



Photos by Spc. Jan Critchfield, 122nd MPAD

The USO sponsored Wayne Newton variety tour entertainers, above, gather together after performing for Soldiers and camp workers at the Camp Liberty post exchange Tuesday night. Contemporary vocalist Jenevi Bakch, right, walks through the crowd during her performance. Bakch was one of several entertainers who brought music and laughter to 1st Cavalry Division Soldiers this month.



Soldiers Focus on Rebuilding, Projects

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10th Mtn. Div. Public Affairs

CAMP LIBERTY, Baghdad - The violence and destruction caused by anti-Iraqi insurgents is seen in every newspaper and on every television screen. Underneath the shroud of misery and death caused by these insurgents stands a group of Soldiers who focus on the rebuilding of a war torn country.

Soldiers from the 425th Civil Affairs Battalion, attached to the 2nd Brigade Combat Team "Commandos" focus on helping the local community with rebuilding the civic infrastructure.

"We act as a liaison between the Iraqi people and the military," said Maj. Shawn Bell, D Company,

commander, 425th Civil Affairs Team-B, which is the headquarters for the civil affairs team element. "Our job is all related to civilian interaction."

Since their deployment to Iraq in January, Soldiers from Team B of the 425th have been involved in over \$3 million worth of civic projects, to include water pumps, generators and local employment. It is this team's job to coordinate the project assets to get the water to where it is needed.

"Civil Affairs Team-A, which is the civil affairs field unit, will go out and see what the area needs the most," Bell said. "The main focus is sewer, water, electricity and trash."

Bell said that everything the civil affairs Soldiers do

benefits the Iraqi people. One of the civil affairs teams commanded by Maj. Terry Robey, 489th Civil Affairs Battalion, Knoxville, Tenn., installed new generators for a water pump that had inconsistent power in a small town outside of Baghdad.

"Before this project, the water pump station took two hours to create enough water pressure to pump water to the local towns," Bell said. "We have spent \$242,000 on three large generators and a fuel supply that will give constant, reliable power to the pump station for Taji and Sabba Al Bor. These are the types of projects we have done all over the country that are a direct benefit to the little guy."

Sgt. 1st Class Randy

Gale, Company D, 425th is the Team B first sergeant and a telephone support operator for Sprint in Navarre, Fla. He's been deployed to Iraq for nine months. He said that even though they just organize the projects, he still gets a sense of satisfaction knowing he is making a difference for the local communities.

"We are not hands on with the Iraqi people but we know that progress is being made; there is a certain gratification you get," Gale said. "Everybody in the states is just getting pumped all the bad stuff happening over here. They don't actually hear about the renovation of schools or projects we get up and running for the Iraqis. It is a very interesting job."

39th Nabs Recruiter, Cell Leader

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39th BCT Public Affairs

CAMP TAJI, Iraq -- A midday raid launched by Company C, 3rd Battalion, 153rd Infantry Regiment of the 39th Brigade Combat Team netted a suspected cell leader and recruiter for anti-Iraqi mortar teams in eastern Baghdad.

The company claims the individual was the brains behind nearly 200 mortars targeting their one-and-a-half-acre compound since their arrival in Baghdad in April.

Platoon Sgt. Robert Fisher, 37, of Carlisle, Ark., said the man was difficult to find because he frequently moved to avoid capture.

"He had several places he lived," said Fisher. "He didn't stay in one spot."

The suspect was purported to have dwellings in Fallujah, Ah Damiya, and Rusafa, the last two being neighborhoods in Baghdad - Iraq's capital of over seven million people.

The Arkansas-based Company C has destroyed three mortar teams over the past several months. The individual captured on



Photos by Staff Sgt. Rebekah-mae Bruns, 39th BCT Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Robert Fisher, 37, of Carlisle, Ark., sifts through bomb-making material found at a suspect's house during a midday raid launched by Company C, 3rd Battalion, 153rd Infantry Regiment of the 39th Brigade Combat Team in eastern Baghdad.

this particular mission is reportedly responsible for recruiting those and other teams from Fallujah.

"He was bringing other teams in from Fallujah in order to hit us simultaneously with mortars from two different locations," Fisher said. "He was the brain bringing them in and firing us up."

Upon searching the suspect's house, Soldiers found a mortar tube, mortar plate and bomb making material used to create roadside improvised

explosive devices (IEDs). Next to mortar attacks, IEDs are one of the most common methods used by insurgents to kill or injure American troops in Iraq.

Soldiers say the individual cooperated with officials, giving names and locations of mortar team members underneath him in hopes of an easier Staff Sgt. Robert Fisher of Carlisle, Ark. and Spc. Jereme Coker, of Clarendon, Ark., move through the streets of Baghdad back to their vehicles after the raid.

sentence from tribunal military courts.

"We tell them that if they cooperate, it will make their sentence easier," Fisher said. "We tell them we're not here to hurt them."

The raiding party - on their fourth combat mission in two days - searched the house without resistance. Soldiers were in and out within 20 minutes giving no time for a counterattack by insurgents.

"I do like to get the bad guy," Fisher said.

