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Skellytown greets first soldier home from the gulf

By J. ALAN BRZYS
Staff Writer

SKELLYTOWN — "Oh, he's lost so much weight," exclaimed Lee Ledford, in near-shock and disbelief.

Tears streamed down her cheeks when she realized it was her son arriving home from the 100-hour ground war to free Kuwait. She was prepared to welcome home a soldier, but was unaware it was her son scheduled to arrive.

"I ain't believin' this," said 38-year-old Army Staff Sgt. Michael

Ledford, as he stepped out of a truck onto the familiar ground of his hometown.

Sirens wailed, signs proclaimed salutations and nearly 100 residents cheered and hollered in the chilly Thursday morning air.

The town turned out to give a hero's welcome to the first of Skellytown's military personnel to return home from duty in Operation Desert Storm.

The career soldier, who has served 18 1/2 years in the Army, is the son of Lee Ledford of Skellytown and A.J. Ledford of Pampa.

Ledford is attached to the 1st Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery based at Fort Hood, Texas.

His unit went to the Persian Gulf region in mid-October to participate in Operation Desert Shield. Eventually the unit, as part of the Army's Tiger Brigade of the 2nd Armored Regiment, was assigned to accompany the 2nd Marine Division's assault on Kuwait.

According to media pool reports, the multi-service force at 4 a.m. local time on Feb. 24 launched an attack from the south and west towards Kuwait City through the Iraqi-built barrier system.

The Marine forces and Army artillery units reportedly took up positions outside the city and blocked all exits from Kuwait City during and after the ensuing bombardment of Iraqi forces.

"I was with the 2nd Marine Division ... but I'm very much Army," said Ledford.

"We were about five miles outside of Kuwait City," he explained. "We were (artillery) fire support for the 2nd Marine Division to run the Iraqis out of Kuwait."

"We were firing 155mm howitzers and self-propelled 109mm howitzers," Ledford said. The howitzers were loaded and fired with a variety of explosive rockets and illumination rounds, according to the staff sergeant.

"I was with what's called TOPS, a tactical operations center, so we were out there directing (and) deciding where to place the artillery batteries, what kind of fire, and when they fired," he said. "It's teamwork."

"When I first heard we were going to be with the Marines, it worried me to death," said the soldier, explaining the rivalry between branches of the U.S. military. "But all the forces pulled together over there. Just one force didn't win it."

Asked if he was surprised when he received word to go home, Ledford said, "Yeah, I really was. I figured three or four more months of being over there, waiting for them to clean everything up. Then they told me I was coming home."



(Staff photo by J. Alan Brzys)

Army Staff Sgt. Michael Ledford, right, receives a warm welcome from his mother, Lee Ledford, on his return to Skellytown.

"There wasn't a question in my mind (about leaving) at the time, but from what I've heard on the news since I've been back, there's a big question. I've still got friends, a whole lot of friends, left over there and I don't know if it's over yet or not. I hope it is."

"I got back to Fort Hood on Saturday," Ledford said.

"It feels great ... to come back here to Skellytown, the town I vandalized 19 years ago," Ledford said jokingly, when asked how it felt to be home.

"It feels so good to have him home," said Ledford's mother. "All of the other mothers have been in the same boat as I've been in, worried about their kids."

"I knew he was coming back to the States, but I didn't dream he'd be here today," she said. "It sure is good to see him."

Patty Smith, Ledford's sister, said, "There are six children in our

family, four girls and two boys, most all of them are here."

"He's the first Skellytown boy to come back. We sent him lots of letters, lots of food, packages, he responded quite a bit," Smith explained before her brother arrived.

"He said it got pretty old, eating with sand, sleeping with sand, getting up with sand. He's just ready for some good home cooking."

"Mike was born on an Army base," said Smith. "My dad served with the Army in the Korean Conflict." She said her brother was raised in Skellytown and attended Skellytown and White Deer schools.

"Skellytown (recently) had a rally for all the soldiers in Saudi Arabia," said Smith. "This has been planned before we knew anyone was coming back. Everyone is so close-knit over here, and when Skellytown found out that Mike was coming back, they said to be sure

and let us know when because they wanted to meet him when he arrived."

"If I'm not mistaken, there are about eight or nine boys from Skellytown that were involved (in the war)," said Smith. Skellytown is a community of about 800.

"He and his wife have a home base between Pampa and Skellytown," said Smith. Ledford's wife, Paulette Lilley Ledford, "a Skellytown girl," arrived with him to enjoy the homecoming.

"He was a track star when he was in school, he played football," said Smith of her brother.

The mayor, the sheriff and a wide assortment of residents gathered at the city limits. Cars, trucks, an ambulance and a fire truck lined the highway.

"I have all his favorite foods ready to cook for him, including peanut butter pie," said Smith with a big smile.



(Staff photo by J. Alan Brzys)

Emotion overcomes Lee Ledford when she realizes it's her son arriving home from the Persian Gulf.

Rebels claim Iraqi troops attack civilians

By JOHN RICE
Associated Press Writer

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Kurdish rebels said today that Saddam Hussein's loyalists used warplanes and helicopter gunships to attack civilians in an effort to crush a spreading rebellion.

President Bush warned Saddam that using combat helicopters could delay a formal cease-fire in the Persian Gulf War. A U.S. newspaper reported that American troops were retaking positions they abandoned deep within Iraq, seeking to pressure Saddam.

While the troops have moved back to old positions they'd left inside Iraq, a senior U.S. officer said today, this was not a signal that Iraq should sign the permanent cease-fire.

Meanwhile, Shiite Muslim leaders accused the Iraqi president's Republican Guard soldiers of damaging some of Islam's holiest shrines during clashes in southern Iraq on Thursday.

Since the allied offensive two weeks ago that crushed Saddam's army in Kuwait and seized a large portion of southern Iraq, Baghdad has been struggling to maintain control over several insurrections.

Jalal Talabani, head of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, said Iraqi troops rounded up residents from government-held parts of the city of Kirkuk, then strafed them with helicopters. He claimed hundreds were killed or wounded.

The rebel claims have been impossible to confirm, because no Western reporters have been able to reach the fighting in recent days.

Talabani, who spoke in Damascus, Syria, also claimed the government used warplanes to attack protesters in other parts of Kurdistan in northern Iraq.

He said Iraqi forces set four oil wells ablaze before being forced out of eastern Kirkuk, a major oil center.

He said Dohuk Province bordering Turkey "has been liberated" by the rebel forces fighting for autonomy from the central government.

On Thursday, Bush said U.S.-led allied troops, who control 20 percent of Iraq's territory following the Gulf War, "are not going to be — all of them — out of there until there's a cease-fire, a formalized cease-fire."

Elements of the 101st Airborne and the 1st Cavalry Army divisions on Wednesday reoccupied their most advanced positions in the

Euphrates River valley, the *Los Angeles Times* reported today.

The dispatch from the Saudi capital, Riyadh, quoted Marine Brig. Gen. Richard Neal, deputy director of operations for the U.S. Central Command.

"The purpose is to maintain a presence until the cease-fire is agreed to," Neal was quoted as saying in an interview with the newspaper.

But Neal told The Associated Press today there were "other ways to send signals." He said the Army divisions had reoccupied positions they'd taken by the time the war ended on Feb. 28 in order to maintain troops on the ground there, rather than cover the area by helicopter reconnaissance.

Officers thought they could

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(Special Photo)

A group of colleens get ready for the St. Patrick's Day celebration in Shamrock this weekend.

Shamrock to bring out the green this weekend

SHAMROCK — The 45th St. Patrick's Day Celebration will be celebrated beginning tonight in Shamrock with the theme "Get Your Irish Kicks on Route 66."

Thousands of people are expected to turn out for the festival at the small eastern Panhandle town, named by early-day postmaster George Nickel, who was homesick for his native Ireland.

The celebration began when the late Glen Truax, a Shamrock High School bandmaster, made the suggestion that a town with such a fine Irish name should capitalize on it with an annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration.

Forty-four celebrations have been held in Shamrock since the beginning with interruptions for World War II and the Korean Conflict.

This year the Irish are rolling out the green carpet as the whole town turns green. City officials have donned their green underwear, the *Shamrock Texan* will present its annual green edition, and Bill Howe, the past publisher of the local newspaper, has started taking pills that turn his beard green for the weekend.

Top Irishman for the 1991 celebration is Noel Walton, who will be aided by Sonny Hilburn, assistant general chairman.

The pre-St. Patrick's celebration banquet, featuring Dock Blakely, at the National Guard Armory kicks off at 6:45 p.m. today.

A carnival will last all weekend and a chili cook-off and welcome party also begin at 8:30 p.m. today in the 600 block of North Main Street.

The Dignitaries' Invitational Breakfast, hosted by El Paso Natural Gas, is the first item on the agenda Saturday, beginning at 6:30 a.m. at Mitchell's Restaurant at U.S. 83 and Interstate 40. The TRA team roping and the Old Settlers Reunion at City Hall Annex will follow the breakfast.

During the day on Saturday, visitors can witness the Donegal beard judging, parade, barrel racing, golf scramble, sheep dog trials, bull buck-out, chili cook-off, Miss Irish Rose pageant, teen dance and adult dance.

Sunday events will include a cowboy church service, TRA roping finals, Top O' Texas airstream devotion and a golf scramble.

When the buzzards come back to Hinckley, Ohio ...

By M.R. KROPKO
Associated Press Writer

HINCKLEY, Ohio (AP) — The breeze may warm, trees and flowers may blossom and boys may go running for their baseball gloves. But in this small community, spring wouldn't be spring without the buzzards.

Whether Hinckley's buzzard legend is true or not, the tradition of their annual March 15 return endures and the birds were expected back today from their southern migration. This community of 500 people 10 miles south of Cleveland was ready for them.

Cleveland Metroparks Ranger Capt. Roger Lutz planned to be at

the Buzzard Roost at Whipp's Ledges for the first official sighting of a turkey vulture flock.

John Ascherl, a Hinckley resident for nearly 25 years, had no doubt the buzzards would arrive on time.

"Oh yes, yes. Last year they came in right after daybreak. There's no question about it," Ascherl said. "Even with the early settlers, the Indians told them about it. Basically, it's our day of glory."

According to local lore, buzzards were drawn to Hinckley in 1818 by game killed in the Great Varmint Hunt, when residents rid themselves of predatory animals that attacked farm stock. The scavenger birds feasted when carcasses thawed in March.

Nowadays, buzzard believers are reliable even if the birds are not, gathering for the appointed day at Hinckley Metroparks Reservation. Many travel long distances. Some dress in buzzard costumes.

Hinckley tops off the observance of its own peculiar rite of spring with a community pancake and sausage breakfast at an elementary school. Thousands of visitors can be depended on to attend.

Harvey Webster, supervisor of wildlife resources of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, said no one knows where the buzzards stay in winter. He suspects they may go to southern Ohio or Kentucky, he said.

The birds are not unique to

Hinckley, of course. They're common throughout the continental United States, he said.

"March 15th is a great average date for their arrival," Webster said. "The fact is, there are things that can affect the migration as they return to northerly roosts, such as foul weather. If conditions are mild, you can expect them to show up somewhat earlier."

But he said he wouldn't want any scientific evidence to rain on Hinckley.

"The neat thing about Hinckley is that Hinckley has done so much to draw attention to the turkey vulture. If there was ever a bird that needed some public relations, it is the turkey vulture," Webster said.

Maxus seeks to build gas processing plant in area county

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Maxus Energy Corp. is currently considering eight counties in the Panhandle for location of a new natural gas processing plant.

Linda Covington, media specialist for Maxus, said the company is considering Hemphill, Roberts, Hutchinson, Moore, Hartley, Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Lipscomb and Ochiltree counties for the plant, which will employ 10 to 12 people.

"The final location hasn't been chosen," Covington said. "We already operate in an eight-

county area and it will definitely be in one of those counties."

She said a Diamond Shamrock-owned facility in Moore County is currently processing natural gas owned by Maxus or purchased by Maxus from third parties.

However, Steve Crowell, senior vice president for the company, stated, "Having our own gas plant will give us better control of and increase the profitability of our Texas Panhandle Operations."

Covington said the contract with Diamond Shamrock calls for a two-year notification period and that such notification has been given.

She also stated that whichever county the plant is located in will also receive the economic benefits of a multi-million dollar construction project.

"Ground-breaking is not scheduled for another year, with construction in 1992 and completion in 1993, so we still have some time to make a final decision where the plant will be located," Covington said.

Company officials said the plant will have a processing capacity of 160 million cubic feet of gas per day.

Maxus is an independent oil and gas exploration company based in Dallas.

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Services tomorrow

WALLER, H.D. — 2 p.m., graveside, Crim's Chapel Cemetery, Henderson.
HARNLY, Paul W. — 3 p.m., memorial, South Pasadena Presbyterian Church, South Pasadena, Calif.
ROGERS, John Henry 'Dan' — 2 p.m., Doser Cemetery near Shamrock.
WALLIN, Alice J. — 4 p.m., graveside, Memory Gardens Cemetery.
ADAMS, Lois Marie — 10:30 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel.
SOLLOCK, Ira W. — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Canadian.

Obituaries

LOIS MARIE ADAMS
 Lois Marie Adams, 85, died Thursday, March 14, 1991. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Lt. Don Wildish of the Salvation Army officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery.
 Ms. Adams was born on Feb. 16, 1906, in Kansas. She was a longtime Pampa resident. She was a member of the Salvation Army.
 Survivors include a sister-in-law, Marguerite Martin of Pampa; five step-grandchildren; six nieces and nephews.

