



By Capt. Mitch Zomes, 122nd MPAD

Stephanie Herseth, a congressional representative for South Dakota, is presented a plaque of appreciation from Capt. James Walsh, an intelligence officer with 1st Cavalry Division, during her visit to Baghdad Sept. 25. Herseth said her goals were to see the conditions Soldiers in Baghdad face, to get a sense of the political and security situation there, and to gain an understanding of humanitarian needs in the area.

## Garbage Trucks Delivered to Iraqis

By Spc. Al Barrus  
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BAGHDAD, Iraq - When the people of Al Mansour complained about their trash problem, the Soldiers stationed in that neighborhood of Baghdad found them a solution.

As a part of the effort to improve the quality of life in the Al Mansour district, Soldiers from the 425th Civil Affairs Battalion attached to 3rd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment of the 1st Cavalry Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, presented 10 garbage trucks to the local community September 22.

The project for the trucks was developed by Sgt. William Allen, of the 425th Civil Affairs Battalion in April, and approved by brigade civil affairs. A local contractor purchased the trucks at the price of \$5,500



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Iraqi truck drivers inspect their new trash trucks, presented to the Al Mansour community Sept. 22. A civil affairs team attached to the 3rd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment delivered ten trucks to the community.

each.

"Today we're just looking at the trucks making sure they look in good condition," Allen said. "These are used trucks, but these were reconditioned so they will be good to go. We are checking them out making sure the

beds rise."

These 10 trucks will be used exclusively in Al Mansour, Allen said. He added that 10 more trucks each will soon be delivered to the communities in the Abu Ghraib and Kadhamiyah.

Because garbage is a big problem in these areas, plans are in the making to get even more trucks, Allen said.

"Trash pick up is important because we want the area to look better," the Los Angeles native said. "When we first got here people were complaining because their neighborhoods looked so bad with trash and rubble everywhere. Everything was getting dumped and left there."

This project is also part of a larger objective to improve the essential services of the areas in the 'Red Dragon' area of operations, and in turn help the economy grow.

"We're getting a lot of public works started, mainly with the trash as well as the sewer and the electricity," Allen said. "What we are trying to do is get people from the local area to stimulate the economy with job opportunities."

# Water Treatment Improves Iraqi Lives

By Spc. Jan Critchfield  
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BAGHDAD, Iraq - Work to renovate the Al Rashid water treatment station in the Zaphernia district began Sept. 20 as a part of Multi-national force efforts to rebuild and renovate essential infrastructure and improve quality of life for residents.

"This is the plant that provides fresh drinking water to the people of Zaphernia," said Lt. Col. Brian Dosa, commander of the 8th Engineer Battalion. "About 250,000 people get their drinking water from this plant."

Drawing water from the Tigris River, which geographically divides Baghdad and provides life-sustaining water to its residents, the water treatment plant has survived nearly 50 years of use. Recently looting gutted the electrical components of the plant, seriously affecting the quality and quantity of fresh water supplied to the people of Zaphernia.

"The plant is old," Dosa said. "Over the years there have been projects to main-

tain it and rehabilitate it, but it is in sadly in need of more work to improve the quantity of the water and the quality of the water."

He said the current project addresses immediate problems, but plans to do more once funding becomes available.

Labor and materials to fix various pumps and electrical systems around the plant over the next two months will total \$140,000. The money comes from funds allocated to Iraq's infrastructure needs by the United States government.

The need for the renovations was identified through the 8th Engineer Battalion's work with local Iraqi leadership. Baghdad-based engineers worked with the plant's director to complete an initial survey for the project's scope and cost.

"Just as in other areas of Baghdad, we are trying to improve the essential services for the people—sewer systems, drinking water, electricity, and trash collection," Dosa said. "This is just one example of how we're improving the quality of life."



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An Al Rashid water station employee operates a pump that supplies fresh drinking water to the people of Baghdad's Zaphernia district. A project to renovate the plant will improve the quality and quantity of water that the plant can supply to its more than 250,000 customers in Baghdad.

