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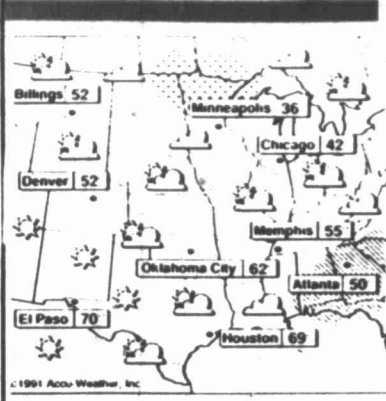
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Weather
Clear tonight and sunny Friday. Low tonight in the low 30s; high tomorrow in the low 60s.

Wednesday's high temperature..... 81
Wednesday's low temperature..... 40
Average high..... 66
Average low..... 35
Record high..... 88 in 1929
Record low..... 16 in 1920

Rainfall Wednesday..... 0.00
Month to date..... 0.00
Normal for Month..... 0.78
Year to date..... 01.98
Normal for year..... 01.40

Chamber luncheon set for Tuesday

Friday is the last day to make advance reservations for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce community luncheon. The cost is \$6 per person.

The luncheon is planned for Tuesday at the Dora Roberts Community Center in Comanche Trail Park. Lunch will be served beginning at 11:45 a.m. A program, including a speaker and recognition of volunteers, will follow.

Officials have urged that citizens make reservations so an estimate can be made of the number attending.

UBS to hold 3 blood drives

United Blood Services officials recently announced that there are three blood drives scheduled for March.

The First Baptist Church is sponsoring a drive from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday. Contact Tim Thornton at 267-8223 for more information.

Jack Letts of Walls Industries will be coordinating a blood drive at that business from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Also on Wednesday, the Coahoma Community Center will have a blood drive from 3 to 7 p.m. Bill Gressett, 394-4011, is the coordinator.

Moore board meets Friday

Moore Development for Big Spring Inc., the corporation charged with economic development in the community, will meet Friday at 9 a.m. at the offices of the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

Part of the meeting will be an executive session to discuss contracts. Other agenda items include an update of the group's planned facilities, located adjacent to the chamber of commerce.

Inmates control part of prison

EDEN, Texas (AP) — Federal inmates complaining they don't get enough vegetables took over part of a federal prison in protest and held authorities at bay with kitchen utensils and baseball bats.

The protest broke out at about 3:30 p.m. Wednesday and continued until about 11 a.m. today when the inmates gave in to authorities who said they would not negotiate unless order was restored.

Roy Burnes, president of the privately operated Eden Detention Center Inc., said the inmates caused an estimated \$250,000 damage.

Burnes said at least one of the inmates' demands is similar to one raised during an inmates' protest about two years ago.

Bush: time to end Mideast conflicts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Glowing in the pep rally aftermath of America's victory over Iraq, President Bush is promising to apply the momentum of the Persian Gulf War toward a lasting peace between Jews and Arabs.

"Our commitment to peace in the Middle East does not end with the liberation of Kuwait," Bush told a joint session of Congress on Wednesday night. "The time has come to put an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict."

There were as many flags as people greeting the president as he strode into the House chamber, to a three-minute standing ovation. He was cheered again and again as he commended those who carried out the war, and damned Iraq's Saddam Hussein.

"It was a great victory speech," said Rep. Dave McCurdy, D-Okla. "He gave credit to the men and women who deserved the credit. There's now a sense of confidence that's going to carry over into other parts of the society."

Bush used his address to give a formal send-off to Secretary of State James A. Baker III, who today heads for Saudi Arabia, the first stop in a postwar diplomatic campaign in the Middle East.

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President Bush

have for the first time found themselves confronting the same aggressor," the president said. "By now, it should be plain to all parties that peacemaking in the Middle East requires compromise."

"I guarantee you," he told Congress. "No one will work harder for a stable peace in the region than we will."

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., chairman of the Senate foreign aid subcommittee, said Bush picked the perfect time to put his weight behind a peace initiative.

"The rest of the world sees him now as the strong leader of the coalition. He was wise to make (the next move) his," Leahy said. It is a "moment of opportunity,"

agreed Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn. But, he cautioned, "The Middle East remains a cauldron of suspicions and mistrust. Our expectations should not be too high."

Bush said any comprehensive peace should be grounded in U.N. Security Council resolutions calling on Israel to withdraw from occupied territories and declaring that all nations in the region have the right to secure borders.

"That will set teeth on edge in Israel," said Rep. Larry Smith, D-Fla.

Israel would get \$650 million in U.S. aid to defray its costs from the war under legislation due before the full House today. The House also was expected to pass and send to the Senate a bill covering the \$42.6 billion for U.S. military operations — all but \$15 billion of that money coming from allied contributions.

While most of Bush's speech concerned war and the future of the Middle East, he reserved a few lines to push for his domestic priorities in Congress. He called on lawmakers to speedily pass his proposals to toughen criminal laws and to rebuild deteriorated highways.

"If our forces could win the ground war in 100 hours, then sure-



WASHINGTON — President Bush wipes his brow as he is welcomed to the House Chamber Wednesday evening to deliver a message to a joint session of Congress. Behind the president are Vice President Dan Quayle, left, and House Speaker Tom Foley.

Engine woes stymie efforts

By DEBBIE LINCECUM Staff Writer

Big Spring firefighters, battling a huge blaze west of town Tuesday, were stymied when the department's tanker truck experienced engine problems.

Fire Chief Frank Anderson said the engine of the 1970 Dodge tanker truck ran poorly while at the scene of the blaze. He said he thinks the problem was rust or sludge in the gas tank, and the engine trouble may have been aggravated by the heavy smoke in the area.

"It could have been a combination of factors," he said. "It started to run bad when they got in an area where it was extremely smoky." The tank truck, which also pumps water, runs on gasoline and needs a certain amount of oxygen, he said.

The huge fire reportedly burned more than four sections of land near the intersection of County Road 2599 and I-20. Anderson said it created a large amount of smoke.

"When (the tank truck) got out in the clear air, it started to run better," he said. "But we're still having that problem in the gas tank."

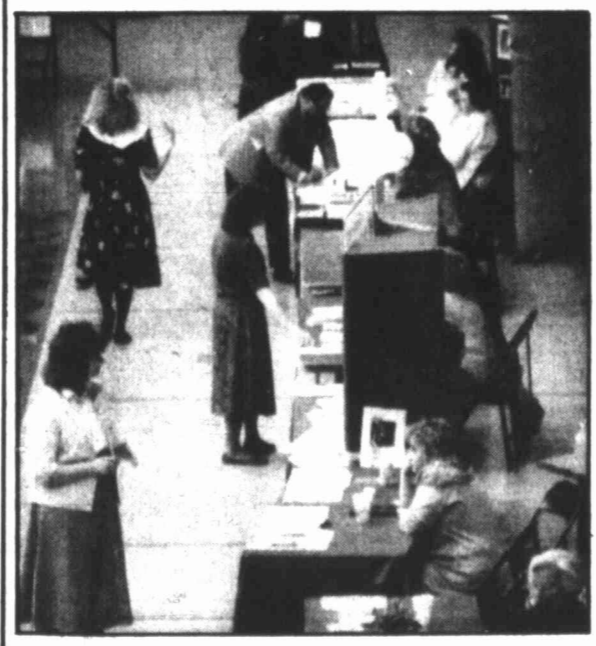
"It's a peculiar problem," Anderson said. "I'm not sure we've run into having rust in the gas tank before." He said he is not sure what would cause such a problem.

Anderson said firefighters cleaned the tank after the incident and have new fuel filters to use on the truck. He said an additional, thorough cleaning of the tank is planned.

"This was a problem," Anderson said, "but we're working on getting it corrected right now."

The department's reserve pumper — which would substitute for the tank truck — is currently undergoing repairs. Anderson said it would be back on line in the near future.

Firefighters have experienced repeated problems with equipment, and Anderson said he hopes to purchase several trucks over the next few years.



Job fair

Both students and the general public came to the college coliseum Wednesday afternoon, bottom left photo, for the annual job fair, where prospective employers were on hand to give information about jobs. In the top photo, Ben Bradberry, se-

cond from left, talks with Jana Hortman, John Carver and Joel Perez about jobs within the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Kim Dyson gets a keychain, one of many trinkets that were being handed out in the bottom right photo.

Credit unions rally

By PATRICK DRISCOLL Staff Writer

A rally and meetings with representatives last week in Washington have helped efforts to drop ideas to consolidate the credit union and savings and loans insurance funds, a local credit union official said.

Member-owned credit unions across the country oppose congressional bill HR6, introduced a month ago by Henry B. Gonzalez, D-San Antonio, which would combine the National Credit Union Association fund with the Federal Deposit Insurance Fund for banks and savings and loans.

The deposit insurance reform bill is designed to help ailing S&Ls but credit union officials say it would strain their operations, including the ability to give small personal loans. Credit union officials say they do not have problems keeping cash on hand.

"We definitely accomplished quite a bit," said Big Spring Government Employees Federal Credit Union Manager Cleo Young, who attended the Feb. 28 Operation Grassroots rally in the Mall in Washington, about a block from the Capitol. Young, also area director of the Texas Credit Union League, said petitions with 5.2 million signatures were presented to Congress.

Congressman Charles Stenholm, D-Stamford, is one representative who has solidified his stand in favor of leaving the credit union fund alone.

"I agree with them. I don't see any reasons for making any changes for them that Congressman Gonzalez has proposed."

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U.S. troops begin leaving Persian Gulf area

(AP) U.S. soldiers, some still caked with desert sand, began leaving Saudi Arabia today in the first large-scale troop departures from the Persian Gulf. They left behind an Iraq where Saddam Hussein's troops were said to be executing dissidents and scattering the corpses in the streets as a warning.

Jubilant American soldiers made V-for-victory signs as they boarded military transport planes in the Saudi desert where they had

spent nearly seven months training, waiting — and finally fighting a lightning war.

"We've done what the world wanted us to do," said 2nd Lt. Alfred Sullivan, 25, of Montgomery, Ala. "Now it's time to go home."

Troops from some units began arriving today in Britain and Germany on their way home.

In the Saudi capital of Riyadh, allied and Iraqi commanders were meeting today to discuss some of

war's unfinished business: repatriation of remains, return of Iraqi prisoners, and missing persons.

The missing include about three dozen foreign journalists who vanished while trying to cover the anti-Saddam rebellion that flared in southern Iraq after the allies routed Iraq's troops last week, ending the war.

Cable News Network quoted a Red Cross official today as saying more than 20 of the journalists

would be turned over to the Red Cross, possibly on Friday. CNN also quoted the official as saying said earlier that a delegation had traveled to Basra today to assess humanitarian needs.

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As for prisoners of war, the allies hold about 63,000 Iraqi soldiers, and the Iraqis say they have freed

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Sidelines

Three children found dead

DALLAS (AP) — Three young sisters were found bound and stabbed to death in two closets of their home, police said today.

A 25-year-old man who also lived in the home was being held in the deaths following his arrest early today, officers said. The man faces three murder charges and one count of aggravated assault, police said.

The victims — girls aged 8, 10 and 14 — were not identified because they were juveniles, said police Sgt. Joe Decorte.

The girls' mother, Debra Bell, also was stabbed and beaten Wednesday, but managed to leave the house and walk to a neighborhood grocery store to call for help, said Decorte.

The 33-year-old woman told officers that she did not know where her children were. The woman was taken to Methodist Hospital, where she was in fair condition early today.

Labs set up in grocery stores

HOUSTON (AP) — A health-testing boutique — where grocery shoppers can be screened for a variety of conditions from pregnancy to AIDS — has opened in two of Houston's Fiesta Mart stores.

"It follows the wellness trend," said spokesman John Emerald. "People want control of their own bodies. The concept was ripe as a franchise."

So far, health-conscious grocery shoppers are using the Lab Store mainly to test their cholesterol and blood sugar levels. A few have tested for acquired immune deficiency syndrome, said one company official.

The boutique — the first of its kind in Texas — gives consumers the same quality of testing available to doctors, said Dr. James Birge, the Lab Store's medical director.

Bullock: time for income tax

AUSTIN (AP) — State lawmakers say Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock's proposal for an income tax won't become law unless members of the Legislature are convinced that voters won't toss them out of office.

"What it will take is a perception on the floor of the House that voting for an income tax will not spell political death," said Rep. James Hury, D-Galveston.

