

IRAQ UNDER SIEGE: THE LIBERATION OF KUWAIT

Huge oil slick creates ecological catastrophe

By MARK FRITZ
The Associated Press

MANAMA, Bahrain — Oil made the Persian Gulf states rich, but water keeps them alive. Now, the two precious fluids that don't mix are on a collision course, a fumesome prospect in a parched land.

The millions of gallons of oil that Iraq was allegedly pumping into the gulf from a Kuwaiti terminal may have been halted when allied warplanes bombed a pipeline in the occupied emirate on Sunday, U.S. military officials said.

Environmentalists say so much crude has already poured into the waterway — an estimated 300 million gallons — that an unstoppable environmental disaster is now unfolding, one that may take 20 years to fix.

The main spill stretches over a 35-by-15-mile area,

said Commodore Ken Summers, commander of Canada's gulf forces. Secondary slicks have brought the length to about 85 miles.

The spill will slaughter turtles, dolphins, whales, sea cows and birds.

Fish and wildlife, however, must struggle through as best they can. The gulf states' priority is keeping the massive slick from fouling treatment plants that make sea water fit to drink for arid nations.

"It's a choice between clean drinking water and fish. We've got to protect our drinking water first," said a Saudi official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Nearly two-thirds of the water that flows from faucets in the gulf region comes from desalination plants, sensitive treatment facilities that distill and chemically treat sea water.

Officials in Saudi Arabia, with 24 of the region's 30

desalting plants, say they are confident they can lay enough oil booms and sprinkle enough chemical dispersal agents to keep the oil from the intake valves at the plants.

But environmentalists and industry experts say the potential threat to the water supply for the region's 18 million people is very real. High waves or heavy currents could splash oil over the booms.

"If oil gets into the intake, you could end up with oil in your drinking water," said Walter Vreeland, an environmental engineer who advises the island nation of Bahrain.

Peter Whitbread, who runs a 38-ship salvage operation out of Dubai, cautioned that high waves in the gulf may mean oil booms won't catch all the crude.

The main oil slick was allegedly caused by Iraqis who turned on pumps at the Sea Island Terminal off Kuwait

nearly a week ago. In addition, Iraqis were thought to have virtually emptied the oil from five tankers anchored nearby.

An "anti-pollution" tanker, equipped with huge oil booms and skimmers, arrived off the coast of Bahrain today before heading north to protect desalination plants.

The tanker, from the Norwegian clean-up company, Norpol Marine, is equipped to swallow a half-mile of oil a day. It was expected to fight the slick near the world's biggest desalination plant at Jubail, which processes 30 million gallons of drinking water a day.

In addition, more than 70 tons of equipment, including booms and suction skimmers, were being flown Monday from Britain by Oil Spill Response Ltd., a consortium formed by 13 oil companies to combat spills, British Petroleum Co. said.

Saddam may be forced into ground strike

By DAHARAN, Saudi Arabia (AP)

Saddam Hussein may soon seek his first major military victory in the Persian Gulf war, his hand forced by repeated allied bombing of Iraqi military sites, military sources said.

"Only an idiot would sit there forever while his military is being destroyed," a Pentagon source said. "He'll soon be at the point where it's use it or lose it."

Although there was virtual unanimity among mid-level officers that Saddam would try to strike soon, there was disagreement over what type of punch he would throw. All sources spoke on condition of anonymity.

In recent days, security has been improved at several allied military installations and military sources conceded there is increased sensitivity to the possibility of a terrorist attack.

Troops at bases within range of Iraq's Scud missiles and artillery are being cautioned not to ignore warnings of a possible chemical attack simply because one has not come in the first days of war.

And there is concern that Saddam will intensify attacks on Israel in hopes of eroding its patience with U.S. promises to halt Saddam's missile volleys and of forcing a reallocation that might divide the U.S.-led allies.

ing to leave the planes in Iran on Tehran's terms for now, but make a dramatic provocation to draw Israel into the war, then seek permission to bring the jets out of their hangars over the Persian Gulf.

Despite its declared neutrality, Iran has criticized the deployment of a large number of U.S. troops in the gulf region to force Iraq from occupied Kuwait.

On Sunday, Iranian Parliament Speaker Mahdi Karubi said Iran "will certainly fight Israel along with other Muslim states" if Israel enters the war.

A senior Air Force officer in Riyadh said: "Even if they're grounded for now, Saddam keeps them from the bombing while he tries to get Israel to shoot back. ... Unless they detected, and I don't think for a second they did, it could help him in the long run."

The Pentagon source, however, disputed that thinking, saying Iraq would forfeit any progress in efforts to win needed Western aid to rebuild its economy, shattered by a 1980-88 war with Iran.

The Air Force officer suggested the allies could add another AWACS radar plane to the several flying over the gulf region or change the flight patterns of the existing AWACS to keep a better eye on Iraq.

Another possibility, the officer said, was revising combat air patrols over the gulf to offer more protection against any strike launched from Iran. He said diplomatic pressure also will be exerted to keep the planes grounded.

Military officials are also concerned about the safety of U.S. and allied troops moved swiftly to border areas in recent weeks in preparation for a ground assault, which some have said might come in February.

Officials now realize that more air sorties are needed to soften Iraq's forces and more time is required to prepare U.S. troops.



SANDBAG SECURITY — U.S. troops stack sandbags around a bunker at the Arabian Peninsula where C-130 Hercules transport planes are based. Security is being beefed up at the base.

Helicopters will play vital role in Gulf war

By JAMES L. CAPPIELLO
The Associated Press

BLOOMFIELD — Think of them as the grunts of America's airborne arsenal.

Helicopters aren't as glamorous as the high-flying jet fighters now winning glory in the Persian Gulf. But Army experts say choppers will play a key role when the war shifts from the air to the ground.

Helicopters will be dispatched on what could be some of the most dangerous missions of the war, leading the attack on enemy tanks, transporting troops and cargo to the battlefield, sweeping for mines, flying reconnaissance, and rescuing troops from desert and sea.

"That lesson was learned in Vietnam — how important rotor craft were. ... Quick in, quick out," said Mark Bobbi, a defense analyst with Forcast International in New York.

Two Connecticut helicopters-makers are well represented in the gulf: Sikorsky Aircraft, who name is virtually synonymous with the helicopter, and Kamon Aerospace Corp. of Bloomfield, whose Seahawk chopper has been used by the Navy for more than 30 years.

Sikorsky's mainstay is the Black Hawk, used by the Army for transporting cargo and troops. Five other

Sikorsky helicopters can also expect to see action:

- SH-60B Seahawk, used by the Navy for anti-submarine warfare.
- UH-60H, a modified Seahawk used by the Navy for combat search and rescue.
- CH-53E Super Stallion, used by the Navy and the Marines to lift heavy equipment, such as M1 tanks.
- MH-53E Sea Dragon, a modified Super Stallion used by the Navy as a mine sweeper.
- SH-3 Sea King, used primarily for anti-submarine warfare and search and rescue missions.

Kaman manufactures the SH-2F Seahawk helicopter, which is likely to be used to attack floating targets. The Seahawk was introduced in 1959 for use in anti-submarine warfare. Powerful machine guns are targeting the ship's hull. In 1988, when a helicopter was fired upon during a Navy reconnaissance mission in the gulf.

