

FOCUS

Dear Abby

Abigail Van Buren

Against moms in Persian Gulf

DEAR ABBY: I am a mother and grandmother, and I am very upset because our president is sending young mothers to the Persian Gulf. Yes, I know there have always been women in the armed services, but when it comes to the possibility of getting killed, it's a different matter.

We should do what we did during World War II. All the single people go first, then the married ones with no children, then those with only one child, etc. How do you tell 3- and 4-year-olds that Mama has to go to war?

With women's lib, everything has changed. I think it's terrible to break up families this way. I hope you will do what is important enough to put in your column.

FLORENCE GOODWIN, MELBOURNE, FLA.
DEAR FLORENCE: I agree with you, it is indeed terrible to break up families. But women are in the armed services voluntarily. They are not "drafted" as were men during World War II and Vietnam. Every woman who joined should have been fully aware that she could be called upon for combat duty.

And you tell 3- and 4-year-olds that Mama has to go to war the same way you tell them that Daddy has to go.

DEAR ABBY: Although I am a longtime reader of your column, I've not written before. But I think what I have to say might improve the matters of some who are unaware that the way they address people indicates a basic sexist attitude.

Recently, I had my first appointment with a new dentist. His assistant called me from the waiting room by addressing me as "Hillary." She called me Hillary all during the treatment.

I had difficulty restraining my anger. But the worst was yet to come. As I was leaving the office, I heard this same assistant calling the next patient, "Come in, Mr. Jordan." I was fuming at her for calling me by my first name for an hour and then addressing the next person by "Mr."

Am I wrong to be furious? I have changed dentists. INSULTED IN MESA, ARIZ.

DEAR INSULTED: If you choose to be furious, it's your right, but you may have done yourself a disservice by changing dentists. If he was a competent dentist, why punish him — and yourself? You should have first told his assistant to please call you "Mrs. So-and-So." Then, if he persisted in calling you Hillary, you should have complained to your dentist. And if she still ignored your request, you would have been justified in chewing her out and taking your teeth to another dentist.

RECORD

Deaths

This town listing of deaths is offered free of charge by the Manchester Herald. Full announcements of death and burials appear under the Death Notices heading.

Manchester

Sean Gerald "Jack" Rooney
Woodland Road

Lottery

Here are the latest lottery results from around New England:

Connecticut
Daily: 4-5-2. Play Four: 4-7-9-6. Lotto: 1-9-19-23-26-39.

Massachusetts
Daily: 2-3-7-6. Mass Millions: 3-25-26-28-32-34.

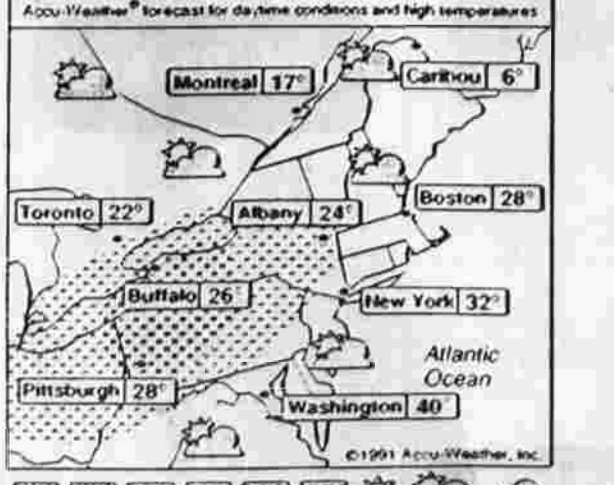
Northern New England
Pick three: 2-1-6. Pick four: 6-0-1-4. Lotto: 10-13-26-29-30-31.

Rhode Island
Daily: 7-9-2-1.

Weather

REGIONAL Weather

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PEOPLE

Screen siren Kim Basinger says she can be wild without drugs or alcohol.

The 37-year-old actress, who steamed up the screen in "9½ Weeks," admits in the February issue of Cosmopolitan that she's done a lot of wild things, including drugs and plenty of partying.

