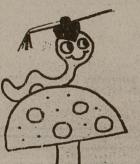
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Iranian grenades strike Japanese ship in gulf

pelled grenades at a Japanese-owned tanker Wednesday in a daylight attack, shortly after a convoy of U.S.-escorted ships entered the Per-

"You're headed right in their di-rection," the captain of the damaged Liquid Bulk Explorer warned the American missile frigate Rentz as the ships passed. "Maybe they will get hostile with you and you can shoot back."

The inbound convoy stretched

reflagged Kuwaiti tankers and three other vessels, including a ship carrying U.S. arms to Bahrain.

The attack on the outbound Liq-

uid Bulk Explorer occurred about 35 miles west of the Rentz, officers on board the frigate said.

Iraq's official media reported at-tacks Wednesday on two ships off

The 12,964-ton Liquid Bulk Explorer, flying the Panamanian flag, was off the emirate of Umm al-Qawain when it was hit by four rocket-

shipping salvage executives said. The vessel is owned by the Tokyo based Tokumaru Kaiun Co.

Farther north, off the coast of Saudi Arabia, an Italian navy helicopter reportedly destroyed a mine spotted Wednesday in the path of an Italian merchant vessel.

In Amman, Jordan, Arab leaders ended their summit with President Saddam Hussein of Iraq and President Hafez Assad of Syria reportedly patching up a long-standing quarrel. Syria is Iran's main Arab

Ortega says he's committed to carrying out peace plan

WASHINGTON (AP) - Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega declared Wednesday his government is fully committed to complying with the Central America peace agreement and he renewed his offer to hold peace talks with the United

"Nicaragua is ready to comply 100 percent with the agreement," Ortega declared in a dramatic hour-long apearance before the General Assembly of the Organization of American States during his first visit to Washington in eight years. Ortega wore a conservative gray suit instead of his usual outfit for public appearances combat fatigues.

He then disputed President Rea-

gan's charge before the same audience on Monday that Nicaragua is 'nowhere near" meeting its obliga-

An overflow crowd filled the main meeting room at OAS headquarters.

In the standing-room-only crowd were all six members of the Contra leadership; they listened intently as Ortega spoke. Afterward, one of the Contra leaders, Adolfo Calero, called Ortega's speech "lengthy, boring and without real substance."

Ortega's call for a direct dialogue with the United States was rejected immediately by the U.S. ambassador to the OAS, Richard McCormack, who said Reagan had laid out strict

contacts with the Sandinistas.
Ortega said that although Nicaragua has taken a number of steps to meet its commitments under the re gional peace agreement he signed last August, the United States has undercut the accord by sending weapons and other equipment on 140 resupply flights to the country's Contra rebels since then.

Responding to Reagan's charge, Ortega said that on two key elements of the peace plan — a total amnesty for political prisoners and a lifting of the state of emergency - Nicaragua would comply only when an international observer team verifies that outside support for the Contra rebels has ceased.

Senator: Negotiators are close to creating framework for budget

House and congressional negotiators, working on a federal holiday, are "on the threshold" of creating a framework for cutting the budget deficit, a Republican participant said Wednesday.

The negotiators worked against a self-imposed deadline of Friday for coming up with a package of tax in-creases and spending cuts that would reduce the deficit by at least \$23 billion, meet the requirements of the Gramm-Rudman law and signal a jittery world economy that the U.S. government could control its fi-

After meeting for more than five hours in hopes of reaching an agreement, Sen. Pete V. Domenici, the Gramm-Rudman budget-balanc-R-N.M., ranking GOP member of the Senate Budget Committee, asked if they had finished, re-

WASHINGTON (AP) — White sponded: "No, but we're getting as close as can be. But House Ways and Means Com-

mittee Chairman Dan Rostenkowski, than at the end of the day, mainly because we began to get specific." Other participants agreed that the

negotiations ran into some snags.

