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2. AOR NEWS:

A. IRAQ FLIES FIRST OFFENSIVE OF WAR; ALLIES IN ACTION OFF KUWAIT {REUTER} - IRAQI JETS FLEW THEIR FIRST OFFENSIVE OF THE GULF WAR THURSDAY AS U.S. MARINES STAGED MASSIVE AMPHIBIOUS MANEUVERS AND OTHER ALLIED FORCES CAPTURED IRAQI TROOPS ON A TINY ISLAND OFF KUWAIT. BUT IRAQI FORCES OCCUPYING THE EMIRATE SEIZED NEARLY SIX MONTHS AGO WERE APPARENTLY UNFAZED BY THE ALLIED ACTION, TORCHING A PIT OF OIL THE SIZE OF A FOOTBALL FIELD IN A BID TO CREATE A SMOKE SCREEN OVER THE THEATER OF OPERATIONS. AS THE WAR GROUND INTO ITS EIGHTH DAY, THE WHITE HOUSE WARNED THE CONFLICT WAS LIKELY TO LAST MONTHS AND THAT AMERICANS SHOULD BRACE THEMSELVES FOR DAYS WHEN IRAQI FORCES SCORED VICTORIES OVER THE ALLIES. THREE IRAQI JET FIGHTERS ARMED WITH SEA-SKIMMING EXOCET MISSILES MADE AN ATTEMPT AT VICTORY AS THEY FLEW TOWARD ALLIED WARSHIPS IN THE PERSIAN GULF BUT A SAUDI PILOT DOWNED TWO OF THEM AND THE THIRD TURNED BACK. U.S. MARINES, ASSEMBLED IN THEIR LARGEST FORCE SINCE THE STORMING OF INCHON IN THE EARLY PHASE OF THE 1950-53 KOREAN WAR, HONED AMPHIBIOUS LANDING SKILLS IN THE GULF TO PREPARE FOR THE DAY THEY MAY BE ORDERED TO HIT THE BEACHES. ALLIED FORCES ALSO ATTACKED IRAQI TROOPS ON THE ISLAND OF QARUH, 22 MILES OFF KUWAIT NEAR THE SAUDI BORDER, AND THE IRAQIS SURRENDERED IN THE

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OPERATION WEDNESDAY, A U.S. MILITARY SPOKESMAN SAID. DESPITE THE ALLIED SUCCESS, WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN MARLIN FITZWATER SAID PRESIDENT BUSH AND DEFENSE SECRETARY DICK CHENEY WERE CONCERNED AMERICANS EXPECTED A QUICK END TO THE CONFLICT. THE ADMINISTRATION SAID THE WAR WOULD LAST "PROBABLY MONTHS," FITZWATER SAID, ADDING THAT PEOPLE SHOULD REALIZE "THERE ARE GOING TO BE ENEMY VICTORIES, THERE ARE GOING TO BE ENEMY SURPRISES, THERE ARE GOING TO BE DAYS WHEN WE SEE ALLIED LOSSES."

B. SADDAM IS PERSONIFICATION OF THE ENEMY FOR U.S. SERVICEMEN {REUTER} - "FOR ALL YOU DO, THIS ONE'S FOR YOU" READS THE INSCRIPTION ON A BOMB HEADING FOR BAGHDAD ABOARD A U.S. STEALTH FIGHTER-BOMBER. THE IDENTITY OF THE ADDRESSEE IS NOT IN DOUBT -- IT IS SADDAM HUSSEIN, THE PERSONIFICATION OF THE ENEMY FOR AMERICAN SERVICEMEN IN THE PERSIAN GULF. ONE WEEK INTO THE WAR, THE IRAQI PRESIDENT IS WELL ESTABLISHED IN THEIR MINDS AS A DEMON. AGAIN AND AGAIN, THEY SPEAK OF THEIR OPPONENTS IN THE SINGULAR. JUST AS THE CONFLICT IS SEEN IN IRAQ AS "BUSH'S WAR," IN THE MIND OF THE AMERICAN SOLDIER, IT MIGHT WELL BE SADDAM HUSSEIN WHO PERSONALLY FIRES EACH SCUD MISSILE AND MANS EACH ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUN. "WE SHOULD PUT HIM OUT OF BUSINESS. IF WE WAIT TWO OR THREE YEARS, HE'LL BE BACK WITH NUCLEAR BOMBS," SAID RESERVIST CHARLY HOOTEN. "I DON'T THINK THERE'S A GUY ON THE LINE WHO WOULDN'T WANT TO PUT A MISSILE ON SADDAM HUSSEIN'S HOUSE," SAID CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER TIMOTHY BRICKER OF THE U.S. ARMY'S 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION.

