



\*\*\*Special Easter Break Issue\*\*\*  
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## WAR FINALLY OVER!

BAGHDAD—After a long, drawn-out three weeks, the war to topple Saddam Hussein's regime is over at last. Many Americans were beginning to think that the war would turn into another Vietnam, with many of them doubting victory when several hundred Iraqi soldiers resisted the advance of over 100,000 Coalition troops.

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, well over 20 days ago, President Bush ordered the first bombings of Baghdad. After hours and hours of fighting, the capital city finally fell to Coalition forces on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The 30,096 minutes between those two historic days

were a quagmire of doubt and despair for many Americans who felt the war was not going as well as planned. All told, nearly 150 Coalition soldiers were killed—nearly a three hundred eighty-seventh of the number of Americans killed in the Vietnam War.

"I thought it was never going to end," said New York resident Bruce Chapman. "I mean, looking at the *Times* every day made me think we were losing."

Said L.A. resident Lena Koenig, "Those three weeks felt more like four weeks. I can't believe

that President Bush committed our troops to such a long, drawn-out conflict. But I'm just glad to know that most of the fighting is now over...it's about time."

Historians are already placing the war among the all-time fiercest. "The Iraqi conflict will certainly be up there in terms of competitive warfare and surprise outcomes, right up there with the first Persian Gulf War, the great Panamanian War of '89, and the 2002 NBA Championship Series," said military expert Brian Linn.

### **Leftist Liberals Hail Redistribution of Wealth**

HOLLYWOOD, CA—Hundreds of passionate left-wing liberals are praising the Iraqi people's initiative in seizing and redistributing their nation's concentrated wealth. Many leftists were concerned that the fall of Saddam's genocidal dictatorship would lead to a orderly, capitalistic, and prosperous society. "What a relief," said political science expert Susan Sarandon. "I'm so happy to see the Iraqis taking it upon themselves to fix society. Perhaps Americans should take note and begin looting to counteract our suppressive, greedy, callous, exploitative, dehumanizing, and enslaving government. Socialism is certainly alive and well."

### **Kim Jong Il Moves up One Spot on Time's Best Dictators List**

PYONGYANG, North Korea—Just days after the toppling of Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq, *Time* magazine informed North Korean leader Kim Jong Il that he will move up one notch on next month's "Best Dictators List." Il will fill the spot left by Libya's Muammar Gaddafi, who will move up to number two behind the world's number one dictator, Fidel Castro of Cuba. Il continues to move quickly up the list, leapfrogging such dictators as King Fahd and Prince Abdullah in recent years. Many feel that, if Kim Jong Il can single-handedly bring eastern Asia to the brink of nuclear warfare, he may take over the top spot in future years.

### **Frosh Beaten to Death by Straw Boss**

MLC—Freshman SEM student Joe Beckley was beaten to death on Monday after what witnesses are calling "a pathetic display of raking." Beckley's straw boss, junior Shawn Cardwell, apparently became frustrated with Beckley's lackluster leaf raking and began to beat him over the head with his rake, yelling, "Is this how you show your love to your school? Those girls are doing a better job than you!" Cardwell's Arbor Day crew quickly resumed their job of leaf removal, not wanting to upset their straw boss further. School officials are dismissing the Arbor Day death as an isolated incident. "Whenever you mix class distinctions with forced labor you're going to run into some problems," said Arbor Day student director Brian Schuessler. "But look how great the campus looks now. Some of the straw bosses do go a little overboard, but sometimes the laborers need a bit more motivation than cookies and juice." The death was the ninth in Arbor Day history. (cont. on page 6)

### **Iraqi Information Minister Denies Men Carrying Him Away at Gunpoint are American Soldiers**

BAGHDAD—Iraqi Information Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahaf denied under gunpoint that the men dragging him away were American soldiers. "What are you talking about? Stop spreading these lies!" pleaded al-Sahaf. "These men you see are not Americans. They are my bodyguards taking me to a meeting with our great leader Saddam. Huh? What tanks? I don't see any tanks. Oh those...those are ours...they have just returned from sending the American cowards to their graves. What? No, my hands aren't tied

behind my back, I just like keeping them back there. Excuse me? Lies, lies, lies...they are taking down that statue of our great leader to get a nice cleaning, you know how bad the birds are this time of year. What pictures of Iraqi people stomping on Saddam's head and dancing through the streets? You have to remember that you can't believe everything you see on CNN, Fox News, MSNBC, CBS, ABC, NBC, BBC, PBS, CNBC, Telecinco, Al-Jazeera, and Abu Dhabi."

There will be no issue of *The Cabbage* next week so that our large, hard-working staff can spend the holiday break with their loved ones.



**Mercedes-Benz Launches New Ad Campaign (page 3)**

# Former Emergency Teacher Gains Useful Insight from Student Teaching Experience

MLC—After spending an entire year teaching on her own, MLC senior Angela Tindall says she gained useful insight from her nine-week student teaching experience. Last year, Tindall had her own classroom of 20 fifth and sixth graders in Ripon, Wisconsin. During the past 2 and a half months, Tindall was under the supervision of traditionalist teacher 58-year-old Rodney Dudley in Wauwacoma, Wisconsin.