ALICE J. WALLIN
 Alice J. Wallin, 57, died Wednesday, March 13, 1991. Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Earl Maddux, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.
 Mrs. Wallin was born June 22, 1933, in Evergreen Park, Ill. She was a Pampa resident since 1962. She married Virgil Wade Wallin Sr. on Jan. 26, 1952, in Chicago, Ill. She was a housewife. She was a Lutheran.
 Survivors include her husband, Virgil, of the home; four sons, Virgil Wade Wallin Jr., Dennis Michael Wallin and Steven Timothy Wallin, all of Little Rock, Ark., and Kenneth Hampton Wallin of Amarillo; one daughter, Coralee Unruh of Pampa; one sister, Nina Lee Stankus of Springhill, Tenn.; and five grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to Pampa Sheltered Workshop, Box 2808, Pampa, Texas 79066-2808 or to a favorite charity.
IRA W. SOLLOCK
CANADIAN — Ira W. Sollock, 87, died Thursday, March 14, 1991. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in First United Methodist Church with the Rev. George Price, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Canadian Cemetery by Stickle-Hill Funeral Home.
 Mr. Sollock was born in Iowa and had been a longtime Canadian resident. He was a retired farmer and rancher. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.
 Survivors include his wife, Christine Sollock, of the home; and five sisters, Stella Rackley of Amarillo, Hattie Riskey of Canadian, Kathryn Matthews of Springfield, Ore., Mary Tryon of Elk City, Okla., and Larita Wright of Dallas.
 The family will be at 814 Cheyenne St.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Wheeler-Evans of Pampa		
Wheat	2.43	up 1/8
Milo	3.95	up 1/8
Com.	4.38	dn 1/4
The following show the prices for which these securities could have traded at the time of compilation		
Ky. Cent. Life	8 5/8	up 1/4
Serco	5 1/8	NC
Occidental	19 1/4	up 3/8
The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation		
Magellan	13.25	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward D. Jones & Co. of Pampa		
Amoco	52 7/8	up 3/8
Aero	130 1/4	up 1/8
Cabot	34 7/8	dn 1/4
Cabot O&G	16 1/8	NC
Chevron	76	up 5/8
Coca-Cola	53 3/4	up 1/8
Enron	56 1/4	dn 1/8
Halliburton	51 1/4	up 3/8
Ingersoll Rand	49 3/4	dn 1/4
KNE	22 7/8	NC
Kerr McGee	44	dn 1/2
Limited	25 5/8	NC
Marathon	48 3/8	up 3/4
Maxco	48 1/2	dn 1/8
McDonald's	34 5/8	up 3/4
Mesa Ltd.	3	dn 1/4
Mobil	64 1/4	dn 1/4
New Atmos	16 3/4	NC
Pennex	51 7/8	up 3/8
Phillips	28 1/8	up 1/8
SLB	62 5/8	up 3/8
SPS	27 7/8	NC
Tenneco	47 1/8	dn 1 1/2
Texasco	64 1/8	up 3/8
Walc-Mart	36 3/4	up 3/8
New York Gold	366.00	
Silver	4.12	
West Texas Crude	19.95	

Hospital

CORONADO HOSPITAL
Admissions
 David Brooks, Pampa
 Ernest Crow, Pampa
 Kimberly Rae Douglas, Pampa
 Gertrude Heasley, Pampa
 Nettie Lee, Lefors
 Shelby Patterson, Pampa
 Shelby Raulston, Panhandle
 Patricia Shoffner, Pampa
 Juanita Williams, Pampa
Dismissals
 Lando Brown, Miami
 La Velda Tingleff, Pampa
 Juanita Vasquez and baby girl, Canadian
 Shelby Patterson, Pampa
SHAMROCK HOSPITAL
Admissions
 Loretta Simpson, Shamrock
 Cheryl Hartley, Reydon, Okla.
 Juanita Boydston, Allison
 Nellie Darlington, Shamrock
Dismissals
 Loretta Simpson, Shamrock
 Donald Varner, Shamrock
Births
 To Mr. and Mrs. Eddy Douglass of Pampa, a girl.

Police report

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

THURSDAY, March 14
 Police reported domestic violence in the 300 block of North Banks and a burglary in a domestic dispute in the 600 block of Red Deer.
 Patricia Ann Spencer, 1100 Juniper, reported false imprisonment when she was taken out of the city against her will and had to find a ride back to Pampa from another source.
 Tarbox Apartments, 412 N. Somerville, reported a theft at the complex.
 Scott Brown, 1004 S. Banks, reported a theft at Pampa High School.
 Maria Hernandez, 1197 Prairie, reported unauthorized use of a motor vehicle at the residence.
 Troy Fisher, 412 N. Somerville #5, reported a burglary at the residence.
Arrests
THURSDAY, March 14
 Benito Martinez Chavez, 27, 319 N. Banks, was arrested at the residence on charges of assault and domestic violence.

Minor accidents

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

Fires

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

FRIDAY, March 15
 12:36 a.m. — Car fire at Farley and McCullough. One unit and two units responded. The vehicle, owned by J.C. Odell, was a total loss.

Calendar of events

PAMPA BRIDGE CLUB
 Pampa Bridge Club meets on Sunday at 2 p.m. in Room 11 at Clarendon College. For a partner, contact Verdalee Cooper at 669-2813.
SOUTHSIDE SENIOR CITIZENS MENU
 The menu for Saturday includes chicken and noodles, mixed vegetables, buttered yams, white bread, and fruit.
BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC
 A free blood pressure clinic will be held Tuesday, March 19, at the Southside Senior Citizens Center, from 1-3 p.m.

Baker opens talks with Soviets on Kremlin's role in Middle East

By ALAN COOPERMAN
 Associated Press Writer

MOSCOW (AP) — Secretary of State James A. Baker III and Soviet officials are trying to speed completion of a strategic arms treaty while simultaneously discussing the Kremlin's role in the postwar Middle East.

Baker arrived here from Syria with expectations that he also will take up with the Soviets the state of their economy and the restive Baltic Republics.

U.S. officials said Baker met for two hours with Soviet Foreign Minister Alexander Bessmertnykh on Thursday night and gave the Soviet diplomat a "thorough briefing" on his visit to the postwar gulf.

Arms control experts were called into the room for a brief discussion and were set to work with instructions to report back today, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

No details of the arms talks were made public. Disagreements on verification have prevented U.S. and Soviet negotiators from concluding a treaty to reduce the superpowers' long-range nuclear arsenals by about 30 percent.

The fate of the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, or START, now hinges on the ability of high-level officials, such as Baker and Bessmertnykh, to break the deadlock.

U.S. and Soviet diplomats also have been at odds over the accord signed last November to cut the number of tanks, artillery pieces and other non-nuclear forces stationed in Europe. The Soviets want to transfer some tank divisions to their navy to exempt them from the Conventional Forces in Europe, or CFE, agreement.
 Baker and Bessmertnykh were scheduled to meet

again this morning, and Baker was to visit Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev in the Kremlin this afternoon to discuss the Middle East.

The United States, which long sought to keep the Soviet Union out of Middle East diplomacy, has promised the Kremlin a postwar role in the Middle East peace process, but has not defined what it wants that role to be.

Some Soviet military officers have voiced concern about the potential growth of American influence in the region following the victory of the U.S.-led international coalition that drove Iraqi troops out of Kuwait.

Gorbachev supported the United Nations resolutions demanding that Iraq, a former Soviet ally, give up Kuwait. But the Soviet Union declined to contribute troops or arms to the international coalition, and appears eager to patch up its relations with the Muslim world.

At the end of January, two weeks after the start of the allied air war against Iraq, Baker and Bessmertnykh said in a joint statement they were confident the two superpowers could "make a substantial contribution to the achievement of a comprehensive settlement in the Middle East."

Baker later acknowledged the United States had changed its policy on the Soviet role in the Middle East peace process and President Bush has said the Soviets "will be important players" in the search for peace in the region.

Baker was scheduled to have dinner tonight at Spaso House, the U.S. ambassador's residence, with leaders of some of the 15 Soviet republics — possibly including Gorbachev's rival, Russian Federation President Boris N. Yeltsin.

He also planned to meet Saturday morning with representatives of the breakaway Baltic republics of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia, according to U.S. officials and Soviet media.

CDC recommends re-evaluating capsule safety

ATLANTA (AP) — A second federal agency called for a new look at medicine safeguards after three Sudafed poisonings in Washington state.

The Centers for Disease Control on Thursday joined the Food and Drug Administration in urging the review.

In February, two people died and a third became seriously ill after taking Sudafed 12-Hour decongestant capsules filled with cyanide. Investigators said the capsules were tampered with, then returned to Sudafed packages.

Sudafed's manufacturer, Burroughs Wellcome Co., recalled the capsules nationwide March 3.

"These cyanide poisonings suggest the need to re-evaluate whether the current safeguards against tampering are adequate," the Atlanta-based CDC said Thursday in its weekly report.

"In these and previous cyanide poisoning deaths, capsules have been the target for tampering," the CDC said.

FDA Commissioner David Kessler has said his agency will consider whether capsule non-prescription drugs should be banned.

The CDC has no regulatory authority in such cases, but "as a public health statement, it's still an important one for us to make," said Dr. R. Gibson Parrish of the CDC's Center for Environmental Health and Injury Control.
 "It's just on the basis of the facts," he said. "We just felt it's relatively clear that there is still a problem."
 The CDC urged consumers to "carefully examine medication — especially non-prescription medication in capsule form."

City briefs

BRICK REPAIR: Harley Knutson 665-4237. Adv.

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

BARBARA'S CREATIONS, Sewing, wedding, prom. 665-2024. Adv.

THE CITY of Pampa is currently accepting letters of interest from citizens wishing to serve on the following boards: Board of Adjustments, M.K. Brown Auditorium Board, and Parks and Recreation Board. Letters must be received by March 20, 1991 in the office of the City Manager, P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, Tx. 79065. Adv.

DANCE WILDCARD, Moose Lodge, Saturday 16th. Members and guests. Adv.

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

MR. DETAIL St. Patrick's Day Special \$14.95, wash and vacuum, all cars, pickups. Adv.

ADDINGTON'S WEEKEND Specials! Colored Wranglers start at \$15.95. Large group Brush Poppers 20% off. Ladies Blouses on special. Large group Straw Hats 20% off. Adv.

BIG BROTHERS / Big Sisters Cruise-Casino Fund raiser, Friday, March 15, M.K. Brown Auditorium. Win a Caribbean Cruise, Las Vegas trip, weekends in Amarillo and Santa Fe, lots of Pampa prizes, autographed Harvester basketballs. \$30 per person in advance, \$35 at the door, includes dinner, dance, bingo, casino type games. Call 665-1211 for more information. Adv.

GIANT GARAGE Sale, March 15 and 16, Kingsmill and Somerville, Friday 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Youth Division Central Baptist Church. Adv.

DOUBLE L Tires 2 Day Sale, Saturday and Monday. 601 S. Cuyler, 665-0503. Adv.

BOTTOM LINE will be at City Limits this weekend. Adv.

CLOSE OUT Prices - All Eureka Vacuums. Pampa Hardware, 120 N. Cuyler. 669-2579. Adv.

MEMORIALS, TRIBUTES to your friends and loved ones. White Deer Land Museum in Pampa, Box 1556, Pampa, Tx. 79065. Adv.

FOR SALE Complete Passive Exercise equipment. Call 665-8958 or 665-9466. Adv.

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

ALL BRIDAL Sets, guards, anniversary bands 50% off, solitaires and other diamonds 35-50% off. Gordon's Jewellers. Adv.

ALL NEW women's and children's Spring dresses 20% off, Saturday only! The Clothes Line. Adv.

NELL GOING'S Ultimate Tan now open! Call Linda Williams, 665-4139 for appointment. Nell Going, 665-2145. Adv.

Weather focus

LOCAL FORECAST
 Tonight, increasing cloudiness with a 40 percent chance of rain after midnight, a low in the 30s and easterly winds 10-20 mph. Saturday, cloudy and colder with rain likely, a high in the lower 40s, and easterly winds 10-20 mph. The chance of measurable precipitation is 60 percent on Saturday. Thursday's high was 46 degrees; the overnight low was 33 degrees.

REGIONAL FORECAST
 West Texas — Winter storm watch Saturday northwest Panhandle. Increasing cloudiness tonight with scattered showers or thunderstorms most sections with snow flurries possible northwest South Plains and snow likely northwest Panhandle. Cloudy with snow likely Panhandle Saturday with up to 4 inches accumulation possible by sunset, clearing from the far west with scattered mainly morning showers elsewhere and windy. Lows tonight mostly 30s. Highs Saturday 40s Panhandle, 50s South Plains and mostly 60s elsewhere.

North Texas — Rain and scattered thunderstorms east tonight, some possibly severe southeast. A chance of rain and thunderstorms central and a slight chance west. Lows 37 northwest to 49 southeast. Rain and thunderstorms likely east and central Saturday. Some thunderstorms possibly severe. A chance of rain and thunderstorms west. Highs 55 to 65.

South Texas — Cloudy with scattered showers and thunderstorms tonight and Saturday, mainly central and southeast sections. Lows tonight from upper 40s to low 50s north and 60s south. Highs Saturday from 60s north to 70s south.

EXTENDED FORECAST
 Sunday through Tuesday
 West Texas — Texas Panhandle, mostly clear and windy Sunday. Fair Monday. Partly cloudy Tuesday. Highs in the mid to upper 40s Sunday warming to the upper 50s Tuesday. Lows from the upper 20s to lower 30s. South Plains, mostly clear and windy Sunday. Fair Monday. Partly cloudy Tuesday. Highs in the lower 50s Sunday warming to the lower 60s by Tuesday. Lows in the lower to mid 30s. Permian Basin, mostly clear and breezy Sunday. Fair Monday. Partly cloudy Tuesday. Highs in the mid 50s Sunday warming to the lower to mid 60s by Tuesday. Lows in the mid 30s to near 40. Concho Valley, Pecos Valley, mostly clear Sunday. Fair Monday. Partly cloudy Tuesday. Highs in the upper 50s to mid 60s. Lows in the upper 30s to mid 40s. Far West Texas, mostly clear Sunday. Fair Monday. Increasing cloudiness Tuesday. Highs in the mid to upper 50s. Lows in the mid 30s to near 40. Big Bend region, mostly clear Sunday. Fair Monday. Increasing cloudiness Tuesday. Highs in the 50s mountains and mid to upper 60s lowlands. Lows in the 30s mountains and in the 40s lowlands.

South Texas — Hill Country and South Central Texas, decreasing clouds with showers or thunderstorms ending Sunday. Partly cloudy Monday and Tuesday. Highs in the upper 60s and lower 70s. Lows in the 40s and low 50s. Texas Coastal Bend, decreasing clouds with showers or thunderstorms ending Sunday. Partly cloudy Monday and Tuesday. Highs in the 70s. Lows in the 50s. Lower Texas Rio Grande Valley and plains, decreasing clouds Sunday. Partly cloudy Monday and Tuesday. Highs in the 70s. Lows in

the upper 50s and low 60s. Southeast Texas and the upper Texas coast, mostly cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms Sunday. Decreasing clouds Monday. Partly cloudy Tuesday. Highs in the upper 60s to near 70. Lows in the upper 40s and low 50s.

North Texas — West, clearing Sunday. Partly cloudy Monday and Tuesday. Lows in the 40s with highs in the 60s. Central and east, a chance of showers and thunderstorms early Sunday. Clearing late Sunday. Fair Monday and Tuesday. Lows in the 40s with highs in the 60s. East, a chance of thunderstorms Sunday. Partly cloudy Monday and Tuesday. Lows in the 50s Sunday, and the 40s Monday and Tuesday. Highs in the 60s.

BORDER STATES.
 Oklahoma — Winter storm watch Panhandle on Saturday. Scattered light snow in the Panhandle tonight with scattered light rain elsewhere. Precipitation increasing Saturday with snow possibly heavy in the Panhandle and occasional rain and a few thunderstorms over most other sections. Lows tonight upper 20s Panhandle to lower 40s southeast. Highs Saturday mid 30s Panhandle to mid 50s southeast.

New Mexico — Winter storm watch tonight and Saturday mountains and north. Tonight cloudy with a good chance for snow over the mountains and north and scattered rain or snow showers in the south. Strong east winds in the central valleys. Lows mostly 20s mountains and north to 30s south. Saturday good chance for snow over the mountains and north with scattered rain or snow showers south. Snow and rain gradually diminishing over the west by afternoon. Brisk winds most areas. Highs 30s to lower 40s mountains and north with 40s and 50s south.

