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Iraqis fighting in protest of Saddam's rule



U.S. Navy Lt. Jeffrey Zaun, foreground, of Cherry Hill, N.J., leads a line of 10 allied prisoners of war released by the Iraqi government in Baghdad.

By RICHARD PYLE
Associated Press Writer

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Ten allied prisoners of war — six of them Americans — were freed today by Iraq in a first step toward meeting truce terms. At the same time, the worst unrest of Saddam Hussein's rule was reported in Iraq.

Iran's official news agency reported fierce fighting today in the southeastern Iraqi city of Basra. It said units of Saddam's elite Republican Guard were fighting people including defeated soldiers returning from Kuwait.

The Islamic Republic News Agency quoted refugees fleeing Iraq as saying the governor of Basra province, Basra's mayor and Saddam's eldest son, Udai, had been slain in the unrest.

There are no Western reporters in Basra and the reports on the turmoil could not be verified independently.

Iran's official radio on Sunday had reported violence anti-government demonstrations in at least four cities, suggesting Iraqi anger with Saddam for leading the country to defeat was beginning to boil over.

Baghdad Radio made no mention of any unrest in Basra. Iraq's official media instead depicted Saddam as a strong leader who is working to rebuild his war-wrecked country.

The Iraqi president — who had not been heard from in five days — resurfaced Sunday, when Baghdad Radio reported he had held two meetings with officials on restoring basic services.

Despite the prisoner release, Iraq took a belligerent line today on another topic — allied surveillance flights. A military spokesman said on Baghdad Radio that the overflights were meant to "terrorize" Iraqis and violated the truce.

There was no immediate response from the

allies to that charge, but there was a positive response to the POW release. The U.S. Central Command issued a statement saying coalition forces would reciprocate by releasing about 300 Iraqi prisoners on Tuesday.

The allies claim to be holding more than 60,000 Iraqi POWs.

Iraq was known to have held 13 allied prisoners of war, including nine Americans, two Britons, an Italian and a Kuwaiti. In addition, 66 allied soldiers were listed as missing in action: 45 Americans, 10 Britons, 10 Saudis and one Italian.

The freed POWs left for Jordan, where they were to be handed over to their respective embassies, AP correspondent Salah Nasrawi reported from the Iraqi capital. (See related story, Page 6.)

The Americans released included Army Spc. Melissa Rathbun-Nealy, of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Navy navigator-bombardier Lt. Jeffrey Zaun of Cherry Hill, N.J.

Rathbun-Nealy, 20, the only woman soldier reported missing in the Persian Gulf War, giggled as photographers snapped pictures of her. She had apparently been captured Jan. 30 near the Saudi-Iraqi border while on a transport mission. Zaun's A-6 Intruder went down on Jan. 17, the first day of the war.

There was no immediate word from the U.S. military on the release, but an uncle of Zaun's said the Navy had informed the family he had been freed.

The other Americans were Navy Lt. Robert Wetzel of Virginia Beach, Va., Air Force Maj. Thomas E. Griffith of Goldsboro, N.C., and Navy Lt. Lawrence Randolph Slade, also of Virginia Beach.

The Red Cross in Geneva confirmed the release of the 10 allied POWs today.

The Britons were identified as Malcolm Gra-

ham MacGown, John Peters and Ian Robert Pring, and the Italian as Maurizio Cocciolone.

The freed captives, clad in yellow jumpsuits with bearing the letters "PW," appeared to be in good condition, although one male prisoner's arm was in a sling and some appeared thin and tired.

Angelo Gnaedinger, Red Cross delegate-general for the Middle East and North Africa, said all were given a checkup and found to be in good health.

Zaun had been shown on Iraqi television shortly after his capture, looking badly battered. In that appearance, Zaun and other captive allied airmen recited wooden-sounding statements that were critical of the war and U.S. policy.

U.S. officials said the statements were almost certainly coerced, and accused Iraq of violating the Geneva Convention's provisions for humane treatment of POWs. The Baghdad government had also threatened to scatter POWs in buildings that were military targets.

In addition to the six Americans, three of the freed prisoners were British, and one was Italian. Iraq was known to have held 13 allied prisoners of war, including nine Americans, two Britons, an Italian and a Kuwaiti.

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The freeing of prisoners was among terms agreed to by Iraqi commanders in truce talks at an air base in southeastern Iraq on Sunday, three days after an informal cease-fire took hold.

Under the terms, U.S. forces would leave Iraqi territory once a permanent cease-fire is signed and Iraq has complied with all U.N. resolutions, including accepting liability for war damages and renouncing all claims to Kuwait.

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Supreme Court to hear Dallas case on duties of bank holding companies

By RICHARD CARELLI
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today agreed to decide in a case originating in Dallas whether federal regulators may force bank holding companies to pump money into ailing banks they own.

The court said it will review a ruling involving Dallas-based MCorp that gutted the Federal Reserve Board's "source of strength" policy, which had required bank holding companies to maintain adequate capital for subsidiary banks.

The case involved a 1988 action by the Fed against MCorp, which then owned 25 banks, 20 of which were declared insolvent. The estimated cost of bailing out MCorp depositors is \$2 billion, making it the second largest commercial bank rescue ever.

The Bush administration, in urging the justices to reinstate the source of strength policy, said the Fed had been "stripped ... of a critically important enforcement tool for safeguarding the stability of the nation's banking institutions."

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last May ruled that Congress never authorized the Fed to impose its source of strength policy.

Embodied in 1984 and 1987 directives, the policy said "a bank holding company shall serve as a source of financial and managerial strength to its subsidiary banks" and "should stand ready to use available resources to provide adequate capital funds to subsidiary banks during periods of financial stress or adversity."

The appeals court's ruling undermined the Fed's efforts to stave off bank failures in the three states — Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi — comprising the 5th Circuit.

Government lawyers told the justices that those three states accounted for 62.7 percent of all bank failures in the United States in 1988, 76 percent in 1989 and 68.7 percent in 1990.

No other federal appeals court has ruled on the validity of the source of strength policy.

The case acted on today began when the Fed alleged that MCorp was engaged in unsafe and unsound practices linked to capital problems at many of its 25 subsidiary banks.

Before the Fed filed formal source of strength charges against MCorp, 20 of the subsidiary banks were declared insolvent.

The Fed subsequently charged MCorp with failing to act as a source of strength to its five remaining subsidiary banks.

In mid-1989, U.S. District Judge Lynn Hughes in Texas barred enforcement of the Fed's charges against MCorp. The 5th Circuit court upheld the source-of-strength portion of the ruling.

In seeking Supreme Court help, government lawyers decried "the regulatory vacuum" created by the appeals court ruling.

"Once bank holding companies choose to abandon troubled subsidiaries, the holding companies have strong incentives to transfer valuable business operations and assets elsewhere, thereby further weakening the subsidiaries," the appeal said.

Such moves increase "the likelihood of insolvency, and ultimately exposing the banking insurance fund to additional liabilities," it said.

"Absent the source of strength regulations, bank holding companies could ... routinely draw profits away from subsidiary banks in good years, but then allow them to slip unaided into insolvency in lean years," the justices were told.

Lawyers for MCorp urged the court to reject the appeal. They said, "Congress was keenly aware (in passing several laws) that ... it was permitting (holding company) shareholders to choose not to support a troubled bank."

Also today, the justices agreed to review MCorp's appeal of that portion of the appeals court May decision allowing certain other Fed actions against the bank holding company.

The cases are Board of Governors vs. MCorp, 90-913, and MCorp vs. Board of Governors, 90-914.

Peace celebrants



Kuwaiti citizens parade past a U.S. soldier on guard duty at the American Embassy in Kuwait City Sunday as the liberation celebration continues. Several people wore American flags or carried pictures of U.S. President George Bush.

AMT Paramedic Service to have open house Tuesday

Imagine pulling a family from a car that has been in a head-on collision. Resuscitating a man who has suffered a heart attack. Reviving a woman who has taken an overdose of sleeping pills. Trying to save a toddler who has swallowed bleach or fallen into the swimming pool.

For the paramedics and emergency medical technicians of the American Medical Transport (AMT) ambulance company, these types of incidents make up an average day. They are ready at a second's notice — every hour, every day — to respond to Pampa residents in need.

AMT Paramedic Service, which provides exclusive ambulance service to Pampa, invites the public to experience a bit of this "average" day firsthand by attending an open house Tuesday to be held from 10

a.m. to 6 p.m. at AMT's new local headquarters at 120 N. Gray.

"The open house gives AMT the opportunity to show off the operation that has provided local residents with quality ambulance service since 1982," said Lon Robertson, local operations manager for AMT.

"Pampa residents who attend the open house will have the opportunity to see how the local 9-1-1 system operates and the benefits it can provide, from the time of an initial call for medical help to the patients' final transport to a medical facility."

The public will also have the opportunity to view the inside of AMT's state-of-the-art ambulances, which are fully equipped to act as mobile intensive care units, and the chance to meet the AMT employee owners who respond whenever an emergency strikes, Robertson said.

AMT will also provide CPR demonstrations and distribute educational information on various health and safety tips that can help keep the public safe from harm and could even help individuals to save a life, he said.

Refreshments will also be available at the event, and door prizes will be given away.

Locally, AMT provides ambulance service to Pampa through a contract with the City of Pampa and the surrounding Gray County. The company presently operates three ambulances from its Gray Street station. The new headquarters, which is more centrally located than the former 420 W. Florida St. station, should provide local residents with even quicker response times to emergencies, Robertson explained.

The new building also houses a

classroom that will accommodate up to 30 people and that will be available for civic groups in need of meeting space, as well as for community-oriented projects and programs. AMT personnel will also conduct public education courses, such as CPR, in the new training room.

The AMT family of ambulance companies presently provides top quality pre-hospital care and ambulance transportation to more than 50 communities in four states with more than 100 ambulances.

Serving the emergency needs of nearly 4 million people and responding to more than 200,000 requests for assistance annually, the company has established itself as the national leader and innovator in the field of medical transportation services, Robertson said.

State to investigate fraud problems with companies leased to provide insurance

HOUSTON (AP) — Some firms hired by Texas businesses to handle personnel benefits they can't afford are leaving employees with unpaid bills and the businesses open to liability, state officials say.

The problems have prompted the State Board of Insurance to investigate several leasing companies for insurance fraud.

Kirby Parker had just given birth to premature triplets when she discovered her health insurance had been canceled. Her hospital stay, along with five weeks of intensive care for the babies, cost \$150,000,

and her policy was not paying a penny. "You talk about a real shock," said Mrs. Parker, who was forced to take out a loan to make the payments.

Although her husband worked for a Dallas freight forwarding company, his insurance policy was provided by a Georgia employee leasing firm that later folded.

Her story is an increasingly familiar one. During the past few years, thousands of businesses have hired leasing companies to provide cheap insurance coverage and handle personnel paperwork.

But too often, leasing companies have provided insurance from unlicensed carriers banned from working in Texas.

Or in some instances, the leasing companies are obtaining legitimate insurance in a fraudulent way by circumventing state regulations, state regulators say.

Leasing companies, popular among small companies in high-risk industries such as oil drilling and construction, work like this:

— A business "fires" its employees. The leasing company "hires" them and then leases the workers back to the orig-

inal employer. — The leasing company provides workers' compensation and health insurance to its new "employees," forwards federal, state, sales, social security and unemployment taxes, and writes payroll checks. The usual fee for clients ranges from 3 to 7 percent of the total payroll.

Because leasing companies offer cheaper employee insurance benefits, they are especially attractive to small companies involved in high-risk industries. There are no solid figures on the number

of workers covered under employee leasing contracts.

However, national estimates range from 700,000 to millions, with the bulk in California, Florida, Texas and the Northeast. Hundreds of leasing companies operate in Texas.

Many leasing firms do a good job, said Charles Babb, legal counsel for the Texas Workers Compensation Insurance Facility, a consortium of insurers that provides workers' compensation coverage for small employers.

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Services tomorrow

FORRESTER, Emmett - 11 a.m., First Baptist Church.
OLDHAM, Haskell B. - 1 p.m., First Baptist Church, Samnorwood.
DICK, George E. - 10:30 a.m., Church of Christ, Perryton; 2 p.m., graveside, Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
LANDRY, Thelma - 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, White Deer.

Obituaries

EMMETT FORRESTER

Emmett Forrester, 87, died Sunday, March 3, 1991, in Pampa. Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church with Rev. M.B. Smith, retired Baptist minister, and Dr. Darrel Rains, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Masonic graveside rites will be courtesy of Pampa Masonic Lodge #966, AF&AM.

Mr. Forrester was born May 2, 1903, in Limestone County, Texas. He moved to Pampa in 1939 from Electra. He married Sophie Pastusek on Feb. 5, 1929, in Lancaster, Texas. She passed away in 1973. He was employed by Magnolia Pipe Line Co. (later merged into Mobil Oil) for 40 years, retiring in 1968.

He was a member in the Masonic Order for more than 50 years, including Past Master of Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM, Pampa Chapter #433 R.A.M., Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Texas #361, Past Commander of Pampa Commandery #97 K.T., Lubbock Scottish Rite Mason, Khiva Shrine Temple of Amarillo and Pampa Shrine Club. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and Everyman's Bible Class.

Survivors include two sons, Terry Forrester of Dallas and Emmett Forrester Jr. of Englewood, Colo.; a daughter, Francine Bromlow of Hereford; a brother, Oren Forrester of Dallas; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

The family will be at the Colwell residence, 2000 Charles.

HENRY DUCKWORTH

LEFORS - Henry Duckworth, 35, died Sunday, March 3, 1991, in Shamrock. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Duckworth was born July 9, 1955, in Archer City. He married Kathy Danley on June 14, 1980, in Lefors. He was a member of the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department. He was employed by the Mundy Maintenance Co. He moved to Lefors about 30 years ago, and graduated from Lefors High School in 1974.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy, of the home; one daughter, Lindsay, of the home; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Duckworth of Lefors; four sisters, Doris Lundy of Wichita Falls, Mildred McDonald of Avinger, Jewell Heard of Pampa and Nancy Morris of Mulberry, Ark.; eight nieces and five nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother Laura Sanders, on April 1, 1975, and by one brother, Connie Duckworth, on May 3, 1983.

JOYCE HICKMAN

Joyce Hickman, 83, died today, March 4, 1991, in Brenham. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hickman was born May 17, 1907, in Livingston, Texas. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1930. She married A.E. (Chick) Hickman on Nov. 4, 1930, at Liberal, Kan. He died March 7, 1987. She moved to Horseshoe Bay in 1986 and to Brenham in 1987. She was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pampa.

Survivors include a son, Bill Chapman of Marble Falls; a sister, Myrtle McCollum of Brenham; a grandson, and several nieces and nephews.

HASKELL B. OLDHAM

SHAMROCK - Haskell B. Oldham, 82, died Sunday, March 3, 1991. Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church in Samnorwood with the Rev. D. Jay Lewis, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Plymouth Cemetery by Richerson Funeral Home.

Mr. Oldham was a longtime resident of Collingsworth County, moving to Shamrock in 1972. He was a farmer and a rancher. He married Mabel McChesney in 1953 at Clovis, N.M.

Survivors include his wife; a son, John Oldham of Samnorwood; three daughters, Anna Raymond and Jeannette Dunn, both of Pampa, and Debbie Graybel of Saint George, Utah; two stepsons, Leroy Pullum and Sammy Lee Pullum, both of Amarillo; three stepdaughters, Ruby Braum of Denver, Colo.; Jeannie Gilmore of Beeville and Carolyn Oldham of Medicine Lodge, Kan.; two brothers, Elmer Oldham of Amarillo and Herman Oldham of Samnorwood; 22 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

GEORGE E. DICK

PERRYTON - George E. Dick, 75, a former Pampa resident, died Saturday, March 2, 1991. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Church of Christ in Perryton with Joe Mitchell, minister, officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home Inc. of Perryton.

Mr. Dick was born on March 21, 1915, in Otterville, Mo., and had lived in Pampa and Spearman before moving to Perryton. He married Oughtney Avants on Feb. 10, 1939, at Amarillo. He worked for Exxon from 1946 to 1971. He also had worked for Jet Well Service in 1971, retiring in 1979. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and was a member of the Christian Church.

Survivors include his wife; a daughter, Gaylean Smith of Pasadena; four grandchildren and a great-grandson.

THELMA LANDRY

WHITE DEER - Thelma Landry, 76, died Sunday, March 3, 1991. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church in White Deer with the Rev. Calvin Winters, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in White Deer Cemetery by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Landry had been a White Deer resident since 1984, moving there from Port Arthur. She married John Landry, who preceded her in death in 1976. She was a member of First Baptist Church in White Deer.

Survivors include two sisters, Letha McAnear of Bowie and Thetus Schmidt of Bismark, N.D.; a brother, Grady Martin of Lubbock; a nephew, Ed McAnear of White Deer; and two cousins, Floyd Adams of Pampa and Joyce Slagle of White Deer.

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WINFORD SAMUEL McQUEEN

MEMPHIS - Winford Samuel "Hap" McQueen, 77, father of a Pampa woman, died Friday, March 1, 1991. Services were at 10 a.m. today in Travis Baptist Church with the Rev. Leroy Gaston, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery by Spicer Funeral Home.

