**Allies launch aerial attack on Iraq**

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush summoned American and allied forces into Iraq on Wednesday night, declaring that with Operation Desert Storm: "The battle has been joined" to free Kuwait.

Military officials said the initial attack was an aerial assault that met little resistance and that all bombers returned safely.

Soon after the bombings began, Baghdad radio broadcast a message from President Saddam Hussein urging the Iraqi people to resist the attack. "The mother of all battles has started," Hussein said. "We will never surrender."

Hostilities were well under way when Bush spoke to the nation at 9 p.m. EST. "We will not fail," he vowed as F-15E fighter bombers were marking strategic military targets across Iraq and Kuwait.

The president expressed hope "this fighting will not go on for long, and that casualties will be held to an absolute minimum." Bush marshalled a potent international alliance to challenge Iraq's occupation of the oil-rich kingdom of Kuwait and issued his war order less than 24 hours after the expiration of a United Nations deadline.

Within moments of Bush's comments, Defense Secretary Richard Cheney told reporters that the first force was conducted by hundreds of American, British, Saudi Arabian and Kuwaiti aircraft. "So far there has been no air resistance" from the Iraqis, Cheney said.

He provided no details on casualties, but said reports were

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**Students sue SLO, police over brutality**

- Plaintiffs say officers beat them arbitrarily at Poly Royal.

By David Bock

Two Cuesta College students have filed a civil action against the San Luis Obispo Police Department for alleged police brutality during the Poly Royal riots in April 1990.

Dan Skomars, 19, and Mike Sloan, 19, both of San Luis Obispo, charge that they were beaten by police and attacked by a police dog at about 1 a.m. Saturday, April 29, near the corner of Foothill and California Boulevards. Also named in the suit are the City of San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo County, the SLO Sheriff's Department, the City of Santa Barbara, the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department and SLO Police Sgt. Steve Miller.

The suit names the City of Santa Barbara and the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department because Skomars and Sloan were unaware whether the arresting officers were from San Luis Obispo or Santa Barbara.

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**Case could set evidence policy**

By Patricia Allen

A hearing starting today may set a key precedent in San Luis Obispo County. Cal Poly biology professor Raul Cano will testify at a "Kellv-Frye" hearing that will determine whether or not DNA fingerprinting is admissible evidence in county trials.

DNA fingerprinting is the technique of matching a human cell found at the crime scene to that of a suspect.

DNA fingerprinting has never been used in SLO County courts, but other counties in California have determined the technique to be

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**First news of attack stuns most on campus**

By Jason Foster

Students and staff across campus suddenly stopped thinking about school and work Wednesday afternoon as they realized peace attempts had failed and war with Iraq had begun.

Hundreds of people glued themselves to TV sets in the University Union, dorms and classrooms starting shortly after 4 p.m. and listened intently to live CNN news reports of the fighting. Although there was a common reaction of shock, disbelief and worry among those watching, individual hopes, fears and concerns were widely varied.

Shortly after the first reports of fighting began, a crowd of about 75 people crowded into the University Union's Bishop Lounge to watch the coverage.

Abe Arkeen, an education graduate student, was in Bishop Lounge when the television there switched to coverage of the conflict.

"It was very somber," he said. "I walked outside and said, 'Hey, we just bombed Baghdad!'"

Reece Jones, a staff worker at Vista Grande Caf, was shocked.

"I started shaking," Jones said. "We were watching Oprah, and then they switched to this (CNN)."

"I'm nervous — this is shocking. I'm going into the Air Force soon. I just talked to my recruiter today."

Liberal studies senior Jessica Tompkins also was stunned.

"My heart fell right to my stomach," Tompkins said. "I'm scared — I have

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Despite personal opinion, all must support soldiers

"These are the times that try men's souls." 

President Bush quoted these words of Thomas Paine during his televised address Wednesday night. These words ring painfully true for all those involved and affected by the current military action in the Middle East.

This hopefully will be the only time in our lives that we experience the horrors of war, and how we react to it is crucial. Whether you are pro-peace or pro-action, the fact is that the United States is now in a military conflict with Iraq. The choice has been made. And now it is our turn to support our forces in the Gulf.

Since the beginning of the Middle East conflict Aug. 2, the American public has debated the decision for peace or military action. Bush now has committed the United States to military action.

Political debate is a positive democratic process which definitely should continue. Those opposed to war should continue to protest and voice concerns. Likewise, those in favor of war should go on encouraging the government.