"When I came to L.A., I said, 'I want to take everything. I want to try it all.'"

She said the debilitating effects of cocaine "made me very smart in one way. It made me know that you could never use it and get by."

Basinger skirted the issue when asked about her reported personal relationship with "The Marrying Man" co-star Alec Baldwin and past courtship with singer Prince, but said she would like to marry again.

"It's so much more romantic than being a single person," she said.

Basinger was married for eight years to makeup artist Ron Britton. They were divorced in 1989.

Actor Michael Douglas and a business partner are selling most of their 6,500-acre Wildcat Ranch near this village down the road from the celebrity-filled Aspen ski resort.

Douglas, the star of the films "Romancing the Stone" and "War of the Roses," and his partner, Niel Morgan, originally had hoped to subdivide the ranch into 35 lots. But Pitkin County approved only a 10-lot configuration last fall.

The owners, who bought the ranch for more than \$15 million, have selected two of the lots for themselves.

"Each homestead is priced between \$2 million and \$5.5 million," project manager Bill Hegberg said Thursday. "By the time you get done building, you'll have \$6 million to \$7 million into it."

Country music singer Barbara Mandrell has returned home from a hospital where she spent 12 days being treated for pneumonia, a spokeswoman said Friday.

"She is still quite weak, but was anxious to go home with her family to continue her recuperation," said spokeswoman Jeanne Chent.

Mandrell, 42, who has three children, was released Thursday from Baptist Hospital.

Her autobiography, "Get to the Heart: My Story," has been a best-seller since being published last September. It dealt with her near-fatal 1984 traffic accident. Her hit records include "I Was Country When Country Wasn't Cool."

A federal judge dismissed a lawsuit accusing Reza Pahlavi, the son of the late Shah of Iran, of molesting a woman in 1979. He was charged with molesting a woman in 1979. He was charged with molesting a woman in 1979.

U.S. District Judge Albert V. Bryan Jr. said Pahlavi, 30, knew little about how his estate's finances were managed and could not be held personally accountable for employment agreements with servants at his Great Falls home.

Pahlavi "doesn't live like these and me," Bryan said Thursday. "He was not brought up to do these things. Whether we are envious of that or not is irrelevant to it, that is his way of life."

All Haydar Shabhazi, 58, said Pahlavi dismissed him two years ago with a handshake and \$9,000. He said that when Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi was toppled by an Islamic revolution in 1979, he abandoned more than \$400,000 in property and dedicated himself to providing round-the-clock safety for the shah's heir.

Shabhazi's attorney, Mark Sableman, said Pahlavi violated Iranian tradition by failing to provide a servant for life.

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Dr. Gott

Peter Gott, M.D.

Early leukemia marked by anemia

DEAR DR. GOTT: Can you provide information on myeloplastic syndrome?

DEAR READER: The myeloplastic syndrome (also called subacute myeloid leukemia and chronic myelomonocytic leukemia) is a form of early leukemia (blood cell cancer) that usually affects men in their 60s and 70s. It is marked by anemia or low white blood cell counts (leukopenia) or low platelet counts (thrombocytopenia) — or any combination of the three. The syndrome is considered to be a precursor of more serious leukemia, which may take years to appear, however.

The myeloplastic syndrome is associated with infection and hemorrhage, which — for obvious reasons — must be treated promptly. Therapy for the syndrome itself involves drugs, such as prednisone, danazol and medicine to promote the growth of white blood corpuscles. Patients with this condition should be under the care of hematologists (blood specialists) or oncologists (cancer specialists).

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General News

Latest Gulf War developments

Here is a look at the latest developments in the Persian Gulf war:

■ An Iraqi Scud missile crashed into a building after being chased through the sky by Patriot missile in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia Friday night, killing one person and injuring 30 people, the Interior Ministry said.

■ Scud attacks against Saudi Arabia. The Riyadh attack, another missile slammed into a six-story government office building and sheared part of it off. In the latest series of attacks, witnesses in Dhahran heard the incoming Iraqi rockets.