Bullock dropped his bombshell Wednesday, saying state personal and corporate income taxes should be coupled with property tax relief.

But an income tax is needed to pay for schools, more prisons and increased welfare services, he said.

"I have every belief that this will pass before the year is out ... I'm going to work very hard for its passage," Bullock said.

"It was a difficult decision because I personally dislike — and I imagine most Texans do — any type of new taxes. But I also know deep down in my heart, deep down in my heart, that it's the right thing to do for Texas," he said.

Bullock, a Democrat, said he hadn't "thought of those political consequences that will take place."

But others did. House Speaker Gib Lewis, D-Fort Worth, said only a small minority of his chamber's 150 members would vote for an income tax today.

"At this time, I question seriously if we have 30 or 40 votes in the House for a personal income tax," he said.

Bullock proposed a 5 percent personal income tax and an 8 percent corporate earnings tax. That would generate \$2 billion in 1992 and \$6 billion in 1993, he said, predicting that such a levy could bring reductions of up to 35 percent in property taxes in 1993.

Bullock said his proposal would exempt the first \$25,000 on the personal income tax and exempt retirement income.

State leaders are grappling with a projected 1992-93 budget deficit of \$4.6 billion, plus a Texas Supreme Court order to equalize funding for rich and poor school districts.

Gov. Ann Richards described the possibilities for legislative approval as "slim and none."

While declining to flatly rule out an income tax, Richards said she first wants to see audits of agency spending and a review of all taxes by a panel of experts before making any decisions about new revenue.

"I can tell you that I detect no sympathy or support (for an income tax) in the general public," she said.



Liftoff
LUFKIN — Jill Carswell flies a kite in a stiff breeze Tuesday with a group of preschool children at a Lufkin church. High winds have been prevalent across much of Texas this week.

Mom greets sons home for funeral of third son

HOUSTON (AP) — The sight of two of her sons returning from Operation Desert Storm was not enough to console a Houston woman because she knew that they were coming home to help prepare for the funeral of their brother who died in the desert.

All four of Emma Stephens-Bell's sons were sent to take part in the war. Two of them came home Wednesday and a third was scheduled to arrive today.

Edmund Stephens, 31, and Timothy Stephens, 25, arrived

Wednesday. Willard Stephens, 30, was scheduled to arrive today.

Together, they will carry the body of their brother, Christopher Stephens, a 27-year-old staff sergeant, killed when his Bradley Fighting Vehicle was destroyed by heavy-arms fire.

"I'm glad to have them home — but I'm sad about the reason they're here," Mrs. Stephens-Bell said.

The Stephens brothers received special leave after Christopher's death.

Mrs. Stephens-Bell said she doesn't know when her son's body will arrive. She's still not clear about the circumstances surrounding his death.

One of her sons had received eyewitness accounts from soldiers in Christopher's platoon that differed from the version the military provided, she said.

She and her sons refused to elaborate.

Timothy Stephens said he was particularly angry that he was not notified of his brother's death for

five days, and then from family in Houston, not military officials in Saudi Arabia.

"I was lying down when my platoon sergeant told me to call my wife," he said. "I knew it was something bad, that something happened to one of my brothers. I'm right here in Saudi, about 20 miles away, and my wife knew about it before I found out."

Timothy said he was not sure of the cause his brother died for.

"Why were we there? What were we fighting for? I just don't understand," he said. "All I know is I'm in the Army, and I had a job to do. I love my country, and if I had to do it again, I guess I would. But still, today, I don't know why we were fighting."

Edmund Stephens was angered to learn that his brother's body had not yet arrived in Houston.

Mrs. Stephens-Bell said she had been told by military officials that the body was still at Dover Air Force Base, Del., but didn't know when it would arrive here.

Reps switch seats before swearing-in

AUSTIN (AP) — Rep. Glen Maxey, the first openly gay Texas lawmaker, said he will not let jokes by some legislators affect the way he does his job.

"I'm 39 years old. I've lived for 39 years with bigotry, with ignorance, with irrational behavior toward gay people," said Maxey, D-Austin.

"Hopefully, my election and my service in the Texas House of Representatives will do something to educate people that there's nothing to fear," he said.

Several lawmakers changed seats in the House before Maxey was sworn in Wednesday.

Those who returned telephone calls from The Associated Press said their move had nothing to do with Maxey, past director of the Lesbian-Gay Rights Lobby of Texas.

But some said jokes have accompanied the desk changes, and that a small number of lawmakers have voiced concern about Maxey being gay.

"There have been discussions, I

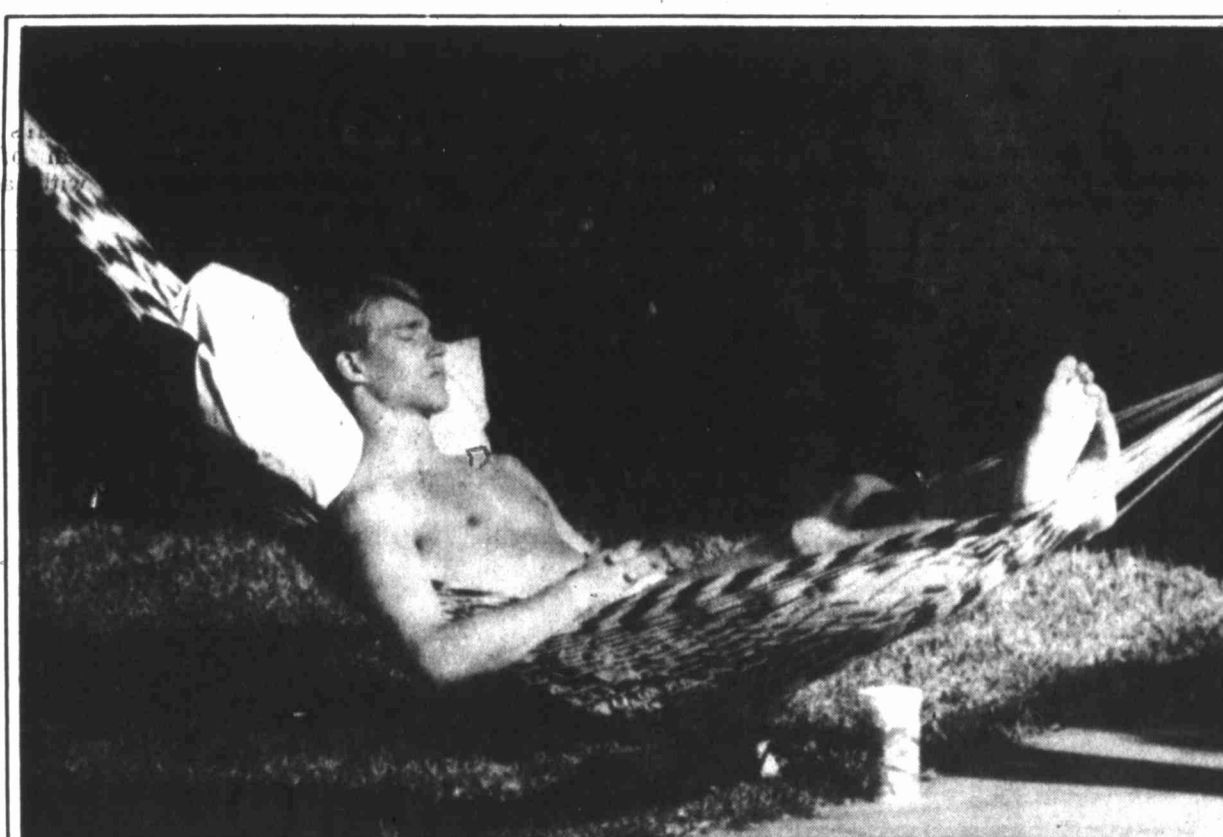
think informal ones, just people who are not comfortable with it. I don't know how much of that is accurate, and how much of it is hallway humor," said Rep. Kevin Brady, R-The Woodlands.

Brady would not name lawmakers who have expressed concern, although he said it was "definitely the minority." He said Maxey's homosexuality should not be an issue.

He said he moved from his desk at the back of the House because he has struck up a friendship with Rep. John Hirschi, D-Wichita Falls, who changed his seat.

Hirschi said he moved up so he could hear better, and that Maxey now is slated to sit behind him. He said he thinks jokes "will quickly die out, and people will get tired of it, and we'll get along about our business."

"Any time you get a large number of males together, you're going to hear some off-color comments. I think there has been a modest amount of that," Hirschi said.



Nap time
SAN ANTONIO — David Doderer, 21, relaxes in his hammock while enjoying 100-degree temperatures here Wednesday. The temperature broke the previous high for the date of 92 degrees set in 1916. The normal high for the date is 71.

Two held in police 'hit' case

HOUSTON (AP) — Three people, including two men serving prison sentences, have been indicted on charges of trying to contract the killings of two policemen who investigate Asian crimes.

Tolee Hanke Nguyen, 19, and Peter Wilson Pak, 20, were indicted by Harris County grand jurors on allegations they solicited the

capital murder of Virgil Price, an officer with the Northwest Tactical Unit.

A woman described as Nguyen's girlfriend, Stacy Michelle Migliavacca, 17, also was indicted.

Prosecutor Dan Rizzo said the two men also had Houston policeman Charley Cash down as a "potential target" for assassination.

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HELP! Volunteers needed to help with cats at the Humane Society Adoption Center. Two hours per week can make a difference. Call 267-6165.

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Wider use of aspirin recommended

ATLANTA (AP) — Researchers are urging doctors to prescribe aspirin more widely for heart attack and stroke survivors following a study showing aspirin can cut the risk of a second heart attack or stroke by 25 percent.

The study analyzed data from 200 experimental trials of aspirin involving 100,000 patients and demonstrated conclusively that aspirin dramatically lowers the risk of a second heart attack or stroke, its authors said Wednesday.

"This is one of the most well-worked out areas in medicine," Richard Peto of Oxford University said at the annual meeting of the American College of Car-

diology. "The curse is that the drug is so bloody cheap that nobody takes it seriously."

Researchers do not know how widely aspirin is used by heart attack and stroke survivors, but Peto said: "Routine practice in many areas is the exact opposite of what patients need. The patients aren't getting protected."

Peto said his study suggests that half an aspirin a day will save 10,000 lives annually among every 1 million Americans treated.

It will also prevent an additional 10,000 non-fatal strokes and heart attacks, which are among the leading causes of disability, he said.

Man awakens after eight years

HIGH POINT, N.C. (AP) — A man was arrested after his cousin came out of an eight-year stupor and named him as the attacker who clubbed him with a log.

Donald Ray Combs, 37, was charged Wednesday with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill in the beating of Conley Holbrook.

When Holbrook, 26, called out for his mother last week, it was the first word he had spoken since his sister found him unconscious in 1982 outside their home in Linwood. Holbrook also named Combs as his attacker.

"Combs is one of the original suspects," said Sheriff Jim Johnson.

Combs and his girlfriend admitted in 1982 that they had been in a fight with Holbrook, said sheriff's Maj. Billy Nail, who investigated the case.

Combs was jailed on \$50,000 bail. Authorities said the girlfriend would not be charged.

The internist who has treated Holbrook since 1983 said it's highly unusual for someone to regain consciousness after more than a few weeks in a vegetative state.



Associated Press photo

Putting the past into the trash

BERLIN — An employee of the city hall of the district of Koepenick, located in former East Berlin, throws portraits of former East German Politbureau members Willi Stoph and Horst Sindermann onto a garbage pile on Wednesday. Formerly, the portraits hung on the walls inside the building.

Proven program needs to be adequately funded

WASHINGTON (AP) — AT&T Chairman Robert Allen says he has gauged the ups and downs of business in many ways over the years, but until now never realized American competitiveness could depend on the size of a baby's head.

"I had never, until now, been as struck by the degree to which we are sacrificing large numbers of an entire generation," Allen said Wednesday at a House Budget Committee hearing on the federal government's feeding program for poor women and their children.

He joined a number of corporate executives in urging Congress to increase spending for programs that promote better nutrition in pregnant women and infants.

The executives said the future of America's labor force depends on improved care of the nation's poor, and that better health and nutrition begins in the womb.

"Initially, we thought we needed to improve the public school curriculum," John Clendennin, chairman and chief executive officer of BellSouth Corp., told the panel. But over the years, it has become apparent that the problems start before birth, he said.

The Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children, commonly called WIC, is designed to prevent the learning and health problems associated with poor nutrition among expectant women and babies.

