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Late breaking

Parti Quebecois loses provincial vote
 QUEBEC CITY — The party created to bring independence to French-speaking Quebec lost its bid for a third straight term in the provincial election Monday, according to partial and projected vote results.
 Voters chose the Quebec Liberal Party to form a new government instead of the separatist Parti Quebecois, according to the projected outcome based on partial returns by the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. and the news agency Canadian Press.
 Official elections returns from 9,460 of 20,991 polling sites, showed the Liberals had 44.3 percent of the votes to 33.7 percent for the Parti Quebecois with the Action Democratique du Quebec at 19.6 percent.
 — The Associated Press

Weather

TODAY:
 Hi: 74 Low: 45
 Breezy and warm.

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Vermont buries a hero



Michael and Mindy Evnin attend the burial of their son, Marine Cpl. Mark Evnin, on Monday in the Hebrew Holy Society Cemetery in South Burlington. **RAJ CHAWLA, Free Press**



South Burlington High School students Jessica Thompson, (from left) Sarah Riehle, Alina Jezwinski, Ashley Dutra, Jennifer Rehm and Jen Hynes watch as Marine Cpl. Mark Evnin's funeral procession passes the school on Dorset Street. Evnin, a 2000 SBHS graduate, was killed in combat April 3 near Kut, Iraq. **PETER HUOPPI, Free Press**

Marine killed in Iraq believed in his cause

By John Briggs, Emily Stone and Matt Sutkoski
 Free Press Staff Writers

Mark Evnin was remembered Monday as a proud Marine, as a loving son, grandson and cousin, as a caring and principled young man.
 He was "looney," he was "crafty," he could drive a person crazy. He was devoted to his family. He believed in fighting for his country.

Cpl. Evnin, 21, was honored and buried Monday, 11 days after he was killed in combat near Kut, Iraq. His Marine unit had just crossed the Tigris River on its drive toward Baghdad.

More than 1,000 people attended his funeral at Ohavi Zedek Synagogue in Burlington. A procession of about 70 cars and four buses wound its way to the burial at Hebrew Holy Society Cemetery in South Burlington. The procession passed South Burlington High School, where hundreds of students and teachers stood outside to watch. Evnin graduated from the school three years ago.

A Marine Corps League color guard and Burlington firefighters flanked the walkway into the synagogue. A contingent from the Vermont



Cpl. Mark A. Evnin

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Air National Guard attended, as did a number of uniformed police officers. Marines served as pallbearers at the burial and a Marine rifle squad fired the traditional three volleys in salute.

Evnin's family shared memories during the funeral of silly summer games with a little boy who loved to dress up in military uniforms. Family and friends openly wept. The gathering included Gov. Jim Douglas, Lt. Gov. Brian Dubie and Bishop Kenneth Angell of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington.

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Bush threatens Syria with sanctions

By William Douglas
 Newsday

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration stepped up its rhetoric against Syria on Monday, saying it would weigh diplomatic, economic and other measures against Damascus for allegedly providing refuge to fleeing Iraqi officials and testing chemical weapons.

While officials at the White House, State Department and Defense Department sternly stated that Syria must modify its behavior, they stopped short of saying the United States would use military force if its concerns weren't addressed.

"I think what's next is Syria needs to seriously ponder the implications of their actions in terms of harboring Iraqis who need not and should not be harbored; they should think seriously about their program to develop and to have chemical weapons," White House Press Secretary Ari Fleischer said.

Syrian officials vigorously denied they were harboring Iraqi of-

ficials and rebuffed Washington's claims that Syria possesses chemical weapons.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and Fleischer, quoting a CIA report to Congress, said Syria conducted a chemical weapons test in the past 12 to 15 months.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said the United States has intelligence that since the war began, Syria has allowed some Iraqis into the country, "in some cases to stay, in some cases to transit."

Pentagon: Major combat over

By David Espo
 The 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.

As fighting wound down, Pentagon officials disclosed plans to pull two aircraft carriers from the Persian Gulf. At the same time, Iraqi power brokers looked ahead to discussions on a postwar government at a U.S.-arranged meeting set for today.

"I would anticipate that the major combat engagements are over," Maj. Gen. Stanley McChrystal told report-

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ers at the Pentagon. Tikrit fell with no sign of the ferocious last stand by Saddam loyalists that some military planners had feared.

Secretary of State Colin Powell hinted at economic or diplomatic sanctions against Syria, saying the government is developing a weapons of mass destruction program and helping Iraqis

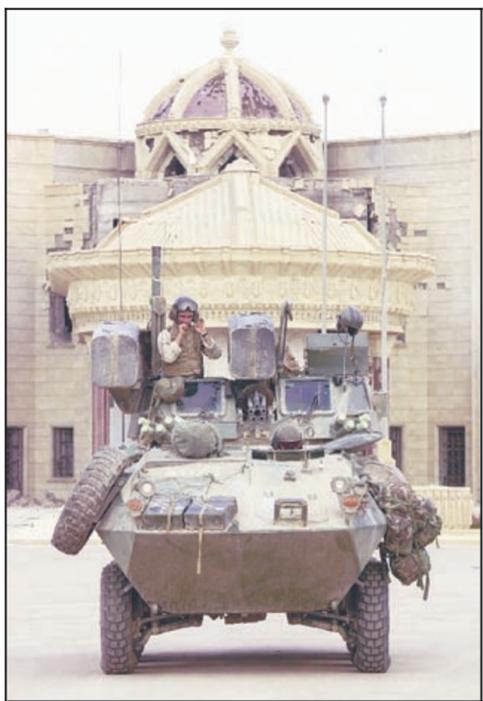
flee the dying regime. Syrian officials denied the charges.

Looting eased in Baghdad after days of plundering at government buildings, hospitals and an antiquities museum, and group of religious and civil opposition leaders met in the capital to plan efforts at renewing power, water, security and other vital services.

American forces found prodigious amounts of Iraqi weaponry, French-made missiles and Russian anti-tank rocket launchers among them. And Army troops discovered thousands of microfilm cartridges and hundreds of paper files inside a Baath Party enclave as the dead regime began yielding its secrets.

In Tikrit, about 90 miles north of Baghdad, "There was less resis-

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U.S. Marines drive in front of Saddam Hussein's palace Monday in Tikrit. **EARNIE GRAFTON, San Diego Union-Tribune**

WAR UPDATE

Oil safe: All oil fields in Iraq now fall within areas controlled by the U.S. coalition, U.S. Central Command said.

Carriers to leave: Two of the five Navy aircraft carrier battle groups engaged in the war are heading home this week. Commanders are reviewing the timetable for sending the Army's 1st Cavalry Division into Iraq.

Scientist surrenders: An Iraqi nuclear scientist surrendered to authorities in a Middle Eastern country and is being interviewed by American officials, a U.S. official said.

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