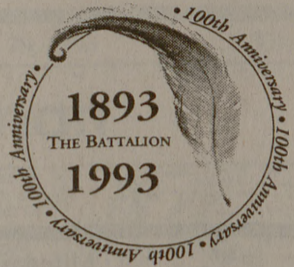


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Weekend rap-up

Iraq accepts U.N. cease-fire term

UNITED NATIONS — Iraq accepted long-term U.N. monitoring of its weapons programs on Friday, eliminating a major obstacle to the lifting of trade sanctions imposed after the invasion of Kuwait. Allowing long-term monitoring was one of the key requirements in the 1991 Gulf War cease-fire agreements. The United States and other Security Council members have blocked any lifting of the punishing trade sanctions until Iraq complies fully with the cease-fire terms. Baghdad, desperate to sell oil to shore up its crippled economy, requested that the council lift the oil embargo in exchange for its compliance. But U.N. experts have said they would insist on having a monitoring program in place for some months before recommending an end to the embargo.

Clinton, Rushdie anger Iranians

WASHINGTON — A brief meeting President Clinton had with British author Salman Rushdie touched off an angry reaction Friday from the head of Iran's judiciary, who said Clinton had become "the most hated" person in the Islamic world. U.S. officials defended the Wednesday meeting, saying that Clinton wanted to express solidarity with a man who has been the target of death threats by Iran. "By accepting this writer you (Clinton) have made yourself detested in the Islamic world," Ayatollah Mohammed Yazdi said in a sermon at Tehran University. "I say that you are the most hated among Muslims around the world." The State Department warned U.S. citizens abroad that the meeting could lead to "terrorism or mob action."

Need for DWI course questioned

AUSTIN — State regulators have approved a 5 percent auto insurance discount for Texas drivers who take a drunken driving awareness course. But some wonder if such a class ever will be widely used or even available. "I just think there will be no demand for this new course at all," said Phil Ward, president of USA Training Co, which teaches a defensive driving course in Texas. If demand is meager, the economic incentive for private, for-profit operators to teach the course would be negligible. The discount approved by the State Board of Insurance in September is effective Wednesday. But the curriculum for the six-hour course won't be crafted until after the first of the year.

Jamaican named Miss World 1993

SUN CITY, South Africa — Miss Jamaica, an 18-year-old television announcer, was named Miss World 1993 on Saturday night in a singing and dancing extravaganza. Lisa Hanna charmed the crowd and judges at this resort with her exuberant personality to win the title previously held by Julia Kurochinka of Russia. Jacqueline Mofokeng, 21, who was the first black woman to win the Miss South Africa title, was first runner-up. Miss Philippines, 19-year-old Sharmaine Gutierrez, was second runnerup. For the second straight year, celebrities gathered at this resort Saturday to judge the young women competing for the title and prizes worth \$185,000.

—The Associated Press

E.C. works to revive Bosnian peace talks

The Associated Press

GENEVA — The European Community is hoping to lure the leaders of Bosnia's warring factions back to the negotiating table with an offer to lift sanctions on Yugoslavia, the troubled region's powerbroker.

But prospects for achieving peace soon appear dim. The talks broke down in September when Bosnia's Serbs and Muslim-led government disagreed over terms for dividing up Bosnia. Fighting since then has mainly involved Bosnian Croats and government troops.

The 12 European Community foreign ministers will meet Monday with the leaders of each faction in a bid to restart the talks. Their new offer involves phasing out international sanctions against Serb-led Yugoslavia if Belgrade pressures the Bosnian Serbs into giving more land to the Muslims.

The Bosnian Serbs, who have gotten crucial backing from Yugoslavia during the 19-month war, hold about 70 percent of Bosnia. Bosnian Croats, who have gotten

Serb commanders play 'cat-and-mouse' with aid convoys

The Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Bosnian Serbs were playing a cat-and-mouse game with aid convoys, letting some through in central Bosnia but blocking others in the east, U.N. officials said Saturday.

Local Serb commanders on the Bosnian-Serbian border were delaying trucks carrying winter supplies such as plastic sheeting and shoes, in defiance of an aid-delivery accord their leaders signed ear-

lier this month in Geneva.