It is widely acclaimed as highly successful but never has been funded enough to serve all the eligible people.

Among the results of WIC

feeding is increased head size at birth, which directly relates to brain size.

Studies have shown that children whose mothers were in WIC have higher vocabulary test scores in school and those that received WIC food as toddlers and pre-schoolers do better on memory tests.

"From tallies on trade balances to earnings per share, we gauge with regularity the ups and downs and unexpected turns of both nations and industries," said Allen. "Despite my personal familiarity with measures, however, I had never determined a program's validity on the basis of head circumference — until now."

Studies of WIC participants also have shown that every dollar invested in WIC for pregnant women produces \$1.77 to \$3.13 in Medicaid savings for newborns and their mothers in just the first 60 days after birth.

"Seldom in business does an investment have the return on initial investment and long-term strategic value that the WIC program has," said Allen.

"From a business perspective, the program is a near-perfect allocation of resources," said James Renier, Honeywell chairman.

President Bush has requested \$2.57 billion for WIC in fiscal 1992. Congress would have to spend \$3.75 billion to reach all the eligible women and children.

The business executives recommended phasing in full funding over five years.

World

U.S., Israel split on peace process

JERUSALEM (AP) — Foreign Minister David Levy said today that Israel and the United States were split over how to proceed toward Middle East peace.

Levy spoke the morning after President Bush promised "new vigor and determination" in seeking a land-for-peace settlement to Israel's conflict with Palestinians in the occupied territories and other Arabs.

Palestinians were pleased with Bush's pledge, but expressed fears it could amount only to rhetoric on ending the conflict.

Bush's remarks came as Western nations mounted a new diplomatic offensive in the Middle East. Canadian and European foreign ministers were to arrive

in Israel today, and Secretary of State James A. Baker III is due next week.

Interviewed on Israel radio, Levy said Washington had long supported U.N. resolutions 242 and 338, which advocate the land-for-peace formula opposed by the Israeli government. The government is led by the right-wing Likud bloc.

"We are in controversy on this matter," Levy said. "The American administration has joined neither the Zionist movement nor the Likud. They have their positions and we have ours."

Levy said Israel wanted to talk peace with neighboring Arab countries.

Refugee ship runs Italian blockade

BRINDISI, Italy (AP) — Two ships and a barge packed with thousands of Albanians ran a blockade and put into port today, bringing another dreaded wave of refugees from the Communist country, port officials said.

The Italian government, overwhelmed by a weeklong onslaught of thousands of asylum-seekers, issued orders Wednesday for the ships to keep out of port.

But officials said the three vessels with about 6,000 people aboard disregarded appeals from police boats and entered the port

of this city, across the Adriatic Sea from Albania.

Some 3,000 refugees aboard one of the ships were allowed to disembark because the ship was in danger of capsizing, port officials said.

"They are sitting on the dock and we can't do anything except hope it doesn't rain," said a customs officer.

Local officials said they were running out of rooms in hotels, tourist villages, schools and improvised refugee camps, and appealed to the government in Rome for help.

Man claims he was forced to help

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — A young man who claims he was beaten by Winnie Mandela testified in court today that he was forced to hold down a struggling man while her chief bodyguard stabbed the victim in the neck.

The testimony added new details to a case that has strained relations between the white-led minority government and its leading opponent, the African National Congress. The group is led by Nelson Mandela, Winnie's husband.

Mrs. Mandela and three co-defendants are accused of assaulting the four young men at her home over a few days in December 1988. Today's witness, Kenneth Kgase, said Mrs. Mandela accused them of homosexual relations with a white minister.



WINNIE MANDELA

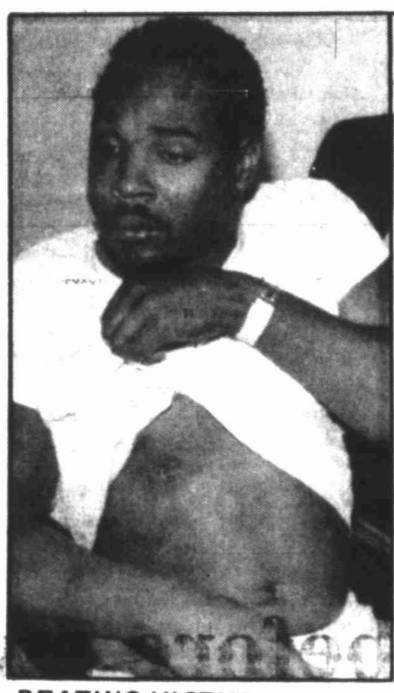
Resisting arrest not yet proved

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Prosecutors refused to immediately charge a man whose beating at the hands of police was captured on videotape, saying officers haven't shown that he resisted arrest.

The man, Rodney Glen King, 25, was released from jail Wednesday night. Brought to a news conference in a wheelchair, he displayed a broken ankle, damaged eye and bruises.

"I'm glad I'm not dead, that's all," said King, whose beating touched off a national outcry after a bystander's video of the confrontation Sunday was shown on network television.

It showed officers shocking an unarmed King with a stun gun, striking at his head, back, arms and legs at least 40 times with nightsticks and stomping and kicking him repeatedly as he lay on the ground or on his knees, hardly moving.



BEATING VICTIM

Zebra startles commuters

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Dutch rail commuters couldn't believe their eyes when a zebra galloped into the station instead of their morning train, a zoo spokesman says.

Vandals broke into Zebra Mike's stables at Blijdorp Zoo Tuesday and frightened the 2-year-old animal so badly that it jumped a 6-foot-high fence, spokesman Kuno Blijenberg said Wednesday.

Mike ran onto a nearby railway line and galloped a kilometer (mile) or so along the tracks, straight into (Rotterdam) Central Station," Blijenberg said.

"You can't say he wasn't noticed," he said.

Zoo workers finally caught up with Mike on a railway bridge in central Rotterdam.

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Opinion

Herald opinion

Coalition must be wise winner

Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf struck exactly the right tone during his desert meeting Sunday (March 3) with Iraqi military officers: no smiles, no humiliation, no humbug. It is the same tone the United States should adopt in dealing with defeated Iraq.

Cease-fires, armistices and surrenders are tricky business. In surrendering its arms, a defeated army is not surrendering its honor. When the victor fails to understand the difference, as the allies did after World War I, the seeds of revanchism and future conflict are sown.

Still, the temptation must have been great for Schwarzkopf to rub the Iraqis' noses in it. By no definition can the performance of Iraq's soldiers be called honorable. The officers went home and the troops deserted. In Kuwait, soldiers who killed the people, torched the wells and polluted the waters, brought shame to the uniform. It seems clear now that allied prisoners were mistreated. Schwarzkopf's iron restraint during the meeting at Safwan was admirable.

But just as a weakened organism is susceptible to disease, a defeated nation is vulnerable to disintegration. A bitter civil war in Iraq is in nobody's interest. While some may desire retribution, the goal is not to create a hateful Iraq, but to build peace and stability in the gulf.

Yes, it would be nice to deliver Saddam into the hands of the Kuwaitis and Saudis, but that is not even a goal. However he is dealt with by the Iraqis, he is a finished man. The hope is that he is not replaced by something just as bad. Certainly the world doesn't need another tyrant or another fundamentalist regime astride the gulf.

The United Nations has insisted and Iraq has agreed that reparations will be paid to Kuwait. That said, they should be based on what Iraq reasonably can pay without plunging the nation into despair and resentment, like Germany experienced after World War I, which cost the world so dearly. Reparations should not be punitive, but based on injuries and damages actually suffered.

Whatever regime emerges in Iraq, it should be prepared to endure a permanent offensive arms embargo. The trip to Moscow Monday by British Prime Minister John Major was to underline that point to the Soviets. Soviet arms made Saddam what he was. To make the mistake twice would be criminally stupid.

Greenhouse effect has been making itself felt

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Random thoughts while watching "Lonesome Dove" on the VCR:

I'm beginning to think there's something to all this talk about a greenhouse effect.

Here it is early March, when temperatures should still be hovering slightly above the freezing mark, and it's warm enough outside to work on your tan.

I went to cover a baseball game the other day and came away with a sunburn on my arms and rapidly balding head. This is a record for the earliest sunburn of the year, as far as I can recollect.

Things are coming to a sorry pass when people start getting sunburned in March. I'm a great believer in the natural order of things, and 90-degree temperatures in late winter are anything but natural.

I can practically hear all the groaning out there now. "Geez, Reagan," you must be saying, "what do you want, snowdrifts?"

Well, no, but I wouldn't mind not getting burned to a crisp before spring break, either.

Speaking of baseball (and we really weren't, but I have space to fill, so what the heck)...

If you feel the urge anytime soon to catch the Hawks, Steers, Bulldogs, et al, in action, here are a few pointers to help you better enjoy the game.

First off, make absolutely sure there is a concession stand or convenience store in the immediate vicinity. Granted, the game is supposed to be the major attraction, but baseball is also a sort of social event, so certain creature comforts are necessary.

Once you have established the

Beyond the realm

location of the concession stand and/or convenience store, you must buy the soft drink of your choice and a bag of sunflower seeds.

Several of you may be wondering why I mention sunflower seeds. The reason is that it is not an official baseball game unless several fans are littering the premises with sunflower shells.

If you walk into an area ballpark and do not notice said shells lying around, you can be assured you are not at a true-blue baseball game. Promptly return to your car, drive home and watch Gilligan Island reruns.

So now you have your soft drink and seeds. You are ready to watch the game. There are a few rules of baseball etiquette you might wish to observe:

- Please refrain from painting exposed body parts and making animal noises. This wakes up the really serious fans.
- Criticizing the umpire is an accepted part of the game, but do so with a certain amount of decorum. For example, it is OK to ask the umpire the location of his seeing eye dog. It is very gauche, however, to question his parentage or economic situation, if you catch my drift.
- Root, root, root for the home team.
- If they don't win, it's a shame.
- And it's one...
- Two...
- Three strikes you're out at the old ball game.

Letters

Letters to the editor on issues of general interest always are welcomed by the Big Spring Herald and always are printed if these guidelines are followed:

Letters should be 350 words or less.

Typeset if possible, and double-spaced. If not, the handwriting must be legible to reduce chances for mistakes.

They are subject to editing, but the essence of the writer's message will not be altered. Letters exceeding the 350-word limit will be cut.

They must be signed, free of libelous statements and in good taste. Political

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Please write your name and address on the letter and include a daytime phone number for verification. Letters submitted without signatures won't be published.

Address letters "To the editor," Big Spring Herald, Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Getting back to business as usual

Art Buchwald



The Lufthansa VIP lounge at Frankfurt airport was jammed with passengers waiting for the Frankfurt-Baghdad flight to depart. Most of them were carrying attache cases bursting with catalogs. They all seemed to know each other.

"Kraus, I haven't seen you since you were selling poison gas grenades to the Republican Guard."

Kraus had a big grin on his face. "I never thought that we'd be going back so soon, Francois. What have you got in your bag?"

"Heavy water. It appears that because of the coalition bombing, Iraq has a shortage, and we're the only people who can meet their specifications."

"Hey, McDonald. I didn't know that the Americans were interested in rearming Iraq."

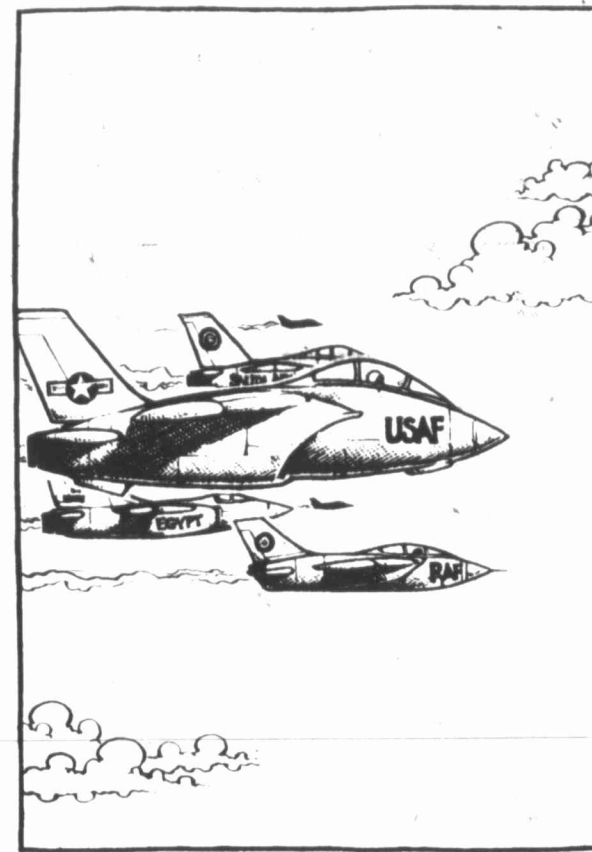
"We're not officially, but no one said we couldn't sell M-1 tanks to Jordan, which could then be transhipped to Baghdad via UPS."