## Useful Iraqi Words/Phrases

**Where is the latrine?**

**ayn al-maraaHeed**

**Wednesday**

High: 107

Low: 73



**Thursday**

High: 107

Low: 73



**Friday**

High: 107

Low: 73



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## News Notes

### Volunteers Work Together in Tyler

TYLER, Texas (*Austin American-Statesman*) - Followers of the Muslim and Jewish faiths joined forces today in Tyler to break ground for a Habitat for Humanity home. The volunteers will work together with encouragement from Rabbi Neal Katz and Muslim community leader Anwar Khalifa. The two met about one year ago and started talking about what Jews and Muslims could do together. Khalifa says if they dwell on their minute differences -- they'll hate each other and fight each other. But he says if they look at the vast commonality that they have together, they'll do more and more good together.

### Two Quakes a Minute on Helens

SEATTLE (AP) - Small earthquakes rattled Mount St. Helens at the rate of one or two a minute Monday, and seismologists were working to determine the significance of some of the most intense seismic activity in nearly 20 years. Carbon dioxide and sulfur gas samples collected above the volcano - which erupted to devastating effect in 1980 - will help scientists figure out what is going on beneath the 925-foot-high dome of hardened lava within the mountain's gaping crater. They want to know whether the quakes are the result of water seeping into the mountain or magma moving under its crater.



Killeen Daily Herald

## Wounded Soldier Receives Extreme Auto Makeover

FORT HOOD, Texas (*Killeen Daily Herald*) - On Staff Sgt. Terry Saffron's Jeep, everything is fixed but the door handle.

Monday at the Dennis Eakin car dealership in Killeen, Saffron, who was severely wounded while serving in Iraq, received his completely restored 1986 Jeep Cherokee, compliments of "Gallagher's Army," a nonprofit organization that raises money for troops and their families.

"The parts were really hard to find," said Daniel Mink, a Dennis Eakin employee. "We found everything but that door handle."

When Saffron received wounds to his face and right arm from shrapnel from a roadside bomb in May, a friend of his family wrote a letter telling his family's story to the nationally syndicated Mike Gallagher radio show in Dallas.

Gallagher responded.

Saffron's picture and story were posted on Gallagher's Web site, and the result was approximately \$10,000 worth of repairs to his worn-out Jeep.

"We wanted to give him a brand new Jeep, but they couldn't pay the taxes on it," said Mink. "So we fixed up his old one."

As word spread about the project, other businesses jumped on board to restore Saffron's hunting and fishing vehicle. Dennis Eakin, B&B Body and Paint, DuPont, Affordable Towing, Oliver Brothers Transmission, and BF Goodrich Tire Company all donated parts and labor to make Saffron's Jeep look like new.

Saffron's wife, Colleen, blindfolded him and led him out the door of the dealership to see his "new" car. When the blindfold came off, a smile lit up his face.

"It doesn't even look like the Jeep!" he said.

Indeed it didn't. The Jeep received a full makeover, complete with paint job, new tires, new transmission and tinted windows.

Saffron's children, Joshua, 15, Janelle, 12, and Jordan, 10, immediately jumped in the car to admire the handiwork.

Terry Saffron laughs as his wife, Colleen, shows off his restored 1986 Jeep Cherokee at Dennis Eakin Mazda in Killeen on Monday. Dozens of friends and businesses donated their time and materials to have the truck brought back to life for the Army staff sergeant who was wounded in Baghdad while serving with the 1st Cavalry Division in May.

On May 5, Saffron was on patrol with members of his unit in Baghdad. When they returned to their vehicle, it wouldn't start - and that is when they were hit.

Saffron was hit by shrapnel on his right side. He has been in and out of hospitals and surgeries ever since. A metal plate fills the left side of his face where his jaw used to be. He was awarded the Purple Heart.

Saffron, who is five years away from earning his military retirement, said plans to re-enlist soon - but is still not sure if he will be able to stay in the Army.

Saffron purchased the Jeep in 2001 for \$500. It needed a lot of work. It was a project for when he returned home from Iraq, but those plans were altered.

Saffron said he was surprised and thrilled.

"I didn't know what they were planning to do until they picked up my Jeep," he said. "Then the jig was up."

The Jeep took three months to repair, mostly because of the difficulty of locating parts for a 1986 Jeep.

## Tuna Beats Gibbs on MNF

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) - Richie Anderson threw a halfback option pass for a touchdown, and safety Tony Dixon blitzed for two of the Dallas Cowboys' five sacks.

