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Baker: Americans suffer 'terrible ordeal' in Iraq

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WASHINGTON — U.S. hostages in Iraq and Kuwait are suffering a "terrible ordeal," being fed inadequate diets and forced to sleep on vermin-ridden floors, Secretary of State James A. Baker III says.

Baker shed new light on the hostages' plight in a speech Monday in Los Angeles. A text was made available by the State Department.

"They are kept in the dark during the day and moved only at night," Baker said. "They have had their meals cut to two a day. And many are becoming sick as they endure a terrible ordeal."

Baker's remarks referred to more than 100 Americans who have been detained by Iraqi authorities and taken to military or industrial sites. The Iraqis are using them as a human shield to

defeat a potential U.S. military attack.

Life for the 700 or more other Americans in Iraq and Kuwait "is no less odious," Baker said, alluding to the efforts of Iraqi soldiers to track them down in house-to-house searches.

"Their days are filled with terror. Obsolete food and water — the most basic of human necessities — carries with it the risk of death," he said.

His comments were reinforced by a returning French captive, who said both American and British hostages are "in very bad shape."

"They cannot carry on much longer," said the woman, insisting on anonymity. She spoke to reporters at Baghdad airport. The woman did not say whether she was referring to the Americans who are being detained or to the other U.S. citizens.

In his speech, Baker said the

United States is "exhausting every diplomatic avenue" to achieve peace in the Persian Gulf, but warned that military action may be taken against Iraq if it continues to occupy Kuwait.

"Saddam Hussein must realize there is a limit to the international community's patience," Baker said. "He must also realize that should he use chemical or biological weapons, there will be the most severe consequences."

Baker reaffirmed that the United States strongly prefers a peaceful solution consistent with the mandate of U.N. Security Council resolutions.

"We are exhausting every diplomatic avenue to achieve such a solution without further bloodshed," he said.

He added: "Let no one doubt: We will not rule out a possible use of force if Iraq continues to occupy Kuwait."

Saddam still unyielding

WASHINGTON (AP) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein says his talks with a Soviet envoy were useful, but that the results will not necessarily become known publicly.

In an interview with Cable News Network correspondents in Baghdad aired Monday night, Saddam also reiterated his determination to maintain control of Kuwait.

"Meetings are always useful," Saddam said of his discussions with Yegorov M. Primakov, Middle East adviser to Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

Primakov has been reported as saying his discussions with Saddam produced little movement, but Gorbachev has said there were

signs of flexibility on Saddam's part.

Saddam called his discussions with Primakov "wide-ranging and very useful," but said the first statements would have to come from Primakov.

"Not everything that was agreed will come out in the open," Saddam said.

As he has in the past, Saddam said his troops have no intention of leaving Kuwait, which they occupied on Aug. 2. And any fighting, he said, would be the result of Iraqi aggression by the United States, Britain or Israel.

Saddam also insisted again that the Arab nations' problems be resolved as a whole, not piecemeal, and linked resolution



NOT WANTED — A supporter of Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., clamps his hand over a protester's mouth as attempts are made to silence the man during a campaign breakfast Monday in Portland attended by first lady Barbara Bush. The protester was removed and arrested by police.

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Cocaine, alcohol combine to form deadly third drug

By MALCOLM RITTER
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Drinking alcohol while using cocaine makes the body produce a third substance that may yield a greater high but may also raise the risk of death by overdose, scientists say.

The research, together with a preliminary finding that drinking boosts the risk of a fatal cocaine overdose about 20-fold in people with severe coronary heart disease, may help explain the puzzling overdose deaths in people with surprisingly little of the drug in their blood at autopsy.

New studies show that this third substance, manufactured in the liver from cocaine and alcohol, can mimic some actions of cocaine in the brain. Drinking is frequently combined with cocaine use, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

dopamine reaches its target cell, it is supposed to be brought back to its original home by molecules called transporters. But cocaine blocks this mechanism by binding to transporters, keeping the signal turned "on" and producing a sense of pleasure, scientists say.

The new work shows that cocaine also binds to the transporters, suggesting it may boost cocaine's effect, Mash said. In addition, she said, it appears less able than cocaine to moderate the euphoria through a second brain communication system.

Another possible role of cocaine deals with cocaine overdose deaths in people with severe coronary artery disease.

