

Soldiers Corral Cattle in Iraq

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CAMP LIBERTY, Baghdad - Soldiers attached to the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Commandos), worked like cowboys as they rounded up livestock for life-saving medicine in Iraq.

Soldiers from the 345th Tactical Psychological Operations Detachment, Dallas, Texas, and 425th Civil Affairs Battalion, Santa Barbara, Calif., worked with Iraqi veterinarians to provide vaccinations and other shots for Iraqi livestock in 2nd Battalion 14th Infantry Regiment's area of responsibility Sept. 6.

Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 509th Infantry Regiment provided security while the PSYOPS and Civil Affairs Soldiers worked.

Almost 400 sheep and 90 cows were treated with various medicines that will protect them from endemic diseases. The shots will provide healthier livestock for farmers and also help relations between the Iraqi people and coalition forces, said Spc. Ben Danielowski, 345th PSYOPS.

"Animals are prized possessions to these people," he said. "Many of them can't afford the shots. Whenever we come into an area and give shots, they love it. It shows that we

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Maj. Sam Barringer, 425th Civil Affairs veterinarian, holds down a cow for a shot Sept. 6. Soldiers attached to the 10th Mountain Division inoculated hundreds of Iraqi livestock to protect them from endemic diseases.

First Women in Iraqi Army Honored

By Spc. Marie Whitney
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INTERNATIONAL ZONE, Baghdad-Twenty-five women sat on white plastic lawn chairs in a small park area next to the U.S. Embassy building, not far from a swimming pool. The women quietly chatted in the midday heat while drinking bottled water out of a large blue bucket filled to the top with chunks of ice.

But these were no ordinary women. These were 25

of the first 88 women to join the ranks of the New Iraqi Army.

They awaited the arrival of the congressmen, military officials, and other guests set to attend a Sept. 26 conference; a conference held in their honor.

Also taking part in the conference was a small group of women from the 1st Cavalry Division's Headquarters Company. Every First Team Soldier volunteered to be a part of the event.

"I am very excited to get to go on this mission. We get

to meet the females of the New Iraqi Army. It's great because they are the first ones [to serve in the army]" said Sgt. Dawn Handley, one of the HHC Soldiers who attended the conference.

The conference started with some of the congressmen and military officials giving speeches, telling the Iraqi Soldiers how proud they are of the courage the women have displayed and the historical importance of what they are doing.

After the speeches, the whole group walked over to the Embassy building to

watch a documentary called "Journey of Courage: Women in the New Iraqi Army," displaying the sacrifices and the changes made by these women in their pursuit of serving their country.

This video, which was written, filmed and produced by Kristen Hickman, a film producer from the U.S. Department of State, was the Iraqi Soldiers' answer to a documentary on the history of women in the U.S. military they were shown during a conference put on by the

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The first females of the New Iraqi Army listen to a speech at the conference that took place in their honor at the Embassy building in the International Zone Sept. 26.

Conference Honors Iraqi Guard Women

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U.S. Army in June 2004.

This new video documented the time the women spent in Jordan taking part in an 8-week basic training program put on by the Jordanian army with the help of the U.S. Army. The film showed footage of the women going through all of the training along with their thoughts and feelings on serving in the military and what they learned from their time together.

The occasion was wrapped up with Hickman giving a speech to the group of women, thanking them for their dedication to their country and their people.

"Even though what you have begun is valiant, remember that it will not be an easy task," Hickman said. "But I think that if anyone can do it, it would be you, because it takes a special type of person to be able to handle what you had undertaken."

Useful Iraqi Words/Phrases

I don't feel safe here.
laa aHiss bil-amaan hunaa

Commandos Corral Livestock for Shots

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are here to help."

The shots provide protection against diseases such as foot and mouth disease, parasites and other diseases, which are a major problem in Iraq, said Maj. Sam Barringer, 425th CA veterinarian.

"All animals have parasites," he said. "The shots we give will aid parasitic control from six to eight months. Vaccines will prevent diseases that could wipe out entire herds."

Barringer was quick to note that Coalition Forces are not there to take over veterinary services, but rather to support Iraqi veterinarians in their effort to better their community.

"We're here to train them," he said. "These are their clients. We don't want it to seem like we're taking over their livelihood. "When we leave the area, the vets on the ground will be able to handle it without us."

One Iraqi veterinarian, who spoke under conditions of anonymity, said Coalition Forces provided medicine that have been scarce to the area.

