Iraq launches missile strike against Israel

Israelis don gas masks and retreat into sealed shelters. Some injuries were reported.

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Missiles struck Israel early Friday, causing an undetermined number of casualties. Israelis were ordered into sealed shelters and told to don gas masks for protection against chemical weapons. CBS News said Israeli radio announced that Israel was retaliating against Iraq.

NBC News quoted Israel radio as saying the attack included nerve gas.

In Washington, Pete Williams, the spokesman for Defense Secretary Dick Cheney, said, "There have been Scud launches into Israel. It's what we've been worried about all along." Israeli officials in Washington said three missiles exploded in Tel Aviv. A hospital in Tel Aviv said there were casualties but did not elaborate. Iraq had threatened to attack Israel if it was subjected to attack.

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Roughly 130 people showed up to express a wide variety of emotions including sorrow, disappointment and anger toward President Bush and his decision to attack Iraq.

Opening the Create Peace Week forum was Rochelle Becker, of Mothers for Peace. She opened the discussion with tears in her eyes as she spoke of her concern and sadness that war had begun.

"At first we were angry and now we are sad and numb — overwhelmed by what is happening," Becker said. She thinks it is important for Americans to try to pull together since it is not known what is going to happen in the Gulf.

Roy Emerson, a San Luis Obispo resident, spoke of the frustration he felt while watching the president's televised address Wednesday evening.

"To me it seemed almost cocky. He almost laughed a couple of times," Emerson said. "I was overwhelmed by what is happening in the Gulf." Emerson said he is concerned about all along.

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Rabbi to host forum on Israel's role in Gulf war

By Anne McMahon

Now that the war against Iraq has begun, there is ever-increasing concern among those who have friends and loved ones in the Persian Gulf.

Many in the local Jewish community are very concerned about loved ones in Israel, especially following Thursday's Iraqi attack on the Jewish homeland.

Rabbi Harry Manhoff, of Congregation Beth David in San Luis Obispo, will facilitate an open forum tonight. It will focus on "Israel's role, or lack of a role, and how it is caught in the middle" of the conflict, Manhoff said.

The forum will begin about 9 p.m., after the Friday evening prayer service, at 2932 Augusta St. in San Luis Obispo.

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EDITORIAL

We must remember to adopt King's dreams

As focus turns to war in the Middle East, Americans must not overlook the significance of the late Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birth on Jan. 15. In fact, this day should mean more than ever to the people of the United States.

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday will be observed on Monday, 62 years after his birth. Although it may seem ironic, it is important for all to remember the values for which he stood, even as he stands at the forefront of one of our country's most controversial and unseemly issues today.

These times of trial exhibit that the world has far to go before adopting his values. But change is progressive, and for this reason Americans must concentrate on every step taken toward ultimate goals of equality, freedom and peace. Do not forget the strides made by Martin Luther King, Jr.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Iraqi officials halt U.S. media transmissions

NEW YORK (AP) — CNN and NBC news teams reporting from Baghdad were forced to end their live satellite transmissions Thursday.

"We unfortunately have been ordered to cease transmitting," said CNN's Bob Wiener. It was an order given by the Ministry of Information. The reason for this order was "military censorship," Wiener said. He added that we may no longer transmit live to our audience and that in the future taped reports will be permitted, subject to censorship. The CNN team and NBC's Tom Aspell reported about a half hour earlier that the Iraqis had ordered them to stop transmitting.

Aspell went off the air almost immediately, but the CNN team continued to broadcast while talking to Iraqi officials. The CNN transmission was cut at 10:59 a.m. EST. CNN's John Holliman in Baghdad had suggested earlier that the Iraqi order might be connected to comments by U.S. Defense Secretary Dick Cheney in Washington that the coalition forces were giving some reports on the success of their air attacks via CNN.

Pentagon quadruples Gulf blood shipments

NEW YORK (AP) — The Pentagon asked blood banks in the Persian Gulf to triple their blood shipments this week, and blood bank spokeswomen said they expect to comply without any problem.

The American Association of Blood Banks bank associations said they expect to comply with the Pentagon's request, a military depot in nearby Lathrop, said that the bags were intended for U.S. military forces in the Persian Gulf, employees at Central Valley Blood and Bone Donor Services, of Lucky's is Yugi's, San Luis Obispo's northside Japanese restaurant.

I had been meeting to try this restaurant for a couple of months. Whenever I passed by, I would look through the blue-curtained windows and crane my neck. But the timing always seemed wrong.