Helicopters have become an integral part of modern warfare because of their ability to squeeze in and out of tight spots without a runway, said Lt. David Wray, a U.S. Navy spokesman in Washington.

Their versatility makes them desirable — most choppers can easily switch from one role to another, Wray said.

Gas prices continue to fall

By LOS ANGELES (AP)

Gasoline prices fell more than 3 cents over the past two weeks despite the eruption of war in the Middle East and a Persian Gulf oil spill that surpassed the Exxon Valdez calamity.

The average price for all grades of gasoline at full- and self-service stations was 130.35 cents per gallon Friday, down 3.08 cents from Jan. 11, according to the nationwide Lundberg Survey released Sunday.

War and the discharge of millions of gallons of crude oil into the Persian Gulf by Iraq forces in Kuwait didn't influence retail prices over the period surveyed, said oil industry analyst Tribby Lundberg, author of the biweekly survey.

"That oil was replaced soon after Iraq's invasion (of Kuwait) in August by other supplies to meet current demand," Lundberg said.

"If there is a gasoline price increase, it will probably be in conjunction with speculative responses" on the futures market, she said.

The biggest retail price decline over the two-week period was for regular unleaded gasoline at self-service stations. Its price fell 3.33 cents, to an average 118.03 cents per gallon, Lundberg said.

Washington (AP) — A Soviet official acknowledged today that "things at times are getting out of hand" in the Baltics. President Bush was meeting the new Soviet foreign minister as U.S. officials hinted next month's arms summit in Moscow may be postponed.

Vitaly Churkin, Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, said "it is the desire of the central government, the president, to work out the situation (in the Baltics) politically."

But he said on the ABC-TV program "Good Morning America," that "the problem there is that of ensuring the rights of national minorities, civil and human rights of people, and ensuring the observance of the Constitution."

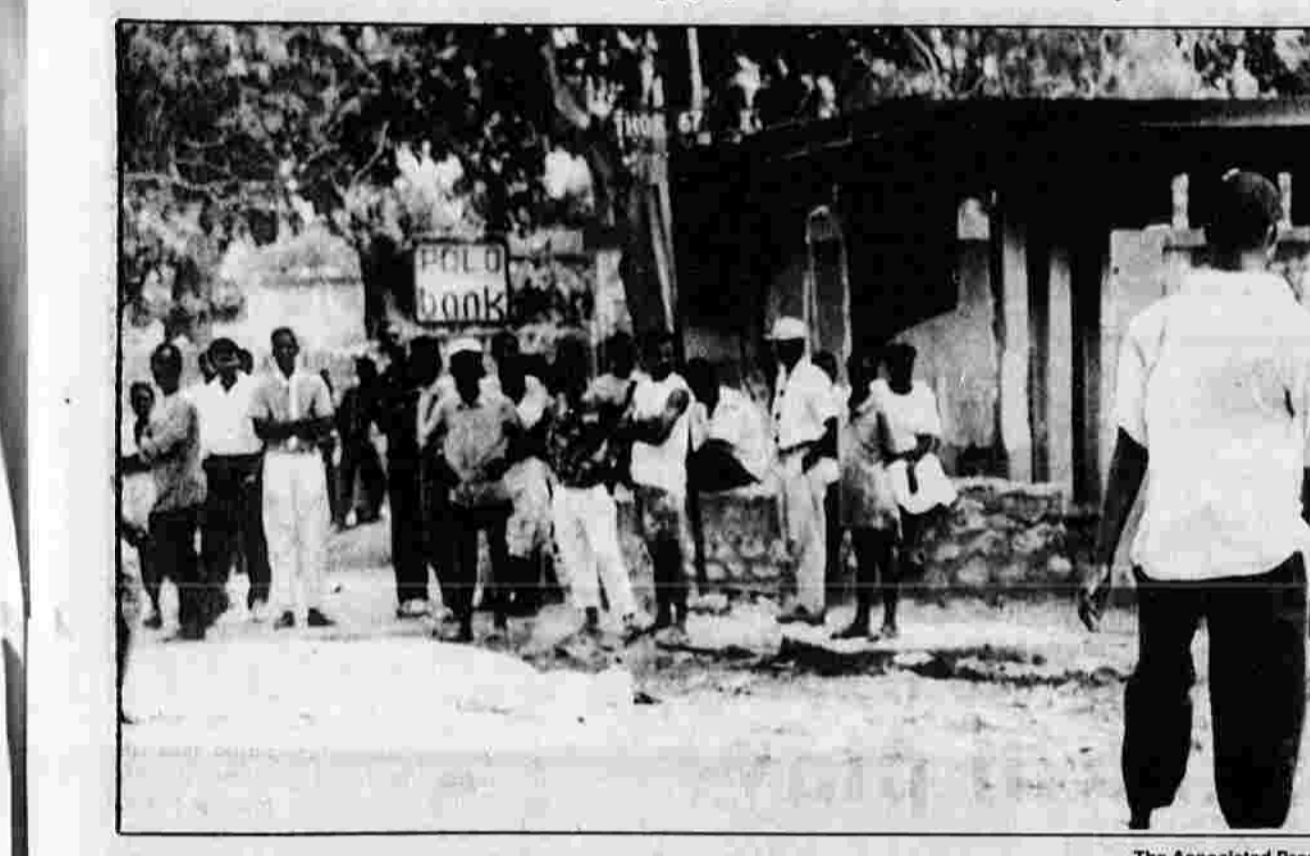
He added that "at times it is very difficult to do that because the authorities in Lithuania seem to disregard the Constitution and keep saying, 'we are not part of the Soviet Union.'"

Churkin said "things at times are getting out of hand there."

Before seeing Bush today, Soviet Foreign Minister Alexander A. Besmertnykh planned to hold a second round of talks with Secretary of State James A. Baker III on strategic arms issues.

In one sign of improved U.S.-Soviet relations, a daily 15-minute vigil at the Soviet Embassy has been suspended after 20 years because the Soviets have relaxed emigration restrictions, organizers say. "We're here to acknowledge a new era... between Jews and the Soviet Union," Evan Kraim, chairman of the Jewish Community Council's Soviet Jewry Task Force, said at the final vigil Sunday, attended by about 110 people.

The superpowers' delicate relationship has been complicated not only by the Kremlin's crack-down on the independence-minded Baltic republics, but also by differences over the strategy the United States is employing in the allied war



Violence erupts — A sheet covers an unidentified victim in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, after violence claimed 10 lives Sunday. The turmoil occurred following rumors that attempted coup leader Roger Lafontant had been released from jail.

Students value better world

WASHINGTON (AP) — College freshmen continue to show decreased interest in pursuing business careers and making money and more concern for the environment and better race relations.

Student activism is on the rise, according to the 25th annual survey of college freshmen, conducted by the American Council on Education and the University of California at Los Angeles.

Among incoming 1990 freshmen, 18.4 percent chose a business major, down from 24.6 percent in the peak year of 1987, according to the survey released Sunday.