But in these significant times, we must all aim our efforts at supporting our servicemen and women. They should not be condemned for carrying out the orders of their military and political leaders. It is their duty.

It is important that now, more than ever, the public unites and supports our troops on the front line. Our attention must turn to those men and women in the Middle East and those Americans who will soon join them in combat. Whether or not you support Bush's decision, it is the responsibility of this nation to back those who are fighting for the "liberation of Kuwait."

And lastly, as important as it is to show support for our troops as they participate in combat, it is equally as important for the U.S. government to live up to its commitment to complete this military action as quickly as possible and with as few casualties as possible.

We should criticize or praise Bush's decision in accordance with our conscience. But regardless of opinion, we must all support the men and women who are doing their jobs by carrying out Operation Desert Storm.
World

Israel fears possible Iraqi chemical attack

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's military command ordered its citizens Thursday to stay indoors and prepare their gas mask kits in response to a feared Iraqi chemical attack.

It said only those citizens involved in emergency occupations are allowed to leave their homes and are instructed to carry their gas masks with them.

There were no immediate signs of a threatened Iraqi attack on Israel as the United States, backed by multinational forces, launched its night assault on Iraq. Saddam had threatened to scourch half of Israel, vowing he would use chemical weapons if war broke out.

Israeli radio stations said that Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Defense Minister Moshe Arens were at home receiving reports on the assault on Iraq.

Malaysia court spares execution of U.S. man

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — An American teacher from Sacramento, Calif., was spared the death sentence Wednesday and given five years in jail since 1975, when the parliament passed a tough anti-drug law. Since then, over 100 people have been put to death for trafficking.

Kerry Lane Wiley, 38, was the first American to be charged for drug trafficking in Malaysia since 1975, when the parliament passed a tough anti-drug law. Since then, over 100 people have been put to death for trafficking.

Wiley stood with his head bowed showing no sign of emotion during the sentencing.

Nation

Man suspected of rape refuses extradition

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A rape suspect waived extradition Wednesday to return to San Diego, where authorities are also investigating a possible connection with a string of serial killings.

Louis A. Mandez, 23, formally waived extradition during a brief appearance before District Judge Jack Lehman.

Mandez spoke only twice during the minute-long appearance, giving Lehman his name and answering "Yes, sir" when asked if he waived his right to fight extradition.

San Diego police refused to say when they expected to return Mandez to San Diego.

Inflation rises to 6.1, buying power down

WASHINGTON (AP) — Soaring gasoline and fuel oil prices helped push inflation to 6.1 percent in 1990, the highest rate since 1981, and the purchasing power of the average American paycheck took its worst tumble in that nine-year period, the government said Wednesday.

The Labor Department's Consumer Price Index finished 1990 with moderate, seasonal adjustments.

The Labor Department's Consumer Price Index finished 1990 with moderate, seasonal adjustments. The index increased by 0.3 percent in both December and November. But the earlier shock to oil prices in the wake of Iraq's Aug. 2 invasion of Kuwait helped make 1990 the worst inflation year since 1981, when the rate was 8.9 percent.

State

New UC site delayed by state budget crisis

PARLIER, Calif. (AP) — State budget woes may translate into a delay for selecting — and opening — the new University of California campus site in the San Joaquin Valley.

UC officials say.

UC Vice President William Baker said the budget crisis could push the timetable for selecting a new campus site back six months to a year. Additionally, the proposed 1998 opening date could be delayed.

"The state is in the midst of a budget crisis, and when the state is having a budget crisis, UC is having a budget crisis," Baker told members of the UC Citizen's Advisory Council.

Gov. Pete Wilson's proposed 1991-92 state budget includes a cutback of over $2 million than what the university received last year.

Wilson urges private sector to help schools

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Gov. Pete Wilson said Wednesday that he wants California businesses to give employees time off to do volunteer work at their children's schools.

"What I want from employers is recognition that they have a selfish interest in the quality of our schools," Wilson said.

Wilson urged private sector to help schools.

"If an employer wants to implement a volunteer program at his child's school, Wilson said, "I would urge the business to give the employee time off to volunteer at their child's school." Wilson said.

Asking if his school visits in Sacramento, accompanied by dozens of reporters, were intended to put pressure on the Legislature to adopt his proposal to shift education priorities to preventive programs for younger children, Wilson smiled and replied, "Sure it is."
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"I can't believe it's happened," business junior James Peeks said. "I didn't think it would come to this back in August." Chemistry freshman Rubin Augulo, also watching in Sierra Madre, also was startled by the U.S.-led attack.

