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Serbs renege on surrender

Tanks head for war

Yugoslav forces entering Croatia as cease-fire collapses

By Branka Krotova
Associated Press

ZAGREB, Croatia — Yugoslav army tanks rumbled toward Croatia today in a show of Serbian force after Croatian troops evicted rebel Serbs in a three-day blitz that won a 100,000-peace deal.

Fighting in Croatia resumed after the government reneged on a U.N.-brokered agreement in which the rebels had effectively surrendered. Serbs also accused the other side of attacking civilians, but neither

effectively surrendered and agreed to give up heavy weapons in exchange for safe passage into Serb-held sections of neighboring Bosnia.

But the Croatian government, citing reports of both atrocities on Croatian forces, reneged on the U.N.-brokered deal and fighting resumed, said U.S. spokesman Susan Angle.

The Serbs claimed that the deal was broken when Croatian jets attacked a refugee column trying to cross western Bosnia near Bosanski

Prosevo, just south of Rijeka. The agreement had called for the Serbs to turn in all weapons except volunteers before leaving for Bosnia, said U.N. spokeswoman Leah Melick. He refers, the deal was to be soldiers and civilians leave the country.

They were to join the thousands of displaced Serbs who already have fled Croatia in an exodus that would total 200,000 people or more, the largest single movement of people in four years of war in the former Yugoslavia.



Victory: Croatian soldiers show victory signs Sunday after retaking the town of Plass, Krajina. Fighting resumed today after the government reneged on a U.N.-brokered agreement in which the rebels had effectively surrendered.

The Great Unifier

Water runs through our past, present

Our landscape and our lives have been shaped by water.

It sustained the Winnebago and other American Indians on the shores of Green Bay. It provided the French voyageurs a highway in their search for the Orient.

It has brought products to us and carried others away. We've harnessed its power and enhanced its beauty.

"This is what unites us, this is what brings us here, this is what ties us together. This is where we find our community," says river historian Paul Womack of De Pere.

- Consider the hundreds of millions of dollars already spent on restoring the Fox River.
- Try to buy land along Nicolet Drive or in Bailey Harbor.
- Try to find a boat slip along Green Bay.
- Examine license plates in the harbors at Algoma, Kewaunee, Green Bay, Sturgeon Bay, Oconto and Menominee, Mich.
- Take a boat ride out to Long Tail Point on a hot Saturday afternoon and witness the crowds.

Why water? Everyone has a theory.

Womack says it has something to do with physical and spiritual cleansing. Think about the symbolism of baptism.

Menominee Indian entrepreneur Brian Peters says our bodies



Drain to the water: On a day when the wind sends waves crashing over the break out into Lake Michigan to fish. For many, the water provides a livelihood, for others, recreation and fun.

Researchers reel in signs of cleaner bay

By Terry Anderson
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It hasn't been clean the waters of lower Green Bay were clean enough for swimming, but the extent of a public swimming beach may not be so far-fetched.

Probably never again at Bay Beach Park, but Commemorative and adult parks on Green Bay's far northeast side are another matter.

Earlier this year, the water was clean and clear enough for swimming, according to a sampling report by the Green Bay Metropolitan Sewerage District.

It's the first time since the MSD began testing water a decade ago that a site on lower Green Bay met swimming standards for a swimming period during the summer.

If you get to take a dip at Adult Park, remember Dick Sachs. He spends about half of his work



Checking the water: Dick Sachs, Metropolitan Sewerage District specialist, pilots the MSD's boat "Clearwater Revival" across the waters of Green Bay in search of water samples.

Life on the Water:

This is the first in a seven-day series that looks at how the water around us shapes our lives.

(One or more articles may have discovered the Volunteer Center Sunday, but the agency barely slipped a beat.)

The organization, which serves as a clearinghouse for 500 nonprofit agencies looking for volunteers, expects to be back in business by Tuesday, Christine Damsion, the center's executive director, said this morning.

"It's definitely an arson fire," said the Phillips Green Bay Fire Department volunteer chief. "It had multiple points of origin."

No suspects were in custody, said Deputy Chief Dan Taylor of the Green Bay police, which is investigating the fire.