A British salesman in a bowler hat said, "See here, old boy. The British were given rights to supply Iraq with tanks. After all, we are the exclusive tank dealers for the Middle East."

A Russian added, "Ah, but your Chieftain tanks proved to be lemons in the Gulf War. The Iraqis will need something like the T-72 if they are going to violate another U.N. resolution."

The American said, "We are not interested in the armored vehicles. We hope to sell the Iraqis some new long-range artillery so that they won't lose the next war overnight."

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"Does the Pentagon know about this?"

"No, but the Department of Commerce does. The Iraqis may be down on their luck, but they are still a source of big bucks."

The French salesman told the group, "The money to be made in the arms business does not come from original sales but from reorders. We would like to replenish the entire Iraqi missile stockpile with Exocets."

A Chinese businessman dressed in a Mao jacket took a long pipe out of his sample case. "Not after they see our new Silkworm missiles. The Iraqi generals are still mad at how poorly the Exocets performed."

The German salesman intervened, "Let's not fight among ourselves. There is enough business for everybody. Even if the Germans get a contract to build a nuclear factory, we're willing to let someone else supply the delivery systems."

"I think we deserve a break," the Russian said. "We should have priority for all fighter plane sales because we need hard currency to buy riot equipment to stop the traitors in Lithuania..."

The Frenchman told him, "What makes you think that you are a favored nation? Our Mirage jets are superior to your MiGs."

"Then why didn't your Mirages fight well?"

"Because Saddam flew them all to Iran. He didn't want any of them to scratch their paint jobs."

The British salesman said, "Is anybody going to try to sell minesweepers to Iraq?"

There was silence in the room.

"Good, then we won't have to be the lowest bidder."

A woman's voice came over the loudspeaker.

"Lufthansa Flight 244 for Baghdad now leaving from Gate 12. All those needing assistance — and international arms merchants — may board before women and children."

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Iraqi ruffians never wanted to fight

By MARC SCHWARZ

It's one for the books.

Whether the historians christen it the 100 Hours War, or the Six Weeks War, or simply the Gulf War, it will stand as the most dramatic and overwhelmingly successful military operation in U.S. history. Not even the Spanish-American War of 1898 was so quickly decisive and casualty-free: it lasted 10 weeks and cost the U.S. over two and a half thousand lives, the vast majority due to disease — still a relatively cheap price as wars go.

In more recent history, the most graphic, albeit misleading, parallel to the utter collapse of Iraq was the Battle of France in the spring of 1940. It no doubt inspired much of General Norman Schwarzkopf's strategy for the ground assault on Kuwait and southern Iraq.

Like the Iraqis half a century later, the French made the supreme and inexcusable, although readily understandable, error of adopting a static defense against the Germans. They relied almost solely on their defensive fortifications and kept no body of troops in reserve that could be thrown into a decisive counterattack.

Winston Churchill, newly installed as the British Prime Minister, hurried to Paris to reassure the panicked French leaders, who insisted, after less than five days of war, that France was defeated. Arriving there, he found civil servants resignedly burning official documents so they wouldn't fall into German hands. The feeling of defeat permeated every action of the French government.

Guest column



Churchill listened to a briefing by the French Commander-in-Chief, General Gamelin, and then asked, "Where is the strategic reserve?" When he received no answer, he repeated the question in French. After a long pause, Gamelin turned to him and said "Acune — there is none."

It is worth quoting Churchill's reactions to this unexpected bodyblow: "What were we to think of the great French Army and its highest chiefs? It had never occurred to me that any commanders having to defend five hundred miles of engaged front would have left themselves unprotected with a mass of manoeuvre (a strategic reserve)."

But that is exactly what Gamelin and his subordinates did. The much maligned Maginot Line was constructed with the intention of allowing a relatively small number of troops to hold off a force many times its size while the main body of the French army was free to maneuver against the enemy.

Unfortunately for the French, the Maginot Line was never completed (although French propaganda said it stretched from Switzerland to the sea), and the Germans simply marched around it. More importantly, it had become a crutch for the French military, who had, like the Iraqis,

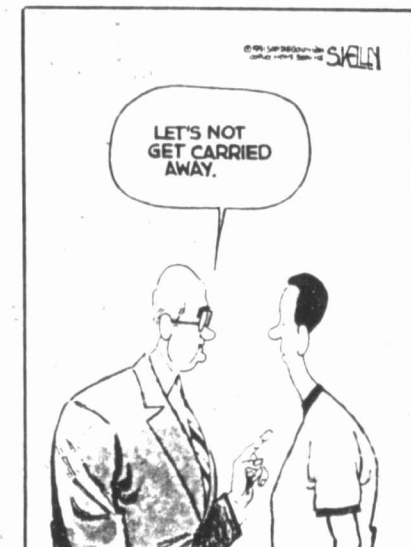
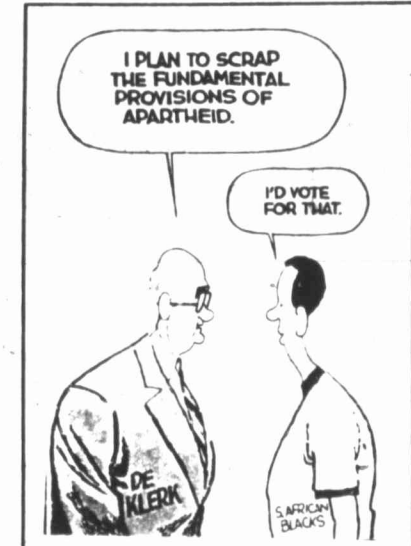
lost the will to fight.

Erwin Rommel, then the commander of the 7th Panzer Division, reported encountering masses of French troops, utterly confused and disorganized, who readily surrendered to him — a report remarkably similar to those from American commanders in the Gulf.

Iraq, like France, was beaten before the war ever began. And Iraq, unlike France, underwent over five weeks of truly intensive bombing, which no doubt broke the Iraqi soldiers' morale completely. Saddam Hussein made devastating strategic mistakes — allowing his army to sit passively while its logistics and lines of communication were devastated; issuing rhetoric, intended to frighten the American people, that only inflamed the American will to fight; botched attempts to draw Israel into the war.

But Saddam ultimately lost the war on the training ground. His conscripted army was divided into two main factions — those who wished to desert and those who wished to loot. Either action destroys an army's discipline, morale, and cohesion. And without those three elements, an army quickly dissolves into a mob.

The number of cars and trucks, loaded with TV sets, jewelry, even furniture, that lie shattered on Kuwaiti highways proves that the Iraqis were more intent on stealing than on fighting, or even on conducting an organized retreat. The Iraqi army proved itself to be the biggest band of ruffians in recent memory, and this fact, more surely than any amount of bombs and missiles, was the cause of its defeat.



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Rosemary Pritchett's honesty earned her a new home

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Rosemary Pritchett's three-bedroom home is the house that honesty built.

Visitors to a February open house saw new windows, wiring and walls. The plumbing has been replaced, along with the furnace. The downstairs is carpeted now, and there are frames for the mattresses in the upstairs bedrooms. The latest addition: two cocker spaniel puppies.

Three months ago, Ms. Pritchett was homeless, living with her three children in a shelter. But then a missing paycheck brought Cheryl Wood into her life — and honesty and human kindness turned her life upside down.

On that November day, Ms. Pritchett, 31, bid \$1,200 — all the money she had in the world — on an abandoned wreck of a house.

On that same day, she found a \$400 paycheck endorsed by Mrs. Wood, a nurse. She did not hesitate. She called the rightful owner.

Mrs. Wood picked up her check that night at the Independence shelter where Ms. Pritchett was living, one of several where she and her children, Jeremiah, 13, Natasha, 9, and Stephanie, 7, had stayed since their arrival in Kansas City in June.

She offered a \$25 reward that Ms. Pritchett reluctantly accepted, on the condition that Mrs. Wood write her a thank you note.

"I wanted the children to know that when you find something, somebody lost it," Ms. Pritchett said.

Mrs. Wood also offered help on the house Ms. Pritchett had bid on. Perhaps she could paint, she said, or help hang wallpaper.

"I said, 'Why don't I call you?'" Ms. Pritchett said. "I didn't want her to know we didn't have walls to paint or paper. (The house) was just a few boards short of being on the endangered list."

Mrs. Wood soon saw it for herself. The boarded-up shell was a long-term project lacking all the essentials — a furnace, electricity, plumbing, even windows. Located across from two vacant lots, it had been abandoned and seized for back taxes by the county, which sold it to Ms. Pritchett through a special program.

The job seemed overwhelming, but Mrs. Wood took it on, working the telephone to find the help the Pritchetts needed. A fellow church member, contractor Charlie Copeland, offered to supervise free of charge. Others jumped in. A plumbing company donated a water heater; a construction supplier built windows. Mrs. Wood's uncle installed them.

The project began to snowball after pre-holiday stories about Ms. Pritchett appeared on a local television station and in the newspaper.



KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Rosemary Pritchett, right, selects a wallpaper pattern with the help of friend Cheryl Wood recently in Pritchett's Kansas City home. The house is being renovated by volunteers.

including Wood, after Pritchett returned her lost paycheck. Pritchett and her three children had been homeless previously.

"We started getting calls, and I started making a list of people," Mrs. Wood said. "One Saturday we

had 17 people down here working, and not one of them knew the other."

Donations poured in, far more than the Pritchetts could use: beds for at least three or four families,

two queen-sized sofa sleepers, six stoves, four refrigerators, boxes of groceries. A car dealer donated a 1986 Hyundai.

Truckloads of furniture were put in storage — donated, like everything else — until it can be distributed to other needy families, who have contacted Ms. Pritchett for help.

"From being homeless, I know the places where people kind of fall through the cracks," she said. "And those are the people we are trying to help. That's why this happened to me — because God knew I'd share."

A sexually abused child in Saginaw, Mich., who bounced through a series of foster homes and schools, Ms. Pritchett said she later was battered by one man, betrayed by another and raped by a third.

Evicted from public housing and living on a \$386-a-month disability check, the Pritchetts found themselves in homeless shelters, saving what they could and dreaming of a home.

"She's very determined and can accomplish an awful lot," said Mrs. Wood, who speaks with her new friend daily. "And her kids are incredible."

"I've tried, no matter what, to maintain a sense of family," Ms. Pritchett said. "No matter where we were, we were the Pritchetts. We were honest."

Hyper-violent book sold without fanfare

NEW YORK (AP) — "American Psycho," Bret Easton Ellis' hyper-violent novel about a yuppie serial killer, is creeping quietly onto bookstores' back shelves without benefit of window displays, newspaper ads or talk show spots.

Booksellers argue over how the book should be handled, and a West Hollywood, Calif., shop called Book Soup has even stuffed this disclaimer into its copies:

"Dear Reader: Book Soup is making this book available to you because of our commitment to the doctrine of freedom of expression. This should not be construed to be an endorsement of the contents."

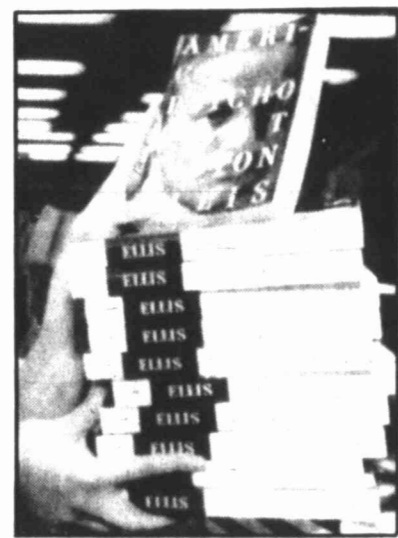
The book is being issued in paperback by Vintage Books following its cancellation last year by Simon & Schuster. A debate has raged in publishing circles over whether S&S was guilty of cowardly censorship or good taste.

The book is filled with accounts of mayhem and torture; the victims of the investment banker protagonist include a dog, a homeless man, a 5-year-old boy and numerous women.

