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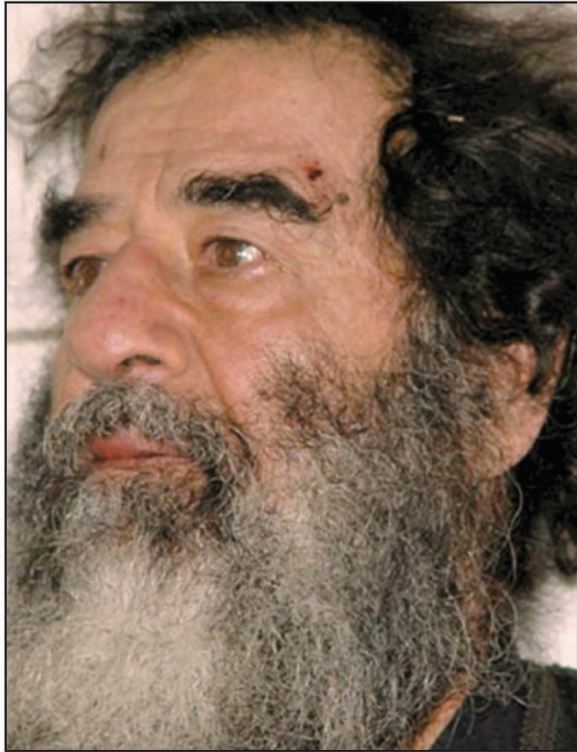
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Saddam captured



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In these images released Sunday by the U.S. Army, Saddam Hussein is shown after he was taken into custody, first in full beard and then after a shave. The deposed Iraqi leader was captured about 10:30 a.m. CST Saturday in a raid by 600 soldiers and Special Forces troops at a farm outside Tikrit. He was flown by helicopter to Baghdad, where former regime officials were brought in to confirm his identity.

'We got him,' declares top U.S. official in Iraq

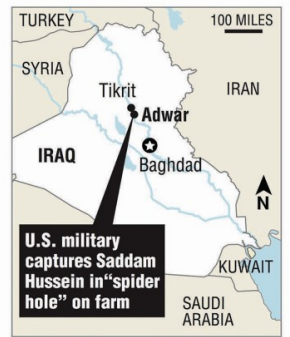
DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Saddam Hussein, once the all-powerful leader of Iraq, was arrested without a fight Saturday night by American soldiers who found him crouching in a 6-foot hole at an isolated farm near Tikrit, haggard, dirty and disoriented after eluding capture for nearly nine months.

News of Saddam's arrest, announced Sunday after being kept secret for 18 hours, electrified Iraq and much of the world, sending joyous Iraqis into the streets with the first real catharsis of liberation since the American invasion toppled Saddam's regime in April.

"Ladies and gentlemen, we got him," U.S. administrator L. Paul Bremer said at a news conference Sunday. "The tyrant is a prisoner."

The man who lost two wars against the United States and its allies was armed with a pistol when captured in a foam-covered underground hide-out, the U.S. military said. In broadcast images, he resembled a desperate fugitive, not an all-pow-



SOURCES: Associated Press; ESRI

CAPTURE WON'T affect Arkansas units' missions. Page 5A.

IRAQIS LIVING in Arkansas see their wish granted. Page 5A.

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erful president who had ordered his army to fight to the death.

"In the history of Iraq, a dark and painful era is over," President Bush said in a televised noon address from Washington. See **CAPTURE**, Page 7A

He was 'caught like a rat'

600 U.S. troops raid farm, find Iraqi in 'spider hole'

BY MARIAM FAM AND ALEKSANDAR VASOVIC
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ADWAR, Iraq — When darkness fell, the Americans moved into position, 600 of them, from infantrymen to elite Special Forces. Their target: two houses in this rural village amid orange, lemon and palm groves. Someone important was inside, they were told.

But when they struck, they found nothing.

Then they spotted two men running away from a small walled compound in the trees. Inside, in front of a mud-brick hut, the troops pulled back a carpet, cleared away some dirt and revealed a plastic-foam panel.

Underneath, a hole led to a tiny chamber, just big enough for a single person to squeeze into.

