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Al Qaeda suspects turn up clean

Authorities in Spain have released almost all of a group of 16 men accused of being Al Qaeda militants - after suspected chemical weapons material found at their homes turned out to be laundry soap. High Court officials in Madrid say the men, mainly from Algeria, were detained in dawn raids on a dozen homes in the north-eastern region of Catalonia in January. At the time, Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar said the government had smashed a "major terrorist network".

Pricey Panty Raid

Call it a \$5,000 panty raid. That's the estimated value of 300 sets of skivvies taken from a Victoria's Secret store. "It's very unusual. It's shoplifting to the max," said Marcia Hamden, a police spokeswoman in Bellevue, Wash., a suburb east of Seattle. An employee noticed the panties were missing shortly before 5 p.m. Sunday. Each cost \$15 to \$28. Two display tables at the front of the store were cleared of the frilly, silky merchandise, and two other tables, one next to the cash register, were half-emptied. Police don't think it was an inside job, but rather a "crime of opportunity".

Full moon on the rise

A man in Athens, Texas who pleaded guilty to aggravated assault had an additional six months tacked onto his eight-year sentence after he mooned the judge. Judge Jim Parsons held 40-year-old Ray Mason in contempt of court Monday after he dropped his pants and showed Parsons and the rest of the 70 people in court his backside. "I've been practicing criminal law for well over 20 years, and I've seen a lot of things," said Mason's defense attorney John Sichel. "This is the first time anything like that has happened."

Public displays of affection

The train was a rockin' and the cops came a knockin'. A New York man accused of engaging in sexual intercourse on a Long Island railroad train has been found guilty of public lewdness. Dennis Greene was arrested along with his brother Lyle and his sister-in-law Francine last September. All three were charged with public lewdness. A conductor alerted by a passenger found the three having sex in a passenger car that was occupied by at least 15 other people.

A different kind of customer service

They may expect Southern charm, but some BellSouth Internet customers in Atlanta, Ga. found the service was a little too friendly when they called a toll-free number listed in the phone book. The number for a phone sex operation was mistakenly printed in millions of phone books instead of the correct number for the company's Internet service.

War Emotions

Area residents torn between support and opposition

By WYNDE DYER
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Portland area residents are expressing both support and opposition to the United States' entry into a war with Iraq.

An informal poll of people shopping at the Safeway Food and Drug on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard found mixed emotions.

Addie Wallace said she looks to God to help her get through the deadly turmoil of war. Others, like Gerae Howard, were against the war and resented the fact that President Bush is in office.

Howard said he would rather focus on everyday battles at home, rather

than in foreign countries.

"As a black person, I'm in a war every day," Howard said. "So this war really doesn't concern me."

Alberta DeHaven lives on Social Security and said she cannot afford the medicine she needs to stay alive. She wishes America would deal with its own problems before Iraq's.

"I really think the government should take care of things at home before bothering with things over there," DeHaven said.

Others see the combat as a needed fight against terrorism and the regimes that support terrorism.

"We should kill 'em (the enemy) and get outta there," said Terrance Martin.

Richard Rasch said he hopes to see "Baghdad under siege."

Another resident said he must follow the

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PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
Northeast Portland resident Addie Wallace said she looks to God to help her get through the turmoil of war.



PHOTO BY DAVID PLECHL/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
Madison High School Junior Andre Pittman came to the OAME money management program to learn how to budget for starting his own clothing line. The Youth Entrepreneurship Boot Camp is designed to teach middle, high school and college students the basic rules for opening a successful small business.

Future Entrepreneurs

Youth program focuses on good money management

By DAVID PLECHL
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

It's never too early to start thinking about the financial future. That was the concept behind a crash course in sensible personal economics.

The Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs' Youth Entrepreneurship Boot Camp enlisted local middle, high school and college freshman to learn from bankers,

investors and financial managers on what it takes to start a business and keep it humming.

Program manager and co-founder Nate Morland said many of the 20 or so youth that attended the extensive one day seminar will soon be on their own without parental assistance. They'll need to think about rent, groceries, car payments and unexpected expenditures as they pursue their dreams.

"It's about habits. Do you realize how much money goes through your hands each week? You have to start early on better money handling habits," Morland said. "Research shows that the older a person gets the less likely they are to change those

habits."

Conceived and designed by Morland and OAME President and Chief Executive Officer Sam Brooks, the program fills a niche where the school system has failed. Many of the students who attended, said lessons learned in school hadn't given them the confidence to pursue business ownership.

They scribbled notes quickly as Morland held each speaker to about 30 minutes. Presentations were kept to the essential points of prudent fiscal management.

Madison High junior Andre Pittman

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War Distracts State from Budget Woes

Lawmakers find it tough to stay focused with troops in combat

(AP)—For months, state Sen. Margaret Carter has been fretting over Oregon's money woes that threaten schools, public safety and needy people.

But the Portland Democrat, who has a grandson in the Army, admits that in recent days, it's been tough for her and other lawmakers to stay focused on those problems while American troops are fighting and dying and being held prisoner in Iraq.

"I see people watching the war on TV a lot around here," Carter said.



Sen. Margaret Carter

That doesn't mean the Legislature's 2003 session has ground to a halt. Committees are still meeting, the House and Senate are acting on bills and lawmakers are searching for ways to deal with the state's money squeeze.

"We're trying to keep people on task and on course," said House Speaker Karen Minnis, R-Wood Village. "But it's natural to be somewhat off balance" because of anxiety over the war.

There are few outward signs of the war at the Capitol. A handful of protesters camp out each day on the front steps of the building, but there have been no major anti-war demonstrations.

Still, there are subtle reminders that these are unusual times. The Capitol's building managers have eliminated free public parking spots directly in front of the Capitol and chained the area off, to discourage possible

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Keeping it Unique

Alberta boutique offers ethnic fashion at a good price

By WYNDE DYER
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The first six months of business were a slow for Linda Causey, the owner of the Mae's Unique Gifts and Collectables in Northeast Alberta. But as the tiny boutique rounds the end of its first year, Causey is pleased to say things are picking up. "We've been very well received," she

receives a warm reception may have something to do with her merchandise - ethnic clothing, jewelry, accessories and figurines. Or it may have something to do with her shining

customer service - patrons can always count on great prices and friendly help.

From the bright yellow walls to the smiling woman behind the counter, Causey's shop glows with warmth. Vibrant three piece suits for men and women and dresses of African, Indonesian, Guatemalan and European designs line the racks side by side with African soapstone sculptures, porcelain dolls, colorful purses and charming church hats.

"I love clothes and I have a good eye for them," Causey said, dressed in a green, black and white dress with conch shells dangling from the seams.

When Causey buys something for Annie Mae's, she makes sure it has all the components of a good purchase - natural fabric, a unique design and a reasonable price tag.

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PHOTO BY WYNDE DYER/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
Linda Causey, owner of Annie Mae's Unique Gifts and Collectables, straightens racks of ethnic clothing in her Alberta Street boutique. Causey only purchases two of each style - one in a large size and one in a small - so none of her customers will be caught matching on the street.



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