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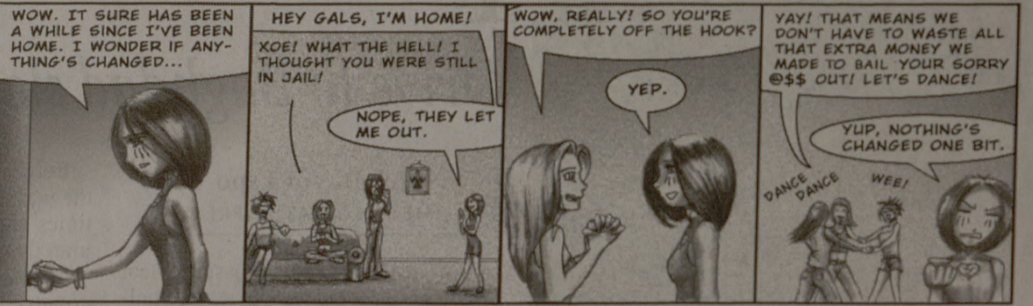
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By C.J.



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**Fighting**

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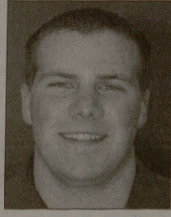
advancing troops. McChrystal said coalition ground forces have not gotten into direct firefights with Republican Guard forces. That seemed a matter of not much time, though. The Army's 3rd Infantry Division was within 50 miles of the capital, battling sandstorms more than Iraqi fire as it neared the approaches to Baghdad. Some Iraqis waved or gave a thumbs-up as the convoy passed on its dash through southern Iraq, while others stood stoically. The advance of long columns of thousands of vehicles was aided by heavy air protection that wiped out a column of Iraqi armor at one point and sent some of Saddam's outer defenses withdrawing toward the capital. The convoy passed bombed anti-aircraft guns, empty foxholes and berms dug for tanks that had been abandoned. President Bush invited senior lawmakers

to the White House, and aides said he would ask Congress for nearly \$75 billion. Of that, \$62.6 billion would be in direct war costs, according to these aides, for 30 days of combat. The request was also expected to include up to \$3 billion to guard against terrorist threats, as well as aid to Israel, Afghanistan and other U.S. allies, a down payment on humanitarian aid for Iraq and for rebuilding the country, and money to increase security for American diplomats. Bush, scheduled to confer in Washington later this week with Blair, also talked with Russian President Vladimir Putin by phone, complaining that Russia is selling anti-tank guided missiles, jamming devices and night-vision goggles to Iraq. National security adviser Condoleezza Rice visits U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Tuesday to discuss humanitarian issues. Polls taken since the war began show growing support for the military campaign. But there were fresh anti-war protests across the United States and abroad. Police arrested more than 123 people in San Francisco, and at least 50 in Hartford, Conn.

In the world's first war with live broadcasts from the battlefield, news and images of American and British setbacks accompanied pictures of military successes. Iraqi television showed pictures of an American helicopter in a grassy field, and in Arab headdresses brandishing automatic rifles as they did a victory dance around an aircraft. Hours later, Iraqi television showed two men it said made up the crew. "We have a two-man crew missing," confirmed Gen. Tommy Franks, the U.S. war commander. But he denied Iraqi reports that the craft had been shot down by Iraqers, and that two choppers had been lost. Franks told reporters that 3,000 Iraqis had been taken. But he and other U.S. officials were more concerned with the fate of a handful of American POWs who were ambushed in the Iraqi desert over the weekend. At the Pentagon, spokeswoman Tami Clark accused Iraqis of violating the rules of war by misusing white flags of surrender and other deceptions.

**Corrections**

The following photos were left out of the March 24 Election Guide 2003:



KAINER

Matt Kainer is running for senior yell leader.



LANE

Keith Lane is running for junior yell leader and his Web site is www.lethimyyell.com



MOHR

Rob Mohr is running for junior yell leader.

Junior Yell Leader James Denham's name was listed incorrectly in the March 24 Election Guide.

Jerri Ann Henry's statement was run incorrectly in the guide. The statement, "Commitment to change through action, not words" was mistakenly grouped under her name. The following is her correct statement for Senator - College of ag and life sciences:

Howdy. My name is Jerri Ann Henry and I am a sophomore animal science major from Dallas Texas. I have been involved in

many agricultural organizations including Saddle and Sirloin, Horsemen's Association, and Alpha Zeta. I have developed strong leadership skills through Hall Council, Aggie Orientation Leaders Program, Upstream, and in the Pre-Vet Society. Over my time at Texas A&M I have developed a strong vision for our agricultural department. I would like to improve and maintain the existing programs, while encouraging new research and programs. If you would like to ask me any questions please e-mail me!

**Politics**

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quality of life in College Station, he said. "Their opinions are important because they are citizens, and a large part of our community."

A proposal currently being considered by city officials would change the minimum age of a city council candidate from 18 to 21. Whatley said this regulation would only serve to further discriminate against the majority of the adult population in Bryan-College Station.

Candice McFarland, director of administration for the Maroon Party, said the referendum proposal came as a surprise because students have previously run for city positions without a problem. She sees the timing of the proposal as more than a coincidence.

"Perhaps they are afraid that now (with the help of the Maroon Party) students will actually be able to muster the support to become a viable candidate," she said.

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