C. ARMS SUPPLIER SAYS IRAQ'S WAR-TESTED WEAPONS SUPERIOR {AP} - THE IRAQI ARMY'S FORMER TOP ARMS SUPPLIER SAYS THEIR WAR-TESTED WEAPONS ARE SUPERIOR UNDER DESERT FIGHTING CONDITIONS TO THE HIGH-TECH WEAPONRY USED BY THE U.S. **SARKIS SOGHANALIAN** SOLD BILLIONS OF DOLLARS WORTH OF ARTILLERY, HELICOPTERS, ELECTRONIC NIGHT-VISION AND OTHER EQUIPMENT TO SADDAM HUSSEIN DURING THE IRAN-IRAQ WAR. THE MIAMI-BASED SOGHANALIAN, CONSIDERED ONE OF THE WORLD'S FOREMOST PRIVATE ARMS MERCHANTS, SAID HE "NEVER, NEVER" THOUGHT HIS WEAPONS WOULD BE USED AGAINST U.S. TROOPS. A LONGTIME U.S. RESIDENT, HE WAS BORN IN LEBANON. HIGH-TECH U.S. WEAPONS, HE SAID WERE DEVELOPED WITH EUROPE IN MIND, NOT DESERT EXTREMES OF WIND, SAND, HEAT AND COLD. "THE IRAQIS DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELECTRONIC - IT'S SIMPLE, SECOND-CLASS CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS MADE AND DESIGNED FOR THEIR TERRITORY," HE SAID. "OUR EQUIPMENT IS SO PRECISE AND SO COMPLICATED THAT IT'S NOT FOR THIS TYPE OF TERRITORY. ... IT WAS NOT DESIGNED FOR THIS KIND OF DESERT AND CLIMATE."

D. PRINCE OFFERS TO UNDERWRITE AMERICAN EVACUATION, SAYS SCUDS NO

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THREAT {AP} - THE KING'S NEPHEW ON THURSDAY OFFERED TO PAY THE AIRFARE FOR ANY AMERICAN OR OTHER FOREIGN DEPENDENT WHO FEELS UNSAFE IN SAUDI ARABIA BUT CANNOT AFFORD A TICKET OUT. THE OFFER FROM PRINCE FAHD BIN SALMAN, VICE GOVERNOR OF THE EASTERN PROVINCE AND NEPHEW OF KING FAHD, CAME AFTER AMERICAN RESIDENTS HERE COMPLAINED THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT WAS IGNORING THEIR SECURITY. MANY AMERICANS BELIEVE THERE SHOULD BE AN OFFICIAL EVACUATION. THEY ACCUSE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AVOIDING THE MOVE BECAUSE IT WOULD ALLOW EMPLOYEES OF ARAMCO TO BREAK THEIR CONTRACTS WITH THEIR BENEFITS INTACT. PRINCE FAHD SOUGHT TO ASSURE FOREIGNERS THAT THEY WERE SAFE, NOTING THAT ALL THE SCUDS WERE SHOT DOWN BY PATRIOT MISSILES OR FELL INTO THE DESERT AND THE SEA. "THERE IS NO REASON TO PANIC. YOU ARE NOT IN BAGHDAD, YOU ARE IN THE EASTERN PROVINCE," HE TOLD REPORTERS WHILE TOURING CIVIL DEFENSE HEADQUARTERS. HE SAID ANY FOREIGNERS WHO FELT UNEASY AND WANTED HELP WERE WELCOME TO CALL HIS OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE. "IF ANY WOMAN OR CHILD NEEDS A TICKET AND CAN'T PAY FOR IT, I'LL PAY FOR IT FROM MY OWN PERSONAL MONEY, EVEN IF I HAVE TO BORROW IT," FAHD SAID.

