



## Have your opinion — but support our troops

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.

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

## Karen's Korner

### Chickens and Mexico

Last week, my sister, her friend and I went to Donna, Texas, to see my mother and stepfather. It was a quick trip because none of us had a lot of time and it is almost 'forever' down to the toe of Texas. Besides seeing the folks, we planned to spend a few hours in Mexico just to see what was happening and to pick up some inexpensive trinkets for our families.

To begin with, nobody goes any place "quickly" in that part of the state. There are people everywhere so just the trip to the border took an hour but we excitedly hopped out of the car and trucked over the bridge to the "other side" to find half the state of Texas and a few of the native Mexicans packed in only a few blocks. This was the day that Mexico was bidding goodbye to the "snow birds" as most of those who

spend the winter months in the warmer climate of Texas were leaving.

There were all sorts of older people in shorts and shirts, all plastered with tags (I never figured out what the tags were for) and they were carrying bags of stuff, ranging anywhere from bird baths to drugs to booze — they were evidently stocking up for the summer up north.

We started down the street. There were tables set up on the sides and down the middle of the street. People were dancing, there was loud music and many stands where food and drinks were sold. Babies slept under the tables, little children clung to their mothers or entertained for money.

The tables were loaded with items and it was almost overwhelming at first but as we made our way down the street, it looked like the same mold was used for everything and the painting might be different. The bracelets, belts and sombreros were basically the same and, on the streets, there were no price tags — the sellers wanted to barter.

I'm not much of a barterer! I don't like to do it! However, they looked at me like I was nuts if I didn't. I had picked up several different things and was looking for a chicken planter or some kind of chicken for my friend Pat. I found one that my sister said was "kind of ugly" but I thought it was neat and put it in my bag which was getting full. I then sat down on a bench to rest while she looked for a belt and the little chicken promptly fell out of the basket against a \$250 vase (signs are all over — 'you break it, you buy it!'). Fortunately the big vase was okay

but the chicken was in pieces so I went looking for another chicken which I found but I noticed a little chip on the cocks comb. I asked the vendor "how much?" He said it was \$6 only it sounded more like "6 dolla." I pointed to the chip and he acted like it was a real sacrifice but would go to "5 dolla." I was in a hurry — everyone was waiting so I stuck it in my sack and went off to find Sue Ella and her friend, Karen.

Now Karen already knew about the first broken chicken and when I showed her the new purchase, she laughed so hard that she almost rolled on the ground.

The new chicken not only had a chip on the cocks comb but had a number of it's feathers missing. Sue Ella said, "I'll bet that guy went home and told his senorita that he had found a real 'sucker' to buy that chicken!"

By that time, I was sick and tired of looking for chickens.

We started for the bridge, only to notice a really nice smell which was easily identified. Karen had orders for big bottles of vanilla for her family and they were leaving a trail on the dirty street. We stopped, fixed the lids and drug ourselves across the bridge. While we were there, we heard one girl say, "I can get that (whatever it was) cheaper at the Dollar Store."

The prices were generally pretty good but, when we finally got to the car, we wondered if it might have been just as much fun to stay at home, give the kids money and they could buy whatever they wanted as long as it said "Mexico" on the bottom.



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## Servicemen Addresses

Troops and reserve troops called to action in preparation of war and defending our homeland. *The Herald and Times* would like to print the addresses of servicemen and women so people can send letters of encouragement to them.

The staffs are asking that anyone knowing of a local serviceman or servicemen that may have connections in the communities to please call, write or e-mail the names and addresses.

Call 785-332-3162, or write to Box 1050, St. Francis, KS 67756 or Box 220, Bird City, KS 67731; or e-mail the names and addresses to sfherald@nwkansas.com or btimes@nwkansas.com.

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The Herald/Times would be happy to print letters from those in the armed force or information concerning servicemen or women. Bring the information to the Herald or Times offices during office hours.

Diane Powers reports that her daughter, Talleisa, is now stationed in Spain and only the Mediterranean Sea separates her from the war zone. Her son Tom is still in North Carolina.

## Hangin' Out With Marge

By Margaret Bucholtz



### Grandparent's Day

When my grandchildren were younger we would have Grandma's Day every so often. I always looked forward to this day as you never knew what was going to happen, and each day was so special. I tried to have the necessary things done as I knew I would be devoting my time to all of them.

However one time, when I had six of them, I found that I needed to go to the store so I thought I would at least try it with all of them. I put the

baby in the seat, and three others were hanging off the cart. The older two got to walk beside me.

Everything was going along pretty well until we came down an aisle with several ladies shopping. Two of the ladies pulled their carts clear over to the side, as you can visualize just how wide my cart was with this many kids hanging off it.

However there was one lady that didn't see us coming and she was paused in the aisle looking for the

right product. I came up behind her and stopped the cart to wait. Several minutes later the little granddaughter that was about 4 turned around and at the top of her voice she said, "Lady, move it or milk it." I was a little red in the face, but the lady moved over and we went around.

The important lesson for that day was - Remember to go shopping while you are alone!

**GOD SAYS**  
**But whoso committeth**  
**adultery with a woman lacketh**  
**understanding: he that doeth**  
**it destroyeth his own soul.**

Proverbs 6:32

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