

## Black Jack Makes Way for Tiger Brigade

By Spc. Al Barrus  
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CAMP LIBERTY, Baghdad - The Soldiers of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division had hoped to be on their way back to Fort Hood, Texas, by the end of October. But it was announced Oct. 4 that the unit, which arrived here in January, will fulfill a full 12-month tour.

The brigade made their final haul from their trailers on Camp Black Jack to Camp Stryker Oct. 23, a tent city three miles from their former home. At Stryker, the brigade will continue operations.

In doing this, they make way for the 256th "Tiger" Brigade Combat Team; a Louisiana National Guard infantry brigade whose advance party recently arrived.

As Black Jack moves from their homes of over nine months and into much



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Soldiers of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team move their tactical operations equipment to Camp Stryker and new work area; a tent less than half the size of their previous headquarters; a concrete building beside a lake on Camp Liberty.

different facilities, they still must stay mission capable. To do this, all the battalions moved their headquarters first, and then the brigade headquarters followed.

"Here in the fire support element, we will continue our fire support mission at Stryker," said Sgt. 1st Class Donald Jefferson, the 2nd BCT's fire support

non-commissioned officer in charge. "We will just have a smaller area to work out of."

Getting the brigade's

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By Sgt. John Queen, 3rd BCT Public Affairs

Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 161st Infantry Regiment help unload a number of the 50-kilogram (110 lbs.) bags of wheat and barley seed for Iraqi farmers.

## Iraqi Farmers Ready for Fall Planting Season

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BAGHDAD, Iraq - As the temperature cools in Baghdad, farmers in the area warm up for this year's wheat and barley planting season with help from Soldiers of the 1st Cavalry Division's 3rd Brigade Combat Team.

The Soldiers, members of 1st Battalion, 161 Infantry Regiment delivered 20 metric

tons of wheat and barley seeds Oct. 20 at two of the capital city's local farming associations.

"We delivered 240, 50 kilo bags, or, 12 metric tons at the Urafiya farmers association," said 1st Lt. Stephan Jaworski, the assistant civil military operations officer for 161 Inf. "Another eight metric tons went to the

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By Staff Sgt. Christopher Grant, 411th Engineer Battalion

Bohica Blues cartoons are drawn by Staff Sgt. Christopher Grant, of the 411th Engineer Battalion from Boise, Idaho. His battalion is attached to the 1st Cavalry Division in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II. Grant says he draws cartoons as a way to present his and his Soldiers' opinions to the world. His work is also displayed at the the Antelope (Engineer) dining facility on Camp Al-Tahreer.

**Useful Iraqi Words/Phrases**

**Why are you laughing?**

**li-mazaa taDHak**

**Saturday**  
High: 88  
Low: 68



**Sunday**  
High: 86  
Low: 66



**Monday**  
High: 84  
Low: 64



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## News Notes

### Americans Get Taller, Heavier

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Americans are getting taller on average but they are much heavier too, according to government figures released on Wednesday showing that the U.S. population is, literally, growing. The findings hold for women, men and children, the National Center for Health Statistics reports. On average, adult men and women are about an inch taller than they were in 1960 and 25 pounds heavier. Weights, however, have ballooned. The average weight of an adult man was 166.3 pounds in 1960 and 191 pounds in 2002, while the average weight for women went from 140.2 pounds to 164.3 pounds.

### Thieves Nabbed Silencing Parrot

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - Afraid a talkative parrot might prove to be a stool pigeon, three thieves returned to the scene of the crime to silence the bird - only to be caught by police, authorities say. After making off with DVD players, computers, radios, TVs and other electronic gear, one of the burglars Monday realized that a parrot in the home had heard him use the nickname "J.J." for one of his accomplices and was repeating it. "They were afraid the bird would stool on them," police Maj. Billy Garrett said. They went back for the bird and were loading it into the getaway car when police arrived, authorities said. The chase ended a few blocks away when the men crashed their car.



Austin American-Statesman

Texas Culinary Academy student Darrell Teague works on his pumpkin at the academy during the pumpkin-carving contest Thursday. The winner of the contest received \$100.