"I was surprised. I didn't think they (U.N. coalition) would do it so soon," Augulo said. Opinions about the U.S. offensive were varied, with some supporting the action and others disagreeing with it. All, however, hoped the fighting would come to an end soon.

"I guess (my brother) feels it's necessary, so I back him," Esqueda said. "I support President Bush's decision."

Tompkins said, "It's about time something happened. With Saddam the way he is, he..."

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Vox Theatre stages Koga's 'Dust Speck'

Play examines one man's inner struggle.

By Joe Tarica

It doesn't look like a theater. And up until recently, it wasn't. Behind the papered windows of space number 180 at the Pacific Coast Center on Higuera, something is aloft.

That something is "Dust Speck," a psychological, futuristic play by Cal Poly student and playwright Lance Koga. A presentation by Koga's Vox Theatre, "Dust Speck" is an examination of the struggle within one man for control of the different facets of his personality.

The plot focuses on the lead character, Ambrose Hewel, who has experienced an emotional split in which his two sides vie for dominance.

The play takes place in a futuristic setting in which the earth is universally governed by a business organization called the Terra Corporate Union. Every person in the world works for this corporation, in some facet for the corporation.

In this society, Ambrose Hewel works as an advertising executive with a stable lifestyle and a good family. As the play opens, however, Hewel has experienced something of an emotional breakdown.

As Koga describes it, "He takes off all his clothes and runs around the park naked."

As a result, the company asks him to visit their psychiatric division for therapy. It is in this scene that the play opens.

On stage, Hewel's warring personalities are represented by two characters — one, the rational executive with a stable lifestyle and a good family. As the play progresses, the doctor and Hewel's wife, Pamela, both representing the structured world, work with the two Hewel characters.

From their side, the doctor and Pamela try to control Hewel's alter-ego, which desperately wants freedom.

"He's something of a chaotic element," Koga said of the alter-ego Hewel. "He's very much the feelings and passions within the man."

In the resulting battle, Hewel's two sides fight for dominance. Whether one side wins, Koga said, is left to the individual to interpret.

"It's never a rule that one side wins over the other," he said. "An ideal, I suppose, would be some sort of balance between the two, rather than an either-or option."

Regarding the audience's reaction to his work, Koga hopes each person will consider it in his own manner. "This play is meant to be interpreted in many different ways.

"It's not supposed to be a blow to the head," he said. "I hope for and expect the audience to get many things out of the play."

At the very least, Koga wants the audience to consider his ideas. "It should make them think. It should make them consider themselves, their place in society, how they live. It should inspire self-examination more than anything else."

Cal Poly political science graduate Lisa Radon plays Hewel's wife, Pamela, and was enthusiastic about Koga's work.

"It's been a really interesting experience," Radon said about the play. "I believed in it, and I thought it was really good."

Radon also said she was impressed by those she was working with, both Koga, for his "sensitivity to people's feelings" and the entire cast for their maturity and sensitivity.

Koga said, "People are damn good, and they're young!" she said. "Every single element is being done well, in an innovative way."

For Koga, an art and design senior with a photography option, "Dust Speck" has been an immense endeavor. Writing, directing, producing and financing the play, Koga was unable to take classes because of the time commitment.

The play, much of Koga's work, is being presented through his organization, Vox Theatre. Originally a spoken-word, drama program on KCFP, Vox Theatre has expanded since its founding in 1988 to include theatrical productions.

While creating and producing "Dust Speck," to be performed Thursdays through Sundays until Jan. 26, "Dust Speck" has taken tremendous effort, Koga had no reservations about pursuing the project.

"To me, doing all this is the logical thing for me to do," he said. "It makes sense to me that I'm doing it. Basically, it's something I felt should be done."

For those interested in seeing "Dust Speck," the play will be presented in space number 180 at the Pacific Coast Center, 75 Higuera St. The play opens Wednesday, Jan. 16, and runs Thursday through Saturday nights through Jan. 26.

Tickets are available at Boo Boo Records, Big Music and the Frameworks. Prices are $8 general admission and $6 for students. All proceeds go to Eco-SLO.
By Michelle Hertig

Mozart's Birthday Party bursts onto the San Luis Obispo music scene this weekend with a festive three-day program that even includes cake and candles. This year marks the 255th anniversary of his birth and the 200th anniversary of the International Bicentennial Year of Mozart. Music lovers around the world will celebrate Mozart's life and music throughout the year.