Student commitment to "being very well off financially" declined for the second straight year, falling from 75.4 percent to 73.7 percent. The decreases followed 17 consecutive years of increases — from 39.1 percent in 1970 to 75.6 percent in 1987.

Meanwhile, 9 percent of 1990

college freshmen were interested in elementary and secondary teaching, up from 8.2 percent in 1989. And 3.8 percent wanted to pursue nursing, compared with 2.7 percent a year earlier.

Almost 43 percent — described by the survey as an all-time high number — of the college freshmen said it's "essential" or "very important" to "influence social values."

The survey, conducted before the United Nations set the Jan. 15 deadline for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait, found that record numbers of college freshmen — 39.4 percent — said they took part in demonstrations during their last year in high school.

The previous record for such participation was 36.7 percent in 1989. In the late 1960s, the figure was 15 percent to 16 percent.

"These trends show that there is a rapidly expanding number of American college students who are

dissatisfied with the status quo and who want to become personally involved in bringing about change in American society," said Alexander W. Astin of UCLA's Graduate School of Education.

The national survey was based on the responses of 104,182 freshmen students at 382 of the nation's two- and four-year colleges and universities.

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Reported coup leader killed in South Africa

By BARRY RENFREW
The Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Authorities in the Ciskei homeland said they crushed a coup attempt and killed one of its leaders. News reports said today that a second participant wounded in the clash was later shot to death in a clinic.

Military authorities in the nominally independent black homeland on South Africa's southeast coast said Lt. Gen. Charles Sebe and another officer, Col. Mangwani Guzama, were shot by government troops Sunday at a road block. Guzama was killed, but Sebe escaped after being wounded, they said.

Ciskei military forces launched an intense hunt for Sebe and tracked him down at the clinic, where he was being treated for his wounds.

The independent South African Press Association reported today that Sebe had been killed there. It did not say how or when.

Military ruler Brig. Gen. Oupa Gqozo said today he had been informed of Sebe's death, but he declined to comment.

Few details were released about the reported coup. No mention was made of any participants other than

the two officers.

Authorities claimed the two officers were plotting to oust the military government. Sebe was the brother of former President Lennox Sebe, who was ousted in a military coup in March by Gqozo and other army officers. Guzama helped lead the uprising against President Sebe.

But Guzama was later accused of treason and fled to the nearby homeland of Transkei. Ciskei had been trying to have him extradited since late last year.

South Africa gave independence to four black homelands as part of its apartheid policy of separate developments for whites and blacks. No nation except South Africa recognizes the homelands.

In other developments, mourners poured into the black township of Sebokeng on Sunday to bury 39 African National Congress supporters killed in a recent massacre. Also, police reported seven more deaths in unrest nationwide.

Police and the military, concerned about possible violence at the Sebokeng funeral, set up roadblocks on streets leading into the township outside Johannesburg. About 15,000 people gathered in the township stadium, where coffins were displayed on the field.

Walesa consolidates power

By JOHN DANISZEWSKI
The Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — President Lech Walesa has moved quickly during the first month in office to concentrate his authority and create a new advisory body that critics fear he will use to wrest power from parliament.

Walesa became Poland's first popularly elected chief of state on Dec. 22. During the election campaign in Poland, elected in June 1989, it is tainted by a political bargain in which the Communists and their allies of that time were guaranteed a percentage of the seats.

The former Solidarity chairman replaced President Wojciech Jaruzelski, the Communist Party leader who took office under the same agreement. Jaruzelski used his powers passively and resigned early under pressure to advance Poland's democratic transformation.

Now Walesa is suggesting postponing fully free parliamentary elections until autumn as the newly named government of Prime Minister Jan Krzysztof Bielecki has time

to work and to give the public a political respite.

Meanwhile, Walesa has largely eschewed public appearances while holding closed-door consultations with political leaders.

Presidential spokesman Andrzej Dracynski describes the proposed political council as an advisory-only body that would help take pressure off the new government. He says it would provide another place for political parties — such as those representing farmers hard hit by the economic reforms — another place to speak their piece.

"It is supposed to substitute for parliament," countered commentator Piotr Pawec of the pro-Marczewski Gazeta Wyborcza daily.

With the parliament weakened, the Walesa presidency will be viewed as the only institution "fully legitimate, having been elected in free elections," Pawec said.

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Gulf

Chad in protective gear, gas masks at the ready, troops qualified non-alcoholic beer — alcohol is illegal in Saudi Arabia — and wondered whether they would make it home for next year's match.

"It feels weird to be watching this here," said Sgt. Kevin Duchos, 26, a Buffalo Bills fan from Rochester, N.Y. "I thought I'd be home having chicken wings and real beer."

The troops along with millions of citizens of Saudi Arabia and Israel — had a rare respite from the Iraqi missiles that have rained from the sky almost nightly. No missile launches were reported Sunday night or this morning.

Since the war began, Iraq has hurled 51 Scud missiles — 26 at Saudi Arabia and 25 at Israel, the allies said.

Scud missile launchers have been a principal target of the coalition bombers, but The Washington Post, citing well-placed but unidentified officials, said today only eight of 30 fixed Scud missile launchers had been hit as of Friday — and that there was no photographic proof of any mobile Scud launchers being destroyed.

The Post also reported that 65 percent of Iraq's airfields are operational, along with 8,000 to 9,000 pieces of high-grade, anti-aircraft artillery.

The allies took advantage of clear skies again today to press relentless air strikes. French Mirage and

Jaguar warplanes pounded Iraq's elite Republican Guard troops in Iraqi territory near the border with Kuwait, and Italian Tornado fighter-bombers took part in an allied mission.

Defense Secretary Dick Cheney says that although air attacks against Iraq have scored some successes, they alone will not drive Iraq from Kuwait. U.S. soldiers will be prepared "before the end of February" to launch a ground offensive, he said Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press."

Preparations for the ground confrontation continued around the clock.

In the northern Saudi desert, front-line troops dug foxholes and bunkers to protect them from Iraq's top-line artillery. Army engineers are working to finish airstrips and roads.

In a sober assessment of the potential impact of a ground war, American commanders have warned Army doctors to expect some frontline units to suffer casualties of more than 10 percent in 30 days, if current secret plans for a ground attack are implemented.

The prediction is tentative, officers familiar with the warning stressed, and applies only to the forwardmost units which would be called upon to break through Iraqi defensive lines or drive deep into heavily defended Iraqi-held territory.

A ground battle would pit

675,000 allied troops — including 480,000 Americans — against 540,000 Iraqi soldiers in and near occupied Kuwait.

Much of the allied bombing is aimed at "softening up" the Iraqi ground forces. Schwarzkopf said the pilots are trying hard to keep from causing civilian casualties, making the risky business of bombing runs even more dangerous.

"By requiring that the pilots fly in a certain direction of flight or use a certain type of munition that requires them to go to altitudes that they wouldn't ordinarily be required to go to, those pilots are at much more risk than they would be otherwise," he said.

At the Jordanian border, at least 200 refugees fleeing Iraq said today they had seen allied warplanes bombing civilians convoys trying to flee toward Jordan, killing and wounding some people. Hundreds of evacuees were fleeing into Jordan after Iraq bombed its border.

