

Pentagon reviews Persian Gulf forecast

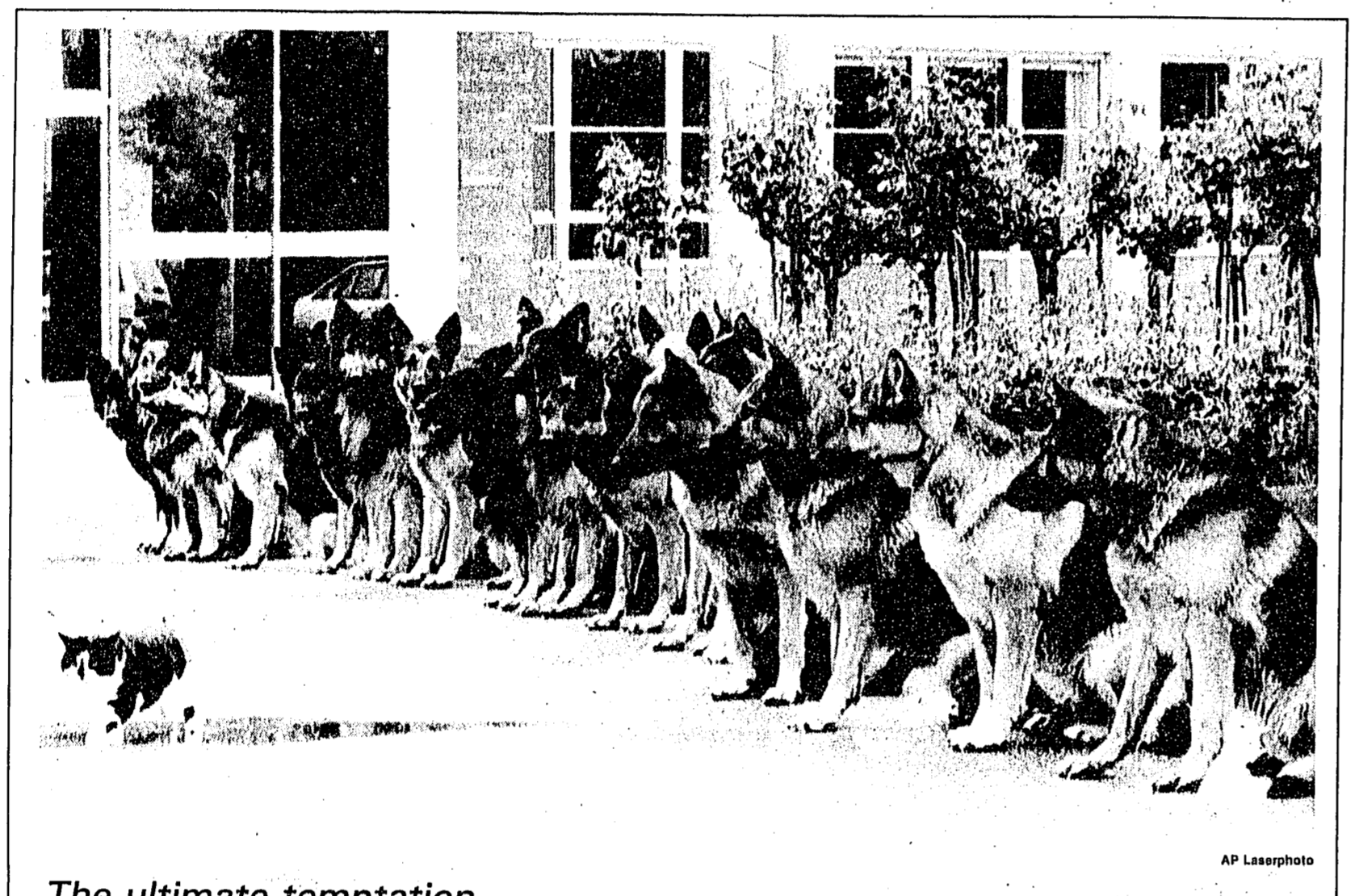
By TIM AHERN Associated Press Writer WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Pentagon will review its long-range forecast about the threats to U.S. servicemen in the Persian Gulf in the face of a CIA judgment which forecasts higher risks, congressional sources said yesterday.

