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Governor eases off suburban school cuts

BY ERIC KROL Daily Herald Political Writer Gov. Rod Blagojevich's top budget aides Monday slightly softened plans to cut suburban school funding...



GILBERT R. BOUCHER II/DAILY HERALD John Filan, budget director for Gov. Rod Blagojevich, met with the Daily Herald editorial board Monday.

The change comes after Blagojevich said in last week's budget address that he wants to cut \$210 million from grant programs that mostly benefit suburban schools...

Budget Director John Filan told the Daily Herald editorial board Monday that in light of that situation, the administration would consider making available "transitional funding" to help suburban school districts whose grants might be cut this year.

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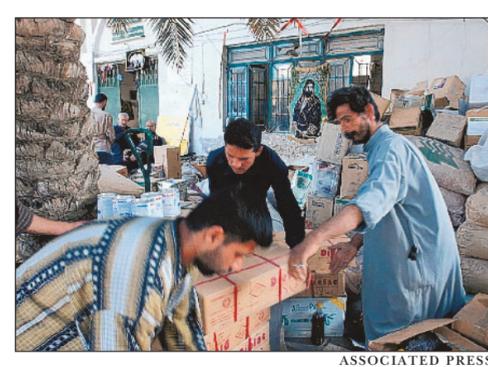
War with Iraq Sealing victory in Iraq



U.S. Marines celebrated the fall of Tikrit, president Saddam Hussein's hometown, by waving U.S. and Iraqi flags Monday.

U.S. emphasis shifts to helping Iraq help itself

BY TOM RAUM Associated Press Writer WASHINGTON — By any normal gauge, the war with Iraq is over. Saddam Hussein's government is gone, all key cities are seized, major combat is winding down...



Food is stockpiled at a mosque in a Baghdad neighborhood. Home to 2 million Shiite Muslims, Saddam City has practically seceded from the rest of Iraq.

Recent developments Major combat in Iraq is ended and some U.S. forces are headed home. U.S. Marines overrun Iraqis' last stand at Hussein's hometown of Tikrit.

Fall of Tikrit signals end of 'major combat'

Associated Press Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit fell Monday with unexpectedly light resistance, the last Iraqi city to succumb to overpowering U.S.-led ground and air forces. A senior Pentagon general said "major combat engagements" probably are over in the 26-day-old war.

Page 2 The United States ratcheted up pressure on Syria by threatening sanctions.

Wheeling, Rolling Meadows students taste victory at robotics competition

BY ERIN HOLMES Daily Herald Staff Writer WildStang, you made everybody's hearts sing. Finally. The so-named robotics team, comprising students from Rolling Meadows and Wheeling high schools, won the grand championship at the national FIRST Robotics Competition this weekend — a heart-throb-

top 10 at nationals several times, and twice has earned second place. This time, though, everything was groovy. WildStang beat out nearly 300 other teams from 36 states and three foreign countries in a Houston, Texas, test of high school engineering prowess to conquer the championship. It shares the honor with two teams from Michigan with which it partnered in the finals.

robots to work together in teams to complete a challenge: Move special bins to your side of the playing field while another robot remains on a bridge, fighting off mechanical competitors. The robots are shuffled into various such alliances in early competition, but those reaching the finals get to choose their own teams. WildStang this year performed well enough to earn a top seed and first pick of its two final-round partners.

Weather 80! The only things that might mar this 80-degree day are some clouds, maybe a stray storm. See the back of Classified.

Business Bankruptcy for American? American Airlines said it will file for bankruptcy protection if any of its three main unions do not ratify concession deals today that would save the world's largest carrier \$1.8 billion a year. Section 4.

Constable The library police The Bush administration talks about giving power back to the states, but Burt Constable notes the USA Patriot Act supersedes all conflicting state confidentiality laws and strips away Illinois' assumption of library privacy. Page 7. Local Focus Filed your taxes yet? Check which Northwest suburban post offices will be open until tonight's midnight cutoff. Page 3.

Suburban Living Earth tones out; brighter is better Fashion experts say that if you want to be "in style" this season, pick up some vivid key limes, bold prints and, quite simply, bright colors (especially pink). "Pink is where it's at," one expert insists. Section 3.



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