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War talk brings food fights

After reports of how U.S. citizens have turned on French fries and French toast to vent their frustration at France's anti-war stance on Iraq, now it seems the French have joined in the antagonistic food war. They are using pretzels. A French website is urging people to send pretzels to President George W. Bush, who fainted and fell off a sofa in January 2002 after gagging on the salty snack. But the French website says opposing war is not being against the American people it is simply against the politics of the Bush administration.

Mountain covers its 'nipple'

Pressure from uncomfortable skiers and other tourists has prompted the Grand Targhee Ski and Summer Resort in Alta, Wyo. to cover the second half of the name of one of its mountains. Mary's Nipple is now just Mary's, and signs with the word "nipple" have been covered with tape. New signs were to arrive in about two weeks. But the covered signs have rankled some local skiers, who feel a bit of their history has been lost.

Bill follows man to the grave

A man's phone bill has followed him to his grave. A local cemetery in Auburn, Mass. received a phone bill last week for David Towles at his correct address - Hillside Cemetery, Evergreen Section, Auburn, Mass. 01501. Towles was buried there in December 1997. He died at age 60. Cemetery Superintendent Wayne Bloomquist says he was surprised to see the Sprint bill for 12 cents, including 10 cents for a call placed on Feb. 16, five years after Towles died. "Our clients here don't usually get mail," he said. "I wondered if maybe we should start putting mailboxes on the monuments."

Sent to the doghouse

A man accused of mistreating his 11-year-old stepson was ordered Thursday to spend 30 nights in a doghouse. Prosecutors said Curtis Lee Robin Jr. whipped Zachary Weiger with a car antenna, made him sleep in a doghouse and chop wood as punishment. He accepted a plea bargain that gave him a choice of 30 days in jail or 30 nights in a doghouse. He chose the 2-by-3-foot doghouse so that he could continue to work as a foreman at a demolition company. Robin is allowed to sleep with either his head or feet outside, since he cannot fit all the way into the doghouse.

Law bans watching porn while driving

Porn and driving don't mix - at least not in Tennessee. The state Senate has voted unanimously to ban x-rated videos from cars and other vehicles if the television screens can be seen from the street. But the measure wouldn't outlaw all 'red light' autos. Porn fans could still watch sex tapes if their car windows are tinted or covered by sh



Nawaf Kalil tries on a gas mask with the help of his brother Abdulrasak Kalil at a supermarket in Salmiyah, Kuwait City Tuesday. Kuwaitis are preparing for possible retaliatory attacks from Iraq in the event of a US-led war on Baghdad. (AP photo)

Poised for War

Saddam mocks ultimatum; US troops await orders

BY DAVID ESPO
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In an edgy prelude to war, Saddam Hussein mocked an American ultimatum Tuesday to surrender power and the Bush administration claimed 30 members for its international coalition supporting Iraq's disarmament.

The streets of Baghdad captured the moment - panic buying by resi-

dents bracing for a fearsome U.S.-led attack, side by side with a government-prompted, mass demonstration in support of Saddam.

Iraq "doesn't choose its leaders by decree from Washington, London or Tel Aviv," the regime's leadership said after Saddam met with his high command. It was a show of defiance in the face of an invasion force of more than 250,000 troops.

One day after President Bush set his deadline of 8 p.m. EST on Wednesday, troops in the Kuwaiti desert loaded their ammunition and combat gear into fighting vehicles,

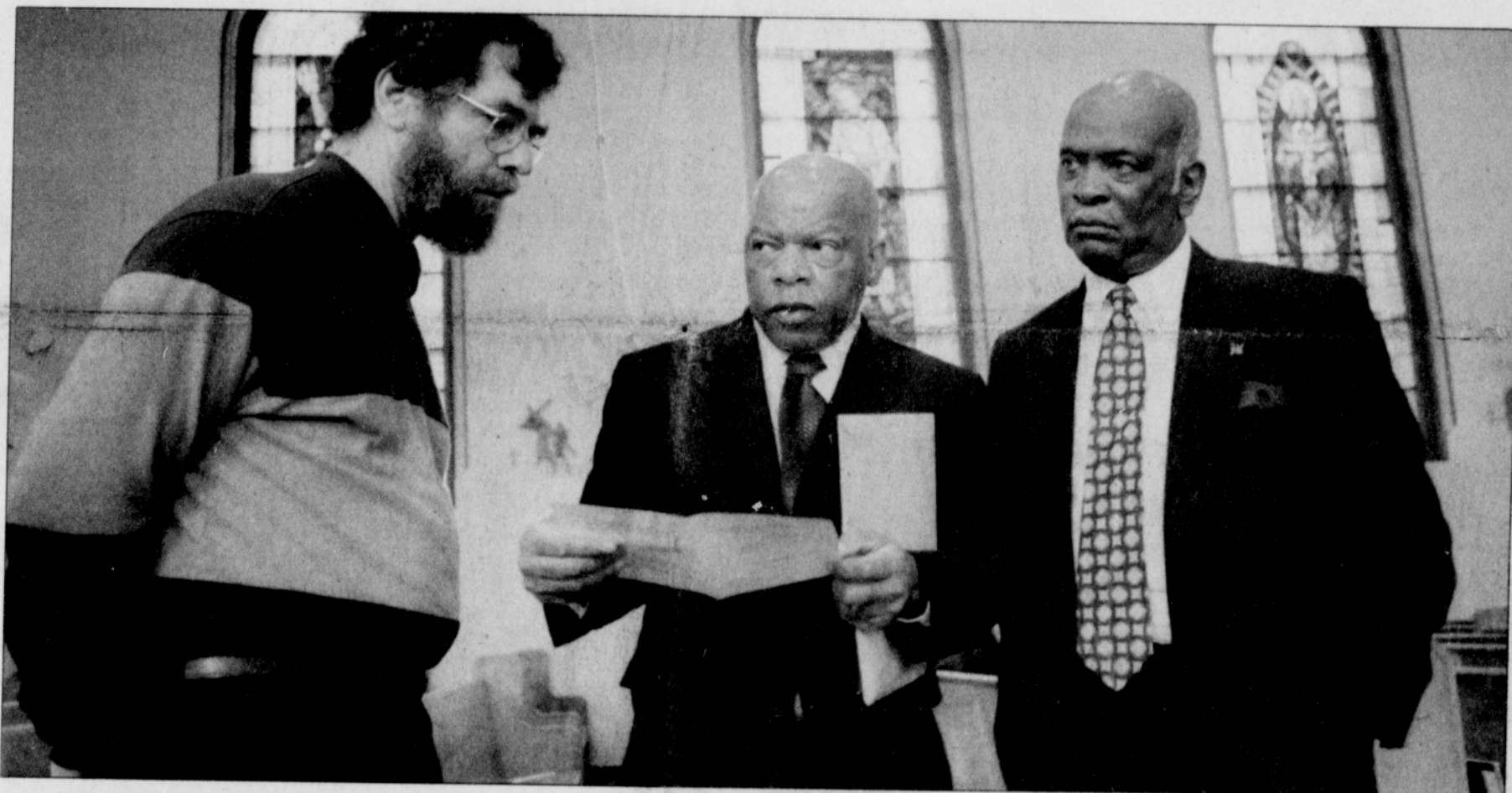
ready to invade on short notice.

