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This Week's Really Big Story

WAR SUCKS

WAR IN THE GULF

Members of the local press have complained about an acute shortage of retired army officers to comment on the strategy and tactics of the war in the Persian Gulf.

"We're down to our last lieutenant," said an *Enquirer* copy editor.

"Every Arab and Jew in the city has been interviewed at least 10 times," explained a reporter from the *Post*.

"That Orange Ribbon lady has been on

our station so often she wants her own office," explained a NewsChannel 5 staffer.

"We're especially looking for women with young children who cry a lot," added a producer from WKRC-TV.

"Our focus has been check-out clerks at K-Mart," said a Channel 9 cameraman.

Even Sam Wyche and Pete Gillen have given their opinions.

Members of Congress have also given their opinions, but only after watching what Sam Wyche had to say.



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Too much TV

Any reasonable person has to wonder what the outcome of the Civil War, World War II, the Korean War, or the Vietnam Conflict might have been with the benefit of television's continuous coverage.

Picture CNN's **Bernard Shaw**, **John Holliman**, and **Peter Arnett** broadcasting live from inside Hitler's Bunker.

Imagine a **Barbara Walters** up-close-and-personal interview with **Eva Braun**.

How about **Ted Koppel** sitting in a sampan in the middle of the **Yalu River**?

Or what about **Ho Chi Minh** taking calls from mothers of Marines on **Larry King Live**?

Imagine **Dan Rather** interviewing Spanish-American veterans saying "War is Hell" just prior to the Tet Offensive.

Or even **Julia Child** exchanging recipes with the caterer who supplied the picnic lunches for civilian spectators at the **Battle of Bull Run**.

Television's overkill of the "Crisis in the Gulf" last week will be surpassed only by next week's carpet bombing by B-52s of Saddam's elite Republican Guard in southern Iraq.

Either that, or maybe all those folks who went about their business during previous wars and then went home to listen to Jack Benny at night or watch Milton Berle were just plain unpatriotic.

One good thing from the network's preoccupation with every single missile launch and sortie: cable TV movie channel hookups are on the rise, and video stores reported record rentals this past weekend, with very few war movies being rented.

Another lesson learned is that professional sports has finally been put in its proper perspective and how little the Super Bowl really matters. When a wide receiver drops a pass, he might get chewed out by his coach. But when one of our soldiers misses a play, a lot of good men wind up dead.

Top Ten List

Today, it's the top ten public statements Saddam Hussein made last week:

10. I have not yet begun to bleed
9. No more special favors for CNN
8. No fair—I didn't say I was ready
7. Wait till the Camel Corps begins to charge
6. May Allah punch holes in your condoms
5. No more Mr. Nice Guy
4. Last week Tel Aviv, next week Disneyland
3. This Scud's for you
2. I have pictures of George Bush in a dress
1. And the number one public statement Saddam Hussein made last week is.....Whatever happened to Tariq Aziz?



Real Facts "More of the News They Seem to Lose"

The crisis close to home



Anti-Arab gestures in the Tri-State got under way with the bombing of a West End grocery store by Jordanians.

Record stores have taken copies of "Ahab the Arab" off their shelves, as well as the entire Sam the Sham and the Pharaohs catalogs.

Obscene phone calls to **Norma Rashid** were discounted after police traced the calls to another extension in the newsroom.

Local TV stations are scouring the countryside for candles and orange ribbon to use as props on candlelight vigil stories.

Sales of Camel cigarettes have declined at area gas stations.

Security at the zoo was stepped up after keepers found two condoms in the camel pen.

Protesters chanting "No Blood for Oil" circled an Over-The-Rhine plasma center demanding that the blood bank return to a cash payment policy.

War tunes

Sunday night, Auditor-elect

Dusty Rhodes spun old war tunes on his "Oldies But Goodies" program on WGRR 103.5 FM.

Favorites included "Keep the Home Fires Burning (Till the Boys Come Home)," "Pack up Your Troubles in

Your Old Kit Bag (And Smile, Smile Smile)," "Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition!," "Mama's a WAC in the Third Platoon," "When the Scuds Come Flying In," "Coming in on a Wing and a Prayer," "It's a long way to Tipperary," "I'm Going to Pin My Medal on the Girl I Left Behind," "Over There," "I Surrender Dear," and "I'm a Cranky Old Yank in a Tank."

