

## Timely Response Saves Lives

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CAMP TAJI, Baghdad -- Amidst the noise of incoming medical evacuation helicopters, calls for stretchers could be heard as multinational forces single-mindedly tended to the wounded and prepared them for transport back to Camp Taji for medical treatment.

Their helpful aid came quickly after anti-Iraqi forces launched an indiscriminate mortar attack on an Iraqi National Guard (ING) patrol base in northern Baghdad that killed six ING troops and wounded 38 more Oct. 19. The ING soldiers were from the 307th ING Battalion and were outside for their morning formation when the mortars first struck.

"Those people who attack Iraqis everyday don't care who they kill," lamented one Iraqi at the scene of the attack. "If they had missed

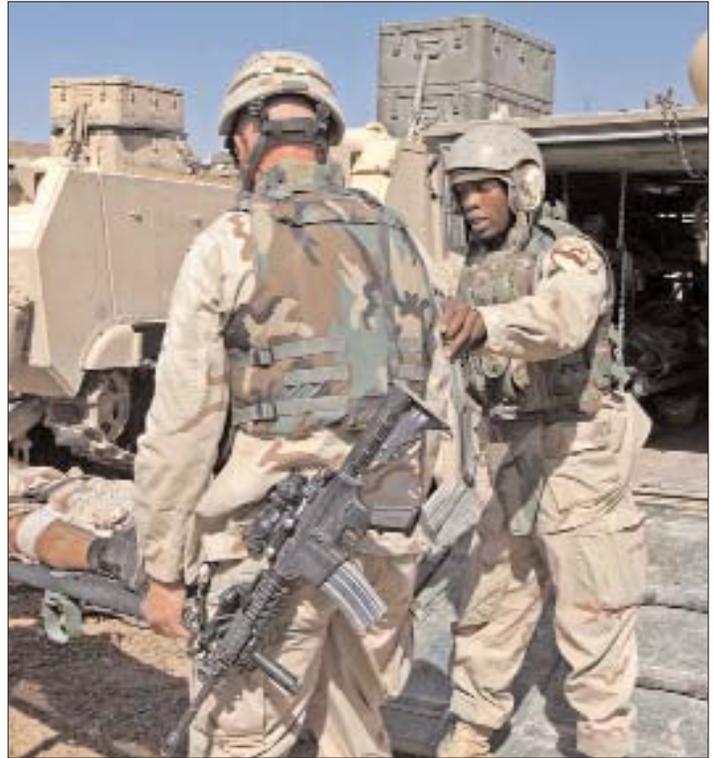
us they could have hit the primary school next door. Thank God the children didn't get hurt."

During the ensuing chaos, Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division who were nearby, immediately began to assess the damage, rendering first aid and calling for assistance.

Soldiers from Charlie Medical Company, 39th Support Battalion, 39th Brigade Combat Team and 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry (Oregon National Guard attached) responded immediately by providing life-saving first aid and casualty evacuation.

"As soon as we got there, our medic and all our combat lifesavers secured their rifles and began the process of helping with bandaging the wounded and transporting stretchers," San Miguel said. "I didn't have to say any-

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Soldiers load Iraqi National Guardsmen, wounded during an Oct. 19 mortar attack by anti-Iraqi forces on an ING patrol base north of Baghdad. The wounded were transported to nearby Camp Taji for medical treatment.



By Cpl. Benjamin Cossel, 122nd MPAD

Spc. Michael Rodenberg (left) and Sgt. Joshua Harris, both with the 1st Cavalry Division's 39th Brigade Combat Team, 239th Military Intelligence Company, perform pre-flight checks of the Raven Unmanned Aerial Vehicle.

## Handheld Raven Provides Birds Eye View to 39th

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CAMP TAJI, Iraq - "Lift, LIFT!" came the excited cry from the darkness. Slowly the little glider ascended into the night sky. "We've got a video feed heading to first location," confirmed a disembodied voice.

Adding another tool to their already impressive arsenal, Soldiers of the 39th Brigade Combat

Team's 239th Military Intelligence Company use the Raven Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) to provide reconnaissance and surveillance in support of Brigade missions.

"Prior to the Raven being fielded by the Army, UAVs were strictly a division level asset," explained Sgt. Tim Enright of the Maryland National Guard's 629th Military Intelligence Company

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Troops evacuate wounded Iraqi National Guardsmen following an early morning mortar attack on a patrol base in northern Baghdad Oct. 19.

## Troops Assist Iraqis Injured in Mortar Hit

**Continued from Page 1** thing, they all grabbed their bags and went to work triaging and assessing and bandaging those in need. We even got our translators involved to help interpret the needs of the injured ING.