■ Scud missiles by U.S. Patriot rockets were fired from the city. A half-dozen explosions were heard from a hotel in Dhahran, a port city 12 miles north of Dhahran. Witnesses believed the Patriot intercept missiles were fired.

■ Iraq has sabotaged Kuwait's oil super-tanker loading pier, dumping millions of gallons of oil into the Persian Gulf, officials said Friday. The spill posed environmental problems and strategic concerns.

In Washington, President Bush pledged "every effort" by the allied forces to halt the crude oil spill. Pentagon officials said that despite the huge magnitude of the spill, it held no peril for any possible amphibious assault on Iraq positions in Kuwait.

■ Missiles fired from western Iraq struck the Tel Aviv and Haifa areas today, killing one Israeli and wounding more than 40 others. It was the fifth attack by the Scud-type missiles on the Jewish state in the past eight days and the first that directly caused a death. Army officials said seven missiles with conventional warheads were fired, and that U.S.-supplied Patriot anti-missile system destroyed two of them.

■ Marine Gen. Robert Johnston said the oil spill was "in enemy territory. We can't just go in and shut it off." In an amphibious assault on Kuwait, Marines might have to contend with the oil, he said. Col. Ahmed Roybyan, a Saudi military spokesman, said the spill first was detected three days ago and that an oil slick already had spread almost 10 miles southward toward Saudi waters.

■ Allied bombing raids have all but destroyed Iraq's nuclear potential and have sharply reduced its ability to use chemical weapons, the French military said. Gen. Maurice Schmitt also said Friday that French jets attacked Republican Guard units near the Kuwaiti border, the second such French strike into Iraq.

■ Baghdad radio broadcast purported interviews with captured allied airmen, three American and one Italian. But a later broadcast Friday quoted an unidentified information ministry spokesman as saying such interviews will stop. Iraq says it holds more than 20 allied airmen and has dispersed them in human shields at civilian targets to deter attack. The U.S. has accused Iraq of war crimes in its treatment of POWs.

■ Weather reports in Israel have been censored, the army censor's office in Jerusalem said Friday. Israel is concerned that such reports could help Iraq decide when to launch missile attacks against the Jewish state. The decision became apparent

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Baltics top item of talks agenda

By BARRY SCHWEID
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Friday he shares "much common ground" with Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, but left open the possibility he may cancel the summit scheduled Feb. 11-13 in Moscow because of the Kremlin's harsh treatment of the Baltic republics.

Bush, at a brief news conference, said the Soviet tactics in the Baltics caused him "difficulties," and that he was eager for the outcome of consultations with Soviet Foreign Minister Alexander A. Besmertnykh.

Bush said he had a "deep concern" over the Baltic situation.

The Soviet foreign minister was scheduled to meet Secretary of State James A. Baker III on Saturday, and with Bush on Monday.

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And so, Bush said, the talks Baker will begin with Besmertnykh "will touch on a wide array of issues, some where we have very much common ground, some where we have common objectives..."

The State Department spokeswoman, Margaret D. Tutwiler, said Baker would start by registering "deep concern" over the Baltic situation.

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OPINION

Open Forum

Military matters

To the Editor:

Many of us had our feelings hurt, during the Presidential campaign two years ago. The TV networks and national newspapers put down Dan Quayle's enlistment in the National Guard with such comments as "Dan was only in the National Guard during the Vietnam conflict."

Our National Guard has been involved in every war and domestic crisis since the founding of our country. The aforementioned reporters should have done some research before they ran down Mr. Quayle. The National Guard is a very important integral part of the regular Army and can be called to action in a moment's notice.

I am estimating that 50 percent of the troops in Desert Storm today are National Guard members or their reserve — both ground and air forces. Manchester, during World War I, sent many local men, from Company G, Yankee Division to France. Locally, they were stationed at the old National Guard Armory on Wells St., demolished back in the 1950's. Company K of our local National Guard, 43rd Division, fought through the whole Pacific campaign from 1941 to 1945.

I am very glad to see our country and local neighbors supporting the men and women in Desert Storm. They need our support and prayers. Unfortunately when my two sons, Doug and Bill Johnson, were in Vietnam from 1965 to 1968 with the 3rd Marine Division, Pacific Fleet, they and our family received very little local support. It was a very unpopular war or "conflict."