The overdose study found no elevated risk for people with moderate or mild coronary disease, said co-author Dr. James Rutenber of the federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta.

The study included about 240 cases of fatal cocaine overdose and comparable number of deaths from other causes in people who had taken cocaine, Rutenber said.

Mash said cocaine might play a role in the elevated risk because it can cling to brain cell sites that are supposed to attract a brain chemical called acetylcholine.

This may interfere with the brain's control of the heart pumping rhythm, she said. If the heart is already affected by heart disease, the result could be sudden death, she suggested.



BACK FROM BAGHDAD — A Frenchman from Baghdad hugs his wife in tears upon his arrival at Roissy airport, Paris, early Tuesday after almost three months as a hostage against attack by the Iraqi forces. More than 260 French citizens flew to Paris and liberty early Tuesday.

Americans may still be in Southeast Asia

WASHINGTON (AP) — A congressional staff report conducted for Sen. Jesse Helms questions the government's long-held contention that no Americans who fought in the Vietnam war are still being held captive in Southeast Asia.

The interim report, released Monday, contends that the Pentagon adopted its position about missing Americans and then discredited evidence to the contrary.

Information "uncovered during this inquiry provides enough corroboration to cast doubt upon the veracity of the U.S. government's conclusion," said the report by the Republican staff of the Senate

Foreign Relations Committee.

The government has contended there is no evidence that American prisoners are still alive in Southeast Asia — or that any were left behind alive after U.S. prisoners returned in 1973.

But the staff said, "Classified, declassified and unclassified information all confirm one startling fact: That the Defense Department in

Arab, Palestinian killed in Israel

JERUSALEM (AP) — A security agent shot to death a Palestinian who stabbed an Israeli guard in the West Bank, and an Arab died in a failed bombing near Tel Aviv. Both deaths came in apparent revenge attacks for the Temple Mount killings.

A third attack occurred in Arab east Jerusalem, where a Palestinian stabbed a policeman. The victim suffered superficial neck wounds, and the assailant was arrested, police and Israeli army radio said.

The attacks were the latest in violence set off by the police response to the Oct. 8 riots on the sacred Temple Mount. Twenty Palestinians were killed by police who opened fire on Arabs who had pelted Jewish worshippers with rocks.

Since then, five people have been killed and 11 wounded in a series of revenge attacks by Arabs and Israelis.

In the occupied West Bank today, a Palestinian stabbed a private Israeli security guard who was escorting a gasoline truck into Nablus, the army said.

Army radio said the guard was stabbed three times in the back as he stood on the street. A plainclothes

report and had no comment.

The report said defense intelligence discredited — often in error — live-sighting reports about U.S. personnel from hundreds of thousands of refugees fleeing Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos during the 1970s and 1980s.

It also contended that some witnesses may have been intimidated and that information was dismissed on technicalities.

Space missions lose in budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's most ambitious space proposal — colonizing the moon and sending a manned expedition to Mars — are casualties to the deficit-cutting bill approved by Congress.

Lawmakers were sympathetic to the goals in the 30-year project as it eliminated the \$37 million that the administration had asked for early studies.

"It is implicit in the conduct of the nation's civil space program that such human exploration of our solar system is inevitable," the budget cutters said. They added that consideration of the plan was deferred "due to budget constraints."

In its budget bill, Congress also trimmed more than a half-billion dollars from the space station program, even as it increased the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's total budget by 13 percent over last year.

Instead of the \$2.4 billion that Bush sought, the station program will get \$1.9 billion.

Overall, the president had proposed spending \$15.1 billion for NASA, an increase of 24 percent over last year. Congress cut that amount to \$13.8 billion, still considerably more than the \$12.2 bil-

lion of 1990.

The legislators cautioned that NASA won't continue to get such increases in the future and ordered the agency to develop the station "in useful phases" or risk losing the \$38 billion project altogether.

"The committees on appropriations have warned since the outset of this program that future budget constraints would render it virtually impossible to design, test and build the space station envisioned in 1984," said a report accompanying the budget bill.

The station was proposed by then-President Reagan, who estimated its cost to completion at \$8 billion.

"It is essential that the agency recognize that the budget crisis is only beginning," the report said. In the future, it said, NASA can expect annual spending growth of only 8 or 10 percent, and the amount spent on the space station should not rise above that.

NASA had envisioned using 30 or so shuttle flights to assemble the station in orbit, beginning midway in the decade, but Congress said that is unrealistic given the low launch rate of recent years.