It took firefighters about four hours to extinguish the fire. It started at 9 a.m. at 328 S. Chestnut Ave. The fire raged about 30,000 sq ft.

Damsion and other Volunteer Center officials said this morning to plan for a future home.

She was even making plans to link up new volunteers with agencies this afternoon — working to the yard in front of the fire-damaged building.

"We'll put in a sign outside and serve them as best we can from a picnic table," she said.

Damsion also took time out to briefly review the loss of the house, which is owned by nearby Trinity Lutheran Church.

"I've never experienced anything like this," she said. "What you think about how the Volunteer Center touches so many people, there won't be one agency in the county that won't be affected."

The first goal, she said, was to find temporary quarters for the homeless.

"We should be back in operation hopefully by tomorrow (Tuesday)."

On B-I today

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From A-1

Bay

out fishing."

On this day, he's joined by Don Josephs of the Green Bay Health Department and Brenda Johnson of Brussels, an MSD summer intern.

Josephs is collecting data on the bacteria count.

Johnson, a senior science major at St. Norbert College, is shadowing Sachs as she contemplates future careers.

"I'm an environmentalist, but I shy away from the term because of the negative baggage that goes with it," Sachs says.

The Seymour native studied aquatic biology and limnology — the physical, chemical and biological properties of fresh water — at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

"I try to integrate ecology and economics. Ecology is the study of the house — in terms of 'ecos' being the Greek word for 'house' and economics is to put the house in order. We're looking at long-term solutions."

Sachs returned to the Green Bay area five years ago, after 10 years at the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sanitation District.

"My first reaction was a little bit of awe from the standpoint that the Fox River has such long historical significance," he says. "There have been people traveling this river for 300 plus years and this was the main highway for the state for a very long time."

On this day, they're taking samples on the bay near Long Tail Point and Joliet, Communiiversity and Bay Beach parks. They'll also grab river samples at the mouth of the Fox and at the Walnut Street Bridge.

Josephs lowers a white disc shaped like a paper plate, known as a Secchi disc, into the bay and calls out the depth at which it becomes visible.

Meanwhile, Johnson drops an electronic sensor into the bay to measure temperature and electro-conductivity.

Later, they'll gather 25 gallons of water off Little Tail Point for an effluent toxicity test. The state Department of Natural Resources requires the test as a condition for the MSD's discharge permit.

They'll also stop at the lighthouse to examine monitoring equipment and recalibrate it if necessary.

As Sachs pilots the Clearwater Revival, he makes mental notes of what he sees.

● Peregrine falcons nest on the Tower Drive Bridge.

● Carp thrash around at the Green Bay Yachting Club.

● A double-crested cormorant flies overhead.

● Alewives leap in the boat's wake.

● A pelican nest floats near a sandbar on Cat Island.

● The algae bloom at Joliet Park seems to be a little earlier than last year's.

● No gulls, no terns, no nothing on Kidney Island, also known as Renard Isle. A few years ago, there were tens of thousands of birds.

Sachs doesn't know where they went, but suspects someone did something to drive them away.

The weather dominates Sachs' workplace. But rain and waves don't necessarily mean he stays ashore. (He does stay off the water when lightning is forecast.)

"It's a reminder that we're part of nature and cannot depend completely on our artificial environment," he says.

Few bodies of water in the world are studied as exhaustively as the Fox River and Green Bay.

On any given day, specialists from an alphabet soup of state, federal and local agencies and universities are taking measurements of the water, the wildlife, the sediments.

In some cases, they're checking the pulse of this dynamic ecosystem. Others are working to document and correct the environmental wrongs that have been done over the past century.

"We get involved in a lot of sharing of data and participating of ancillary programs with other agencies to return water clean to the environment," Sachs says.

Information is shared with the DNR, Environmental Protection Agency, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Corps of Engineers and university researchers.

"I can remember when the river was viewed as an impediment in getting from one side of town to another," he says as the Clearwater Revival passes the paper mills along the Fox River. "I guess it takes a generation to get to the point that we're viewing it for aesthetic purposes."