A Lutheran Church group I belonged to helped some, and a good friend of mine, Nino Agostinelli, then a Captain in the National Guard, offered to contact Marine Corps headquarters in Vietnam by National Guard shortwave military communications in Vietnam. This way I spoke to both Bill and Doug by shortwave radio.

Our family was very glad when Manchester erected the Korean War Monument on East Center St. and the Vietnam Memorial at Manchester Center.

Learning from the Vietnam war, let us give our forces in Desert Storm all of the support, help and prayers we can. This is what makes our country strong. This gives the troops over there a sense of well being, when they know our love and compassion is 100 percent for them.

Douglas A. Johnson Sr.
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Staum deserves an apology

To the Editor:

Ruth Staum, assistant treasurer for the Town of Manchester, has been cleared by the proper authorities of all charges made against her. Why, then, can't Mayor Terry Workhoven and Director Wally Irish accept the fact and apologize to her or were they, perhaps, the individuals responsible for the leak to the papers?

I'm disgusted so much and publicity has been spent on the matter. Enough is enough, but I, for one, feel Mr. Workhoven and Mr. Irish owe the apology to Mrs. Staum who has saved the town thousands of dollars. You may not know it, but it was Mrs. Staum who suggested and accepted the responsibility of figuring the pensions of retiring personnel and, until she did so, the town paid an outside actuary to do the costly work.

Do the decent thing, Mr. Workhoven and Mr. Irish — apologize, put the issue to rest and then get back to the business of cutting the town's budget.

Teresa Priskwald
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Fond memories of teacher

To the Editor:

The Class of Manchester High School 1948 has dedicated its class book to former Manchester High School teacher Jeanne M. Low who passed away January 7. This was a small token of appreciation the class had for this wonderful teacher who influenced so many students.

Not only did she teach us a foreign language, but she educated everyone in the differences in cultures with her enthusiasm and spirit. She attended most of the reunions of the class and was interested in how everyone was doing and what they were doing.

It is with a sad heart that we must bid adieu to Jeanne Low who was a shining light in our educational process and a wonderful teacher.

Vicent L. Diana
The Class of 1948
Manchester High School



"The BAD news is, I lost my job. The GOOD news is, I was taken in as a member of a STREET GANG."



FBI poised for terrorism

WASHINGTON — With the outbreak of war in the Persian Gulf, federal law enforcement agencies, led by the FBI, have begun an unprecedented effort to prevent terrorist activities in this country.

One government official who spoke on background says that the United States has uncovered "at least five potential schemes" since early August "that could have resulted in a terrorist act." Reportedly, all these incidents involved foreign individuals in this country, none of whom were believed to be working for any organized group. The official declined to give any details beyond the fact that the individuals who were involved "are no longer in this country."

FBI Director William Sessions believes the terrorist threat is very real, but he believes the FBI is ready to respond. "Every precaution that we and other federal agencies can take is being taken to try to avoid any terrorist activities," said Sessions.

But he went on to caution that the FBI "has credible information" that there are individuals in this country who have both the capability and the will to commit terrorism. However, he added, "I believe we have the ability to minimize any threat."

Sessions underscored the idea that people should not disrupt their normal activities out of fear of terrorism. "People should be a little more cautious and a little more observant," said Sessions. "Our job will be made much less difficult if people are aware of what is going on around them and if they report anything unusual to the FBI or to their local police department."

According to FBI sources, the bureau's top priority is to locate thousands of individuals who have legally entered the United States on Iraqi and Kuwaiti passports since Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait. They are interested in people traveling on Kuwaiti passports because Iraq gained control of those passports on the day they invaded.

According to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, about 7,500 people have entered the United States on Iraqi and Kuwaiti passports since August, and almost unbelievably, another 4,000 have been given visas to enter the United States.