"It's a shame they don't write songs like that any more," Rhodes said.



Patriotic stickers now available

**KICK THEIR
A S S
TAKE THEIR
G A S**



A local label-printing company has produced 14 million stickers urging Americans to support the U.S. led forces to oust Iraqi forces from Kuwait.

The Patriotic Printing Company is giving the stickers away free "to any group that wants them," according to a company spokesman.

People can request the stickers by calling the company toll-free at 1-800-PATRIOT.



Cheap Shots

Small fish in a big pond

NewsChannel 5 anchor **Jerry Springer** became the first local casualty of the War in the Gulf when he succumbed to severe pneumonia after standing out in the cold for 24 hours waiting for someone to talk to him on camera in front of the Capitol.

Springer, for one, does not resent increased security procedures at airports. Word is he goes back for seconds on body searches.



R & R

Eelyse LeShay reports that nude dancers in Newport will attach orange ribbons in place of the traditional G-Strings as a tribute to our fighting men.



Anyone in uniform, displaying a valid military ID, will be entitled to one free couch dance.

Safety first

Cincinnati Mayor **David Mann** has directed Police Chief **Larry Whalen** to enforce the alcohol-free zone at Sawyer Point during all candlelight vigils.

"We want everybody to have a good time, but we want them to be safe too," Mann said.



Marge supports troops



Cincinnati Reds owner **Marge Schott** vows not to let people forget our fighting men and women serving their country so far from home.

"This year on Opening Day we'll be giving away chop sticks to show our support," Marge said.

Council declares war

Cincinnati city council voted unanimously last week to support Councilman **Nick Vehr's** resolution applauding the round-the-clock bombing raids in Iraq and Kuwait.

"I'm sorry I can't be over there on the front lines," Vehr said. "But I have so much work to do at the ad agency."



Another Real Guest Editorial by Bunky Tadwell

If there could be such a thing as a war issue for *The Whistleblower*, this must surely be it. It would be far more dramatic to be typing this outside some official looking building, suitably attired in a Burbury trench coat or rakish turtleneck sweater and leather aviator's jacket. I have never really understood why correspondents, especially in Washington, don't get in out of the rain and bad weather, but perhaps there's a story in that, too.



The remarkable performance by the U.S. Air Force is, to this point, setting a standard for precision bombing that should make the rest of the world take notice. Which may be one of the objectives of the whole exercise. As noted in previous issues, someone has to take charge. Whether we like it or not, the United States is stuck with the job. It may be easier to convince people the next time that they should stop doing whatever they are doing when we tell them to stop.

Now about the protestors—we should make it a rule that no student is allowed to protest any action by the United States in any country until that student can find the country on the map. That should stop it cold.

Of course, much of the shouting is being done by aging flower children who never really bloomed. There will always be a hard core of people dedicated to the undermining of the country. And they will embrace any cause just to find some meaning. And, you have dummies who just like to raise hell.

Now if they really want to find something to protest, there is cer-

tainly no lack. Can you believe the former mayor of Washington D.C. is being asked to teach in one of the city's university? And they send Buz Lukens to Washington for sex therapy? What Buz needs is a new pair of glasses. He would have to be sight-impaired to pick out the doozies he's been caught fondling. Maybe former Mayor Barry could be of help. He had some real lookers.

And one of the ever-whining sports writers in one of the dailies said the schools are no place to rehabilitate Pete Rose. I forget what he wrote, but he's right. Putting someone who is to be rehabilitated in with those foul-mouthed indisciplined little monsters who run unchecked through crime-ridden halls is no place for anyone to try to walk the straight and narrow.

Back to the news coverage—it seems that every time someone gets a booger caught sideways, a bunch of hand-wringing psychologists and counselors want to put everyone in a circle to get in touch with their feelings. These over-educated, meddling ninnyes couldn't get in touch with their behinds with both hands. TV 12 seems to have a policy of making their news people wear faces longer than basset hounds and do nothing but a series of hankie-honking stories. Cut it out, for God's sake!