Rebels

cover the northern area well enough by helicopter, Neal said, but when Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, commander of U.S. forces in the war, learned what they had done, he ordered the troops back.

"He said, 'No, I want you on the ground up there, not covering it by flying over it periodically,'" Neal said. He said Schwarzkopf "wanted them at those positions that they were at prior to the cessation of hostilities."

Although fighting with the allies has ended, Iraq has yet to meet all the U.N. requirements under which a permanent cease-fire would take effect.

In other developments:
 • The Red Cross handed over 499 prisoners of war to Iraqi officials today after a four-day delay because of the chaos in Iraq. Twelve Red Cross-chartered buses drove into Iraq after the POWs were handed over near the Saudi desert town of Arar.

Ayatollah found on river island identified as Amarillo woman

WICHITA FALLS (AP) — Authorities have identified bones found on an island in the Wichita River as the remains of a woman from Amarillo who had been beaten to death.

Wichita County Sheriff's deputy David Duke said Thursday the body is that of Billie K. Stoddard, 35.

Duke said she died from "homicidal violence," including three

blows to the head.
 Duke said Ms. Stoddard moved to Wichita Falls in 1988, but her three children still live with her parents in Amarillo.
 The woman's remains were discovered on the island last December. It is not known exactly when the woman died. There are no suspects in the case, Duke said.

Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev said today at the opening of talks with visiting Secretary of State James A. Baker III that "the Iraqi people themselves" should handle the internal unrest since Iraq's defeat in the war. Saddam built his war machine with Soviet help, but Gorbachev's statement suggests the Iraqi leader will get no further support from the Kremlin.

Soviet Foreign Minister Alexander Bessmertnykh, who met Thursday with Baker, said the two sides found "a lot of common ground." Baker said most of the time was spent discussing the Middle East and problems in the Persian Gulf.

Iraq has not responded to the International Atomic Energy Agency's request it account for enriched uranium that was at a nuclear center bombed during the Gulf War, a spokesman for the agency said Thursday in Vienna. Iraq has an estimated 48 pounds of enriched uranium, enough to make a primitive nuclear bomb, according to U.S. officials.

Iranian radio reported that rebels killed an official of Iraq's ruling Baath Party and 18 other government officials during fighting in the northeastern Kurdish province of Suleimaniyah.

Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency said Iraqi-rebels told it that Republican Guard artillery had damaged the golden domes over the shrines of Shiite imams Hussein and Abbas in Karbala, 50 miles south of Baghdad.

IRNA also reported heavy fighting in Basra, Iraq's second-largest city and the flashpoint for the anti-Saddam rioting that has erupted.

Official Iranian television reported continued fighting in Najaf, site of another major Shiite shrine south of Karbala. Iranian TV said Baath Party offices there had been attacked and many people killed or captured.

"In Basra, Tanumeh, Al-Hariseh, Al-Amarah, Al-Ghurna and Al-Uzayr, many tanks have been taken by the people, and numerous soldiers have defected to the rebels," the TV reported.

Ayatollah Taqi al-Mudaressi, leader of the opposition Shiite Islamic Labor Organization, claimed rebels in the south shot down one helicopter gunship and seized an underground arms depot that included surface-to-surface missiles.

Mudaressi also claimed the rebels had found chemical weapons at a farm owned by Saddam's eldest son Uday. Opposition figures earlier reported Uday's death, but he has since been quoted in the Iraqi media.



(Staff photo by Larry Hollis)

SFC. James Larkin, left, and Kitty Burnett, Coffee Memorial Blood Center representative, show the T-shirt that will be given to the first 100 donors at Saturday's MASH Blood Drive at the National Guard Armory.

National Guard unit to hold its annual MASH blood drive

Texas National Guard, Company 2nd Infantry, will be sponsoring its second annual MASH Blood Drive from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at the National Guard Armory on East Frederic in Pampa.

SFC. James Larkin said the local Guard members have set a goal of 100 pints of blood through the drive held in conjunction with Coffee Memorial Blood Center of Amarillo.

Kitty Burnett, Coffee Memorial representative, said the first 100 donors will receive a 1991 Mash Blood Drive T-shirt.

The Pampa drive is one of many MASH Blood Drives being sponsored throughout the state by the Texas Army National Guard, Burnett said.

Co-sponsoring the Pampa drive are First National Bank of Pampa, Hawkins Communications and Windsor Servicing Co.

SFC. Larkin said that although a goal of 100 pints has been set, the Guard unit is hoping more than number of donors will drop by the armory, located near the Top O' Texas Rodeo grounds, during the hours of the blood drive Saturday.

Burnett said donors contributing blood in this drive will be eligible for prizes in Coffee Memorial Blood Center's Sensational Blood Donor Sweepstakes, available to all adult donors who contribute blood between Oct. 1, 1990, and Oct. 1, 1991.

She said those who have received their sweepstakes donor card in earlier blood drives should remember to bring their registration cards with them Saturday to validate the number of the donation.

Top prize for the sweepstakes is an all-expense paid trip to Puerto Vallarta for five days and six nights, along with \$500 spending money.

Other prizes include a \$500 shopping spree, a freezer with a quarter-side of beef, a 20-inch color television set and 100 gallons of gasoline.

Burnett said the more times donors give blood at drives, the more chances they have to win. Donors are required to wait eight weeks between blood drives before they can donate again.

Coffee Memorial Blood Center, working on drives with various organizations, businesses, churches, clubs and others, gathers blood supplies for approximately 50 Texas Panhandle communities. More than 400 pints of blood are needed weekly by patients in the 20 area hospi-

tals served by the center. The center is licensed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and accredited by the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB). The center operates under tight inspection and control standards to insure the quality and safety of its blood supplies.

Its operations and procedures are inspected by the Texas Department of Health to insure compliance with the Clinical Laboratories Improvement Act administered by the U.S. Public Health Service.

Such standards help the center provide the safest possible blood products for transfusion purposes to patients needing blood or blood products.

All materials used during the donation process are sterile and used only once to eliminate the possibility of getting any disease by donating blood. Burnett said donors cannot contract AIDS or any other infectious disease by donating blood.

Blood donors must be 17 years of age or older, with written consent of parents or guardians needed for those who are 17. Donors age 66 or older may donate provided there are no changes in their health and they meet all normal donor criteria. First-time donors over age 66 may be requested to have written permission from their physician if on daily medication.

All donors must meet a minimum weight of 110 pounds. Social Security number will be asked for identification purposes.

Burnett said it is recommended that donors eat a meal before donating blood, preferably one low in fats. Fasting is not recommended.

Some medical conditions or exposure to infectious diseases may result in deferring the blood donor to a later time. Medical history questions will be asked to make such determinations.

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Lawmaker: School finance plan to resemble House bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Local property tax revenue likely will be shifted from wealthier to poorer school districts within 200 new taxing regions when a compromise school finance reform plan is developed, a key senator said.

"The more you listen to it, the fewer choices I see we have that are real practical choices," Sen. Carl Parker, D-Port Arthur, said Thursday.

He heads a conference committee working on differences between House and Senate school funding plans. The bills were passed in response to a Texas Supreme Court order to equitably fund poor school districts.

"We're stuck with a shoot-from-the-hip court that shot and didn't necessarily hit the mark, we're stuck with an antiquated constitution, and we're stuck with modern-day problems in education," Parker said. "And we're faced with trying to find something that will wend its way in between all of those pitfalls."

The Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional the \$14 billion-a-year school finance system, which relies on state aid, local property taxes and some federal money. Disparities in education funding among school districts are caused by differences in local property wealth.

The court gave lawmakers until April 1 to reform the system.

Parker said the compromise plan likely will include 200 education taxing districts drawn largely along county lines.

A minimum local property tax rate will be set, and some local property tax revenue will be shifted from rich to poor school districts within the taxing districts.

The tax rate likely will be between the House's 60 cents per \$100 valuation, climbing to 80 cents in four years, and the Senate's figures of 70 cents to \$1, he said.

School districts could raise local property taxes higher to get additional money, which would be shared to ensure every district gets the same amount at a particular tax rate.

Voter approval would be required to share the money, he said.

In addition to shifting local property tax revenue among school districts, the state would add \$1.2 billion to the system.

The proposal also likely would allow each school district to levy even more local property taxes to enrich their programs, Parker said.

The school district would keep half the

money, and the other half would be pooled within the taxing region based on districts' tax rate, wealth and number of students.

That provision is in the House bill, which was passed after the Supreme Court ruled that absolute equality may not be necessary for a constitutional school finance system.

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

The conference committee also heard an analysis of a proposal to tax utilities and mineral assets statewide rather than leaving them in the local property tax base. The idea has been suggested by some as a way to get around the "Robin Hood" shifting of school districts' tax money.

But Parker said the idea wouldn't work. It still would mean redistribution of local property tax money to meet the court's requirements for equity, he said.

"It takes money from poor districts which has to be replaced. It converts wealthy districts into poor districts virtually overnight, and we then begin to have to help them more, so you don't really gain that much money by that kind of equation," he said.

If the conference committee approves a compromise bill, it would be sent to the House and Senate for approval.

Nuke waste dump site legislation draws criticism

By SUZANNE GAMBOA Associated Press Writer

EL PASO (AP) — A lawmaker's attempts to designate Fort Hancock the state's official site for a nuclear waste dump is another effort to force the dump down the throats of West Texans, an El Paso official says.

State Rep. Dan Shelley, R-Crosby, is sponsoring a bill to make Fort Hancock the state's choice for a planned low-level nuclear waste dump. The site was ruled unsuitable for storing nuclear waste by an El Paso judge earlier this year.

"This bill, which must have been generated by them (the Texas Low-Level Waste Disposal Authori-

Hospital under study for West Texas prisons

AMARILLO (AP) — Plans for a West Texas prison hospital equipped with up to 100 beds are being discussed, state and local hospital officials said.

High Plains Baptist Hospital and Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo recently started talks about opening a prison hospital, said Leah Hooper, the director of marketing, planning and public relations for High Plains.

The proposed medical-surgical hospital would treat state prisoners from five penitentiaries in the Panhandle and South Plains. Selden Hale, chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice, said Wednesday.

Hale said proposals call for a 50-to-100-bed, medical-surgical hospital that would serve as a medical center for state correctional facilities in Amarillo, Pampa, Lamesa, Snyder and Childress.

The talks include input from Hale and Tom Patterson, the president of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Hooper said.

"At this point, we don't have the facts we need, and don't know if we will pursue it or not. It's very preliminary," she said.

ty) is once again illustrative of their determination to cram (the dump) down the throats of these people out here in West Texas," said Gayle Garner, El Paso County assistant attorney.

'It's a surprise to me that a state legislator from Houston would be so willing to affect people from out in West Texas in Fort Hancock and El Paso.'

El Paso and Hudspeth counties won a lawsuit against the state that alleged the authority had picked a substandard dump site when it chose Fort Hancock. The counties contended the site was prone to earthquakes and flooding.

In January, 34th State District Judge Bill Moody agreed, ruling the state searched for a dump site with "tunnel vision." A state appeal of the ruling is pending.

"As soon as I get to Austin, I'm heading to the governor's office and the lieutenant governor's office and start beating the drums," Garner said. Garner said he planned to be in Austin on Monday.

Shelley was catching a plane to his Houston office when called by The Associated Press and was not available for comment.

His bill, HB 2665, also would require lawsuits against the authority and connected to the waste site be filed in Travis County and would provide for automatic suspension of injunctions against the authority.

In his January ruling, Moody issued an injunction that stopped construction of the dump.

State Sen. Peggy Rosson, D-El Paso, called the bill, filed March 8, an attempt to repeal the entire judicial system.

"I think it's an incredible display of legislative heavy-handedness. It's a surprise to me that a state legislator from Houston would be so will-

ing to affect people from out in West Texas in Fort Hancock and El Paso," she said.

But Rick Jacobi, the authority's general manager, said the bill was merely a defense mechanism. Jacobi said the bill is needed in the event that recent attempts to compromise with El Paso and Hudspeth officials on the site fall apart.

The authority and counties are looking at a site east of Sierra Blanca as a possible alternative. Jacobi said the search for an alternate site is in response to Gov. Ann Richards' request that the parties try to compromise.

Another bill, sponsored by Sen. Bill Sims, D-San Angelo, would repeal a prohibition against accepting waste from other states, the *El Paso Times* reported Thursday.

Richards said Texas is talking with the state of Maine about its offer of \$20 million up front to help build the Texas dump and to be allowed to dump its low-level nuclear waste in Texas.

Red Cross schedules classes for disaster volunteers

Classes for people interested in becoming disaster volunteers are now being offered through the Gray County Area chapter of the American Red Cross at the local Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell.

An introduction to disaster class is set for 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, March 29. The remainder of the

course will include day-long classes the following Saturdays from March 30 through May 11.

On Saturday, March 30, damage assessment will be taught from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Mass care will be taught on April 6, followed by emergency assistance to families on April 20, single-family fire on April

27, and ending with a class on administering small disaster operations on May 11. Each of the classes begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m.

Instructor for the disaster program is Lynda Duncan, local Red Cross director. For more information, call the Red Cross at 669-7121.

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Opinion

Victory gives U.S. greater influence

That was it, then, almost like a dream or a movie. No formal armistice to end this 42-day war, no shipboard bows and documents signed. Two months ago we said that this would be no miniseries war, but it was awfully close to one. When President Bush beamed to the world that military operations against Iraq had been suspended, and Kuwait's sovereignty restored, he changed the way we think about the world and our role in it.

Will it be a "new world order," as Bush has been holding out as the object of this engagement? Of course, all the geopolitical equations that preceded the Jan. 16 offensive have been reconfigured with American authority and values once again dominant throughout the world. The Soviet Union has been reduced to unaccustomed cloudlessness. In just six weeks the incubus of Vietnam has been lifted from us.

As most of the world properly celebrates, a renewed United States will disappoint those pundits — on both the left and right — who wanted Vietnam forever to haunt us, who wanted us to agonize over every move that we contemplate in international theater and confine ourselves to perpetual self-condemnation.

If we entered this conflict, they invited us to worry, we would lose 20,000 or 50,000 of the flower of our youth. We would risk a worldwide explosion of pan-Arab violence. We would touch off an environmental Armageddon. We would surrender our liberties to a voracious, war-making state (ours, not Saddam Hussein's). Finally, the institutional clergy told us, we had no just cause for resisting Saddam's megalomania.

To be sure, the world will continue, whatever becomes of Secretary of State James Baker's mission to make egg salad out of a broken Mesopotamia, to be a disorderly place. But almost certainly other Saddam Husseins will think several times before strutting menacingly in their respective regions. There remain pockets of official terror and the threat of more aggression, and obviously a newly puffed-up USA cannot police the whole world.

