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Woman critical after car hits school bus

Bus driver, two riders slightly hurt

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A Meshoppen woman was seriously injured after the car she was driving crashed head-on into a Dallas school bus Tuesday morning.

Dallas Township police say that a car driven by Yolonda Sarnosky, 18, was traveling west on Country Club Road when it swerved out of control on the ice covered roadway. The car slid into the path of a Dallas School bus and the two vehicles collided.

Sarnosky was trapped in the 1986 Pontiac Fiero and had to be cut from the vehicle by rescue crews. Police say that the force of the impact pushed the car's engine into the passenger area.

Sarnosky was taken by Life Flight helicopter to Community Medical Center in Scranton where

she was listed in critical condition Tuesday afternoon.

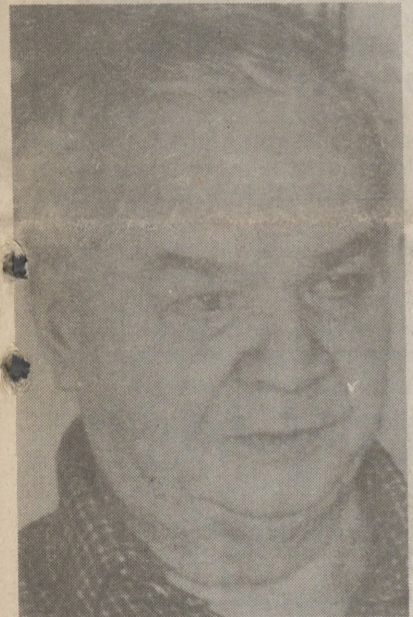
The driver of the bus and some of the children sustained minor injuries in the accident.

The bus driver, Rick Farr, suffered neck and back injuries and

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CRASH SCENE - Emergency crews from throughout the Back Mountain responded to an accident between a car and a Dallas school bus Tuesday morning. Above, ambulance personnel work to extricate the driver from the car, using "jaws of life" equipment. (Post Photo/Ron Bartizek)



ELMER LAMOREUX



JOHN CHARNEY

Local veterans recall past desert conflicts

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Writer

Two local veterans of previous wars say United States forces will overcome the Iraqis, but that victory may be long in coming.

Elmer Lamoreux of Dallas was stationed in the North African desert during World War II, serving with the force that defeated the legendary German general Erwin Rommel.

"The only similarity between the war with Iraq and World War II that I can see is the conditions in the desert," Lamoreux said last

Friday.

"I enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War II in June, 1942, and after training was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division G Company, 30th Regiment. Following our training at Fort Meade, MD, I was sent overseas from Fort Ord, California to Newport News as a replacement to North Africa where we fought in the desert," Lamoreux explained.

"We landed in Oran, Province of Iran, then went by train to Algiers where they chased General Rom-

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WAR



On The Home Front

Schools offer help, advice for kid's fears

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Writer

The outbreak of war in the Mideast did not take administrators of Back Mountain elementary schools by surprise, as they had been talking with students about the conflict that was building there for some time.

"The teachers have been answering questions about Saudi Arabia for weeks," said Dallas Elementary Principal Ruth Tetschner. "Many of these children had relatives in the various branches of the service, who were sent to the Mideast. Our teachers realized this so they have been giving the questions asked by the students priority in the classroom."

"They have been letting them find the various countries involved on the maps in the classrooms and explaining how far away it is

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Dallas couple fears for family in Tel Aviv

By RICH JOHNSON
Staff Writer

While thousands of area residents have been glued to their television sets watching the unfolding war in the Mideast, some feel a closer tie to events there. For Guy Blach and Dr. Karen Coopce of Dallas, the war has meant daily doses of concern for relatives living in Tel Aviv, Israel.

The couple has been on "...pins and needles" since the war broke out and have watched anxiously as Iraqi missiles strike the city where Guy once lived and his brother and sister still reside.

Spoke to family

Guy and Karen get most of their information about the situation in Israel by watching television reports. "We are always watching the television and trying to get updates on what is happening," said Karen.

But the family has also learned of the conflict from phone calls to the family in Tel Aviv.

"We talked to my brother twice since the first attacks," said Guy. "The first night of the bombings we kept calling Tel Aviv but all the lines were busy because of everyone trying to call overseas. We finally got to talk to my brother at 1:00 in the morning."

It is not easy, though, for the family to get in touch with their relatives in Israel. "We call for hours and hours," said Karen. "One time it took us 12 hours to

get through. Its just a matter of luck when we do."

Guy said that hearing the voices of his siblings helps relieve some of the pressure. "They seemed to be handling it very well," said Guy. "My brother told me that when the sirens go off the family puts on the gas masks and goes into the sealed rooms that they prepared before the war started."

All families in Israel were given gas masks and shown how to seal off a room in a house in case a chemical war broke out with Iraq.