Mr. McQueen was born in Hall County and had been a lifelong resident of Hall County. He was a farmer. He married Cle Ziegler in 1939 at the Newlin community. He was a member of Travis Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; three sons, Winfred McQueen of Memphis, John Wiley McQueen of Denison and Troy Ray McQueen of Robinson; four daughters, Shirley Ward, Vivian Martin and Billie Sampley, all of Memphis, and Venita Jean Roland of Pampa; a brother, Bill McQueen of Oklahoma City, Okla.; three sisters, Ruthie Lee Selle of Del City, Okla.; Sara Kilgore of Memphis and Tommy McGuire of Lamesa; 17 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

TED YOUNG

PADUCAH - Ted Young, 84, brother of a McLean woman, died Friday, March 1, 1991. Services were at 2 p.m. Sunday in Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. Vernon Rodgers, pastor, and Jerry McClendon officiating. Burial was in Garden of Memories Cemetery by Seigler Funeral Home.

Mr. Young was born in Independence County, Ark. He had been a resident of Cottle County for many years. He was a retired carpenter and a mechanic. He married Jessie Pearl Jolley in 1930. He was a member of Missionary Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife; two sons, Charles Young and Kenneth Young, both of Paducah; three daughters, Betty Wyant of Golden, Colo., and Nelda O'Neal and Kathy Hanks, both of Vernon; a brother, Elmer Young of Durant, Okla.; a sister, Sophi Hutchison of McLean; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL Admissions		Shelley Lynn Kelly, Pampa	
Mary Ethel Coombes, Pampa	William Howard Miller, Pampa	Karla Gail Nelson, Pampa	Edna A. Cole, Pampa
Clessie Ferris, Pampa	William B. Cox, Pampa	Haskell Goodner, Pampa	Guadalupe Ramirez, Pampa
Milan Mertel, Shamrock	Edna A. Cole, Pampa	Golda Saulsbury, Pampa	Chancey A. Williamson, Pampa
Thomas Parker Stringer, Pampa	William B. Cox, Pampa	ShAMROCK HOSPITAL Admissions	Emmett Gish, Shamrock
Chancey Arron Williamson, Pampa	James Woods, Shamrock	Emmett Gish, Shamrock	Diane Lovell, Wheeler
Ollie B. Goodman, Panhandle	James Woods, Shamrock	James Woods, Shamrock	James Woods, Shamrock
Jammie Q. Jones, Perryton	James Woods, Shamrock	James Woods, Shamrock	James Woods, Shamrock
Lena M. Kingery, Pampa	James Woods, Shamrock	James Woods, Shamrock	James Woods, Shamrock
Dick Wheeler, McLean	James Woods, Shamrock	James Woods, Shamrock	James Woods, Shamrock
Birth		Dismissals	
To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones of Perryton, a baby boy.		Elmer Willie Ammons, Pampa	
Dismissals		Jody P. Clendennen and baby girl, Pampa	
Jeanette L. Fish, McLean		James Woods, Shamrock	

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa.		Cobot.....31 3/4		up 1/8	
Wheat.....2.41	up 1/8	Coca-Cola.....52 3/8	dn 3/8	Mapco.....46 3/8	dn 1/8
Milo.....4.00	dn 1/8	Eaton.....55 1/2	up 1/4	Halliburton.....52 1/2	dn 1/8
Corn.....4.30	dn 1/8	Halliburton.....52 1/2	dn 1/8	Ingersoll Rand.....51 1/4	dn 1/2
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation:		KNE.....22 3/4	dn 1/4	Kerr-McGee.....46 1/4	dn 1/4
Ky. Cent. Life.....7 7/8	up 1/8	Limited.....23 3/4	up 1/8	Penney's.....54 3/8	up 3/8
Serico.....4 1/4	NC	Mapco.....46 3/8	dn 1/8	Phillips.....27 3/4	dn 1/4
Occidental.....20 1/8	up 1/8	McDonald's.....32 3/8	up 3/8	SLB.....62 1/2	dn 5/8
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:		Mesa Ltd.....2 7/8	up 1/8	SFS.....28 3/8	dn 1/8
Magellan.....63.32	dn 1/8	Mobil.....62 1/2	dn 1/2	Tenneco.....49 3/8	up 1/8
Puritan.....13.39	dn 1/8	New Atmos.....17 1/8	dn 1/8	Texasco.....63 3/4	dn 3/8
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa.		Wal-Mart.....35 3/4	dn 3/8	Wal-Mart.....35 3/4	dn 3/8
Amoco.....52 1/8	dn 3/8	New York Gold.....365.50	up 3/8	Silver.....3.78	dn 3/8
Arco.....129 1/8	up 1/2	West Texas Crude.....19.05	dn 3/8	West Texas Crude.....19.05	dn 3/8

Fires

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

FRIDAY, March 1

10:18 p.m. - Dumpster fire was reported in the 1300 block of South Barnes. One unit and two firefighters responded.

11:19 p.m. - False alarm was reported at Cuyler and Browning. One unit and two firefighters responded.

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11:36 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a car fire at 538 S. Cuyler. The vehicle, owned by Ernest Huff, was a total loss.

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Iraqis

Later Sunday, Baghdad Radio announced that Iraq had accepted United Nations peace conditions.

In return, the Security Council authorized mercy flights into Baghdad of food, medicine and water purification equipment.

Despite the halt in hostilities, the conflict continued to claim American lives. A female pilot and three other U.S. soldiers were killed in a helicopter crash in northern Saudi Arabia on Saturday. U.S. military officials said. Army Maj. Marie T. Rossi, 32, of Oradell, N.J., was the first woman pilot reported killed in the gulf.

As the terms for the truce were relayed to the Iraqis,

leaders looked to prospects for long-term peace in the region.

President Francois Mitterrand of France on Sunday proposed an unprecedented meeting of the leaders of U.N. Security Council member nations to discuss Middle East issues such as the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

At the truce talks in Safwan, Iraq, victorious and vanquished generals faced one another across a simple wooden table in a dark-green tent pitched beside a crushed-stone runway.

Afterward, Desert Storm commander Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf told reporters: "I am very happy to tell you we agreed on all matters."

The Iraqis had little choice but to accept the terms put to them.

Minor accidents

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

FRIDAY, March 1

11:16 p.m. - A 1976 Mercury, driven by Zina L. Prince, 27, 1141 Huff Road, collided with a curb at 400 N. Cuyler and 100 E. Browning. An estimated \$20 in damage was caused to the city of Pampa curb. Prince was cited for driving while intoxicated. No injuries were reported.

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6:25 a.m. - A 1973 Dodge, driven by Amy H. Harrison, 18, 414 Red Deer, and a 1988 Chevrolet, driven by Barbara Powers Thomas, 42, Box 341, Pampa, collided at Randy Matson Avenue and Williston. Harrison was cited for failure to yield right of way. Thomas reported a possible injury.

DPS - Accident

SATURDAY, March 2

6:40 p.m. - A 1982 Mack truck-tractor and platform trailer, driven by Ernest Stone, 59, of Claude, was traveling southbound on Texas 70, approaching FM 282, when the driver locked the brakes, the load shifted and the truck and trailer turned over on its left side. Citations were issued. No injuries were reported in the Roberts County accident, 4.2 miles north of Pampa.

Police report

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

SATURDAY, March 2

Pampa Police Department reported an incident of unlawfully carrying a weapon in the 700 block of Barnes Street.

Tip Top Used Cars, 848 W. Brown, reported burglary of a motor vehicle.

A fire was reported at 538 S. Cuyler.

SUNDAY, March 3

Kayla Dawn Moore, a clerk at Allsup's #77, 500 E. Foster, reported an aggravated assault at the business.

Carson County Sheriff's Office issued a wanted outside agency report.

Larry Allen Dean, 713 N. Wells, reported criminal mischief, causing damage of \$20-200 at the Horace Mann school yard at Banks and Crocker streets.

Wal-Mart, 2225 N. Hobart, reported a robbery. (See related story).

An aggravated assault with a BB-gun to a 10-year-old girl was reported in the 400 block of North Banks. The girl reportedly received a cut to the right arm.

The father of a 13-year-old girl reported an accidental shooting with a BB-gun in the 300 block of Rider. The girl reportedly received a cut to the right side of the head.

City briefs

BRICK REPAIR: Harley Knutson 665-4237. Adv.

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

PRO CAPS just arrived! All major league teams. Good size range. T-shirts & More. 665-3036. Adv.

COMEDY NIGHT Tuesday, March 5, 8:30 p.m. T.C. Hatter and Marcianne, also Brad Tassell. Reservations A Must! Knight Lites, 618 W. Foster. 665-6482. Adv.

2 BEDROOM house for quick sale \$7500. 665-3027. Adv.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING, Bowman Driving School, 669-3871. Adv.

BETTY EPPERSON income tax service. Very reasonable rates. 665-8258. Evening and Saturday appointments. Adv.

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

FOR SALE Petrified wood. Choice pieces. 665-9512. Adv.

TANNING SPECIAL Come tan with us. Hours flexible. Shear Elegance, 400 N. Cuyler, 669-9579. Adv.

NEED A manicure, pedicure set of silk nails? Give Kelley a call at Shear Elegance, for Specials, call 669-9579. Adv.

THE STAFF of Michelles Beauty Salon, has changed locations. Kim, Song, Rhonda, Linda, and Louise, have joined the staff of Salon Cream of the Crop. For appointments please call, 669-9871, 665-3509, or 669-1714. 500 N. Ballard. Adv.

IMAGES, 123 N. Cuyler, Final Days up to 70% off on Fall and Winter merchandise. Adv.

COCKER SPANIEL, buff colored female, 3 years old; also salt and pepper colored Schnauzer 1 year old. Wearing collar and tag. Both lost Friday in the vicinity of 2100 N. Well. Call 665-2502 or 665-7800. Reward! Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight, increasing high level cloudiness and mild with a low in the lower 40s and westerly winds 10-20 mph. Tuesday, warm and breezy with a high in the lower 80s and westerly winds 15-25 mph and gusty.

REGIONAL FORECAST

West Texas - Fair tonight. Partly cloudy and continued unseasonably warm Tuesday. Lows tonight from low 40s Panhandle to mid 50s Big Bend valleys. Highs Tuesday from low 80s Panhandle to mid 90s Big Bend valleys.

North Texas - Mostly sunny and warm Tuesday. Clear at night. Lows tonight 47 east to 57 west. Highs Tuesday 86 to 91.

South Texas - Fair to partly cloudy with warm days and mild at night through Tuesday. Lows tonight in mid 40s Hill Country, 50s elsewhere. Highs Tuesday in the 80s, low 90s Rio Grande plains.

EXTENDED FORECAST

Wednesday through Friday
 West Texas - Panhandle: Fair Wednesday through Friday. Warm Wednesday turning cooler Thursday through Friday. Highs in upper 60s Wednesday cooling to near 60 Thursday and Friday. Lows in mid 40s Wednesday cooling to mid 30s Thursday and Friday. South Plains: Fair and warm Wednesday. Fair and turning cooler Thursday through Friday. Highs mid 70s Wednesday cooling to mid 60s Thursday and Friday. Lows in upper 40s Wednesday.

day cooling to upper 30s Friday. Permian Basin: Fair and warm Wednesday. Fair and turning cooler Thursday and Friday. Highs Wednesday near 80 cooling to near 70 Friday. Lows in low 50s Wednesday cooling to low 40s Friday. Concho-Pecos Valleys: Fair and warm Wednesday. Fair and turning a little cooler Thursday through Friday. Highs Wednesday in low 80s cooling to near 70 Friday. Lows in mid 50s Wednesday cooling to mid 40s Friday. Far West: Fair and warm Wednesday through Friday. Highs in upper 60s and low 70s. Lows in low 50s Wednesday cooling to low 40s Friday. Big Bend: Fair and very warm Wednesday through Friday. Highs from mid 90s river valleys to near 80 in mountains. Lows from low 40s mountains to mid 50s on plateaus.

North Texas - Central and East: Fair and unseasonably warm Wednesday. Cloudy and cooler with a slight chance of showers Thursday. Partly cloudy and continued cool Friday. Lows near 60 Wednesday falling into upper 40s Thursday and Friday. Highs in mid 80s Wednesday cooling into upper 60s Thursday and Friday. West: Fair and unseasonably warm Wednesday. Partly cloudy and cooler Thursday and Friday. Lows in mid 50s Wednesday cooling into the 40s Thursday and Friday. Highs in mid 80s Wednesday falling into upper 60s Thursday and Friday.

South Texas - Hill Country and South Central: Fair skies and warm Wednesday. Mostly cloudy and cooler Thursday and Friday. Lows in the 50s. Highs Wednesday in the 80s, cooling by Friday to the 70s.

BORDER STATES

Oklahoma - Fair tonight. Partly sunny, windy and very warm Tuesday with local areas of blowing dust southwest. Lows tonight in the 40s. Highs Tuesday upper 70s and 80s.

New Mexico - Tonight, partly cloudy northwest with a slight chance of showers toward daybreak, variable high clouds elsewhere. Tuesday, mostly cloudy northwest with a chance of mainly mountain showers, variable high clouds elsewhere. Breezy most sections. Highs Tuesday mid 50s to mid 70s mountains and northwest with 70s to mid 80s elsewhere. Lows tonight low 20s to 30s mountains with 30s and 40s lower elevations.

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Sudafed capsules recalled after link to deaths

By NANCY COSTELLO
Associated Press Writer

SEATTLE (AP) — The makers of Sudafed 12 Hour capsules pulled the popular cold medication off store shelves across the nation as federal authorities investigated two deaths and an injury involving cyanide-laced capsules.

Burroughs Wellcome ordered the recall of about 1 million packages on Sunday. The day before, state and federal officials revealed they were investigating the poisonings, which took place in the Tacoma and Olympia areas.

Authorities said they are still trying to determine if the victims had anything in common other than their separate purchases of the tainted over-the-counter cold remedy. Investigators gave no possible motive for the tampering.

Meanwhile, a capsule that showed signs of tampering was returned to a Tacoma-area store after the recall order was issued Sunday, authorities said. Tests were being conducted to determine whether it contained cyanide.

FBI agent Dick Thurston said the four Sudafed packages came from different stores.

"Despite what appears to be a localized situation, the company has decided to institute a nationwide recall," said Phil Tracy, president and chief executive officer for Burroughs Wellcome, based in Research Triangle Park, N.C.

Local police and federal authorities launched

an investigation Feb. 15 after learning that Jennifer Meling, 28, of Tumwater, an Olympia suburb, had become seriously ill after taking Sudafed laced with cyanide two weeks before.

Then, on Friday, authorities learned that Kathleen Daneker, 40, of Tacoma, had Sudafed and cyanide in her body when she died Feb. 11.

On Sunday, authorities learned that Stanley McWhorter, 44, of Lacey, died Feb. 18 of cyanide poisoning after taking Sudafed capsules.

McWhorter was cremated and his vital organs given to the Northwest Organ Procurement Agency before it was learned he had been poisoned. But authorities said blood and tissue samples were taken from his body before the cremation.

Laurie Peterson, a supervisor with the organ procurement agency, said the organ recipients apparently suffered no problems.

"It would have probably been reported to us already had there been serious problems," she said. "I'm pretty certain that things are all right."

Susan Hutchcroft of the Food and Drug Administration declined to say how the cyanide was believed to have introduced into the capsules. Sudafed has tamper-resistant packaging and capsule design because of earlier scares.

Company officials said they believe any tampering occurred after the products left the Greenville, N.C., plant where they were packaged.

All three victims consumed Sudafed from

blister packs bearing the lot number 8U2846. The boxes bore the lot numbers 002847 and 8U2849.

Officials speculated that the tainted Sudafed capsules probably were taken from one box, laced with cyanide and sealed in another box.

"When they are packaged at our plant, they (the lot numbers) match," Tracy said.

Sudafed packaging has three tamper-resistant features: a blue gelatin band around the capsule that makes it impossible to take apart; the aluminum and plastic blister pack; and the carton, which has tape on either end that will break if someone tries to open the package.

In 1986 two people in south King County, Wash., died in a cyanide tampering case involving Extra-Strength Excedrin. Stella Nichol, convicted of killing her husband and another person, is serving 270 years in prison.

In 1982 seven people died of cyanide-tainted Tylenol capsules in Chicago, and almost five years ago a cyanide-laced Tylenol capsule killed a New York woman. Those killings have never been solved.

In 1986, Edward Arlen Marks pleaded guilty to putting rat poison into Contac, Teldrin and Dietac capsules in Houston and Orlando.

Authorities said Marks bought options on stock issued by SmithKline Beckman Corp., the maker of the drugs, and hoped to make a fortune by creating a panic that would drive down the price of the company's stock.



(AP Laserphoto)

LeNora Williams holds her 3-year-old nephew Joseph Leatherman Jr. while he waves a flag during a Gulf War victory celebration Sunday in Irving.

Rotarians of North Texas sponsor peace celebration

By ROBERT G. WIELAND
Associated Press Writer

IRVING (AP) — It had all the patriotic fervor of a Fourth of July celebration but without the fireworks.

Texas Stadium was a sea of American flags Sunday as North Texas Rotary clubs sponsored a "Spirit of America" rally to support troops serving in the Persian Gulf and celebrate the end of the war.

