorial Library. Dan Snider, director, gave a discussion on using the card catalogue to locate particular topics, then their location in the library. He demonstrated the library computer hook-up with other area libraries so that more resources may be accessed.

Preceptor Chi members met Feb. 18 in the home of Gerry Caylor. President Shirley Stafford discussed correspondence from International and reported on city council's decision to make a donation to Special Olympics. She reported that Preceptor Theta Iota was responsible for pictures at the Sweetheart Ball.

Clint Caylor gave a program about the Middle East where he was located 1971-1975. He discussed the Biblical times, political and geographic settings of the area.

Members of the Lone Star Tri-Mates, auxiliary of the National Guard unit met Feb. 18, at the home of Nancy Easley, Skellytown. President Easley presided. Pledge of allegiance was led by Sharon Kennedy. Roberta Williamson lead in prayer for men and women serving in the Persian Gulf. Reports were given.

Scholarship applications have been placed in the Borger and Pampa schools, where they may be obtained from school counselors. Students from other schools may contact Maxine Parker 274-3756, or Birdie Daley 273-5792, or Sharon Kennedy 857-2594.

A nominating committee was selected.

The next meeting will be March 11 at the home of Roberta Williamson, 305 Romero, Fritch. All wives of guardsmen and servicemen are invited.

The **Twentieth Century Club** met on Feb. 12 at the home of Mrs. Kent Olson. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Doyle Bekham, president, and Mrs. Earl Hoffer led the club in the collect. Mrs. L. T. Johnston led in the pledges to the American and Texas flags. Mrs. Walter Colwell, secretary, called the roll and read the minutes of the previous meeting. Project committee reported that work had begun on the Senior Citizen's Parking lot and needs had been assessed at Tralee Crisis Center. Mrs. Johnston read a list of needs for the Pampa Learning Center and said that they were in need of many items and would welcome help from anyone who could help.

Members were reminded of the upcoming Planet Earth series on PBS. Also coming up is PBS series "Faces of Amarillo" about pioneers of this area. Members were reminded to support our troops in the Desert Storm undertaking and especially local friends and family of soldiers.

Mrs. Johnston introduced the program. The club watched a videotape done by the Carson County Museum featuring local pioneers. This tape featured Emmet Lefors, when he was 100 years old.

Refreshments were served to 17 members.

Yum, yum, yum



(Staff photo by Cheryl Berzanekis) Left, Lawrence Ebenkamp, Hub Homer, dinner chairman, Wyndell Cox, Milton Brown, Grand Knight, A. J. Martin, and Hubert Johnson prepare homemade slaw and Polish sausage for the annual dinner sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The dinner will be Sunday, March 3, at the Knights Hall, 500 N. Ward. Serving times are 11-2 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. Plates may be purchased to eat in or take out. Available will be bulk sausage, cooked or uncooked, and all the dinner trimmings.

Plant lover digs for reason for theft

DEAR ABBY: I have always had a deep love for all living things. I have a house full of thriving plants.

About five years ago someone gave me a half-dead Boston fern. I took it home, repotted it, watered it and gave it plenty of love. (Boston ferns are very hard to grow.) It lived and grew into a huge, lush, thriving plant.

Every year, after the last frost, I put it outside. After being indoors all winter, it would grow like crazy! I kept it outside on my picnic table all summer. By the end of October I would bring it back inside for the winter, and it would be just beautiful.

Well, last Monday somebody stole my plant in broad daylight! Abby, it was in a 50-pound flowerpot. I cannot begin to tell you my shock and hurt. How could anyone be so low?

I hope that whoever took it knows how to care for it, because Boston ferns are very fragile and need loving care. Abby, why in this world would anyone want to steal a plant? Perhaps if you put this in your column, the thief will bring it back.



Dear Abby
Abigail Van Buren

I doubt that a plant lover stole your plant. In all probability it was stolen because it could be sold for a few dollars to another crook who buys stolen merchandise to sell to sleazy characters who ask no questions.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 43-year-old divorced male. (No children, fortunately.) I would like to propose marriage to a very lovely 31-year-old woman. My question: Should I buy a diamond ring and surprise her with it? Or should I propose first, and let her pick out her own ring? She has never been married.

