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Grass fire

Bryan firefighter Greg Pickard walks along the shoulder of FM 158 putting out remaining grass fires Thursday afternoon.

Wives say support 'just feels beautiful'

By Karen Praslicka
The Battalion

Strong U.S. support for Desert Storm troops and the families they left behind is a big change from what some military wives remember of Vietnam.

Myrna Rosser, employed at the Texas A&M College of Medicine, says she felt "isolated" when her husband left to serve in Vietnam.

"There wasn't any kind of support group at all," she says. "In fact, no one even knew where Vietnam was."

Rosser's husband, Terry, served eight months in Vietnam during 1963, and returned in 1968 for a second tour. During her husband's second tour, Mrs. Rosser moved back to Bryan and discovered a group called the "Waiting Wives."

Group members met once a month to talk about their situation. More importantly, she says, members were there for one another.

Rosser says she is amazed at the support Desert Storm troops are getting.

"I am just thrilled," she says. "After 26 years in the service and retirement now, my husband and I feel it's just beautiful to see the support."

She says support groups offer members something their families cannot.

"There are times when you need somebody besides that close family member you can't tell some things," she says.

The military wife says she doesn't believe any positive feelings existed during Vietnam.

"It was a mess," she says.

Mrs. Rosser says she is pleased to see the increase in support of wives at home and troops overseas.

"Hopefully, it is sincere," she says. "I want it to be really and truly sincere."

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Dallas mayor decides against running for third term

DALLAS (AP) — Mayor Annette Strauss announced Thursday she will not seek a third term, leaving the office open to at least a half-dozen prospective candidates.

Strauss, 67, was the first woman elected to lead Dallas. She took office in May of 1987 and won reelection in 1989.

"I have always viewed the opportunity to lead this city as a very special gift, given to me in trust by the citizens of Dallas," Strauss said. "Now the time has come to pass along that gift."

The mayor said she is not endorsing any of the prospective mayoral candidates.

Leading the list of probable candidates is Congressman Steve Bartlett of Dallas. The Republican has indicated he will run for mayor, but has made no formal announcement.

Bartlett did not return calls to his Washington office by the Associated Press Thursday, but spokeswoman Teresa Garland said the congressman would have an announcement on the matter by "early next week."

Council member Jim Buerger and Dallas lawyer Forrest Smith already have declared their candidacies.

Also expected to run are Marvin Crenshaw and Roy Williams, the two plaintiffs in the voting rights lawsuit that started the redistricting fight.

In Advance

Warcon '91 will hold events this weekend

Warcon '91, Texas' oldest gaming convention, is being presented this weekend by MSC NOVA in the Memorial Student Center.

The special guest this year is Greg Gordon, designer of the role-playing game TORG, one of the hottest new games of the year.

Other events include a miniatures painting contest, plus games like Advanced Dungeons & Dragons, Battletech, Champions and Car Wars.

For more information, call 845-1515.

Operation Desert Support will sponsor parade

Operation Desert Support is sponsoring a parade beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday in front of the Texas A&M Systems Building to show support for U.S. troops in the Middle East.

The parade planned by the student organization will go through campus and finish with a ceremony on the O.R. Simpson Drill Field. Everyone is encouraged to attend and help send a message to Desert Storm forces.

Any organization that wishes to participate should have a supportive banner that does not express an opinion about the war.

For more information, call Deeann Collins at 764-6601 or Matt Hedding at 764-6841.

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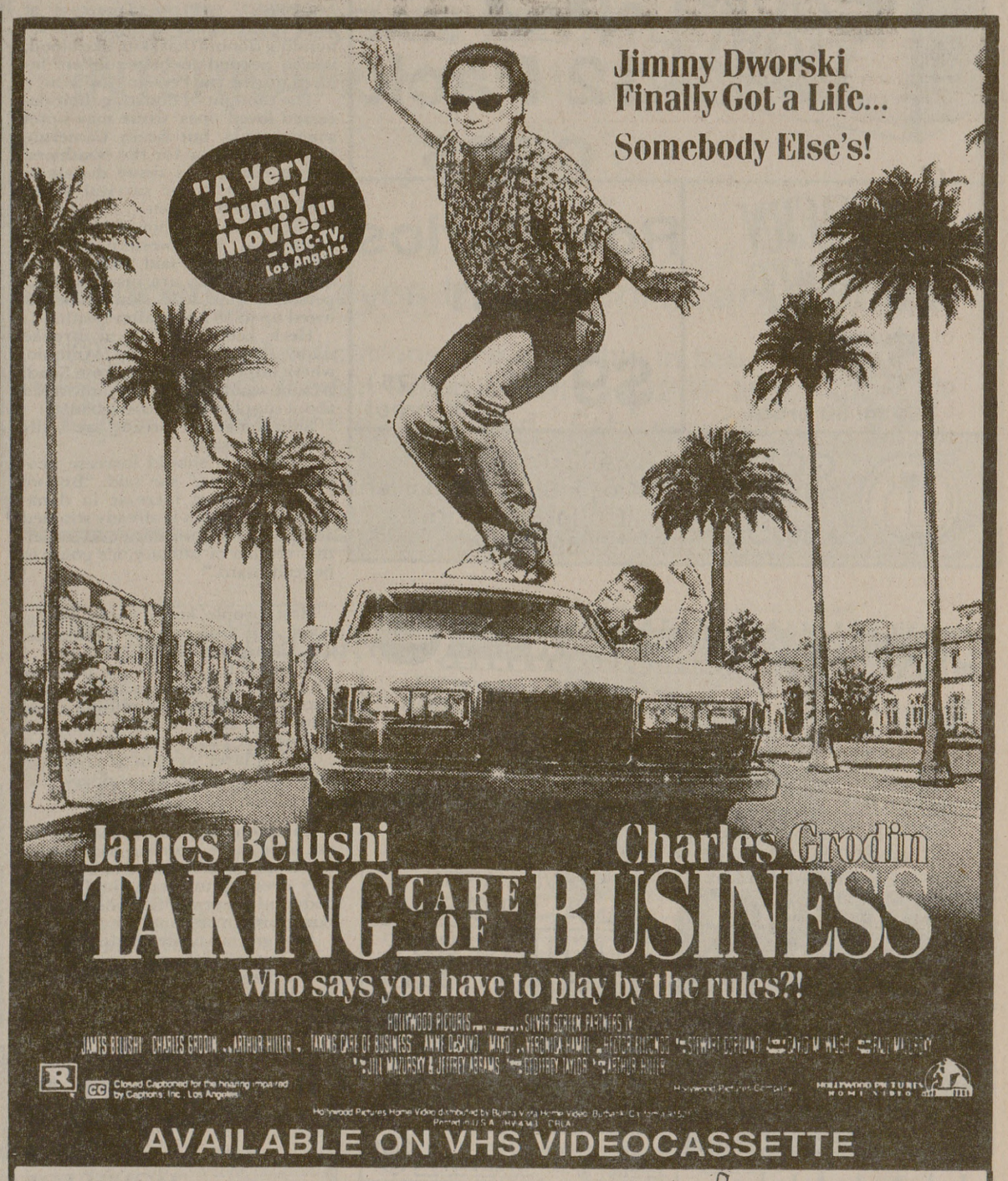

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