



Photos By Sgt. Dan Purcell, 122nd MPAD

Staff Sgt. Nestor Ibarra (left) conducts a radio check while 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Carlos Restrepo remains on watch during a grand opening event marking the restoration of the Amariya Fire Station.

## Soldiers Give Fire Station a Face Lift

By Sgt. Dan Purcell  
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BAGHDAD, Iraq— After years of war and neglect, the Amariya Fire Station celebrated the completion of a major effort to restore it to a fully functional firehouse replete with fire trucks.

Soldiers from the 425th Civil Affairs Battalion and Company A, 91st Engineers, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division along with Amariya firefighters and members of the Baghdad

press club officially marked the occasion with a ribbon cutting ceremony on August 5.

Capt. Marc Chung, team leader, 425th CA Bn., said the fire station is the most important project to date because it is the only one in an area that serves all of the west side of the Tigris River.

"We have spent about \$70,000 of Commanders Emergency Relief Program funds to get this station to where it's at today," Chung said. "The building has been completely reconditioned, but it is a work in progress."

"The current emphasis is on fixing the trucks and building a room for unexploded ordnances that are found and turned in by the local people. Right now there are only three trucks that are fully operational, but there are five more being worked on," Sgt. Levy Dalhstrom, project



91 ENG Soldiers maintain tight security during the grand opening of the Amariya Fire Station on Aug 5.

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Soldiers Detain Grenadiers

By Spc. Jan Critchfield  
122nd MPAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Three men were detained August 4, testing positive for explosives after grenades were thrown at 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Soldiers while providing security for Baghdad's Al-Jaifa Iraqi Police Station.

At 4 p.m., Soldiers of

Task Force 1-9's Headquarters Company moved in to provide security for the station. Observation posts were established and mounted and dismounted patrols covered the ground around the station.

Twenty minutes later, a grenade was thrown into the street approximately 40 feet away from where 1-9

Soldiers were conducting their operation, wounding one Iraqi man in his early 50s, said Capt. Jack Crabtree, Headquarters Company commander.

Soldiers from the Headquarters Company scout platoon raced forward to retrieve the man, who had been incapacitated by the blast, Crabtree said. The scout's medics then

treated the man's wounds.

When the Soldiers began to pursue the boy who had thrown the grenade into the street, another grenade was thrown at the Soldiers, this one by a group of young males.

An observation post that had been set up to help

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Capt. Marc Chung (left) 425th Civil Affairs Battalion, the Iraqi contractor responsible for the restoration repairs (center) and Col. Waleed prepare to cut a ribbon commemorating the renovation of the Amariya Fire Station.

## Newly Renovated Fire Station Builds Relations

**Continued from Page 1** coordinator, 425th CA, Bn., said.

The project took a local contractor two months to complete, while the station has grown from 24 to 54 firefighters and administrative staff, added Dalshstrom.

"In the future, we would like to get them more equipment, like oxygen masks, and training," Dalshstrom said.

In addition to the project, Chung praised the efforts of the 91st Eng., Bn., for providing the necessary security so that the renovation could proceed unhindered.

"We feel like part of the 91st team," said Chung. "They have really gone out

of their way to help us on this project by providing security escorts for us, whenever we've needed one, and by helping to dispose of the [unexploded ordnance]."

Built in 1985, the firehouse has been fully operational, but seen few repairs and suffered a good deal during the war, said Col. Waleed, Amariya fire chief.

"I really appreciate what the coalition has done for us," Waleed said. "Last year we put out 800 fires, even though we did not have much to work with...and during the war, we stayed at our post without pay to protect the people as best we could with what we had to work with."

## Insurgents: Captured, Soldier Injured in Attack

**Continued from Page 1** secure the police station saw that one individual in the group had thrown the grenade and that they had then scattered, Crabtree said.

The boy who had thrown the first grenade was detained and tested positive for explosives, he said.

Two out of three who threw the second grenade also tested positive and were detained. The third of the group was released because he did not test positive, Crabtree said.

While these detainees were rounded up, another grenade was thrown and the teenage boy that had

thrown it in ran into a house in an attempt to hide.

While the troops escorted the teenager back to the IP station, a fourth grenade was thrown and landed directly in front of the zip-tied teenager, who was able to get away during the confusion following the blast.

"We know where he lives," Crabtree said.

The fifth and final grenade of the evening came as the Soldiers who had pursued the fourth thrower were making their way back to the IP station.

Only one Soldier was wounded during the attacks and will return to duty very soon, Crabtree said.

"We know where he lives."