One night while walking to buy a beer at Lucky's, I glanced in the window of Yugi's and saw two pretty girls sitting at the sushi bar. I thought to myself, "very interesting." The stage was set for a beautiful culinary adventure. Supper and sushi, Me and the girls. I had it all planned out.

In typical fashion, I had used up my three words of Japanese in the first minute and was talking too loud and shaking hands with the chef. Just then, the dates of the two girls returned from around the corner.

You never get a straight deal around here. At least the food was good. But Ward said he assumed the obvious — it turned out that the girls had just taken over the restaurant at the end of the week.

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CSUB concentrates to defeat grapplers

By Gregg Mansfield

For Cal State Bakersfield wrestling coach T.J. Kerr, there were more pressing events than his match with Cal Poly Wednesday night at Mott Gym.

With Desert Storm and the events in the Persian Gulf going on, Kerr said his team was affected by the historic events unfolding before the match.

"It's (the situation) really on their (wrestlers') minds," said Kerr after his team' dispatched Cal Poly 23-12 before 250 fans.

"They were able to concentrate for the amount of time the dual meet was on.

"The players knew there were bigger things going on," he said.

Bakersfield was able to concentrate long enough to capture the opening two divisions. The Roadrunners' Pat Higa downed Cal Poly's Joey Dansby, 10-3, to capture an opening decision. Ahmed El-Sokkyry followed with a 7-4 decision over senior Ruben Gonzalez to stake Bakersfield a quick 6-0 lead.

Cal Poly head coach Lennis Cowell gave his opponents See WRESTLING, page 5

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Karen Travis

The Lake San Antonio Wildflower Triathlon Committee is seeking volunteers for the ninth annual race at Lake San Antonio.

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Karen Travis, the event's coordinator, said the ninth annual triathlon is co-sponsored by Cal Poly and Monterey County Parks.

"Each year we have about 300 to 400 volunteers," McCoy said. A majority of these are Cal Poly recreation administration students, but McCoy is encouraging anyone to get involved.

Although the triathlon is not until May 3-5, McCoy said team leaders are needed now in eight specific areas. Some areas include swimming, biking and running, registration and timing and public relations.

"Anyone who wants to be involved with planning and organizing a world class special event is welcome," McCoy said.

"There will be crafts, food and art exhibits," McCoy said.

The deadline to apply as a team leader for the Wildflower Triathlon is Jan. 23. Applications can be picked up at the physical education and recreation administration department in Mott Gym.

Team leaders attend monthly committee meetings, and up to 60 hours of work time is required during the week of the race.

The leaders are responsible for recruiting groups and volunteers, organizing and managing group committee meetings and reporting to the race committee.

They also become familiar with race management procedures, and keep detailed records of all events.

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WRESTLING

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qualified praise.

"(I'm) not taking anything away from Bakersfield," said Cal Poly coach Lennis Cowell. "They wrestled halfway decent. Our poor performance makes them look good."

Cal Poly senior Robert Tabarez upset his season record to 5-6 and gave Cal Poly a glimmer of hope with his pinning of Pat Miranda. Tabarez pulled the Mustangs back into the match at 6-4.

But the Mustangs couldn't find any consistency and consequently dropped the next two matches. The Roadrunners were victorious in the 142-pound and 150-pound classes and moved ahead 13-4.

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Cal Poly looked to snap its two-match losing streak against Bucknell University at Mott Gym Thursday night. Results were unavailable by press time.

SWIMMING

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We did very well," said head coach Rich Firman. "We knew that with Pomona-Pitzer being a Division III opponent there would not be a lot of competition."

"No athletes missed a class yesterday," said Firman. "Some went to class between races."

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activities performed by their leaders.

McCoey says this is a great chance for students to get experience. Student team leaders will receive on-the-job training in a management position. This training is valuable for future job aspirations and resumes, he said.

McCoey, who is a volunteer himself, said the jobs are fun. "You meet a lot of people and work with a good, cohesive group," he said. Workers receive free T-shirts and water bottles, as well as lunch.

"And on Saturday night, everyone celebrated at a big barbecue and a party," McCoey said. "It was a really good time and met so many people," Zernik said.

Bluegrass, rock-and-roll and jazz music will be played throughout the week of the triathlon, which is also a festival.

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the missiles probably were launched from western Iraq. He spoke on condition of anonymity.

NBC said a source reported three missile hits near the coastal city of Haifa in northern Israel. Air raid sirens were heard in both Tel Aviv and Jerusalem at about 5:30 p.m.