Lawmakers also cut \$210 million from research and technology, leav-

ing \$285 million, the same as last year. It trimmed \$24 million from the \$119 million requested for the National Aerospace Plane — the four-hours-to-Tokyo craft promised by Reagan — and \$40 million from science projects.

NASA's request for \$53.9 million to design the next generation of rockets was cut by \$30 million. Congress earmarked \$10.5 million of the remainder for "shuttle-C," in which a cargo carrier would be launched in the same manner as the shuttle is now.

Congress deleted all \$15 million requested to build a huge water tank in which astronauts would practice assembling the space station and cut \$12 million from the \$4.4 billion requested for space shuttle operations.

An additional \$25 million was cut from life sciences research, but Congress specifically set aside \$12.1 million for "the search for extraterrestrial intelligence." NASA maintains huge listening posts to detect radio signals from outer space.

There was one significant addition. Congress tacked another \$30 million to the \$294 million Bush had requested for operating and upgrading the Hubble Space Telescope.

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Coventry qualifies for COC boys' title game

COVENTRY — Before the season began, Coventry High boys' soccer coach Bob Plaster, one prone to be a pessimist, surprised a few by saying he expected his 1990 Patriots to at least approach last year's success ratio.

Coventry was 10-4-3 in 1989. What he didn't expect was an 0-3 start.

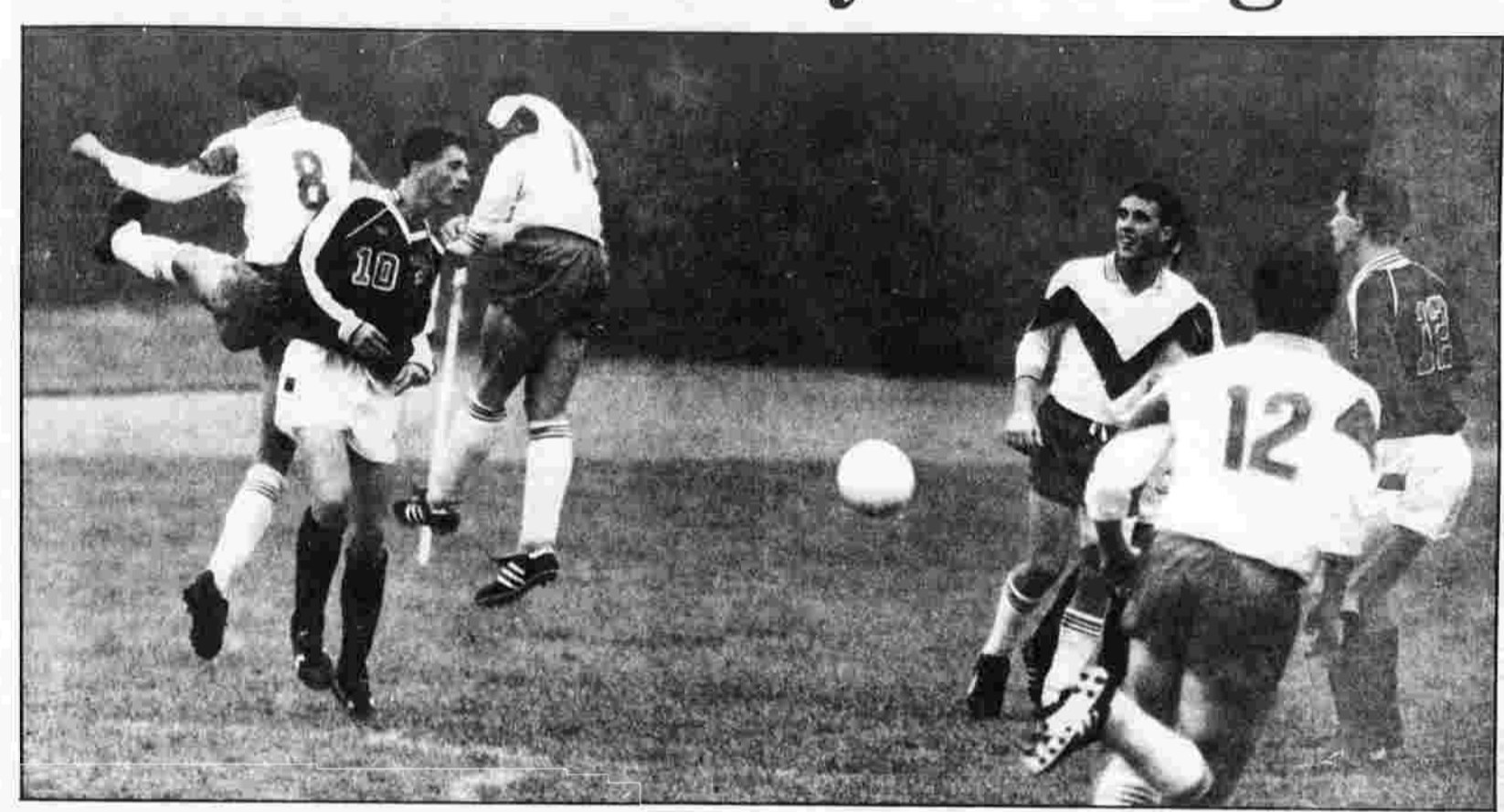
But Plaster's preseason forecast has borne out after all, with the Patriots clinching a berth in the Charter Oak Conference championship game with Wednesday's 2-1 win over Cheney Tech.