Despite the capture of a suspected cell leader, the Soldiers stopped short of claiming victory.

"It was a relief to know we got the main cell leader but there are still mortar teams out there in our sector," said Fisher. "The threat is still there."



Useful Iraqi Words/Phrases

Are there any electric outlets?

hal hunaak mawaaqiAH li-akhd al-kahrabaa

Thursday

High: 98
Low: 68



Friday

High: 96
Low: 66



Saturday

High: 95
Low: 64



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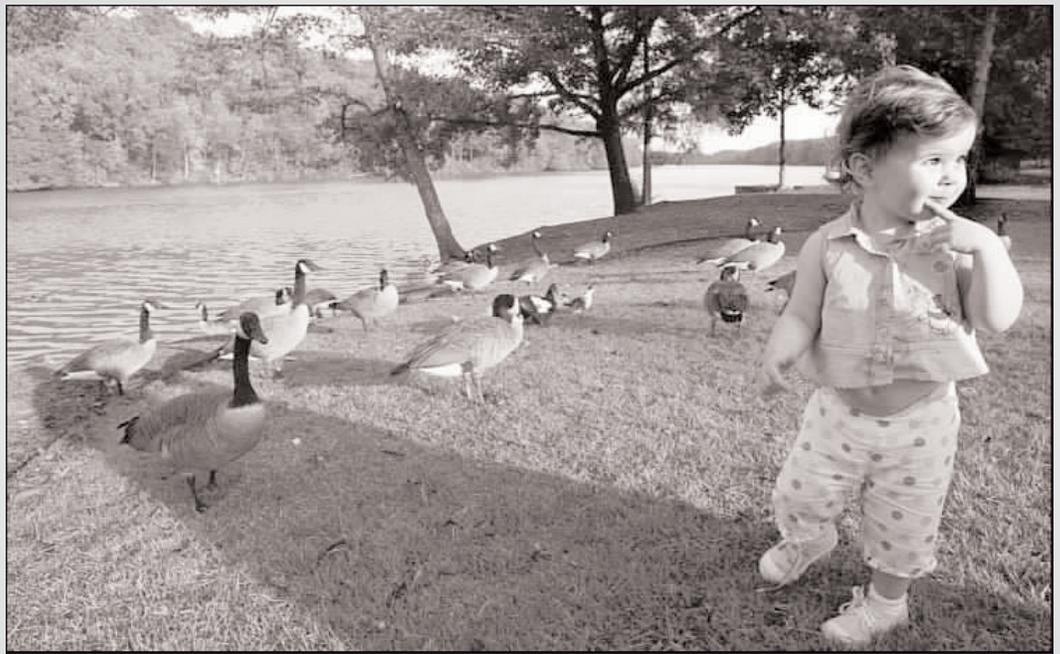
News Notes

Five Wildebeests Escape from Zoo

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (AP) - Zookeepers, police and animal control officers followed five runaway wildebeests through a residential area Tuesday after they escaped from the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo. Animal handlers were herding the zoo's seven wildebeests toward a barn where they are kept during the winter when five of the animals bolted, according to a press release from the zoo. The animals broke through a gate and jumped over a 4-foot-high fence and emerged onto a city street.

Taxi Driver Helps Couple Get Home

EL PASO, Texas (AP) - Taxi driver Ismael Baeza's back seat passengers didn't appear to have any money and didn't seem to know exactly where they lived, but he didn't give up on getting them home. "About halfway through the trip, I found out that they didn't have the money to pay for the trip," Baeza said in a report in Wednesday's El Paso Times. "It was either drop them off at the next town or keep going. Something told me to just keep going. I couldn't leave them off in one of those little towns." Bandera police believe the couple may have Alzheimer's disease and aren't sure how they ended up in El Paso. Baeza said the couple told them they couldn't take a bus or plane home because of their parrot. Baeza said the parrot whistled all the way.



Arkansas Democrat-Gazette

Need more bread Abby Elwart, 21 months, looks for more bread while feeding the birds near Lake No. 1 in the Lakewood area of North Little Rock.

Halloween to be Held Early in Cove

COPPERAS COVE (*Copperas Cove Herald*) - A Halloween proclamation in Copperas Cove could mean twice the treats for Cove children.

According to Tuesday's City Council meeting agenda, Mayor Bradi Diaz will sign a citywide Halloween proclamation to reschedule Halloween for Saturday, Oct. 30, and urge parents to take their children trick or treating on Oct. 30.

The traditional trick-or-treat date falls on a Sunday this year. Diaz said the traditions for Halloween will be moved so they don't interfere with church activities. According to the proclamation, the Halloween festivities will coincide with the downtown celebration planned in Copperas Cove.

"I think it would be better to have it on Saturday," said Jacque Mulford of Cove. The mother of four said the combination of sugar and a



AP

Copperas Cove declared Halloween would be rescheduled to Saturday Oct. 30, this year.

late night was not very cooperative with a bed time and school the next day.

This is the second time Cove officials have worked to reschedule the treating festivities. In 1999, then City Council member Fred Harris asked that the city consider moving the festivities of the date.