What officials are not talking very much about is the possible implementation of a contingency plan reportedly drawn up after the 1986 U.S. air raid on Libya. At that time some sort of Arab terrorist response was expected, so the plan drawn up by Justice and INS officials called for the revocation of visas of alien visitors to the United States based on nationality and country of origin. This would force all those with revoked visas to reapply for new visas, giving authorities an opportunity to closely question them.

It would also give officials the right to immediately deport any individual who is found holding an invalidated visa and who has not applied for a new one.

When the plan became public in 1987 it met with immediate criticism from civil rights advocates. It was disavowed by both the Justice Department and the INS.

However, sources here say some aspects of it, especially visa revocation based on some broad criteria, may be seriously considered if significant numbers of Iraqi passport holders are not located.

At a young age, Saddam was put in a detention center for an unspecified period of time. At 11, he ran away from home and moved in with an uncle, Khairallah Tulfah, his mother's brother, who lived in a nearby village. According to a semi-official biography of Saddam, the uncle and other relatives "gave him a pistol and sent him off in a car to Tikrit" in his late teens to take care of himself.

Saddam found a political outlet for his dark side — the violent Baath Party. At the age of 24, he tried to assassinate Abdel Karim Kassem, the despotic ruler of Iraq. Kassem survived that attempt, but was assassinated by someone else four years later in 1963. In 1979, Saddam became supreme ruler of Iraq, a position from which he has taken out his aggressions on his own people and neighboring Arab nations.

The upbringing of Saddam should give child psychologists grist for the mill for years to come.

Third super power
There is growing nationalist sentiment in Japan for the country to assert itself as an economic superpower and craft its own course, independent of the United States. Some nationalists want Japan to end its support of U.S. foreign policy and take a neutral position, even playing peace broker. Japan has quietly sent researchers to Scandinavian countries to study their experience as United Nations peace-keeping observers. What is emerging in Japan is a strong pacifist sentiment and a reluctance to follow Washington's stand on every international issue. The nationalists also believe that Japan has earned a right to a seat on the United Nations Security Council.

Child abuse shaped Saddam

By JACK ANDERSON
and DALE WAN ATTA

WASHINGTON — When U.S. bombers and fighter planes crossed the border into Iraq on Jan. 17, the United States declared war on an abused child.

Saddam Hussein's psyche was formed in an abusive childhood. The unique circumstances of his upbringing proscribed that he was unlikely to surrender to anything less than a bullet in the head. At least that is what the latest Secret Central Intelligence Agency psychological profiles say about Saddam.

The CIA profile and reports on the Iraqi leaders around Saddam predicted that the only way he would leave the scene was the same way he got there — by violence.

One source who read the top-secret file on Saddam said that he was "moved" by it, in spite of what he knew about the horrors Saddam had unleashed on his own people and then on the world.

The source said the CIA psychological profile "usually is rather sympathetic to him, portraying him as a disadvantaged orphan child, raised by his mother's brother and becoming an assassin at an early age."

On Tuesday afternoon, there is a trip to the Meadows Convalescent Center on Bidwell Street to visit friends and relatives. Pickups start about 2 p.m. from your home. Return time from the Center and Baskeewing (no) Tuesday, 2 to 4 p.m., rescheduled to March 19.

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SENIOR CITIZENS Black History Month celebration

By JEANETTE CAVER
Senior Center director

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Update

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When Israeli newspapers appeared without their usual weather reports and forecasts.

The Pentagon said the past 24 hours allowed for the busiest day of the air campaign. Gen. Thomas Kelly said 2,707 sorties were flown in good weather in the skies above Iraq and Kuwait.

President Bush pledged "every effort" by the allied forces to halt the spreading of oil in the Persian Gulf. Bush told reporters at the White House that the Iraqi action is a "scud missile and allied prisoners of war" — destructive action that has no value to the Iraqi military effort.

President Bush said the cost of the war was still being computed, and an accounting would be given to Congress. He said he was "very pleased with the cooperation and participation of foreign countries" in financing Operation Desert Storm.

Kuwait's exiled government gave \$13.5 billion earlier Friday as part of its 1991 payment. Japan announced on Thursday

a \$9 billion contribution. Cost estimates for the war range upwards of \$600 million a day.