"Before the war, there

was a lack of medical supplies," he said. "After the war, there is a lot more medicine. We still need equipment that we don't have, however."

The vet said they provide similar services to the community, including semi-annual shots, artificial insemination, and other veterinary services. But they lack the tools to go house to house without Coalition assistance. Barringer said the success of the program can be measured by the increasing number of sheep and cattle Iraqis present to receive medicine.

"They keep bringing more and more animals," he said. "They want us to spend more time. We could do this every day for two months and still wouldn't get the entire area."

Danielowski said treating animals will create healthier accommodations for the Iraqi people. This will bolster relations between the community and Coalition Forces.

"Without these shots, the animals can catch diseases," he said. "Their meat won't be as healthy as it should be. Keeping the animals healthy will in turn make the Iraqi people healthy."

Wednesday

High: 102
Low: 70



Thursday

High: 100
Low: 68



Friday

High: 100
Low: 68



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News Notes

Bike Rally is Big Arkansas Event

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (Democrat-Gazette) - Organizers expect 150,000 to 200,000 visitors to Northwest Arkansas today through Saturday for the fifth annual Bikes, Blues and BBQ rally. biker event, said Jade Hart of TaylorMack Advertising, which is doing the event's public relations. This year, organizers attracted major sponsors such as Jim Beam, Bic and Harley-Davidson to bring in more money and more clout, Hart said. "We're definitely considered a national event," Hart said. "It's by far the fastest-growing motorcycle rally in the nation."

Improvements Slated for Depot

TEXARKANA, Texas (Austin American-Statesman) - The state is pledging to make more than \$13 million in infrastructure improvements to the Red River Army Depot as part of the federal Base Realignment and Closure process, Gov. Rick Perry said Wednesday. The money, through the Texas Department of Transportation, is contingent on a U.S. Department of Defense decision to expand operations at the depot. "With another round of base closures on the horizon in 2005, we are aggressively positioning Texas as the ideal location for continued and expanded missions while working with local communities to ensure we do everything possible to keep our bases open," Perry said.

Fort Hood Shows Off

FORT HOOD, Texas (Killeen Daily Herald) - Fort Hood's Operational Test Command center invited civic leaders to its headquarters Wednesday to see the latest technologies the Army has to offer.

At OTC Civic Leaders Day, members of Fort Hood's surrounding communities, as well as key leaders from Fort Hood, attended the open house and learned what goes on at an Army testing facility.

Col. David Halverson, commander of OTC, said that he wanted to show the community what a great professional work force OTC is and what impact it has on the Army and the community.

"We want them to know we are a part of their community," Halverson said. "This is a shared partner-



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Copperas Cove Mayor Bradi Diaz rotates a Stryker vehicle's cannon at Fort Hood Wed.

ship."

Subject matter experts were on hand to explain the Army's new weapon system, the XM8, the two latest variants of the Stryker vehicles, air defense artillery testing, the new CH-47F helicopter and OTC civic involvement

and volunteerism in the community, including a Shoemaker High School robotics demonstration.

It was an opportunity for community members to see their tax dollars at work, OTC public affairs officials stated.

1st Cav. Soldiers Awarded

FORT HOOD, Texas (Killeen Daily Herald) - In recognition of their sacrifices during Operation Iraqi Freedom, nine 1st Cavalry Division Soldiers received

the Purple Heart on Wednesday.

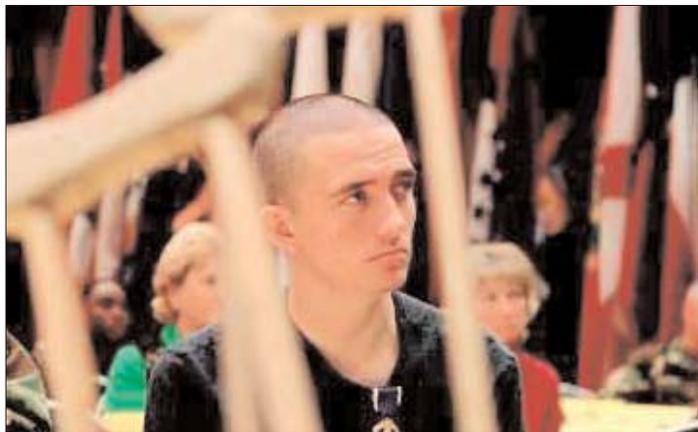
During the ceremony, held at the Phantom Warrior Center, each Soldier was pinned with the centuries-

old Army medal that signifies wounds received in battle.