The book has been almost universally condemned by critics. Jonathan Yardley of *The Washington Post* called it "a contemptible piece of pornography, the literary equivalent of a snuff flick."

The Los Angeles chapter of the National Organization for Women has called for a boycott of Vintage books and said it would distribute information about violence against women outside stores that sell the book.

Meanwhile, Ellis, interviewed in Wednesday's *New York Times*, said he has received 13 anonymous death threats, including several with photographs of him in which his eyes have been poked out or an ax drawn



STORE DISPLAY OF "AMERICAN PSYCHO" through his face.

"It's a little dismaying," he said.

"I had no idea the novel would provoke the reception it's gotten, and I still don't quite get it," the 26-year-old writer told *the Times*. "But then I was not trying to add members to my fan club. You do not write a novel for praise, or thinking of your audience. You write for yourself; you work out between you and your pen the things that intrigue you."

Vintage, which printed about 60,000 copies, hardly gave the book an enthusiastic sendoff. It neither stuck promotional material into reviewers' copies nor arranged a publicity tour for Ellis.

And the book, which is filled with the names and descriptions of consumer gadgets, designer clothes and chic restaurants, contains a disclaimer of its own.

A paragraph at the beginning says the book's contents are "imaginary and are not intended to refer to any living persons or to disparage any company's products or services."

Mother of all meteors is sighted

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A brilliant fireball that looked like "a boomerang on its side" with a greenish-red tail streaked across the sky over much of the Northeast Wednesday morning, authorities said.

The fireball flashed over southeastern Pennsylvania shortly after 3 a.m., according to Jim Krimm, an air traffic controller at Philadelphia International Airport.

A pilot radioed that it "appeared to be the mother of all meteors," Krimm said. "He said he had never seen anything (like it) in all his time flying."

Observers in Martinsburg, W.Va., Atlantic Highlands, N.J., and Ithaca, N.Y., and from southwestern New Hampshire to Bangor, Maine, reported seeing the fireball. Federal Aviation Administration representatives said pilots reported the fireball to several airports in northern New Jersey.

"This was big," said New York state trooper Richard Haas. "I've seen shooting stars before and this was nothing like that."

FAA spokeswoman Diane Spitalieri said pilots who called airports in Teterboro, N.J., and Garden City, N.Y., said the bright light was moving back and forth over New York City.

Mark Barton, a police officer near Boston, said it looked like "a boomerang on its side. A cluster of lights with a big red firetail behind it."

Stan Gordon of the Pittsburgh-based Pennsylvania Association for the Study of the Unexplained, a clearinghouse for UFO reports, said he received reports describing a fireball that lasted five to six seconds, with a green tail mixed with some red color.

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- During the first 9 weeks of the Herald's 10 week contest, the Herald will publish at least 2 telephone numbers as chosen by random draw from all entries received, in the advertisements of at least 2 participating merchants on the Telephone Numbers Sweepstakes page each day from Tuesday to Sunday. The value of each of the numbers published from Tuesday thru Sunday, will be \$10. Each Monday of the first 9 weeks of the contest, the Herald will also publish at least 2 telephone numbers also chosen by draw from all entries received. These numbers will appear in at least 2 of the merchant's ads on the contest page. The value of the numbers published each Monday during the first 9 weeks of the contest, will be \$25.
- The 10th and final week of the contest, will be known as Grand Prize Week. From Monday to Thursday of this week (May 6-9) 2 telephone numbers, as drawn from all entries, will be published in the advertisements of 2 participating merchants. The value of each of these numbers will be \$50. On Friday, May 10, one number, as drawn from all entries received, will be published in the ad of one of the participating merchants. The value of this number will be \$250. On Sunday, May 12, the final day of the contest, one telephone number drawn from all entries received will be published in the advertisement of one of the participating merchants chosen by drawing. The value of this number, known as the Grand Prize Number will be \$500.
- All entries drawn during the contest, up to and including May 10, will be returned to the draw drum the day following the publication of the telephone number.
- The holder of a telephone number published in the Herald's Telephone Number Sweepstakes Contest from March 4 to May 12, must call the Big Spring Herald at 263-7331, by no later than 5:30 p.m. on the 7th business day following the publishing of the winning number. Contest Department hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. The contest office is not open on Saturdays, Sundays or Statutory holidays. Upon reporting a winning telephone number, the holder of the number will be advised of the steps to follow to claim the prize. Published telephone numbers reported to the Herald following the close of the contest department on the 7th business day following publication of the number, will not be accepted and will not be eligible to claim a prize.
- The holder of the Grand Prize telephone number as published on May 12, the final day of the contest, must call the contest department of the Herald at 263-7331 no later than 5:30 p.m. on May 23, 9th business day, following publication of the winning number. Business hours are shown in rule number 5. If the Grand Prize, relating to the telephone number published in the Herald on May 12, has not been claimed by the close of the contest department office on the 9th business day following publication, a 2nd Grand Prize number will be published on the 10th business day following the publication of the initial Grand Prize number. This process will be repeated, until the Grand Prize has been claimed.
- If a successful winner receives 6-day home delivery of the Big Spring Herald, by carrier, motor route delivery, or mail, this person will receive an additional cash amount, equivalent to their prize. The winner must be receiving home delivery the day the winning number appears in the Herald.
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Woman afraid parents will object about age difference

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 23-year-old woman and I'm dating a 47-year-old man. I am very mature for my age and have always seemed to relate better to older men. Our relationship is very serious and he's asked me to marry him. Al treats me wonderfully, and I would love to spend the rest of my life with him.

Here's the problem: Al is my mother's age, and I'm afraid if my parents find out the age difference, they will be against our marrying. My mother thinks he's 42, which is OK with her, but I'm sure five more years would make a difference. I try not to let other people influence my decisions, but my parents are a big part of my life and it's not easy for me when we disagree.

Abby, this man is wonderful, and we both think we are right for each other and the age difference shouldn't make a difference. Do you think it does? — IN LOVE WITH AL

DEAR IN LOVE: The age difference is not the issue. The fact that you consider yourself "mature" and are still lying to your parents in order to win their approval is. Be honest with your

Dear Abby



parents about this man's age. If Al is all you say he is and your parents are intelligent people, the age difference won't matter.

DEAR ABBY: There is a man I work with who always needs a ride somewhere. He owns a car, but it doesn't run. He bums rides to work, to the bank, to lunch, to the mall after work — and these rides are not along the way; they're sometimes 15 or 20 minutes out of the way.

It's not just me he hitches rides from. It seems like it's just me who minds. There are two co-workers who pick him up every morning for work. He doesn't have a phone, so when he decides he's not going to work, they have to drive the whole way to find out.

While giving him a ride, I had to stop for gas and discovered I had no cash with me, so he gave me \$3,

which I assumed was a gift in return for all the free rides I had given him. Three days later, he asked me if I had forgotten about the \$3 I owed him! I reluctantly gave him \$3, but it really burned me up. After that I was so mad, I decided he would never get a ride from me again.

Now, I find myself hiding when it's quitting time and making up stupid excuses to get out of giving him a ride. I don't know what is more annoying: the rides, or this. How can I get out of this mess? — HATES FREELoadERS

DEAR HATES: Be up-front and tell him he can no longer depend on you for free transportation. And if he asks why you suddenly made that decision, tell him the truth, and don't pull any punches.

CHUCKLE (OR GROAN) FOR TODAY: "Asking a working writer what he thinks about critics is like asking a lamppost how it feels about dogs." — Christopher Hampton

Abby's family recipes are included in her cookbooklet! Send a long, business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

School releases names for fourth six week honor roll

By CLARA JUSTICE

The fourth six weeks of school has been completed and students are looking forward to spring break, which begins on Monday, March 11.

Students who made the all "A" honor roll include: elementary students — kindergarten — Will Allen, Justin Barnes, Jessie Bennett, Megan Christian, Rusty Crawford, Kasey Hucklebee, Tawna Jacobs, Cory Mulkey, Layne Scott, Cliff Turner, Seth Stovall, Tiffany Starritt, Carl Wise, Steven Mendez, Natalie Rodgers, Billy Bob Walker, Ricky Crawford, Lauren Green, Christina Hendrix, Kendra Brownfield, Tad Cook, Sarah Dunlap, Kyle Long, Alicia Rodriguez, Leticia Rodriguez, Ryan Sayles, and Michelle Walker; first grade — Adam Aguirre, Andy Belew, Jacob Lawson, Nolan Paige, Ashley Woolverton, Sugi Willard, Lynn Mayo, Shawna Broughton, Brad Fryrear, Brandi Hutchison, Jerrod Simmons, Cory Cook, Karen Sterling, Amanda Bayes and Derek DeHoyos; second grade — Rhonda Barnett, Kara Jeffcoat, Kayla Phillips, Luke Bowlin, Justin Fishback, Tori Johnson, Thomas New, Brittney Prater, Blane Wright, Meridith Barr, Blake Coates and Melissa Keith; third grade — Andrea Fryrear, Jessica Hogg, Tyler Marshall, Ashlie Simmons, Bobbi Spiller, Becky Valencia, Derek Ward, Joe

Coahoma
By Clara Justice
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Brice Wright, Jennifer Dunlap, Amanda Morales, Norma Requejo, Josie Johnson, Lee Marshall, Troy Wallace, Kristen Marshall, Eric Milliken, Justin Phillips, Cody Teeler and Justin Ward; fourth grade — David White, Jody Rodgers, and Cade Park; fifth grade — Allen Dunlap, Shana Earnest, Steven Prater, Riley Hipp, Tara Sterling, Felisha Cevallos, Renea Rister and Lucas Phinney; sixth grade — Aaron Barr, Cindy Birdwell, Krissi Hayes, Judd Cahey, Freddie Olivas, Deana Ross, Emily Sanders, Jessica Wallace and Marshall Wright.

Junior High all "A" honor roll students are: seventh grade — Andrea Cevallos, Shaun Marien, and Tina Melendrez; eighth grade — Gerardo Armendarez, Lori Brockman, Mandy Calhoun, Darby Dorton, Kayle Hayes, Angela Lewis, Chris Mathison, Jerriam Mitchell, Angie Requejo, Eli Sanders, Jennifer Sullivan, Ray Wallace, Justin Wood and Nicole Wright.

High school honorees include: freshmen — Kelly Gray, Joni

Rodriguez and Adam Wallace; sophomores — Elizabeth Gent, Corey Mason, Sharla Rash and Melinda Riley; juniors — Chryselda Armendarez, Drew Bell, Corky Mitchell, Gloria Moron, Denise Walker and Doug Wallace; seniors — Shawnte Bryant, Sherri Cox, Eric Drewerys, Keith Fontana, Rusty Ginetti, Anne Granado, Sarah Hanks, Leah Mathison, Stephanie Mauch, Brian Scoggins, David Taylor and Mandi Walling.

Annual variety show tonight

Don't forget to attend the senior's annual variety show tonight in the high school auditorium. The show begins at 8 p.m. and tickets are \$3.

Lions sponsor pancake supper

The Coahoma Lions Club annual pancake supper will begin at 5 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria.

Student of the week

Elementary student of the week is Becky Gonzales. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Gonzales and was nominated for the honor by Principal Mr. Turner.

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Former Presid Reagan file to air Tues

It's Ronald Reagan in one of western films on Tuesday in a feature movie, "Order." It's the lawyerman who has vying down but, will find themselves in marshal, peren Reagan must rescue. The channel Patrick's De Wednesday. The leprechaun, was writ starring Anne Tyrone Power. (Power) finds his a lovely Irish co strange twist who involved with an leprechaun.

McMurry open audit

Auditions for University's first theater, "Sweeney Todd," will be held March 10 at 7 p.m. Auditions, which the public, begin at 7 p.m. at the Abilene Center on the 10 women and presented May 1-8 in the first. "Sweeney Todd" thriller, was writ Sondheim and F Persons planning should prep (preferably by 5 bring their own accompanist will Reading scripts a reserve in the Library at McMurry. For more info 915-691-6304.



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Attention class enter the world to play school w Street character Sesame Street I of "Let's Play S to the Chaparr Midland, Tuesday Wednesday, April performances. Tickets go on the Chaparral Endless Horizon in Midland and prices are \$9.50 count, courtesy of All seats are \$8 night, courtesy of the M I Reporter/Teleg day, April 3 at 4 Cookies Matinee \$7, courtesy of Wednesday, April is KPEJ Watch

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Former President Ronald Reagan can be seen Tuesday on the Family Channel.