Baghdad radio said Sunday night that President Hoshi Mubarak of Egypt, whose country has deployed the second largest foreign contingent in the allied forces, would expect to be assassinated by a fellow Egyptian.

The radio called Mubarak "stupid," "a frightened coward" and "lacking in manliness" and said he appeared more "Zionist" than his "Zionist friends in Tel Aviv."

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Bonds

dressing what could be a more than \$1.5 billion gap between necessary spending and revenues from existing taxes, the state could say whether the state's rating would be downgraded.

Moody's, the other top rating agency, also gives Connecticut a Double-A rating. Both agencies had downgraded the rating last spring, from Double-A-plus.

Lewis Mandell, professor of finance and political science at the University of Connecticut, said Connecticut could have trouble trying to sell bonds to wipe out this year's budget deficit.

"We're no longer in an age of discretionary bonding," Mandell said. "That time has gone. Now it's survival time."

He likened the state's problems to those of a typical family. If the family has \$70,000 in bills every year and only \$45,000 in income, a bank would want some clear idea of how the family would pay back a loan to cover the difference.

"You can say you expect a new job, or that you expect the economic climate to pick up, but nobody believes that. It doesn't

compute," Mandell said.

How are you going to repay the loan with interest and still be able to meet your bills? Unless the state can show a business plan of how they're going to reduce their spending or increase their taxes, nobody's going to lend them money," Mandell said.

Claire G. Cohen of Fitch Investors Service in New York, told a legislative conference last week that it can be to a state's advantage to pay up a deficit over a period of years.

But, she added, "I know the governor doesn't intend to do it and I'm not here to push it."

At the same conference, state Rep. Richard T. Mulready, D-West Hartford, said he expects the General Assembly to approve the sale of about \$500 million in bonds to erase part of the deficit.

House Minority Leader Edward C. Kraviecki Jr., R-Bristol, said his "krawiecki" is to borrow the money.

But Weicker appears adamant.

And Borges notes that even if the General Assembly approves the borrowing, the matter will have to go through the Bond Commission, which Weicker chairs.

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Bolton

K-12 project said it was too high a price at this time. "I think it's too much, and taxes are too high already," one voter said. "I think the Board of Education should come up with another plan."

One man feared that if the project was passed, he would be forced to move from the town. "I can't pay these high taxes," he said. "Do you know what will happen if this passes? I'll have to leave."

Most supporters expressed an eagerness to see the long-awaited projects begun. "We've been on the fence for too long," one man said. "It's time that we take a stand for our schools."

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Criminals executed in China

BEIJING (AP) — At least 13 people were executed in a single day in the southern Chinese city of Canton, according to an official newspaper. The executions were part of a national anti-crime campaign.

A brief account in the Yangcheng Evening News, seen in Beijing today, said a group of criminals "guilty of the most heinous crimes" were bound and taken to Canton's public execution ground at dawn Saturday. Executions in China are by a single bullet to the back of the head.

Black History Month

- Black History Month Proclamation:** Lowe Building lobby, 11:30 p.m.
 - Video Teleconference:** Beyond the Dream III, A Celebration of Black History, Lowe Program Center, 1-3 p.m.
 - Friday, Feb. 1**
 - Art Exhibit:** opening reception of paintings by UConn Professor Deborah Mulnead with West African music by the Jubba Quartet, NewsSpace Art Gallery, Lowe Building, 8-10 p.m.
 - Wednesday, Feb. 6**
 - African-American Entrepreneurs:** buffet lunch, Cheney Dining Room, noon; panel discussion featuring members of the Black Data Entrepreneurs Association; Barry Williams, financial advisor; and Ernestine Brown, owner of Samba Bookstore. Lunch limited to 45. Call 647-6048.
 - Wednesday, Feb. 6**
 - Minority Expo:** arts, crafts, clothing, toys by minority vendors, Lowe Building Lobby, 10 am-3 p.m. To reserve vendor space, call 647-6282.
 - FOCUS:** all-male gospel group, Lowe Building Lobby, 11:30 am-12:30 p.m.
 - Video Teleconference:** The Rise in Campus Racism, Lowe Program Center, 1-3 p.m.
 - Thursday, Feb. 21**
 - Afro-American Musical History:** buffet dinner, Cheney Dining Room, 7 p.m.; presentation by vocalist Alfred Carter and jazz pianist Kenneth Rodgers. Dinner limited to 50. Call 647-6048.
 - Monday, Feb. 26**
 - Afro-American Entrepreneurship:** guest speaker Edward Lewis is publisher of Essence Magazine, Lowe Program Center, 8:30-9:30 p.m.
 - Thursday, Feb. 28**
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- Events are free (except for the dance party) and open to the public. For more information, call 647-6048.**

Americans' earnings rise

By JOHN D. MCCLAIN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Americans earned 6.0 percent more in 1990 than they did in 1989 — and spent every bit of it, the government said today.

The Commerce Department said personal incomes slowed from a 7.7 percent gain in 1989 while consumer spending slipped from a 6.6 percent advance in 1989 to a 6.0 percent increase last year.

Incomes in December rose 0.7 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$4.75 billion, the largest increase since a similar 0.7 percent gain last March.

A Commerce spokesman said the increase came from longer hours worked and higher rates of pay. Unemployment actually rose in December.

The December advance followed a revised 0.4 percent increase in November, which originally had been reported to be 0.3 percent.

Consumer spending also rose 0.7 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$3.75 billion, up from a revised 0.1 percent advance in November. It was the biggest increase since a 0.8 percent gain last September.

The increase was due largely to utilities and new car sales.

Consumption in November first was said to have been unchanged from the previous month.

Consumer spending is considered a barometer of economic health since it accounts for about two-thirds of the nation's economic activity.

Americans' savings rate — savings as a percent of disposable income — was unchanged from November's 4.2 percent. That matched last August's rate and was the highest since 4.7 percent last July.

For the year, the savings rate was 4.5 percent, slightly less than the 4.6 percent rate posted in 1989.

A higher savings rate means less dependence on foreign capital since funds thus would be available domestically for business investment.

The report said Americans' income after taxes rose 0.7 percent.

The spending and income figures were not adjusted for inflation. When adjusted, spending actually rose 0.5 percent in November, up from a 0.1 percent gain in October.

Weicker

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— not likeable, but doable."

Weicker's comments came after two days of weekend meetings with his budget advisors. While he cautioned that he did not want to discuss specific aspects of his proposed budget, he hinted that he does not favor large-scale layoffs of state employees during a recession.

Any sort of massive dislocation just compounds your unemployment and your economic problems in the state," he said. "It might look like a good move on one hand, but it's counterproductive when you put it against another set of criteria."

Repair

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Saunders, who repairs televisions, VCRs and stereos on an in-house basis, said he is getting requests for his service more than ever.

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dishing out money to clean up damages caused by fires and frozen pipe breaks as well, he said.

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Homeless shelter receives grant

By RICK SANTOS
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — The Samaritan shelter, a homeless shelter operated by the Manchester Area Conference of Churches, will be able to undergo about \$107,000 in renovations with help of a grant from the state Bond Commission.