The sentiment of the crowd was captured by Texas Rangers pitcher Nolan Ryan, who appeared in a videotaped message.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with you," Ryan said of the troops.

"We're behind you 100 percent and we look forward to the day that you're able to come home and be with your families. Until then, we'll be thinking about you and good luck," he said.

President Bush sent a written message to the crowd: "This is a wonderful way to show our military personnel that we are tremendously proud of them and of the job they are doing," he said.

The crowd gave a thunderous ovation when an announcer read an unscheduled message from "a new American hero: Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf," who led the allied troops to resounding victory in the war.

"Rest assured that America's sons and daughters will be returning to the shores of our great nation and the open arms of their loving families," the message read.

The 65,000-seat stadium was only half full, but the crowd was brimming over with spirit.

"My husband served in Korea and my father served in World War I and my brother served in World War II and I feel very patriotic," said Betty Smades of Fort Worth, an employee of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Coach's discipline criticized

WHITNEY (AP) — Swats for schoolboy football players who can't pass their courses are angering several parents at a Central Texas high school.

Coach Jimmy Parker apparently decided to paddle players who got "concern notices" halfway through the six-week grading period. But angry parents wanted to take him out to the woodshed instead.

They complained that the 25 students were whipped in front of the entire athletics class. Each student received one "pop" for each notice that he was failing in a course.

Superintendent Hollis Jean said paddling in that situation is against school policy.

School officials said at least four of the students reported minor bruising that lasted several days.

"We feel that the no-pass, no-play rule is their punishment," said Dana Hadden, whose son was paddled. "I wouldn't live with my husband if he beat my kids like this. And I'm supposed to live with this school?"

"I'm not against corporal punishment, but you're going to do it right. You're not going to leave bruises," she said.

"I wish the military Godspeed and hurry home. We all love you," she said.

The official crowd count was 30,852 although about 250,000 free tickets were distributed.

Signs displayed read: "God bless our troops," "The job is done, troops. It's party time" and "Hurry Home, Daddy."

Country singer Lee Greenwood, who performed "God Bless America" and "God Bless the U.S.A.," also received a standing ovation from the crowd.

The wall around the playing field, home of the Dallas Cowboys, was festooned with U.S. flags, while huge yellow bows hung from the stadium's upper deck.

Color guards from the Navy, Marine Corps, Army and Air Force marched onto the field as the Fight-in Texas Aggie Band from Texas A&M University played a medley of service themes.

Vietnam veteran Pete Cano of Dallas had a flag over each shoulder as he showed his support for his son in Saudi Arabia.

Marine Lance Cpl. Lorenzo Cano, 20, was 120 miles south of Kuwait, preparing to move northward and help "clean things up," his father said.

The elder Cano said he wished Vietnam veterans had received the same support shown troops in the Gulf.

"We didn't quite get the support that we wanted when we was over there, but, boy, I'm all for this support that we're giving our guys up there," he said.

Dana Wells, 29, of Dallas, served with the 82nd Airborne Division in Grenada. He wanted to fight in the Persian Gulf.

"I tried to get in, get a waiver, get back in the service," he said. "But I'm too old and it happened too fast so I'm out here at this to support whoever's there," Wells said.

The school's athletic director, Parker said he apologized to his students shortly after the Feb. 13 incident.

"And I've been trying to call their families and apologize to their parents, too," said Parker. "But I will say this, a lot of the parents were in agreement with me, if it would help their kids pass."

The coach declined further comment. Several parents complained to the school board last spring after Parker allowed a student to drive a school bus that was carrying track athletes.

When a track student was struck in the head by a discus during practice last year, Parker also was criticized.

At the time, parents said discussing throwing should not have been going on so close to the track. Parker told officials the throwing pit was flooded.

The school board discussed Parker Thursday night in a closed meeting, which one official described as "information-gathering." The board took no action.

Beckie Elliott, an Austin attorney who represented Parker at the meeting, said afterward that there were "no allegations made by the board" and that Parker wants to work out the differences.

Woman learns of husband's death 48 hours after cease-fire

By The Associated Press

Last week, a Corpus Christi family rejoiced at the news that the Persian Gulf War had come to an end and that Spc. 4 Andy Alaniz would soon be returning home. That mood was shattered by the news that Alaniz was killed in combat.

The family has not been told the details of how Alaniz died. It's also in dispute as to when the 20-year-old 24th Infantry Division fighter vehicle infantryman was killed. Army officials told family members that Alaniz died sometime between Feb. 23 and 27; Pentagon officials list the date of death as March 1.

"We thought he was coming home," Alaniz's oldest sister, Rose Gonzales, said Sunday. "We were happy the war was over and we thought he was coming home next month."

Alaniz and three other soldiers were in an armored vehicle in Iraq when they were killed, Pentagon officials told the family. Ms. Gonzales told the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times*. The family has not been told

if the vehicle hit a land mine or if the soldiers were shot, she said.

A 1989 graduate of Moody High School, Alaniz had been married for two weeks when he was deployed to the Middle East from Fort Stewart, Ga. His 19-year-old wife, Cathy Alaniz of Eagle Pass, is pregnant with the couple's child, due in May.

A West Texas family was also coping with the death of an Army reservist and former Fort Bliss soldier who was killed in the Scud attack on a military barracks in Saudi Arabia.

Cpl. Brian K. Simpson of Indianapolis was among the 28 victims of the Feb. 25 attack in Dhahran, said John Randt, spokesman for Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis. The Army said another 98 were wounded in the attack.

The 22-year-old Simpson's sister-in-law, Danielle Daglieri of El Paso, said Sunday that his family is having a "difficult time" getting specific information on his death.

Family members don't know if Simpson died immediately from injuries in the attack or if he had

been hospitalized, she said.

Simpson's widow, Hope Daglieri, also of El Paso, had been married almost a month when the former 3rd Cavalry helicopter specialist at Fort Bliss was deployed to the Middle East. Simpson had only been in Saudi Arabia five days when the missile attack occurred.

The soldier lived in El Paso from 1988 to 1990, when he was discharged and returned to Indiana. The military said Simpson, a petroleum handling specialist, was later recalled because of his expertise.

Simpson was connected to the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 475th Quartermaster Group of Fort Lee, Va. He joined the Army in January 1987.

Simpson's stepfather, James A. Jensen, of Lawrence, Indiana, said the family was notified Saturday of his death.

"He had called us the day he got there and he could only talk a couple minutes just to say he had got there. We never did here from him after that," Jensen said Sunday.

The Persian Gulf cease-fire came

one day too late for Staff Sgt. Christopher Stephens, an Army scout with the 3rd Armored Division.

A Bradley Fighting Vehicle carrying Stephens was hit last Tuesday by Iraqi fire in Kuwait and exploded. The 27-year-old father of four died 24 hours before President Bush announced the end of the fighting.

His wife, Jennie Stephens, said she heard first about the cease-fire.

"We knew everything was OK," she said from her home in Texas City. "I just can't believe it. I thought it was over, and I knew he was coming back."

A knock on her door late Friday proved her wrong. Military officials, her pastor and her father-in-law brought the news.

They would have celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary March 14. Both grew up in Houston and were high-school sweethearts.

Mrs. Stephens said she saw part of Bush's victory speech Wednesday night and she is angry that it took so long to be notified of her husband's death.

Crime Stoppers

This week Crime Stoppers of Pampa needs your help in solving two stolen motor vehicle reports.

The first vehicle, a 1976 Mercury Cougar, gold color, Texas license plate 981-WDZ, was stolen from the Pampa Athletic Club parking lot on Feb. 18 between 8 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.

The vehicle was recovered by Gray County sheriff's officers on Feb. 19 approximately 8 miles south of Pampa hanging off a cliff.

The vehicle had a broken windshield, broken driver's vent window and broken rear window, which

were the only windows left after the vehicle was high-centered on the cliff.

The second vehicle theft was a 1978 Chevrolet pickup, cream over white color, Texas license plate 468-4UZ.

This vehicle was stolen from in front of a residence at 345 S. Finley on Feb. 17 or 18 between the hours of 8 p.m. to 7 a.m.

The vehicle was later recovered in the 700 block of East Locust St. Upon its recovery, it was discovered that the following items had been stolen from the vehicle:

Ten to 15 men's shirts; 10 to 12 pairs of men's dress pants; one men's billfold, containing \$90 in cash; and one Marlin semi-automatic .22 rifle. Total value of items taken from the vehicle was approximately \$665.

Crime Stoppers will pay a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the person or persons responsible for this crime.

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Remember — crime doesn't pay but Crime Stoppers does. Citizens can remain anonymous and earn rewards for reporting crimes in this community by calling 669-2222.

Two Texas research teams race to find Columbus ships

DALLAS (AP) — Ships abandoned by explorer Christopher Columbus on his final voyage to the Caribbean nearly five centuries ago are the subject of searches by two Texas research teams.

The teams, one from Texas A&M University's Institute of Nautical Archaeology, are racing the clock and each other to find the vessels.

The Aggie group is competing with the Dallas-based Ships of Discovery, which broke away from the A&M team in 1989.

"Right now, these two groups are thought to have the best chance of finding the ships," Steve Stettes of the National Geographic Society said.

Searchers are targeting areas along Columbus' last voyage, begun in 1502. The explorer left Spain with four ships or caravels: the Gallega, Viscaina, Capitana and Santiago de Palos.

Organizers say both teams want to locate the wrecks by the 500th anniversary of Columbus' Oct. 12, 1492, landing in the New World.

"The search for the ships is just about the greatest thing in the world right now ... and with Columbus' quincennial coming up its even more exciting," James Parent, the INA's Columbus Caravel Archaeology Project's director, told the *Dallas Times Herald*.

The teams, using high-tech scopes and detection devices, are looking for what amounts to treasure beneath the Caribbean. They say little is known about ships of Columbus' era that navigated the Atlantic nearly 500 years ago.

"We know more about the way ancient ships were built than we do about some of those around Columbus' time," George F. Bass, INA founder, said.

The ships, surviving a hurricane off what is now known as Haiti and the Dominican Republic, sailed west and south where they were met by

severe winter storms near Panama.

The Gallega was abandoned in Panama following an Indian attack. The worm-eaten Viscaina was later stripped and abandoned at Puerto Bello, Panama.

Columbus then sailed toward Cuba, docking at St. Ann's Bay in Jamaica and lashing the two ships, the Santiago de Palos and Capitana, together.

They served as shelter for the 115 sailors until rescuers arrived a year later.

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Opinion

Congress spreading economic hepatitis

Have you noticed that prescription drug prices have been going up? It's an ailment that should be easy to cure.

Last year Congress imposed a price-fixing scheme for drugs bought with Medicaid money. Pharmaceutical companies had sold drugs to big users, such as hospital chains, with discounts up to 60 percent. This is a common practice in any industry. When a rental car company buys a fleet of cars, it passes less than you do buying the same model off a lot. But the pharmaceutical companies did not give such a discount to Medicaid, which provides medical care to those who can't pay for it. Enter Congress. It passed a law saying that pharmaceutical firms must charge Medicaid recipients the lowest price offered to any other purchaser of drugs.

Now imagine if every time you bought something the price paid was guaranteed to be always the lowest offered to any other company. It would be great. Profits would soar. But that's not how the free market works. Instead, prices vary according to changes in supply and demand or one's abilities as a bargainer.

Congress effectively injected America's drug market with the same socialist serum that has given the Soviet Union a case of economic hepatitis. Moscow allows some free-market transactions, but the Kremlin always gets the best deal and has the last word. The Soviet Union's former satellites in Eastern Europe are only now recovering from economic hepatitis.

In the U.S., pharmaceutical companies have found one way to avoid going bankrupt: They have raised prices for everybody, government and private patients alike. Hence the recent surge in drug prices. Kaiser Permanent, the biggest health maintenance organization in the U.S., says drug companies are trying to renegotiate old contracts to include higher prices.

Sen. David Pryor of Arkansas, chief quack behind the price controls, fumes that the price increases are "an attempt to circumvent the new Medicaid law." But not even you can repeal the laws of supply and demand, Senator. Many congressmen are especially livid because the drug savings were expected to be \$1.9 billion in federal money, \$1.4 billion in state money. Congress has already spent the money on new programs. This means that because there will be no savings from Medicaid drug price cuts, the funding for these new programs will have to be raised by increasing the deficit or raising taxes.

There is a relatively easy cure to this case of economic hepatitis, one that could save at least some of the money the government spends on drugs, and would return the drug market to control of market forces. Congress should repeal Pryor's anti-market law and require Medicaid officials to negotiate the best deal possible with pharmaceutical companies. A second, harder step would be to spin off Medicaid as a government-financed corporation. And a third, the boldest, would be to privatize Medicaid.

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Berry's World



Let's have more shop talk

WASHINGTON — On Jan. 14, the Supreme Court heard argument in a case involving a writer for *The New Yorker* magazine. On March 27, the court will hear a case involving reporters in the Twin Cities.

I am minded to write about the two cases, not because they are of towering significance, but for a different reason.

One shortcoming of those of us in the writing business is painfully clear: We seldom write anything about the writing business. We are pretty good at covering the law business, the politics business, the financial business and every other business but the writing business. So, today: shop talk.

The *New Yorker* case arose in 1982 when a freelance writer, Janet Malcolm, began a series of interviews with Dr. Jeffrey M. Masson. In the field of Freudian psychiatry, he is a renowned figure, or at least a famous and controversial figure. Under Malcolm's informed questioning, he talked freely of his turbulent tenure and his subsequent dismissal as projects director of the Sigmund Freud archives.

The interviews led to a two-part article for *The New Yorker* in 1983. Masson was not pleased. He sued for libel, charging that the quotations attributed to him made him appear "unscholarly, irresponsible, vain, lacking in honesty and moral integrity." He said he had never said some of the things that were put in direct quotes. He said the quotations were "fabricated."

As it transpired, "fabricated" was too strong a word. The writer was able to establish that if Masson had not used EXACTLY the words attributed to him in direct quotations, he had said things that were substantively very close. Both a trial court



James J. Kilpatrick

and the 9th U.S. Circuit ruled in favor of the magazine. The writer had "rationally interpreted" her subject's views.

The question before the high court is important to all of us in the news business. It is important to the public figures we interview, and it goes directly to the credibility of our profession. When we put a statement in direct quotation marks, must it be EXACTLY what was said? My own answer is yes. On any issue of critical substance, we ought not to alter a single word. Some of my colleagues disagree.

On to the second case, brought by Dan Cohen against the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* and the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*. The story goes back to October of 1982. Cohen, a well-known political figure in the Twin Cities, was a public relations adviser to Wheelock Whitney, Republican candidate for governor.

Four days before the election, Cohen got in touch with reporters for the two papers. In return for their promise to protect his confidence, he would leak damaging documents about the Democratic candidate for Lieutenant governor. The reporters agreed not to identify Cohen as their source. They turned in their stories.

Then their editors overruled the two reporters. Over the reporters' anguished protest, the stories ran the next day with full attribution to Cohen. The Whitney campaign immediately fired him. Cohen sued the newspapers for breach of contract. A jury awarded him \$200,000 in compensatory damages and \$500,000 in punitive damages, but on appeal both awards were wiped out.

It is difficult to understand why the Supreme Court agreed to review the case, for it involves a set of facts not likely to recur. Perhaps the high court intends to explore the whole delicate and troublesome relationship of reporters to their sources. In any event, the case involves a journalistic practice that is common and well established.

To promise anonymity to a confidential source, and then to violate that promise, is dishonorable. As a practical matter, reneging has serious consequences: Sources dry up. In our business such promises routinely are given and kept. It is all but unthinkable for editors not to stand behind their reporters in such transactions.

But Cohen's leak was immediately before the election. There would not have been time for the Democratic candidate to give her side of the damaging revelations. Solely because of this element, I would have killed the story altogether. If the competition had used the story without attribution, I would then have identified Cohen as the source. I expect many of my colleagues would have acted differently.

So this is shop talk. These are issues that concern us deeply. Among ourselves we talk about them all the time. We ought to talk about them more often with you.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, March 4, the 63rd day of 1991. There are 302 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: Two hundred years ago, on March 4, 1791, Vermont became the 14th state.

On this date: In 1681, England's King Charles II granted a charter to William Penn for an area of land that later became Pennsylvania.

In 1789, the Constitution of the United States went into effect as the first Federal Congress met in New York. (The lawmakers then adjourned for the lack of a quorum.)

In 1829, an unruly crowd mobbed the White House during the inaugural reception for President Jackson.

In 1837, the Illinois state legislature granted a city charter to Chicago.

In 1861, the Confederacy adopted the "Stars and Bars" flag design.

In 1902, the American Automobile Association was founded in Chicago.

In 1917, Republican Jeannette Rankin of Montana took her seat as a member of Congress, the first woman to be elected to the House of Representatives.



Mark, where are you now?

Eight years ago, during one of these visits, you and I talked about Mark Valencia of Tucson, Ariz.

You will remember when I remind you that Mark in 1983 had been all his life in the Arizona desert and longed more than anything to be a sailor in the United States Navy.

On his 18th birthday he enlisted. A week before he could board the bus for induction he was walking the family poodle — without a leash.