Coventry, with its fifth straight win to stretch its unbeaten streak to eight (6-0-2), is now 8-2-2 and uncatchable in the COC East Division. That puts the Patriots in Friday's championship game at 2 p.m. against COC West representative and defending champ Rocky Hill High at Cromwell High.

Rocky Hill beat the Patriots twice in the regular season, 2-1 (Sept. 18) and 6-1 (Oct. 2).

Coventry's first, and last, COC title was in 1986. RHAM won it in '87, Cromwell in '88. Other than that, it's been in Rocky Hill's possession.

Coventry, 8-5-2 overall, winds up its regular season Wednesday against RHAM High in Helton and



IN THE MIDDLE — There are Bolton and Coventry High players to the left, and to the right, with the ball in the middle in their game last week in Coventry. At the left, Bolton's Ed Bogan (10) is between Coventry's Jeremy Haynes (8) and Robb Topfitt (10). Identifiable players to the right are Coventry's Bob Davis (12) and Bolton's Paul Sauer (12). Coventry beat Cheney Tech Monday, 2-1, to earn a berth in the COC championship game.



WHOSE BALL — Manchester High's Jason Dieterle (7) and Hartford Public's Al Gragg (10) go for the ball in their game last week in Hartford. The Indians won their eighth in a row on Monday, beating Hall High, 2-0. The Indian girls, meanwhile, won their fifth in a row, blanking East Hartford High, 3-0.

Manchester soccer teams maintain winning ways

MANCHESTER — Since Monday afternoon's match against Hall High of West Hartford was the first and only non-league affair of the season for the Manchester High boys' soccer team, it relieved a bit of the tension which dominated the previous seven Indian matches en route to their third consecutive CCC East title.

That didn't, however, lessen the Indians' effort as they came away with a 2-0 victory at Memorial Field.

Manchester (11-2-1), which hosts East Hartford Wednesday at 3 p.m. in its final regular season match, has won its last eight matches. Hall slips to 7-6-2.

"They (Hall) were a strong team," Manchester coach Bill McCarthy said. "The wind was a factor. We played against the wind in the first half. This is the first game in awhile when that tension wasn't there. Hall was a good tackling team which was good because those are the types of teams we'll see in the state tournament."

Both Indian goals came in the second half.

At 12:41, a direct kick was settled by Troy Gunulis, whose shot on goal was deflected by a Hall defender. The carom came to the foot of Matt Kohut and he booted it home from six yards out. It was Kohut's first score of the season.

Both Manchester and Simsbury are also ranked in the national poll. "This was a difficult game for us to focus on," Manchester coach Joe Erardi said. "However, we still were able to extend our undefeated league and season mark. Amy Mizora who has been out the past two weeks returned and played very well."

Manchester broke on top at the 16-minute mark of the first half when Sharon Fish scored an unassisted goal on a breakaway. It was the 14th goal of the season for Fish.

Ten minutes later, Mary Moriarty set up Jessica Marquez and the latter blasted home a 12-yarder. It was the ninth goal of the season for Marquez.

Manchester's final goal came in the second half when Jen Brindisi rocketed a 30-yarder into the upper left corner of the net.