The \$98,501 grant, combined

with about \$8,000 MACC has raised, will be used to add dormitory space, a bathroom, a health screening room, a meeting room, and offices to the third floor of the shelter, according to a Karen K. Bufkin, legislative aide to state Sen. Michael Meoni.

Bufkin said bids were taken for the project, but had little information about the specific plans. She

the additional dormitory space is to accommodate 10 single beds or two families.

"The renovations are necessary to help meet the growing demand for assistance during these tough economic times," Meoni said in a press release. Meoni, D-4th District, represents Manchester as well as several other towns in the area.

The money will go to the shelter

after it enters a contract with the state Department of Human Resources. Officials from MACC were not available to comment on the project this morning, so it is not known when the agency is proposing for the work to be done.

The increased funding comes in a year that the state drastically reduced its contribution to the shelter, which has faced greater

demands since about the beginning of last summer.

To offset the cuts from the state, the town beefed up its own contribution by more than \$27,000 in this year's budget and added an additional \$12,000 just after the beginning of the fiscal year. The town's total contribution for the year is more than \$57,000.

Downtown dynamite

I'm tired of hearing criticisms about Main Street. Manchester residents are quick to complain about the sidewalks, the traffic lights, the random conditions of the street, a storefront that doesn't conform.

I must be one of the few people in town who think the street needs only a little TLC and a hot public relations team. The right stuff — that elusive ambience that brings shoppers and the wide avenues of the city — is already there. It simply needs to be rediscovered.

When we first came to Manchester in 1969, I was charmed



Susan Plese

by the downtown area. My favorite vantage point was the top of the hill just by Mary Cheney Library. From that spot, with the steeple of Center Congregational Church to my back,

I could view the street beyond the school budget and the wide avenues stretching lazily below me with its slow, steady stream of traffic. In the distance, to the south, I watched the silent, ever-changing panorama of the Glastonbury hills, with tree branches colored silver-grey this time of the year, then tipped with pink as snow melted.

How much, it seemed to me, this view was created for a movie picture camera. How well, I thought, it would suit the opening credits for a wonderfully nostalgic tear-jerker (starring Jimmy Stewart) about growing up in a small New England town. How well it fit my old-fashioned sense of aesthetics.

I've always loved shopping on Main Street — indeed, I much prefer the independence of New England weather, dirty snowbanks and the occasional sidewalk rut to climate-controlled predictability of the mall. Malls assault my senses: overwhelmed with neon, canned music, confined chatter and a jumble of colors from the food court, I feel overwhelmed.

On Main Street, I can concentrate on one thing at a time: lay windows at Tara Ashley, the smell of coffee at Sunny Side Up, the hollow sound of my footsteps on the woodplank floor in Manchester Hardware. Everything is real and up front. There are few fakes.

Of course, Main Street does have its deficits. Its biggest loss was House & Hale, department store furniture office complex. What Main Street needs now is a rebirth of House & Hale of the good old days. It was a piece of Americana that can't be easily replaced.

Where else, in one spot, could a shopper find knitting yarn, a wooden lawn chair, Cape Cod window curtains, a fancy woman's blouse, a baby food grinder, nurse's uniform, straw clothes hamper, a boy's white dress shirt and plaid tie, an automatic coffee pot, cotton underwear and a down ski jacket? It was merchandise complete with a free ride on the slow moving elevator, operated by an elderly man who was as much a fixture of downtown as the annual Christmas lights.

In the next five months, Main Street, Manchester will be the playground of the architect, the engineer and the construction worker. Main Street is past due for its renovation.

Merchants are generally enthusiastic about the project, even though it will mean months of inconvenience, because they've survived other threats to business — from the construction of the Parkade 30 years ago to the opening of the Pavilions at Buckland Hills last March. Despite gloomy predictions of business losses, Main Street is still alive.

It has survived because the Main Street mindset will never go out of style. There will always be mall strutters and Main Street strollers; the merchants there have put their faith in the latter.

Jimmy Stewart would be proud.

Susan Plese is a Manchester resident and instructor at Manchester Community College. She writes this column weekly for the Herald.

Water supply problem tackled

From Page 1

MANCHESTER — Mayor Terry Nerthoven is to moderate a meeting of officials and residents Tuesday night to discuss problems and concerns regarding the water supply in the Redwood Farms area.

Tuesday's meeting, at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Regional Occupational Training Center at Hillstown Road and Westwell Street, is to be attended by representatives of the state Department of Health Services, the Department of Environmental Protection, the town, and a private water company that supplies water to the area.

Residents of the following streets have been invited to the meeting: Redwood, Lorraine, Cedarwood, and Hillstown roads; Galaxay, Debbie, and Bramblebush drives; Joan Circle; and City View.

One of three wells used by the private water company, Aqua Treatment and Service Co., has been shut down after tests determined it is contaminated. The company serves 106 homes in the area.

And town officials have said preliminary tests of several nearby private wells resulted in potential health problems that need further testing, which began last week.

Water quality is not the only issue of concern for the area, which is isolated from the town water system.

Fire Chief John C. Rivosa has questioned the adequacy of the water supply to fight fires in the area and Water and Sewer Administrator Robert J. Young has expressed concern about the residents having an enough water on reserve.



ESCAPES COLLISION — A youngster glides quietly by a collision involving all of his fellow sledders on the slopes at Center Springs Park in Manchester.

Charter change debated

By RICK SANTOS
Manchester Herald

MANCHESTER — A proposal to change the definition of classified service as written in the Town Charter sparked a debate between Town Clerk Edward J. Tomkiel and Town Attorney Maureen A. Chmielecki.

Members of a committee of the Charter Revision Commission met last week to hear comments on the classified service and proposed changes in the charter on the system of appointing a zoning enforcement officer and the regulations regarding petitions for enactment.

The term "classified service" pertains to those town employees who are not elected nor politically appointed, but are hired.

There has been much confusion over whether employees who work under elected or politically appointed employees are considered classified or not. That confusion was complicated by a recently settled lawsuit in which William J. Shea, an assistant town attorney, protested his firing by Chmielecki.

Before Chmielecki's appointment, Shea was apparently told the length of his employment was not to be determined by any town attorney.

The town administration, backed by Chmielecki, has proposed redefining classified service to include assistants to elected or appointed officials.

But Town Clerk Tomkiel, whose position is elected, argued that if his assistants are made classified, then the next clerk and all future clerks would not have the power to appoint their own assistants.

Chmielecki argued that the problem with allowing officials to appoint their assistants is there is the possibility that every two years there will be entirely new staffs running important offices such as the clerk's or the attorney's.

"Any town attorney needs the staff that can back that person up...but through the long haul, you have the ability to have something fall through the cracks," Chmielecki said.

However, Tomkiel has the support of all other elected officials who have employees working for them, including both the Democratic and Republican registrars of voters and Town Treasurer Roger M. Negro.

"If you want to clean up your section, clean it up," Tomkiel said to Chmielecki. "But leave us alone."

Noting the good relations in his own office in his 33 years as clerk, he added, "As far as I know, the three departments don't have any problems."

Chmielecki responded, "I'd like to come down and make some problems for your office, if you want."

Another officer that was discussed at the meeting was the zoning enforcement officer, who — by another charter provision — is appointed by the public works director and must work under the building inspector.

