

# PERSIAN GULF WAR

## U.S. bombing cuts off Iraqi city

The following gulf war developments were reported by The Associated Press:

Allied jets stepped up the air war Monday with hundreds more bombing runs against Iraqi targets. The city of Basra, nerve center of Iraq's defense, was believed all but cut off.

Iraq fired two Scuds at Israel and launched a missile at Saudi Arabia, causing injuries and damage in both countries.

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The Pentagon confirmed that Iraq apparently moved two captured U.S. soldiers to Basra, including the only female American POW, Army Spec. Melissa Rathbun-Nealy, 20, of Grand Rapids, Mich. An Iraqi prisoner of war described having taken the pair to Basra, a Pentagon official said.

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Diplomats stepped up efforts for a ceasefire in the Persian Gulf war on Monday despite Iraq's insistence it would not withdraw from Kuwait.

In Tunis, Tunisia, Iraqi Deputy Premier

Saadoun Hammadi repeated that his country was ready to negotiate an end to the gulf crisis, but said that the United States must not take part in any talks.

A top Soviet envoy went to Baghdad to meet with Saddam Hussein, and China sent a deputy foreign minister to the Middle East to discuss ways of ending the war.

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The Headline News service of Cable News Network briefly went black Monday because editorial employees and about 1,500 other people were evacuated in a bomb threat at the CNN office complex.

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One of the world's largest herds of sea cows lies directly in the path of an oil slick creeping down the Persian Gulf coast, authorities said Monday.

Fakhro said an estimated 900 sea cows, known as dugongs, live in the Bay of Salwa between the island nation of Bahrain and the Qatar peninsula.

## BOOKS

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students use our books for research. In fact, people from all over the world use our books."

One of the main features of the library is the George A. Connor Collection, one of the foremost collections of books printed in Esperanto in the world. Esperanto is an international dialect based on Indo-European languages.

The Gertrude Bass Warner Library of Oriental Art is also an extensive part of collection.

The most prominent feature of the collection is the set of Oregon manuscripts.

Fox said the library was especially interested in collecting the manuscripts of notable Oregon authors such as Kesey, Damon Knight, Ursula Le Guin, William Stafford and Kate Wilhelm.

"Even though these manuscripts are not particularly valuable now, they will be in the future," Fox said.

Although public access to the rare books and manuscripts is important, that access can leave the collection vulnerable to thefts.

In December 1987, a staff member discovered several boxes of manuscripts were missing. The boxes contained the letters of Oliver Applegate, a member of an important Oregon pioneer family.

Library officials believe the items, worth approximately \$650,000, were stolen between October and December 1987.

"A person was looking at the Applegate letters in October 1987," Cocks said. "The same person came back in late December of 1987 and wanted to look at the Applegate papers again. When the librarian went back in the stacks to retrieve them, he discovered the whole box was missing. Obviously people were very worried because as they looked through the stacks, they discovered more items missing," Cocks said.

The person whom librarians believe stole the manuscripts, 41-year-old Stephen Carrie Blumberg, was found guilty in Iowa on Jan. 31 of stealing 21,000 rare books from libraries across the United States and Canada.

The University has recovered approximately 95 percent of the stolen items.

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