President Bush said he planned to go about his business undeterred by the war. "Life goes on... I am not going to be held a captive in the White House by Saddam Hussein... I am not going to see my life to a halt."

The Pentagon's decision to scrub traditional public honor ceremonies for returning war dead has angered some relatives of the many thousands of U.S. troops fighting a bloody desert ground campaign. Though some families support the policy shift announced in a government directive issued Jan. 15, others on Friday accused the government of trying to obscure the high price of war.

The Pentagon will not comment. Stock prices kept climbing Friday as Wall Street maintained its optimistic view of the progress of the war against Iraq. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 16 to 2,659. Bond prices fell sharply. The dollar rose against major foreign currencies in European trading. Oil prices dropped slightly.

White House Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater said Saddam "has exhibited no decency in dealing with human life. We could not expect anything but the same disregard for the environment."

Williams said the spill is "likely to be more than a dozen times big-

ger than the 1989 Alaskan Valdez oil spill, which spilled 11 million gallons of oil over 2,600 square miles of ocean waters and 1,200 miles of coastline.

Iraqis are "spilling a huge amount of oil" into the Gulf from the Sea Island terminal, Kuwait's largest supertanker loading terminal, about 10 miles offshore from the oil refinery city of Al-Ahmedi, Williams said.

Much of the oil is being pumped to the island through an underwater pipeline from a large Kuwaiti crude oil tank farm in Al-Ahmedi, just south of Kuwait City, Williams said. Other oil has been spilled into the Gulf from oil tankers loaded and anchored at the Sea Island terminal since October, he added.

Since the oil spill first formed three days ago, it has traveled south 10 miles to Saudi waters, said a Saudi military official.

Maj. Gen. Robert B. Johnson, chief of staff of U.S. forces in the Gulf, said the pipeline from Al-Ahmedi to the sea is being pumped as much as 100,000 barrels daily — about 4.2 million gallons.

Bush vowed that every effort would be made to stop the spill. Officials meeting at the State Department and Pentagon were "close to agreement" on a "course of action," Bush said Friday afternoon.

A response to the oil spill is being determined by officials at the departments of State, Defense and Energy in "close consultations" with other countries in the Gulf region, said Fitzwater.

He speculated that Saddam might have ordered to oil spill to the Persian Gulf of either frighten or consequences.

Pentagon officials underscored their assertion that the oil spill would have no impact on military operations in the Gulf.

"I don't see how it furthers their military objectives," said Williams. "It just creates an enormous mess in the Persian Gulf of either frighten or consequences."

Army Lt. Gen. Thomas Kelly, director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said, "Over time, that oil slick is going to move and we don't think it represents any inhibitor to the pace of the amphibious operations.... If and when we decide to commit the Marines in any amphibious operation, we'll be able to carry that out without difficulty."

Pentagon officials said the slick would interfere with Navy ships nor with smaller landing craft used in amphibious assaults.

Experts discounted the likelihood that Iraq could create a wall of fire on the water's surface to prevent a possible allied assault by sea.

Malcolm Spaulding, president of Applied Science Associates Inc., a Rhode Island oil spill consulting firm, said an oil slick has to be thicker than one-tenth of an inch to burn, and even then would burn only near the source of the spill.

The thickness of the gulf slick could not be determined Friday.

Dorothy Smith, an environmentalist with Greenpeace, said oil loses its flammability as it mixes with ocean water. The oil loses its flammability quicker in turbulent water, she said.

The spill may pose a greater risk to desalination plants that line the Gulf and serve as a key source of drinking water for many of the region's inhabitants.

"The subject of desalination plants is a concern," said Williams. "But we don't know how big a threat it is to them yet because we're not certain precisely what will happen to this slick, where it will go and so on."

A Saudi spokesman said the spill so far was not immediately threatening desalination plants.

But as the slick washed ashore in some areas, coating fish and wildlife, environmentalists warned of unprecedented ecological damage.

"This promises to be a disaster of unprecedented proportions," said Peter Bahouth, executive director of Greenpeace USA.