As William Webster, the new CIA director, briefed senators on Capitol Hill about the potential dangers in the administration's plan to place Kuwaiti tankers under U.S. protection, presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the CIA assessment "relates to the possibility of terrorist attacks against Kuwait, which is something different than the risk to our military."

That's assumed in the decision," During the two-hour meeting, administration officials said the Pentagon was in the process of reviewing its assessment of the threat, according to sources speaking on condition of anonymity.

Lawyer begs jury to convict Barbie

By JEFFREY ULBRICH Associated Press Writer LYON, France — A lawyer for alleged Nazi victims urged a jury yesterday to "wipe the unacceptable smile" off Klaus Barbie's face by convicting the former Lyon Gestapo chief of crimes against humanity.



The ultimate temptation. Minstrel, the resident cat at the Metropolitan Police Dog School in Keaton, Kent, in southeast England, tests the self-control of a line-up of German Shepherd police dogs Wednesday. The dogs are being trained for the upcoming Police Dog Championships at Imber Court, on June 28.

Violence in Seoul Students seize city, riot police after 'Anti-Tear Gas' marches

By BARRY RENFREW Associated Press Writer SEOUL, South Korea — Tens of thousands of students seized the heart of the city yesterday during a peaceful protest that erupted after police used tear gas to break up marches by people demanding a ban on tear gas.

Boaters' garbage is harmful to marine mammals, seabirds

By CHRISTOPHER CALLAHAN Associated Press Writer WASHINGTON, D.C. — New laws are needed to stop boaters from tossing tons of six-pack containers and other plastic trashways into the sea, garbage that is killing hundreds of thousands of marine mammals and seabirds, coastal lawmakers say.

Economy improves slightly

STATE COLLEGE, (AP) — The state's economy improved slightly in April, but a sluggish manufacturing sector continued to offset gains in services and construction, a Penn State economist said yesterday.

Vietnam Government welcomes tourists

By PETER ENG Associated Press Writer HANOI, Vietnam — Vietnam is opening its doors to foreign tourists, making pitches even to Americans and their dollars and to former Vietnamese boat people who have been accepted for admission.

Moscow welcomes American pilot

MOSCOW (AP) — A 61-year-old American who was detained after he flew from Ohio to Moscow in 1982 landed his single-engine plane in Moscow yesterday and emerged for a VIP welcome this time.

state news briefs

Minority students face problems HARRISBURG (AP) — Minority students apparently have more trouble with basic math and English skills in the early grades and the problem often carries over into later years, a state human relations official said yesterday.

Burglar leaves picture, is arrested PITTSBURGH (AP) — A man who entered police headquarters and allegedly stole computers, calculators, petty cash and ate cookies did all but surrender when he left a Polaroid snapshot of himself, police said.

Indictment charges alleged mobster PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Reputed mob boss Nicodemo "Little Nicky" Scarfo and 27 associates have been charged with running a \$30 million drug ring in an indictment that strikes a fatal blow against organized crime in the area, authorities said yesterday.

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Kennedy Jr. hired by Justice Dept. WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — John F. Kennedy Jr., son of the assassinated president, has taken a \$35-a-week summer law clerk's job working for the Justice Department's civil rights division headed by Assistant Attorney General William Bradford Reynolds, officials said yesterday.

Group petitions for commutation WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — A conservative group began a petition drive yesterday aimed at persuading President Reagan to commute the prison sentence of former congressman George Hansen.

Elephant Man bones sought by star LONDON (AP) — The London Hospital Medical College says it will not sell the skeleton of John Merrick, the so-called Elephant Man, to Michael Jackson no matter how much the American pop star offers.

Moscow welcomes American pilot MOSCOW (AP) — A 61-year-old American who was detained after he flew from Ohio to Moscow in 1982 landed his single-engine plane in Moscow yesterday and emerged for a VIP welcome this time.

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