Guy said that his sister and her husband left Tel Aviv after the first night of missile attacks. "They went to a city nearly 400 miles away and stayed in a hotel," he said. "We kept trying to reach them but only got their answering machine. When they got settled they finally called us back and let us know they were safe."

Guy's brother decided to keep his family of four in Tel Aviv and try to carry on their lives. "He seems to be in high spirits," said Guy. "That is the typical Israeli attitude. They are used to being under constant pressure and I think he is doing well."

Handling it day-by-day

Tel Aviv, the largest city in Israel, has been a prime target for the Iraqi offense and the city has been hit with several missiles. The threat posed by the missiles has obvious effects on Israeli residents,

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Parents protest firing of Dallas rec director

By CHARLOT M. DENMON
Staff Writer

More than a dozen Dallas Borough residents attended the January 15 borough council meeting to voice their concerns about reports that council members had terminated Jack Wolensky as the recreation director of the Burndale Recreation Park.

Marie Eyet, who acted as spokesperson for the group, stated that parents of children who use the park were concerned not only because they felt Wolensky had done a commendable job as director but also because the change appears to signal a lessening of commitment to recreation by the borough.

Speaking on behalf of the group, Mrs. Eyet said the recreation program for the past several years has been second to none, a program of activities of which they all have been very proud.

"The increased participation and usage of the park is evidence of

The council claimed budget constraints forced the change

this," remarked Mrs. Eyet. "Despite the popularity of the program and a man who has been instrumental in its success, we now learn that he has been relieved of his duties and that he will be replaced by Borough Manager, Milton Lutsey."

Wolensky told a Post reporter that in December he received a letter from Dallas council saying that while they commended him for the excellent program he had directed, he would not be reappointed because Borough Manager Milton Lutsey had volunteered for the position.

"I directed the program for a 10-week period for \$2,000. I feel badly about not going back because I enjoyed working with the kids," Wolensky said January 22. "A lot of

the kids at school have been asking me if I was coming back and I had to tell them no. If the council decides they want me, I'm still interested in the position."

A source familiar with the program said Lutsey would be paid "about \$1,500" to take on the rec center programs. That would be in addition to his salary as a part-time borough manager.

Mrs. Eyet said the group has no quarrel with Lutsey, who may be qualified to direct the program, but they wonder if adding the recreation duties to his workload as borough manager will mean fewer

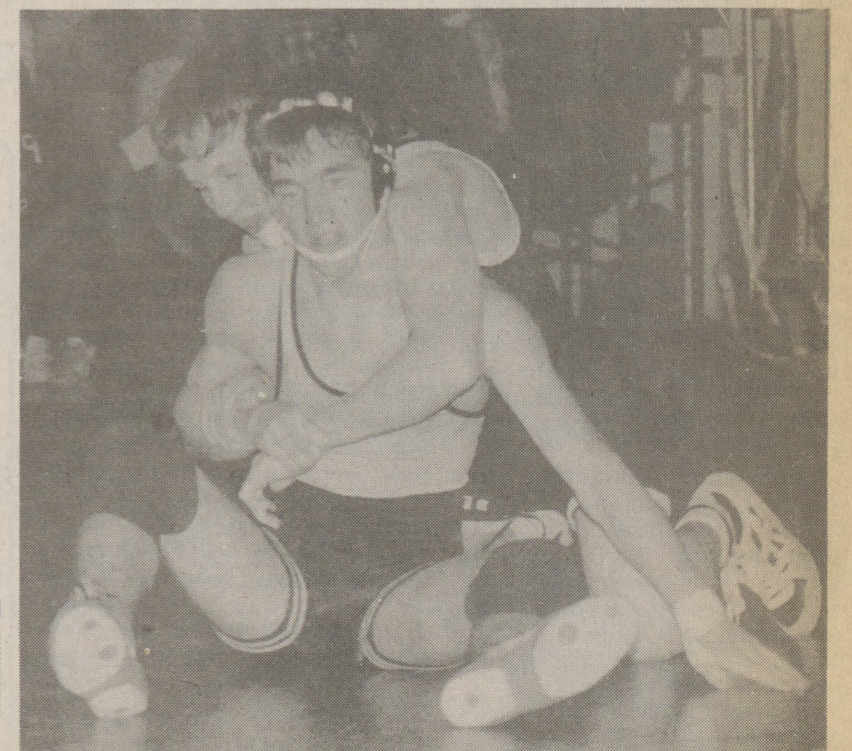
activities for children.

The group questioned why the council chose to relieve Wolensky from the position when all indications were he had done an excellent job with the program and had gained the respect of the children and teenagers. Mrs. Eyet said comments to the fact that Wolensky was never present at the park were untrue; that many of the mothers were at the park daily and that Wolensky spent a great deal of his time there. They also questioned if Lutsey, given his responsibilities

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Valiant struggle

Lake-Lehman's Rich Peiffer tried to hold off Berwick's Fred Malatesta during Saturday's wrestling match with the Bulldogs. More photos on page 13. (Post Photo/Ron Bartizek)