E. PRIDE OF IRAQI NAVY MAROONED FAR FROM THE FRONT IN ITALY {REUTER} - AS WAR RAGES IN THE GULF, THE CUTTING EDGE OF SADDAM HUSSEIN'S NAVY SQUATS LAMELY IN A PICTURESQUE ITALIAN PORT, POWERLESS TO WEIGH ANCHOR AND JOIN THE FIGHTING THOUSANDS OF MILES AWAY. TEN WARSHIPS WHICH IRAQ ORDERED FROM ITALY A DECADE AGO BUT WHICH WERE NEVER DELIVERED BECAUSE OF EMBARGOES HAVE BECOME A FAMILIAR IF INCONGRUOUS SIGHT AT ITALY'S BUSIEST DOCKYARD OF LA SPEZIA ON THE WESTERN COAST. SINCE THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES IN THE GULF, POLICE HAVE VIRTUALLY INTERNED THE 101 IRAQI OFFICERS, SAILORS AND ENGINEERS AS POTENTIAL SECURITY THREATS.

F. ICRC SAYS NO WORD ON CAPTURED PILOTS, CIVILIAN CASUALTIES {REUTER} - THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS {ICRC} SAID THAT IRAQI OFFICIALS ABROAD HAVE SAID THAT BAGHDAD MIGHT ABIDE BY THE THIRD GENEVA CONVENTION, WHICH GOVERNS THE TREATMENT OF PRISONERS. "IRAQI OFFICIALS ABROAD HAVE ASSURED US THAT COOPERATION SHOULD BE POSSIBLE ON THE BASIS OF THE THIRD GENEVA CONVENTION BUT WE HAVE HAD NO REACTION FROM THE BAGHDAD GOVERNMENT," DE COURTEN SAID. HE SAID THE AGENCY'S SEVEN DELEGATES IN BAGHDAD HAD SERIOUS DIFFULTIES COMMUNICATING WITH THE HEAD OFFICE IN GENEVA DURING SEVEN DAYS AND NIGHTS OF NON-STOP ALLIED AIR RAIDS. THEY HAD NO RADIO LINK WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD AND HAD TO DRIVE FROM BAGHDAD TO THE IRANIAN BORDER TO DELIVER

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NOTES TO THEIR COUNTERPARTS POSTED IN TEHRAN. DE COURTEN SAID THAT THE ICRC HAD NO INFORMATION ON IRAQI CIVILIAN CASUALTIES, BUT IT WAS TRYING TO CONDUCT SURVEYS ABOUT THE CONFLICT AREAS.

G. SADDAM SAYS ALLIES WILL NOT ESCAPE PUNISHMENT IN GROUND WAR {AP} - IRAQ'S BATTLE COMMANDERS TOLD SADDAM HUSSEIN ON HIS FRONT-LINE VISIT THAT THE ALLIES WERE RELYING ON HIGH-ALTITUDE BOMBING AND AVOIDING A GROUND WAR OUT OF "COWARDICE AND FEAR," THE IRAQI NEWS AGENCY SAID THURSDAY. SADDAM SAID DURING HIS INSPECTION TOUR WEDNESDAY THAT THE "FORCES OF ARROGANCE AND EVIL" WILL NEVER DEFEAT IRAQ AND THE ALLIES WILL GET "THE PUNISHMENT THEY DESERVE," INA SAID. INA SAID THAT AFTER DISCUSSING WAR DEVELOPMENTS WITH SADDAM, THE COMMANDERS DERIDED THE ALLIES AS BEING AFRAID TO FIGHT A GROUND WAR. "THE COMMANDERS SAID THAT BECAUSE OF HIS {THE ENEMY'S} COWARDICE AND FEAR OF COMBAT WITH THE LAND FORCES, THE ENEMY TRIED TO AVOID ESTABLISHING ANY SERIOUS CONTACT ... AND PREOCCUPIED ITSELF, FOR THE BENEFIT OF PUBLIC OPINION, WITH BOMBING FROM HIGH ALTITUDES," IT SAID.