Israel Radio broadcast instructions to take precautions against gas, "due to a rocket attack on Israel.

A subsequent Hebrew language translation came on the air saying: "Due to a rocket attack on Israel, a general alarm has been switched to Hebrew.

About 45 minutes after the first missile hit, Israeli radio said people could remove their masks. In Jerusalem, a police official asked over the telephone if there had been explosions, said, "Yes. On the road and in the air, I don't have time."

The Pentagon confirmed that seven missiles had landed. Others that were allegedly fired may have overflown Israel and landed in the Mediterranean, the Pentagon also reported.

ABC News said the Pentagon reported one missile had struck in Haifa, one in Haifa and Tel Aviv, two in Tel Aviv, and one south of Tel Aviv.

A distant rumble of planes could be heard over Jerusalem, but it was difficult to tell where the planes were flying to or from with windows sealed against possible attack.

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WORLD

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WASHINGTON, Cheney told reporters that after some 1,000 air sorties against the Iraqis, "I'm comfortable that we are able to achieve control of Iraqi airspace." But he warned Iraq's air force "is still out there."


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sat there, and I really wanted to believe him so bad ... My soul hurts for these people."
Raymond MacKenzie, of Grover City, spoke solemnly of his concern. He said he thinks war is a human suicide, an annihilation of life, and that it is never too late to give peace a chance.
Many speakers at the forum said they were no longer sad and their feelings have turned to anger.
Geoff Dorn is a Cal Poly history junior and member of peace activist group Longbow. He said he does not agree with Bush's tactic to protect peace by war. "We are not going to be the ones to be crucified for his (Bush's) violence in the sands of the Middle East."
Dorn said people should "sit down and write a letter and tell them (the government) what sell-out scum they really are. No more holdin' back. Do what is right always."
There was a special appearance at the forum by Jeff Paterson, the first U.S. Marine who refused to fight in the Middle East. Paterson flew in from Hawaii to speak about his reasons for not wanting to join his fellow marines in the Golf. He also spoke last night in Chumash Auditorium in the Draft Resistance Panel, one of the last events of Create Peace Week.
"I felt I did not have a choice. That's the type of attitude we have to have," he said. "We have to go against this government and against this war."
Paterson said he is not alone in his decision and that several servicemen from throughout the country are going AWOL.
"If we get caught up in the military scheme we are not going to stop the war," Paterson said. "Stop the war, dammit! One world, one people.
A local group, Passion for Peace, has organized another non-violent walk for peace in protest to the war. The walk will begin Saturday at 11 a.m. at the County Government Center in downtown San Luis Obispo.
Sidney Ribeau, dean of the School of Liberal Arts, closed the celebration with a message of peace. He said that "sanctimoniously right" people, whether they are from the left or the right politically, are the world's greatest threats to peace.
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Council OKs cloud seeding

■ City votes 3-1 to join county in project to increase area rainfall.

By Don Vrtis

San Luis Obispo will put a silver lining in the clouds this winter — a silver lining inside, that is. The city council voted unanimously last week to hire a Fresno firm to provide the services. City Council members agreed by a 3-1 vote to join the search for water in the sky, with Peg Pinard dissenting. Penny Rappa was absent.

The cost of the project, which will be shared by the county, city and Water Conservation District, could total $387,400.

Despite the large cost of the project, Utilities Director Bill Hetland responded to concerns about possible cost and effectiveness.

"Cloud seeding is getting more sophisticated," he said. "It is used extensively in the Sierra Nevada by PG&E, and Santa Barbara has documented a 15 percent increase in precipitation."

Hetland told the council, "It's a viable water management technique."

Councilmember Bill Rosman said, "It's a risk, but it's a proven risk."

The council also acted to move municipal elections to even-numbered years, coinciding with state, county and school district elections.

The changed date will give some councilmembers an extra year in office. It passed 3-1. "Moving election day will get more people to vote," said Rosman.

Adding city measures to the already bulging ballot concerned Pinard. She said voters are overwhelmed by the number of issues presented to them now.

Pinard said having city elections in odd years allows people to focus on local issues.

The council also acted to change the discharge site of San Luis Creek, including their subdivision off lower Higuera Street said changing the discharge site would send treated water through part of San Luis Creek, including their neighborhood.

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A group of citizens expressed concern about plans to change the discharge site of the wastewater treatment plant.

Plains call for the existing location to be abandoned and a new site to be built 3,000 feet upstream, closer to the plant.

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