

Opinion

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Uncle Sam had better straighten up - before the capsizing ship of state sinks!

So why keep swinging?

One of the strangest wars in history, the one between Iraq and Iran, has continued even though after 14 months of hitting each other with ineffective jets and counterjets...

Despite the fact that the conflict has been stalemated for more than a year, the costs somehow have mounted to the point that both sides have depleted their cash reserves and are having to live on austerity budgets...

Iran, which had currency reserves estimated at \$35 billion in September 1980, has had to borrow some \$28 billion from Saudi Arabia and Kuwait in order to keep the standoff going...

In addition, each side has managed to knock out and block a large part of oil output of the Persian Gulf...

Guest column

Next Christmas try 'Carolling' with the Italian brotherhood

by Larry Webster
(The Appalachian News-Express)
Those whose Christmas Club accounts are not enough to buy a single electronic game for the Yule Spending Club...

Letters

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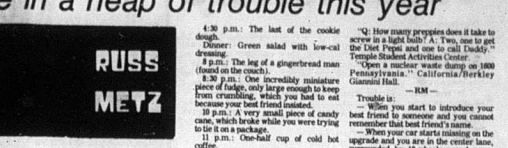
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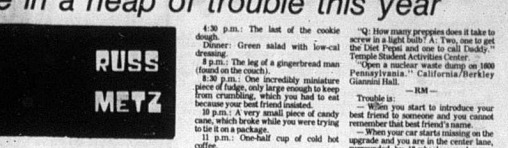
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