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Core curriculum test results show that Davis and Murray school districts are making good progress.



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After defeating DePaul in the NCAA tournament, the Utes are gleefully preparing for Tuesday's game against No. 1 Duke.



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WAR IN IRAQ

Wary troops forge on

Iraqis fighting back; Saddam predicts 'victory will be ours'

By Meg Richards Associated Press writer

Coalition planes targeted Republican Guard forces just south of Baghdad on Monday in perhaps the largest assault to date on Saddam Hussein's highly trained troops...



Iraqis celebrate on a U.S. Apache helicopter about 65 miles southwest of Baghdad. Iraq said that peasants shot down the helicopter and took the pilots captive.

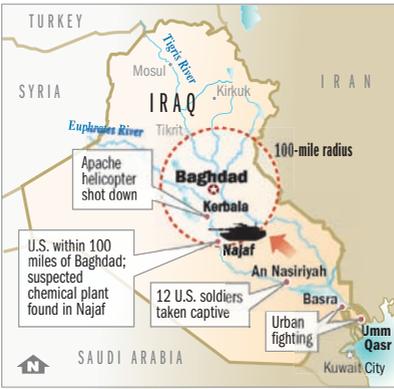
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U.S. troops checking leads on chemical weapon sites

By Matt Kelley Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — American forces in Iraq are chasing down leads from captured Iraqis and documents on possible chemical and biological weapons sites...

The official said no significant information has been obtained to date from captured Iraqis, but he expects that to change as time passes. U.S. officials are questioning two captured Iraqi generals about chemical and biological weapons...



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U.S. tries to pare hope for fast war

By R. W. Apple Jr. New York Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Like a coach seeking a psychological advantage, President Bush pressed an effort Monday to temper public anticipation of an early, relatively painless victory in the fighting in Iraq. 'It is evident that it's going to take a while to achieve our objective,' the president said...

them that this is just the beginning of a tough fight.' Bush spoke as word reached Washington of a sharp clash, surely the sharpest so far in this second Persian Gulf War, near Nasiriyah, a strategically important city between Basra and Baghdad. The Marine casualties there contrasted sharply, and potentially damagingly, with the news of almost unbridled coalition success in the first days of fighting...

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'Chicago' wins big at toned-down Oscars

By Jeff Vice Deseret News movie critic

Oscar and 'Chicago' made sweet music together Sunday evening, despite the din of war heard around the world via television — including ABC news breaks during the Academy Awards show and the occasional celebrity's anti-war remarks. 'Chicago' — the first musical to earn the best-picture nod since 'Oliver!' in 1968 — was the evening's big winner, taking home six trophies out of 13 nominations. Nicole Kidman won as best actress

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for 'The Hours,' and, in the evening's biggest surprise, newcomer Adrien Brody won as best actor for 'The Pianist.' Roman Polanski, 'The Pianist's' exiled filmmaker, was another surprise winner as best director — especially since 'Chicago' took best picture. Although such a split does occasionally occur, the best-director and best-

picture Oscars generally go hand in hand. The evening was punctuated by humor and the usual glitz, though Oscar organizers, sensing the country's mood, toned things down somewhat... at least by Academy Award standards. Still, it was the award show's diamond anniversary, so there was cause for celebration — despite some worries that, with many of Hollywood's most-outspoken stars in attendance, things could get ugly. In the end, however, the 3½-hour

show was marred by just one inappropriate political incident. Director Michael Moore, whose film 'Bowling for Columbine' won for best-documentary feature, used the worldwide-broadcast program as a pulpit to condemn U.S. actions in Iraq. He was roundly booed when he concluded with 'Shame on you, Mr. Bush.' Brody struck the right note with his acceptance speech, when, in addition to thanking Polanski, he said, 'Let's pray for a peaceful and

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