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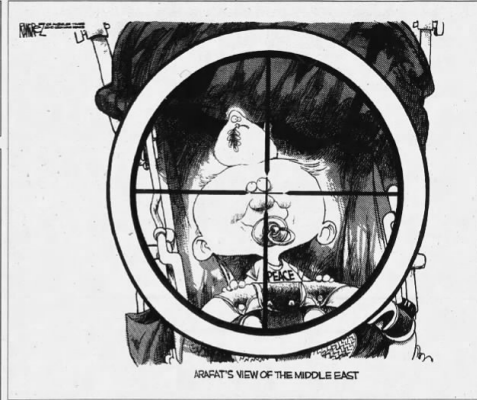
Sports, as a baseball official once put it, is "life with the volume turned up."
Too often in recent years, adult fans have turned up the volume so high they've lost control. Public displays of anger, rudeness and even violence have erupted, most are directed at umpires and referees.

Walters' Zest for Life, Justice Inspired Mary

New Mexico has lost a trail-blazing mentor to the legal profession and a model of public service with the death last week of former state Supreme Court Justice Mary Coon Walters.

U.S. Needn't Apologize for National Security Vigilance

Even so, not much later, Eisenhower said that such flights would end, and much of America blushed with shame.
He did not apologize. Why should you apologize to Moscow for monitoring its aggressive capabilities? Which capabilities they were forever threatening us with and which, two years later, they transported to Cuba to diminish the expansion, for their missiles of trans-Atlantic flight.



Bush Planning New Strategy on Iraq

WASHINGTON — President Bush is said to have empowered three administration working groups to think hard and devise more aggressive and improved U.S. policy on Iraq. Have no doubt: This means "No, not the kind of war that involves 9-21 blasting Saddam Hussein's bunker in Baghdad, or U.S. troops marching toward Beirut. Bush 41, our 41st president's father, tried that to some extent, but without matching stalemate from the jaws of victory in Operation Desert Storm.

This will be a war fought in Washington with bullets of secret position papers, historical analogies, news leaks and other bureaucratic artifice.

But the working groups — the other two cover economic sanctions and the rest of the Iraq review with open minds. That guards the partisans into stepping up the determining and looking, which by past Washington standards is still embryonic.

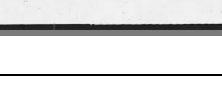
to be fighting seriously over policy," one senior official said readily after The New York Times reported pitched bureaucratic battles between the Pentagon and the State Department. "In sure it will come, but we're not there yet."

These are Washington Rules, well known to long-time denizens of the Potomac: who see policy-making as an unending, existential struggle over resources. That it would not take much to turn the justified review of 15 years of failed U.S. policy toward Saddam into something valuable and innovative.

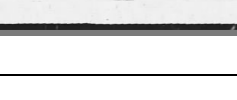
Other unidentified State Department officials have followed up an energetic trashing of the existing sanctions regime in the press with a campaign of character assassination aimed at Saddam's opponents, who are largely guilty of being friends of the diplomats' enemies at the Pentagon.

First, historical analogies not directly tied to U.S. experience in Iraq should be banished from these interagency battles. History used as a tool of argument invariably produces flawed analysis.

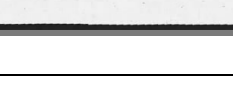
ing up his middle finger doing a face at our crew pilot, which is hardly stuff at about 200 mph.
But our crew are members of our armed services and undergo the risks of their profession. The United States must on no account lose sight of the crew, as we did not lose sight of the Pueblo when in 1968 its crew were kept imprisoned by the North Koreans, or of the diplomatic hostages kept 14 months by the government of Iran in 1979-1981. The goal of the return of the EP-3E crew should be high on our agenda, but not higher.



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