H.W. (MY REAL INITIALS)
DEAR H.W.: Don't surprise her. Propose first. And if she accepts, invite her to go with you to pick out the ring.

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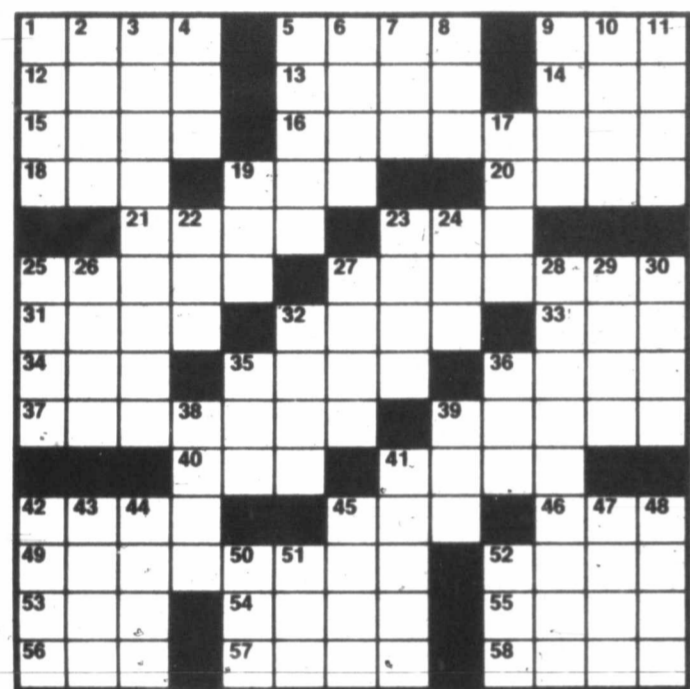
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- 5 Entice
- 9 Status
- 12 Beehive
- 13 Future
- 14 L.L.Bs. exam
- 15 Navy ship
- 16 "Star Wars" princess
- 17 Reprove mildly
- 18 Naval abbr.
- 19 Medical suffix
- 20 Old Testament book
- 21 Actress — Turner
- 23 Sine — non
- 25 Moans
- 27 Dolls on a string
- 31 Part of a shoe
- 32 Film director — Bunuel
- 33 12, Roman
- 34 Tax agcy.
- 35 Shade
- 36 Short period of calm
- 37 Earthenware makers
- 39 Walked in water
- 40 Sheep's bleat
- 41 Northern constellation
- 42 Jill Clayburgh movie
- 45 Actress West
- 46 Dress up
- 49 Typical amounts
- 52 Fashionable beach resort
- 53 Intermediate (pref.)
- 54 Musical instrument
- 55 Empty place
- 56 Club
- 57 Cupid
- 58 Hotels

DOWN

- 1 Something remarkable (sl.)
- 2 Southwest-ern Indians
- 3 Most graceful
- 4 Shinto temple
- 5 Andes animal
- 6 Govt. farm
- 7 agency
- 8 WWII area
- 9 Set of questions
- 10 Soviet Union (abbr.)
- 11 Safety agcy.
- 17 Tide type
- 19 Cricket positions
- 22 Everything
- 23 Stop
- 24 — and
- 25 Lash
- 26 Of aircraft
- 27 Plays on words
- 28 Secretion
- 29 Scrabble piece
- 30 Sardine
- 32 Italian money
- 35 Peking, e. g.
- 36 Guardian spirit
- 37 — spirit
- 38 Construction beam
- 39 25th letter
- 41 High intensity light beam
- 42 Mary's little pet
- 43 Layer of eye
- 44 Animal home
- 45 Type of fish
- 47 Thor's father
- 48 Divinities
- 50 — carte
- 51 Athletic center
- 52 56, Roman



