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U.S. Marines capture 2nd Kuwaiti island

OVER UMM AL MARADIM ISLAND, Kuwait — U.S. Marines have captured a second Kuwaiti island after blowing up Iraqi anti-aircraft weapons and artillery.

A U.S. media pool was flown over Umm Al Maradim on Monday as a spectacular mushroom cloud of smoke rose from exploding Iraqi anti-aircraft weapons and artillery.

They had apparently been stored on the 1200-by-900 foot spit of sand 12 miles off the coast of Kuwait, which boasts two communication towers, 13 tents and several buildings.

Capt. Michael J. Coumatos, commander of Amphibious Squadron Five, said the guns and towers indicated the Iraqis used the island to warn of upcoming air attacks.

The island was deserted when about 50 Marines flew to it, said Lt. Col. George Flinn, who led the marine contingent. But he said it was also clear the Iraqis had abandoned the island "rather rapidly."

U.S. economy shows sign of recovery

WASHINGTON — The nation's chief economic barometer rose a slight 0.1 percent in December, the first increase in six months, and what one analyst said was "a faint ray of light" the recession could end by midyear.

Many economists agreed that the Commerce Department's Index of Leading Economic Indicators, released Wednesday, suggested that the contraction will not deepen, though they cautioned it was no harbinger of sudden recovery.

"It indicates only that we're through the worst of the downturn," said Allen Sinai of the Boston Co.

Six of the 11 forward-looking components of the index had positive showings in December.

They included higher stock prices, a longer average work week and orders for new plants and equipment.

Other positive contributors were an improvement in an index measuring consumer confidence, a decline in initial unemployment claims and an increase in unfilled orders at factories.

Negative contributors were fewer factory orders for consumer goods, a decline in building permits, faster business delivery times, a drop in prices of raw materials and a decline in the money supply.

Rep. Dan Blue elected speaker of N.C. House

RALEIGH — North Carolina's General Assembly on Wednesday elected its first black speaker since Reconstruction.

"It is a change of leadership with a new generation of ideas and goals, but it is a renewal of our uncompromising commitment to provide opportunities — economic, education, political and cultural — and fair treatment to all the citizens of this state," said the newly elected legislative leader, Rep. Dan Blue.

He was given the oath of office by state Supreme Court Associate Justice Henry Frye, who in the 1970s was the first black elected to the legislature in modern times.

— From Associated Press reports

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12 Marines 1st to die in ground action

From Associated Press reports
DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia — Iraqi tanks and troops, some faking surrender, smashed into Saudi Arabia's northeast corner early Wednesday and were slowly beaten back in "hellacious" fighting by American and allied forces, the U.S. military said.

Twelve U.S. Marines were reported killed in the heaviest combat of the 2-week-old war — the first Americans killed in ground action. Saudi and other allied losses were described as light, Iraqi casualties as heavy.

As the bloody day wore on, some Iraqi troops were still holed up in a hotel in the abandoned Saudi border town of

Khafji, and others held their ground at nearby Khafji point, on the Persian Gulf coast, U.S. military sources reported.

Saudi forces took over after American airpower and Marines largely repulsed the Iraqi attack and had the remaining Iraqis "under control," the Saudi military said.

When the first Iraqi columns lunged from Kuwait, some advancing T-55 tanks had their guns facing rearward, a sign of surrender, but the Iraqis then opened fire, the Marines reported.

The Iraqi thrust may have been designed to punish Marine units that have repeatedly shelled Iraqi positions just inside Kuwait, and possibly to provoke

a wider, longer-term battle, a ground conflict for which U.S. commanders are still preparing.

Baghdad radio told the Iraqi people that their army's first push into Saudi territory — "the kingdom of evil" — was "wiping out the renegade invaders."

The Iraqi attack on the Khafji corner was mounted in four separate advances along a front stretching from the gulf shore 25 miles west into the desert, and began late Tuesday south of Kuwait's al-Wafra oilfield, the U.S. military said. An estimated 1,500 Iraqi troops and at least 50 tanks took part.

Each thrust — by low-slung, 1950s-style T-55 tanks or columns of Iraqi

armored personnel carriers — was repelled by Marine and allied light armor and infantry, and by U.S. warplanes and helicopters, the U.S. military said.

But the nighttime fighting, in freezing temperatures, was "hellacious," said Marine Lt. Col. Cliff Myers.

As flares bathed the desert in the white light of battle, men of the 2nd Marine Division opened up on the attackers with TOW anti-tank rockets. Cobra helicopter gunships and the Air Force's "tank killers" — A-10 Warthog jets — swooped down in repeated strikes at the Iraqi armor, according to a news pool report from the front.