One more protest item—you don't like your tax re-evaluation? Blame it on the *Post*, *Enquirer*, and *The Whistleblower*. They wanted a story out of the auditor's office. They got it. Now—you get it. Get it?

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**War Worries?
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Real Letters from Real Readers

Sirs:
Satellite weather maps from the Persian Gulf! Who would have ever thought a dork like me would come up with something like that? I hope it makes your travel plans easier.

John Girard, Newschannel 5
Meteorologist of the Moment

Sirs:
I just want your readers to know that I support Desert Storm more than John Glenn and Landslide Charlie Luken put together.

Senator Mitch McConnell

Sirs:
Take a good look at my approval rating this week.

Landslide Charlie Luken

Sirs:
It's really neat working for Channel 9. I never realized what a pain in the ass Jerry Springer was until I got to co-anchor with Randy Little. And how about that fox, Denise Dory? You should see her without her gas mask.

Clyde Gray

Sirs:
To hunker or not to hunker, that is the question.

William Shakespeare

Sirs:
Can you tell me if the TV stations will rerun the soap operas that were pre-empted because of all that war coverage?

"Boomer" Esiason

Sirs:
Can anybody tell us when this war thing is going to start?

Channel 9's "I-Team"

Sirs:
Before I left for Saudia Arabia six months ago, my best friend Jody moved in with my girlfriend and promised to look after her while I was gone.

After the first month, the letters stopped coming. Do you think I have anything to worry about?

Lance Corporal Greg Spurlock

Sirs:
Please stop asking me why I voted against giving President Bush the authority to go to war.

John Glenn

Sirs:
Things certainly do change. Until I changed my name for the war last week, nobody in the world ever heard of me.

Wolf Blitzer

Sirs:
All these anti-war protests gave me a flashback to when I was a laid-back hippy dude with a pirate radio show. Boy, times have changed. Now I'm a rich corporate pig squeezing a broadcast giant by the 'nads. Is that cool or what?

Michael Xanadu



Another Exclusive Whistleblower Report

Local victim of Gulf Crisis

Police in Norwood had to be called last week when **Harley Mather**, went berserk and completely destroyed the contents of his furnished apartment.

Mather, 56, a retired Army sergeant who served in the Korean War, had to be restrained. He is living on welfare.

Taken to University Hospital, Mather was placed under psychiatric examination.

Police at the scene reported that Mather, who served as a tire-changer in a military motor pool in Ft. Stewart, GA, had been drinking and became despondent after watching all the interviews with local people about how sad they were about the Persian Gulf crisis. "Nobody interviewed me. Nobody interviewed me," Mather mumbled repeatedly.



"Can you say Scud?"



Make Believe.

The meek Daniel Striped Tiger tells King Friday XIII he can't tell the difference between the F-15 Eagle and the F-16 Fighting Falcon. To comfort Daniel, the king pro-

claims: "All good children should know that. The F-15 Eagle, which became operational in 1974, is seldom out-performed by other fighters. The F-16 Fighting Falcon, which became operational in 1978, is a multi-task fighter that costs less than the F-15."

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"What are these planes used for," Daniel asks the king.

"To kill Iraqi scum," the king says.

"Great!" exclaims Daniel. "The president says we have to kick their ass."

Support your local protesters

The Persian Gulf crisis has brought out a gaggle of peace protesters, each expressing their outrage. Of course, they all say that "war is bad." But here's where some of them are really coming from.



Rev. Maurice McCrackin: Hopes to protect local record for most times arrested for left-wing causes.

Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth: Represents the U.N. deadline on Martin Luther King's birthday.

Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk: Attacking Moslems in the Middle East is always wrong, except when you're on a Crusade to find the Holy Grail.

Roxanne Qualls: City council candidate demonstrating her concern.

Steve Reece: Wants to move up on the list of people waiting to be appointed to public office.



Part-Time Job With a Difference

WANTED: Qualified men/women for part-time employment. No experience necessary. Offers 130 days or more summertime training course. Training pay, over \$2500. Learn skill for important position. Work one weekend a month. Starting pay over \$85. Chance for rapid advancement and foreign travel. Great retirement benefits. Call for interview.