## Stargazers Enjoyed Total Lunar Eclipse

BALTIMORE (AP) - The Earth's last total lunar eclipse for nearly two and a half years didn't disappoint.

Baltimore resident Davis Sherman visited the Maryland Science Center with his 15-year-old son for the event, which began Wednesday about 9:15 p.m. EDT and was expected to last around three hours and 20 minutes.

"It's a spectacular show," Sherman said.

Tony and Carline Cazeau of Columbia brought their two daughters, Gabrielle, 12, and Valerie, 8, to the science center for the educational experience.

"It looks like chocolate," Valerie said.

With the Earth passing directly between the sun and the moon, the only light hitting the full moon was from the planet's sunrises and sunsets, resulting in an orange and red hue. Visitors at the



AP

The full moon turns red and orange as it passes the Space Needle in Seattle during a total lunar eclipse Wednesday evening, Oct. 27, 2004. With the Earth passing between the sun and the moon, the only light hitting the full moon was from the home planet's sunrises and sunsets, resulting in the orange and red hue.

science center's Crosby IMAX, at the Science Ramsey Memorial Center's Davis Planetarium, said there are usually two or three lunar eclipses a year, but there won't be any in 2005 or 2006.

Jim O'Leary, senior director of technology,

## Boston Preps for Series Parade

BOSTON (AP) - The city will toast its first World Series champions in 86 years with a parade Saturday that will stretch from the Fenway to City Hall Plaza.

Mayor Thomas Menino announced the plans at a news conference Thursday with Red Sox president Larry Lucchino. The team swept the St. Louis Cardinals in the World Series with a 3-0 win in Game 4 on Wednesday night, giving the Red Sox their first title since 1918.

"This is a historic occasion that goes to the heart of what it means to be a Bostonian," Menino said. "Many Sox fans wondered if they'd ever see a World Series, a world championship, in our lifetime. I'm proud that on Saturday we can all celebrate it together."

An estimated 1.5 million people attended the Feb. 3 parade for the Super Bowl



Boston Red Sox President/CEO Larry Lucchino, center, shows the World Series trophy during a news conference at the City Hall in Boston, Thursday, Oct. 28, 2004, as Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, left, and Boston Police Deputy Superintendent Robert Dunford, right, look on.

champion New England Patriots. About 1.2 million celebrated the Patriots' 2002 Super Bowl win - the first Boston pro sports title since 1986.

But officials have said Saturday's crowd could be

even bigger, partly because of the Red Sox's enormous popularity across New England, and partly because of a championship drought that has spanned generations and included several agonizing near misses.

## Amputees Show True Grit in 10 Miler

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) - They didn't take home any top awards in the Army Ten-Miler, but the performances of service members who lost limbs in Afghanistan and Iraq was, to many, nothing short of heroic.

Army Capt. David Rozelle, who lost part of his right leg below the knee in a June 2003 land mine explosion in Hit, Iraq, spearheaded the effort to put together a team of amputees from Walter Reed Army Medical Center for the Oct. 24 race, a kickoff to the annual Association of the United States Army meeting.

Dubbed the "Missing (Parts) In Action team - Some Assembly Required" - the group included Staff Sgt. Andrew McCaffrey, Sgt. Ethan Payton, Marine Cpl.



Runners begin the U.S. Army Ten-Miler in 2002.

Dan Lasko, Navy Corpsman Jose Ramos and Airman 1st Class Anthony Pizzifred. Also running on the team was Lt. Col. Barbara Springer, chief of physical therapy; Capt. Matt Sherer, a physical therapist; and Spc. Harvey Naranjo, a certified occupa-

tional therapist assistant.

"It's important for people to see amputees recovered and back in action," Rozelle said prior to the race start, adding he had no doubts that each would make it across the finish line. The same steely mettle that helped steer them off the battlefield after suffering horrific injuries will carry them through the 10-mile route, Rozelle said.

"It's guts, nothing but guts. Some may walk, but that's okay. What matters is that they will finish," he said.

Rozelle, who served as team captain, has been relentless in not letting his injury prevent him from being the best Soldier he can be. He commanded a cavalry troop from Fort Carson in Iraq; after a medical board cleared him to remain on active duty.

