



Star Courier staffers Jenny Pierce-Smith and Janel Smith, lower right, finish a sign on the newspaper windows. Many businesses and residences are proudly displaying welcome home messages for Battery F, 202nd Air Defense Artillery, which will hopefully arrive home from Iraq this weekend. A "Welcome Home!" American flag banner will be inserted in Thursday's Star Courier which can be placed in windows, displayed on signs, or waved from the side of the street or highway as buses carrying the returning soldiers pass by on their way to Galva.

World Scene...

Senate Passes Budget With Medicaid Intact

WASHINGTON - Republicans forging a compromise \$2.6 trillion budget will have to balance a House plan that exceeds President Bush's planned cuts in Medicaid and other programs against a Senate outline that ignores many of the proposed reductions.

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