"There are organizations that will be playing every single piece of music that Mozart wrote during his life over this year," said Jean Wooley, marketing director for the San Luis Obispo Mozart Festival. Mozart wrote nearly 1,000 pieces during his 34 years.

The celebration begins with Friday's concert by pianist Antoinette Perry. "The first time Antoinette Perry played at Cal Poly was as a student in a masters class we had about five years ago," he said. "She was quite young, in her early 20s, when she participated in the master class, and now she is a very successful pianist.

The mini-festival continues Saturday with a lecture during the day and an evening concert given by 23-year-old French pianist Marie Pierre Langlamet at the Cal Poly Theatre. Langlamet's performance is part of the Cal Poly Ratcliffe Debut Series which brings up-and-coming young artists to the Central Coast.

Peter Wilf, Cal Poly theater and program manager, said he was happy to see the Cal Poly Arts series and the Mozart Birthday Party combine events. Wrapping up the festivities will be a Sunday afternoon concert given by the Angeles String Quartet at the Old Mission Church in San Luis Obispo. Members of the quartet are not strangers to the area, having performed in the last two San Luis Obispo Mozart Festivals.

"We love it up in San Luis," said Angeles violonist Kathleen Leniak. "We've played in several different locations, and the audiences are always very good and appreciative."

After the concert the actual birthday party, including birthday cake and candles, will be held at SLO Brewing Co. in downtown San Luis Obispo.

Proceeds of the mini-festival will help fund the Summer Mozart Festival which is in its 21st year.

Jean Wooley, marketing director for the San Luis Obispo Mozart Festival, Mozart wrote nearly 1,000 pieces during his 34 years.
CALENDAR

thursday, jan. 17
□ Second Set will play rock 'n' roll at Sweet Springs Saloon, at 9:30 p.m.
□ Rock Steady will play at SLO Brewing Co. at 9:30 p.m.

friday, jan. 18
□ The world of ballet will meet the world of comedy when the Los Angeles Chamber Ballet comes to Cuesta Auditorium at 8 p.m. Tickets are $14.50 for reserved seating and $12.50 for general admission. Info: 546-3131.
□ Section Eight plays at Crest Pizza tonight.
□ An mini-festival celebrating the 200th anniversary of Mozart's death, will be held today through Jan. 20 in San Luis Obispo. See related article on page 6.
□ Pianist Antonette Perry will perform in the Cal Poly Theatre at 8 p.m. as part of the Mozart birthday festival. For ticket information, call 543-4580.
□ For local alternative video music airing just after midnight, tune in to "Alternative to What" at 12:30 a.m. on KCOY-TV Channel 12. The show features videos, alternative music charts, upcoming concert information and more. More info 567-6729.
□ For an evening of Flipside comedy, come to Brutwick's from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. More info 543-1960.

saturday, jan. 19
□ Alyson McLamore will lecture on "Music, Myth, Man, Miracle—Mozart" in the H.P. Davidson Music Center, Room 218, at Cal Poly. The 2 p.m. lecture is part of the SLO Mozart Festival.
□ Harpist Marie-Pierre Langlami will perform in the Cal Poly Theatre tonight at 8 p.m. The performance is part of the SLO Mozart Festival. For ticket information, call the Ticket Office at 756-1421.
□ Topoeks will be "living it up at ..." Sebastian's at 9 p.m.
□ 86 Proof plays at Crest Pizza tonight.

sunday, jan. 20
□ The Angeles String Quartet will play works of Mozart and Ravel in the Old Mission in San Luis Obispo at 2 p.m. This is part of the SLO Mozart Festival.

monday, jan. 21
□ The French film "Mon Oncle," which was scheduled to have been shown in Chumash Auditorium, has been postponed until March 18 because of the holiday for Martin Luther King's birthday.
□ At D.K.'s West Indies Bar are Clarence Fountain and the Five Blind Boys Of Alabama. Showtime is 9 p.m.
□ The Jill Knight Trio will be playing at SLO Brewing Co. at 9:30 p.m. Cover charge is $2.
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The University Union Gallery is exhibiting works by sculptors Wachtang Botas Korisheli and Margaret Tarbel-Korisheli. The Gallery's hours are Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and weekends, noon to 4 p.m. The exhibit is open until Feb. 10.

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campus. Performances begin at 8 p.m. For more information, call the following numbers:

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- Bay Area, (415) 762-2277
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Santa Barbara officers had been called in to assist during the riots. The San Luis Obispo Police Department declined to comment on the suit.

