

# Stand behind our president and fighting countrymen

President Bush declared war over a week ago and people, according to the newspaper, radio and television, appear to be thinking that the war should be over already and there are already too many casualties. Most people think, and rightfully so, that one casualty is too many but war is terrible. Bush said in one of his addresses to the nation that this war would be hard and could take more time than he wanted but the goal was to take Saddam out and down. Anyone who has lost a loved one in this war surely feels the same way — ‘let’s get him—don’t turn around and run again.’

During the last few weeks, there have been demonstrations against the war. Most people don’t want to go to war but for our leaders to turn their backs on Saddam and bin Laden and what these two leaders are doing to their people and what they plan to do to our people is insane. Actors, actresses and singers have also voiced their opinions but, just how smart are they? One bunch of singers actually criticized the war, President Bush and the nation’s leaders while they were in another country.

# Hospice foundation to hold bereavement teyleconference

On Wednesday, April 30, Hospice Services, Inc. will serve as a local host for the Hospice Foundation of America’s 10th annual bereavement teleconference, *Living With Grief: Coping With Public Tragedy*. This live-via satellite video broadcast will examine factors that define a public tragedy and look at ways health care and other professionals can appropriately respond and offer support.

Reaching an estimated live audience of 125,000 people nationwide, the teleconference will be beneficial to a wide range of professionals as they support their communities and help people cope with losses that often accompany public tragedies. Cokie Roberts, ABC News correspondent, will moderate this event.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for caring organizations cross the country to present a program that will resonate strongly with diverse communities because the theme is so universal,” Jack D. Gordon, chairman of Hospice Foundation of America said. “Of particular interest will be police, firefighters, rescue and emergency service personnel, hospital emergency room staffs, schools and others who will benefit from a better understanding of the ways public tragedies can affect those they serve.”

It has been several months since the nation marked the one-year anniversary of 9-11, yet the lessons to be learned from this tragedy continue. The effects of other events such as Hurricane Andrew, Oklahoma City and Columbine

It was extremely refreshing that, on a travel up I-135, on overpasses, there were people standing with flags of support for the United States. It brought tears to the eyes.

Not everyone lost someone in 9-11 so maybe they don’t feel that fierce longing to stop this evil. But it needs to be stopped before more of the same destruction happens only this time, it may be in the form of anthrax, small pox, botulism and salmonella. It may not be an instant killer like 9-11 but could leave people dying, crippled or sick for the rest of their lives.

Yes, America is the land of the free and everyone has a right to their opinion and to express it. But, we, the people in this land of the free, have come to a point where everyone needs to hang together. We need to pray for our armed forces; we need to pray for our leaders that they will make the right decisions; and we need to pray for a quick and successful war that takes few lives of our service men and women as well as the innocent people of Iraq.

“United we stand — Divided we fall.” — Karen Krien

will also be discussed. “By looking back at these tragic events, survive - and continue to cope,” Chairman Gordon said.

Ms. Roberts will lead a panel of noted authorities to include Kenneth J. Doka, consultant to Hospice Foundation of America and professor of gerontology at the College of New Rochelle; Marcia Lattanzi-Licht, consultant and noted authority regarding loss; LaVone Hazell, a funeral director from New York; Nadine Reimer Penner, a hospice social worker of Wichita; and Marlene A. Young, executive director of the National Organization for Victim Assistance.

The teleconference is produced by Hospice Foundation of America, a non-profit organization working to educate health care professionals and the families they serve in issues relating to illness, loss and grief. The program is sponsored in part by a grant from Last Acts and the Foundation for End of Life Care, in cooperation with the Adventist Communication Network, Association for Death Education and Counseling, Project on Death in America and The Compassionate Friends.

Hospice Services will sponsor the teleconference at the Murray Center of Northwest Kansas Technical School in Goodland. The teleconference is from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m mountain daylight time. Since this occurs over the noon hour, individuals may bring their own lunch. Coffee and iced tea will be provided. Hours of continuing education are available for certain individuals.

Individuals may register for the conference by contacting Hospice Services at 543-2900 or 1-800-315-5122. Walk-ins are welcome and so is the general public.



## Congratulations Cheylin Dance Team



Back row: Kelly Garner, Cristi Antholz, Kylie Dixon, Hayley Young, Brittany Kehlbeck; front: Ailysa Carpenter, Kori Underwood, Andrea Carpenter.

The Cheylin Dance team was invited by the Kansas State High School Association to perform at the 1A State Basketball Tournament in Hays!!!

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SECOND GRADERS Adam Orten, Joey McCormick and Heath Churchwell get ready for their game against the third grade during the NHS tournament in McDonald.

Times staff photo by Casey McCormick

## Winter birds need extra help

• Do you think winter is for the birds? Great because they could use your help! Food and water is scarce for them this time of year in most areas of the country. Here are some treats you can make:

-Hang suet in a mesh onion or potato bag on a tree.

-Coat a pinecone with peanut butter and roll in bird seed (most birds love black oil sunflower seeds).

-Spread a bagel half with honey, pull a cord through the middle and hang.

-Thread dental floss with cereal; this is great to drape on evergreen trees so the birds have a place to perch.

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