"The ING are fighting for their country and the way I look at it, they are just like any American Soldier...fighting for a free Iraq, which is why my Soldiers took it very seriously when they heard the ING needed assistance and

were there to support them 100 percent," San Miguel said.

"When I first heard what happened I thought it was a bad joke, but when we got there and I saw what had happened, I immediately started checking the bandaged wounds of ING personnel that didn't have an attendant with them, and the only thing that goes through your head is the training," Sgt. Andrew Morey, a member of 2-162 Infantry, remembered.

## Unmanned Bird Helps Fight Iraqi Insurgents

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The Baltimore resident went on to explain that many of the attributes of the aircraft; it's size, and it's weight and ability to launch virtually anywhere make it an ideal asset for a brigade size element.

"At its longest point, the wingspan, it's only 4 feet, 5 inches. It only weighs 4 pounds, and you launch it by getting a running start and throwing it into the air," he said. "With no requirements for an airfield and so easily carried, this little baby is perfect for a brigade."

The small size of the Raven UAV becomes clearly apparent when compared to the division level asset, the Shadow UAV. The handheld Raven is extremely lightweight in contrast to the Shadow's 320 pounds. Its wingspan is more than 10 feet larger than that of it's

"little brother."

The entire system is contained within three large suitcase sized trunks. Within the cases is the antenna receiver system, the disassembled body of the Raven and the spare parts occasionally needed due to the aircrafts unique landing style.

"Landing this bird (the Raven) is the craziest thing," explained Conway, Ark. resident Spc. Michael Rodenberg. "You get the aircraft reasonably close to your position, you get the altitude down to about 50 to 20 feet, and then you just cut the engines and let it drop out of the sky!"

"We truly are able to operate at anytime and just about anywhere," Enright commented. "And when you add in the training cycle to get a Soldier up to speed to operate the Raven, the benefits just keep adding up."

## Win a 2nd Honeymoon on Norwegian Cruise Lines

Good Morning America and Bride Magazine are looking for couples to profile on a nationally televised wedding renewal ceremony special Nov. 18. The couple must have been married at least 10 years and have a compelling marriage story. To participate: in 500 words or less, describe what is unique and special in your marriage. Include a photo.

Send submissions to [kanessa.trent@us.army.mil](mailto:kanessa.trent@us.army.mil)

## Useful Iraqi Words/Phrases

What time will we arrive?

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**Friday**

High: 91  
Low: 66



**Saturday**

High: 89  
Low: 64



**Sunday**

High: 92  
Low: 64



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## News Notes

### Restaurant Says No Cell-Phones

BENTONVILLE, Ark. (AP) - Diners at The Vineyard can distance themselves from the din of cell phone chatter. The restaurant has designated a "No-Cell-Phone" area, after customers who complained about listening to conversations from adjacent tables asked for the ban. "We had a therapist in from New York in who was giving marriage counseling on the phone for 30 minutes and there were two other tables in the dining area and both complained," server Brittany Peacock said. If someone receives a call while in the cell-free area, they are asked to go outside or into the other area.

### Pastor Charged, Called Bible a Bomb

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - A pastor says he was "just kidding" when he told airport security he had a bomb, reached into his luggage and pulled out a Bible, declaring, "This is my bomb." Jose L. Gonzalez, a citizen of Spain living in Deltona, Fla., was arrested and charged Sunday with making a false statement. "Upon being questioned by airport security officers about the above episode, Gonzalez admitted having said that he had a bomb," a federal criminal complaint states, "but insisted that he was just kidding." He claimed he had used the term 'bomb' as a way of referring to the Bible as having the ability to change one's life," the complaint states.



Jourant Times

Three-year-old Jacqueline Leal tosses leaves into the air as her mother, Theresa, rakes at her grandfather's home in Racine, Wis., on Tuesday.

## Maze Aims to Put Samuell Park on Map

DALLAS (Dallas Morning News) - An ingenious jumble of right angles and curves cutting through a sorghum field in eastern Dallas County may help put Samuell Farm back on fertile soil.

A 10-acre maze on the land opened at the beginning of October and is attracting visitors.

"I think the word's getting out that the park's been opened, and people are starting to come out," said Hugh Brooks, founder of Friends of the Farm, which has taken over management of the land given to the city of Dallas by Dr. W.W. Samuell.

"When they come for the first time, they come back," he said.

As a stipulation of Dr. Samuell's will, the farm, which sits inside Mesquite city limits, must be maintained as a park by the city of Dallas. It can't be sold or



Dallas Morning News

Anyone who wants to visit the maze at Samuell Farm should hurry; the sorghum plants die with the first frost. Mr. Brooks said.

But its location and city finances left the park without a champion, and the park went unused for several years before Mr. Brooks' group took up the challenge of revitalizing it.

