World

Five American marines hurt in Beirut — Nine Italian soldiers and five American marines were injured Tuesday when a hand grenade was thrown at their patrol in a Beirut suburb. A gunman attacked a jeep driver in the west, wounding six Italian soldiers, three seriously. Although the attacks have become more frequent lately, the peacekeeping mission will not stop, noted James Need, commander of US forces in Lebanon.

Nation

Byrnes declares write-in candidacy — Chicago’s Mayor Jane Byrne announced yesterday her intention to run for reelection as a write-in candidate in April even though she was defeated by black Congressman Harold Washington in the Democratic primary last month.

Americans are more optimistic about economy — Americans believe that the United States economy is rebounding from the recession, according to a Washington Post-ABC survey. Thirty-nine percent of those surveyed believe the economy is recovering, as opposed to 18 percent in January. Forty-three percent believe they are better off than last year, and 45 percent think inflation is no longer a major problem.

Local

Six indicted for bar rape — A Bristol County grand jury indicted six men in connection with the alleged rape of a woman in a New Bedford bar. Twenty of the six were indicted after witnesses told the grand jury the men cheered on the other four committing the alleged rape.

Weather

Rainy, cool weather will stay — Today will be overcast with rain developing this afternoon. Temperatures will be in the lower 40’s today and tonight with continued showers. The weekend will be damp and windy with temperatures again in the 40’s.

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