Tindall admits that having her own classroom was rewarding and provided great experience, but that she appreciated the much more structured environment of her student teaching classroom. “Don’t get me wrong,” said Tindall. “I did enjoy

the independence of my emergency call. I liked being able to develop my own philosophy on learning and try new things, but student teaching taught me so much more than that.”

Under the guidance of Dudley, Tindall was able to gain useful insights into a typically stagnant learning environment, an experience she missed out on being on her own last year. “Last year I was really motivated and loved bringing different angles into my lessons that my students enjoyed, but I failed to see the whole picture. Being a new WELS teacher is not about changing things up and keeping the interest of your students, it’s about following the same contrived

lesson plans day after day and being forced into someone else’s schedule, teaching philosophy, and system of classroom management.”

Tindall also says she is looking forward to her practicum experience 37 miles away in Franklin. “I can’t wait. I mean, even though our WELS schools have consistently out-performed public education, and even though I now have one year on my own under my belt, along with nine weeks of student teaching, I can’t wait to learn from teachers who are often motivated not so much by ministry, but by money.”

## Nebuchadnezzar Reportedly Glad to be Free from Saddam

A HOLE IN IRAQ—The 6th Century BC king of the Chaldean Empire, Nebuchadnezzar, is reportedly happy to be free from the regime of former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. Nebuchadnezzar deported thousands of Jews during what came to be known as the Babylonian Captivity (Babylon was the capital of the Chaldean Empire). Roughly 2500 years after his death in 562 BC, Nebuchadnezzar was reincarnated as Saddam Hussein. After Coalition forces bombed and killed Hussein last week, the ancient king quickly fled back to Hell where he awaits to be reincarnated as the next brutal dictator from the ancient Babylonian region. “That was fun while it lasted,” said Nebuchadnezzar. “But it was getting a little old, I mean, this guy kept picking fights with that one big country who always beat him. I’m glad I didn’t have to go to jail with him.”

## Looter enjoying Newfound Freedom

TIKRIT—34-year-old Iraqi citizen Abdul Rafi is enjoying his taste of freedom. Just hours after U.S.-led Coalition forces liberated Saddam’s hometown of Tikrit, Rafi and several of his friends began taking advantage of the temporary lawlessness. “This is great,” said Rafi. “I got a brand new toaster and my friend Raul snagged himself a washer and dryer. You know how hard it is to get this dust out of your clothes.” When asked if all the looting made civil Iraqis wish that Saddam were still in power, Rafi answered, “Yeah, maybe a few of them. But I don’t know, I mean, I’d take a few days of looting over genocide and totalitarianism any day.” In unrelated news, the word “looting” was heard on NPR News an amazing 74 times in one minute during a broadcast on Sunday.

## Easter Travel Tips

- ✓ The faster you drive, the less time you’re on the road. The less time you’re on the road, the less chance of an accident.
- ✓ Leave Tuesday night to avoid the big rush on Wednesday.
- ✓ Nothing says evangelism like a sticker of Calvin urinating on the name of your least favorite automobile manufacturer.
- ✓ If you’re going to drink and drive, please use a straw.
- ✓ No, your DeLorean is not a time machine.
- ✓ Gasoline only costs \$1.55 a gallon if you pay for it.
- ✓ Honk and wave at every MLC vehicle you see because, chances are, they want to be continually reminded of New Ulm.
- ✓ If pulled over for speeding, explain to the officer that you were only trying to hit the seams in the road in rhythm to the music.
- ✓ Read *The Cabbage* aloud to the driver.
- ✓ Drive slow in the left lane so it still feels like you’re in Minnesota.
- ✓ Joggers are worth more points than the elderly.
- ✓ Listen to Top 40 radio all the way home so that when you get there, you’re at the same intelligence level of your younger siblings.
- ✓ Complain the entire way home about how we had class on Wednesday.
- ✓ Screen your passengers using the student photo directory on the intranet.
- ✓ When you cross the state line, remember that not every car with Wisconsin plates is from MLC.
- ✓ As a future called worker, you are exempt from all speed limits.
- ✓ One word: cruise control
- ✓ Chicks dig fuzzy dice.

## Mr. Trite Conversation Starter of the Week

\*\*\*Clever ideas to break the ice and make that great first impression\*\*\*



“Man, I’m really looking forward to church at home on (Thursday/Friday/Sunday). How ‘bout you?”

## Geology Pick-up Lines

- ④ You rock, baby!
- ④ I wouldn’t take you for granite, baby.
- ④ Your love is like a pebble in my shoe...it’s small, but it feels big.
- ④ Wanna hit the bar, baby?
- ④ The loess we’re together, the harder it becomes.
- ④ I’ve got you slated in for 8 o’clock on Friday night, baby.
- ④ You look gneiss, baby.
- ④ I have my pick, but I choose you, baby.

## Copper Rock Coffee

Downtown Appleton on College Avenue  
Mention this ad and get free coffee!

## Calendar Correction

Go home now!

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