Reagan film to air Tuesday

It's Ronald Reagan to the rescue in one of his classic western films on TV.

The former president stars Tuesday in a Family Channel feature movie, "Law and Order." It's the story of an ex-lawman who has visions of settling down but, when the locals find themselves in dire need of a marshal, perennial good-guy Reagan must come to the rescue.

The channel plans a St. Patrick's Day Classic Wednesday.

The leprechauns come out in the 1947 "The Luck of the Irish," starring Anne Baxter and Tyrone Power. A reporter (Power) finds his romance with a lovely Irish colleen taking a strange twist when they become involved with an unpredictable leprechaun.

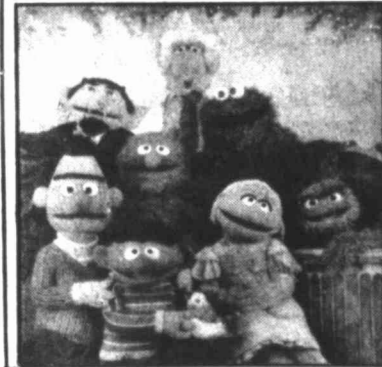
McMurry plans open auditions

Auditions for McMurry University's first summer dinner theater production, *Sweeney Todd*, will be held Sunday, March 10 and 24.

Auditions, which are open to the public, begin at 7 p.m. in the Amy Graves Ryan Fine Arts Center on the campus in Abilene. The play, with a cast of 10 women and 14 men, will be presented May 31-June 1 and June 6-8 in the fine arts center.

Sweeney Todd, a musical thriller, was written by Stephen Sondheim and Hugh Wheeler. Persons planning to audition should prepare a song (preferably by Sondheim) and bring their own sheet music. An accompanist will be provided. Reading scripts are available on reserve in the Jay-Rollins Library at McMurry.

For more information, call 915-691-6304.



Bert, Ernie, Prairie Dawn, The Count, Grover, Big Bird, Cookie Monster and Oscar the Grouch are coming to Midland.

Sesame Street sets Midland show

Attention class! It's time to enter the world of pretend, and to play school with the Sesame Street characters in the all-new Sesame Street Live production of "Let's Play School," coming to the Chaparral Center in Midland, Tuesday, April 2 and Wednesday, April 3 for three performances.

Tickets go on sale Monday at the Chaparral Center and Endless Horizons Record Stores in Midland and Odessa. Ticket prices are \$9.50 with a \$1.50 discount, courtesy of J.C. Penney. All seats are \$6.50 on opening night, courtesy of KMID-TV and the Midland Reporter/Telegram. Wednesday, April 3 at 4 p.m. is Milk and Cookies Matinee. All seats are \$7, courtesy of Magic 102. Wednesday, April 3 at 7:30 p.m. is KPEJ Watch Night.

Symphony to feature youth

The 1990 winners of the National Young Artist Competition (NYAC) will be featured in a Classical concert presented by the Midland-Odessa Symphony and Chorale on Friday, March 15, at the Lee High School Auditorium in Midland, and on Saturday, March 16, at the Bonham Junior High School Auditorium in Odessa.

For information call 563-5269.

Night Hawks jam at capitol

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Howard College's Night Hawk Jazz Band performed in Austin during the current legislative session at the invitation of the Texas Public Community and Junior College Association.

Adolph Labbe, HC music coordinator, said the band enjoyed themselves, entertained the crowd, and weren't even overdressed.

Gov. Ann Richards declared February state community and junior college month. To promote the community college and provide information about its function and role, the TSP-JCA staffed information booths in the Rotunda at the state Capitol.

TPC-JCA sponsored community and junior college musical groups to perform during the week. Colleges representing different

musical styles were selected to appear.

Labee said he had been contacted in December by officials of Palo Alto College, a part of the Alamo Community College out of San Antonio about the possibility of his band appearing.

Labbe said he traveled with 17 students on Feb. 19, and the band performed Feb. 20. He said Blinn College in Branham performed pop vocals the day HC presented jazz.

"There's an arrangement by a Dallas man called *Texas Medley*, that was one number. Another is called *Coming at You*, that was arranged by Ralph Gingery from Austin. It went very well. The crowd was very receptive," said Labbe, adding that the band also did *I Can't Stop Loving You*, and *Gary's Place*.

Labee said HC's jazz band con-

sists of the "traditional instruments" including trumpets, saxophones, trombones, and a "full rhythm section" — piano, bass and drums. When needed, a smaller group from the 17 members might be arranged, he said.

Labee said he was hesitant at first for the band to wear their tuxedo costumes, because the performances were scheduled at noon. "I was concerned about us being overdressed," he said. But the group from Brinn also wore similar clothing, so Labbe said he felt comfortable.

"We had a good time. It was a very fast trip," he said.

The jazz band kept busy last week, he said. After the performance in Austin, they returned and played in Midland and again at a basketball game at the college.



The tuxedo-clad members of the Night Hawk Jazz Band showed their stuff for Texas state officials during the current legislative session in Austin recently. They were part of a state-wide effort to celebrate community college and junior college month.

Rock says film-making career was fun — for a while

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

Big Springer Wayne Rock has only one regret about his career in the film industry — that he didn't get out of it sooner.

Rock, now a member of the Howard County Fair Board and a substitute teacher, worked in the film production industry for more than 30 years.

"If I had it to do again, I would have gotten out of film-making sooner and into education," Rock said. He retired from film-making in 1982, and currently enjoys substitute teaching at Forsan Schools.

He was no movie star, and most of his work contributed to educational films, but Rock admits the career "had its moments."

"I certainly don't want to boast about it, but I believe I've had a little part in helping to document something for history," he said.

Rock studied film production in Dallas after his military service ended. Then he entered the University of Oklahoma, where he spent nine years learning and working in commercial photography and motion picture production.

While studying and working at OU, Rock participated in the production of American Indian culture films, took yearbook photos for students, and helped produce OU coach Bud Wilkinson's talk show, on which Bob Hope was once a

guest. Several films produced by the university — including a military training film and an educational film for nurses — are still used today.

The department made a documentary, "Mental Hospital," to counter the negative image of Hollywood's "Spiral Staircase," about the mentally ill. Rock was recruited for a new challenge — acting.

"Every morning at 4 a.m. for eight months I got up and went to the state hospital, slipped into my bed and acted like a patient," he explained. For inspiration, he looked around him.

"It was mostly a matter of imitating the others," he explained. "You had to act the way they did, or they would know you were an outsider... Like, they always wanted to know why I had a private room."

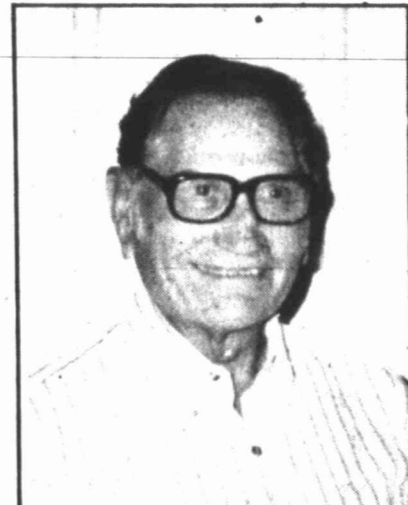
Rock said he had to overcome a "terrible" Oklahoma accent for the occasional acting and narration he was asked to do.

"They trained me reading Shakespeare over (the sound of) running water," he said. Now, he admits, he has taken on a West Texas accent.

He said probably the most interesting film he ever made was "1776," made for the National Archives. The training film was supposed to teach trainees about the



Rock, shown in the left photo during 1961 operating a film editing machine, enjoyed more than 30 years in the film production industry. Now, (right photo) he volunteers in the community and substitutes as a teacher in Forsan.



same time, they produced a program about smoking and drug abuse.

"We expected that motion and time study to sell, and the other one, we weren't sure," he said. "But the universities and high schools bought the smoking film. We couldn't keep enough of them in stock."

He left his job in St. Louis for a year to work in Houston, making "Faith 7," which documented the orbit during which an astronaut was mysteriously lost.

The crew tried to re-create the "before, during and after" of the mission, and NASA officials used the film later as a learning tool.

The educational film industry changed drastically during the more than 30 years he was part of it, Rock said.

"We dealt with the history of people, the past," he said. "Now we've come down to a time when you deal with the life of people. The events of today are not just creating history, they are causing a total change of life."

Although he visited Hollywood, and considered making the move to commercial films, Rock said it was too much of a "rat race." For his part, he said using film to educate and record history was a more interesting and rewarding career.

"But I still say, if I could have, I'd have become a teacher earlier," he said.

value of caring for records. For that project, Rock helped with research as well as production.

Another challenging project was the filming of one of the first open-heart surgeries in St. Louis, where Rock worked and taught a college course for some time. The surgery was performed on two dogs: the doctor transferred the hearts from one to another, and both animals lived.

"We shot (filmed) so close, you couldn't even tell they weren't

human," Rock explained. He admitted filming such graphic, real-life blood and guts made it difficult to eat dinner later.

Hollywood producers take multi-million dollar risks, but Rock's work involved prediction and speculation as well.

"When I started, anything you could make would sell," he said. "But there were times you missed the mark." While working in St. Louis in 1963, Rock and a group of producers made an educational short about motion and time. At the



Arrival
Lynn Whitfield arrives Monday at the Los Angeles premiere of "The Josephine Baker Story," a movie about the legendary entertainer and civil rights activist. Whitfield plays the musical biography's title character, directed by husband Brian Gibson, pictured accompanying his wife to the showing.

Brass Nail brings Russell to town for Saturday show

Leon Russell is set to perform Saturday night at the Brass Nail.

Club co-owner Denny McCullough said Russell is "the biggest star that's been there since we've been here." He and Shelton Castle have owned the Brass Nail for five years.

"(Russell) is very well respected in the music business and we're just real tickled to have him," McCullough said. Apparently, so are many local residents: the club has had a large number of calls requesting ticket information. Fans are expected to come from Midland/Odessa and San Angelo as well as Big Spring and surrounding cities.

There has been some confusion about the date, however, McCullough said. Due to a mistake made by the Dallas publicist, the show was advertised to take place Friday.

"We want to make sure

everybody knows it's Saturday night," he explained.

Russell, a performer whose career has spanned decades, will perform solo, backed up by computerized equipment that adds a unique sound to his piano. Officials of Dallas-based Paradise Productions said the show will be "pure Leon."

The Nail's doors will open at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 through Saturday, and \$15 at the door. They are available at the club office and Smallwood's in Big Spring.

Russell, 48, was born in Apache, Okla. and now lives in Hendersonville, Tenn., located near Nashville. His wife, Jan, has performed on many of Russell's albums. They have three children.

Russell is planning an album to be produced by Bruce Hornsby. Paradise Productions has announced.

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India pledges to eradicate leprosy

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — The government has pledged to wipe out leprosy in this decade, but it is far too late for Laxman, a 70-year-old with no fingers or toes who begs outside a hospital.

Laxman contracted the disease 35 years ago in his remote home village in northern India, where he was a farm laborer. It began with white blotches on his hands and feet, which gradually became large wounds.

It was miles to the nearest hospital that supplied Dapsone, the only anti-leprosy drug then available.

"I was too poor to afford a pair of shoes," Laxman said, "so I walked barefoot to the hospital." He said the rough roads grazed his ulcerated feet but he felt no pain because the disease had deadened the nerves.

Doctors told Laxman he would have to take Dapsone all his life to keep the disease at bay, but the hospital didn't have a regular supply of the drug and "there were times when I was sick and couldn't make it."

Laxman is free of leprosy now, but cannot work, and for 20 years has made his living as a beggar outside the hospital.

He is one of an estimated 4 million lepers in India, which has more than any other country — about one-third of the world's cases.

Pursuing its pledge to eradicate the disease by the end of the century, the government began the annual anti-leprosy week in January by launching public-awareness programs and opening several new treatment centers.

India spends \$17.8 million a year to combat leprosy, which cripples, disfigures and paralyzes but rarely kills, and can be cured if detected early.

It is caused by the mycobacterium leprae bacillus, which first afflicts the skin and then invades the peripheral nerves, paralyzing the muscles and tendons.

Doctors say few victims know leprosy is curable and many lepers, fearing social ostracism, hide the early symptoms and avoid medication.

The government did not make concerted efforts to control the disease until 1982, when it provided multidrug therapy in two of the 200 districts where leprosy was endemic.