But President Bush has gained us a strong new footing from which to shape the political values of the world. A politically recharged George Bush would do well to show the same commitment to an older set of Republican principles — namely, free enterprise and minimal government — that he has shown in his awesome determination to prosecute this war.

Finally, though remarkably few, some young Americans did die so that Kuwaitis might be liberated, and so that other lives in the Middle East might be spared an atrocious fate. When many of the newly liberated, including the Iraqi soldiers that Saddam had cruelly victimized, found themselves in the hands of coalition troops, they actually kissed their liberators. That, American clergy to contrary, was theology enough.

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Berry's World



Time for sorting things out

WASHINGTON — Sooner or later a letdown will come, but at the moment King Euphoria reigns. George Bush is enjoying the popularity of a rock star. Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf has gained heroic status. Some of the troops will soon be coming home. On Capitol Hill nobody is audibly mad at anybody.

It is a good time for sorting things out, to think about where we are and where we want to be. Certain decisions have to be made at once: What reparations must be demanded of Iraq? What fate should be sought for Saddam Hussein? Other decisions will take time: The question of a Palestinian homeland had to be linked to a binding, unequivocal recognition on the part of Arab nations of Israel's sovereign, legitimate presence.

Let us take one thing at a time. In its Resolution 674 of Oct. 29, the U.N. Security Council pointedly reminded Iraq "that under international law it is liable for any loss, damage or injury arising in regard to Kuwait and third states, and their nationals and corporations of Kuwait by Iraq."

Reports from Kuwait during the past couple of weeks have carried a consistent strain of disbelief and shock. Seasoned officers and experienced correspondents describe the devastation as "vicious, savage, appalling, pointless." This small emirate was said to be the "19th province of Iraq." It was a nation of brother Arabs. Now it lies in ruins.

Iraq must be made to pay in full. Its revenues from oil have been estimated at \$17 billion a year. A great part of this will have to be dedicated to the rebuilding of Kuwait. The only club the allied coalition possesses is the club of a continued tight



James J. Kilpatrick

embargo. It would be unthinkable to relax the embargo beyond an exception for genuinely humanitarian needs.

Other settlements have to be made. The Japanese emerge from this brief hurricane wearing the wall-to-wall smiles of happy merchants whose shops have not been blown away. They depend heavily upon Mideastern oil. That supply once more is assured, and the war has cost them nothing but a few billion dollars. West Germany also must be told to pay its dues, and both Germany and the Soviet Union — not to mention defense suppliers in the United States — must be persuaded to restrain their sales of arms to customers in the area.

What of Saddam Hussein? He has taken his place in a pantheon of monsters with Attila the Hun, who looted Roman cities, and Genghis Khan, the sacker of Samarkand. It is sobering to reflect upon the damage one man can cause. Saddam Hussein spent eight years waging war against Iraq, and wound up with nothing to show for that either — nothing but cities ruined and his young men dead.

For the moment, the best thing to do with Sad-

dam is to ignore him. Persistent reports filter through the smoke of propaganda, hinting that the Iraqi people themselves are fed up with their manic ruler. If it develops that our prisoners of war have been tortured, the United States will want to support Kuwait in demanding that Saddam be tried for his crimes. That can wait.

An opportunity is at hand, at long last, for a serious multinational conference on settlement of Arab-Israeli antagonisms. At the risk of sprinkling on the euphoric parade, I have to express skepticism that any satisfactory resolution can be found. These Semitic animosities are rooted in 10,000 years of turbulence.

But it is worth a try. Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the participating emirates emerge from the conflict with new status. Syria has been on its best behavior. Iraq is out of it. Jordan is as hapless as ever. Iran may be ready to deal. Whatever became of Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader? He has lost the influence he once wielded. The problem of Jerusalem is intractable, probably insoluble, but maybe Israel's restraint during the seven months' war will win respect from its ancient enemies.

President Bush, in company with congressional leaders, must agree on a policy for the foreseeable future. Not all of our troops can be returned at once. What U.S. presence in the Mideast should be maintained? What role may be played by the born-again United Nations?

Some decisions must be reached swiftly, but our nation will benefit from an hour of pride and satisfaction. A long winter of discontent has yielded to the sun of well-earned success. Savior it while we may.

Today in history

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, March 15, the 74th day of 1991. There are 291 days left in the year. This is "Buz-zard Day" in Hinckley, Ohio.

Today's Highlight in History:
On the Ides of March, 44 B.C., Roman Emperor Julius Caesar was assassinated by a group of nobles that included Brutus and Cassius.

On this date:
In 1493, Christopher Columbus returned to Spain following his first voyage to the New World.

In 1767, the seventh President of the United States, Andrew Jackson, was born in Waxhaw, S.C.

In 1820, Maine became the 23rd state.

In 1875, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York, John McCloskey, was named the first American cardinal, by Pope Pius IX.

In 1913, President Wilson held the first open presidential news conference.

In 1919, the American Legion was founded, in Paris.



Drama on the flight deck — II

Nose drops, apply both throttles. Wing drops, release opposing throttle. You're having to manage attitude, altitude and turns with nothing but engine power, and you don't know when you might lose that.

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You respond: "Anything to keep us away from the city!"

15:59:35.
The spare pilot, with you now on the flight deck, is on his knees, sandwiched between you and the First Officer — manipulating throttles per your instructions while you wrestle the gear down. He can't see out; you can. Nine miles ahead is the airport.

But can the four of you manage to maneuver that giant jet into a flight pattern for the long runway?

Any turn risks a stall.
You are a senior pilot. Thirty-three years with United. But you've never had to control an utterly uncontrollable plane. Now you have to. But you are as prepared as a man can be. Thirty thousand hours, 7,000 of them in DC-10s. In all those years of flying plus simulated emergency situations and scores of times having to make-do, you have learned more than the books teach.

The plane is porpoising now. You instruct the captain on the throttles to hold the one-and-three thrust levers in separate hands. With what trim is



Paul Harvey

available you will nurse the descent.
A little right throttle — now a little left.
Too much of either and you spin in.
Back off both just enough to allow descent but not enough to stall.
You see the airport now but the long runway is out of reach.
You're on base leg — sink rate is too high — No. 22 is a short runway and it's closed — can the tower get repair equipment off? Yes — get it off — it's off ...

15:59:58.
You're coming in hot. You order "close throttles!"
You're just feet above the runway.
You're right on target barely left of the center line when the liftless right wing dips. And snags.
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scope of flying parts and charts and flame and you — wake up in the hospital.

The impact and fire killed 112 people. But 185 survived.

You are Capt. Alfred C. Haynes. You and your crew and the other pilot who assisted were all feted at the White House.

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The situation was subsequently re-enacted with simulators.

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They put a qualified, competent DC-10 airliner crew in the simulator — and re-enacted the situation. They crashed.

They put another crew in the simulator to see how they would handle an identical emergency. They couldn't.

They tried 12 times and 12 crews and 12 different line pilots to duplicate Captain Haynes' feat — and not one of them could.

Captain Haynes is 57. Sixty soon and mandatory retirement.

The argument for keeping our most experienced fliers flying is too obvious to require elaboration.

War protesters' scare tactics failed

By WILLIAM A. RUSHER

The Gulf war zipped by so fast that the predictions of a long war and heavy death tolls are only a few weeks old, and we can conveniently compare the forecasts to the reality.

Most of the protesters put the likely U.S. death toll in the "tens of thousands," and added a little color to the statistic by depicting the dead as being "brought home in body-bags." This image so excited certain television producers that they actually sued the Pentagon to force it to allow them to televise the scene at the Dover (Del.) Air Force Base where the dead were expected to arrive for routing to their hometowns. Alas, the war was over before these Emmy aspirants could find a liberal judge to rule in their favor.

The grand prize for sheer intellectual terrorism, however, must surely go to Claudio Cioffi-Revilla, director of the Long Range Analysis of War Project at the University of Colorado.

He hit on the idea of getting a computer to tell him "how many soldiers, of all nationalities, will die in the battlefields of Kuwait and Iraq." (Computers don't lie, see?)

With a warfare model based on the patterns of 118 wars fought since 1816, "the computer's forecast was relentless," reported Debraoh Blum of McClatchy News Service. "Hundreds of thousands dead, with the possibility of final totals creeping over 1 million."

Most of these would be Iraqi, but "the Colorado group — and other experts in war-fatality estimates — think U.S. military deaths are likely to top out at 40,000 to 50,000. Most agree that the Pentagon's casualty estimates, projecting 10,000 to 20,000 U.S. deaths, are too low."

Which just confirms that oldest rule in the computer game: "Garbage in, garbage out."

Over on the right, the small clutch of conservatives who opposed the war at least had the good sense to be

more cautious in their casualty forecasts. My old friend Joe Sobran wisely eschewed statistical predictions altogether and stuck to a gloomy impressionism: Condemning the "warrior pundits," he asserted that, "They gaze beyond the mangled bodies and burning cities in the foreground and see a happy ending on the horizon. I don't."

Pat Buchanan did get into the numbers game, but only just: "Before we send thousands of American soldiers to their deaths, let's make damn sure America's vital interests are threatened."

The actual total of American war dead over the entire six weeks, as we now know, was just over 100 — and that includes not only those killed by enemy action but those killed accidentally as a result of "friendly fire" and those who died in plane crashes, unrelated to enemy action, that might have occurred right here at home and killed just as many more.

When President Bush rejoiced that

"we have kicked the Vietnam syndrome," a large part of the reason can be found in the quotations above and thousands of others like them. The opponents of the Gulf war wildly over-played their hand, drawing on painful recollections of Vietnam to try to terrorize the American people into opposing future military operations of any type, anywhere.

Perhaps the most important single lesson of the Gulf war is that the American people aren't that easy to scare. The great majority of them know that in this dirty world it is sometimes going to be necessary for Uncle Sam to use force. That doesn't mean that, if Brazil attacks Argentina or vice versa, we have to rush half a million soldiers down there to stop the war. On the contrary, I'd gladly sell tickets — or just curl up on the sofa and watch CNN cover it.

But, as George M. Cohan sang, "When auld acquaintance is forgot, keep your eye on that grand old flag."

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Germany demands Moscow send back Erich Honecker

By TERRENCE PETTY
Associated Press Writer

BONN, Germany (AP) — The justice minister today demanded that Moscow return Erich Honecker, the ailing former East German ruler who slipped out of the country two days earlier. A lawyer for Honecker reportedly said he plans to stay in exile.

The Cologne-Bonn Express newspaper also quoted the attorney, Friedrich Wolff, as saying he believes the German investigation of the 78-year-old Honecker will be dropped.

Honecker, who supervised the building of the Berlin Wall, is charged for his role in the deaths of East Germans trying to flee to the West during his Soviet-backed, hard-line Communist rule.

"I am nearly convinced that the proceedings against Mr. Honecker will soon be discontinued — for a lack of substance, if you will," the lawyer reportedly said.

Asked if the former Communist leader would ever return from the Soviet Union, Wolff reportedly replied: "No, I don't count on that. He will probably spend the autumn of his life in the Soviet Union."

Soviet officials said Honecker, who had been staying at a Soviet military hospital in Germany, was moved Wednesday to the Soviet Union due to a medical emergency.

German Justice Minister Klaus Kinkel said today that Moscow's decision to fly Honecker to the Soviet Union was a "legally unacceptable act." He demanded Honecker's immediate return.

On Thursday, Bonn officials said the Soviet decision to fly Honecker to Moscow violated international law and "represents an unacceptable meddling" in German affairs.

Bonn on Thursday night summoned Soviet Ambassador Vladislav Terechov to demand the return of Honecker, who ran East Germany's harsh Communist system from 1971 until his ouster in 1989.

Terechov told ARD television today that the German government had been informed "far enough in advance" about Honecker's departure Wednesday. He did not elaborate.

Dieter Vogel, chief spokesman for Chancellor Helmut Kohl, said Thursday that the government was informed of the Soviet move one hour before Honecker's departure and by then it was "no longer possible" to try to stop the move.

"There is no possibility to get back Erich Honecker by force or other means," Vogel told ZDF television. "There is only the diplomatic protest and energetic diplomatic requests."

Just two weeks ago, the German federal prosecutor declared that the Soviet military hospital in Beelitz where Honecker was staying did not enjoy immunity like embassies. Berlin's top court upheld the warrant March 6.

Honecker was taken from the hospital south of Berlin on Wednesday and flown to Moscow.

Doctors at the hospital said Honecker was suffering worsening heart and kidney problems, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported today. Officials at the Soviet Embassy in Berlin said Honecker was taken to the Soviet Union to receive emergency treatment, Tass said.

Soviet officials reportedly said Honecker was moved because the hospital in Beelitz did not have a kidney dialysis machine.

With Birmingham Six freed, British legal system goes on trial

By ROBERT BARR
Associated Press Writer

LONDON (AP) — Six men have gone free, and now the system that kept them in prison 16 years before admitting a mistake is going on trial.

The government announced a top-to-bottom review of the criminal justice system on Thursday. Minutes before, the Court of Appeal freed six men convicted of killing 21 people in a pair of Irish Republican Army pub bombings in Birmingham in central England in 1974.

Ron Hadfield, the chief constable of the West Midlands police, said today that a team of detectives would reopen the bombing investigation, but he stressed that the trail was now very cold.

"It's not easy to go back over 16 years ... and start re-interviewing witnesses, particularly when some have died," Hadfield told a news conference in Birmingham.

At the same time, an investigation into how the West Midlands police originally handled the case in 1974 is nearing completion, the chief constable of Devon and Cornwall, John Evans, said.

Less than two years ago, the Court of Appeal freed three men and a woman convicted of killing six people in two other pub bombings. Six other people are awaiting a



(AP Laserphoto)

The Birmingham Six, whose convictions were reversed by the Court of Appeal in Great Britain, are, top row from left, Patrick Hill, Hugh Callaghan and Johnny Walker, and bottom row from left, Richard McIlkenny, Gerard Hunter and Bill Power.

Court of Appeal hearing on their convictions for operating an IRA bomb factory — convictions that the government no longer defends.

These cases, Home Secretary Kenneth Baker told the House of Commons, raise "a number of serious issues which must be a cause of concern to us all."

Gerard Hunter, one of the six Birmingham convicts, put it more strongly: "There is something radi-

cally wrong with the system of justice in this country. It is seriously flawed when there are so many people tried and convicted who are innocent."

In addition to Hunter, 44, the freed defendants were: Richard McIlkenny, 57; Johnny Walker, 55; Bill Power, 45; Hugh Callaghan, 60; and Patrick Hill, 46.

Minutes after the defendants emerged triumphantly from the Old

Bailey court, Baker announced he was appointing a Royal Commission, the first such high-level body set up since the Conservative Party won power under Margaret Thatcher in 1979.

The commission will review every stage of the criminal process, from investigation on through to appeal. Baker said the process might take two years.

The workings of the Court of Appeal, which affirmed the Birmingham convictions in 1988, emerged as a critical issue.

The Court of Appeal is the first appellate level, before the Law Lords of the House of Lords. Appeals are heard by panels chosen from the court's 28 members, who are appointed by the government on the recommendation of the Lord Chancellor — head of the judiciary.