At first they didn't recognize



Associated Press

A 4th Infantry Division soldier in Tikrit, Iraq, on Sunday shows the \$750,000 in U.S. currency seized along with Saddam Hussein.

the man hiding inside, with his ratty hair and wild beard, a pistol cradled in his lap. But when they asked who he was, the bewildered-looking man gave a shocking answer.

He said he was Saddam Hussein.

"He was just caught like a rat," said Maj. Gen. Raymond Odierno, commander of 4th Infantry Division, which led the hunt in the area for one of the world's most-wanted men and conducted the raid that caught him. "When you're in the bottom of a hole, you can't fight back."

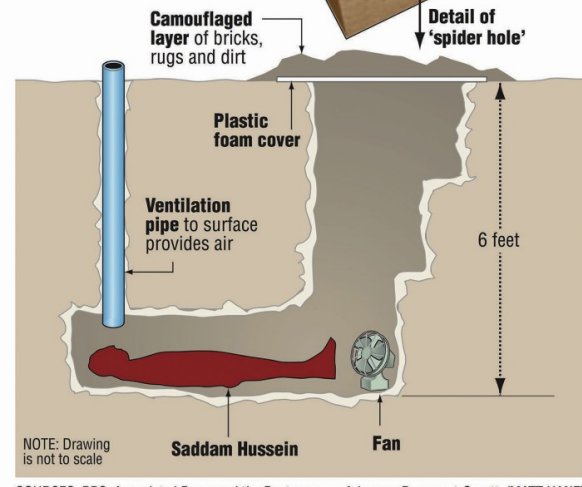
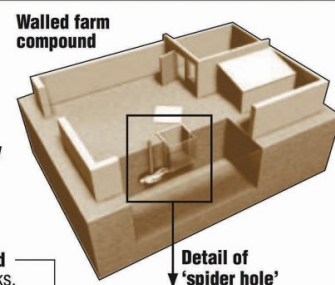
The farm is near the town of Adwar, nestled among palm trees along the Tigris River just a few miles from Saddam's hometown of Tikrit. One of the many palaces built by the dictator is just across the Tigris. Adwar is the hometown of one of his most trusted aides, Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri.

As an opposition party member, Saddam took refuge in the area in the 1960s, before he came to power, conducting operations against the Iraqi government that he later overthrew.

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How Saddam was hidden

U.S. forces captured Saddam Hussein on Saturday in an underground hide-out on a farm in Adwar, 10 miles from his hometown of Tikrit, Iraq.



SOURCES: BBC, Associated Press and the Pentagon Arkansas Democrat-Gazette/MATT HANEY

Dictator's trial terms undecided

He'll face justice, Bush tells world

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WASHINGTON — Iraq's U.S.-appointed Governing Council intends to prosecute ousted President Saddam Hussein in an Iraqi court for three decades of violent misrule and abuse of power, officials in Baghdad and Washington said Sunday.

The Bush administration, which has spent millions of dollars gathering evidence against Saddam and his top lieutenants, expects to advise investigators and judges but will leave the principal decisions to Iraqis, State Department officials said.

Saddam "will face the justice he denied to millions," President Bush told an inter-

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WEATHER

LITTLE ROCK

Today Increasing clouds and unseasonably mild.
High Low 60s, with south winds at 10 to 20 mph.
Tonight Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers.
Low Mid-40s.



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The Woody family's computer still sits where it was the night Kacie was kidnapped.

Kacie Woody's home becomes a crime scene and her online life a clue for detectives investigating her disappearance.

BY CATHY FRYE
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Something bad had happened in this living room. State police investigator Karl Byrd knew it as soon as he saw 13-year-old Kacie Woody's mangled eyeglasses, which lay beneath a pile of towels in a tan recliner. The frames were bent and one lens had popped out.

Kacie had been missing for six hours now.

It was 3:35 a.m. Dec. 4, 2002, a half-hour since the persistent ring of Byrd's telephone had jarred him from a deep slumber. The caller had been Jim Wooley, a Faulkner County sheriff's investigator.

"Karl, I've got a girl out here See **KACIE**, Page 4A

CAUGHT IN THE WEB

SECOND OF FOUR PARTS



Jessica Tanner (left), now 13, and Samantha Mann, now 14, two of Kacie Woody's best friends, stand beside Kacie's old locker at Greenbrier Middle School.

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