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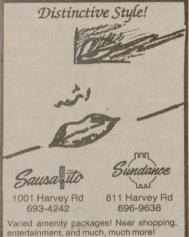
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Bush to public: 'We're not in a war'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Wednesday he dispatched U.S. troops on a dangerous mission to the Persian Gulf to protect Saudi Arabian oilfields and ward off a threat to the U.S.'s "economic independence." He warned Iraq's Saddam Hussein: "A line has been drawn in the sand."

Bush said, "We're not in a war." And he called the U.S. effort "wholly defensive." He offered no guess as

to when the operation might end.

He demanded Iraq's "immediate, complete and unconditional" withdrawal from Kuwait, the little oil state Saddam's armies overran last

Laying out reasons for the U.S. military action, the largest deployment outside this hemisphere since

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in wholeheartedly.

As a tense president spoke to the to choke off Iraqi trade lines. nation, government sources said at least 5,000 paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne and other units were mada of air and seapower, armed to military sources said.

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney sion we have been given we will put

the Vietnam war, Bush said U.S.imports half its oil from abroad and "could face a major threat to its eco-away some of the secrecy from the nomic independence" if Saddam, operation — while keeping quiet "an aggressive dictator," manages to about the size of the U.S. commit-

Powell told reporters ground Bush's appeals to other nations to commit their armies to a multinatio- Saudi soil. And he said the aircraft nal defense of the Saudis met a tepid carrier USS Independence and its public response. Only Britain joined support ships were stationed just support ships were stationed just outside the Persian Gulf, in position

The U.S. contingent included 140 jet fighters and bombers as well as battleships that carried 32 Tomaen route or already taking positions hawk Cruise missiles programmed on Saudi soil — backed by an art to destroy specific targets in Iraq, to destroy specific targets in Iraq,

"You can be sure that for the mis-

in adequate forces," Powell said. The battle-tested Iraqis, he said, "are not invincible. They are not ten feet

Bush went on television at 8 a.m. CDT for a 10-minute speech.

'No one commits America's armed forces to a dangerous mission lightly," he said. The U.S.forces "will not initiate hostilities but they will defend themselves," he said.

Instead of trying to evict Iraqi forces from Kuwait by military action, Bush expressed hope that a U.N.-directed worldwide trade embargo of Iraqi oil could force Saddam into submission. He hinted that a blockade of Iraqi ports — usually considered an act of war - might be forthcoming if the embargo proves

Turkey agrees Pent: to shut off Iraqi oil flow gon plans call for 250,000 ground Arabia's defense is

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Ira stopped pumping oil Monday to m of two pipelines running throu Turkey and reduced crude runn through the other as a world en bargo shrank the Iraqi market.

The United Nations voted clamp an embargo on Iraqi and Ku waiti oil as part of broad sanctions punish Iraq for its invasion of wait. President Turgut Ozal, in interview with ABC News, had in cated earlier that Turkey woulds transporting Iranian oil if the Se rity Council adopted the sanctions "We will obey the U.N. embargo Ozal said to ABC news.

One Turkish government office speaking on condition of anonym said Iraq's decision to curtail oil its own came as "a great relief." I United States had been pressuri Turkey to cut off the pipeline flow

The White House announced the U.S. Secretary of State James Baker III will travel to Turkey member of NATO, this week consultations on the crisis set off

Iraq's invasion of Kuwait August 2 Vural Oktay, director of the state run Turkish pipeline compan BOTAS, said pumping stopped a one pipeline at 6 p.m. Iraq reduced flow in the second, larger pipeline to 70 percent of capacity, he told to

Iraqi troops round up Americans in Kuwait

LONDON (AP) — Iraqi troops in Kuwait rounded up American and British visitors from hotels Monday, apparently for transport to Iraq. Britain's Foreign Office said they appeared in no

The governments of Spain and West Germany also reported that some of their nationals in Kuwait had been picked up by Iraqi troops from other hotels over the weekend.