In the Birmingham Six case, "what was on trial here as well is the Court of Appeal, and it's been found wanting in a very, very serious and major way," said David Ashby, chairman of the legal affairs committee in the House of Commons.

Andrew Puddephat, chairman of the civil liberties group Liberty, said in an interview on BBC radio that the Court of Appeal "seems incapable of giving fresh evidence a fair hearing."

The Birmingham convictions were reversed after the government abandoned scientific and police evidence as unreliable.

That left only the confessions of four of the six, which they claimed had been made after they were beaten by police.

Baker said he might support an appeal body that had its own investigative powers.

After the Birmingham defendants were convicted and sentenced to life in prison, they attempted to sue the police for the alleged beatings.

The Court of Appeal ultimately stopped the suit. In doing so, Lord Denning made a statement which supporters of the six often cited as an example of judicial arrogance:

"If the six men win," Lord Denning said, "it will mean that the police were guilty of perjury, that they were guilty of violence and threats, that the confessions were involuntary."

Alan Eastwood, chairman of the Police Federation, said the prosecution of the Birmingham Six was a "travesty," but one he said could not happen again because of changes in the law.

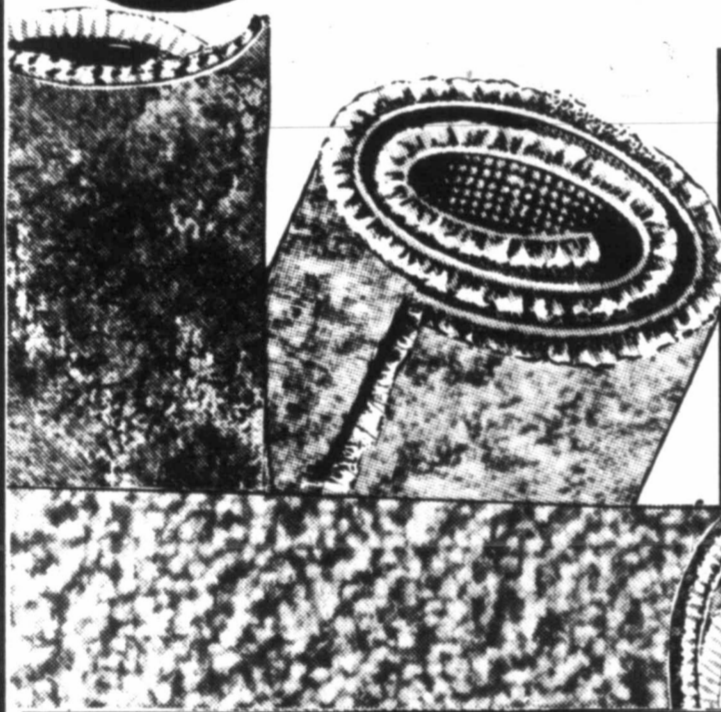
"Let's not forget it was good, dedicated detective work by police officers which unearthed the evidence to allow the Birmingham Six their freedom," Eastwood said.

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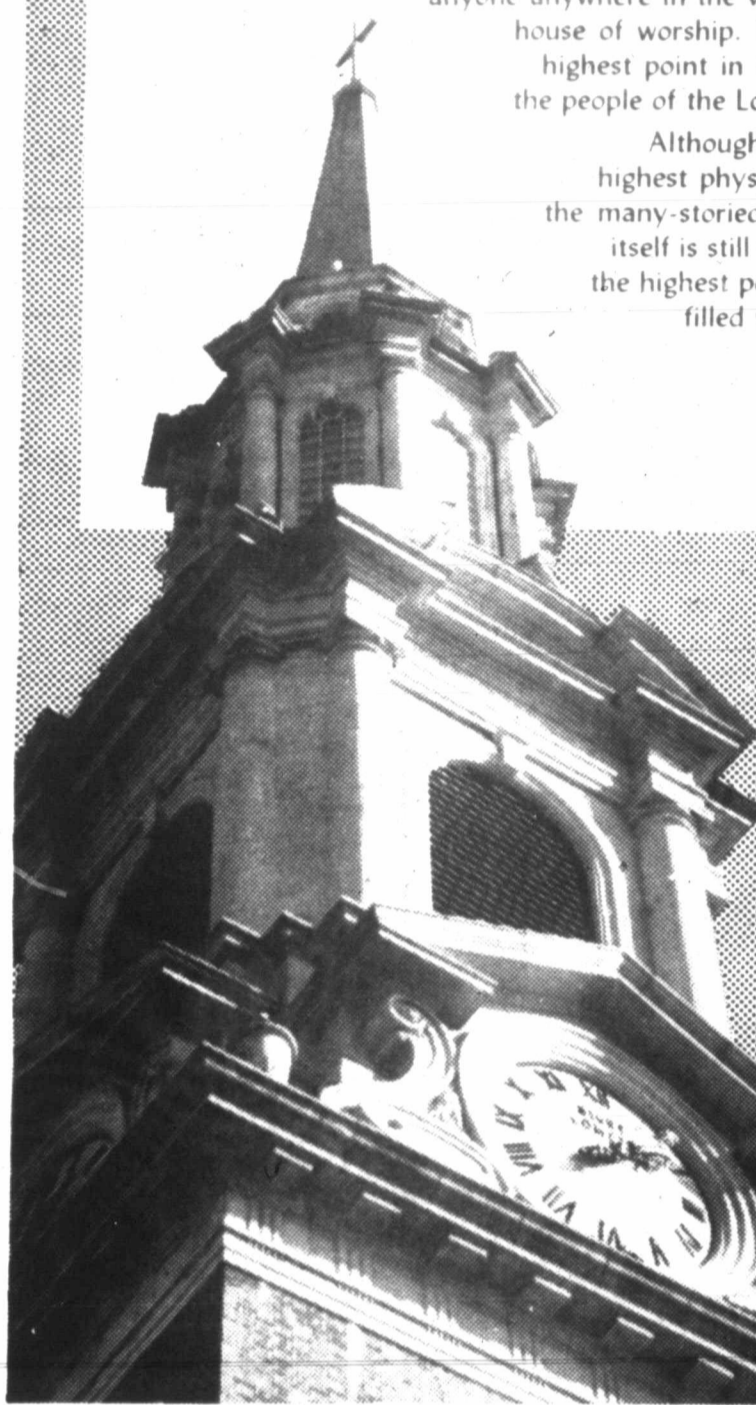
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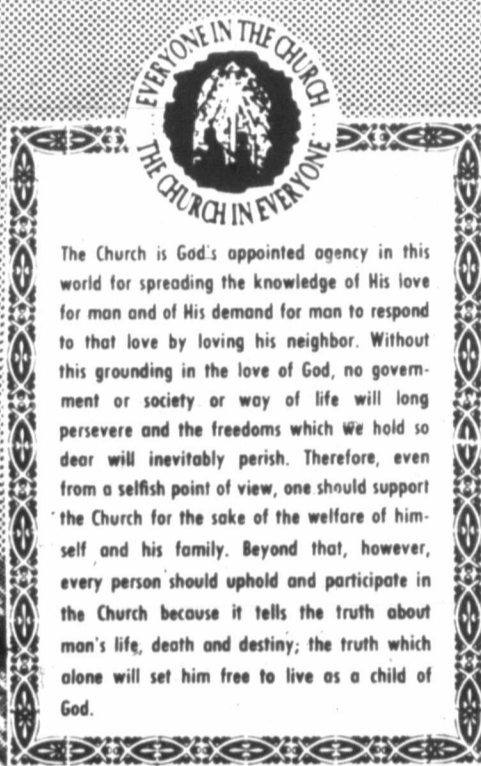
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Although a church's steeple is no longer the highest physical point in the city because of all the many-storied buildings and towers, the church itself is still filled with people who have reached the highest point of Godly maturity and who are filled with the highest degree of Christian love for God and man.

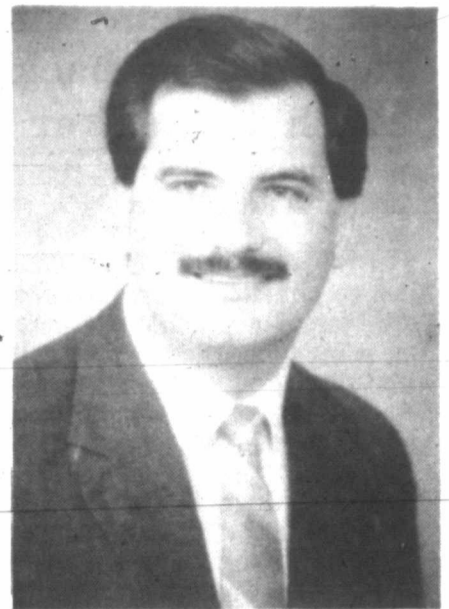


The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we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

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Bobby Tollison Area native set to pastor Dallas church

Bobby Tollison, a former Skellytown resident and 1977 graduate of White Deer High School, will assume pastoral duties at Bethany Baptist Church in Dallas on March 31.

Tollison graduated from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary with a doctor of ministry degree. The graduation exercises were held Dec. 21 in the First Baptist Church of New Orleans.

Tollison earned a bachelor's degree in science from Texas Tech University and a master's of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. While attending the New Orleans seminary, his primary area of study and research was in the field of Christian discipleship.

He is the son of the late Bob and JoAnn Tollison, a longtime Pampa businesswoman, and the grandson of Marie McWhorte.

Tollison and his wife, Susan, have lived in Bloomington since 1986 where he has served as pastor of First Baptist Church.

The Bethany Baptist Church, where his pastoral duties will begin at the end of the month, is a 2,100 member church.

His Touch

By Charlotte Barbaree

Scripture: *Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his way he meditates day and night.* (Psalm 1:1-2 NIV)

When my daughter was small, she required frequent appointments with a kidney specialist in Amarillo. His office was downtown and my practice was to drive Amarillo Boulevard to Polk and proceed right through the middle of the downtown business district.

On one such trip, during noon rush hour, I drove into the worst traffic mess I've ever been in. Something caused a black-out of the downtown district, and every traffic light in that area went off!

In short order, I learned a lot about human nature. Most drivers were as bewildered as I and were super cautious. But among us were aggressive drivers who were impatient, profane, and extremely dangerous. They compounded the confusion with honks and profanities, jangling already nervous drivers.

Only after the rest of us drivers gathered our wits about us enough to ignore the honks and hoots and proceed according to traffic laws and courtesy did the jam begin to disperse and the traffic to move safely.

For Christians, the Holy Bible is our spiritual traffic light. It tells us when to go, when to stop, when to move cautiously. When we fail to adhere to it, the circuit is broken and the light goes out. We are left in the midst of belligerent and confounding signals from a carnal world.

Only when we gather our wits about us enough to ignore the jangling noises of the world and return to the values expounded in the Scriptures will we untangle our lives and move forward. Our guiding light illumines again.

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Breakfast scheduled

The Macedonia Baptist Church brotherhood will serve breakfast from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday at the church, 441 Elm St.

The menu will be pancakes or toast, eggs, sausage or bacon, juice, milk and coffee. Donations will be accepted.

Bake sale planned

The St. Mark CME Church usher board is sponsoring a bake sale beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church, 406 Elm St.

A variety of cakes and pies will be sold. The Rev. H.R. Johnson, pastor, said the public is invited.

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Religion

Pampa churches preparing for April youth event

By BEAR MILLS
Staff Writer

Thirteen Pampa churches, representing nine denominations, have banded together for the largest youth-oriented evangelism campaign in the city's history.

Working under the name Youth Outreach United (YOU), the youth ministries of First Baptist, First Methodist, First Christian, First Presbyterian, First Assembly of God, Briarwood Full Gospel, Central Baptist, Hi-Land Christian, Highland Pentecostal, Calvary Baptist, Zion Lutheran, Barrett Baptist and New Life Worship Center have agreed to cooperate in several youth-oriented efforts.

The first event will be a Christian rap/rock concert at the M.K. Brown Civic Center on Friday, April 12, beginning at 7 p.m.

Christian recording star Stephen Wiley will be joined by speaker Rick Stanley, Elvis Presley's stepbrother, on the double bill.

Wiley's latest album is titled *Rhythm and Poetry* and features the single, "Teenage Mutant Youth Group Member."

Following the concert, a fellowship will be held in the Civic Center's Heritage Room for an expected crowd of 1,100 people.



(Staff photo by Bear Mills)

Board members of Youth Outreach United make plans for an April 12 Christian concert at the M.K. Brown Civic Center. Pictured, from left, are Sylvia Greenhouse of First Christian, Rev. Lonny Robbins of the Assembly of God's Master's Commission, Rev. Steve Smith of Barrett Baptist Church, Dr. Mark Ford of Zion Lutheran Church (kneeling), Kenny Meckfessel of Briarwood Full Gospel and Rev. John Judson of First Presbyterian.

Organizers said the 13 churches are urging their own members, as well as youth groups from other area churches, to attend.

"We have a burden for teenagers," said Kenny Meckfessel, youth minister at Briarwood Church. "There are, I'd estimate,

about 600 youth at Pampa High School who don't go to church anywhere. Until they are in a church somewhere, there is a great deal of

work to be done by all of us."

Dr. Mark Ford, Zion Lutheran's representative to YOU, noted, "Our main focus at Zion is youth. It's where we have to move to keep the church alive. This is a natural offshoot of that, to reach not only the youth that might go to our church, but all youth."

YOU officials said the 13 churches are not discounting denominational differences, but that such issues are secondary to the work of evangelism.

"We need to do something for our young people and community that shows Christian unity," said Lonny Robbins, director of the Assembly of God's Master's Commission. "We're trying to reach young people in ways they can relate to, like this rap concert."

Glenn Shock, youth minister of First Baptist, the largest church in YOU, said Youth Outreach is a way churches of all sizes can cooperate.

"We saw with the Jay Strack Crusade (last year) what can happen when we all work together," Shock said. "I feel it's good to cross some of the barriers that exist and do something positive to show we are all reaching out with the love of Christ."

John Judson, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, said the April

12 concert is being sponsored out of a desire to have positive, fun events for youth.

"We love our kids and want to see they have the very best," Judson stated. "The very best is knowing there is a God who loves them."

"We really like the concept of different denominations uniting to reach out to youth," said Steve Smith, minister of Barrett Baptist.

He was joined by Sylvia Greenhouse, youth director for First Christian, in saying, "We love the Lord and want to lead our kids to Jesus. We want our kids to have a fun place to go and enjoy the Lord."

Sponsoring churches said there is no admission charge to the concert, but that a \$5 donation will be accepted at the door from those able to give. They said the donations will cover costs of the concert and help bring other events to Pampa in the future.

A YOU briefing statement, released by the 13 churches, said the organization has no one on its payroll and all proceeds go into youth events.

Church representatives said if the April 12 date is well attended by area churches, they are planning to have two major concerts a year in the city, as well as other smaller events.