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By Jerry Bittle

Astro-Graph

by bernice bede osol

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) It's extremely important to know when to stop selling and when to start asking for the order today. If you overstate your presentation, there's a strong chance you'll blow the deal. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail \$2 to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Serious agreements should not be based on a hand shake or verbal commitment today. For the sake of all parties concerned, put key points in writing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Do not underestimate the worth of what you have to offer, especially if you're performing some type of special service for another, today. Your payment will be predicated upon your evaluation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Combining business and pleasure could mix like milk and mud today. It's best not to put undue pressure on potential prospects with whom you're socially involved.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) If a situation is presently working to your advantage, don't start making changes today. The current state-of-affairs is delicate and alterations could prove disruptive.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It might not serve your best interests to broadcast your intentions to others today, particularly if you're planning something which could be personally rewarding.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Left to your own devices today, your ideas for generating material advantages should work out as you anticipate. But, people with whom you're involved might not reap equal rewards.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Someone who is not empowered to do so might try to make a decision today on your behalf which does not serve your best interests. Be on guard.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Success is a strong probability today in an arrangement where you maintain a low profile. In another instance, where you may seek the spotlight, you're not apt to get rave reviews.

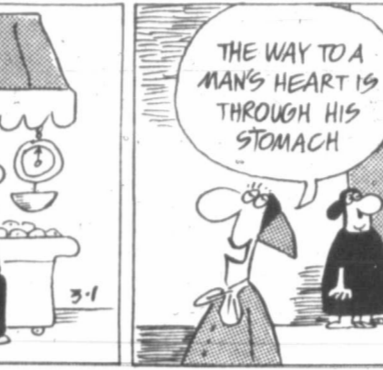
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be optimistic today, but, by the same token, also be realistic. Don't ravel up your expectations with false hopes of reaping a harvest you have not sown.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're capable of substantial accomplishments today, but you might not operate in ways that could manifest your full potential. Go all out where necessary.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) There is a possibility that you may repeat a mistake today similar to one you made not too long ago. If you don't learn your lesson now, you may do it again.