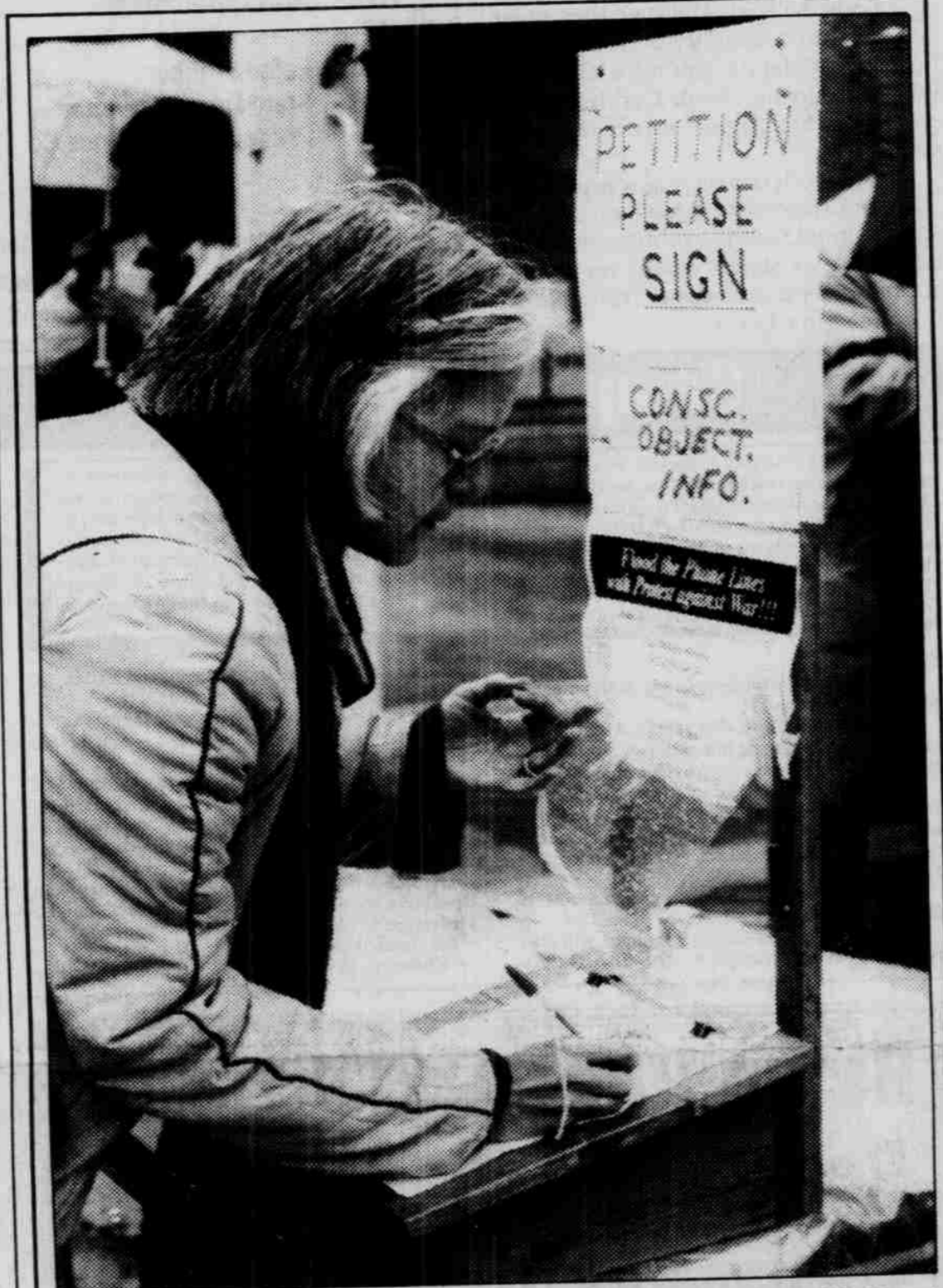
It said the explosions of cluster bombs

and missiles reverberated through the darkness of early morning and past dawn.

Some of the toughest fighting took place in Khafji itself, an oil-and-resort town of 20,000 people abandoned since the onset of war. The seaside town, eight miles south of the Kuwaiti border, was the focus of two Iraqi assaults just before and just after midnight.

Front-line Marines told AP correspondent Neil MacFarquhar that Iraqi tank crews rolled their T-55s up to the border and said they wanted to defect. When an allied escort party arrived, the

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Sign up and sound off
Carolyn Dorisdorfer signs a petition for a cease-fire in the Middle East in front of the Franklin St. Post Office during a peace vigil. See story, page 3.

Student Congress rejects SARR T-shirt proposal

By BILLY STOCKARD
Staff Writer

Student Congress voted Wednesday night to deny Students for the Advancement of Race Relations (SARR) the right to sell T-shirts with "UNC Knows Racism" printed on them.

Congress members rejected the proposal because of the ambiguous slogan. Members also objected to the shirts because printing on the shirts would indicate that congress endorsed them.

SARR members said that the shirts were meant to show that racism is a problem on the University campus.

"All it's saying is we recognize there's a problem," said Mark Chilton, Dist. 18.

Andrew Cohen, Dist. 7, said congress members admitting they were aware of a problem did not justify printing the organizations' name on the shirts.

Todd Wyatt, ethics committee

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chairman, said the proposal should be rejected because SARR didn't know the exact pictures that would be on the shirts.