In Tucson there is a leash law; you don't let your dog leave home without one.

Mark was walking the dog to romp in a nearby park when a police officer saw him, wrote out a ticket, and Mark went to court and paid a \$15 fine.

But then Mark made the mistake of reporting his misdemeanor to the Navy.

Dan Huff of the *Arizona Daily Star* reported, "Because of the heinous, despicable, criminal nature of his offense, the Navy advised him that he was not Navy material."



Paul Harvey

The Navy advised that he might reapply if he could get four character references. He had four character references in hand within an hour.

But the Navy, in its bureaucratic wisdom, decide that — references or not — he was still an illegal dog-walker, "not Navy material."

Even though he had already said his goodbyes to tearful family and friends at a big going-away party, the Navy would not let him on the bus.

Huff observes that, after all, "a teenager who

has walked a dog without a leash; not telling what sort of vicious activity he's capable of ..."

And there and thus the dream of Mark Valencia aborted eight years ago.

Almost. The Tucson city prosecutor and the city magistrate worked out a deal whereby the dog-walking offense was set aside.

At long last young Mark did get into the Navy.

And when he served with our Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 106 in Alaska during the coldest winter ever there in 1989 — he did so with such devotion to duty that he was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal, the Navy's highest peacetime honor.

Mark Valencia — now a Navy engineerman somewhere in the Persian Gulf — listens with sonar, watches the radar, for enemy activity.

His wife back home explains to their daughter, age 2, that daddy is over there confining enemy activity, keeping Saddam Hussein — "on a leash."

An Iraqi would be better than Arnett

By WILLIAM A. RUSHER

Is there anything Peter Arnett is saying or doing, in his CNN broadcasts from Baghdad, that couldn't be said and done equally well by a paid agent of Saddam Hussein?

And if, as I contend, the answer to that question is "No," shouldn't CNN order Arnett home, and thereafter, if it wishes, broadcast the reports of some Iraqi stooge?

For there is one vital and inescapable difference between Arnett's reports and those of an Iraqi: No matter how often CNN precedes or follows Arnett's transmissions with the warning that they are being "monitored" by Iraqi censors, Arnett is perceived by his viewers in the United States as "our man" in Baghdad, and therefore as vastly more credible than some Iraqi spokesman, even if their statements are identical.

If Americans were shown TV scenes of a bombed building and wounded children, accompanied by the declaration of some Iraqi announce-

er that the building was a purely civilian structure in a wholly civilian neighborhood with no military target nearby, and that the children were wounded when American bombers attacked it, we would automatically remember to doubt these assertions. Above all, we would reject the implication that American bombers were deliberately targeting purely civilian structures and innocent civilians.

But when Arnett broadcasts from the scene, with the wreckage in the background, and says precisely what I have imagined an Iraqi saying, what do we automatically assume? Not, I think, that he is saying these things under duress. He is not under duress; as far as I know, he can leave Iraq any day we want to.

No, we assume, however reluctantly, that the statements must be true, or Arnett wouldn't be making them.

Besides, more often than not, Arnett adds personal touches that give powerful reinforcement to the basic claim. He himself has toured

the surrounding area and seen no military targets; he himself has carefully inspected the basement of the Hotel al-Rashid, all doors being opened to him at his request, and has found nothing remotely like a military communications center; he himself can find no evidence that a "civilian bomb shelter" was, in fact, a vital command and control facility.

If what we instinctively accept, since it comes from Arnett, is true, only one of two explanations is possible: Either our military leaders are a bumbling bunch of Mortimer Snerds, bombing schools and mosques like some modern Don Quixote attacking windmills, or they are a smooth clique of systematic liars who are deliberately killing women and children for its presumed negative effect on civilian morale.

There are, however, considerations that apparently rank higher, with the producers at CNN and with Arnett personally, than what his reports from Baghdad may be doing to the truth, the reputations of honorable men or

the war effort of the United States.

From CNN's standpoint, there is just no question but that Saddam Hussein's decision to permit it to continue broadcasting from Baghdad has put the network "on the map" as nothing else in the realm of journalism possibly could.

Reportedly, its advertising rates have already gone up several hundred percent — and rightly so, considering the audience CNN has commanded since the crisis in the Gulf broke out. Its owner Ted Turner won't have to rely on the "junk bonds" he once offered for CBS, if he wants to give his fiancée, Jane Fonda (of all people!), a really memorable wedding.

As for Peter Arnett, his agent must already be sifting through a mile-high pile of speaking invitations, book offers, TV proposals, etc., that guarantee to make Arnett a millionaire when he finally gets home from his labors in Baghdad.

His sponsor, Saddam Hussein, can be proud of him.

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World markets will barely notice loss of Kuwaiti oil

By H. JOSEF HEBERT
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WASHINGTON (AP) — With its oil wells burning and refineries heavily damaged in the Persian Gulf War, Kuwait faces a monumental task of rebuilding the industry that is its lifeblood. But energy experts say the loss of Kuwaiti oil will barely be noticed on world markets.

More than 500 Kuwaiti wells were torched by Iraqi soldiers and continue to spew clouds of toxic black smoke over the Persian Gulf region. Many of the remaining wells were reported damaged, as were pipelines, pumping stations and refineries.

Keith Hamm, managing director of Petroleum Economics Ltd., a London-based consulting company, predicted it would take two or three years to return Kuwait's industry to pre-war condition. "I have no idea what it's going to cost, except it's going to be expensive," he said last week.

But oil industry experts said that while the destruction imposes severe financial drain on Kuwait, the loss of the emirate's oil — 1.8 million barrels a day before the Iraqi invasion last Aug. 2 — will have little effect on world supplies.

"As long as the Saudis hold production at 8.5 million barrels a day, I don't think there will be any (sup-

ply) problem," says Robert Ebel, an oil analyst for Enserch Corp., a Dallas-based energy company.

For months, in fact, there has been a glut of oil on world markets because of stepped-up production to replace lost Iraqi and Kuwaiti oil and because of declining demand largely attributed to a slowing of the economy, especially in the United States.

The American Petroleum Institute reported stocks of 331 million barrels last week, somewhat lower than a year ago, but still safely above minimum operating levels. World producers long ago made up for the 4.3 million barrels a day lost in Iraqi and Kuwait production.

But energy experts say that in the long run Kuwaiti oil will be essential to keep supplies from tightening and to provide Kuwait with badly needed revenues to pay for its massive rebuilding program — estimated by some to cost as much as \$100 billion. As much as half of the reconstruction costs could be associated with damage to the country's oil facilities.

The well fires are burning off at least 1 million barrels of oil a day, and possibly much more, according to Kuwaiti and industry officials. Even so, Kuwait's huge oil reserves — an estimated 97 billion barrels — are not threatened since oil in the ground does not catch fire because of the lack of oxygen, industry experts said.

Kuwait already has lost billions of dollars because no oil has been shipped out of the country since August; none is likely to be for months to come. At today's oil prices of roughly \$19 a barrel, Kuwait is losing more than \$34 million a day because of lost production.

In addition to its vast reserves, Kuwait before the war boasted the world's most sophisticated network of wells, pipelines, gas separators, storage and loading docks and refineries. One of its refineries, built only two years ago, cost an estimated \$3 billion. It is believed to be heavily damaged.

Last week, Kuwait hired the Bechtel Group, one of the world's largest construction and engineering companies, to manage the rebuilding of the emirate's oil industry. The company said it planned to use more than 4,300 workers on the project with much of the work contracted to other companies.

Bechtel spokesmen declined to estimate the cost of the project or how long it will take, saying the extent of damage has yet to be accurately determined.

"It will be a huge undertaking," says Ed Badolato, a former senior Energy Department official, who now advises companies and nations on how to deal with energy emergencies. "The Iraqis not only set the wells on fire, but have destroyed the infrastructure and means to go after them."

Before the fires can be attacked, electricity must be

restored, new pipes and pumping systems must be put in place to provide the huge amounts of water needed to douse them and the desert must be screened for possible mines and boobytraps, Badolato said.

Industry experts estimate the 514 well fires in Kuwait and the "neutral zone" between Kuwait and Iraq could be extinguished in about six months. Kuwait then could begin producing from 200,000 to 500,000 barrels a day toward the end of the year, far short of its pre-war levels, they say.

"To get them back to where they were before (the Iraqi invasion) you're looking at best at some time in 1992," predicted Joseph Stanislaw, managing director of Cambridge Energy Research. Putting Kuwait's refineries back in operation is expected to take much longer — perhaps two or three years — if all goes well, he said.

One problem is that there are only a handful of people who specialize in fighting oil fires, even though most of them are making plans to go to Kuwait.

Each well fire will have to be attacked one at a time, said Jim Carpenter, 53, who works for Hoots & Coots Inc., one of several oil well firefighting companies based in Houston.

"Sometimes you can get them in a day, sometimes a week. I've worked on some wells that've taken as long as a month," Carpenter said.

Hundreds trek across New Mexico desert to commemorate Bataan Death March

By SUZANNE GAMBOA
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LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — As Americans celebrated the end of one war, military teams trekked 20 miles across the New Mexico desert in an annual race to commemorate a grim episode of World War II, the Bataan Death March.

Just 550 contestants showed up for the fourth annual Memorial Bataan Death March Competition, down from 750 last year. Many who would have come were keeping vigil in the Persian Gulf, where U.S.-led allied commanders were seeking the return of POWs after forcing Iraq out of Kuwait in a six-week war.

Americans who have spent up to six weeks in captivity may already be on the first leg home. Iraqi Ambassador to the United Nations Abdul Amir al-Anbari said 10 foreign POWs, including six Americans, had been released Sunday.

For those who made the march, Saturday's memorial to an estimated 30,000 allied POWs who died in a forced 90-mile march to a Japanese prison camp in the Philippines in April 1942 seemed particularly apt.

"This year, more than previous years, people realize that, hey, very quickly we can be put in a life or death situation where it's important to know your limitations, know you can put yourself to the test," said 2nd Lt. Michael McGowan of the 1st Air Defense Artillery at Fort Hood, Texas. "Today it's just for fun, next week it could be for real," he said.

"I think the war does put a little bit more of a serious nature to it."

The New Mexico Army Reserve Officer Training Corps at New Mexico State University invites military units from around the country to compete. The trek through desert scrub over snaking mountainous trails goes from the university campus to a park at Aguirre Springs by the Organ Mountains east of Las Cruces.

"I thought they wouldn't have this year and I'm glad they did," said Don Harris, a Bataan survivor. "I think it's pretty important, more than any other time. I think about the POWs over there and what I went through and I certainly wouldn't want them to do anything like I had to do for 3 1/2 years."

Harris was one of an estimated 75,000 Americans and Filipinos who surrendered to the Japanese army when it attacked the Bataan Peninsula west of Manila Bay. One-third of those who died in the march were Americans.

Harris, an artilleryman, was eating lunch when the Japanese bombed Clark Air Field in Manila. "It was one of the worst days I've seen in my life. I've never seen so much destruction and death," he said.

Allied troops retreated to the peninsula and fought with little ammunition and no reinforcements for three months until they surrendered April 9, 1942.

For Harris, the death march lasted five days and nights. "I remember only getting sleep

once," he said. "And there was no water. If you tried to get water, the Japanese would bayonet you. We walked like we were just kind of like zombies. Put that next foot in front of you. Don't stop. Don't fall down 'cause if you did, they'd shoot you."

The Gulf War made us want to put a team together, said Paul Arthur, a retired rear admiral. "I think we should remember the Bataan death march — we were so unprepared in that war."

The teams were divided into heavy divisions, those lugging 35-pound rucksacks, and light divisions. A unit's time was marked when the last member crossed the finish line.

A chilly wind strong enough to unfurl a tangled American flag hoisted in the opening ceremonies served as a tail wind in the first 12 miles through creosote bushes and yucca plants. Despite temperatures in the mid-40s, marchers peeled off their uniform shirts, rolled up their trousers and tied arm slings over their heads to beat the heat of the first few miles.

But once they reached a pass through the 5,200-foot-high Organ Mountains, a bitterly cold wind whipped up 50 mph gusts and the soldiers pulled on gloves and buttoned up.

The New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell won first place in the light division, in a time of 4 hours and 28 minutes. The Marines from the Navy ROTC at the University of Arizona came in second, 19 minutes behind.



(AP Laserphoto)

A fireman walks through burned wreckage of United Airlines Flight 585 that crashed in a park south of Colorado Springs, Colo., Sunday, killing 25 persons.

Clues sought in plane crash that killed 25

By JOHN MOSSMAN
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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — A United Airlines pilot was warned of dangerous wind gusts before his jet buried itself nose-first in a park "like a missile" and exploded, killing all 25 people aboard, authorities said.

"We can't even find a chair," said Sheriff Bernard Barry. "There's not a great deal of that airplane." Federal investigators arrived to poke through the wreckage today for clues to the cause of Sunday's crash of Flight 585.

However, officials said the pilot was warned of strong wind gusts just before the plane crashed as it attempted to land at Colorado Springs Municipal Airport. Gusts of 32 mph were reported by the National Weather Service.

A Federal Aviation Administration spokesman, Dick Meyer, said the pilot reported no problems before the crash.

Identities of the 20 passengers and five crew members aboard the twin-engine Boeing 737-200 were withheld. But officials of the U.S. Olympic Committee said three members of the organization were among those on board.

The plane, en route from Denver, was on final approach to the airport when it banked sharply and veered into the ground, witnesses said.

It went down five miles short of the airport in a narrow park with houses on one side and a big apartment complex on the other, missing homes by no more than an eighth of a mile.

A witness, Bill Ferguson, likened the plane's descent to "a diving-bombing mission."

"It just came down like a missile, like a rocket," said Mark Krueger, who had jogged across Widefield Community Park less than a minute before the crash.

"There was a huge fireball, black smoke and orange flames," said Leo Martinez, another witness.

Authorities said either the pilot did a brilliant job of dodging the houses or was incredibly lucky.

"Whoever the pilot was, he was thinking of me," said Charlie Barker, who lives on the edge of the park. "He could have set it down in my living room."

In the only reported injury on the ground, Michelle Summerson, 12, was thrown back from the doorway of her home by the impact of the crash. She was treated at a hospital and released.

Officials said the investigation would be approached as an "archaeological dig" because much of the fuselage is believed buried deep in the ground.

Another FAA spokesman, Mitch Barker, said air traffic controllers passed on wind condition information to the plane from pilots of other smaller craft that reported being jostled by turbulence.

Such gusts can cause an effect known as wind shear, in which a strong gust from behind or to the side of an airplane can reduce its air speed to a level at which its engines will fail and cause it to plummet to the ground.

Officials recovered the plane's "black box" flight data recorder for analysis.

Sheriff's Sgt. Dean Kelsey said authorities don't believe the crash was the result of a terrorist act but added they would investigate that possibility.

"We're not ruling out anything, but there is no evidence of it," he said.

Officials said the investigation could be hampered by the lack of wreckage on the scorched ground.

The flight originated in Peoria, Ill., and stopped in Moline, Ill., before landing in Denver.

Doctors work to save baby of woman struck by stray bullet

HOUSTON (AP) — Doctors at Ben Taub Hospital worked early today to save a baby born to a Houston woman who was struck and fatally wounded by a stray bullet.

Elda Ann Vasquez, 29, died early Sunday with a gunshot wound to the head. Shortly before she died, Mrs. Vasquez gave birth to a girl by Caesarean section. The child was listed in critical condition early today in the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit.

Vasquez, the mother of three other children, was eight months pregnant, family members said.

Police said the woman was struck by a stray bullet after two groups of men began arguing in front of a grocery store. The men had argued and one group sped away in a car, firing at least six pistol shots as they drove away.

One of the bullets struck the base of the woman's skull, officers said.

Anthony "Tony" Vasquez, the woman's husband, said he felt "selfish" for worrying more about his wife than his new child in the moments immediately after she was shot. He said he will name his new daughter Elda Ann in memory of his wife.

Vasquez said he was not aware of any dispute at the store where his wife was shot. It was his impression that his wife died in a drive-by shooting.

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Latvians, Estonians vote for independence

By BRIAN FRIEDMAN
Associated Press Writer

RIGA, U.S.S.R. (AP) — The overwhelming vote for independence in the Baltic republics should persuade the Kremlin to soften its opposition to their secession from the Soviet Union, the Latvian president said today.

In Sunday's plebiscites in Latvia and Estonia, independence was favored by more than three-fourths of voters. The referendums carry no legal weight but represent a challenge to President Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

Voters in Lithuania voted in favor of secession on Feb. 9.

Anatolij Gorbunovs, president of the Latvian parliament, said the plebiscite would be an "additional argument" for the Kremlin to "correct its policy on the Baltic issue."

"I would like to express the hope that the presidium of the Supreme Soviet or its president by the end of March or the beginning of April would have a new conception in regard to the Baltic issue," Gorbunovs said.

Ethnic Russians in the two republics joined ethnic Latvians and

Estonians in urging secession, despite warnings from Moscow that the non-indigenous population would be second-class citizens if independence were approved.

The votes were little more than a public opinion poll, but officials had hoped for a strong pro-independence vote so the three Baltic republics could march in step away from the Soviet Union.