H. CBS TELEVISION CREW MISSING {UPI} - THE SAUDI MILITARY FOUND AN ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE USED BY A CBS TELEVISION TEAM NEAR THE SAUDI-KUWAIT BORDER THURSDAY, BUT THE CREW OF FOUR, LAST HEARD FROM MONDAY, WAS MISSING A NETWORK SPOKESMAN SAID. THE CREW INCLUDES BOB SIMON, A VETERAN CBS CORRESPONDENT. "IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THEY ARE WITH FRIENDLY FORCES," SAID TOM GOODMAN, A SPOKESMAN FOR CBS IN NEW YORK. "HOWEVER, WE DO NOT KNOW AT THIS POINT AND WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING HUMANLY POSSIBLE TO TRY TO LOCATE THEM. PENTAGON SPOKESMAN PETE WILLIAMS SAID TROOPS FOUND THE VEHICLE'S GAS TANK EMPTY AND THE KEY IN THE IGNITION. A STATEMENT FROM THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT SAID THE CREW WAS ON AN UNSPONSORED AND UNESCORTED TRIP, "A DIRECT VIOLATION" OF ESTABLISHED U.S.-SAUDI COMBAT MEDIA POOL GROUND RULES.

I. NATO MULLS RESPONSE TO ANY ATTACK ON TURKEY {AP} - AN IRAQI ATTACK ON TURKEY COULD DRAW NATO NATIONS FURTHER INTO THE WAR AGAINST SADDAM HUSSEIN IF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT INVOKED ITS RIGHT TO ASK THE WESTERN ALLIES FOR AID. ALREADY THE SPECTER OF SUCH AN ATTACK HAS SPARKED DEBATE IN GERMANY AND BELGIUM OVER WHETHER THE ALLIANCE SHOULD AUTOMATICALLY AID TURKEY. HOWEVER, NATO SECRETARY-GENERAL MANFRED WOERNER INSISTS THE COMMITMENT TO TURKEY IS FIRM. "IF OUR ALLY TURKEY IS ATTACKED, THEN OUR OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WILL BE OPERATIVE. NATO WILL PROTECT TURKEY," HE SAID.

J. CANADIAN AIR FORCE GOES ON FIRST COMBAT MISSION SINCE WW II {REUTER} - FIGHTERS FROM THE CANADIAN AIR FORCE COMPLETED THE

SERVICE'S FIRST COMBAT MISSION SINCE WORLD WAR II IN THE PERSIAN GULF THURSDAY, BUT THE PLANES DID NOT ENGAGE ENEMY AIRCRAFT IN BATTLE. COMMODORE KEN SUMMERS, THE COMMANDER OF CANADIAN FORCES IN THE MULTINATIONAL COALITION AGAINST IRAQ, SAID FOUR CF-18 HORNET FIGHTERS BASED IN QATAR WERE FLOWN IN ACTION. "THERE WERE NO ENGAGEMENTS WITH ENEMY AIRCRAFT AND ALL AIRCRAFT RETURNED SAFELY TO BASE," SUMMERS TOLD REPORTERS.