Because the zoning officer works more closely with the Planning Department, the administration has proposed changes to allow the general manager or whoever he designates to appoint the zoning officer with the consent of the Board of Directors. The proposed changes would say also that the zoning officer works for the administration.

Several town department heads supported the proposal, including Planning Director Mark Pellegrini, Chief Building Inspector Leo P. Belval, and Public Works Director Peter P. Lozza Jr.

They said they supported the plan because the freedom it would provide in organizing departments.

"I would like to see some more latitude right across the board, not just with this position," said Lozza, adding that as long as appointments must be approved by the directors, none would be irrational.

The administration's plan for the zoning officer is in response to the charter committee's rejection of a plan to provide flexibility to the administration in reorganizing all departments. Assistant Town Manager Steven R. Werber said. The committee had told him they saw no need for providing such great power to the administration.

Eighth District election

COVENTRY — Coventry residents will go to the polls Tuesday to help elect a new 8th District state representative for the General Assembly.

Coventry Town Hall will be closed Tuesday, while voting takes place from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The race is between Coventry Democrat Dorothy Grady and Columbia Republican Robert Bogue.

The special election was called after State Rep. Edin Prague (D-8th District) of Columbia resigned the house seat to fill the state Commission of Aging post.

Voting will also take place from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Columbia, Franklin, Bozrah and Lebanon.

In Brief . . .

■ COVENTRY — Town payroll funds have been moved from the New Connecticut Bank and Trust to Tolland Bank, according to Town Manager John Ellessner.

CBT was taken over by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. Jan. 6 when that agency declared the bank insolvent. Currently it is being operated by the FDIC but is up for sale.

Ellessner said the town would like to continue banking with CBT due to a long relationship and the bank's reputable history. However Ellessner said that will depend on who buys the bank and what the policies of that institution are.

"We have diversified somewhat," Ellessner said. "We're taking a wait-and-see attitude."

■ COVENTRY — The public is invited to a forum Tuesday on the revitalization of the Village Section of town.

The forum is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at Coventry High School and will be put on by the town Historical

MCC News

■ The MCC Alumni Association (MCCAA) is sponsoring an all-day ski trip to Stratton Mountain on Saturday, March 2. The bus will leave MCC at 7:30 a.m. Tickets are \$46 for the general public; \$43 for MCCAA members (includes transportation and lift ticket). Deadline for Reservations is Wednesday, Feb. 13. For more information, call the MCC Alumni office at 647-5137 or 647-6081.

■ A Minority Exposition will be held in the Lowe Building Lobby of MCC on Wednesday, Feb. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Arts, crafts, clothing and foods representative of various minority populations in the United States will be on sale. The event is free and open to the public. To reserve vendor space, call Samuel Davis at 647-6282.

economic conditions might mean voter defeat.

Ellessner said that to proceed, he feels the project needs bipartisan support. The reaction of the town committees will likely determine if the council moves ahead, OKs only the renovation portion or "puts the entire [project] to bed," Ellessner said.

■ COVENTRY — The Town Council has approved the purchase of a new dump truck at a cost of \$53,404.

Town Manager John Ellessner said it will replace one that is in need of costly repairs.

The council also OK'd the town hall annex. The annex is an old portable school classroom that no longer meets school state building standards.

It will be moved to the rear of the Town Office Building on Route 31. Homebeck Construction of Coventry will relocate structure and put in the foundation.

School Jell-O wrestling

By JACQUELINE BENNETT
Manchester Herald

COVENTRY — Will Jell-O wrestling come to Coventry High School? If Sean Henley, president go temp of the Coventry High School Student Council, has anything to say about it, yes.

Henley drew laughter from the council members ahead, OKs only the renovation portion or "puts the entire [project] to bed," Ellessner said.

"Wild and crazy ideas like paying to come see folks wrestle in Jell-O certainly will involve more students and interesting the community with something like candy sales."

Malinowski has said he feels strongly that too much soliciting is unfair to residents who already support the schools through taxes.

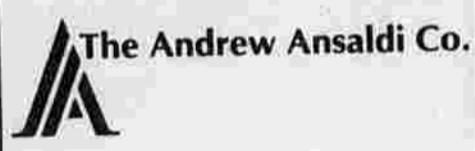
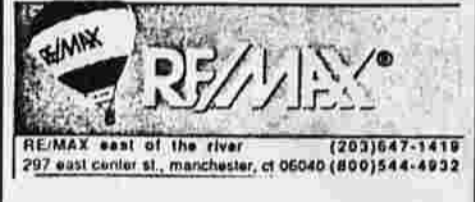


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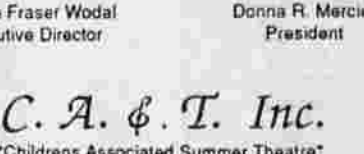
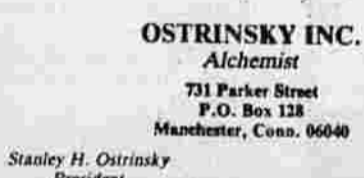
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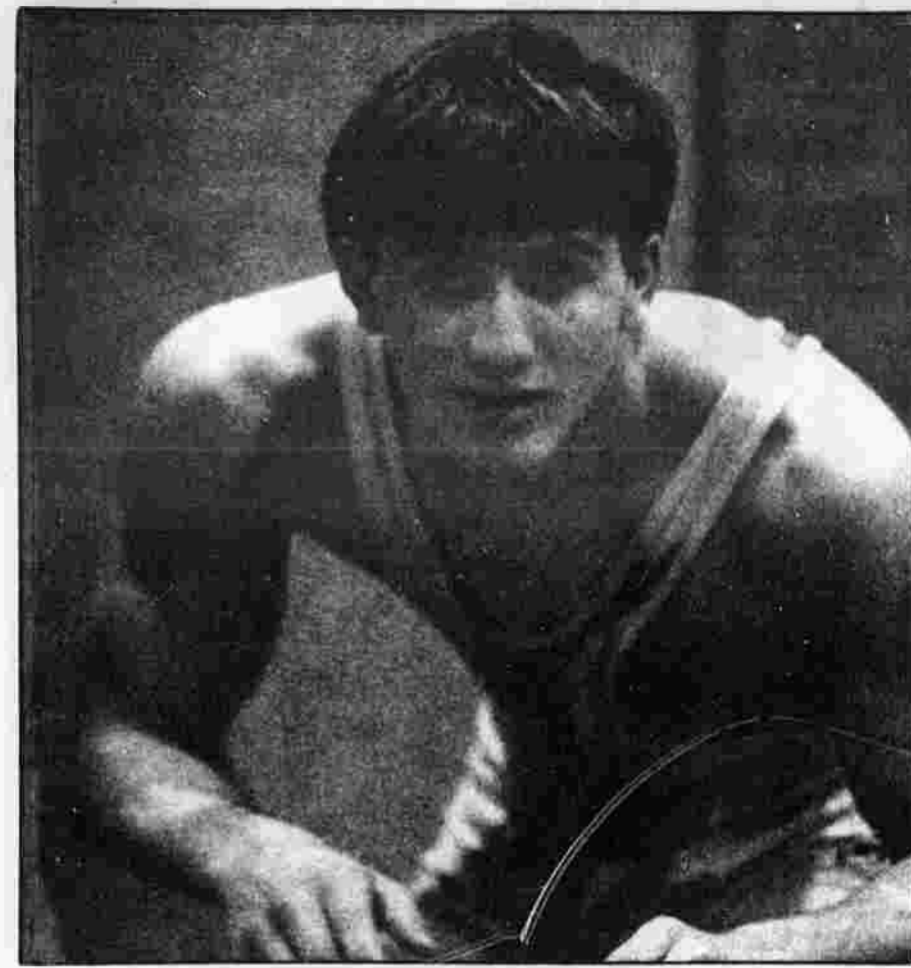
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WINNER — Manchester High's Toby Sloan won his match to improve his mark to 13-2 for the season. The Indians, however, fell Saturday to No. 6 Fermi, 40-27.