"Their sacrifices should never be forgotten," said Maj. Gen. James Simmons, deputy commander of III Corps and commander of Fort Hood.

During the ceremony, a video was shown featuring Maj. Gen. Pete Chiarelli, 1st Cavalry Division commander. Chiarelli thanked the Soldiers for their sacrifice, and also thanked the volunteers who "show the tremendous generosity of Central Texas."

Chiarelli also gave an update on the division's progress in Iraq, stating that although things were tough in battle-heavy zones such as Sadr City, the troops' morale remained high.



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Spc. Conor Harrison, of the 115th Forward Support Battalion, Division Support Command, watches the volunteer recognition after being awarded a Purple Heart.

Angels Eliminate Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Troy Glaus kept fouling off Francisco Cordero's best pitches.

Glaus hit the mistake out of the park and helped put Anaheim back in sole possession of first place in the AL West. The Angels won 8-7 in 11 innings Wednesday night, ending the Texas Rangers' surprising playoff chase.

Anaheim (90-68) had moved back into first place for the first time since June 8 by winning the first two games in Texas. The tie with Oakland (89-69) was broken when the Athletics lost 4-2 to Seattle later Wednesday night.

The Angels finish their series Thursday in Texas before a season-ending three-game set at Oakland this weekend.



Anaheim Angels' Vladimir Guerrero (27) slides in to home plate under the tag of Texas Rangers catcher Gerald Laird, right, in the ninth inning on double by Curtis Pride that tied the game 6-6, Wednesday.

Texas (86-72) lost its fourth straight game, and fifth of six since sweeping three games from the Athletics last week. The Rangers spent most of July in first place and were a surprise contender after four straight last-place finishes when they averaged 90 losses a season.

"Tonight was kind of a microcosm of the season," first baseman Mark Teixeira said. "We were up, we were down and in the end we just couldn't pull it out. I guess you can look at our whole season that way. We had a good season, just couldn't pull it out in the end."

Suns Roll into Eastern Finals

UNCASVILLE, Conn. (AP) - An infusion of young talent and a change of scenery has done wonders for the former Orlando Miracle. Reborn last year as the Connecticut Sun, the team landed in the WNBA Eastern Conference finals for the second straight season with a 76-56 victory over the Washington Mystics on Wednesday night.

The best-of-three series starts Friday night at New York.

The former Miracle reached the postseason just once during their four years in Orlando and didn't advance beyond the first round.

"This is exciting," said Sun coach Mike Thibault, who joined the team last year. "The team has found



Sun guard Lindsay Whalen high-fives injured teammate Brooke Wyckoff on the bench after their series-clinching win. their extra reserves within themselves. This is a great win for this franchise."

Led by the franchise's original members Nykesha Sales and Taj McWilliams-Franklin, the Sun found a way to stop the surging Mystics to advance. They

also got plenty of help from rookie Lindsay Whalen in a 21-2 run in the first half of the deciding Game 3.

"You always want to see the young players coming around at the right time," McWilliams-Franklin said. "Players like myself are more productive because we don't have to play as many minutes. We can spread ourselves around."

McWilliams-Franklin made the most of her minutes Wednesday with 11 rebounds, two blocked shots and 10 points. Sales led the team with 18 points, including three three-pointers during a key first-half run.

"We realized this was a big game for us," Sales said. "We continue to get better all the time."

In Brief

Astros on Top for Wildcard

HOUSTON (AP) - The Houston Astros can put themselves in the playoffs. They no longer need help from anyone else. Roger Clemens, Jeff Kent and the Astros took over the NL wildcard lead Wednesday night, beating the St. Louis Cardinals 6-4 for their club-record 15th straight home victory. Houston moved a half-game ahead of the slumping Chicago Cubs, who lost to Cincinnati, and the San Francisco Giants, who fell in San Diego.

Travis Receives Hollywood Star

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Randy Travis has tried his hand at television and film, but it was his career as a country crooner that got him a star on the



Hollywood Walk of Fame. "This has been an interesting run in this business," said Travis, 45, during a midday ceremony on Wednesday. Travis, who emerged from humble roots in North Carolina, burst onto the country music charts in the mid-1980s. From 1986 to 1994, he had 15 No. 1 hits, including "Diggin' up Bones," "Forever and Ever, Amen" and "Honky Tonk Moon." He won three Grammys and launched an acting career.