"I think I'd probably have a better chance of being elected pope than we have of Mr. Saddam Hussein leaving the country," Capt. Thomas A. Parker said aboard the USS Kitty Hawk - an aircraft carrier preparing to take on a supply of 1,000-pound, satellite-guided bombs from a nearby munitions ship. "So this is probably going to follow to its logical conclusion."

With a mighty force in the field, the administration announced a

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A Call for Peace



U.S. Rep. John Lewis is flanked by Frank Fromherz (left) and Sam Jackson (right) of Holy Redeemer Church. Lewis, a famed civil rights leader, spoke to a peace gathering at the north Portland church Saturday and then participated in a peace march in downtown Portland.

Congressman connects civil rights to worldwide peace effort

BY DAVID PECHL
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Congressman John Lewis, a famed civil rights leader and lifelong advocate for peace and non-violent struggle, made a stirring appearance in Portland Saturday as he called for peace in the Middle East.

Lewis said hawks in government are downplaying the powerful anti-war movement that has drawn millions of people worldwide into the streets to protest a potential war with Iraq.

"It's not just so called radicals and so

called agitators," said Lewis. "Everyday people want peace."

Frank Fromherz of Holy Redeemer's Office of Justice and Peace was largely responsible for bringing Lewis to Portland along with Sam Jackson of the church's Office of

"Here is someone who understands that if you organize, you can transform unjust structures," Fromherz said. "His entire life has been dedicated to active non-violence."

Jackson added that Lewis reminded him a lot of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

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- Georgia Congressman and civil rights leader John Lewis

Ethnic Affairs.

Fromherz teaches a course on the civil rights movement at the University of Portland and uses Lewis' book 'Walking with the Wind' as a teaching guide.

Lewis said war in Iraq would not bring about the intended peace with weapons of mass destruction, but would instead escalate a cycle of violence and retribution.

He led rapt listeners through the trials of

a civil rights movement forged by active non-violence, a movement potent enough to change the most powerful nation on earth.

Lewis said the peace movement today has as much potential on the global scale as the civil rights movement had on a national scale in the 60s.

"People are much better prepared now with new technologies and communications," he said, adding that discipline and dedication were the key instruments in change.

"There was a process. We prepared ourselves," Lewis said. "When the time came the spirit moved us and we were ready."

Lewis was instrumental in organizing and participating in the bus boycotts, the Free-

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War Propaganda and Domestic Violence Explored

Interstate Firehouse show celebrates Women's

History Month

the nation stands poised on the brink, M.B. Condon's exhibit 'War Studies' isn't be more appropriately timed.

Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 4 Interstate Ave., presents Condon's part of an exhibition celebrating Women's History Month. The selection is a colorful counterattack to those ready for reaction.

Proposed, for the most part, of three, Condon's paintings suggest that

they should be viewed as studies for billboards - the billboards you will never see.

Condon works with images presented directly by major news media - pictures you'll remember gracing the pages of Time Magazine and USA Today - to examine the power of propaganda in shaping the collective memory.

But then she mixes things up a little bit by using only images of women in her depiction of suicide bombers, terrorist troops and American soldiers. The rugged militarism of her protagonists is juxtaposed against floral elements - roses, carnations and daisies - to create a tension about the role of gender in the political sphere.

"The prominent visual ideals in American

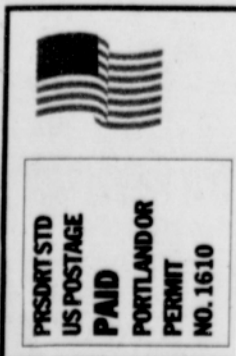


Now showing for Women's History Month at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center are works by M.B. Condon and Sarah Ross.



propaganda are specifically female - the Statue of Liberty and the Scales of Justice," Condon said in her artist's statement. "What

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