Three-day prayer seminar planned at Calvary Baptist

Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd, is hosting a three-day seminar on prayer, beginning Sunday and continuing through Tuesday.

Mike Schmidt, full-time evangelist and teacher, from Houston, will lead the seminar which will cover topics, such as "What we can expect God to do if we pray", "Priority of Prayer", and "Pattern of Prayer."

The seminar will be broken

into six sessions. Four sessions will be on Sunday, beginning at the usual Sunday school hour, 9:45 a.m., and the morning worship hour, 11 a.m., the discipleship training hour, 5 p.m., and the evening worship hour, 6 p.m. After this session, a fellowship time is planned for those attending. The seminar will continue on Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.

No reservations are needed and a nursery will be provided.



Mike Schmidt

Passover dinner celebration set next week

Spirit of Truth Church and Ariel International Ministries will co-host their fourth annual "Celebration of Passover" Seder Dinner at 7 p.m. March 22.

The Passover will combine traditional Jewish elements of remembering the Jews' exodus from Egypt with Christian elements of remembering the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, which the New Testament sees as a fulfillment of Passover.

Features of this year's Passover celebration will include a skit depicting the 10 plagues, performed by the Kingdom Kids Children's Ministry, choreographed dance by Spirit of Truth's dance ministry, presentation of the meaning of Passover for the Jewish people by Jewish believer Claude Hargis and a parallel presenta-

tion of Passover's meaning for Christians by Gentile believer Mark Zedlitz. These presentations will revolve around the theme, "The Kingdom of God" in demonstration.

A special dinner, prepared by families and friends of Spirit of Truth Ministries, will also be a part of the evening.

Reservations for the Passover are requested and can be made by contacting Dawn Cole at 665-2828. Pastor Mark Zedlitz, senior minister at Spirit of Truth, and Claude Hargis, director of Ariel International, extend an invitation to the community to attend the event.

Spirit of Truth is located at 716 W. Foster.

Group to conduct marriage seminar at prison

AMARILLO — Texans Do Care, a non-profit organization assisting with the social and spiritual stabilization of prisoners and their families will conduct a marriage and family maintenance seminar at the Clements Unit in Amarillo on Saturday.

The program will include 20 prisoners and their wives, and will involve them in developing strengths in interpersonal communications and relationship maintenance.

They will meet in a classroom for 12 hours, along with three or four couples from the free world.

They will eat prison food for lunch and then have a candlelight dinner, hosted by a local church

congregation. This program has been under way since 1988 and has been presented to more than 350 inmate couples in 12 prisons across the state.

Ed Williamson, founder and executive director of Texans Do Care, says the program has been recognized as one of the most viable change-inducing events ever to be made available to inmates on this scale.

Husbands and wives are given opportunity to examine their own emotions, feelings and internal motivations, then to compare and evaluate them with their mates.

While the program does not include any opportunity for conjugal-

ity, it is intended to create deeper levels of intimacy.

Carl Jeffries, director of treatment for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, has said of the program, "I believe that these programs, available to every inmate, could make a major reduction in the criminal justice burden of the state of Texas."

The programs of Texans Do Care are mainly by volunteers from the Christian community.

For more information contact Jackie Warmesley (915) 673-3190 or (915) 692-4053 Ext. 567 or write Ed Williamson, Director of Texans Do Care Ministries Inc., P.O. Box 220551, El Paso, Texas 79913.

Singles seminar to begin tonight at Amarillo FBC

AMARILLO — The singles ministry of First Baptist Church in Amarillo is presenting the "Successful Single Living '91" seminar beginning tonight and continuing through Sunday.

The keynote speaker is Len Schested, a well-known conference and seminar leader from Fort Worth. Dr. Ben E. Loring Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church in Amarillo, will also be speaking.

The seminar will be held in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church at Thirteenth and Tyler in downtown Amarillo. A banquet scheduled for Saturday evening will be at the Holiday Inn.

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First Christian Church plans Easter drama March 28, 29

An Easter presentation, "Master, Is It I?", is to be performed for the public at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, and Friday, March 29, at First Christian Church of Pampa, 1633 N. Nelson.

The free performance, presented by members of First Christian Church, is an individual account of how Jesus affected the lives of his disciples.

Twelve men from First Christian portray the disciples as they assembled for the Last Supper. Jesus is depicted by a vacant chair, lighted, in the center of the

tableau. The actors are seated as the disciples are pictured in Leonardo da Vinci's painting, "The Last Supper." The Rev. Dr. John Tate, pastor of the Pampa church, acts as narrator. The production is directed by Max Presnell.

"Master, Is It I?" is based on the book of Luke. In the play, each disciple gives insight into the day-by-day life with Christ as a man and as the Son of God.

The public is invited to attend this dramatic presentation in observance of the Easter season.

FDA to consider first drug for treatment of Alzheimer's

By PAUL RECER
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration is considering approving the first drug proposed for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease, even though the agency questioned research on the drug last January.

The drug, called tacrine or THA, has left a trail of controversy through more than five years of research and an FDA hearing was scheduled today to evaluate the results of new studies at 16 different university hospitals.

Sources familiar with the studies say THA has shown it can improve the thinking processes in some Alzheimer's patients, but, at the same time, the drug can pose a serious risk of liver damage if misused.

"It's going to be a close call," said a researcher who spoke on condition of anonymity. "It's really a question of tradeoffs."

Although THA may help the thinking processes of Alzheimer's patients, the researcher said, there is no evidence that it stops the disease process itself. In effect, he said, the drug treats only the symptoms of memory loss typical of the brain disease.

A study published by Dr. William K. Summers of Arcadia, Calif., in the New England Journal of Medicine in 1986 said THA was found to ease the Alzheimer's symptoms in 17 patients.

The report set off a demand for the drug, which is available overseas, and the government later banned its importation while clinical trials in this country were under way.

In January, the FDA published a sharply worded criticism of Summers' study, saying it "led many to believe that a major breakthrough had been made in the treatment of Alzheimer's."

The agency said an investigation "has revealed deficiencies of sufficient importance to raise major questions" about Summers' conclusions.

Furthermore, the FDA questioned whether THA actually

relieved Alzheimer's symptoms and said any possible benefit from THA could be offset by the drug's tendency to cause liver damage.

Alzheimer's disease is the fourth leading cause of death among American adults, killing more than 100,000 annually. About 4 million the U.S. are thought to be afflicted.

The disease causes a slow deterioration of mental function, such as memory. Eventually patients lose control of body functions, become unable to care for themselves and then die. The disease process may take 20 years, causing an immense financial and emotional burden on families.

Researchers and pharmaceutical firms have been scrambling for years to find a drug to treat Alzheimer's, and THA is the first proposed for FDA approval for that specific use.

Warner-Lambert Co., parent firm of Parke-Davis, is seeking approval to market THA under the brand name Cognex.

Clinical trials have been under way at 16 university hospitals under the sponsorship of Warner-Lambert. At one point, the studies were halted when liver damage was detected in a number of patients. The trials resumed, however, when dosages were reduced.

The drug works by blocking the breakdown of acetylcholine, a neurotransmitter chemical in the brain. Such chemicals are essential for carrying signals between nerves in the brain.

Without acetylcholine, the brain stops working.

Normally, an acetylcholine molecule is used once. This works fine as long as the supply of neurotransmitters is ample. But studies show that in Alzheimer's patients, acetylcholine and a similar chemical, norepinephrine, are in short supply.

Some researchers believe the thinking process in Alzheimer's patients can be improved by preventing acetylcholine from being broken down, thus making the chemical available to the brain for repeated use. THA, according to some studies, does the job.

Mild earthquake hits central Virginia

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A mild earthquake measuring 3.6 on the Richter Scale shook central Virginia early today, rattling houses and awakening sleepers.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage from the quake, which occurred around 2 a.m. and was felt just west of Richmond to Staunton about 100 miles away, authorities said.

"We had a couple officers call from Goochland and they said the houses shook, rattled and rumbled pretty good," said a Richmond police dispatcher.

The National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colo., described the approximate center of the quake as about 40 miles northwest of Richmond and 25 miles southeast of Charlottesville.

"It lasted between four and six seconds," said James Frazier, a dis-

patcher at the Goochland County Sheriff's Department. "I've gotten reports from individuals that it lasted ... from 1:59 to 2:03 (a.m.)."

Dozens of calls came in, he said. Many people reported the shaking, or asked about it, because it woke them up, he said.

"It was just a little shaking," Frazier said, "but it sounded like the building was coming down around me." He was in the county communications center when the tremor hit.

The Richter scale is a measure of ground motion as recorded on seismographs. Every increase of one number means a tenfold increase in magnitude. Thus a reading of 7.5 reflects an earthquake 10 times stronger than one of 6.5.

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Homeless woman's case reignites debate over medical treatment

By CASSANDRA BURRELL
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was freezing cold when Alice Anderson was found, barefoot, in a park near the White House. Doctors said if her gangrenous, frostbitten feet weren't amputated, she would die.

But Anderson refused medical treatment, saying she would leave her fate to God. Instead, a judge declared the homeless woman incompetent and doctors performed the lifesaving operation.

"This woman is rotting away, literally," Patrick O'Brien, the man appointed Anderson's legal guardian, said in asking Superior Court Judge Cheryl Long to allow the amputation.

Nearly two months after she was found in the park, Anderson is recovering from the amputation and has re-established contact with some family members.

But debate continues about whether people should be forced to undergo medical procedures against their will — even if those procedures will save their lives.

"I'm just afraid that we might be deciding someone is incompetent just because we don't agree with their religious values," said Sister Carol Taylor, a senior research fellow at Georgetown University's Center for the Advanced Study of Ethics.

"If I were a homeless person, it would not be unreasonable to conclude that I would not want to live without my feet," she said.

The case differs from others in which religious convictions prompt a patient or his family to reject medical care. O'Brien contends Anderson is mentally ill, her religion notwithstanding.

"I don't think it was a question of religious freedom," O'Brien said Thursday. "If you believe medical science should not counteract the will of God, well, basically you can't touch that argument. But she wasn't saying that. She said she didn't believe she had gangrene. ... The real nuts and bolts of it was whether she was psychologically capable of understanding her situation."

Dr. Gail Povar, an associate professor of health care sciences and medicine at George Washington University, said acting in accordance with religious values that seem to conflict with the beliefs of most others continues to be one of the most troubling and upsetting areas of medical ethics.

"It's hard to decide what is a religious delusion and what is the legitimate belief of someone whose religion disagrees with our own," she said.

"If someone is very religious and we believe that their religious views are consistent with a reference group," Povar said, "many people in medical ethics think we ought to respect those views even though they may not be in the patients' best interests."

The question may not even belong in the courts, she said.

"I think that there is no reason to believe that a judge is any better situated to decide this than a group of well-educated, thoughtful people who have given some time to learning the ethics of these matters and understanding the clinical situation," she said.

In Anderson's case, the judge's decision came despite testimony by Howard University psychiatrist Alyce Gullattee.

Gullattee described the 47-year-old Anderson as bright, neatly dressed and capable of making her own decisions despite her religious delusions.

Sister Taylor said personal beliefs may sometimes take precedence over medical care.

"Given our rights to be self-determining, we not always obligated to opt for medical care at any cost," she said. "Life is an important value, but it's not an absolute value. It doesn't trump everything else."

As Anderson continues her recovery at D.C. General Hospital, officials at St. Elizabeths Hospital, the city's facility for the mentally ill, are trying to have her committed for long-term medical and psychiatric care.

She remained in fair condition late Thursday.

Research panel faults scaled back space station

WASHINGTON (AP) — A scaled back design for NASA's planned space station would have to be justified on grounds such as enhancing international prestige rather than its research benefits, according to a new study.

"Neither the quantity or the quality of research that can be conducted on the proposed station merits the projected investment," the National Research Council's Space Studies Board said in a study reported today.

The smaller space station has been widely viewed as the National Aeronautics and Space Agency's last chance to rescue the project from the scrap heap. Even then, NASA proposes spending up to \$2.6 billion a year to send it into orbit by the mid-1990s.

Astronauts would visit the laboratory and living modules periodically under the plan.

"The monthly cost of constructing the redesigned station would approach the annual funding devoted to both NASA's life sciences and microgravity science" in the current fiscal year, the research council board said in a study reported today by The Washington Post.

Lennard A. Fisk, associate administrator for space science at NASA, was quoted by the newspaper as saying he "has long been opposed to justifying Space Station Freedom solely on scientific merit."

Members of the National Space Council, headed by Vice President Dan Quayle, are currently reviewing the new design and reportedly are all aware of the report from the Space Studies Board.

Congress is about to begin its annual review of NASA's budget. Some critics of the original \$37 billion design have warned toward the revised project.



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Officers face indictment in beating

By LINDA DEUTSCH
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Four police officers were ordered to surrender today after their indictments in the beating of a motorist, a case that has prompted federal authorities to investigate police brutality nationwide.

At the same time Thursday, Police Chief Daryl Gates withstood continuing pressure to resign.

And Rodney King, the 25-year-old motorist whose beating was recorded by a bystander trying out a new video camera, was recovering from facial surgery. King, whose skull was broken in nine places, was in good condition, said Steve Lerman, a spokesman for King's attorney.

A Los Angeles County grand jury on Thursday indicted a sergeant and three officers on charges stemming from the March 3 beating, and they were told to surrender in court today, the Los Angeles Times reported.

King was clubbed, kicked, shocked with a stun gun and stomped during a traffic stop. National television programs showed the tape of the assault.

Another 11 officers at the scene of the beating may face department discipline or prosecution, the paper said, cit-

ing attorneys for the officers and an unnamed law enforcement source.

Officers named in the sealed indictments, according to the Times, are: Sgt. Stacey Koon, 40; Officers Ted Briseno, 38, and Laurence Powell, 28, and Timothy Wind, 30, a rookie still on probation. The charges were not disclosed.

A spokeswoman for Los Angeles County District Attorney Ira Reiner declined to comment on the report, but Reiner set a news conference for today to discuss the investigation.

In Washington, meanwhile, Attorney General Dick Thornburgh ordered the Civil Rights Division's inquiry into the incident widened to review all police brutality complaints to the Justice Department in the past six years.

Gates said he welcomes Thornburgh's review.

"Bring on his investigators. Look at what we've done," Gates said, referring to his administration of the 8,300-officer department. "I'm very proud of it."

Gates sat impassively at a routine Police Commission meeting Thursday where a crowd of about 400 people demanded he resign and a succession of community activists, civil rights leaders and elected officials, most from the black community, decried him. King is black.

The audience chanted, "Gates must go! Gates must go!"

Black leaders said their communities fear police.

"They don't know whether justice will be meted out, or whether a judge, jury and executioner is pulling up behind them" when they are stopped by a patrol car, state Assemblyman Curtis Tucker Jr., a Democrat from Inglewood, said at the meeting.

Gates said after the meeting he won't resign.

"I'm not going anywhere," he said. "Anyone who thinks I'm going to slink away is wrong."