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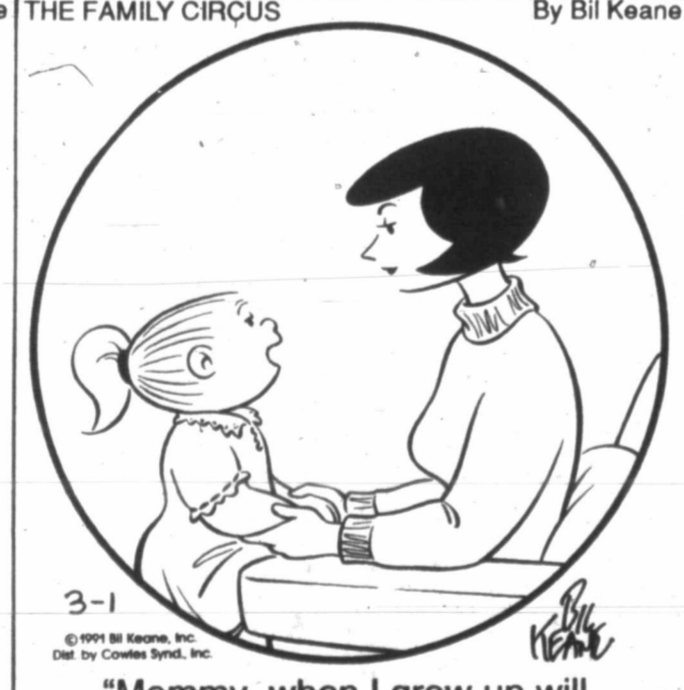
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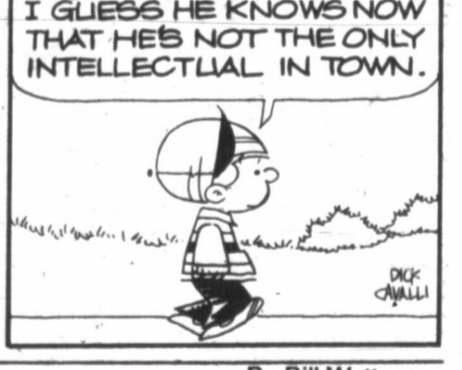
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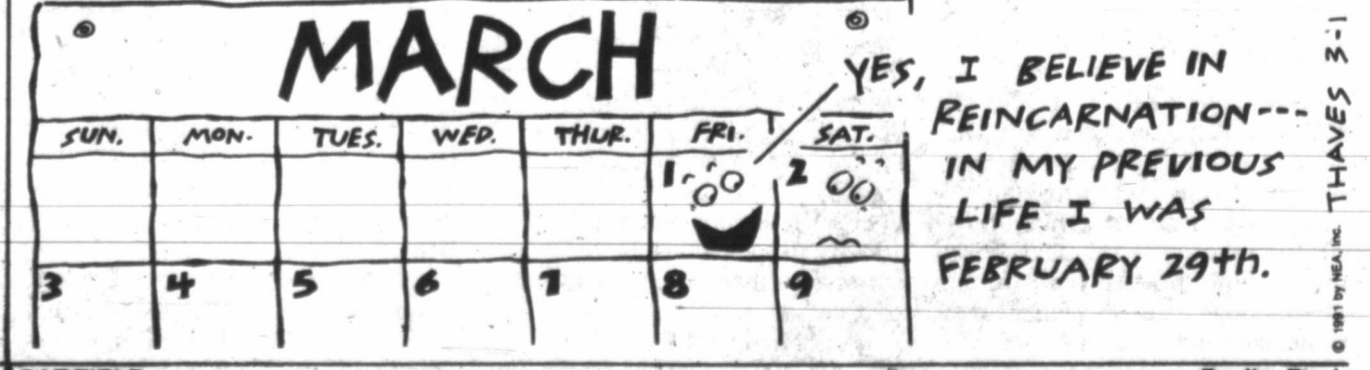
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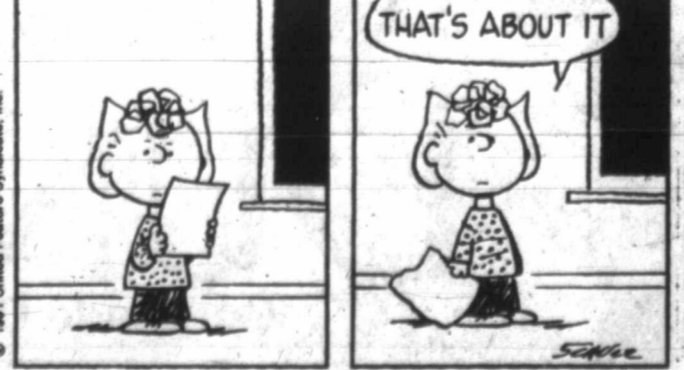
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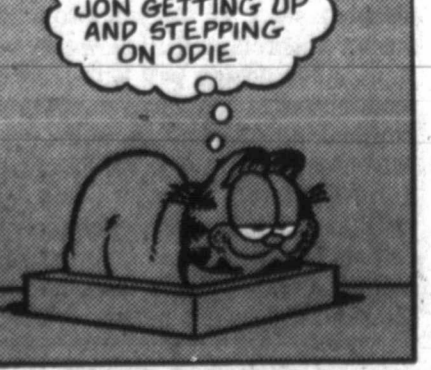
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By Jim Davis



Homecoming: Americans plan enormous party for victorious troops

By LESLIE DREYFOUS
AP National Writer

America's troops are in for the biggest party in years.

"It's gonna be a helluva welcome home," says Jim Schroder, president of the Chamber of Commerce in Oceanside, Calif. "They will not be forgotten, I guarantee you that."

Parades are planned from Blount County, Texas to Rockland County, N.Y. Rallies are in store from Boston to Hawaii. The nation is enjoying a rush of pride in the first tentative hours of peace in the Persian Gulf.

The outpouring promises a far brighter homecoming than troops returning from the Vietnam War received two decades ago.

"I think what we did to the Vietnam veterans was a shame to America," said City Commissioner Abner Orick, who hopes to stage the largest parade ever in Dayton, Ohio. "I don't want anything like that to ever happen again."