High School Roundup

MHS matmen go down fighting

ENFIELD — Manchester High's wrestling team came out on the short end of a 40-27 score to No. 6 Fermi High in CCC East Division action Saturday afternoon, but Coach Barry Bernstein is far from discouraged by the performance.

"This was supposed to be a rebuilding year for us, but we're 12-3," he said. "I think we may not be top 10 caliber in the state right now, but we're on the edge."

Fermi improves to 20-2 with the victory.

"We had one varsity guy missing in the middle of the lineup and we had to move people up," Bernstein said. "But Fermi made a good strategic move early. They had two guys at 119 and they used the weaker kid against (Matt) Theriault (at 119) and used the other at 125. That way they split with us instead of fighting both."

Theriault, senior co-captain, pinned his man to use his personal mark to 15-0 for the season. Toby Sloan was a winner to improve his ledger to 13-2. John Tucker (112) suffered his first loss of the year to Fermi's formidable Bob Turgen.

Tucker is now 12-1.

Manchester's next match is Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Clarke Arena against the No. 1 team in the state, Windham High.

"Brian (Cradden) has a great team this year," Bernstein said of the Whipps' coach. "There will be four or five matches that are going to be really tough. The final score may not be indicative of how it goes, but I feel the kids will be psyched up for them. They (Windham) will know they've wrestled us when it's done."

Christian Gibbs improved his mark to 11-1 while Rob Rommel upped his record to 12-2 for the Eagles. Ray Tamaki scored a 27-second pin in a 125-pound junior varsity match.

Gibbs has been hot lately, winning his last nine in a row." East coach Eric Gremmo said. "He's primed to peak for the state tournament."

East matmen drop three

KILLINGLY — The East

East pucksters lose to Notre Dame

CROMWELL — With Craig

Fururo leading the way with two goals and an assist, Notre Dame of West Haven topped East Catholic, 7-2, Saturday night in ice hockey action at the Tri-Town Sports Center.

East, 2-9, resumes action Wednesday at 8:10 p.m. against Fermi High at the Enfield Twins Rink. The Eagles have a rematch with Notre Dame (8-5) Saturday at the Bennett Rink in West Haven.

Brett Stoebel and defenseman Mike Rodriguez had the goals for East. Backup goalie David Beauvais played the last two periods for the Eagles and played well, making 12 saves.

Notre Dame 4 1 2 - 7
East Catholic 0 0 0 - 2

Scoring: Notre Dame: Mark Izzo (Jason Ouellet) 1:20, Rob O'Connell (Mike Moriarty) 8:30, Craig Fururo (Greg Catunaru) 12:15, Brett Stoebel (Dan Barry) 18:45, Mike Rodriguez (Dan Barry) 21:15. East: Eric Gremmo (Tom Muzzo) 2:31, Steve LaBriere (Tom Muzzo) 12:15, 16:00, Wayne Howe (Jim) 16:00, John Tucker (Tom Muzzo) 18:45, John Tucker (Tom Muzzo) 21:15. Penalties: Notre Dame (3) 1:20, 12:15, 18:45. East (2) 12:15, 18:45. Referee: Tom Muzzo. Linesmen: Tom Muzzo, Tom Muzzo. Goalies: Tom Muzzo, Tom Muzzo. 12 combined: ND-Pete Allano 17

Whalers are finally finding home to be a friendly place

By TOM COYNE
The Associated Press

HARTFORD — Home has finally become a sweet place for the Hartford Whalers.

The Whalers, who had won three straight at home only once earlier this season, beat Philadelphia 3-1 Saturday night for their fifth straight home victory. That ties the franchise record for consecutive home wins set in March 1985.

"The players are working harder," Ley said. "They're more serious. We're working harder and getting rewarded."

Verbeck, Rob Brown and Carey Wilson each had a power play goal. Philadelphia coach Paul Holmgren said he was disappointed in his team, especially the way it played after All-Star right wing Rick Tocchet left in the first period with a groin pull.

"Our penalty killing really had a bad day," he said. "After Tocchet got hurt, we kind of took the attitude of 'Well our scoring leader is out, our emotion leader is out, we don't have a chance here.'" he said.

Tocchet, the league's second-leading goal scorer, is out at least two weeks and could be out a month.

Philadelphia outshot the Whalers 37-25 and controlled the game with the exception of the final 10 minutes of the first period, but the Whalers made the most of their chances.

Sidorkiewicz said all the shots helped him get into the flow.

A lot of games we play in here when we play a real tight defensive game and I don't get a lot of shots and when I do it's a decent shot and they score," he said. "Tonight I got a couple of good shots early and I made the plays."

Ron Satter scored Philadelphia's first goal on a tip-in of a Dave Fenvey slapshot from the right point 7:15 into the first period.

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capped by a 14-yard touchdown pass to Stephen Baker. That got the Giants to 12-10.

The second, which some Giants called the biggest of the season, lasted the opening 9:29 of the second half and ended in a 1-yard TD by MVP Otis Anderson.

"The final drive was a 14-play, 74-yarder that led to Matt Bahr's eventual game-winning, 21-yard field goal.

"I went up to him and told him that I loved him and that he played magnificently," Baker said, referring to Hostetler. "I mean he crowned our jewel with his performance out there today."

In winning, Hostetler becomes the first backup quarterback to start the Super Bowl and win. Earl Morrall of Baltimore relieved Johnny Unitas late in the first half of Super Bowl V.

Backup or not, Giants center Bart Oates said Hostetler was never flustered, particularly after the Bills took a 19-17 lead early in the fourth quarter.

"He just came into the huddle and said, 'Let's get it done,'" Oates said. "We've gone too far and we've done too much. We're in a great position, so let's get it done."

Hostetler hit a key 17-yard pass to tight end Mark Bavaro to keep the drive alive early and later hooked up with Bavaro for 19 more yards to the Bills' 27.

"Left Hostetler is a great quarterback," the now-talkative Bavaro said. "He took over for Phil when we needed him. He filled in great. This Super Bowl was his game."

The Bills still had a chance to take it away in the final 2:16, but came up short — OK, wide — when Scott Norwood missed a 47-yard field goal with :08 to play.



JUMPER — Dean Evason of the Hartford Whalers tries to jump past Philadelphia defenseman Murray Baron to get to the puck in their game Saturday at the Civic Center. The Whalers won their fifth straight at home, 3-1.