White House officials conferred frequently outside the negotiating room in the Capitol, but most declined to comment on the talks. On their 13th day of talks, participants said they had narrowed their differences on broad totals but many of the details remained unsettled.

ing law. That statute calls for action by Nov. 20 to avert automatic spending cuts.

Painting sells at new record of \$53 million

NEW YORK (AP) - Vincent van Gogh's "Irises," the famous depiction of a flower garden at an asylum the painter entered shortly before he committed suicide, sold Wednesday for a record \$53.9 million.

The identity of the buyer, who

bid by telephone, was not immediately disclosed.

The previous record for a painting was set by another van Gogh masterpiece, "Sunflowers," which sold for \$39.9 million earlier this year to a Japanese insur-

ance company.

"The whole world is looking very closely at the sale of this painting," John L. Marion, chairman of Sotheby's North America, where the "Irises" auction was held, had said earlier. "Some see it as an indicator of what the art

Study: Large number of children consume too much cholesterol

quarters of black children consumed too much cholesterol in their diets, suggesting they may be at risk for heart disease later, a study says

'The basis of the racial difference in cholesterol intake may be due to the type of milk introduced during infancy," the study's authors wrote in a supplement to the November is-sue of Pediatrics, journal of the sub-urban Chicago-based American Academy of Pediatrics.

White children generally drank more cow's milk than blacks, most of whom at 6 months and 1 year of age consumed a milk-based formula, the researchers found.

Early identification of people at risk for heart disease may eventually lead to a better approach to prevention, the authors wrote. 'Diet has been recognized as an

important environmental determinant of cardiovascular disease risk," they wrote. "Consequently, alteration of eating habits in early child-hood may delay or prevent cardiovascular disease development.

The findings stem from an on-going study of 440 infants from birth through age 7 in Bogalusa, La., a biracial community outside New

Dietary patterns were examined in a smaller sample of children aged 6 months, with follow-ups at age 1 and at yearly intervals up to age 4.

By age 2, most of the children studied were exceeding the recom-

mended daily intake of cholesterol, a fatty substance found in certain foods and believed to be a factor in the development of heart disease.

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CHICAGO (AP) — Almost two-children studied and 76 percent of diminish as consumption of milk dethirds of white children and three-the blacks had cholesterol intakes creases. Without a change in eating habits,

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Researchers say medicine can prevent heart disease

BOSTON (AP) — A medicine that raises the body's supply of so-called "good cholesterol" prevents heart disease in people who are already at high risk of this leading killer research concludes killer, research concludes.

The medicine, called gemfibrozil, seems to work in large part by increasing levels of high-density lipoprotein, or HDL, the substance that gathers up cholesterol and carries it away to be destroyed.

The benefits of raising HDL have been less certain than those of lowering low-density lipoprotein, LDL, the material that delivers clogging deposits of cholesterol throughout the arteries.

A study conducted in Finland found that gemfibrozil markedly increases HDL while also reducing LDL. When tested on men with dangerously high cholesterol levels, it reduced their heart disease rate by a third over a five-year period. "I feel this is a hallmark study,"

said researcher Dr. Jussi K. Huttunen. "It demonstrates that we can reduce the incidence of coronary heart e development of heart disease.

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Dr. Donald Small of Boston University School of Medicine agreed that the study produced a significant finding. He said it appears the risk of heart disease declines 4 percent

for each 1 percent increase in HDL. Even though men taking the drug had less heart trouble, their overall death rate was just as high, largely because they were more likely to suffer violent or accidental deaths. Experts were at a loss to explain this finding, although some said they thought it was a statistical fluke.

The study was published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine. Huttunen, director general of the National Public Health Institute of Finland, said the researchers will present more evidence on the role of HDL in producing less heart disease at a meeting next week of the American Heart Association.

Those results strongly suggest that the increase in high-density lipoprotein cholesterol is as important, or perhaps even more impor-tant, than the reduction in LDL cholesterol," Huttunen said in an in-

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