



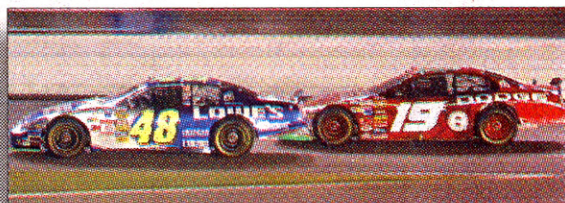
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## Land sale status still in question

■ City may face trouble in effort to cancel \$200,000 sale of Kern Park land.

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The entrance to Kern Park off Primrose Lane in Bristol.

By STEVE COLLINS  
The Bristol Press

BRISTOL — The city's effort to cancel the \$200,000 sale of a portion of Kern Park for a proposed Target store that never got off the ground may run into trouble.

Though the deal was never completed, the city agreed two years ago to sell 2 acres of the park to developers for \$200,000.

After the Target project on Farmington Avenue fell apart last year, the status of the sale became an open question.

City councilors agreed this year to rescind the offer and expressed the hope that nobody would argue about it.

But the attorney for the company that hoped to build the

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## Saudis hunt for militants from assault

■ Suspects used hostages as human shields to escape after attack that killed 22 — most of them foreigners.

By DONNA ABU-NASR  
Associated Press Writer

KHOBAR, Saudi Arabia — Saudi authorities hunted Monday for three suspected al-Qaida militants who used hostages as human shields to escape after a weekend assault on a residential complex that killed 22 people, mostly foreign oil industry workers.

The attackers fled Khobar to nearby Dammam, where they abandoned their truck for a car commandeered at gunpoint from an unidentified driver and drove off with police in pursuit, a police official said Monday.

A fourth militant — described as the ringleader — was captured Sunday after helicopter-borne Saudi commandos raided the upscale Oasis compound, where the gunmen had taken dozens of foreigners hostage in a hotel a day earlier.

The captured suspect and one of the fugitives were wounded, but it wasn't immediately clear how seriously.

It was the worst terror attack on Saudi soil in a year and the second this month to target its oil industry.

On Monday, bloodstains, glass shards, bullet holes and evidence of grenade blasts scarred the sealed-off Oasis resort complex, according to an employee.

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## Republicans attempt legislation limiting class action lawsuits

■ Senate will vote today on whether to act immediately on the bill to move more suits from state to federal courts.

By JESSE J. HOLLAND  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — After trying to curb class-action suits for years, Republicans finally have enough support to ram legislation through the Senate to limit what they call an overabundance of frivolous cases against American businesses.

But a decision by Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist to push forward immediately on that legislation instead of finishing work on a defense bill may have the effect of forcing the GOP to wait even longer before claiming a victory that big business has sought for years.

**Several Democrats, including Christopher Dodd of Connecticut and Charles Schumer of New York, have agreed to support the legislation.**

60 votes they need to move the class-action bill to passage. But those same Democrats are expected to refuse to vote to abandon the defense legislation to do it.

"They believe in class-action reform a lot, but they are not going to vote" to skip over the defense bill, said Assistant Democratic leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. "We

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AP  
Scott and Eric Gibbs admire the medals of World War II veteran Don Curry Monday while watching the Memorial Day Parade in Washington, D.C.

## A DAY TO REMEMBER

Parades and events around area, nation honor those who sacrificed for country

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BRIAN TOTIN - The Bristol Press

Lt. Gary Doyon waves a flag out the side of a firetruck Monday during the Forestville Memorial Day parade.

## Area parades pay tribute to fallen soldiers

By STEVE COLLINS  
The Bristol Press

BRISTOL — Riding atop an Army truck through the streets of Forestville Monday and wearing sand-colored uniforms, four soldiers who recently returned from Iraq were hailed as heroes by the crowds lining the curbs.

"They must be so brave," said Jason Merriman, a 9-year-old from Meriden who watched with his grandmother. "I want to be a soldier, too, someday, if my mom will let me."

As marshals in the annual Forestville parade, Michael Tanguay, Brian Lozier, Sam DeFelice and Anna DeFelice, all of whom served in the 143rd Military Police Co. that returned home from Iraq last month, smiled broadly and waved to the crowd politely.

On a day where thousands turned out to honor soldiers, sailors and airmen who never came home, the military police officers knew they were lucky.

At a somber ceremony on Memorial Boulevard earlier Monday, John Lynch said he hopes that all of the nation's military men and women fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq will be home soon.

Lynch, past commander of the Hardware City Marine Corps League, pointed out that for many "who should be just living their lives, just start-



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Pat Nelligan holds his son, Thomas, 6, on Memorial Boulevard during the Bristol Memorial Day ceremonies. Nelligan, of Bristol, returned recently from Kuwait where he served in the 405th Combat Support Hospital, based in West Hartford.

ing their careers, it's over" and they will never come back.

The president of the Bristol Veterans Council, Bill Tulloch, said Memorial Day is "the day to

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## WWII veterans march through nation's capital

By LARRY MARGASAK  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — A smattering of America's World War II veterans showed their spunk again Monday, marching in a Memorial Day parade with high school and military bands, floats and veterans of other conflicts who came to honor them.

It was a pulsating sequel to Saturday's solemn dedication of a new bronze and granite memorial to the thinning ranks of World War II veterans.

While some veterans were in buses, others marched proudly with veterans organizations.

Standing in a light drizzle and waiting to march, Harry Lynd, of Montgomeryville, Pa., said it was important to be in the parade.

"We've got to," said the 80-year-old Army Air Corps veteran who was with a Pennsylvania chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. "How much longer do I have." Also marching was Joseph Cicippio, who spent more than five years as a hostage in Beirut after being captured by militants in 1986.

Marching with a Pennsylvania drum and bugle corps, Cicippio, 73, said, "I feel like a

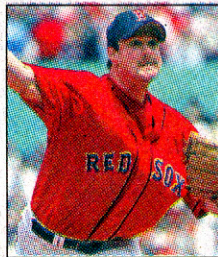
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