"We've got to service a diverse community," Harris said. "Many people believe that Halloween is a tribute to Satan, but we don't agree or disagree with that. We just do

our part not to alienate people."

Harris said the proclamation was really used as an obligation to Cove children.

"Children sometimes don't understand why they're parents won't let them do something that others are able to do," Harris said.

However, Harris admitted that the more liberal parents tended to let their children seize the opportunity of the proclamation and let them enjoy the day for two nights.

"Some kids came to my house on that Sunday. I saw them and was like 'You should have been here last night.' They looked at me and said, 'We were,'" Harris said.

Lisa Ball of Cove said she would not try to take her two girls out twice for trick or treating.

"No, once is enough," Ball said, adding that she would probably follow the city proclamation and trick or treat on Saturday.

Schilling Stifles Yanks to Force 7

NEW YORK (AP) - With blood seeping through his sock and bravado etched on his face, Curt Schilling shut down the Yankees and - just as he wanted - 55,000-plus New Yorkers. Now, with the benefit of two reversed calls by umpires, the Boston Red Sox are just one win away from the most shocking comeback in baseball postseason history and another chance to reverse The Curse.

Pitching on a dislocated ankle tendon held down by sutures, Schilling gave up one run over seven innings as the Red Sox beat the Yankees 4-2 Tuesday night to save their season for the third day in a row and force a winner-take-all Game 7 for the AL pennant and a trip to the World Series.

A series that was three outs from a sweep on Sunday is now tied 3-3.



AP
Boston Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling throws against the New York Yankees on Tuesday.

Wednesday's finale will mark the second straight year the AL championship series has gone the distance between baseball's perennial pinstriped power and a Boston team desperately trying to win the World Series for the first time since 1918.

"We just did something that has never been done yet," Schilling said. "It ain't over yet. It ain't over by any stretch against this team and this organization."

And he wanted nothing more than to beat this organization.

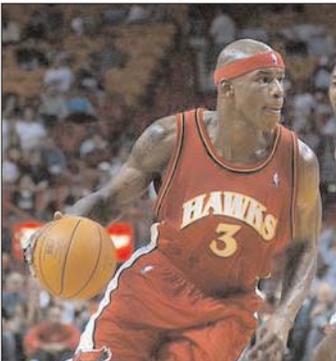
The day before the series began, Schilling brashly said: "I'm not sure I can think of any scenario more enjoyable than making 55,000 people from New York shut up."

The Yankees were ahead 3-0 in the series before blowing a ninth-inning lead in Game 4 at Fenway Park and losing in the 12th Sunday night. They led Game 5 in the eighth Monday, then lost that one, too, another marathon that stretched on for 14 innings and almost 6 hours.

Shaq Scores 15 vs. Collier, Hawks

MIAMI (AP) - As a souvenir from his first encounter with Shaquille O'Neal wearing a Miami Heat uniform, Atlanta's Jason Collier walked away with five stitches under his left eye.

Collier didn't have any luck either stopping O'Neal



AP
Atlanta Hawks' Al Harrington drives in the fourth quarter of a preseason game Monday.

or staying unbloodied, allowing the center to more or less do as he pleased in his one and only preseason performance in his new home city.

O'Neal had a nearly effortless 15 points, six rebounds and three blocks in 21 minutes Monday night as Miami opened a big early lead and cruised past the Hawks 92-82.

"I was going up and he was coming down, and I just got hit," Collier said. "It's a good thing we're getting to see him twice in the preseason, it can only help me out trying to figure out how to play him. I'm not going to stop him. Hardly anyone can stop him."

O'Neal decided to play after missing the Heat's two previous games with a

sore hamstring. The game drew a near-sellout crowd of 18,454, and the Heat even had fans in the fourth-level balcony - a section of the arena that was closed and curtained off for 40 of their 41 home games last season.

O'Neal also had a surprise for the folks watching the game on cable television. After he swatted away Boris Diaw's layup to preserve a 26-point lead, he waved into a nearby television camera the moment he landed on his feet.

It was one of many ways O'Neal found to say hello to his new city.

"It looks like we have a pretty good team," O'Neal said. "I like all my players, I like the organization and I like the city. I'm at peace."

In Brief

USC, Miami on Top in BCS List

Southern California took the top spot Monday in the season's first Bowl Championship Series standings, but surprisingly Miami is ahead of Oklahoma in a close race for the second spot. Oklahoma is No. 2 behind USC in both The Associated Press Top 25 and coaches poll. Put in place after last season's split national championship, the new BCS formula relies more on the human polls than ever before - each counts for one-third of a team's total score after the BCS. The other third is made up of a compilation of six computer rankings, and that's where Miami made up the difference over the Sooners.



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Letterman to Appear on Regis

NEW YORK (AP) - David Letterman, who infrequently appears on anyone's show but his own, will make a guest appearance next month on "Live With Regis and Kelly." "I think it's nice that he visits our show once every 10 years," co-host Regis Philbin told the Associated Press by phone. "But I'm very pleased." In anticipation of the event, "Live", with Kelly Ripa as co-host, has released its own Top Ten list, with reasons why Letterman is appearing on the show.