SARR spokesman Paul Reynolds said pictures of Harvey Gantt's defaced campaign posters and depictions of the statues in front of Davis Library probably would be printed on the shirts.

In other business, the group passed a resolution requiring campus organizations to submit a statement that they are trying to be racially and sexually diverse.

Mark Shelburne, rules and judiciary committee chairman, said groups' constitutions had to be accompanied by

problems. If we can't hire guards to guard the new galleries, we may have to close some galleries or close down completely."

Timothy Riggs, museum assistant director, said the museum had only two guards. Three vacant positions have been frozen for a year, he said.

Departments are allowed to petition for an exemption to the freeze, he said. Millard said the museum would decrease its hours beginning next week by closing on Tuesdays. It is already closed Mondays. Visitation has been high since the museum reopened in December, he said.

Cohen said he questioned if student groups should be focusing on people's skin color in their recruitment.

"Instead of focusing on people's talents, we'll think, 'what color are they?'" he said.

The resolution will become effective after the February 1992 budget process. Congress members also voted to add a referendum to the Feb. 12 campus elections ballot to clarify the meaning of student fees.

The student constitution does not distinguish between general student activities fees and specific student activities fees. If the referendum passes, the type of fee each group receives would be designated.

Congress members also voted in favor of granting the Pauper Players \$200 for the production of "Broadway Melodies '91."

Election Update

Candidates running for student body president, Residence Hall Association president, Daily Tar Heel editor, Carolina Athletic Association president, Student Congress seats and senior class offices should plan to have their pictures taken for announcements immediately following the mandatory candidates' meeting Thursday.

Reporters will arrange an interview time for announcements at that time. Anyone failing to arrange a time or stay for pictures will not be given a make-up time.

SBP, RHA, DTH, CAA and senior class president/vice president teams should turn in two copies of their platforms to the DTH letter box by no later than 5 p.m. on Feb. 1. They should be no longer than 500 words. Announcements and platforms will run in an elections insert in the Feb. 5 edition of the DTH.

If candidates have questions about this procedure, they should either come by the DTH office in the Student Union and ask the receptionist for information or call Laura Williams at 962-0245.

The DTH will print two letters of endorsement for each SBP, RHA, DTH and CAA candidate, and one for each senior class team. The letters should be 300 words or less, typed, double-spaced, etc. They are due in the DTH letter box by noon Feb. 4. Each letter can only be signed by two people; placing names in the middle of the text to try to get around this will disqualify the letter.

The editorial board will hold interviews with SBP, RHA, DTH and CAA candidates on Feb. 9 before making endorsements. Candidates will be given five minutes to speak, and board members will ask questions about their platforms and campaigns.

For more information about letters or to set up an endorsement interview, call Kelly Thompson at 962-0245.

RHA receives complaints about placement of recyclables

By HEATHER PHIBBS
Staff Writer

The Residence Hall Association has received complaints from area governors and housekeepers that students are not properly disposing of recyclable material.

Housekeepers have reported that many dormitory residents leave piles of paper and other items in residence hall kitchens and lounges, said Gretchen Diffendal, RHA president.

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— RHA President Gretchen Diffendal

she said. "It's not their job to do that (dispose of students' recyclable garbage)."

The housekeeping staff is being told to throw away the piles of trash, which could be recycled.

Improvements, such as using mobile recycling bins, need to be made in campus recycling, Diffendal said.

"Permanent recycling sites should be built on all areas of campus," she said. "What I see that needs to happen is something that will last."

Permanent sites already are located beside Hinton James, Ehringhaus and Graham residence halls. The existing sites need to be more attractive, Diffendal added.

"Of course this all takes money," she said. "No firm plans have been made, and no funds are available to make improvements, she said."

Nick Franzese, a member of the RHA governing board, said, "The recycling

bins should be emptied on a more regular basis." Filling the bins usually takes only a few days and they often remain full for days at a time, he said.

Many times there is not room in the bins for students to place the items they want to recycle, he said. This problem is especially evident around Cobb Residence Hall, he said.

Students should try to work around the problems and continue to recycle, Franzese said. If bins are full, students should hold on to materials until they can be properly disposed, he said.

Some students said they recycle aluminum cans on a regular basis. Others said they do not attempt to or are unsuccessful at recycling other materials.

"My roommate used to recycle newspapers, but she doesn't do it anymore," said Danielle Stines, a freshman Avery resident from New York.

The RHA plans to send a newsletter about the problem to dormitory residents next week.

Got friends in the Middle East?

The Daily Tar Heel wants to know about students, faculty, staff or their family members who are serving in the Middle East and want more mail.

Please drop off the person's name, address in the Middle East and, if possible, a face or profile picture to the DTH Office in the Student Union.

Please write the person's name on the back of the photograph.

The DTH will print the information for students interested in writing letters to service personnel in the Persian Gulf.

Pictures may be picked up at the DTH office after they run.

I'll have to marry a virgin. I can't stand criticism. — From the movie "Out of Africa"