City Attorney Jeff Jorgensen said Tuesday "we intend to vigorously defend against the lawsuit and don't feel this is a case of liability for the city." He said he had no other comment because the case is pending.

Skomars and Sloan said they were attempting to walk home to their residences at Mustang Village when a police officer ran toward them from California Boulevard, where a large group of police had gathered.

Skomars and Sloan said they were walking alone and were away from the crowd at the corner of Foothill and California. Both said that they had not been drinking.

The officer shouted obscenities and asked them where they thought they were going, Skomars said.

Skomars and Sloan said they did nothing to provoke the officer and stood still when they saw him running toward them. "I looked at Dan and said 'Should we run or what?' And I thought, since we didn't do anything wrong, we shouldn't... we should have run," Sloan said.

Skomars told the officer he was going home and the officer pushed him down and began hitting him, Skomars said. He said two other officers joined in kicking him and beating him with holly clubs.

Sloan said he saw another officer, who was in control of a police dog, run toward them and direct the dog to attack Skomars. Sloan said he wanted to run, but just as he turned to flee, the officer with the dog then directed the dog off Skomars and onto him.

Skomars said that he and Sloan were bleeding and in obvious need of medical attention, but police did not do anything about it until a paramedic from the SLO Fire Department, who was at the police station, insisted to police that they do so.

The two were taken to General Hospital for care a couple of hours later. They said their wounds were not properly attended.

Skomars and Sloan said their dog bites were not stitched, even though they both requested stitches.

The two men were then taken to the SLO Sheriff's department, where they were held for about 14 hours, Skomars said. He said that up to that point they had

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**LAWSUIT**

They were not charged for any alcohol-related activities.

Two weeks before their trial, Skomars said the district attorney, through his attorney, if the two men would be willing to state that they were arrested lawfully in exchange for the charge against them being dropped. They declined.

Skomars and Sloan went to trial for the criminal charge in August and were found not guilty by a jury. None of the police involved in the incident testified, and Skomars and Sloan said they still do not know who the arresting officers were.

Both men said they suffered numerous injuries in the incident, and are still being treated for back injuries inflicted when chaise holds were applied.

Skomars also said the mental anguish of the encounter required the two men to see a psychiatrist.

"There's a lot of emotional pain, and a lot of residual pain in this," he said. "The injuries to my back still bother me today."

Skomars said he is still unaware of why they were attacked.

"They saw some kids walking down the street, so they just thought they'd hassle us, I guess."

They were told they were being arrested on charges of disorderly conduct, violation of a local law, and obstructing an officer.

"I thought they'd hassle us, I didn't think they'd try to arresting us," he said. "The injuries to my back still bother me today."
"very encouraging," and said the injury to civilians in Iraq and focusing on military targets, to do everything possible to avoid reasonable efforts" to resolve the several words. He said "all unsmilingly and stumbled over including the Arab League were failed, that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein "met every overture of peace with contempt."

"Why act now? The world could wait no longer" for Saddam to withdraw, Bush said. He said it had become clear that economic sanctions alone would never compel a withdrawal.

Bush spoke slowly, somberly, and with a measured tone, saying "we have no argument with the for peace, Saddam prepared for for peace, Saddam prepared for economic sanctions alone would never compel a withdrawal."

"We have no argument with the for peace, Saddam prepared for economic sanctions alone would never compel a withdrawal."

"The night sky filled with a flash of light, obviously anti-aircraft fire. We have not heard any jet planes yet."

"Anti-aircraft fire is rising up the ground and going up into the sky," the ABC correspondent Gary Shepard reported. "Red tracers are emerging from the ground and rising into the sky."

"After the start of the attack, a number of people said that the country was at war came from speaker Marlin Fitzwater at the White House. Quoting Bush, he said, "The liberation of Kuwait has begun."

Bush won congressional backing Saturday for the use of force and telephoned congressional leaders with his decision to strike. Senate President Pro Temp Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia told Bush his prayers were with the president, a spokesman said. Sen. Sam Nunn, who led the opposition to war authority, said Wednesday night, "Our servicemen and women will be given all the resources to do the job. I believe we will prevail in a matter of days or weeks."

By unleashed an oversight aerial bombardment, Bush attempted to take advantage of the darkness of a new moon, by unleashing overwhelming U.S. air superiority. Iraq's strength rested in day fighting by ground forces.

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