-Capt. Jack Crabtree

1-9 Cav. HHC Commander

### Useful Iraqi Words/Phrases



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**Thursday**

High: 106  
Low: 78



**Friday**

High: 106  
Low: 78



**Saturday**

High: 108  
Low: 78



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## News Notes

### Wallace Cited For Disorderly Conduct

NEW YORK (CNN)--CBS News veteran Mike Wallace, 86, was arrested Tuesday evening outside a New York City restaurant and issued a summons for "disorderly conduct."



Wallace was double parked in front of a restaurant while picking up take out. Inspectors stopped and questioned his driver about the vehicle and Wallace tried to intervene. Wallace was asked to step away three times by the inspectors and on the third time 'lunged at one of the inspectors,' an eyewitness said. Wallace was arrested and released soon afterward.

### Wedding Guests Eat Relative/Victim

MANILA, (AP) -- Four family members were arrested for killing and eating a relative during a wedding reception. Police say the bride's father was upset at the victim for tripping and accidentally touching his daughter's rear. The father and a group of relatives took the man, the bride's cousin, to a secluded location where they stabbed him to death. They then roasted his body using coconut leaves and kerosene. The group then returned to the party and served the man's remains to the wedding guests. "They probably didn't know what they were eating," said police inspector Perla Bacuel, noting that the guests were drunk.



Richard Skopik, TxDOT district engineer, briefs TxDOT Executive Director Mike Behrens (left) and Deputy Executive Director Steve Simmons on Tuesday about proposed West Fort Hood road projects. Behrens said the main focus of these projects is to alleviate traffic by the incoming troops at Fort Hood.

Temple Daily Telegram

## New Hood Roads in Planning Stages

► Killeen Daily Herald

The Texas Department of Transportation announced Tuesday the specific projects that will utilize the \$20.5 million allotted to the Killeen-Fort Hood area following the announcement of 5,000 new troops for the post.

The road construction projects, which include a new Fort Hood access point from State Highway 201 (Clear Creek Road), an extension of State Highway 195 (Fort Hood Street), widening of Tank Destroyer Boulevard, and a new ammunition route across U.S. Highway 190, will not start construction

for 12-18 months, said Richard Skopik, the district engineer for TxDOT's Waco District.

"The end of these projects is still several years away," said Reggie Richardson, director of transportation, planning and development at TxDOT.

Skopik added that the department still has to make plans, obtain survey data, and take bids from contractors, among many other things. Each of the four projects will take at least a year to construct, he said.

Skopik, along with other TxDOT engineers, met with TxDOT Waco's two top officers, executive

director Mike Behrens and deputy executive director Steve Simmons at the new Clear Creek access point site to discuss plans for future construction.

Skopik said that while each project is important, some have priority over others.

"The highest priority for the Army is to get (Highway) 195 extended north and have a new entryway," he said.

The new access point located on Highway 201, which used to be a county road, and Mohawk Drive will serve to give Soldiers and civilians who live in Harker Heights and Killeen easier access to West Fort Hood.

## Boy Scout Cabin Sale Causes Stir in Seattle Community

► Seattle Times

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash. — For more than 70 years, Port Townsend Boy Scouts earned their badges in a log cabin. But it may be demolished this month amid controversy. The Chief Seattle Boy Scout Council, sold the cabin and property in April for \$480,000.

There's been a strong backlash against the sale in the community, particularly from a group of neighbors

who organized as Friends of the Scout House (FOSH) and are leading an uphill effort to get the property back.

The Scout House was built in 1932 on property donated to the Port Townsend Scouts. Since then, it's been looked after by the town's Elks Lodge.

About 700 people signed petitions to save the historic site.



Seattle Times

The Port Townsend Boy Scout Cabin was built in 1932. It was recently sold for \$480,000 and has caused a group of neighbors to band together. The buyer then parceled off the land and is asking for \$2.2 million for the site.

## Team USA Takes Out Turkey

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) - With the crowd jeering and whistling, the U.S. Olympic basketball team pulled away in the fourth quarter for a 80-68 victory Tuesday night to cap an anxious day in this ancient city and an eventful pre-Olympic tour.

The American players awoke to learn that bombs had exploded at two tourist hotels and a fuel depot a few miles from their hotel, but team and U.S. government officials reassured them it would be safe to go ahead with the game.

"I don't know that everybody is absolutely confident and secure with everything, but they said

everything would be fine, so you have to keep going on," Tim Duncan said.

After failing to shake Turkey for three quarters, the U.S. team hit its stride in the fourth quarter - but not before the crowd gave them an earful.