A running bankshot in the lane by Liza Benetierei (game-high 20 points, two 3-pointers) cut Manchester's lead to a single point.

The Hornets then gained their first lead (29-38) after freshman

Lynn Gaglioti (nine points) converted both ends of a 1-and-1 opportunity. A 15-footer by junior Jessica Marguez pushed the Indians back in front, 40-39.

Two free throws by Benetierei after fouled East Hartford in its final lead of 41-40 with 3:49 to go.

Manchester senior Shelly Dieterle (team-high 15 points, 12 in first quarter) hit a tough bankshot to give the Indians the lead for good, 42-41, with 3:21 to play.

A fast break layup by junior Patty Hombsitel lengthened Manchester's lead to 44-41. Benetierei, a perfect 6-of-6 from the foul line in the game, hit two more free throws to cut the lead to 44-43.

After the Hornets' Nicole Conover missed an inside attempt, Dieterle was fouled with 29 seconds left and hit one of two free throws for a 45-43 lead.

Manchester retained possession after Dieterle's missed foul shot and Amy Shumaker was fouled. She hit one of two from the line to make the score 46-43 with 19 ticks left.

In an effort to tie the game, East Hartford's Stacey Mayrason's 3-point attempt from three feet beyond the 3-point line drew nothing but air as time expired.

"They (East Hartford) just kept scrapping," DePasqua said. "Liza

(Benetierei) is really improved. She has that jumper developed. The first half Shelly was hitting her shots. We've got to get the ball down to the post area for her."

The Indians led, 13-10, after one quarter, 25-20 at halftime and 36-31 after three quarters. After Manchester freshman Julie Smart (five points in third quarter) switched home a baseline 3-pointer with 2:14 left in the third, the Indians achieved their largest advantage of the night 45-32.

East Hartford, though, scored the last six points of the quarter.

"Julie coming in off the bench is really doing a good job," DePasqua said. "She's a tough player."

Manchester also took the junior varsity contest, 51-46. Tom Kelley, substiting for the ill Mike Mastey, gained his first win as JV coach. Sara Sutor and Smart led the Indians with 10 points apiece while Beth Gerhart and Kathy Hammett added seven each.

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Shrine clash may open some doors

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Eric Bieniemy received plenty of publicity this season as the star runner on Colorado's national championship team.

Quarterback Shawn Moore led Virginia to the No. 1 ranking during the season and finished fourth in the Heisman Trophy voting. And name recognition wasn't a problem for San Diego State's Dan McGwire, the 6-foot-8 quarterback whose brother Mark is one of baseball's best home run hitters.

Bieniemy, Moore and McGwire will again get plenty of attention Saturday in the East-West Shrine game. But the all-star game, which

features 74 players from 48 schools, also will provide a big-time opportunity for some lesser-known players from lesser-known schools.

For wide receiver David Jones of Delaware State, the game is a chance to answer skeptics. Jones caught 53 passes for 1,049 yards and nine touchdowns last season, but he isn't exactly a household name after playing in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference.

"Coming from Delaware State, you hear a lot about the competition you play against," Jones said. "I think this is a chance to prove that you belong with the big boys and prove it to you, soot."

Mouse leaving Lions

ANTONIA, Mich. (AP) — Offensive coordinator Mouse Davis, hired by coach Wayne Fontes to orchestrate the Detroit Lions' run-and-shoot offense, is leaving the team, a spokesman says.

"It came down to a philosophical difference between Wayne and Mouse," Davis said Friday.

Fontes and Davis met at the Silverdome on Thursday "and decided a parting of the ways would be the best," Kenneist said.

Davis said Fontes told him he was planning to switch to a tight end-oriented offense.

"He said, 'You can stay if you want to,' but that would be kind of ridiculous," Davis said. "So I wished him well, and away we go."

Kenneist denied Fontes planned to scrap the run-and-shoot.

"He's keeping the offense, he's just going to add to it," the spokesman said.

Another of the conductors for Detroit's run-and-shoot, June Jones, left last week for a job with Atlanta.

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