The Baltics a year ago began their struggle to reverse the Kremlin's forced annexation of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in 1940. The three republics were independent between the wars.

The referendums also represented a strong challenge to Gorbachev, who has branded illegal independence declarations last year by the Baltic republics.

Gorbachev has scheduled a nationwide referendum for March 17 on holding together the 15 Soviet republics. Leaders of the Baltics, as well as of the republics of Armenia, Georgia and Moldavia, have said they won't participate.

Although Gorbachev has demanded the Baltic republics hold referendums before they may

become independent, he nullified last month's Lithuanian vote before it occurred and has criticized the Latvian and Estonian polls.

The question on the Latvian ballot was: "Do you support the democratic and independent statehood of the Republic of Latvia?"

Officials had said the votes of ethnic Russians in the two republics would be important to give weight to Sunday's referendums.

Andrejs Krastins, deputy chairman of Latvia's parliament, said today the question won approval even in the city of Daugavpils, where ethnic Latvians make up only 12 percent of the population.

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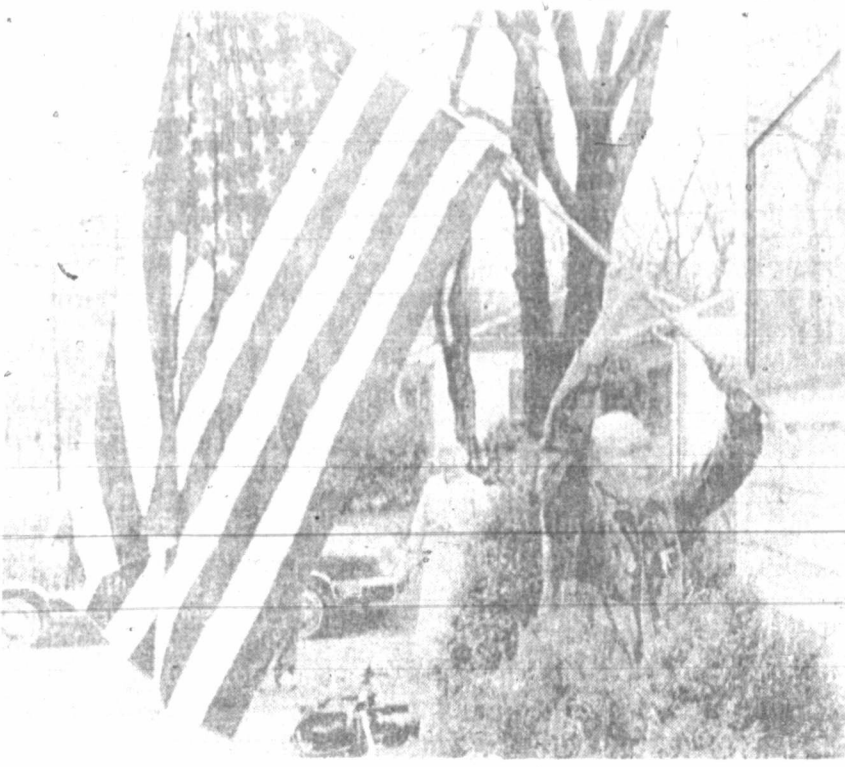
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Calvin Zaun, father of released POW Navy Lt. Jeffery Zaun, posts the American flag in front of his Cherry Hill, N.J., home early Monday morning after he and his wife Marjorie met with reporters.

Iraq releases first POWs, including six Americans

By SALAH NASRAWI
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BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq today released the first 10 allied military prisoners of the Persian Gulf War, including six Americans, and sent them off in a motorcade to the Jordanian border with Red Cross officials.

Among them were Melissa Rathbun-Nealy, 20, of Grand Rapids, Mich. — the only female allied soldier listed as missing in action — and Navy navigator-bombardier Lt. Jeffrey Zaun, 28, of Cherry Hill, N.J.

The others included three British soldiers and one Italian, Capt. Maurizio Coccione, a pilot.

The release followed by less than 24 hours a meeting between allied and Iraqi military commanders in allied-occupied Iraq in which both sides agreed to release all prisoners — and Baghdad promised an initial "symbolic release."

Angelo Gnaedinger, Red Cross delegate general for the Middle East and North Africa, said all 10 were found to be in good health after a checkup by Red Cross doctors.

They left in three cars escorted by Iraqi army vehicles and were to be handed over to their embassies when they arrived in Amman, he said.

The 10, one of whom had an arm in a sling, were handed over to the Red Cross at 10:30 a.m. at Novotel hotel in downtown Baghdad.

All wore identical yellow jumpsuits with a "PW" on the back and another "PW" sign pinned to the front.

The released prisoners declined to be interviewed but did allow a photo session before leaving for Jordan, sitting at a long table in the hotel.

Rathbun-Nealy giggled while posing for a photographer who told her the photo was for the cover of

Guard members released from hospital

FORT HOOD (AP) — The last two soldiers hospitalized from a brush fire that was sparked by spent ammunition at this Army post have been released, said authorities who blamed high winds for fanning the flames.

Nine members of the Louisiana National Guard were injured Saturday while fighting the third of three fires that were apparently ignited by ammo casings during field training exercises.

All but two soldiers had been treated at Darnall Army Community Hospital for smoke inhalation and released Saturday.

The remaining guardsmen, Staff Sgt. Vincent Willrich of C Company, 105th Support Battalion, and Spc. Troy Chatman of HQ and HQ Company, 3rd Battalion, 156th Infantry, were released Sunday, said Fort Hood spokeswoman Eloise Lundgren.

They had been hospitalized in

Paris Match, a French magazine. The servicewoman was apparently captured on Jan. 30 at the Saudi frontier after a two-truck convoy she was in came under small arms fire as it tried to deliver supplies to front-line U.S. troops.

Coccione and Zaun, whose A-6 Intruder went down on the first day of the war, had been among POWs shown on Iraqi and U.S. television after their capture; appearing badly battered, they recited wooden-sounding statements critical of the allied war effort. Allied officials protested their treatment.

The 10 released prisoners showed no emotion today as they were filmed being escorted off of a bus in Baghdad but appeared to be in good condition as they walked briskly into the hotel.

Iraq was known to have held 13 allied prisoners of war, all men and including nine Americans, two Britons, an Italian and a Kuwaiti.

Sixty-six allied troops were listed as missing: 45 Americans, 10 Britons, 10 Saudis and one Italian.

Gnaedinger said a number of Iraqi POWs also would be repatriated today but he did not know the specific numbers.

There was no immediate confirmation of this or of the Baghdad release from allied military command headquarters in Saudi Arabia. The allies say they are holding more than 100,000 Iraqis prisoner.

On Sunday night, Iraq's U.N. ambassador, Abdul Amir al-Anbari, had said in New York that Iraq had released 10 POWs already, among them six Americans, "including one of them the young lady that was captured."

There was no immediate word from the U.S. military of any POW release, but an uncle of Zaun's said the Navy had informed the airman's father of his son's release.

good condition with smoke inhalation, said Ms. Lundgren. Ages and home towns were not available.

"The fires were so small and quickly contained, there's probably no need in investigating further," said Ms. Lundgren. "The soldiers fought the flames themselves."

She said all three fires were fanned by winds gusting to 48 mph, but the flames were extinguished by Saturday evening.

"They were started, they believe, by routine training that the Louisiana National Guard was doing there," Lundgren said. "We believe the fires resulted from spent ammunition. They were firing a little bit of everything."

An undetermined number of acres were burned in a training area of the 1st Battalion of the 99th Field Support Brigade.

10 years later, toxic tower provides knowledge goldmine

By WILLIAM KATES
Associated Press Writer

BINGHAMTON, N.Y. (AP) — In a perverse and often painful way, the fire that has turned an 18-story office building into a chemically coated smokestack for the last 10 years has been a boon to scientists and health officials.

Though many questions remain, the world's worst indoor toxic chemical accident has generated valuable knowledge about PCBs, dioxins and how to clean contaminated buildings.

"It has provided a rich learning experience with respect to medical, legal insurance, cost, chemical, toxicological and cleanup issues," said Arnold Schechter of the department of preventive medicine at the State University of New York at Binghamton, one of the world's foremost toxicology experts. "But it's a terrible way to teach a lesson."

New York has spent nearly \$40 million to clean the most prominent building in the heart of this southwestern New York city. That doesn't include the estimated \$10 million the state spent to relocate the nearly 700 people who once worked there.

Today, a few workers have returned to one of the uppermost floors, but the remainder of the state office building remains a vacuous mass of concrete and steel, although all but the basement room where the fire occurred have been decontaminated. Recurring hot spots there have prevented the state from proceeding with re-occupancy plans.

"We've narrowed it down to one zone and figure the problem is probably in the floor," said Faith Schottenfeld, a spokeswoman for the New York Department of Health, which along with the state's Office of General Services, has overseen the cleanup.

Even after crews finish decontamination, it could take a year before workers can move back in, she said. For one thing, there are hundreds of barrels of waste in the building.

It was a small, innocent-looking fire that turned the building into a toxic tower in 30 minutes.

Famed dance instructor Arthur Murray dies at 95

By GREG SMALL
Associated Press Writer

HONOLULU (AP) — Arthur Murray, the ballroom dance school king who helped teach millions of people how to be lighter on their two left feet, died Sunday after a bout with pneumonia. He was 95.

A gawky, lonely teenager who gained confidence through dance, Murray used the promise of overnight popularity to build a string of 400 Arthur Murray Dance Studios in nearly 50 countries. He also had a TV show that ran for 11 years.

The son of poor Jewish immigrants from Austria, Murray was born Moses Teichman in New York in 1895.

By his own admission, he was a "tall, gawky and extremely shy" boy whose unhappiness drove him to drop out of high school and lose 10 jobs in the next six months.

"I lived in the New York ghetto, near the Henry Street settlement house," Murray recalled. "They had a dancing class at the settlement house. I went there and asked a girl to dance. I didn't know how. After a few steps she told me, 'You dance like a truck driver.' But I kept at it."

On the advice of his parents he returned to school, and a classmate "took pity on me and offered to show me some steps. ... She had patience, and in due time I could dance."

Discovering that dancing "took him out of himself," Murray's confidence grew quickly and he soon went into business for himself, beginning a mail-order dance instruction business and the dance school chain that bears his name.

Murray opened his first dance studio at 18 after selling mail-order footprint patterns to teach people how to dance at home.

Always savvy to the media, Murray in the 1920s broadcast dancing lessons over the radio and placed advertisements in magazines.

One ad, an early example of the "they-laughed-at-me" approach, showed a young Murray alumnus surrounded by admiring girls, the caption reading: "30 Days Ago They Laughed at Me." Another had the title: "How I Became Popular Overnight."

By 1950, there were 400 Arthur Murray Dance Studios and Murray used the young medium of television

Just a few hours before employees would begin arriving for work on Feb. 5, 1981, a switchgear in a transformer in the building's basement malfunctioned. Up to 180 gallons of PCB-laden oil spilled onto the superhot electrical circuits and vaporized.

The heat — estimated at 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit — broke down the oil, transforming it into PCBs, chlorinated dibenzodioxins, including the toxin found in the defoliant Agent Orange, dibenzofurans, biphenylenes and naphthalenes.

Because the transformer sat under an open ventilation shaft, the poisonous smoke spread. Toxic soot contaminated everything: floors, walls, air ducts, elevator shafts, stairwells, wiring and plumbing. It was even found on the inside of desk drawers and filing cabinets.

No one was hurt in the fire, but some people have sued claiming they suffered problems from exposure to chemicals while working to clean up the building.

Never in history had a building been so thoroughly contaminated, said David R. Rings, executive coordinator of the Office of General Services.

Where to begin to clean up the mess? There were no examples.

That an intense fire could convert PCB-laden oil into deadly by-products was the first of many surprises, said Schechter, who was the county health commissioner at the time and who has since written extensively on the accident.

"There have been many scientific advances resulting from the Binghamton fire, but that might be the most significant development," agreed Ellen Silbergeld, a toxicologist from the University of Maryland and a consultant for the Environmental Defense Fund.

At the time, no standards for worker safety or re-entry existed with respect to those chemicals, except for PCBs. Since then, aided by information derived from medical studies done in connection with the Binghamton incident, both the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency have established guidelines.

The fire also led the EPA in 1985 to ban the further use of PCB-containing transformers in public buildings and have them removed from the ones they were in by October 1990, said Denise Keehner, an EPA toxicologist.

Additional regulations have been adopted at the state and federal level that require switchgears to be separate from transformers and ventilation systems to be separated by a series of carbon filters, said Jim Leach, project manager for Versar Inc., a Springfield, Va., firm that was a consultant on the cleanup.

"This incident also helped us determine the most effective ways to clean up from fires like this," said Leach. "Early on in the project, we ran test after test after test. It wasn't that we didn't have any knowledge, but there were many factors we had never before considered."

Numerous solvents were tried on the floors and walls, some simple, some complex, before crews realized that "a good industrial soap solution was as an effective way to clean up the building as anything else," Leach said.

Another discovery was that dioxin had soaked into the core of the building's concrete walls and still is seeping back to the surface.

"It's creating an ongoing hazard," said Schechter. "There had been studies in Europe suggesting this, so it shouldn't have been a surprise. Once concrete is saturated, it takes a long time to seep back out."

Scientists will have to wait and watch to learn just how long, he added.

The Binghamton experience proved useful in responding to the nation's second major PCB transformer fire, which occurred at One Market Plaza in downtown San Francisco in May 1983. The building was reopened within a year.

"You hate to gain by loss, but their experience was immensely beneficial to us," said Paul Hynarowski, superintendent of electrical engineering for California's Office of General Services. "Binghamton has always been a reference of what can happen in the worst scenario."



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Lifestyles

Planning keeps down cost of children's clothing

Retailers concur that children's wear is recession-proof. Since children constantly outgrow clothing, the need for replacement is ever present. The same three elements are almost always of primary importance when children's wear is involved: practicality, durability, and prices that are sufficiently affordable so as not to prevent replacement buying.

Planning is the basis for any good wardrobe. Keep in mind that children tend to like the primary colors—red, yellow, and blue. They like decorative details and clothes like their playmates. If you are buying for your own child, involve your child in deciding what has to be replaced and planning what is needed to fill in. Have your child try on the garments in his or her wardrobe to see which items still fit. Evaluate the condition of those things that can still be worn. Consider how fast the child is growing, how hard he or she is on clothing and how needs and activities are changing.

Try to sit aside a certain amount of money each month for clothing. Decide how much of this is needed for each family member. Some months you may need to spend all of your clothes budget. Other months you may want to save part or all of it for a more expensive item which you will buy later. When you know how much you have to spend, you'll be better able to resist impulse buying.

Plan to spend the most money on clothing that is worn frequently, receives the hardest wear and is



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Donna Brauchi

laundered often. Buy separates that can be mixed and matched with items already in the wardrobe. Buy only what is needed at one time for children who are growing rapidly. Choose seasonless clothes that can be worn more than one season or as long as they fit and look good.

Brand names on clothing usually mean quality fabrics and workmanship and may cost more than non-brand name garments. Smart shoppers will compare prices and quality among both types of merchandise. This may mean going to several stores, reading guarantees and labels, and looking for clothing made in the United States.

While shopping for children's clothes, keep in mind the features needed for growth, safety, comfort, and ease of movement. Also consider fabric for longer wear. Generally garments made of cotton, linen, wool, and rayon are more absorbent than nylon, polyester, acrylics and modacrylics but are slower to dry and less crease resistant. All children's sleepwear from sizes 0 to 14 must have a flame-resistant finish. Check care labels as some flame resistant fabrics require special care

to maintain the flame resistance. Room for growth is a desirable feature to consider when buying a garment for a child. Some of the better children's clothes include growth features that extend the time your child can wear a garment. Instead of buying a size too large, look for some of the following features that allow for growth: (1) Adjustable shoulder straps or suspenders; (2) Drop hems in skirts, pants and sleeves; (3) Long-tailed shirts and blouses; (4) Separates instead of one-piece sleepwear and play clothes; (5) Partially or entirely elastic waists in pants, shorts, and dresses; (6) Adjustable fasteners at waistlines; (7) Undefined or nonexistent waistlines in dresses and tops; (8) Sleeveless, raglan, kimono, or dropped shoulder sleeve design; and (9) Knits and woven fabrics with one or two way stretch.

Both the choice of fabric and the design of a garment affect a child's safety. The following features can help keep the child in your life free from harm: (1) Sturdy fabrics that will not tear easily; (2) Colors that are easy to see; (3) Securely sewn trims; (4) Coat hoods that do not

obstruct vision and that turn easily; (5) Pants without cuffs and with securely sewn, flat pockets; (6) Loops at the shoulder to hold pants or skirt straps in place; (7) Dress designs with no flowing sashes or drawstring necklines; and (8) Avoid skirts, jackets, and caps with the child's name exhibited to minimize the chance of strangers calling the child by name.

Good fit is necessary for comfort and ease of movement. When fitting a child, check necklines, armholes, and waist. They should not bind.