Tracy Hart, Brindisi, Moriarty and goalie Missy Daversa played well.

Manchester 2 1-3
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Score: M. Fish, Marquez, Brindisi 2; Moriarty, Daversa 2. H. Jeremy Dube

Sellers, Gwynn have fun in scrimmage

SOUTHINGTON (AP) — For Red Sellers, it was a chance to make amends for a bad practice. For John Gwynn, it was relief from days of drills.

For coach Jim Calhoun, it was an opportunity to assess the progress of his basketball team. And for a standing-room-only crowd of nearly 1,500 at Southington High School Monday, it was an opportunity to welcome heroes.

The occasion was the 13th annual Blue-White Connecticut basketball scrimmage, which has become a sort of modern exam for the Huskies during pre-season practice.

Sellers finished the night with 29 points and 18 rebounds, scoring 19 in the second half when he played with the White team as Calhoun put his basic starting club together.

"I had a terrible practice Saturday and I wanted to come out and be aggressive," he said. "I had to play as hard as I could."

Gwynn, who had 21 points, many on acrobatic moves to the basket, noted: "All we're doing in practice is drills. We never play a game, so this really felt good."

Scott Burrell, who played with Gwynn on the White team in both halves, agreed. "It's different playing a game. You work hard all the time, but this is different," he said, after scoring 17 points.

"There was nothing I was crazy about and nothing I was overly disappointed with," said Calhoun.

In the first half, Calhoun split his players evenly and the result was a one-point game, with Dan Cynalik's tip-in at the buzzer giving the White a 37-36 win. In the second half, Chris Smith (17 points, five assists), Gwynn, Burrell, Sellers, Lyman DePriest and Toriano Walker (nine rebounds, five assists) played as a team and dominated, 50-33.

Cynalik had 10 points, eight rebounds and four assists while Mark Sahr scored 11 points. Both played the first half with the White team and the second half with the Blue.

Seals, for one, took it easy on Grogan

Patriots to sign a document acknowledging that a neurosurgeon advised him not to play football because of a spinal condition.

"I'm just going to be honest about it," Seals said. "I wasn't going in there for the kill."

Seals, 6-foot-5 and 267 pounds, did sack Grogan, 6-4 and 210, in the second quarter, tackling the Patriots quarterback just as Grogan saw him break through the offensive line.

The Bills also had two other sacks. "I went back there and got him, but I wasn't saying, 'I'm going to kill you' and that kind of stuff," Seals said. "It's a touchy situation, because as a defensive lineman you're taught to go in there and rip a person's head off."

"But in a situation like that, you have to have respect for a guy like that."

Grogan said he signed the document, designed to protect the Patriots legally should the 16-year veteran suffer a serious injury, and agreed to play because four other doctors told him he faced no greater risk than any other player.

"This is a business," Grogan said. "We compromised on the language so that everybody was comfortable with it."

Seals said several Bills defenders talked about Grogan's frail state before the game.

"Everybody said, 'I just hope I'm not the one to go in and hit him and have him stay down. If I ever get a sack, I hope he gets back up.'"

"With any kind of hit, the guy could go down for good," he said. "And for you to deliver that hit, it's going to be something you're going to live with the rest of your life."

Bills coach Marv Levy said the game film showed that Seals "played very hard." In fact, the team awarded Seals a game ball for his efforts.

But Levy said Seals "was aware that there was some type of medical concern."

Babych has surgery, out for three months

HARTFORD (AP) — Hartford Whalers defenseman Dave Babych underwent surgery for chronic pain in his right wrist and will be out for at least three months.

It was Babych's decision, not the team's, to have the surgery immediately, General Manager Ed Johnston said.

"It's hard to tell a player he can't have an operation when the doctor says he can have surgery now or at the end of the season," Johnston said.

Babych, 29, who said he had the pain for years but that this year his wrist was only 75 percent, played in six of the Whalers' 12 games and had five assists.

"The chronic instability he had was causing tissue to grow out of the wrist and that was causing the pain," the Whalers said in a statement. "The surgery was performed to remove the irritated tissue and to stabilize the unstable portion of the wrist."

"We still would like to get someone to help us but there are only a few teams that have those type of players and it's tough to put them away," he said.

"The Whalers, who've lost four straight including back-to-back weekend games against Vancouver and Buffalo, are home Wednesday night against the Montreal Canadiens in an Adams Division clash.

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