Only four more districts had been added by 1985, but the treatment reached 137 in 1990. The government hopes to have multidrug therapy in all endemic districts by the end of this year, said B.N. Mittal, a Health Department official who coordinates federal anti-leprosy programs.

Mittal said that still would leave 500,000 to 600,000 untreated lepers, about 15 percent of all cases. Theoretically, he said, they would not spread the infection and it eventually would disappear unless there were new outbreaks.

Leprosy is believed to be communicable only through long and close contact, but poor, undernourished people can harbor and spread it for many years without visible signs. A complete cure requires multidrug treatment for at least two to three years.

Even after they are cured, lepers are shunned by society and denied jobs.

Many Indians believe leprosy is a curse of the gods. Seven of the 25 states still enforce a 1898 law that bars lepers from government jobs, the use of public transport and inheriting property.

"Our weakest link is lack of rehabilitation," Mittal said of the lepers. "It's unfortunate that we can kill the bacilli, but can't restore their dignity."

Nearly all the government's anti-leprosy budget goes for treatment and little provision is made for rehabilitation, he said.

Charities and Christian missions have opened leper homes, but there is little help in remote and underdeveloped regions.

Many cured lepers, like Laxman, work as beggars, living in shanties or overcrowded leper colonies.

Dr. Stephen Atwood, an American who has coordinated several health projects in India, said: "We're looking at whole people here, not just diseases. I don't think you can handle medical care without social rehabilitation."



Associated Press photo

World Press photo winner

French photographer Georges Merillon of the Gamma photo agency won the 1991 World Press Photo award for this photo of villagers mourning a victim of ethnic unrest who was shot by govern-

ment troops in Yugoslavia's Kosovo province. Merillon's photo was picked from 11,521 entries by 1,390 photographers in one of Europe's most prestigious photojournalism contests.

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Names in the news

Singer is not developer

BRENTWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Folk singer Joan Baez owns 140 acres of ranch land about to be developed, but don't call her a developer.

Baez bought the land with two partners in 1969 but first laid eyes on it three years ago at the insistence of her business manager, Jeanne Murphy.

And it's Murphy who's behind a plan to build more than 600 homes on the property about 50 miles east of San Francisco.

Baez was having money problems when she turned to Murphy for assistance eight years ago. When Murphy sorted through Baez' papers she discovered the 140 acres, by now the sole property of the one-time



JOAN BAEZ



ROGER STAUBACH

darling of the anti-establishment during the 1960s.

"It's the only real estate she owns, outside of her house in Palo Alto and the place where her mother lives," Murphy said.

Calling signals again

DETROIT (AP) — Former Dallas Cowboys quarterback Roger Staubach is calling the signals again — not on a football field, but in real-estate negotiations.

Dallas-based Staubach Co. has a growing list of corporate clients, most recently Toyota Motor Corp., which wants to build a research and development complex near the heart of the U.S. auto industry.

Staubach and his company, which recently opened a Detroit office, represented the Japanese automaker for 11 months in its search for a home for the project.

The company chose a 1,000-acre plot 35 miles northwest of Detroit.

Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 1991

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! IN THE NEXT YEAR OF YOUR LIFE:

Your hard work pays off handsomely now. Tremendous progress can be made toward career advancement and financial security. A new business venture will bring attractive fringe benefits next August. Travel in September, but listen to your loved ones when they urge you to save more money in November. The winter holidays put you in touch with long-lost friends.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Enjoy the limelight and the extra attention you get now. Share your hopes for the future with someone who needs reassurance. A last-minute schedule change allows you to run an important errand.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Someone who has shunned you in the past now wants to do business. Your popularity rises when you participate in group activities. Welcome a golden opportunity to make new friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Events at a distance could bring you new hope of personal fulfillment. Loved one makes a surprising decision. Other people give freely to you. An old romance is rekindled.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Murky or uncharted waters lie ahead. Proceed straight ahead. You will find the answers or financial backing you need. Family members are your strongest allies. Show more appreciation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You reach a turning point where your loved ones and mutual funds are concerned. Your foresight pays off. A younger relative expresses admiration for your ability to plan ahead.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A closed-door conference may be part of the day's plan. Finish old business before starting new projects. A phone call or message contains a valid hint. Keep your friends by refusing to gossip.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The spotlight is on your relationship with an older person. Your sense of humor rescues you from a ticklish situation. A family member will be very supportive this weekend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Family members' request deserves a diplomatic response. Real estate could be the source of a second income. A marital relationship profits from a candid chat. Avoid indulging in self-pity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Contact an influential associate. Someone is ready to make a deal. Discuss educational matters and purchase books. A new acquaintance adds glamour to your social life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A personal relationship demands "kid glove" handling now. Your efforts will be richly rewarded. Welcome a unique financial opportunity. Spend some time on your own this weekend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Complete old business before moving on to new enterprises. A financial situation can be stabilized. You find more good will in a negotiation than anticipated. Plan a special treat for your offspring.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Adhere to a business schedule. Romance may be clouded in the morning but will turn happy by evening. A loan should be repaid without further delay. Invest any extra money.

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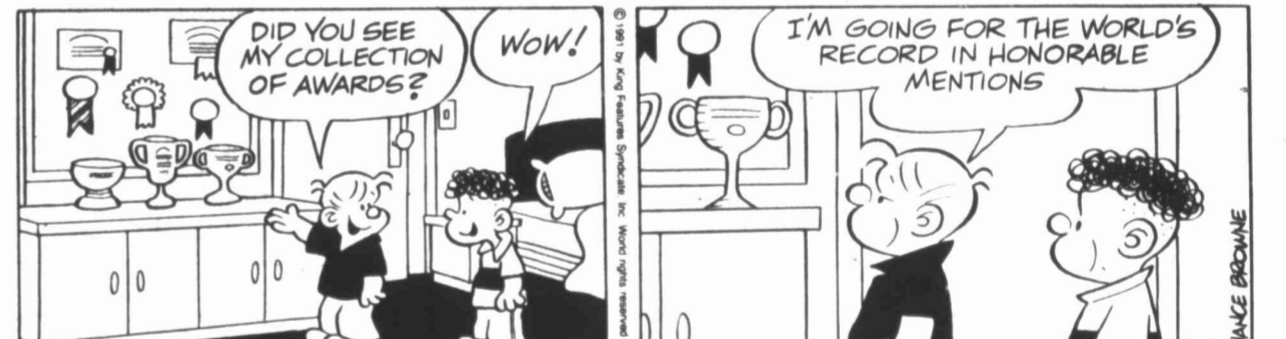
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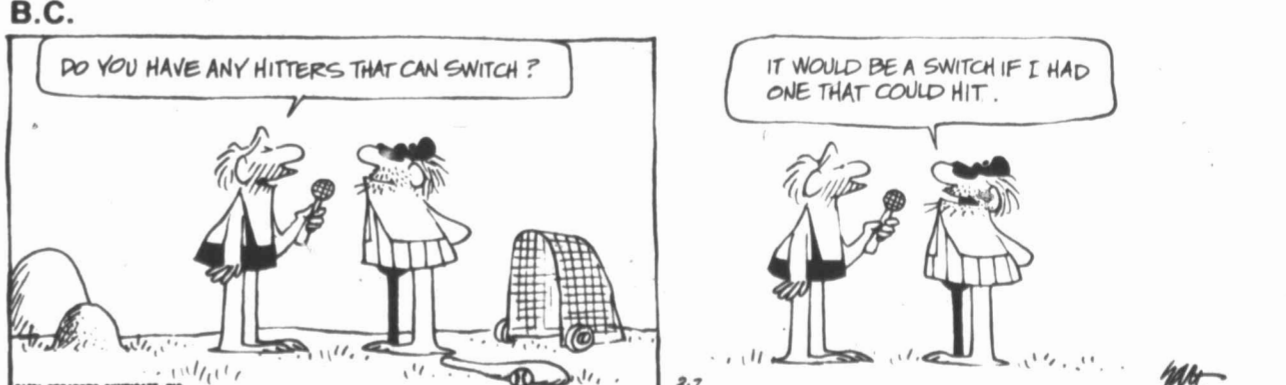
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U.S. troops headed home

U.S. soldiers, some still caked with desert sand, began leaving Saudi Arabia today in the first large-scale troop departures from the Persian Gulf. They left behind an Iraq where Saddam Hussein's troops were said to be executing dissidents and scattering the corpses in the streets as a warning.

Jubilant American soldiers made V-for-victory signs as they boarded military transport planes in the Saudi desert where they had spent nearly seven months training, waiting — and finally fighting a lightning war.



AURORA, Colo. Ruth Dillow, left, Chanute, Kan., hugs her son, U.S. Army Pfc. Clayton Carpenter, as the two met at Fitzsimons Army Medical Center in Aurora. Carpenter was declared dead in the war last week even though he was alive suffering injuries in the final days of the conflict.

The missing include about three dozen foreign journalists who vanished while trying to cover the anti-Saddam rebellion that flared in southern Iraq after the allies routed Iraq's troops last week, en-

"We've done what the world wanted us to do. Now it's time to go home."

2nd Lt. Alfred Sullivan

ding the war. Cable News Network quoted a Red Cross official today as saying more than 20 of the journalists would be turned over to the Red Cross, possibly on Friday. CNN also quoted the official as saying said the Iraqis would be releasing about 2,000 Kuwaitis who had been held hostage.

The Red Cross in Geneva had said earlier a delegation had traveled to Basra today to assess humanitarian needs.

As for prisoners of war, the allies hold about 63,000 Iraqi soldiers, and the Iraqis say they have freed all their allied captives.

Fifteen American POWs freed on Tuesday were recuperating today aboard the U.S. hospital ship Mercy in the Persian Gulf. Sailors and medical personnel welcomed them aboard Wednesday with applause

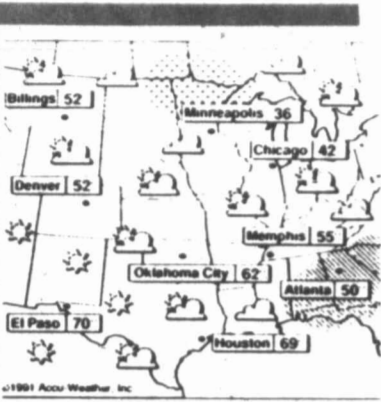
and shouts of "Welcome back!" Doctors who examined the former captives said some had suffered battle injuries, some had been slightly injured in allied bombing raids and most had been "slapped around" by their Iraqi captors.

Their release left 24 Americans unaccounted for in the war.

The war's end only brought new fighting in southern Iraq, where refugees said Saddam's Republican Guard used tanks and artillery to overpower insurgents in Basra, Iraq's second-largest city.

The refugees said government troops, as they regained control, executed some backers of the uprising, displaying their bodies around the city to discourage further unrest.

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Weather

Clear tonight and sunny Friday. Low tonight in the low 30s; high tomorrow in the low 60s.

Wednesday's high temperature	81
Wednesday's low temperature	40
Average high	64
Average low	35
Record high	88 in 1929
Record low	16 in 1920
Rainfall Wednesday	0.00
Month to date	0.00
Normal for Month	0.78
Year to date	01.98
Normal for year	01.40

Troop support rally today

The American Legion Post 429 rally will take place today at 5:05 p.m. on the east side of the courthouse to show support for the victorious service men and women in the Persian Gulf, according to Post Commander, Dan Saunders.

The program will include the Stanton High School band and performances by various local church choirs, said Myrl Mitchell, master of ceremonies. Recognition of service personnel will also be on the program, according to Bob Deavenport, Legion Post adjutant.

Lions support clean-up program

Stanton Noon Lions met Tuesday at their regular meeting and discussed participating in the upcoming nation-wide highway clean-up program.

Club members voted to buy glasses for a student and added Nolan Parker, Martin County justice of the peace, to the club's roster.

The group was also informed by program chairman, Victor Taylor, about his trip to the Lions Mid-Winter Conference recently.

Neurologist to discuss dyslexia

Stanton Elementary School will host a meeting for parents with Dr. Herman Cirkovic, a noted Midland neurologist. The meeting will take place in the elementary cafeteria March 21 at 6:30 p.m., said Jim White, elementary principal.

Dr. Cirkovic will speak on dyslexia and related disorders. He will be available for questions at the end of the meeting. In his discussion, he will emphasize a number of conditions which may exist to the afflicted child.