Finally, children's clothes must be able to take hard wear and (1) Seams that are flat, smooth, firmly stitched; and finished to prevent raveling and interfacing for extra support where buttons are placed; (2) Reinforced stitching or patches at points of strain, such as pockets, knees, elbows, plackets, and crotch; (3) firmly attached trims and appliques; (4) Buttonholes that are firm, strong, and closely stitched; (5) Buttons and fasteners that are firmly attached in an easy to button/unbutton; (6) Flat-felled seams in play clothes, jeans, and pajamas; (7) Hems that are wide, even, and well sewn; (8) matching plaids, stripes, and other designs wherever possible; and (9) An elasticized waist with elastic encased in fabric and triple-stitched.

Next week we will look at the psychological and self-help features to look for in children's clothing. For more information on clothing selections and care, contact your Gray County Extension Office.



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Family hopes closed casket opened mourners' memories

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to the letter signed "Unfinished Business," from someone who had not seen his deceased friend for several years and was dismayed with the family's decision to have a closed-casket funeral. I can relate to this situation wholeheartedly from the family's point of view.

When my father died of cancer 10 years ago, he had requested a closed-casket funeral. What an uproar that created! Relatives and so-called friends who had not seen Dad in years were appalled. They said, "This is not customary! We wanted one last look at him." My response was, "Dad wanted you to remember him as robust and healthy like he was, before he became ill."

We found a picture of Dad taken when he was hale and hearty, and placed it on his closed casket, surrounded by flowers.

HIS DAUGHTER IN CALIFORNIA
DEAR DAUGHTER: Many others wrote objecting to the closed-casket funeral. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I agree with "Unfinished Business" about closed-casket wakes. Recently I drove 60 miles one way to pay my respects to a friend who had died of a heart attack, only to find a closed casket. I was not very well acquainted with the widow, so I could have just as well paid my respects by sending her a sympathy card.

My point in writing is to suggest to families who feel that way that the words "Casket will be closed" be added to the obituary in the newspaper. It may not be considered proper etiquette, but it will save a lot of

hard feelings.
FINISHED BUSINESS
IN BRYAN, OHIO

DEAR ABBY: I recall one funeral I attended a few years ago. It was for a loyal, longtime employee who had lingered with a terminal illness for a very long time. When his widow was

asked why she wanted a closed-casket funeral, she replied, "Nobody came to see him when he was alive, so why would anyone want to see him when he is dead?"

PINE BLUFF, ARK.
DEAR ABBY: You had a letter in your column about a girl whose friend was nearly hit by a car because she was jogging with a headset on and couldn't hear the car coming.

My twin sister, Jackie Poole Roach, wasn't that lucky. She was killed in January 1988. She was jogging with a headset on while listening to the Super Bowl. She was struck by a car driven by a 21-year-old man who left the scene of the accident. She lived four hours after she was found. I pray she never knew what hit her.

She left a husband, son and daughter, as well as 800 students, teachers, family and friends who filled the United Methodist Church in Lebanon, Ohio, the day of her funeral.

JILL POOLE,
ZANESVILLE, OHIO
DEAR JILL: My profound sympathy at the loss of your beloved twin. It would be a generosity if everyone who saw a jogger wearing a headset in traffic would stop that jogger and warn him or her of the inherent danger of that risky practice.

Perryton resident named to AARP leadership post

Judy Kindy of Perryton has been appointed to the position of Assistant State Director of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

Ms. Kindy attended the National Leadership Orientation Conference in San Diego, California Jan. 7-11 and an orientation for new volunteer leaders in Dallas Jan. 29-31.

Ms. Kindy will work with AARP chapters in Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartely, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, and Wheeler counties. In Texas there are 404 AARP chapters and more than 1,900,000 members of the organization. AARP chapters present programs, conduct service and educational projects, inform members of legislative issues, foster understanding of the national

AARP programs, and provide opportunities for fellowship. Ms. Kindy will also serve as a contact for information regarding the many consumer programs offered by AARP, such as income tax assistance, health, defensive driving, crime prevention and citizen representation.

AARP is the nation's leading organization for people age 50 and over. It serves their needs and interests through legislative advocacy, research, informative programs and community services provided by a network of local chapters and experienced volunteers throughout the country. The organization also offers members a wide range of special membership benefits, including *Modern Maturity* magazine and the monthly *Bulletin*.

AARP may be contacted by writing: AARP, 8144 Walnut Hill Lane, Suite 700, LB - 39, Dallas, TX 75231

Amarillo Opera/BRAVO! hosts masked ball, "Die Fledermaus"

Amarillo Opera/BRAVO! is hosting a black and silver Masked Ball on March 16, in the reception lobby of the Texas Commerce Bank. The ball includes a champagne supper, followed by dancing to live music and begins immediately after the Amarillo Opera's Saturday performance of "Die Fledermaus" by Johann Strauss at the Amarillo Little Theatre.

Performance dates are March 15 and 16 at 7:30 p.m. and March 17 at 2:30 at the Amarillo Little Theatre.

Pampa area residents may telephone Marian Stroup at 665-5734 for invitations to the ball, for information on BRAVO! membership or the March 15-17 performances of Die Fledermaus.

Honor Roll

The Grandview-Hopkins Independent School District honors these children:

All A's: Sixth grade: Stephanie Ollinger, Justin Ritter. Fourth grade: Ashleigh McWilliams. Third grade: Chris Ollinger. Second grade: Marci Babcock.

All A-B's: Sixth grade: Julie Coutts, Brad Houk. Fifth grade: Melissa Anthony, Annie Carlisle, Ann-Elizabeth Loyd, Adam Stephens. Fourth grade: Heather Brantley. Third grade: Brandon Houk, Kellie Roby. Second grade: Joel Quisenberry, Lori Stephens. First grade: Chandler Bowers, Caleb Cambern, Clay Ritter, Krista Roby.

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For Horticulture

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"Don't Bag It"; yellowing evergreen in winter time

"DON'T BAG IT"
The increasingly popular "Don't Bag It" program will have kicked-off meetings in Pampa on Thursday, March 7, in the Pampa Community Building's M.K. Brown Room. The "Don't Bag It" plan includes proper watering, fertilizing and mowing procedures for improving lawns and eliminating costly collecting and disposing of grass clippings.

Two meetings will be held to discuss these management practices at 1:30 and 7:00 p.m. The 1:30 session will also offer two hours of CEU credit for licensed pesticide applicators whether they be commercial, non-commercial or private.

Door prizes of lawn fertilizer will be awarded at each meeting.

Dr. Richard Duble, Extension Turf Specialist and Dr. Carl Patrick, Extension Entomologist, along with myself will outline management procedures to enable homeowners to "Don't Bag It". There will also be some local homeowners and "Clean Pampa" representatives that will give testimonials about their "Don't Bag It" experiences.

WINTER YELLOWING OF EVERGREENS

Throughout the winter evergreen have a tendency to turn yellow and sometimes brown. Arborvitae and Juniper commonly called Cedar, often have this problem. Some of this yellowing is related to the decrease in chlorophyll production due to generally cooler temperatures. However, there are other factors involved.

Often the greatest damage occurs on the south-southwest side of trees growing along south side of buildings. This damage suggests

that heat of the afternoon sun which is on the southwestern horizon during winter afternoons, is undoubtedly involved. The other factor is lack of soil moisture. Evergreens, unlike deciduous trees which drop their leaves in the fall, have their leaves or needles all winter long. Trees cool themselves by allowing water to evaporate through holes in their leaves, called stomates. They are similar to large evaporation coolers. When air temperatures reach into the 70's on warm winter afternoons the actual temperature on the south side of the buildings, due to the direct sun and reflected heat from the building, may be in the 80's or 90's. If there is adequate soil moisture the trees can pump water to the needles for evaporation and the temperatures will be lowered. However, if soil moisture is too low, the leaves will not be cooled and scorching and drying will occur.

Trees should be watered a minimum of 1 inch of water every 3 weeks if an equal amount of rainfall has not accumulated. About 90% of a tree's roots will be in the first 18 inches of soil. Therefore, even in sandy soil, you probably need more than just the minimum 1 inch and in a very dry heavy soil you may need more than 2 inches to get close to that 18 inch depth.

In addition, if you are dealing with closely spaced windbreak trees, the root systems will be overlapping and competing for water. Your dormant bermuda grass lawn may be very wet several days after a good rain, but, if the days since rain have been exceptionally hot, the soil under the trees may be nearly devoid of moisture due to the demand for water from the trees.

Beer drinkers overtake wine sippers in Spain

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Although Spain has traditionally been a wine-drinking country, per-capita consumption of beer has overtaken wine, according to a report in an international beverage publication.

Consumption of beer has shown steady gains the past 10 years with an annual rate increase of 4 percent between 1980 and 1989, the most recent year for which figures are available.

While still low by western European or Scandinavian standards, per-capita sales by the country's 11 brewing groups have overtaken that of wine, notes *Bebidas*, a Spanish-language industry journal that tracks worldwide beverages.

With a 1989 consumption of 27.9 million hectoliters (one hectoliter equals 100 liters; each liter 1.057 quarts) and an expected growth of 2 to 3 percent in 1990 when final figures are in, per capita in Spain at the end of 1988 was 68 liters — a gain of 31.9 percent from consumption in 1978.

This compares with 143 for Germany, 120 for Denmark, 119 in Belgium and 111 in the United Kingdom. However, it nearly doubles the 39-liter per-capita among French beer-drinkers and more than doubled the 24 liters in Italy.

The Spanish do their beer drinking in restaurants and bars with away-from-home consumption accounting for some 75 percent of sales. Half of this on-site consumption is draft beer, says *Bebidas*.

Plants bred for adaptability

By EARL ARONSON
AP Newsfeatures

Scientists with the U.S. Department of Agriculture are breeding plants to suit environmental extremes — so that we don't have to change the environment.

According to soil expert Charles D. Foy, "It used to be that to plant a crop not well-adapted to an area, be it grass for the lawn, tomatoes in the garden or wheat in the fields, you tinkered with the soil or the planting date, poured in additives or irrigated until you created the needed condition."

"Plant varieties are being adapted in USDA Agricultural Research Services projects to a number of conditions, including soils high in minerals such as aluminum and manganese, high salt concentrations, drought and temperature extremes of heat and cold."

Adapting plants instead of the environment can be ecologically cleaner, Foy says.

A crop that makes better use of nutrients, for example, means less fertilizer is needed and there is less chance of fertilizer leaching and running off to pollute ground water.

"And why spend hundreds of dollars adding lime regularly to soil to neutralize its acidity when we can breed plant varieties that will grow just as well on the acid soil?" Foy added.

Among developments:

— A bluegrass strain that will grow well in acid Virginia soil. Bluegrass has usually needed a more nearly neutral (less acid) soil to grow well.

— An aluminum-tolerant, soft, red winter wheat with excellent yield and strong straw that will produce just as well in acid soils with high levels of aluminum as high-yielding varieties do in good soil.

— A strain of limpopgrass that not only has an exceptional tolerance for aluminum and acid soils, but is also cold-tolerant. Foy said this grass has excellent potential for rehabilitating and preventing erosion of acid, mine-spill soil at high altitudes.

— USDA scientists at Riverside, Calif., are investigating why some tomato species can flourish in a salty environment. "If we can develop salt-tolerant varieties, we would automatically expand the acreage where they can be grown economically," said geneticist Michael C. Shannon.

— In Tucson, Ariz., geneticist Robert T. Romage Jr. has been breeding an extremely drought-tolerant variety of barley.

— At Beltsville, Md., agronomist Rufus L. Chaney has developed new cost-effective methods for screening varieties of soybeans and other plants for the ability to resist iron chlorosis on alkaline soils.

Edible Flowers

Add a geranium, dianthus, marigold, nasturtium or rose to the menu and you have a gourmet dish. Some of these flowers, generally grown outdoors in summer, can be brought indoors before frost, or can be grown inside in winter and taken outdoors as the weather warms.

Some of the plants will do well under fluorescent lights in attractive, lightweight containers.

One way to use flowers in the kitchen is to crystallize them with egg white and sugar. The peppery tang of nasturtium will add zest to a green salad. Nasturtium leaves taste like watercress. Try some with cheese or fruit salad. Rose petals with aromatic oils may be infused in creams and syrups, then removed. Spicy pinks pep up dessert sauce or rice dishes. Borage flowers have a cucumber flavor.

Pick flowers at their peak, before they start to fade. Cut off stems and leaves, and wash and drain flowers carefully to remove any insects.

Sharing dreams: fun or taboo

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans have as many taboos about discussing their dreams as any other tribe, according to a University of Rochester anthropologist.

Mary Dombeck says mores determine which dreams can be told to a group and which don't go beyond an intimate friend, spouse or therapist.

Dreams that can be told are only a fraction of those that people have, Dombeck wrote in a doctoral dissertation that will be published in late spring. Most are thought of as private, to be shared only with closest family or friends — and usually a woman at that.

Dombeck interviewed 58 people for her study and found that "both males and females said they would be more likely to tell their dream to a woman rather than a man."

Dreams that are OK to share in most social situations are those that have comic features, often involving celebrities. No dreams, she says, are appropriate to share with one's boss or employees. Dreams unsuitable to tell co-workers include those with explicit sexual material, bizarre dreams or nightmares.

"Psychic" dreams — those which prefigure something that later happens in waking life — are seldom related though many people have them. Twenty of the people Dombeck studied for her dissertation, more than one-third, said either they had experienced such dreams or knew someone who had.

The idea that "psychic" dreams could be warnings or could foretell the future reaches back to the ancients. Dreams were understood by many pre-historic peoples to be messages from the gods — an idea represented in classical literature, as well as in Talmudic and Biblical texts. But today, psychic dreams spook people.

To Dombeck, who grew up in a Middle Eastern household where telling dreams was as common as talking about what would be on the table for dinner, the American taboos seem puzzling.

"It's regrettable," she says. "Dreams can be so fascinating."

Sports

Harvesters draw San Antonio Alamo Heights as opponent in Class 4A state tournament



(Staff photo by L.D. Strate)

Pampa junior Jeff Young cuts a piece of the net down while his Harvester teammates wait their turn after the Class 4A regional final victory over Lamesa last Friday night. Pampa meets San Antonio Alamo Heights at 8:30 p.m. Thursday night in the semi-finals of the state tournament in Austin.

Pampa has best record among tourney teams

Tickets will be available at PHS Athletic Office

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School basketball team is in the state tournament for the first time since the 1981-82 season, but can the Harvesters bring home the championship trophy for a fifth time? If won-loss records can be used as a gauge, the Harvesters will have the best among The Final Four participants.

Pampa is 34-3, Port Arthur Lincoln is 32-3, San Antonio Alamo Heights is 30-5, and Dallas Oak Cliff is 27-7.

"Pampa has enjoyed great success in the tournament and so have these other teams. All of them have quite a bit of state tournament experience and all have won state titles," said PHS head coach Robert Hale.

San Antonio Alamo Heights will be Pampa's semi-final opponent at 8:30 p.m. Thursday night at the Frank Erwin Center in Austin. Port Arthur Lincoln and Dallas South Oak Cliff play the opening game at 7 p.m. Thursday night.

The winners advance to the finals at 4 p.m. Saturday night.

Dallas Lincoln, the defending Class 4A champions, were eliminated by Dallas South Oak Cliff Friday night.

In Alamo Heights, the Harvesters — like so many other opponents this season — will be battling a team with superior height.

"Alamo Heights has a 6-7 post player who was an all-stater last season and they also have another 6-6 post man and a 6-4 wing," Hale said. "They're a big team and they play very good defense."

The Harvesters won state tournament titles in 1952-53, 1953-54, 1957-58, and 1958-59. The Harvesters had some outstanding teams during the 1960s and '70s, but were always stopped short of The Final Four.

The 1981-82 club, led by the Nelson brothers, Mike and Charles, ended that drought. Those Harvesters, like the 1990-91 team, were coming off three consecutive district championships. Pampa drew San Antonio Churchhill as the semi-final opponent in the state tourney and were knocked off, 76-56. The Harvesters finished the season with a 29-5 record.

"We have a pretty good tradition for us. I believe this is the 10th time that Pampa has been in the playoffs," Hale said.

This is Hale's first trip to the state tournament as a coach.

"It will be my maiden voyage," he added. Pampa, ranked seventh in the state, advanced to the state tournament by defeating fifth-ranked Lamesa, 74-64, Friday night in the regional finals at Portales, N.M.

"They just went out and got the job done. I thought the kids played awfully well and they kept their poise throughout the game," Hale said. "They deserve all the credit in the world."

One of the keys to the Harvesters' victory was their defense, limiting Lamesa to just 21.2 percent (25 of 85) from the floor. Lamesa entered the game averaging over 80 ppg.

Tickets (\$5 apiece) for the state tournament are expected to be available today at the Pampa High School Athletic Office.

"We've ordered 1,400 tickets and they should be here after 12 noon today," Hale said. "I want to urge people to get their tickets as soon as possible because I look for them to go fast," Hale said.

Tickets could probably not be purchased in Austin, Hale said.

"You may be able to get in without a ticket, but I would strongly advise buying a ticket here. The tournament is a sellout," Hale said.

A pep rally is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. tonight in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Longhorns shock Hogs with 54-point explosion

By JACK KEEVER
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN (AP) - Texas basketball coach Tom Penders, 0-7 against Arkansas, watched as his Longhorn squad fell 14 points behind the No. 3 Razorbacks, a margin which he said "takes coaching totally out of the game."