A Foreign Office spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the government be-lieved 366 foreign nationals had been taken, many of them passengers from British Airways

Flight 149 that was stranded in Kuwait since it was invaded by Iraqi troops August 2. The flight was bound for Kuala Lumpur via Madras, India. "We are trying to establish the precise details

now," the spokesman said. "There is no evidence that they are in any way in trouble.

In Washington, the State Department said 28 Americans were among the foreigners rounded up and placed aboard buses heading for an unknown destination.

U.S. officials said they did not rule out that the foreigners would show up in Baghdad unharmed. Nonetheless, they issued a warning.

"We hold Iraq responsible for their safety," State Department spokeswoman Margaret Tut-

"It's premature to call them hostages," she said. "We don't know their destination."

But Kuwait's ambassador in London, Ghaza Al-Rayes, told reporters at a news conference that he feared any foreigner taken to the Iraqi capital might become a pawn in international negotiations.
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Swiss hostage freed | Liberian strife continues

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — A Swiss Red Cross worker who had been held hostage in Lebanon for 10 months was freed Wednesday and handed over to Swiss authorities, officials and witnesses said.

It was the first release of a Western hostage in more than three months.

Reliable eyewitnesses said they saw Emanuel Christen being handed to Swiss authorities shortly after midnight in front of the Syrian Foreign Ministry. Syria had said the handover would not occur until later

Christen, 33, was kidnapped Oct. 6 along with fellow Red Cross worker Elio Erriquez, 24.

A group calling itself the Palestinian Revolutionary Squads said in a statement released Wednesday he had been freed. The Syrian Foreign Ministry and Red Cross in Geneva confirmed the release.

The witnesses, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Christen was handed to Swiss Charge d'Affaires Fritz Kuehni. They said Kuehni and Christen were then driven to the Swiss Embassy. The up, wearing a dark T-shirt.

eyewitnesses said they were too far away to tell whether Christen appeared to be in good health.

The statement from the Palestin-

ian Revolutionary Squads did not explain why only one of the Swiss men was released. It had said in a statement Tuesday night they both would be freed within 24 hours.

That was the first time since the abductions a group had claimed to hold Christen and Erriquez.

'After we have promised yesterday night to release the two delegates of the International Red Cross in Lebanon within 24 hours, one of them, Emanuel Christen, has been set free and handed over to a representative of Brig. Gen. Ghazi Kenaan at 6 p.m. this evening," the text said in full. It was handwritten in Ar-

The statement was delivered to the Beirut office of a Western news agency at 11:30 p.m.

Kenaan is the chief of Syrian Army intelligence in Lebanon.

The statement was accompanied by an instant photograph of Christen. It showed him from the waist

after 10-month stay Rebels free U.S.hostages

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Rebel leader Prince Johnson freed foreign hostages Wednesday, and Liberia's West African neighbors prepared to send in peacekeeping troops to try to bring a halt to the bloodshed.

Savage street battles raged in the Liberian capital of Monrovia, where rebel armies loyal to Johnson and his rival, Charles Taylor, were fighting each other and soldiers of the beleaguered President

The hostages had been seized Monday and Tuesday by Johnson a bid to provoke foreign interven-tion in Liberia's bloody 7-month-old civil war. The British Foreign Office said Johnson released all the hostages he took Monday and Tuesday, but said it had no total number.

Earlier in the week, Johnson presented 22 hostages from eight countries to reporters at a news conference.

Diplomats speaking on condition of anonymity said Wednesday that 2,000 West African troops were being sent to Monrovia by sea from Freetown, the capital of neighboring Sierra Leone.

They said most of the troops would come from Nigeria, the most powerful West African nation. Nigerian President Ibrahim Babangida said Wednesday the troops would try to impose a truce, and he hoped they would meet no resistance.

He did not say when the force was being dis-

patched but said it would be "very soon."

The hostages included an American, an Argenti-

nian, four Britons, a Dutchman and two West Germans, Britain's Foreign Office said. In Beirut, an official said 10 Lebanese were among those kidnapped.

The five-nation African force was to be led by Lt.