### In Brief

#### DeNiro Greatest Living Star

LONDON (AP) - Two giants of 1970s cinema, Robert De Niro and Al Pacino, have topped a British magazine's poll of the greatest living movie stars over the age of 50. The two stars of the "Godfather" saga took the top two places in a poll, released Thursday, of 10,000 readers of British film magazine Empire. Jack Nicholson, Paul Newman and Marlon Brando - who died in July before voting was complete - took third, fourth and fifth spots. Anthony Hopkins, in sixth place, was the highest placed British actor, and "Alien" heroine Sigourney Weaver, in 10th place, the top-rated woman.

#### Expos Plan Debated in DC

WASHINGTON (AP) - Residents packed the District of Columbia Council chambers Thursday to praise or pan the mayor's \$440 million proposal to refurbish RFK Stadium and build a new ballpark for the Montreal Expos. Hundreds of people shared their opinions on Mayor Anthony A. Williams' plan during a hearing that lasted more than 14 hours, stretching into Friday morning. Councilman David Catania called it "the worst deal in America" and railed against the arguments of City Administrator Robert Bobb and other mayoral appointees during the hearing.



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Sgt. 1st Class Donald Jefferson, the fire support non-commissioned officer in charge of 2nd BCT's headquarters, packs up his section's equipment, only to move it to the new brigade headquarters; a tent at Camp Stryker.

## Black Jack Moves to Camp Stryker

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tactical operations center (TOC) loaded up and moved was a mission all in its own.

"We are moving the brigade TOC equipment along with approximately 80 personnel to a new location," said Sgt. Major Rick Purden, the operations sergeant major for the 2nd BCT. "We have 40 vehicles and we are moving to a new location at Camp Stryker."

It took a lot of coordination to make the move and still keep the TOC up and running 24-hours-a-day, so that operations and communications can continue.

"It takes planning that starts from setting up the next location's communications in the new locations, then we can tear down this place and take down the communications here," Purden explained.

If getting moved to a different location and taking on a new area of responsibility isn't enough, the Blackjacks are also passing on their old area of operations to a brigade which is

just arriving in Iraq.

"The new group is eager to learn and they ask a lot of questions and they are learning a lot. There are a lot of historical events we witnessed and we have been telling them about those," Jefferson, the Henderson, N.C., native said. "You can do all the training back home that you want, but when you get here, nothing can prepare you for what you will see."

Introducing a fresh group to a new area also reminds the Black Jack brigade members of how they were when they first arrived in Iraq, and how far they have come in their time here.

"[The 256th BCT] seems to be asking pretty simple questions, and it seems like it wasn't long ago we were asking the same questions," the sergeant major said. "There's a lot of equipment we have gotten used to, but it's very foreign to them, but we are helping them, and they are staying motivating."

## 3rd BCT Brings Fresh Seed to Iraqi Farmers

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Al Houda farmers association."

According to Lt. Col. Mark Haney, the officer in charge of civil military operations for the 3rd BCT, the 1st Cavalry Division purchased this wheat and barley seed because of the humanitarian need for food production here in Iraq.

Currently the Ministry of Agriculture has not been able to establish its distribution network or establish its certified seed dealer network through private individuals.

"Because of this, the decision was made for the military to buy seed through commander's emergency response program funds," Haney said. "Self-production of food in this country is important."

CERP is a program set up by the military to take care of humanitarian needs for the local populace - needs that will make a quick and lasting impact on the community.

"That is why the division started purchasing this quantity of wheat and barley seed," Haney said. "Now the

farmers can start raising crops once again for local sale and support the food needs of Baghdad."

Although Iraq has a harsh climate its soil can grow a substantial yield of crops if the irrigation system is working properly.

"Wheat will be a two-cycle plant this time of year," Haney said. "They will plant it now and harvest it about March, April. Then they will follow it in with another crop, usually lentils or sometimes, if they want, peanuts or corn."



By Sgt. John Queen, 3rd BCT PAO

A crane helps unload bags of wheat for Iraqi farmers in Baghdad.