K. U.S. WANTS JORDAN TO BE MORE SUPPORTIVE ON GULF WAR {REUTER} - THE U.S. IS CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT ONE OFFICIAL CALLED KING HUSSEIN'S "RELAXED" ATTITUDE TOWARD IRAQI MISSILE ATTACKS ON ISRAEL AND BELIEVES THE JORDANIAN MONARCH COULD BE MORE SUPPORTIVE OF THE ANTI-IRAQI COALITION IN THE GULF WAR. U.S. OFFICIALS SAY THIS IS AT LEAST PART OF A EVERY "DIRECT" MESSAGE SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL ENVOY RICHARD ARMITAGE CARRIED WHEN HE VISITED THE KING IN AMMAN EARLIER THIS WEEK. THE AMERICANS ONCE COUNTED JORDAN AS A CLOSE FRIEND. BUT A RIFT DEVELOPED AFTER BAGHDAD INVADDED KUWAIT AND KING HUSSEIN SYMPATHIZED WITH IRAQI PRESIDENT SADDAM HUSSEIN. JORDAN'S GOVERNMENT HAS CONDEMNED THE WAR AGAINST IRAQ, BRANDING IT A BRUTAL AGGRESSION.

L. JAPAN CABINET APPROVES SENDING DEFENSE FORCE PLANES IN GULF {REUTER} - JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER TOSHIKI KAIFU AND HIS CABINET APPROVED PLANS FRIDAY TO SEND MILITARY AIRCRAFT TO THE PERSIAN GULF, WITH THE STIPULATIN THAT THEY NOT BE USED FOR COMBAT DUTIES. "THE PLANES WILL ONLY BE USED TO TRANSFER WAR REFUGEES AND GIVING OTHER SUPPORT THEM BUT NOT FOR COMBAT," A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN SAID. JAPAN'S "NO-WAR" CONSTITUION CLEARLY FORBIDS DEPLOYMENT OF SDF PERSONNEL ABROAD. MINISTERS SAID THE DECISION TO SEND SDF AIRCRAFT TO THE MIDDLE EAST WOULD NOT VIOLATE THIS BAN. DEFENSE MINISTER YUKIHIKO IKEDA SAID "I'M HAPPY THAT JAPAN NOW CAN PROVIDE NOT ONLY FINANCIAL BUT ALSO MANPOWER SUPPORT IN THE GULF CRISIS."

3. NON-AOR NEWS:

A. "BLIND FAITH" SENTENCE UPHELD {TRENTON, NJ} - THE NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT /UPHELD THE DEATH PENALTY THURSDAY FOR A BUSINESSMAN WHOSE CONVICTION FOR ARRANGING THE MURDER OF HIS WIFE WAS THE SUBJECT OF A BEST-SELLING BOOK AND TELEVISION MOVIE. THE RULING MARKS THE FIRST TIME THE STATE'S HIGHEST COURT HAS BACKED THE DEATH PENALTY SINCE NEW JERSEY REINSTATED CAPITAL PUNISHMENT IN 1982. THE COURT REVERSED 27 PREVIOUS DEATH SENTENCES. NO EXECUTION DATE WAS SET. JOSEPH MCGINNISS CHRONICLED MARSHALL'S CASE IN HIS BEST-SELLING BOOK "BLIND FAITH."

B. ADDICT GUILTY IN CHILD'S DEATH {PROVIDENCE, RI} - A HEROIN ADDICT WHO GAVE HER 5-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER METHADONE TO STOP HER

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COUGH WAS CONVICTED THURSDAY OF SECOND-DEGREE MURDER. CAROL TAYLOR, 43, WAS FOUND GUILTY OF THE CHARGE BY A SUPERIOR COURT JURY WHO DELIBERATED ABOUT FIVE HOURS.

C. SPAGHETTI SPIKER GETS 3 YEARS {CINCINNATI, OH} - A RESTAURANT CONSULTANT WHO PLEADED GUILTY TO SERVING DRUG-LACED SPAGHETTI TO TWO WOMEN, THEN HAVING SEX WITH THEM, WAS SENTENCED THURSDAY TO THREE YEARS IN PRISON. NICOLA IANNONE ENTERED THE PLEA TO TWO COUNTS OF GROSS SEXUAL IMPOSITION, ADMITTING HE DRUGGED THE WOMEN FEB. 23, 1988. END OF TEXT//

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