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Kansas basketball coach Roy Williams leaves to take over at North Carolina.

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In Sports: Homegrown product Jim Seki shoots three subpar rounds during the weekend as he prepares to defend his Pac-10 golf title.

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Human genome project complete

Officials unveil 'roadmap' for blueprint's use

By Rick Weiss
WASHINGTON POST

Thirteen years after its launch as the most ambitious biomedical research project ever undertaken, the human genome project yesterday was declared officially complete, having revealed in exquisite detail the genetic blueprint underlying all human life.

But citing Shakespeare's famous assertion that "what's past is prologue," project leaders immediately looked ahead, unveiling a formal plan to catapult the genetic findings into every sphere of life — including plans that even proponents said would raise difficult social, ethical and legal questions.

That roadmap calls for new research into the role genes play in race and ethnicity, in influencing personality traits and behaviors, including mental illness, and in other politically sensitive aspects of the human condition. Experts predicted that the results will have profound societal effects and will ultimately revamp humanity's very sense of itself.

"We are learning at a very rapid clip how we are all the same and how we are different," said Francis Collins, chief of the National Human Genome Research Institute of the National Institutes of Health, which spearheaded the U.S. part of the international effort along with the Department of Energy.

The project's formal completion, announced at a celebratory scientific meeting in Bethesda, Md., occurred at 2 a.m. last Tuesday, Collins said — two hours after the project's self-imposed deadline — when scientists at the

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U.S. declares end to combat in Iraq



Members of the U.S. Marine Reserve's 2nd Battalion, 23rd Marines out of Los Alamitos, Calif., yesterday celebrated the fall of Tikrit. The city is Saddam Hussein's hometown, but the Marines faced little resistance at the end.

Bush shifts focus to post-war Iraq

By Jonathan S. Landay, Sara Otkon and Martin Merzer
KINGDOM NEWS SERVICE

TIKRIT, Iraq — The Pentagon declared the end of significant fighting in Iraq yesterday as Marines stormed the heart of Tikrit, suppressed hard-core resistance there and captured the last stronghold of Saddam Hussein.

"The major combat operations are over," Maj. Gen. Stanley McChrystal said after more than 3,000 Marines fought their way to the center of Saddam's ancestral hometown.

In Washington, the Bush administration's attention already was shifting to two post-war concerns.

The White House and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld turned up the pressure on Syria, demanding that it stop harboring Iraqi fugitives and renounce terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, even as British Prime Minister Tony Blair denied any U.S.-British plans to invade Syria.

U.S. officials also looked forward to a meeting today in Nasiriyah, where they hoped to begin forging an interim government for a post-Saddam Iraq by welding together rival ethnic, religious and exile factions.

The military action, however, focused on the

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Saddam's 'greed' on display

Schofield officer gets firsthand look

By William Cole
ANN ARBOR MICHIGAN WAZEE

Schofield Barracks artillery officer Capt. John D. Williams has seen firsthand the opulence of Saddam Hussein's lifestyle, but what really made an impact on him was the contrast to the daily lives of those he ruled.

"We spent the night in one of Saddam's palaces about a week ago,"

Williams, in Baghdad with the 101st Airborne Division, said by e-mail. "It was located in the city of the ancient ruins of Babylon. It was really something to see how one man can have so much, while his people are the poorest of the poor."

"J.D." Williams, one of just two artillery officers deployed from Schofield to



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Capt. John D. Williams

Robust exercise better, new heart study finds

By Emma Ross
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — A half-hour brisk walk every day may make you feel better, but it is not enough to ward off premature death from heart trouble, new research suggests.

A study published this week in Heart, a British medical journal, found that only vigorous exercise — such as jogging, hiking, climbing stairs, racket sports and swimming — seems to help lower the risk of early death from heart disease. Other re-

search has shown moderate exercise helps.

Official government recommendations in the United States and elsewhere say 30 minutes of moderate activity every day, such as brisk walking, is sufficient for heart health. A major World Health Organization consensus report published last month reached the same conclusion.

However, the latest study, conducted by scientists at Queen's University in Belfast, Northern Ireland, found

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Chuck Quackenbush left California politics in 2000 amid scandal. Increasingly, he commands a presence in Hawaii's GOP circles.

Politician looks for new life, new career in Hawai'i

By Dan Nakaso
ANN ARBOR MICHIGAN WAZEE

Chuck Quackenbush sat at a table outside the Starbucks at Kāhala Mall the other day, folding, unfolding and ultimately picking apart a wooden coffee stirrer. As he turned the stick into splinters, Quackenbush tried to explain the dilemma of a career politician who says he now wants to be a private citizen, but just can't stay away from the action.

In the two years since he

moved his family from California, Quackenbush and his wife, Chris, have steadily worked their way into Hawai'i's political power structure. They've attended Republican fund-raisers and functions, made friends with legislators, regularly visited the Capitol and have studied the customs and workings of local politics.

"I'm not running for office anymore; I'm not a politician," Quackenbush said over coffee. "I don't ever want to go near politics again. ... But we hunger for

the action. We're rarin' to go."

In recent months, the Quackenbushes' profile has risen as Chuck has tried to lay the groundwork for establishing a consulting firm for corporate and political clients. Chris has founded an outspoken group to eliminate Hawai'i's animal quarantine law.

None of their activities would be noteworthy outside political circles if it weren't for Chuck Quack-

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