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## Report rips post-surge planning for Iraq

GAO claims many goals remain unmet; other agencies object

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Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The administration lacks an updated and comprehensive Iraq strategy to move beyond the 18-month-surge of combat troops President Bush launched in January 2007 to curtail violence and build Iraqi democracy, government investigators said Monday.

While agreeing with the administration that violence has decreased sharply, a report released Monday by the Government Accountability Office concluded that many other goals Bush outlined a year and a half ago in the "New Way Forward" strategy remain unmet.

The report, after a bleak GAO assessment last summer, cited little improvement in the ability of Iraqi security forces to act independently of the U.S. military, and noted that key legislation passed by the Iraqi parliament had not been implemented, while other crucial laws had not been passed. The report also noted that key Iraqi ministries spent less of their allocated budgets last year than in previous years, and said that oil and electricity production had repeatedly not met U.S. targets.

Bush's strategy of January 2007, the GAO said, "defined the original goals and objectives that the administration believed were achievable by the end of this phase in July 2008." The failure to meet many of those goals changed circumstances on the ground and, taken with the pending withdrawal of the last of the additional U.S. forces, means the report strategy is now outdated, the report

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## Archdiocese halts church's annual gay pride prayers

St. Joan of Arc will hold service with no mention of gay rights

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A Roman Catholic Church decision to prohibit a Minneapolis gay pride prayer service has many in the gay community up in arms, leading activists to call the action a troubling and telling sign from the Twin Cities' new archbishop.

The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis recently told staff members at St. Joan of Arc Church they could not hold their annual gay pride prayer service planned for Wednesday — an event held for several years in conjunction with the annual Twin Cities Pride Celebration, parishioners said.

Instead, the archdiocese suggested a "peace" service with no mention of rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people.

"That descriptor (LGBT) was not possible on church property. We suggested they shift it, change the

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Online @ 12:57 p.m.

## In an instant, anguish turned to joy

They never gave up hope their son would be found. But each passing moment was a nightmare — and time was running out.



Keith Kennedy

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When St. Paul firefighter Gary Ruiz joined the search Sunday for the autistic Minnesota man who had been missing for seven days in the Wisconsin woods, he assumed it was "basically a body recovery, not a rescue."

It had been a week since Keith Kennedy, 25, wandered away from a camp for developmentally disabled

adults near Grantsburg, Wis.

"Somebody who has experience in the woods doesn't last that long," Ruiz said.

After spending the day bashing through thick brush and finding nothing, he said, his group of searchers had covered its assigned search area.

"I went to turn to yell, 'We're done,'" Ruiz said.

That's when the firefighter next to

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Bruce and Linda Kennedy speak Monday about the rescue of their son, Keith, at the University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview.

## U.S. Women's Open

# Little fan, big memories



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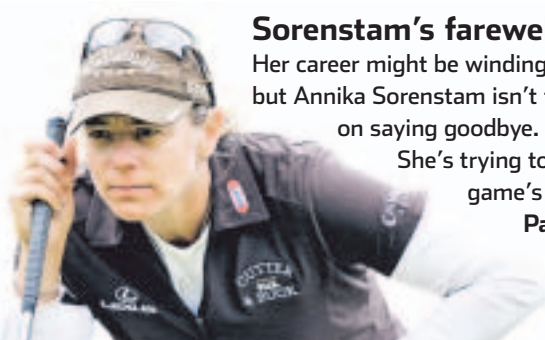
**When:** Thursday through Sunday  
**Where:** Interlachen Country Club, Edina  
**Defending champion:** Cristie Kerr

**On TV:**  
> Thursday, ESPN, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
> Friday, ESPN, 2-6 p.m.  
> Saturday, NBC (KARE Ch. 11), 2-5 p.m.  
> Sunday, NBC (KARE Ch. 11), 2-5 p.m.

Five-year-old Olivia Krebs of St. Louis Park shows her mom, Jessica, the hat autographed by U.S. Women's Open amateur golfer Cydney Clanton, right, on Monday at the practice putting green of Interlachen Country Club in Edina. Clanton, 18, a sophomore at Auburn University, is the 13th-ranked amateur in the country.

The tournament's first threesome will tee off at 7 a.m. Thursday.

**Dear diary**  
Follow 2003 U.S. Open champ Hilary Lunke as she writes a daily diary for the Pioneer Press this week at [twincities.com](http://twincities.com).



**Sorenstam's farewell**  
Her career might be winding down, but Annika Sorenstam isn't focused on saying goodbye. She's trying to be the game's best.  
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**Open return**  
Nine years after she retired from the LPGA Tour, Inver Grove Heights native Martha Nause is back — paired with a 13-year-old. Page 7D

**Long shot**  
Meet the guy who is in charge of making Interlachen the longest course in U.S. Women's Open history, the USGA's Mike Davis. Page 1D

## Happy Meals for the kids, Wi-Fi for Mom and Dad

McDonald's joins rush to plug Twin Cities patrons in to the Internet

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"You want some Wi-Fi with that?" A fresh order of wireless Internet is being served up in an unlikely locale: McDonald's fast-food restaurants. Now Twin Cities parents can go online while their kids cavort in Playland.

But there's a catch: Those Wi-Fi networks are not free, like so many others around the metro area.

The McDonald's Wi-Fi deployment at more than 9,500 outlets nationwide, including nearly 150 in Minnesota, is one of the biggest in the country to date.

Other companies are coming up with novel ways to offer Wi-Fi —

and, often, to charge for it.

Starbucks Coffee, sometimes criticized for charging stiff Wi-Fi fees at its popular cafes, recently concocted a hybrid strategy: Customers get two consecutive hours of free Wi-Fi access per day, provided they register a Starbucks Card and use it at least once per month. This AT&T-enabled service has recently

become available in the Twin Cities.

In addition, Brooklyn Center-based Caribou Coffee has wrestled with the Wi-Fi free-vs.-fee conundrum. Like Starbucks, the company once flatly charged for access. But two years ago, the coffee chain began offering an hour of free Wi-Fi per visit, with an option to extend access if a nominal purchase were made.

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