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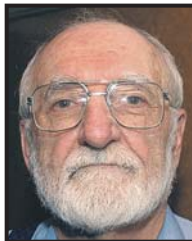
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State of the Union, 2004



"It was very optimistic and at the same time realistic. He offered concrete details and solutions to the problems facing America now and in the future."

Tyler Harris, 19-year-old Republican



"He touched on the war quite a bit, but he never did mention the fact that they haven't found any weapons of mass destruction."

William Zivic, 73-year-old Democrat



President Bush, flanked by Vice President Cheney and House Speaker Dennis Hastert, warned that the U.S. remains vulnerable to terrorists. He asked Americans to stick with him as he confronts challenges, including terrorism, Iraq and the economy.

Peril is unabated, Bush warns

By Ron Hutcheson
KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS
WASHINGTON — President Bush described a nation at peril Tuesday in a State of the Union speech that focused on the threat of terrorism, the challenges in Iraq and the need for more economic growth.
In a nationally televised address that previewed the themes of his re-election campaign, Bush defended his decision to invade Iraq and warned Americans that the nation remains vulnerable to terrorists.

Coverage

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- ▶ Read the full text of the president's speech online at www.azstarnet.com.

He sought to play to his political strengths by casting himself as a tough-minded leader dealing with big challenges.
Borrowing a page from Abraham Lincoln, who urged voters during the

Civil War to avoid "changing horses in midstream," Bush called on Americans to stick with him as he confronts terrorism, Iraq and economic problems.
"We have faced serious challenges together and now we face a choice. We can go forward with confidence and resolve, or we can turn back to the dangerous illusion that terrorists are not plotting and outlaw regimes are no threat to us," he told a joint session of Congress. "We have not come all this way — through tragedy and trial and

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Governor, GOP are at odds on budget

Lawmakers dump plans for pay raises, day-care aid

By Barrett Marson
ARIZONA DAILY STAR

PHOENIX — A Republican legislative budget proposal released Tuesday omits several of the Democratic governor's top priorities, including a pay raise for state employees, increased spending for universities and extra money for a day-care subsidy program.

At more than \$7.2 billion in spending, the plan — which Republican legislative leaders label a "blueprint" — accounts for mandated increases in education and indigent health care.

In fact, the GOP plan gives more to education than Gov. Janet Napolitano's proposal. Senate Majority Leader Tim Bee, R-Tucson, said there is room to add money to the final version, including money for Napolitano's new programs.

"We'll be discussing them to see which portions of them we will be able to fund," Bee said. "We may not be able to fully address the things the way the governor has presented them."

Napolitano said she was ready to hash out the details. "There will be lots of things to discuss," she said.

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Unrestrained riders raise death risk for others in car wreck

By Lee Bowman
SCRIPPS HOWARD NEWS SERVICE

When you ask if every passenger in the car is buckled up before you start driving, you may be looking out for your own welfare too, a new study suggests. Think of it as missile defense.

That's because people who aren't wearing belts tend to wind up on top of other people in a car during an accident.

The risk of death to people wearing seat belts during a car accident increases 15 percent to 22 percent when another person in the car isn't buckled up, two Seattle doctors report in today's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Drs. Peter Cummings and Frederick Rivara of the Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center and the University of Washington looked at data on fatal crashes reported to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration from 1998 through 2000. They focused on pairs of occupants who were in the same car when they crashed.

SEE BELTS / A8

Slim-Fast resolves to fix local plant, boost sales

By Tim Steller
ARIZONA DAILY STAR

Slim-Fast Foods is trying to shed a troublesome 2003, in which sales plummeted nationwide and equipment problems repeatedly stopped production at the company's new Tucson plant.

This week the \$100 million plant, on South Rita Road near Interstate 10 on the Southeast Side, is resuming production of weight-control shakes after a two-month hiatus, said Nancy Goldfarb, U.S. spokeswoman for Unilever, Slim-Fast's parent company.

For now, Goldfarb said, the Tucson plant is using just one shift on the production line. Slim-Fast plans to increase that to four shifts.

"The plant has been reconfigured to enable it to reach full production," Goldfarb said via e-mail, "and eventu-

ally it will operate as a 24/7 facility."

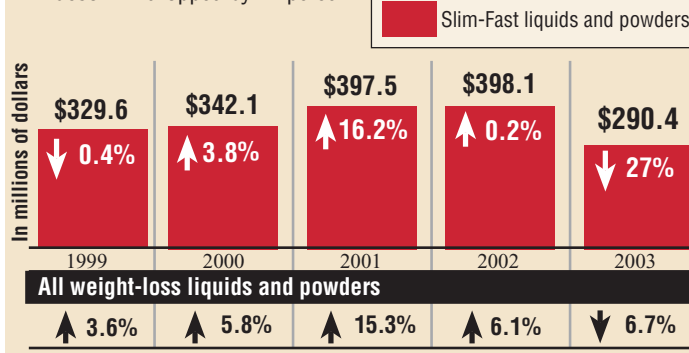
Local officials lured the Slim-Fast manufacturing and distribution plant in 2000 with a \$7 million property tax break and offers of state job-training grants. The company planned to begin production in July 2002, but the plant has struggled to reach full production.

While fighting production-line problems in Tucson, Slim-Fast was losing customers to the high-protein, low-carbohydrate diets that swept the country last year. Now the company is trying to reverse the 20 percent to 25 percent drop in overall sales by attracting New Year's dieters with a new line of products — some of them low-carb — and a marketing campaign featuring actress Whoopi Goldberg.

SEE SLIM-FAST / A15

Slim-Fast sales fall fast

Analysts blame high-protein, low-carbohydrate diets
Slim-Fast is the nation's leading producer of weight-control foods, but last year sales of its shakes and powders — some of which are produced in Tucson — dropped by 27 percent.



NOTE: Percentage changes indicate an increase or decrease from the previous year.

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COMING THURSDAY



It is always uneasy when UA coach Lute Olson faces a former assistant, as he will this week.



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