The Times, citing City Hall sources it didn't name, also reported that a top aide to Mayor Tom Bradley, Deputy Mayor Mark Fabiani, is leading a high-pressure campaign to get Gates to quit.

"We have received literally thousands of letters and phone calls, and a vast majority have sought the chief's resignation," Fabiani said. "This is clearly a broad-based outcry on the part of all segments of the community and it's growing. We see no signs here at City Hall that people's anger is diminishing."

Fabiani, however, refused to discuss whether he was orchestrating a drive to get rid of Gates.



Los Angeles Police Chief Daryl F. Gates gestures at a news conference Thursday.

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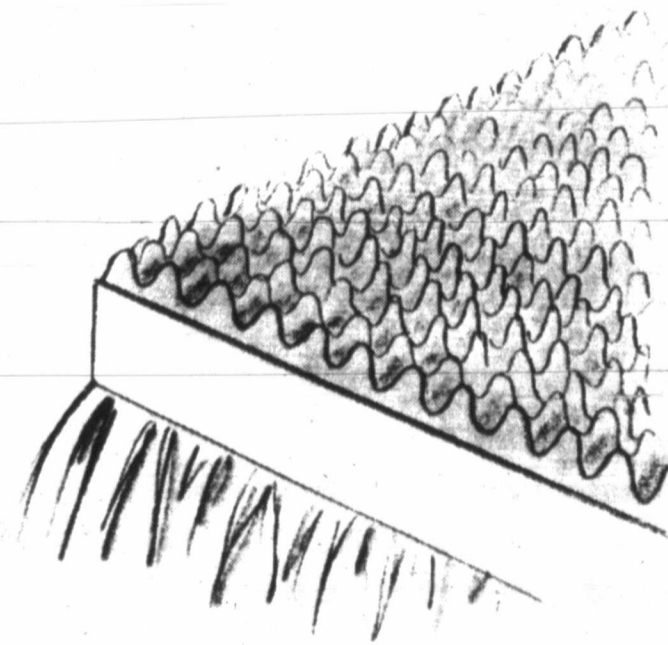
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Lifestyles

Honor Roll

Baker Elementary School announces the honor roll for the fourth six weeks.

Self-contained developmental—Best citizen-Terry Hernandez; Most improved-Anthony Graham; Creativity-Shawn King; Effort-Amanda Barton; Neatness-Deana Leshner; Congratulations-Arriott Manning; Principal P.A.L. award-Ricky Mullen and Ronnie Tucker.

Kindergarten—Best citizen-Aron Silva, Erica Cochran; Most improved-Daniel Maldonado, Raynelia Crawford; Effort-Jon Talbott, Vicky Mangus; Neatness-Angel Bishop, Rosa Estrada.

First grade—Best citizen-Mindy Leal, Lisa Torres, Julia Hernandez, Randy Tice, Holly Lawrence; Honor

roll—Karissa Captain, Jason Coble, Oscar Ortega, Christopher Tice, Lisa Torres, Julia Hernandez, Dolly Anderson, Stephen Pierce, Lupita Resendiz, David Deatherage, Holly Lawrence, Tiffany Lucas, Don Shuck, Randy Tice, Jamie Wagner.

Second grade—Best citizen-Passion Young, Lizette Navaret, Misty Vick; Honor roll—Gavino Armendaraz, Ruben Castillo, Derrick Cummings, Matt Garza, Jimmy Giger, Jessica Gonzales, Daisy Leal, Monica Moxon, Luis Solis, Angel Armstrong, Chris Batman, Beatriz Cabrales, Wendy Gammage, Lucas Oliva, Mario Soliz.

Third grade—Best citizen—Timothy Ferris, Kristie Leal; Honor roll—Aaron Cummings, Terra Hem-

bree, Jessica Shook, Martha Silva, Timothy Ferris, Jose Soto, Teresa Carver, Glen Moon, Christina Mullen, Sammy Ramirez, Lidia Resendiz, Cari Walker, Amanda White.

Fourth grade—Best citizen—Keisha Roby, Narciso Soliz; Honor roll—Maria Alvarado, Angie D'Jesus, Summer Giger, Cecilia Solis, Paula Vigil, Jared White, Ambrina Wilson, Derick Crawford, Candice Jameson, Gloria Resendiz, Narciso Soliz.

Fifth grade—Best citizen—Noel Hernandez, Ivonne Estrada; Honor roll—Thomas Carver, Olivia Castillo, James Gross, Kendra Rozier, Wayne Bryan, Janie Villalon, Debbie Kirklon.

Optimist tourney set for Saturday

The Pampa Optimist Club will hold its annual A-Team Basketball Tournament on Saturday, March 16, at the Optimist Park Gym located at 601 E. Craven. Games will start at 9 a.m. with the semifinals games to begin at approximately 3 p.m.

The 1991 Optimist Club Boys Basketball program is comprised of nine teams of 4th-6th grade students. The tournament is single elimination.

Optimist Club members will be serving bar-b-que sandwiches, hot dogs and other snack items.

Trophies and ribbons for the top four finishers will be awarded immediately following the semi-final and final games. There is no admission charge to the tournament.

"Die Fledermaus" opens



These Pampa area residents are part of the cast of "Die Fledermaus". Left, Ramairo Reyes, Grant Peurifoy, Shirley Haines, Lela Harris, Andrea Haines, and Melissa Dodge. "Die Fledermaus" will open at the Amarillo Opera on March 15, at 7:30 p.m., with performances on March 16, at 7:30 p.m., and 17, at 2:30 p.m. It will be performed at the Amarillo Little Theater, in English. "Die Fledermaus" was written by Johann Strauss and is the story of a masked ball and the resulting antics of ball guests. For more information or tickets call, (806)-371-5360.

Medicare: some definitions and explanations

"DRG." As a Medicare beneficiary, you've probably heard the term, but do you know what it means? Are you aware of how it might affect health care you receive in a hospital setting?

"DRG" stands for "diagnosis-related group." It is a system by which the Medicare program pays a hospital the average cost for treating a patient with a particular illness or injury. Under this system, diagnoses are grouped into DRGs based on factors such as the patient's principal diagnosis, complications that may arise, surgery or procedures performed during the hospital stay, and other individual patient information such as his/her age and medical history. The Medicare program has assigned a standard, set payment rate to each DRG. Thus, the hospital receives the same average fee any time a Medicare patient is treated for a particular diagnosis.

For example, you are admitted to a hospital to have your gallbladder removed. Medicare may determine that for a person your age, in your medical condition, DRG XXX applies; DRG XXX pays the hospital \$4,000. You recover quickly, staying in the hospital only a few days, incurring expenses of about \$2,000. The hospital receives the DRG amount of \$4,000 from the Medicare program, hence earning an extra \$2,000 above expenses.

But the opposite is also true. The next Medicare beneficiary who is admitted to the hospital with the

same condition may develop complications after gallbladder surgery, incurring expenses of about \$6,000. The hospital is still reimbursed the DRG amount of \$4,000 and may not bill the patient for the balance. In such a case the hospital would lose \$2,000. [Note: Circumstances and monetary values are strictly hypothetical.]

When this system of payment was implemented for the Medicare program in 1984, the federal government recognized the possible incentive for hospitals to reduce services to patients in order to remain cost-efficient. In other words, hospitals may be encouraged to discharge a patient whose treatment is costing more than what the DRG amount pays. Consequently, some Medicare patients may be hearing statements similar to the following:

"Your DRG money has run out."

"Medicare won't pay for any more days in the hospital."

To ensure that the DRG payment system doesn't interfere with the quality of care patients receive, the federal government contracted with a peer review organization (PRO) in every state.

A PRO is a group of licensed, practicing physicians who review Medicare medical records to ensure that beneficiaries of those programs are receiving quality, medically necessary care. Your PRO in Texas is the Medical Foundation (TMF).

If you are in the hospital as a Medicare patient and your disagree

with its decision to discharge you, it is important for you to know that you may appeal that decision through TMF by requesting an immediate review of your medical record.

In order to do so, you must first be given a written notice stating that Medicare will no longer pay for your hospital stay and if you choose to remain in the hospital setting, you will be held financially liable for the cost of the hospital stay. This written notice is called a "notice of non-coverage," and if you receive one it should include information about your rights to appeal the hospital's decision through TMF. The most important aspect of this information is calling TMF by noon on the next working day after you receive such a notice. As long as you meet the noon deadline, TMF may conduct an immediate review of your medical record and render a decision of whether or not it is medically necessary for you to remain in an acute setting before the hospital can hold you liable for any subsequent charges.

Regardless of whether you're still in the hospital or you've been discharged, you have the right to request physician review of your medical records from TMF. Call TMF's tollfree beneficiary hotline (1-800-777-8315) for more information about its review of medical care provided under Medicare program. Informative brochures are also available upon request at no charge.

New surgery promising

By NYU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE For AP Newsfeatures

A new surgical technique for removing the gallbladder — a procedure called a "laparoscopic cholecystectomy" — offers enormous potential in facilitating treatment.

The technique makes use of a thin tube containing a camera and a light source allowing the surgeon to view the area around the gallbladder on a video screen.

The gallbladder is then removed through a hole in the abdomen that is smaller than a dime.

The technique, surgeons say, offers faster recovery, a shorter hospital stay and leaves only a tiny scar. In comparison, the traditional way of removing the gallbladder is called an "open cholecystectomy" and involves a 3- to 6-inch incision in the abdomen.

Dr. John Ranson, a New York University Medical Center surgeon, called the new technique "a very exciting development that has generated a lot of enthusiasm since it was first introduced in the U.S. in 1989."

The gallbladder is a small pear-shaped reservoir attached to the underside of the liver and releases bile into the small intestine to aid in digestion.

If components of the bile form gallstones, these can block passage of the bile and cause pain and infection.

Symptomatic gallbladder disease most typically affects middle-age women who are overweight.

An estimated 500,000 Americans will have their gallbladder removed this year.

In fact, Ranson said, it is one of the nation's most common types of surgery. And although the gall bladder plays an important role in digestion, the body can function well without it.

Club News

Theta Delta of Delta Kappa Gamma met March 9, in the First Baptist Church of Groom. Karla Howell from White Deer gave the program on "Schools in Brazil". Elizabeth Smith from Panhandle presented an idea for a pen pal program for those who were interested. Judy Babcock, Susan Burgin, Mogie McCray, Dixie Surratt, Becky Throgmorton, and Exie Vantine served St. Patrick's cake, nuts, and punch to 17 members from Groom, Skellytown, Pampa, White Deer, and Panhandle.

The next meeting will be May 4, in the United Methodist Church in White Deer.

El Progresso Club met March 12, in the home of Ruth Riehart with president Julia Dawkins presiding. Dot Allen led in reading the club collect.

Dawkins announced that four books will be needed for outstanding seventh grade students of Texas history.

Allen announced that the program theme for 1991-1992 will be "A Multitude of Freedoms". Program leaders and hostesses were selected for the next club year.

Riehart, who presented the program on "Good Nutrition", stated that failing brain function is not normal. She explained how to prevent "brain drain" by correct diet and exercise.

The next meeting will be on March 26 in the home of Maxine Hawkins.

The Pampa Art Club met for a luncheon and workshop at the M. K. Brown room, on March 5, with Mrs. Graham Reeves as hostess.

After a short business discussion, members spent the afternoon working on various art projects.

The next meeting will be a workshop in the home of Mrs. Francis Hall, 2234 Duncan, on March 19, at 10:30 a.m.

The Twentieth Century Club met in the home of Mrs. Raymond Laycock on March 12.

Club members discussed recycling. Mrs. Earl Hoffer led the program on cancer, discussing early detection, yearly check ups, and support groups.

The next meeting will be March 26, at the home of Mrs. Roy Porter, 1010 Christine.

Bath tiles for every need and interior look

By BEDROOM AND BATH IDEAS For AP Newsfeatures

Ceramic tiles come glazed and unglazed, plain and patterned, and in every color of the rainbow.

Typically, they are 4 1/4 or 6 inches square, but there are many sizes and shapes to choose from.

Many manufacturers will glaze tiles to the color and pattern of a consumer's choice.

Tile is generally sold by the square foot. As a rule of thumb, it's wise to order about 10 percent more than is needed to allow for tiles that have to be cut or replaced. Also, be sure to price all the pieces of tile needed; trim tile is generally most

expensive.

There are two important questions to ask when choosing tile. Where will the tile be installed? How will the tile surface be used?

For floors, use tiles with slightly irregular surfaces and a non-gloss glaze that makes them less slippery; save the high-gloss, easy-care tiles for counters and walls.

Finally, look for a reliable dealer who can help find the tiles best suited for any given purpose. Interior designers and architects, too, have access to many lines of ceramic tile and have the training to help consumers make a practical selection.



Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Girl showered with baby gifts found fertile soil for growth

DEAR ABBY: The letter you published from the office women, in conflict over whether a baby shower should be given for an unwed mother-to-be, revived a long-forgotten memory.

In 1962, I was 17 and had just graduated from high school. I had to give up two scholarships to college and take a job because I was pregnant and unmarried. In those days, most unwed mothers were sent away to have their babies, then gave them up for adoption so that no one in the family would be embarrassed. I chose to stay home and keep my baby.

I'm sure my parents were embarrassed and disappointed in me. The baby's father and I were immature, and a silly quarrel had caused our breakup. I was so depressed that I considered suicide on a daily basis.

In my seventh month of pregnancy, 30 women from my office gave me a baby shower! I can't begin to tell you how much it meant to me to have those wonderful women shower me with their good wishes and much-needed gifts. They literally saved my life and my baby's life.

That shower turned my life around. After that, I was able to hold my head up. When my son was a year old, his father and I got together and were married. Five years later, we had another son. I worked while my husband finished college, and after he graduated, I went to college and graduated in 1977. Today, our first-born is married and has a son of his own.

Abby, when I think of how close I came to ending my life, I shudder. I also thank God for those wonderful co-workers who didn't ponder

whether it was proper to give a baby shower for an unmarried girl. That shower brought me out of the worst depression of my life.

Your advice was right on, Abby. Keep up the good work.

KAREN IN ROCHESTER

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for all you have done through your "Operation Dear Abby" for the American troops stationed in the Persian Gulf.

It would be wonderful if your readers would also write to members of the British military who are our allies, and let them know how much we appreciate their contribution. Also writing to members of the French military might make a fascinating project for some foreign-language students.

To correspond with someone in the British military, address letters to: U.K. Forces in the Gulf, BFPO 3000, London, Great Britain.

For French military personnel, address your letters to: Etat-Major Des Armees, Operation Daguet, 14 Rue St., Dominique, 00453 Armees (France).

I do hope you will pass this information on, as it would mean a lot to those brave coalition troops fighting alongside our own.

GRATEFUL IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Sports

Pampa basketball players honored at banquet

Hustling Harvester awards presented to Williams, West



Christa West (left) and Jayson Williams are pictured above with their Hustling Harvester plaques.

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

Both Pampa High boys' and girls' basketball teams were honored for their accomplishments at an awards banquet Thursday night at the First Baptist Church.