"You just say, 'OK guys, go get 'em,'" Penders said after his unranked team fashioned a 30-point swing and defeated Arkansas 99-86 in Southwest Conference action Sunday.

The furious rally by Texas (20-7) before a national television audience and sellout crowd of 16,231 "was a great win for us and for our program," Penders said after the Longhorns recorded their third consecutive season of at least 20 victories for a school record.

Arkansas (28-3) already had clinched its third straight SWC basketball championship, the first conference school to accomplish that since Southern Methodist in 1955-57. The Razorbacks are leaving next season for the Southeastern Conference.

Arkansas was shooting for a 16-0 SWC mark, which would match its own record in 1977 and Houston's in 1983, but could not hold off a 54-point Texas surge in the second half, after Arkansas led 55-45 at halftime and 61-47 with 2:21 elapsed in the second half.

The Longhorns' task seemed impossible when scoring leader Benford Williams sat down with his fourth foul with 3:52 expired in the second half.

But Texas went ahead to stay, 72-71, with 9:46 to go and widened its lead to as many as 16.

The key was Texas' shots started falling just as Arkansas' bounced away, to be grabbed by Texas rebounders.

Arkansas, hitting eight of 10 3-pointers in the first half, made 19 of 34 field goal attempts. In the second half, the Razorbacks went nine for 38. Texas, 19 of 37 in the first half, closed out with a 19-for-28 second half.

"Lee Mayberry missed some he usually cans and (Todd) Day missed some. In the second half, we only let them have one shot," Penders said.

Williams led Texas with 22 points, even though he played only 23 of 40 minutes and fouled out with 2:22 remaining. Joey Wright and Locksley Collie each added 19 and sub Dexter Cambridge had 15.

Perhaps the most spectacular of numerous highlight plays came when Guillermo "Panama" Myers of Texas leaped high and guided with one hand Williams' shot into the basket for an 84-76 lead.

"SEC, SEC" chanted Texas fans as the outcome appeared certain with 1:44 to play in a contest that was so popular it drew Texas Gov. Ann Richards to courtside. Tickets were scalped for as much as \$150.

Day and Oliver Miller of Arkansas were in foul trouble, picking up four, but Day led the Razorbacks with 18 points in 33 minutes, and Miller had 16 in 36 minutes. Mayberry scored 15.

Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson, losing for the first time to a Penders team, said, "It was sad to be playing here for the last time. I've promoted the Southwest Conference in basketball. The higher ups make decisions about where we go."

Panhandle girls' teams rule Austin hoop finals

AUSTIN (AP) - Schools from the Texas Panhandle and South Plains, for the second time in four years, have dominated the girls state basketball tournament, grabbing all five division titles in the latest contest.

"Yes. Isn't that sweet?" Amarillo Tascosa coach Mike Miller said minutes after his team defeated Victoria 54-41 for the Class 5A crown. "We are happy to be considered for inclusion in that group. It is quite a honor."

The victory Saturday by Tascosa capped the clean sweep. Levelland in 4A, Tulia in 3A, Abernathy in 2A and Nazareth in Class A collected championship trophies at the 41st annual tournament.

The winners in 1987 were Plainview in 5A; Levelland in 4A; Slaton in 3A; Morton in 2A; and Sudan in Class A.

All within 120 miles of one another along Interstate 27, the 1991 champions claim 30 state championships among them since Abernathy first made the long trip to Austin in 1958.

"There are a lot of schools that allow quality programs," Levelland coach Dean Weese said. "A lot of the teams that come in here 36-0 wouldn't be so fortunate if they played our schedule in our part of the country."

Added Weese, "We all play each other and we're all good teams."

Weese, in his 27th year of coaching, won his 10th state championship Saturday. He has won more games than any other Texas girls coach, and has coached in the Final Four 17 times.

"It all goes back to Dean Weese," said Abernathy coach Billy Pat Mouser, who led the Lady Lopes to a seventh title. "There are a lot of great fundamental coaches up here, and Dean stresses fundamentals more than anything. He has shared so much with us."

First-year Nazareth coach Denese Skinner knew full-well what she was getting into when she accepted the Swiftette job.

"There are three parts to Nazareth's success," said Skinner. "The first part is tradition. The second part is fundamentals. The third, and most important, is hard-working kids."

The Swiftettes got off to a 0-6 start, but still had the complete support of the town and topped the polls.

"The girls never doubted they would be state champs," said Skinner. "We adopted a saying. 'It's not where you start, it's where you finish.'"

The region's teams play each other in the regular season, with the state tournament becoming a kind of reunion.

College contests close for top teams

By The Associated Press

Ohio State, ranked No. 2 nationally, defeated Michigan St. 65-64 in Sunday college hoop action.

The Buckeyes clinched at least a share of its first Big Ten title in 20 years as Jamaal Brown hit the second of two free throws with one second left.

The victory was the eighth in a row for Ohio State (25-1) since its only loss of the season at Michigan State. The Buckeyes and Indiana each have two games remaining.

No. 8 Duke 83, No. 4 N. Carolina 77

Christian Laettner and Bobby Hurley each scored 18 points as Duke won at North Carolina to win the ACC regular-season title.

The Blue Devils (25-6) led by 19 points with 12 minutes to go before the Tar Heels (22-5) got within nine. Duke had just one field goal over the final eight minutes, but made 10 of 13 free throws in the last 4:29.

No. 6 Syracuse 62, Georgetown 58

Syracuse (26-4), which already had clinched the Big East, got 21

points from Billy Owens, including two free throws with 4.3 seconds left to secure the victory over Georgetown.

The Hoyas (16-11) lost their fourth straight Big East game in front of the largest on-campus crowd in NCAA history, 33,048 in the Carrier Dome.

No. 15 Nebraska 85, No. 10 Kansas 75

Tony Farmer scored 18 points as Nebraska knocked Kansas into a tie for the Big Eight title.

After trailing by nine at halftime, Kansas (21-6) closed to 47-45 with 15:19 remaining. But Kansas missed eight straight free throws in a five-minute stretch, during which Nebraska (24-6) hit seven of eight for a 77-71 lead.

Washington 86, No. 16 UCLA 68

Dion Brown scored 28 points and had six dunks as Pac-10 cellar-dweller Washington (14-12 overall, 5-11 Pac-10) handed the league title and automatic NCAA tournament berth to Arizona by thrashing the Bruins (21-8, 9-7).

No. 19 E. Tennessee 101, Appalachian 82

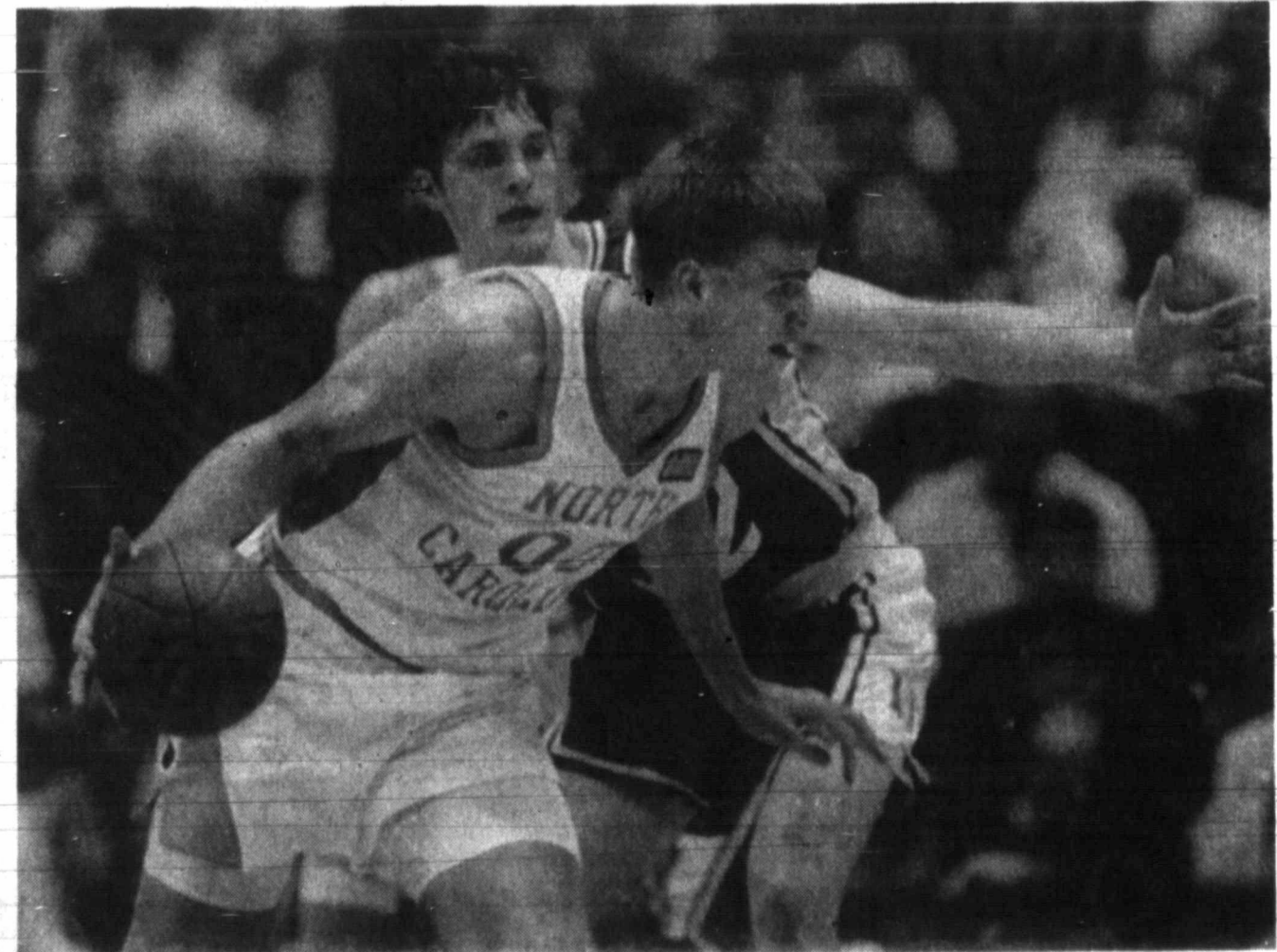
Keith Jennings scored 15 of his 31 points in the final 8 1/2 minutes as East Tennessee (28-4) won its third straight Southern Conference title and an automatic NCAA tournament berth.

In Saturday games, No. 1 UNLV beat Fullerton State 104-83, No. 5 Indiana beat Wisconsin 74-61, No. 7 Arizona lost to Oregon 62-58, No. 9 Utah beat Brigham Young 72-71 in overtime, No. 11 New Mexico State beat Fresno State 105-80.

Iowa State beat No. 12 Oklahoma State 68-67, No. 13 Kentucky beat Auburn 114-93, Tulane beat No. 14 Southern Mississippi 82-65 and DePaul beat No. 17 St. John's 79-68.

Also, No. 23 Mississippi State beat No. 18 Louisiana State 76-73, No. 19 East Tennessee State beat Tennessee-Chattanooga 104-71 in the Southern Conference semifinals.

No. 20 Seton Hall beat Boston College 81-74, No. 21 Princeton beat Dartmouth 56-49, Connecticut beat No. 22 Pittsburgh 78-68, No. 24 Alabama beat Tennessee 96-88, and Maryland beat No. 25 Virginia in overtime.



(AP LaserPhoto)

Duke's Christian Laettner blocks the path of North Carolina's Eric Montross Sunday in Chapel Hill, North Carolina as Duke defeated the Tar Heels 83-76.

Houston sinks Lakers at Forum

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) - Akeem Olajuwon came to Los Angeles and proved that nothing can keep him down.

On Sunday, he came off the bench for the second time since he fractured his eye socket two months ago and scored 13 points to help the Houston Rockets beat the Los Angeles Lakers 104-95.

One of his baskets was a critical 20-foot jumper that beat the 24-second-clock and restored Houston's lead to eight points with 2:26 left.

Four days earlier in his return, Olajuwon had 24 points and 16 rebounds in a 83-80 defeat against LA's No. 2 team, the Clippers.

"I think Akeem was basically testing the water against the Clippers," Houston Coach Don Chaney said. "He played exceptionally well that night."

"Tonight, he played within the scheme of things. He knew what we were doing. We did certain things to not only free him up but free up other guys."

Houston beat the Lakers for the first time at the Forum in 15 tries thanks to the shooting of Rockets' guard Kenny Smith, who scored 15 of his 34 points in the third

quarter and added 10 more during a pivotal fourth-period rally.

Terry Teagle, a Lakers reserve guard, missed eight of 10 shots for the Lakers in the final quarter. Houston seized the opportunity and broke open a game that was tight throughout the first three quarters.

"We missed some easy shots for us and we did some things today that we're not accustomed to of late," Laker coach Mike Dunleavy said. "We turned the ball over a lot. We let them out-play us physically on the boards and out-hustle us for loose balls."

Chaney and his staff were at the Forum on Friday night to watch the Lakers win over Orlando and pick up a few obvious pointers.

"I saw Magic and Worthy dominate the game, and Magic take the ball and score on guys at will," Chaney said after the Rockets held the opposition under 100 points for the fifth straight time and 15th time in 21 games.

"We just couldn't allow the guy to do that. He is such a great player, so you've got to double and sometimes triple-team him."

The Rockets held the Lakers' three-time MVP to 18 points and eight assists, while making life miserable for the rest of the Laker shooters — who finished a combined 41 percent from the field. Vlade Divac had 23 points, but only 5 in the final period. James Worthy had 21, but only one basket in the final 17 1/2 minutes.

"We were flat and didn't play

our game today," Johnson said. "We just had nothing left. We gave it all on the road and Friday night again. We didn't make the shots we normally make. We didn't make layups, we had a lot of things go wrong. And when you play a good team, they're going to capitalize on that. They've been here for four days and they were fresh and ready."



The Rocket's Kenny Smith drives on Lakers' Byron Scott.

Ryan may pitch in 1992

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) - The major league's all-time strikeout leader could be back in 1992, bringing more bad news for American League hitters.

Nolan Ryan's agent said he expects to visit the Texas Rangers' spring training camp this week to discuss a contract extension.

Rangers general manager Tom Grieve and Dick Moss, Ryan's agent, worked out a deal during last year's training camp for Ryan to receive \$3.3 million this year, his third with the club.

"I wouldn't be surprised to see Dick to talk about this," Grieve told The Dallas Morning News. "We'd be glad to talk to him."

Ryan is expected to start opening day against Milwaukee, becoming only the 25th pitcher in history to appear in a game at age 44 or older.

"It's something of a spring training tradition for me to get together with Tom and discuss what's next for Nolan," Moss said. "I told Tom last year, 'We'll probably still be doing

this 20 years from now and still talking about how well he's performing.'"

"As long as it works for Nolan, he wants to keep pitching. It's still working for him."

Ryan, in his first workout Saturday, showed he continues to delay the aging process. Pitching from a mound for the first time since Sept. 30, 1990, he threw 16 minutes of batting practice and used all his pitches.

"I'm relieved to see him throw," said Rangers manager Bobby Valentine. "One of these years he's not going to be able to do that. I'm relieved to see this isn't the year."

But Ryan has the final word on his future. He'll consider his performance, his physical status and the wishes of family members, already on record as saying they want Ryan to continue with the Rangers as long as possible.

"I'm not ruling it (next year) out," said Ryan. "I'll have to make that determination six months from now."

"I enjoy pitching. I enjoy being in shape. I enjoy my teammates, the

organization. Baseball's been my life ... I'm going to continue to pitch until I reach a point I don't feel it's worth the effort or I can't compete at this level."

In his two seasons with the Rangers, Ryan is 29-19 with a 3.31 ERA. He's led the American League in strikeouts each time.

A stress fracture in Ryan's lower back plagued him all last season, forcing him onto the disabled list once.

Last year, the team discovered Ryan performed better if he did not throw from a mound between starts. He threw for up to 45 minutes at a time during the off-season, but never from a mound.

"I don't expect it will be a problem," the pitcher said of his back. "I anticipate if it becomes a problem, it'll be more of a nuisance than anything else."

Next year would be Ryan's 25th season, with only two players having lasted longer. Deacon McGuire and Tommy John each lasted 26 seasons.

Final round of Doral Open delayed by rain

MIAMI (AP) - Andy Bean made a quick telephone call to Orlando, Fla., to cancel a corporate outing.

"Tell 'em I'm sorry, boys, but I've got something to finish here," big Andy said Sunday.

He and 21 others — including Jack Nicklaus, Curtis Strange and lefty

Russ Cochran — have to finish the storm-delayed final round of the Doral Open.

Play was delayed, then postponed overnight, by wind, rain and lightning that lashed the Doral Country Club and left 22 players stranded on the course.

They were due to return at 9 a.m., EST, today to complete play. It marked the first time since the 1988 Canadian Open that a PGA Tour event has been extended to Monday.

Cochran and Bean shared the lead at 11 under par for the tournament. Each had nine holes to play.

Richard wins Kemper in sudden death

WALEA, Hawaii (AP) - Deb Richard could have dedicated her women's Kemper Open win to a number of people and, under different circumstances, she probably would have.

