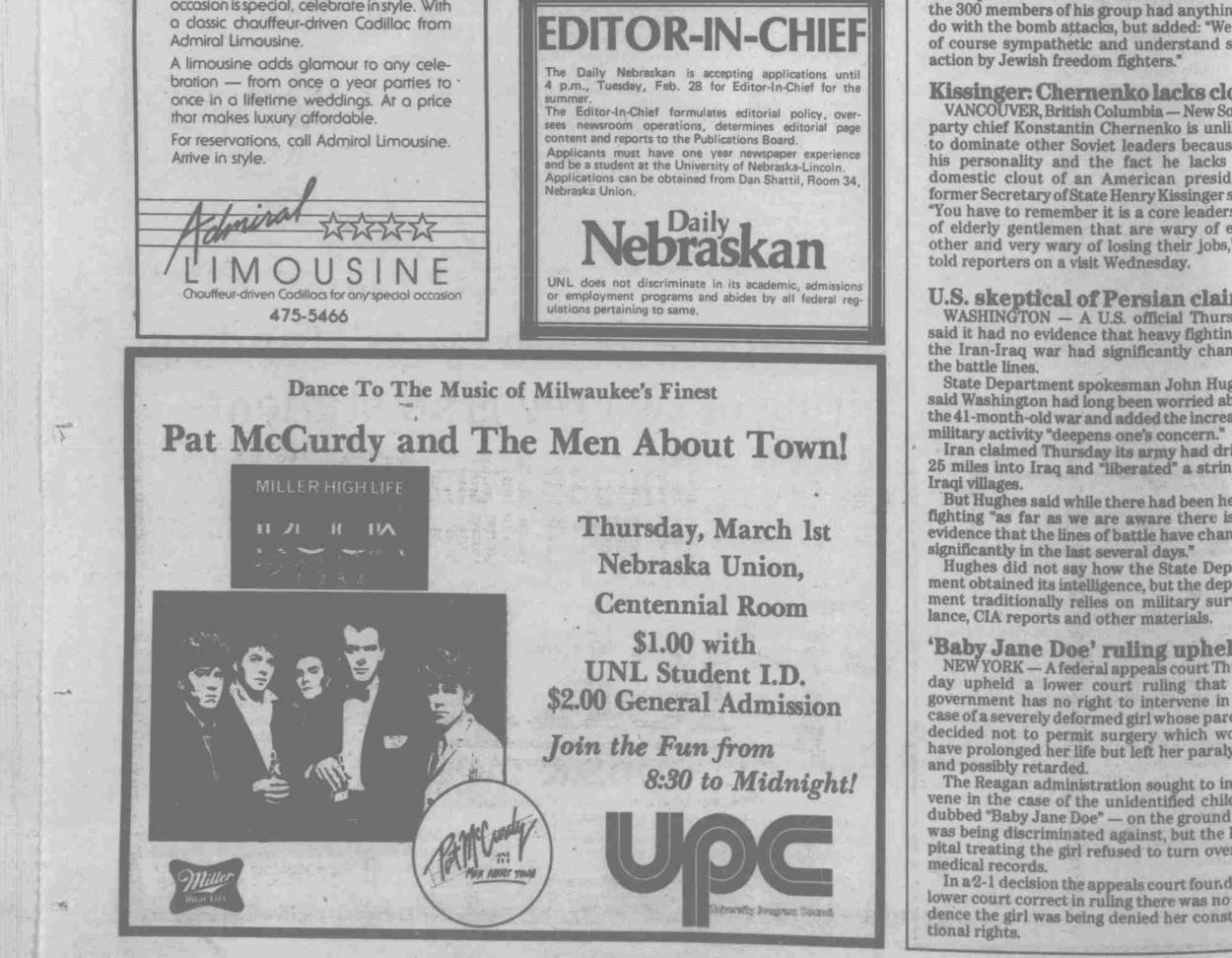


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DAMASCUS, Syria - Saudi Arabia Thursday night announced agreement on a general ceasefire among the warring factions in

Saudi mediator Prince Bandar Bin Sulan Ibn Abdul-Aziz told a news conference here after meeting with Syrian officials: "I am pleased to announce that we have reached agreement for a ceasefire." The announcement followed intensive talks Thursday in both the Syrian and Lebanese capital to help reach a ceasefire agreement in Lebanon. Bandar twice met Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khadam and Saudi businessman Rafiq Al-Hariri was present at the second meeting. Hariri flew in from Beirut with Lebanon's response to a Saudi peace plan for Lebanon, details of which have not been discussed. Bandar said a formal announcement of the ceasefire would be made

the fence of the housing compound for Soviet citizens working in New York Thursday, destroying a car but causing no injuries, and the authorities believed Jewish extremists were to blame. FBI agents were permitted into the complex, in the exclusive Riverdale section of the Bronx, to retrieve bomb debris and other evidence and this was being shipped to

A spokesman said the FBI had little information on the group which was purported to have been behind the bomb attacks: Jewish

cies minutes after the explosions, saying such actions would continue until imprisoned Jewish dissident Anatoly Shcharansky and other Soviet Jews were released and allowed to

The leader of the JDA, Chaim Vancier, later told reporters that as far as he knew none of the 300 members of his group had anything to do with the bomb attacks, but added: "We are of course sympathetic and understand such

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