Even so, they were bit players in the overall drama. Bill Parcells beat Joe Gibbs in their first meeting in 14 years when the Cowboys defeated the Washington Redskins 21-18 Monday night.

"You've got to make it about the coaches," said Dixon, who got the fourth and fifth sacks of his four-year career. "How many times in this era are you going to see coaches like that come together? It's an honor that we'll be able to look back and see a classic game and see Parcells and Gibbs on the sidelines - and hopefully see some of

the plays I made."

Despite the long gap between meetings, Parcells showed he still has Gibbs' number. The Dallas coach has won 12 of 18 and seven in a row against the Hall of Fame coach, the last six coming when Parcells' New York Giants and Gibbs' Redskins were NFC East rivals from 1983-90.

"They're extremely well-coached," Gibbs said. "You've got to give them a lot of credit."

The victory, Dallas' 13th in its last 14 meetings with Washington, also made Parcells the 10th NFL coach to win 150 regular-season games.

"It wasn't pretty," Parcells said. "But we're happy to win on the road. Anytime you can come some place on a Monday night, in a rivalry like this,



AP

Dallas Cowboys fullback Richie Anderson runs the ball towards Washington Redskins cornerback Shawn Springs on Monday.

and you're able to win, you have to be happy."

Vinny Testaverde was 14-of-29 for 214 yards for the Cowboys, while Anderson's comp. Brunell was 25-of-43 for 325 yards, including 167 yards and two touchdowns.

## Cubs Crush Reds, Stay on Top

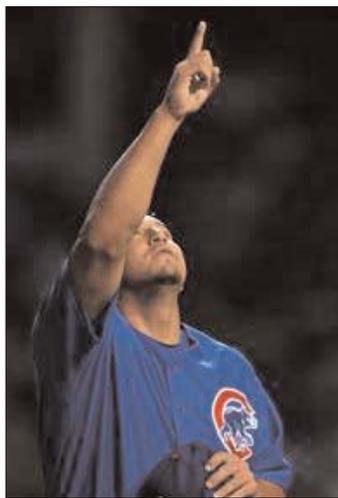
CHICAGO (AP) - Todd Walker loves playing pressure baseball this time of year.

Walker went 3-for-4 with a walk, a two-run homer and four RBIs on Monday night, helping the Chicago Cubs extend their slim lead in the NL wild-card race with a 12-5 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.

"This is a lot of fun for me. For everybody, really," Walker said. "The playoff atmosphere brings out the best in you."

With six games left, Chicago is a game ahead of San Francisco in the wild-card standings. Houston, which beat St. Louis 10-3 Monday, is 1½ back.

"We'd feel a lot better if San Francisco and Houston were about five



AP

Cubs pitcher Carlos Zambrano points toward the sky during their win over Cincinnati.

games back," Walker said. "The good thing is we don't have to worry about what they do. If we win these next six games, we're in."

Corey Patterson, and Derrek Walker made the playoffs for the first time in his nine-year career last season, coming up big for the Boston Red Sox as they took the New York Yankees to seven games in the AL championship series. He hit .349 in the playoffs and became the first Boston player to hit five homers in a postseason.

Walker enjoyed the playoffs so much he passed on starting jobs elsewhere to sign with Chicago. Now the Cubs are hoping he'll help them in their quest for their first back-to-back postseason appearances since 1908 - the last time they won a World Series.

"One down, six to go," Cubs manager Dusty Baker said. "A very good game."

### In Brief

#### Red Sox Clinch Playoff Spot

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) - Boston clinched its second straight trip to the postseason Monday night, beating the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 7-3 behind Manny Ramirez's AL-leading 43rd home run and Johnny Damon's go-ahead, three-run shot. The Red Sox, assured of no worse than the AL wild-card berth, closed within three games of the AL East-leading New York Yankees with six games remaining.

#### New Hemingway Story Found

ROME (AP) - A bullfight, an act of bravado, a brush with death. A newly discovered story by the young Ernest Hemingway has all the elements to delight fans and scholars - but it can't be published. The late writer's



estate hasn't approved publication of the 1924 piece, a gory, over-the-top parody about a bullfight in the Spanish city of Pamplona. People who have seen the story say it's no masterpiece. But it could give important clues about Hemingway's first attempts at trying on different literary styles - especially because most of his early work disappeared when his suitcase was stolen in the early 1920s.