

War plan is a success; now naysayers are quiet

Odd, isn't it, how quiet the naysayers have become, now that the Pentagon's war plan has worked.

We're almost beginning to miss Baghdad Bob. Gone are the sniping correspondents and nit-picking retired generals. Just a couple of weeks ago, they were gleeful in their appraisal that the plan was broken, that the army was bogged down, that all certainly was lost.

Some of them, like those Newsweek correspondents who are dogmatically anti-war and anti-Bush, will find things to complain about this week, too. They will carp that someone should have thought of the looting, that someone should have planned for such an easy victory.

The retired generals and other armchair commanders mostly will melt into the woodwork, shaking their heads and praising Tommy Franks. Neither they nor anyone else will play the tapes of their words last month.

The war plan, meantime, will grind on. Now, the emphasis is on restoring order and civil government — and on finding Saddam Hussein and his ilk.

Already, one of his relatives is in American custody. Other henchmen will turn up in the next few weeks, and undoubtedly, some of them will get away.

Where Saddam can escape to is an open question. Maybe the French want him, but the Syrians have made it plain that he is unwelcome in their little Arab paradise. Same goes for Iran, and U.S.-controlled Afghanistan is out.

No one has said whether the prosecution will seek the death penalty should he fall into Ameri-

can hands, but if not, maybe there is a desert island somewhere he could be dropped on. Something like the digs they found for Napoleon, only more so.

The Pentagon says it has a sample of his DNA, so if a body turns up somewhere, we can tell if it is him or just one of his doubles. There will be no question about his identity.

If anyone doubted the power of the American military, this war should have made a believer out of them. With barely more than two divisions on the ground, the Army and Marines sliced right through the best troops Iraq had, driving straight to the heart of Baghdad.

The display of firepower, air and ground, was matched only by the doctrine and tactics. The Pentagon has long theorized that one division of the modern American army is equal to a dozen of many others', and now we know they are right.

That puts the U.S. in a position of awesome power, the only truly worldwide force of this century. That presents great responsibility, and so far, the Bush administration has used its power well and wisely.

That power is accompanied by great risk, as we saw Sept. 11, 2001, because the pinnacle is an attractive place to aim.

We may be the first great power more interested in freedom and equality than in looting our opponents. Those who went before Mr. Bush's set a good precedent at the end of previous wars.

Where we go from here depends on how wisely we use our awesome power in the next few years.

— Steve Haynes

Resident upset with letter

Dear editor,

For nine years, I've worked hundreds and hundreds of hours to make a nice walk for the public to enjoy. I could count on my hands all the hours that anyone has helped me, except three Scout leaders and four Scouts, and the many hours Betty has helped me. Robert Grace gave a large donation.

I have trimmed, cut, cleaned up, burned tress, mowed weeds, sprayed ivy, and placed four picnic tables down on the walk, with a shelter over one, and never a word or interest from the Chamber. All I tried to do was promote St. Francis and Cheyenne County. Now, I receive this letter enclosed from the Chamber of Commerce stating.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Milton,

The St. Francis Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Board met recently and discussed the St. Francis River Walk situation. Roger Jensen, board member, has talked frequently with Mr. Hardt regarding the River Walk After much discussion, the chamber board will no longer be advertising or promoting the River Walk in brochures or on the chamber controlled websites. Although the River Walk is a wonderful attraction for the area, the board will continue the "no publication policy" until such time as the trails are physically blocked off where Mr. Hardt's property begins.

We would suggest blocking off the path at the second gate where there is already a fence in place. The chamber would assist in placing a sign stating, "Turn Around - you have walked (xx) miles." There is a picnic location at this spot where a picnic table could be placed as well.

Once the path has a sign posted at Mr. Hardt's property, the chamber would be happy to develop new brochures for the River Walk and would again place this attraction onto our website.

By this letter, you would think it's

their walk, and I'm to do it their way and they are in charge. There's about 300-yards plus on the Hardt land. The walk is between the cattle fence and the river, and on land that probably hasn't been used since the 1935 flood. I know Mr. Hardt has the right to keep the public off his property, so as far as I'm concerned, he can have it surveyed, and build a fence, but at his own expense, or unless the chamber wants to do it at their expense. Either way, it should be surveyed and closed on the west and north side, so the public will know.

As long as I have permission from Kellers and Finleys, which I have, I intend to keep it up as long as I'm able and will print my own brochures. I'm real disappointed in the Chamber Board that are so willing to help Mr. Hardt, that does nothing for St. Francis, try to please him, and never even came to talk to me. I'm a lifetime member of the chamber, and probably paid dues before most of them were born. That's the thanks I get.

I do appreciate all the thanks I receive from people who love and enjoy the walk. I enjoy it too. Thanks again to Kellers and Finleys for the use of their property.

Milton E. Lampe

GOD SAYS

Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

Amos 3:3

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Troops and reserve troops have been called to action to defend 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@nwkans.com or bctimes@nwkans.com.

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I saw a flag today

I saw a flag today
laying at half-mast,
It was weeping, mourning,
almost lifeless laying in its
sadness,
not a breeze to hold high,
Yet honor was streaming
through its cloth like
never before.
Its face displayed upon
windows, winds and walls,
and hearts of
millions of us who
are Americans.

We're holding it higher
than ever before, in our
hearts and minds,
reminding us,
Freedom is a gift, a gift
of life whose blood is
upon the land and
streaming through the
'blood of its defenders,
martyrs and us,
Simple Americans.
Please God,
Bless America.

—Carolyn Pickering



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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.

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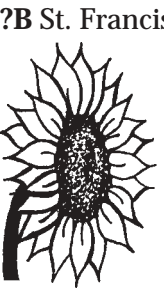
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