Many said now is the chance for some healing.

"No matter where they look, they're going to see 'welcome home,'" said Kris Tourtellotte, a Vietnam veteran who remembers what it was like in 1969.

Tourtellotte hopes to decorate the airport, bus station, train station and the homes of soldiers from Rochester, N.Y.

It could take many months to withdraw all 537,000 U.S. troops from the Middle East. But starting in Washington, D.C., where talk at the Pentagon was of a parade down Pennsylvania Avenue, people on the home front said they were ready.

"I think the American public is going to need very little advice or prompting. They're going to give these troops a hero's welcome," said U.S. Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Nebr., who lost part of a leg in the Vietnam War and won the Medal of Honor.

"We've had something in the works since December," said Mayor Buddy DeLoach of Hinesville, Ga., where an old-fashioned march of the troops near Fort Stewart was planned.

In Dallas, a weekend gathering initially planned as a military support

rally did a quick about-face. "(It will now have a slant as a victory party," said Jan Sargent, executive director of the Dallas Rotary Club.

It wasn't clear whether New York could afford a full-blown parade. But the Empire State Building's owners planned to replace the red, white and blue lights that have shone throughout the war.

Starting tonight, the landmark building was to be lit in yellow, a sign of peace and pride in the nation's troops.

At the Missouri Capitol, a luncheon party planned Monday for state workers with relatives in the gulf now "will turn into a victory celebration," said Bob Ferguson, spokesman for Gov. John Ashcroft.

Students at the University of Delaware were planning a rally Sunday in support of troops. It, too, will become a big victory party.

In Washington, Conn., Charlie Heyman said the sign-up sheet at his general store was filling up fast. He predicted no problem assembling 360 residents to hold up red, white and blue cards for a 60-foot human flag on the green in front of Town

Hall. Wewoka's 5,400 residents planned a boisterous welcome for the 180-member 2120th Oklahoma National Guard Supply and Service Company.

"We're hoping to have a parade and have our troops sit in the stands at the football stadium and have

everyone in town march past them," said Mary Gantt, who has a daughter in the reserves and leads a local support group.

Before the cease-fire was official, Honolulu Mayor Frank Fasi had been planning a big homecoming to which President Bush, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

Colin Powell and Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf will be invited.

"Our victorious men and women in the Middle East deserve a Royal Hawaiian welcome when they finally come home," Fasi said. "It will be a red, white and blue aloha that will come from every heart of every American on our island."

Some soldiers feel like they missed all the action

FORT HOOD (AP) - Roosevelt Smith would like to have a combat patch on his uniform. He won't get it from this war, though.

He's one of the many U.S. soldiers who performed crucial war roles in this country, yet feel like they missed something by not seeing combat.

The massive allied victory will be the subject of soldiers' conversations for a long time.

"Being out there, being in the battle scene would have been a nice feeling to build your morale to stay in the Army and to train some of the new guys coming in," Smith, a sergeant first class with the Army's 13th Corps Support Command at

Fort Hood, said Thursday.

More than 24,000 Fort Hood soldiers are in the Middle East. Smith is one of the 13,000 Army men and women who remained at the Central Texas post, the Army's largest military installation, during the war.

The members of his group realize that they played an important part in keeping the troops supplied and in helping with National Guard training, Smith said.

Smith welcomed the cease-fire President Bush announced Wednesday night. But he also knows he won't receive a prized combat patch, even if he ends up going the Gulf to help in the monumental task of bringing all that equipment back.

"I would have liked to have one of them," Smith said.

When the troops start returning, so will the boastful war stories, said Maj. Jim Boling, spokesman for the 31st Air Defense Artillery Brigade.

"It's amazing how many barbed wire cuts are going to become shrapnel wounds," Boling said.

He agreed that some soldiers who stayed in the United States will feel left out.

"I'm sure there are going to be a few people that would have rather been over there," said Capt. Warren Cason, also with the 13th Corps Support Command. "But we still had some important missions going on here."

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