Those accomplishments during the 1990-91 season included the record-breaking kind.

The Harvesters posted a 34-4 record, the most wins ever by a Pampa team, while advancing to the state tournament.

"It was just a tremendous season," said PHS head boys' coach Robert Hale. "It's going to be hard

to ever win more than 34 games. We completely dominated our district. We never had a close game."

The Harvesters went 10-0 in district in winning their third consecutive district championship.

The Lady Harvesters had an 18-12 record and became the first PHS girls' team to ever advance into the playoffs.

"I coached a great bunch of girls and it was a tremendous year," said Pampa head girls' coach Albert Nichols. "I enjoyed coaching them all the way through the season."

Receiving the annual Hustling Harvester awards were senior Jayson Williams for the boys and

senior Christa West for the girls.

"Jayson was one of the most exciting players in school history," Hale said. "Our opponents often overlooked how to play us because of him."

Williams, a 5-9 guard, was named the District 1-4A's defensive player of the year this season.

West, a three-year starter for the Lady Harvesters, broke her own school assist record this season. She was a second-team all-district selection.

"I brought Christa up to the varsity as a freshman and she turned out to be quite a player for us. She gave us some outstanding leadership this season," Nichols said.

One of the key players in Pampa's surge to the Class 4A semifinals was lightning-quick junior guard Cederick Wilbon, who was recognized as District 1 4A's most valuable player this season.

"There's so many great things I could say about Cederick. He had a phenomenal season," Hale said.

Wilbon, who led the Harvesters in scoring (21.7 ppg), broke the school single season scoring record this season with 828 points. The old record was 739 points by Dustin Miller during the 1988-89 season.

Wilbon was also honored by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee as the outstanding basketball player in this region for the month of February.

In presenting the outstanding rebounder award, Hale recognized five players. Jeff Young led the team in rebounding with 6.8 rebounds per game while Jayson Williams, Quincy Williams, Randy Nichols and Wilbon followed close behind at 4.9 per game.

Top free throw shooter was 6-2 junior David Johnson, who shot 85 percent from the foul line. Hale also recognized Wilbon and Nichols, who shot 80 and 76 percent respectively.

Young, a 6-2 junior, represented



Members of Pampa's state semi-finalist team are (left to right) David Johnson, Cederick Wilbon, Brent Skaggs, Jayson Williams, Jeff Young, Quincy Williams, Troy Black (manager), Randy Nichols, Dwight Nickelberry and Joel Arrington (manager). Not pictured are Paul Brown, Daniel Trejo and manager Tim Clerkley.

Pampa on the Class 4A all-tournament and all-state teams as well as being a first-team, all-district pick.

Johnson was a second-team all-district pick while Nichols and Quincy Williams were named to the honorable mention team.

Hale also presented the Harvesters with their state tournament bronze medals, which were passed out by Dr. Bill Farney, UIL Director, following Pampa's 80-77 triple-overtime loss to San Antonio Alamo Heights in Austin's Erwin Center.

"Dr. Farney told us that Pampa should have played a half against

Port Arthur Lincoln and Alamo Heights should have played the other half. He said in his 32 years with the UIL it was one of the greatest games he's ever seen," Hale said.

Port Arthur defeated Alamo Heights in the finals.

For the girls, leading scorer Nikki Ryan (21.7 ppg) received the most valuable player plaque in addition to both the rebound (10.0 rpg) and free throw (73.0 percent) awards.

Ryan was a first-team all-district pick while Kristen Becker was named to the second team. Amber

Seaton was named the district's newcomer of the year.

The Lady Harvesters tied Berger for second place in the district race and defeated the Lady Bulldogs in a one-game playoff to qualify for post-season play.

Nichols was also proud of the Lady Harvesters' off-court accomplishments.

"As a team they carried a 3.19 grade point average. I don't think I've ever been associated with a group that carried such a high grade point average," Nichols said.

Montana has first-round date with powerful UNLV

By The Associated Press

If Montana was a stock, Wall Street would be bearish on the Grizzlies.

After all, why back a team that has a first-round date tonight against the General Motors of college basketball, UNLV?

Jerry Tarkanian, coach of the defending national champions, certainly doesn't sound like a man interested in taking stock of Montana.

"I don't know anything about Montana," he said. "We'll get some film of them."

Tarkanian, in fact, is guilty of something coaches always preach against: looking ahead. He's upset that the Rebels, winners of 41 consecutive games, might have to play a second-round game against Georgetown, a team whose 12 losses are exceeded by only two teams in the 64-team draw.

"People have been asking me all week who I feared the most, and Georgetown was one of the two I feared," Tarkanian said. "Georgetown is a dangerous team. They scare me."

Montana coach Stew Morrill hasn't wasted a thought on a 12-time loser. He's been consumed with the idea of facing a zero-time loser.

"I would be less than honest if I didn't say we were a bit shocked to find out we are playing the top-ranked team in the nation," Morrill said. "I look at their stats and it's like a horror sheet. They do not have

NCAA tournament

any weaknesses. But we haven't been to the NCAAs since 1975 and we're looking forward to the experience."

UNLV (30-0) is one of three top seeds in action tonight as the two-day first round of the tournament winds up. North Carolina (25-5) plays Northeastern (22-10) in the East Regional at Syracuse, N.Y., and Ohio State (25-3) opens against Towson State (19-10) in the Midwest at Dayton, Ohio.

Georgetown (18-12) faces another 12-game loser, Vanderbilt (17-12), in a late game in the West, Princeton (24-2) opposes Villanova (16-14) in the East, Wake Forest (18-10) plays Louisiana Tech (21-9) and Alabama (21-9) plays Murray (24-8) in the Southeast, and Georgia Tech (16-12) goes against DePaul (20-8) in the Midwest.

The early schedule had Mississippi State (20-8) against Eastern Michigan (24-6) and UCLA (23-8) against Penn State (20-10) in the East, Michigan State (18-10) against Wisconsin-Green Bay (24-6) and Utah (28-3) against South Alabama (22-8) in the West, top-seeded Arkansas (31-3) against Georgia State (16-14) and Arizona State (19-9) against Rutgers (19-9) in the Southeast, and St. John's (20-8) against Northern Illinois (25-5) and Texas (22-8) against St. Peter's (24-6).

Realistically, there's no reason for UNLV to be the least bit bothered about playing Montana. But the early rounds of the NCAA tournament are never without upsets.

Such was the case Thursday night when Richmond, seeded 15th in the East Regional, shocked No. 2 Syracuse 73-69. It was the second major upset for Richmond in an opening-round game. The Spiders of coach Dick Tarrant beat defending national champion Indiana in the 1988 opener.

"This is another great feather in our bonnet," Tarrant said. "I said we had to play almost flawless basketball, and obviously, we did. It was fantastic."

"I had heard Richmond was capable of upsetting some people, and I guess they proved it," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said.

Curtis Blair had 18 points and six assists to lead the Spiders (22-9) over Syracuse (26-6), which closed its season with first-round losses in the Big East Conference tournament and the NCAA. Richmond led throughout, but had a 10-point lead sliced to one with 32 seconds left. Eugene Burrough's two free throws with 21 seconds to go pushed it to 72-69 and Syracuse then misfired on two 3-pointers. All-American forward Billy Owens scored 22 for the Orangemen.

In other games, Byron Houston had 21 points and 17 rebounds as

Oklahoma State beat New Mexico 67-54, Rodney Monroe and Chris Corchiani scored 25 points apiece in North Carolina State's 114-85 rout of Southern Mississippi, and Mik Kilgore scored 25 points as Temple eliminated Purdue 80-63.

Brian Shorter scored 21 of his 23 points after halftime and Sean Miller made four clutch free throws in overtime as Pitt shaded Georgia 76-68, Kansas held New Orleans without a field goal for 6 1/2 minutes of the second half and beat the Privateers 55-49, Douglas Edwards outscored USC's Harold Miner 24-16 and had 10 rebounds in Florida State's 75-72 victory over the Trojans, and Indiana withstood Brian Penny's 23 points in the last 10 minutes to beat Coastal Carolina 79-69 behind Eric Anderson's 22 points.

Christian Laettner scored eight of his 22 points during a 23-6 second-half run as Duke beat Northeast Louisiana 102-73, James Moses made two free throws with 2.8 seconds left to give Iowa a 76-73 victory over East Tennessee, Brian Grant made three free throws and Michael Davenport hit a 3-pointer in the late game as Xavier beat Nebraska 89-84, and Chris Smith scored 25 points as Connecticut shackled Shaquille O'Neal for much of the game in beating LSU 79-62. O'Neal got 14 of his 27 points after the Huskies had built a 22-point lead.



Richmond head coach Dick Tarrant gets a big hug from Ty Evans after the upset win over Syracuse Thursday in the Big East regionals

Pampa hosts track meet

The Top O' Texas Boys track and field invitational will be held Saturday, starting at 9:30 a.m. at Pampa's Randy Matson Field.

Teams entered in the varsity division include Randall, Borger, Dumas and Pampa.

The junior varsity division will have the same four teams plus Wellington varsity and junior varsity and Wheeler.

"If the weather is cold, we'll adjust our schedule," said PHS coach Mike Shklar. "We may just have timed events."

The high jump and pole vault events will be held indoors, Shklar added.

Attorneys for A & M basketball coach say recruiting report was unfair

By MICHAEL GRACZYK
Associated Press Writer

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Kermit Davis' lawyers say they'll announce today whether the Texas A&M basketball coach will leave the university because of a report that his recruiting practices violated standards of conduct.

The university wants Davis to resign, but the attorneys for the 31-year-old coach say the report is unfair.

After a meeting with school officials that lasted more than six hours, lawyer George Parnham of Houston released a letter to A&M President William Mobley, which

said in part:

"It is the view of coach Davis and his counsel that the report is lacking in specifics and overall perspective in a number of significant areas and as a result ... should not be considered legally sufficient to provide the basis for the firing of coach Davis."

According to the A&M report, the school said its probe revealed a pattern of activities "which are contrary to university, NCAA, and Southwest Conference standards of conduct."

The university reported it found eight improprieties. University officials contend that Davis and assis-

tant Fletcher Cockrell furnished A&M false or misleading information seven times concerning the probe.

A&M said most of the problems concerned talent scout Rob Johnson of New York City, who recruited Syracuse transfer Tony Scott for the Aggies.

Although the school doesn't identify Scott, Davis' response to the investigation does. In that response, Davis said allegations concerning money paid to Johnson, Scott, or Scott's father were "found to be without merit."

The university said Johnson was contacted by Cockrell and Davis; that

Johnson made more than 500 telephone calls to Davis and his staff from May to December 1990; that Johnson accompanied Scott on his official campus visit; that Johnson accompanied Davis on a visit to a high school prospect in Rochester, N.Y.; that Johnson used a basketball program credit card improperly; and that Johnson used a car and a cellular phone in New York City rented by Davis and charged to the A&M program.

The report also said Johnson accompanied Davis and Cockrell on visits to New York and that Johnson accompanied Cockrell on a trip to a Brooklyn high school prospect and

his coach.

Besides seeking the ouster of Davis, A&M officials said they have disassociated Johnson from any involvement with the school's athletic program and that they are trying to recover the costs of the school telephone credit card.

Last year, Davis signed a four-year contract that includes an annual salary of \$127,000.

Calcavecchia, Hammond share lead in Nestle Golf Invitational

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Mark Calcavecchia has a share of the lead in the golf tournament and a promise from his chiropractor.

"What happens if I start falling apart?" Calcavecchia asked his doctor last weekend on one of his frequent visits to get his shoulder and-or wrist and-or elbow popped back in place.

"I've got the weekend off. I'll come up and put you back together," Calcavecchia quoted Dr. Al Jarome as replying.

"I'll leave you a pass," Calcavecchia replied.

The medical man wasn't needed Thursday, however, as Calcavecchia kept all his parts in the right place and scored an eagle-3 in a round of 66 that gave him a tie with Donnie Hammond for the first-round lead in the Nestle Invitational.

"I'm taking next week off," Calcavecchia said. "Maybe that will help" the left shoulder-elbow-wrist injury he sustained in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am when he caught a tree limb on his downswing.

"It ripped up the ligaments in the wrist and

traveled right on up the arm. I had some back pain for a while, too," he said.

As a result, he said, his shoulder, elbow and wrist have "popped out of place" several times, including last weekend.

"It doesn't bother me that much," shrugged Calcavecchia, who hasn't won since taking the 1989 British Open championship.

"I can honestly say I haven't thought about it (the injuries) on the golf course in the last few weeks.

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Rick Swenson of Two Rivers, Alaska enters the chute with his 10-dog team on Front Street to win the 1,163-mile race from Anchorage to Nome. This is Swenson's fifth win.

Swenson storms through blizzard

By JULIA RUBIN
Associated Press Writer

NOME, Alaska (AP) — While other mushers turned back in a blizzard, Rick Swenson plowed ahead through thigh-high snowdrifts to win a record fifth Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race today.

Swenson and his dog team crossed the finish line on Front Street in Nome at 1:35 a.m. AST (5:35 a.m. EST), about an hour ahead of his nearest competitor. The 1,163-mile race, which usually lasts 11 to 14 days, began in Anchorage on March 2. A record 75 mushers and more than 1,400 dogs competed.

About 500 cheering spectators stood on both sides of a snow-fenced chute today, stomping their feet, swinging their arms and trying to stay warm in wind-chill temperatures of 50 degrees below zero.

A siren sounded Swenson's entry into this historic Gold Rush community, and he waved from behind his sled as it moved off the Bering Sea coast and onto Front Street, passing beneath the burl arch that marks the

finish line. "The dogs are the champs," Swenson told reporters.

Martin Buser, a Swiss-born musher from Big Lake, was running second, about an hour behind Swenson. Buser has completed six Iditarods, finishing third in 1988.

Defending champion and fellow four-time winner Susan Butcher had held a one-hour lead Thursday but lost it when she reversed course during a whiteout. Swenson and Buser gambled big on the weather, hoping their dog teams could find their way through the Arctic storm.

Swenson left the final checkpoint at Safety late Thursday for the 22-mile run to the finish line in Nome.

Butcher, 1989 winner Joe Runyan and Tim Osmar had lost the trail and returned to the White Mountain checkpoint, 77 miles from the finish line. They headed out again Thursday night.

Wind in the White Mountain area Thursday gusted from 46 to 57 mph and the temperature was about 20 degrees below zero, officials said.

Swenson said Thursday he took shelter from the whiteout in an abandoned cabin along the trail. Then he trusted his dogs to find their way.

"They have confidence in themselves, and I had confidence in them and the fact they were here before," he said. "They never laid down on me and said, 'No, we're not going any farther.' I think they trust me."

"I knew there were an awful lot of people pulling for me and I wasn't going to let them down and turn around," he said.

Swenson, 40, of Two Rivers, won the race four times between 1977 and 1982. He has run 15 Iditarods — more consecutive races than any other musher — and placed in the top five all but once.

Swenson was second to Butcher, 34, of Eureka, in 1987 and 1988.

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