The play that turned the fans against them came when LeBron James swiped at the ball and hit Turkey guard Ibrahim Kutluay in the eye. Kutluay, who scored 26 points, lay writhing on the floor before walking off. He eventually returned.

Another Turkish player went down moments later, and the whistles and shrieks from the crowd

reached earsplitting levels whenever the Americans had the ball thereafter.

"This is part of the game. I think it was the right answer from the fans, and they'll see it in Greece, too," Turkey center Mehmet Okur said. "It's much different in Europe. It's not like the NBA."

Duncan led the U.S. team with 25 points and 11 rebounds, Allen Iverson scored 13 and Richard Jefferson added 11.

Team officials first learned of the bombings at 5 a.m. local time, and were briefed two hours later by their security coordinators and a State Department official from the U.S. consulate.

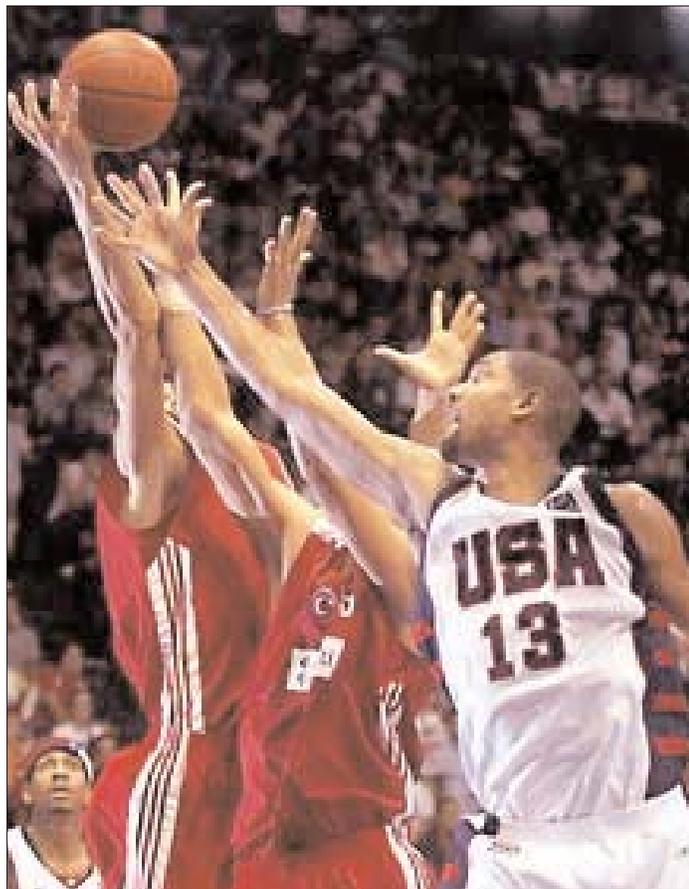
No serious consideration was given to canceling or postponing the game, Tooley said.

As for the game, Duncan was virtually unstoppable in the first quarter, but so was Kutluay. The Turkish guard scored 14 points to Duncan's 13, going 5-for-6 from the field - often with a defender right in his face.

Duncan didn't take his first rest until 7:39 remained in the second quarter with the score tied at 25, and the Americans couldn't get anything going offensively. They trailed 31-29 when he returned with 3:32 left.

The game remained tight until the Americans scored the final six points of the third quarter and the first four of the fourth for a 63-53 lead.

"I think we're right where we need to be going into the Olympics," Duncan said. "I think we're 1,000 percent better than when we started."



AP

Team USA center Tim Duncan (13) battles for a rebound against Turkey's Serkan Erdogan, center, and Kerem Tunceri. Duncan had 11 boards.

## Sports Shorts



AP

Cleveland drafted tight end Kellen Winslow, Jr. sixth overall. He signed with the Browns Wednesday.

## \$40 Million Tight End Signs

BEREA, Ohio (AP) -- Kellen Winslow, Jr. can begin his pursuit of eclipsing his father's hall of fame career. He's already made more money without catching a pass. Winslow signed a six-year contract Wednesday morning with the Cleveland Browns and attended his first practice. A team source told AP that the deal has a base salary of \$29 million and could be worth \$40 million with incentives.

## Athens Games Out for Serena

ATHENS (AP) -- One day after Jennifer Capriati was forced to pull out of the Athens Games with a hamstring injury, Serena Williams pulled out just hours before she was to travel to Greece with her U.S. tennis teammates. In New York to catch the team's flight, Williams saw a doctor and was told not to compete because of a lingering pain in her left knee, team spokesman Randy Walker told the AP Wednesday.