But she'd spent a frustrating year working through major changes in her golf swing. Although she made \$186,000 and posted eight top-10 finishes in 1990, she had continued to languish without a win since her first in 1987.

So after beating Cindy Rarick on the second hole of sudden death Saturday, Richard said, "I'd have to say this one is for me ... for making all the changes and believing in myself."

Richard added: "It's been four long years, and this one feels better than the first one."

Richard got a lot of help from Rarick, the leader throughout. Richard was unable to sink key putts and made par on the first 11 holes of the final round, but caught up when Rarick showed her first signs of weakness in the 72-hole tournament.

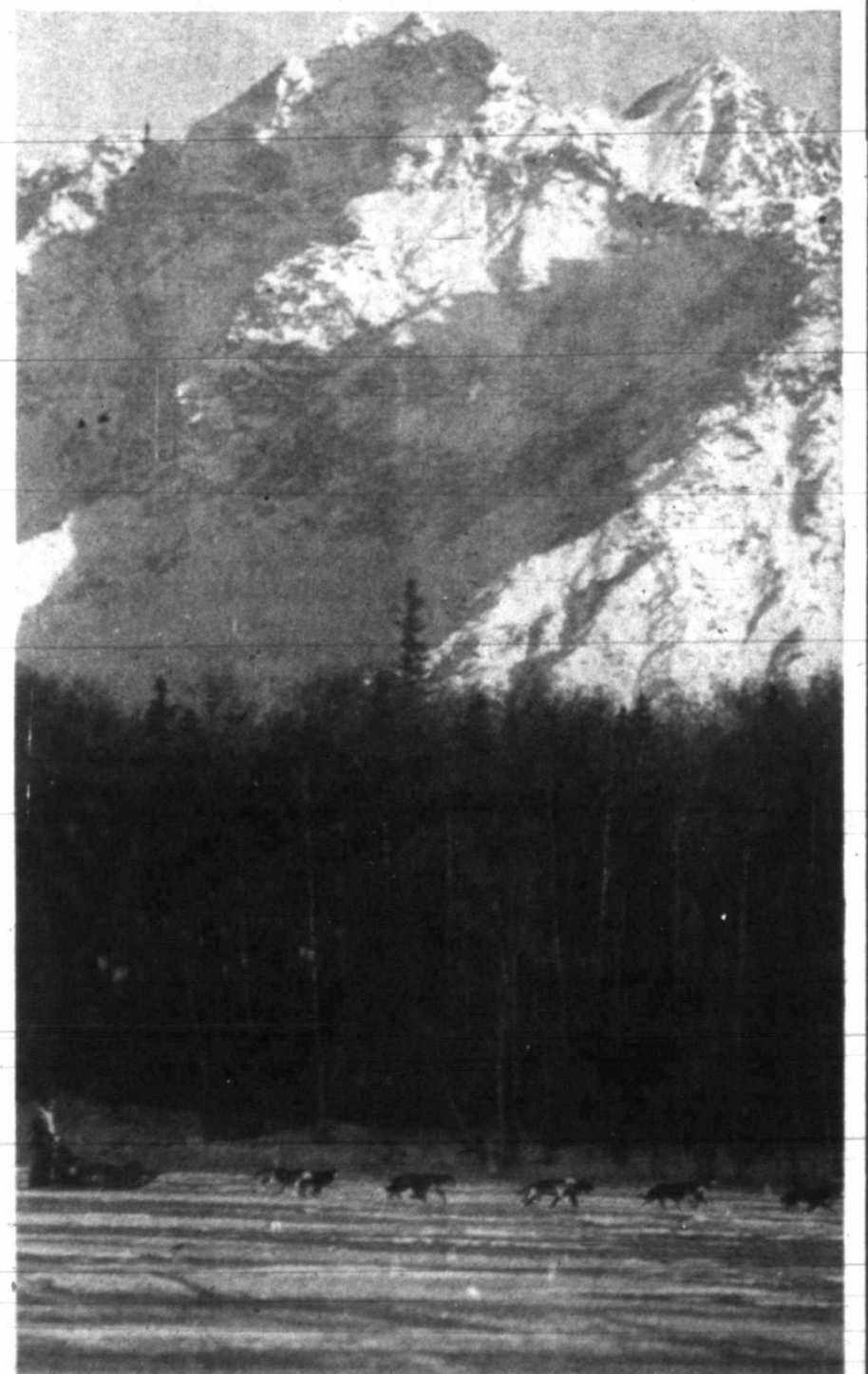
Rarick, who had made only two bogeys in the first three rounds, led by four strokes going into the 9th hole. But she bogeyed four times down the stretch, beginning on the 9th hole.

Richard caught up with birdies on the 13th and 16th holes. Each made a 10-foot par save on the 17th and made par on No. 18, setting up the playoff.

Richard shot a 1-under-par 70, while Rarick shot 72. Both finished at 9-under.

"I kind of lost the tournament more than she won it," Rarick said. "I gave it away by shooting over par today."

Iditarod underway



An unidentified dog team runs along frozen Lake Lucille in front of Pioneer Peak just outside Wasilla, Alaska Sunday as it nears a checkpoint in the 1,163-mile Iditarod dog sled race.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: MIKE STEWART, Defendant. Greeting: YOU (AND EACH OF YOU) ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the 223rd District Court of Gray County, at the Courthouse being located at 200 N. Russell in the City of Pampa, Gray County Texas, by filing a written answer, at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of issuance of this citation the date for answer being the 18th day of March, A.D., 1991, to Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court on the 17th day of January, 1991, in the cause, #27601 and styled H.E. CROCKER, JR. Plaintiff vs. MIKE STEWART, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to wit: DAMAGES AND TO REMOVE CLOUD ON PROPERTY - LOT 22, BLOCK 4, WYNNELEA ADDITION TO THE CITY OF PAMPA, GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS 600 N. DWIGHT, PAMPA, TEXAS.

The officer executing this writ shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates hereof, and make due return as the law directs. Witness, Vickie Walls, Clerk of the 223rd District Court of Gray County, Texas. Issued and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office this 1st day of February, A.D., 1991.

VICKIE WALLS CLERK, 223rd District Court Gray County, Texas P.O. Box 1139 Pampa, Tx. 79066-1139 By Yvonne Moler Deputy

IMPORTANT NOTICE YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. YOU MAY EMPLOY AN ATTORNEY. IF YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY DO NOT FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER BY 10:00 A.M. FOLLOWING THE EXPIRATION OF FORTY-TWO DAYS AFTER YOU WERE SERVED THIS CITATION AND PETITION, A DEFAULT JUDGMENT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU. Feb. 11, 18, 25, March 4, 1991 A-32

INVITATION TO BID White Deer Independent School District is now accepting sealed bids for the sale of one parcel of property acquired through non-payment of taxes designated as follows:

Lot 10, Block 15 (Vacant Building), structure as is: (Original town, 204 S. Main, White Deer, Texas. Sealed bids labeled "Property Bid" will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Monday, March 18, 1991. All bids received after 2:00 p.m. will be returned unopened. The bid will be awarded Monday, March 18, 1991 at 7:30 p.m. during a special session of the Board of Trustees. Detailed bid information may be obtained from Jack Back, Business Manager, at 601 Omohundro, White Deer or call (806) 883-2311. White Deer ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities. The sale of said property will be in accordance with Education Code 23.30, Local Policy, and Civil Order 5281. A-39 March 3, 4, 1991

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Drought-wracked California cities halt building to limit water use

By LAURA MYERS
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Mary-Ann Warmerdam has the perfect solution to California's problem of too many people and not enough water.

"We could secede from the nation and put up roadblocks" to prevent the state's population and thirst from growing, the Farm Bureau spokeswoman jokes. "If not that, I guess we'll just have to cope."

While California farmers — who use up to 85 percent of the state's water supply — have emerged as the biggest target for cutbacks during this fifth year of drought, some communities have erected legal roadblocks to limit residents' consumption.

Already, at least a half-dozen communities have stopped approving new water hookups as people continue to pour into the parched state, looking to occupy an estimated 600 new houses a day.

"A few communities had moratoriums last fall, but now that we've had a dry winter, I know a lot more of them are seriously considering this," said Larry Joyce, an analyst with the California Department of Water Resources.

"Maybe some are using this as an excuse to limit growth," he said. "But you can't forget that right now their reservoirs are dry and they're dealing with a real shortage."

Five years of drought have pitted the water-rich north against the heavily populated south, cities against rural farmers, beleaguered local water districts against thirsty residents.

And they have taken their toll in other ways both big and small:

- Nearly a dozen California counties have proclaimed drought disasters and are seeking aid from the state and federal government. Almost every California community has water rationing, conservation programs and depleted reservoirs.

- Farmers who depend on irrigation water from big government projects will get little or none of their normal supply this season. State agricultural revenues could dip as much as \$2 billion this year. It all could translate into higher prices for consumers.

- This could be the worst fire season ever in California, and fire officials say they may have to let homes burn. Last year, a record 864 structures burned and one person was killed. About 7,500 fires blackened 197,000 acres. Enough trees to fill logging trucks encircling the Earth have died due to lack of water or to insect infestation.

- The Yosemite Falls, which normally run until August, could dry up in July as they did last year. At Pebble Beach's golf courses, reduced watering has left fringe areas and some sections of fairways parched.

Blast injures 12 at Citgo refinery

LAKE CHARLES, La. (AP) — A fire continued to burn early today after an explosion rocked the Citgo Petroleum Corp. refinery near here, leaving at least 12 people injured, officials said.

The explosion occurred about 11 p.m. Sunday in the plant's catalytic cracker unit, which is used in the refining stage. The fire continued to burn out of control early today.

"When I got there at about a quarter after 11, the fire was taller than the flare stacks. I'm talking billowing flames, a massive tower of smoke. I was a quarter-mile away and the heat was hitting me," said Jay Zimmer, a reporter for KVHP-TV in Lake Charles.

At least 10 people were taken to West Calcasieu-Cameron Hospital. Two of those were listed in critical condition. Three others were treated for minor injuries and released. Condition reports were not available on the others.

Two other people were taken to St. Patrick's Hospital in Lake Charles. One of those was in critical condition and flown to the Galveston Burn Center in Galveston, Texas, a hospital spokesman said.

None of the injured was identified.

The extent of the damage at the plant, which is located in an industrial area about five miles southwest of Lake Charles on La. 108, could not immediately be determined.

Citgo spokesman Bob Davison said pipelines to the unit were closed off to help extinguish the blaze. The company asked all area emergency units for assistance, he said.

A state police hazardous materials unit from Lafayette, La. was at the scene, said Sgt. David Thompson.

Thompson said residents near the plant said the blast shook their homes, although there was no immediate word of damages. The nearest houses are about a mile from the plant, which is owned by PVDSA, the national oil company of Venezuela.



Houseboats floating last month on what's left of Shasta Lake's Digger Bay are facing a move — to a parking lot for the summer — since the lake's levels have receded to an all-time low as California enters a fifth year of drought.

and yellowing. And movie and television production companies are flooding the California Film Commission for help finding lush locations that haven't been burned brown by drought.

The areas hardest hit are in the state's midsection — Santa Barbara on the coast and the southern San Joaquin Valley between Bakersfield and Fresno.

Gov. Pete Wilson presented a \$100 million drought plan last month that hastens water transfers to

parched areas, bolsters fire protection and threatens cities with rationing if they don't cut back voluntarily. It is up to the state's thousands of water districts to allocate supplies locally, but Wilson said he would use emergency powers to enforce water rationing if communities don't cooperate.

In Los Angeles, the nation's second-largest city, the City Council voted several days after Wilson announced his plan to impose hefty fines on residents who do

not cut back. California's population has grown to more than 30 million, nearly a 26 percent increase from 1980 to 1990, and another 5 million to 7 million people are expected to swell the state's population by the year 2000.

Many cities and counties that haven't imposed building or water hookup moratoriums are on a collision course.

In the past year, Ventura, Santa

Barbara and three cities in southern Riverside County have stopped approving new water meters. Marin County, just outside San Francisco, has a 2-year-old water hookup and building moratorium.

"The City Council took a lot of heat last year when they said Ventura won't issue any water permits while the drought is still on. But I think they were just kind of ahead of their time and other folks will follow," said Bob Prodoehl, superintendent of building and safety in the city of 92,000.

Santa Barbara officials freely admit the moratorium gives them another tool to slow growth.

"People just want Santa Barbara to stay the way it is," said Lisa Leeks, a spokeswoman for the city of 85,000 people, who twice have turned down offers to tap into the state water system.

As a result, Santa Barbara residents have been forced to cut water use by one-third and the city is building a desalination plant that is expected to provide half its water supply upon completion next year.

Desalination is an expensive source of water, but it could be the wave of the future: A desalting facility is under construction on Santa Catalina Island, and others are under serious consideration in Marin and Monterey counties and by utilities serving millions of Californians.

"When you're running out of water and you can't get a drink or take a shower, the expense of desalination becomes less important," said Chris Martin of Boyle Engineering Corp. in Los Angeles.

In Marin County, the interests of residents who are conserving and builders who sued over the water hookup moratorium are on a collision course.

At the beginning of this month, residents' use was limited to a mere 50 gallons per day per person —

about one-fourth the state average use (running a full dishwasher load, for example, uses about 25 gallons). But the water board is considering letting some of the 75 developers on a hookup waiting list proceed with projects in exchange for conservation.

Opponents such as board member Joan Boessenecker call it "rubbing salt into a raw wound" for residents suffering water cutbacks.

To avoid moratoriums, developers have been making concessions in other fast-growing areas such as Contra Costa County, where builders have agreed to delay landscaping until the drought emergency ends.

"We'll probably be forced into deeper rationing, but we don't plan to stop growth," said John Coleman, director of the East Bay Municipal Utilities District, which has 1.1 million users.

"The answer is developing new resources and reclaiming more water," Coleman said.

It helps that, after five years of virtually no rain, conservation finally has taken hold in many parts of the state.

It's old hat that people are taking only brief showers, lawns are rarely watered and are being painted green instead, and restaurants serve water only on request. But now, creativity is coming into play.

At Disneyland, for example, water-saving "flush-o-meters" have been installed on toilets in the Anaheim park's nearly 200 restrooms. Coupled with other moves, that's helping reduce the park's water use by more than 20 percent.

And Raging Waters, a San Dimas park that features swimming pools and water slides, cut its water use 20 percent by, among other things, designing decks so water dripping off bathers goes back into the pools.

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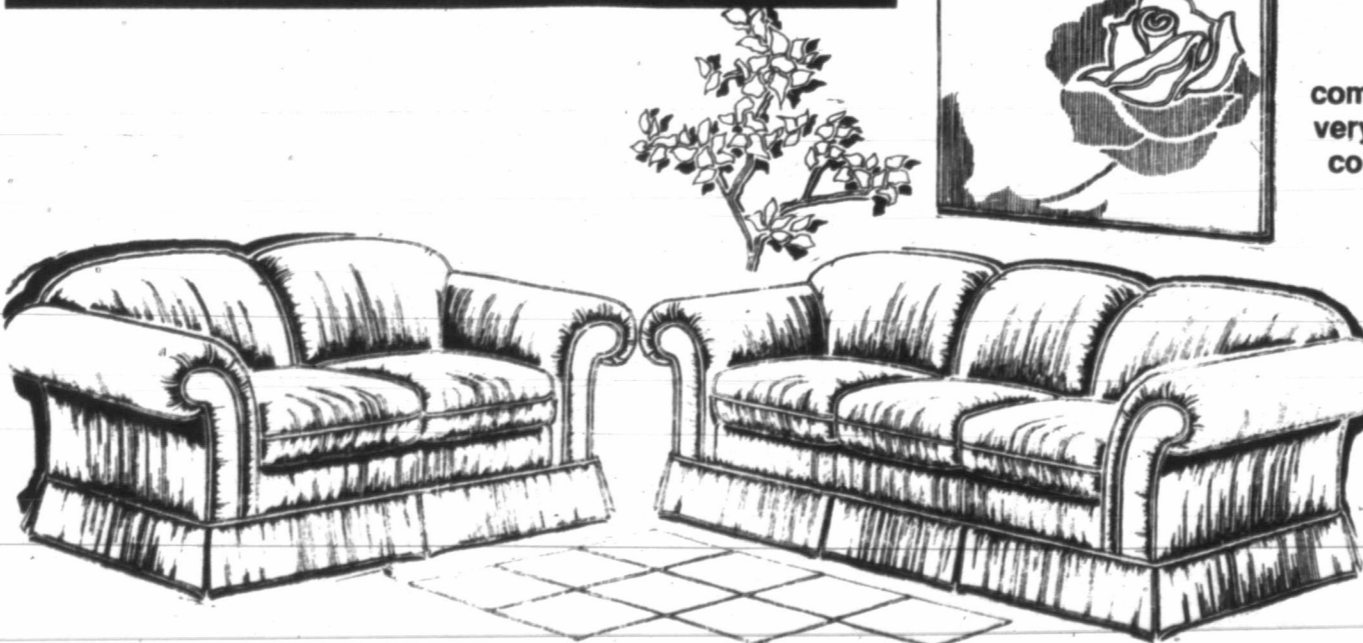
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