The maze, which was designed by retired dentist Will Tompson, could stay open through the end of the month.

"Actually, if it continues to be unseasonably warm, the sorghum will still be up. In fact, it's still growing,"

That could allow the maze to accept visitors through November. The plant dies off after the first frost.

Mr. Brooks gets credit for conceiving the maze.

"It was really a logical use of the property," he said. "It's environmentally appropriate. It's an agricultural use that doesn't damage the land. It's something for the kids not only to experience, but it also teaches them something about agriculture."

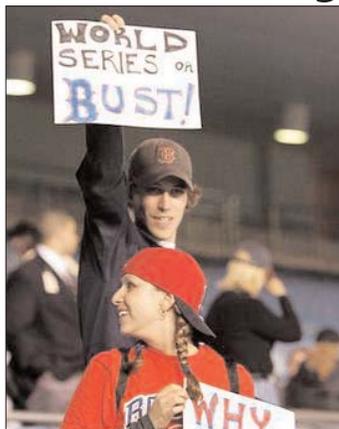
## Red Sox Make History, Win ALCS

NEW YORK (AP) - Believe it, New England - the Boston Red Sox are in the World Series. They got there with the most unbelievable comeback of all, with four sweet swings after decades of defeat, shaming the New York Yankees, the Evil Empire to the south.

David Ortiz, Johnny Damon and Derek Lowe made sure of it.

Just three outs from getting swept in the AL championship series three nights earlier, the Red Sox finally humbled the dreaded Yankees, winning Game 7 in a 10-3 shocker Wednesday night to become the first major league team to overcome a 3-0 postseason series deficit.

Cursed for 86 years, these Red Sox just might be charmed.



AP  
Boston Red Sox fans Lauren Floro of Lexington, Mass., and Ben Apt of Bedford, Mass., show their support.

"All empires fall sooner or later," Boston president Larry Lucchino said.

There is no torture this time, no hour of humiliation. Better yet for Boston fans, it's the

Yankees who are left to suffer the memory of a historic collapse.

"It's very amazing," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said.

Cheering from Red Sox fans could be heard in the ninth, and when pinch-hitter Ruben Sierra grounded to second baseman Pokey Reese for the final out, Boston players ran onto the field and jumped together in a mass huddle.

"The greatest comeback in baseball history," Red Sox owner John Henry said.

Yankees players slowly walked off, eliminated on their home field for the second straight season.

The World Series will start at Fenway Park on Saturday night against St. Louis or Houston.

## Soldiers Join Olympic Team at White House

WASHINGTON (Army News) - More than a dozen Army athletes joined their U.S. Olympic teammates at the White House Oct. 18 for a thank you from their commander in chief.

President George W. and Laura Bush greeted the 293 athletes who brought home 103 Olympic medals from Athens this past summer, as well as the 176 paralympians who recently returned with 88 medals in international competition.

In his public remarks to the athletes, Bush called them true ambassadors -- "humble in defeat and gracious in victory" and that they "showed the world the great tolerance and diversity of our country."

"To qualify for Team USA, you had to set high goals, devote long hours to



Army News

President George W. Bush greets Olympic athletes from Team USA on the White House lawn.

training, and outperform talented athletes from all across our country," Bush said. "In Athens, you faced the toughest competition and the highest pressure in all of sports. And when the games were over, America had earned

more than 100 medals -- the most in the world."

Many of the Soldier athletes will be showcased at the Association of the U.S. Army Annual Fall Meeting the week of Oct. 25 in Washington, D.C.

## In Brief

### 'Godzilla' Gets Star on Fame Walk

TOKYO (AP) - Godzilla, the fire-breathing movie monster born in a nuclear accident, is joining Hollywood royalty with a star on the Walk of Fame. A ceremony will honor the giant lizard in front of Hollywood Boulevard's famed Grauman's Chinese Theatre on Nov. 29, the world premiere of "Godzilla Final Wars,"



Toho Pictures Inc. President Shogoto Tomiyama said Wednesday. The movie, the 28th in the

series, will mark 50 years since the genetically altered dinosaur emerged from the sea.

### Cadaver Helps Schilling's Ankle

NEW YORK (AP) - Somewhere on a slab in Boston is a citizen of Red Sox Nation who actually gave his body to the cause. With the team's future increasingly dependent on Curt Schilling's right leg, doctors decided to try an apparently unprecedented procedure to keep a tendon from slipping around in his ankle. But first, they wanted to test it out. So they used a cadaver. No way to know if it was a Red Sox fan. "We were going to try to do everything we could to try to stabilize the tendon," Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein said Wednesday night before Game 7 of the series.