Murdoch cited by Big East

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Providence's Eric Murdoch, who scored a Big East game record 48 points last week, has been named conference player of the week.

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of calling the defenses because of the no-huddle.

"I was probably calling things 65-55," he said. "It was pretty tough trying to be a defensive coordinator."

Not that the scheme was foolproof.

Kelly completed 18 of 30 passes for 212 yards. Thurman Thomas ran 15 times for 135 and caught five passes for 55 yards.

The Bills' defense then extended that lead to 12-3 when Hostetler tripped over Anderson's foot in the end zone and Bruce Smith tackled him for a sack and a safety.

"At that point, we basically just said to each other, 'You know, we're screwing this thing up,'" said Hostetler.

"Citing the ball back with 3:49 left, Hostetler tied together his own scoring drive.

Anderson had an 18-yard run. Dave Meggett had a 17-yarder. Hostetler picked up a big third down with a seven-yard pass to backup tight end Howard Cross.

"The biggest play came with 25 seconds left to play in the half. Hostetler found wide receiver Stephen Baker open running right to left in the end zone, ahead of cornerback Nate Odomes. He connected for a 14-yard score.

"That narrowed Buffalo's lead to 12-10.

"We felt good about that drive at the end of the half," said Hostetler.

Then they began the second half with the 10:29 drive and went ahead 17-12 on Anderson's 1-yard score.

"We don't hold the ball a lot," admitted Levy.

On this Super Sunday, the Giants did.

No happy ending for Norwood

By CHRIS CLAREY
Copy News Service

TAMPA, Fla. — Eight seconds remained last night. Scott Norwood was preparing to attempt a 47-yard game-winning field goal in the Super Bowl, and the majority of the nation was flashing back to January 17, 1971.

That was the day Baltimore's Jim O'Brien kicked a 52-yard field goal with five seconds remaining to beat the Dallas Cowboys in Super Bowl V.

Now, it was Norwood's turn to become a hero. This time, however, there would be no happy ending.

The Giants were huddled in prayer circles on their sideline. The Bills were holding hands on theirs. Norwood put his foot into the ball, and he felt his flight toward the uprights and left his heart sink.

Wide right.

The biggest kick of his life. The biggest kick in the 31-year, largely unillustrious history of the Buffalo franchise.

Troops in the gulf cheered

By MARY FOSTER
The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Fans of the New York Giants and the Buffalo Bills left the Super Bowl on a common note Sunday night.

"USA, USA," the crowd cheered and forth across the stadium after the game.

"You have to feel good after this," said Angie Gregson. "I think the troops in the Middle East probably did it more than we did. I know everyone here was thinking of them when they were coming into the stadium and every time you'd see the flags waving."

Small American flags were handed out to the 74,000 people at the game. Many people brought larger flags.

This is part of America and it goes on no matter what's happening elsewhere in the world. We don't stop what we're doing because of Saddam Hussein," said Tony Caratolozzo of Long Island, N.Y.

Almost 7,000 police officers and another 1,000 security guards searched cars and people going into the game.

Fans, who had been told not to bring radios, televisions, cameras or beepers to the game, began lining up outside the stadium at 2 o'clock.

The gates opened at 3 p.m. for the 6:18 p.m. EST game.

Searches took up to an hour per car for vehicles going into the stadium.

Bomb squads, dogs, holding centers, ambulances, metal detectors, baggage X-ray equipment and SWAT teams — one on the roof of the luxury boxes — were in place.

"I'm not a military man, but I think the whole country misses him," Johnson said.

"The biggest thing for us today was our defense," Dunleavy said. "Our defense is the main reason for us winning."

Playing 38 minutes, Johnson, a 12-year veteran, frustrated the Celtics as the Lakers pulled away from a 53-51 halftime lead after the game had been tied 10 times and the lead exchanged 21 times.

"We made a couple of runs, but we countered every time with Magic," Johnson said. "I was not playing well. It's real frustrating."

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Giants' win a vote for traditional game

By DAVE GOLDBERG
The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The 1990s were supposed to be the decade of flashy football of run-and-shoots and no-huddles.

But the decade's first champion turned out to be a team that runs the league's stodgiest offense, a throwback to the leather-helmet days and the flying wedge. A team, dare we say, the least bit boring.

"They call us predictable and conservative," coach Bill Parcells said after his New York Giants had beaten the Buffalo Bills 20-19 Sunday to win their second Super Bowl in five years and the NFL's seventh straight over the AFC.

"But I know one thing — and I've coached this game a long time. Power wins football games. Power wins football games. It's not always the fanciest game, but it wins games."

The Giants went into the game with far fewer offensive weapons than Buffalo.

While the Bills were running up 51 points against the Raiders to reach the NFL's title game, the Redskins got here without scoring a touchdown — five Matt Bahr field goals ended San Francisco's dream of an unprecedented third straight Super Bowl victory.

Why were the Bills 67-0-point favorites?

They had Jim Kelly, Thurman Thomas, Andre Reed and James Lofton, who were literally unstoppable in scoring 95 points against the Dolphins and Raiders. All the Giants had was backup Jeff Hostetler filling in for Phil Simms at quarterback. 33-year Otis Anderson to run the ball and 5-foot-7 Stephen Baker to catch it.

What was overlooked was the guys in the trenches — "the power guys." In 1990, it became 10,000 yards for his career and the Super Bowl MVP.

With Anderson and 175-pound Dave Meggett running behind them and Hostetler completing a seemingly endless number of third-down passes, they helped the Giants hold the ball for 40 minutes and 33 seconds, a Super Bowl record. The old hold the ball for a record 9:29 on the touchdown drive that opened

the second half and finished with 172 yards rushing.

That means Kelly, Thomas, Reed and Lofton had the ball to play for less than a third of the game.

From left to right — 305-pound Jumbo Elliott, an emerging all-Pro who pushed defensive player of the year Bruce Smith all over Tampa Stadium; 290-pound William Robertson; 275-pound Bill Oates; 290-pound Eric Moore and 280-pound Doug Riesenbrenner. Only Oates and Robertson played four years ago and Roberts was a backup.

Moreover, it's a group of just draft picks assembled for just that kind of control.

Of the seven linemen who played in Sunday's game, five come from the Big Ten, the home of power football, personified by the old Ohio State three-yard-and-a-half-of-dust approach preached by Woody Hayes, who often is cited by Parcells as a model.

Only Oates (Brigham Young) and Riesenbrenner (California) come from elsewhere.

Roberts (Ohio State) was a first-round draft choice in 1984. Moore (Indiana) and Elliott (Michigan) were the first two picks in 1988 and 305-pound Brian Williams and 285-pound Bob Kratch were the first two choices in 1989. Expect to see those two as the 32-year-old Oates and the 29-year-old Roberts begin to slow down.

So in a year when Detroit went 6-10 with the run-and-shoot and Atlanta went 5-11; when Houston got bounced in the first round of playoffs, the NFL champion is the team that plays something close to the offense of the '30s.

To put it another way, the Giants gained 386 yards in 40-odd minutes, the Bills gained 372. 20.

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