Gen. Arnold Quainoo of Ghana, a Cabinet minister who used to command the army, according to a Foreign Ministry official of Sierra Leone who requested anonymity

Other nations sending soldiers are Guinea, Sierra

Babangida, arriving in Lagos from a two-day emergency summit of the West African Economic Community in Gambia, suggested the West African leaders hope for some form of U.S. intervention.

"I believe the United States shares our desire to bring peace to Liberia and halt the daily carnage there, especially around Monrovia, urgently and we are hoping that this operation will get the support of America," he said.

The 16-nation West African Community, of which Liberia is a member, has asked the international community to help pay costs of the peacekeepers and proposed general and presidential elections, estimated at \$50 million.

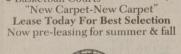
Leaders at the summit of the Economic Community of West African States said the troops were being deployed "in the interest of the African people as a whole and for the maintenance of international

Lawyers' group revokes stance Scientists find mechanism

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Bar association resumes neutrality on abortion

CHICAGO (AP) — A deeply divided American Bar Association rescinded its 6-month-old endorsement of abortion rights Wednesday.

The ABA's policy-making House of Delegates voted 200-188 to repeal a resolution that the nationwide law-yers' group had adopted in February by a more than

Repeal proponents said Wednesday's about face returned the organization to a neutral position on the explosive issue. But abortion rights forces said the fight

Nobody here has the illusion we're going to put our tails between our legs and go home," Estelle Rogers of Washington, D.C., who opposed the repeal, said.

Anthony R. Palermo of Rochester, N.Y., who led the

repeal drive, said a continuing feud over abortion rights could hurt the ABA's reputation. "It would be a grave mistake if we keep dominating each meeting with this issue," he said. ABA conventions

are held twice a year The House of Delegates, in reversing its earlier policy, heeded a plea from a majority of members who took part in a forum here Monday.

Lawyers at the ABA's Assembly meeting then voted 885-836 in favor of repeal. Both Monday and Wednesday, abortion opponents joined with forces who supported neutrality

By reversing its abortion rights stand, the association

appears to have headed off the possibility of a referendum on the issue among all 360,000 ABA members na-

After Wednesday's vote, the new president of the ABA and his designated successor — adversaries on the abortion question — stood side by side at a news conference to call for healing. But both agreed the issue is un-

likely to go away. ABA President John J. Curtin Jr. of Boston, who supported repeal, said he hoped there would be no ad-ditional resignations from the association. He added, however, "I have no problem with people seeking to assert their position" by again trying to revive the issue.

During debate on the repeal resolution, Curtin said the pro-choice stand "threatens to drive a wedge" be-tween ABA members. "I am forced to ally myself with one set of friends against another," he said.

Curtin had said he would refuse to sign any legal briefs in which the ABA advocated abortion rights.

Sandy D'Alemberte of Tallahassee, Fla., who is to follow Curtin as ABA president, said reversing the February policy sends a message that the organization is abandoning support for "the principle of liberty."

The now-rescinded ABA policy essentially endorsed the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision that said women have a constitutional privacy right to abor-

in brain for killing pain

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists say they have isolated and cloned a "button" that marijuana pushes in the brain to produce its effects, an advance that may lead to new pain-killers and other medications. Marijuana's main active ingre-

dient attaches itself to the protein structure on the surface of brain cells, triggering alterations in mood and thinking, researchers said. The new work suggests that the brain contains some natural substance that resembles the marijuana

ingredient, called a cannabinoid, scientists said. The work is presented in Thursday's issue of the British journal Nature by scientists from the National Institute of Mental Health in Be-

thesda, Md. Their paper describes details of the brain-cell structure as it appears in rats, but further study showed the human structure is virtually identical, study co-author Tom Bonner

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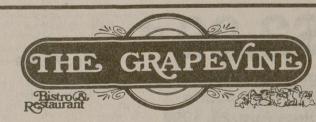
Previous studies suggest that can nabinoids exert a variety of effect because they bind to a variety of re

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