Government-held Sarajevo has been under Serb siege most of the war. On Sunday, at least five people were killed when Serb gunners fired a mortar shell into the city center.

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, who is under pressure from hard-line Serbs not to yield an inch, has ruled out any further territorial concessions.

Later Saturday, the Serb commanders finally granted passage for two convoys bound for Sarajevo and the besieged eastern Muslim enclave of Srebrenica, said Cmdr. Idesbald van Biesebroek, a spokesman for U.N. forces.

But he said they were still holding back a convoy to supply a U.N. Nordic battalion in the northeastern city of Tuzla.

Convoys had better luck in central Bosnia, but Serbs were slowing deliveries there as well.

Peter Kessler of the U.N. High Com-

missioner for Refugees said there were no new convoys sent to the area Saturday because Serb-imposed delays prevented the return of empty trucks in time for reloading of new supplies.

But some trucks which had been held up in central Bosnia earlier were allowed to pursue with aid deliveries in the region Saturday, he said.

The United Nations resumed deliveries to central Bosnia last Tuesday, ending a month-long suspension imposed after a Danish convoy driver was killed.

He also threatened to call for sanctions against Croatia unless President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia agrees to stop intervening in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic is to join Tudjman, Karadzic, Izetbegovic and Bosnian Croat leader Mate Boban for the Geneva talks.

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Aggies bound for Cotton



Kyle Burnett/THE BATTALION

A member of the 12th Man kickoff team celebrates the Aggies will finish up their season in the Cotton Bowl where they will probably face West Virginia.

A&M considers shutting down Japan campus

Financial problems may force closure of Koriyama school

The Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M University's campus in Japan is facing financial problems, and the University is considering shutting it down.

Interim University President Dean Gage said he is sending a top official to Japan next week to "explore all options before any final announcements are made to close the campus."

The city of Koriyama, where the campus is located, owes \$500,000 of a \$1 million payment that was due Aug. 31.



"Our real hope is to at least keep the school open through the spring semester."

—E. Dean Gage, A&M interim president

"Our real hope is to at least keep the school open through the spring semester," Gage told the Houston Chronicle on Wednesday. "If the money doesn't come through within the next two weeks, we may be facing a more immediate closure."

The school opened in May 1990 as part of an initiative from the USA-Japan Committee for Promoting Trade Expansion. It is funded entirely by the city of Koriyama and private Japanese sources.

About 200 students attend the school, which employs about 40 people, including some A&M professors. After completing coursework, the students relocate to College Station to get their degrees. The student body also travels to College Station once a year for a week-long visit.

Fifteen U.S. universities trying to expand in Japan have had to close their schools there in the past few years, according to the American Association of Colleges and Universities in Japan.

"The support just doesn't seem to be there for a lot of U.S. universities," said Charles Klasek, association president.

Koriyama's mayor at the time of the agreement was a strong proponent of the A&M school, but his successor and the city council haven't been, A&M officials said.

The Koriyama campus is located about 120 miles north of Tokyo.

Graduation tickets available today

Rudder Box Office to distribute tickets through Friday

Texas A&M University will begin distributing graduation tickets Monday, at Rudder Box Office, to those students planning to graduate in December.

Each graduate will receive six tickets. Ticket distribution will run Monday through Friday this week from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Distribution will take place during the same hours Dec. 6-10 and Dec. 13-16. Tickets can also be picked up from 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Dec 17 and from 7:30-10 a.m. Dec. 18.

Off-campus students can request tickets by mail. Requests — which must include a social security number, signature, self-addressed stamped envelope, and graduation ceremony time — can be mailed to MSC Box Office, P.O. Box E-5, College Station, 77844.

Three graduation ceremonies are scheduled for this fall.

At 2 p.m. on Dec. 17, the colleges of Medicine, Agriculture and Life Sciences, Business Administration and Graduate School of Business will hold their ceremonies. The colleges of Education, Liberal Arts and Science will hold their ceremonies at 7:30 p.m.

On Dec. 18 at 9 a.m., ceremonies are scheduled for students of the colleges of Architecture, Engineering, Veterinary Medicine and Geosciences and Maritime Studies.

Closed circuit broadcasts of the ceremonies will be available in Rudder Theater.

For ticket distribution guidelines, contact the Rudder Box Office at 845-1234.

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