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DISPATCHES AT SEA

Editor's Note: Day reporter Robert A. Hamilton and photographer Tim Cook are aboard a Navy submarine in the Mediterranean Sea to begin their firsthand coverage of preparations for war.

Sub's crew has solid sense of purpose as war with Iraq looms

By ROBERT A. HAMILTON Day Staff Writer

Aboard the USS Providence
AS CHIEF CORPSMAN MICHAEL Schouberg prepared to go to war against Iraq, he and his wife had fewer misgivings about his personal safety than they did 12 years ago when he took part in Desert Storm.

"I spent eight months in the desert with the Marines the last time we went through this, so I want to get this over with for good this time," Schouberg said. "I'm not going to get shot at this time — I was the last time — and my wife knows that."

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TIM COOK/The Day

Helmsman YM3 Mark Tijerina, left; diving officer of the watch John Tucker, back center; and planesman MM3 Jonathan Rosario, right, work together in the control room of the USS Providence while monitoring movement of the sub during operations in the eastern Mediterranean Sea on Thursday.

Administration May Pull U.N. Resolution

Officials: Bush mulls war without backing of Security Council

By RON FOURNIER AP White House Correspondent

Washington — Forced into a diplomatic retreat, U.S. officials said Thursday that President Bush may delay a vote on his troubled U.N. resolution or even drop it — and fight Iraq without the international body's backing. France dismissed a compromise plan as an "automatic recourse to war."

Amid a swirl of recrimination and 11th-hour posturing, the White House called France's position unreasonable while U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan raised the possi-

bility of a global summit "to get us out of this crisis."

Iraq braced for war, lining the streets of Baghdad with fighting positions and foxholes, while the Pentagon moved B-2 stealth bombers from Whiteman Air Force Base in Missouri to bases close to Iraq.

The government of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein exulted in the diplomatic tumult over a U.S.-British-backed resolution that would demand that Iraq disarm by Monday. The allies "have lost the round before it starts while we, along with well-intentioned powers in the world, have won it," the popular dai-

ly Babil, owned by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's son, Odai, said in a front-page editorial.

Bush spent a fourth day on the telephone, consulting leaders of Britain, Bulgaria, South Korea, Poland, El Salvador and Norway.

The U.S. diplomatic drive was centered on Chile and Mexico, both members of the U.N. Security Council, a senior administration official said. Their support would ensure the United States of the minimum nine votes needed for adoption of the resolution.

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INSIDE: Cmdr. Jon Kan, skipper of the USS Providence, says crew morale is directly tied to how close the crewmen stay to their families while at sea. A8

SAFE AND SOUND



TOM SMART, Deseret News/AP

Elizabeth Smart, right, hugs her brother, William, at the Smart home in Salt Lake City Thursday. Smart was kidnapped from her bedroom last June and was found Wednesday just miles from her home by police acting on tips, then was reunited with her family. At left is her younger sister, Mary Katherine. See story, A4

'The resident trooper program provides excellent law enforcement that is very professional at an exceptionally good price. It represents good government.'

Col. Timothy Barry, deputy commissioner of the state Department of Public Safety

Local towns could lose resident state troopers

East Lyme, Montville included in changes debated by legislature

By MICHAEL COSTANZA Day Staff Writer

Hartford — Some towns could lose their resident state troopers and others could end up paying more for them under a proposal that lawmakers are debating at the state Capitol. The bill, which is before the Public Safety

Committee, would prohibit assigning resident troopers to towns with populations of more than 18,000. It also would require towns with 10,000 to 18,000 residents to pay the entire cost of each resident trooper instead of the current rate of 70 percent.

Locally, the proposal could remove troopers from their posts in East Lyme and Montville. The population of each town barely exceeds 18,000, according to the 2000 U.S. Census, although in both towns those numbers include prisoners in state correctional institutions.

Both towns could lose their eligibility for resident troopers, and Ledyard and Griswold,

which have populations of more than 10,000, would have to pay 100 percent of the cost of their resident troopers if lawmakers approve the proposal.

The Public Safety Committee held a public hearing on the bill this week and must decide by next Thursday whether to send the bill out of committee.

Some lawmakers fear the change, which would take effect in July 2005, would force some towns to bear the expense of creating their own police departments. Others argue, however, that it would save the state money. See EAST LYME page A7



Montville police Lt. Leonard Bunnell

Rowland friend ran company in corruption probe

Malcynsky had been conservator for construction firm now under investigation focusing on contracts

By DON MICHAEL Connecticut News Alliance

Hartford — A construction company associated with the family empire at the center of the corruption scandal involving at least one former aide to Gov. John G. Rowland was essentially run for years by a close friend and adviser of the governor, top-ranked lobbyist Jay F. Malcynsky.

Malcynsky, a lawyer and former chairman of the Connecticut Republican Party, was appointed in 1995 as conservator for George A. Tomasso, whose construction company had become the state's top road builder with hundreds of millions of dollars in government contracts.

Tomasso had become psychologically troubled. One of his brothers, Victor Tomasso, filed a petition in probate court in Farmington seeking the appointment of someone to handle George Tomasso's personal and business affairs.

A Farmington lawyer was named to handle Tomasso's personal matters, while, according to court records, Malcynsky

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INSIDE: Gov. John G. Rowland's approval rating has plummeted to an all-time low as Connecticut residents express their frustration over paying higher taxes and enduring spending cuts while the state digs itself out of a troublesome deficit. A5

Senate supports ban on abortion procedure

64-33 vote on partial-birth bill seen as a major victory for Bush, GOP

By DAVID ESPHO AP Special Correspondent

Washington — The Senate voted overwhelmingly Thursday to ban a procedure that critics call partial-birth abortion, and conservatives confidently predicted the bill would soon be signed into law after an eight-year struggle.

"This is a heinous act. It is immoral. It is wrong and it is simply something a civilized society should not tolerate," Sen. Michael DeWine, R-Ohio, said after the bipartisan 64-33 vote to limit the range of procedures available to women under the 1973 landmark Supreme Court abortion rights ruling.

The Senate's action cleared the way for expected House passage this spring, President Bush has said he will sign the measure, a revised version of bills that former President Clinton twice vetoed as unconstitutional.

"Partial-birth abortion is an abhorrent procedure that offends human dignity, and I commend the Senate for passing

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A biological marker has been found that may lead to a simple blood test to screen for colon cancer, possibly replacing some invasive techniques. A4



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Bright And Brisk
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