According to Cirkovic, because of these disorders a child may be experiencing difficulty with the alphabet, reading-and-comprehension, writing, and spelling, regardless of the child's intelligence, school attendance and cultural opportunities.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this free session.

Luncheon planned in Midland

Permian Chapter of Professional Secretaries International will have a noon meeting and luncheon at the Midland Hilton, Tuesday, March 12, according to local spokeswoman Carol J. Whitten, CPS.

Guest speaker will be Harry L. Harrison of Tex-Chem Specialties, a volunteer with the Midland Community Theatre.

For reservations or information call 688-0484 or locally 458-3371. Deadline is Friday, March 8.

Candidate see business development top priority

Doctor James Johnson filed Wednesday for one of the two open positions on the Stanton City Council in the May 4 election ballot, according to city officials.

Johnson will run for Councilman Lester Baker's seat. Baker announced at the Council's called session Monday he would seek election as mayor.

Danny Fryar resigned his position as mayor at Monday's meeting and applied for the position of city manager. The deadline for candidates to file for the May 4 election is March 20.

Johnson said his platform consists of three areas of initial concern: 1) organizational planning; 2) local business development; and 3) seeking funding for community aesthetics.

"I think that some attention needs to be given to updating and clarifying current work descriptions and the city's organizational policy statements," Johnson said. "I want to be very active in not only working with local urban development projects in recruiting new businesses to our community, but I want to put extra effort in

"I want to be very active in not only working with local urban development projects in recruiting new businesses to our community, but I want to put extra effort in helping to sustain the businesses that we already have in Stanton."

James Johnson

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In regards to local aesthetics, Johnson said, "I think the current city government needs to be commended in the effort that has been made in securing grants for local development. However, I would like to identify on hand problems within the community and then seek funding for those specific areas. I particularly want to enhance our aesthetics in the downtown area creating some enticements for Interstate 20 tourism."

Johnson, a native of Stanton, moved away at the age of eight. He and his wife Lesa and their children, Jonathan and Angela, moved back to Stanton two and one half years ago. He is the minister of the Stanton Church of Christ and also is employed with a consulting firm in Midland. Several of his consulting clients have been city, county and state agencies.



Project finished
Two new flag poles were set at the Stanton Masonic Lodge No. 951 this week. According to Mason Mitch Holt, the pipe was donated by B. F. White, Donnie Thigpen donated the welding and Bob Reddon, a Grand Lodge officer, donated the Masonic flag. Lodge members donated funds to complete the project.



Co-Champions
The Stanton Blue Thunder soccer team ended the 1990 fall season with a 4-1 record to be named co-champions in the Big Spring Soccer Association. The team members are: front row — Joey Holguin, left, Tommy Juarez, Joe Alviso, Bill Joe Averitt; middle row — Jake Reid, left, Randy Rodriguez, Joe Jimenez, Ruben De La Rosa; back row — Russell Briggs, left, Tyler Brough, Josh Madison and Suzi Ruth.

Bush issues challenge to tackle problems at home

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional leaders today accepted President Bush's challenge to capitalize on the momentum of the Persian Gulf War and "move forward aggressively" on problems at home.

But some Democrats voiced doubts that crime, civil rights and energy bills will win speedy passage.

House Speaker Thomas Foley said Congress had not even received the crime bill Bush exhorted Congress to pass in 100 days.

Bush laid out his domestic agenda in a post-war speech Wednesday night to a joint session of Congress.

"Our first priority is to get the economy rolling again," the president said. He called on Congress to pass legislation on civil rights, energy, transportation and education, as well as crime, by mid-June.

"I think what I heard the president say last night was that he wanted to take some of the confidence and enthusiasm in the country over the war and translate it into the domestic area and we're happy to do that," Foley said today.

House Republican Leader Robert Michel said he and Foley

"If our forces could win the ground war in 100 hours, then surely the Congress can pass this legislation in 100 days."

President Bush

were determined to work together to move the legislative program through the House.

"I think you'll see the president taking a more firm hand with the domestic agenda even though he certainly will have to get help," said Michel, who appeared with Foley.

White House Chief of Staff John Sununu, also appearing on NBC, was told one out of five Americans don't understand Bush's domestic agenda. His response: "Well if one out of five don't, then four out of five do."

He listed a handful of bills on domestic issues that were proposed by the White House last year and passed by Congress.

Asked about Bush's 100-day admonition, Rep. Dave McCurdy, D-Okla., quipped, "He may have to do an air campaign first."

Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., said, "I still think conservation ought to be part of any energy plan."

Said Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn.: "He clearly enjoys enormous popularity. Whether that can translate to domestic accomplishments is an open question."

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Spring board

How's that?

Q. What is the coldest temperature possible?
 A. It is absolute zero, which is -460 degrees Fahrenheit, according to Weather Trivia. Theoretically all molecular motion ceases at this temperature.

Calendar

Game Night

TODAY
 • Senior Citizen Game Night at 6:30 p.m. at The Depot.

Tops on TV

• All Star Salute to Country Music. Barbara and Johnny Cash salute country music and The Nashville Network's seventh anniversary with performances from top country music entertainers. 8 p.m. Channel 15.
 • Gabriel's Fire. 8 p.m. Channel 2.
 • Primetime Live. 9 p.m. Channel 2.

Sidelines

Club seeks volunteers

The West Texas Regional Office of "Just Say No" is seeking volunteers willing to help the community by sponsoring "Just Say No" clubs. These clubs are internationally organized and are registered in a 17-county area. For more information contact Lynda Mears at 915-561-5104 or Lori Becker at 915-332-2172, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Ravaged area seeks assistance

STINNETT, Texas (AP) — Local officials are requesting emergency state aid to recover from a fire that destroyed 18 homes and two businesses, cutting a wide swath through grassland.

A State Division of Emergency Management investigator is assessing damage today from Tuesday's fire.

Gov. Ann Richards has been asked to issue a disaster declaration for the area ravaged by flames fanned by high winds.

Hutchinson County Judge David Willard contacted state Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, Wednesday asking for his help in seeking disaster relief for county residents and the city of Stinnett.

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Ruling to consider spouses as separate persons for payment

By NESTOR HERNANDEZ, CED

Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yeutter has announced he will use his authority to allow spouses to be considered separate persons for payment limitation purposes for the 1991 through 1995 crop years.

Yeutter said, "During the past several years, many farm organizations have brought to my attention the manner in which payment limitations have adversely affected family farms. I believe my decision today will provide for a much more reasonable and equitable treatment of spouses."

The Food, Agriculture, Conservation and Trade Act of 1990 gives the secretary this discretionary authority. Under previous legislation two spouses could only be considered separate persons if they met very strict requirements.

"I am going as far as the law will allow me with this decision," Yeutter said. "This does not mean that spouses are automatically separate persons but, for example, they will be treated exactly as two siblings who are farming together."

As required by the act, spouses must be otherwise eligible to receive payments as separate persons and must agree not to receive farm program payments directly or indirectly through any other entity.

The secretary also announced individuals who inherit land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program will receive relief from negative impacts of the CRP payment limitation.

"In the past, heirs affected by the payment limitation were put in the difficult position of either selling the land or terminating the CRP contract when a family member died. Under today's announcement payments received with respect to the inherited land will not be charged against the heirs' CRP payment limitation," Yeutter said.

Other statutory payment

Nestor's notes

limitation provisions include:

• All payment limitation determinations for farms with more than five "persons" must be made at the state office of USDA's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service rather than at county ASCS offices.

• Deficiency and diversion payments continue to be limited to \$50,000 per person.

• Marketing loan gains (except on honey), Findley payments and loan deficiency payments are covered by a new limitation of \$75,000 per person.

There continues to be an overall \$250,000 payment limitation per person which includes payments subject to the \$50,000 limitation, payments subject to the \$75,000 limitation, resource adjustment payments, disaster payments under the 1949 Act and inventory reduction payments.

• Marketing loan gains on honey and loan forfeitures on honey are limited to \$200,000 for 1991.

• Payments received under the Wool Program are limited to \$200,000 for 1991.

• Payments received under the Mohair Program are limited to \$200,000 for 1991.

Producers must meet the requirements to be determined "actively engaged in farming" to be eligible to receive payments under the 1991 Wheat, Feed Grain, Cotton and Rice Programs as well as under the 1991 Wool and Mohair Programs.

Marketing loan gains received by entities for honey will be directly attributed against individual entity member's limitations.

Troops

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The revolt in the south coincided with an uprising by Kurdish guerrillas in the north. Iraqi army units stationed near the Turkish border have pulled back toward Baghdad, possibly to buttress Saddam's power.

There were reports that the unrest had spread to the capital. From his exile in Damascus, Syria, Iraqi Shiite leader Ayatollah Mohammed Taqi Muddaressi said rioting had spread to Baghdad's Al-Thawra and Al-Shu'lla districts on Wednesday.

Muddaressi leads the Islamic Labor Party, one of seven Shiite groups in an anti-Saddam coalition. Saddam and his aides are Sunni Muslims. The Shiites make up 55 percent of Iraq's 17 million population.

In a statement, Muddaressi said the army was trying unsuccessfully to control crowds that poured into the streets to demonstrate against Saddam. The two districts are home to about 1.5 million people, mainly impoverished Shiite Muslims.

In Saudi Arabia, Marine Brig. Gen. Richard Neal said the uprising was apparently being beaten down by Saddam's still-formidable security apparatus.

"It's an internal problem and one I assume the government and the military will eventually resolve," Neal told reporters on Wednesday.

Amid the unrest, the Iraqi government has told foreign news reporters to leave, without saying why. Some foreign news organizations still have Iraqi employees who will continue to report from the country.

The civil strife was only one of a host of problems facing postwar Iraq. A United Nations official told reporters in Jordan the threat of cholera and typhoid epidemics in Iraq is increasing as temperatures rise.

"If nothing is done to remedy water supply and improve sanitation, a catastrophe could beset Iraq," said Richard Reid, UNICEF's regional director for the Middle East and North Africa.

Iraq has not said how many people died in the war, but the number is believed to run into the tens of thousands. Allied bombing heavily damaged Iraq's infrastructure, knocking out electricity, sewage systems and water purification systems.

Iraq was not the only country taking stock of suffering. At the United Nations, officials said a team of U.N. investigators will go to Kuwait to try to learn how many people were killed or tortured under Iraqi occupation.

In Kuwait, some of those who were victims of Iraqi brutality during the occupation were turning to vengeance. Hospital and resistance officials said Kuwaiti

soldiers and resistance fighters have beaten scores of Palestinians suspected of collaborating with the Iraqis.

Palestinians have been burned with cigarettes, hit with typewriters and chairs and had their fingernails pulled out, according to those familiar with the beatings.

With old hatreds still simmering and new ones threatening, President Bush called for fresh efforts to resolve longstanding Middle East disputes.

"The time has come to put an end to Arab-Israeli conflict," he told a joint session of Congress in a nationally broadcast speech Wednesday night.

In his speech, Bush hailed the "honor and valor" of the 537,000 U.S. troops who went to the gulf — and promised them a hero's homecoming.

Three AWACs aircraft and about 120 crew members arrived in Britain today on their way home to Oklahoma, the Air Force said. And 152 troops from the 24th Mechanized Infantry Division stopped at Frankfurt's Rhein Main air base on their way back to Fort Stewart, Georgia.

The soldiers who left the gulf today will begin arriving at home bases on Friday, and the U.S. Central Command said about 7,000 troops should be home by Saturday.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTIONS



MAY LOWER YOUR HOME'S PROPERTY TAXES

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its taxable value. For example, if your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$5,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth only \$45,000.

You qualify for a homestead exemption if you owned your home on January 1 and used it as your primary residence on that date. It doesn't matter whether your home is a house, a condominium, or a mobile home.

Exemptions are available to all homeowners to lower their school taxes. Additional exemptions are available to homeowners who are disabled or age 65 and over. And, if you receive the over-65 exemption, you also qualify for a ceiling on school taxes. Other exemptions may be offered to homeowners by school districts, counties, cities, and special districts.

Who should apply? If you received a homestead exemption on your home in 1990, you won't need to

re-apply for 1991 unless your chief appraiser requires it.

If you became 65 or disabled before January 1, file a new application to receive the additional exemptions.

If you haven't received an exemption on your present home, or if you've moved to a new home, make a new application for 1991.

File your homestead exemption with your local appraisal office at the address shown below.

The last day to file for applications is April 30, 1991. Contact your appraisal district before then if you need more time to file.

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