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**PATROL-AND-GREET** -- Residents of the Al Furat muhalla in the Al Rashid District of Baghdad listen to Sgt. Brian Hayes, a psychological operations specialist with the 345th Psychological Operations Company, talk about new and current projects by the 1st Cavalry Division during a patrol-and-greet July 30. Hayes also passed out literature about how the new Iraqi government will be run. Hayes' tactical PSYOP team works with 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, patrolling area neighborhoods, talking to residents about their concerns and relaying the goals of Multinational Force-Iraq.

## 'Cowards' Target Churches in Baghdad, Mosul

BAGHDAD, Iraq, August 1, 2004— Four improvised explosive devices detonated in Baghdad, killing ten Iraqi civilians and wounding more than 41.

The first explosion occurred at approximately 6:30 p.m.; the last one at just past 7 p.m. All four explosions occurred near Baghdad churches.

The largest blast occurred in central Baghdad, where a vehicle-borne improvised explosive

device detonated outside a church leaving a six-foot by five-foot crater. Preliminary casualty reports indicate five Iraqi civilians died in this blast, with 35 more wounded.

A fifth IED was found by the Iraqi Police force near a Baghdad church. The device, found and cleared, consisted of 15 mortar rounds.

"Iraqi police provided a professional, rapid response to each of these attacks," said Lt. Col.

## Search Nets Huge Weapons Cache

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — Christmas came early during the first joint cordon-and-search of "Cambodia" that netted five large caches of weapons and improvised explosive devices (IED) and four suspected anti-Iraqi forces July 20.

Units from the 1st Cavalry Division's 5th Brigade Combat Team, and the Iraqi National Guard (ING) launched the first major maneuver out of the brigade's usual area of responsibility.

Some of the most significant finds included a 500-pound air droppable bomb, a surface-to-air missile and 48 rocket-propelled grenades. A few smaller weapons and ammunition were also found.

Maj. Cameron Leiker,

James Hutton, public affairs office for the 1st Cavalry Division.

Hutton went on to condemn the insurgent activity targeting innocent Iraqi civilians.

"Iraq's movement to a better future will not be undermined by the cowards who built these weapons to attack innocent Iraqi citizens," Hutton said.

No Multinational Forces were killed or wounded in the attacks. These incidents

the operations chief for 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment said planning the operation was planned quickly, over a few days.

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Spc. Samuel Tinker, a cavalry scout, drags an old humvee door found during a joint operation July 20. The search netted several weapons caches and four detainees.

are under investigation.

*The Washington Post* reported that 220 miles north of Baghdad, in Mosul, officials said a car bomb exploded next to the Father Bolus Church, a Chaldean Christian congregation, as worshipers were leaving evening Mass, damaging the building and a number of cars.

They said rocket-propelled grenades were also fired at the church. There were unconfirmed reports of a second blast in Mosul.

## Cavalry Reaches Out to Area Spiritual Leaders

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TAJI, Iraq – “Imams are the spiritual voice of a village. One word from an imam and a village can be convinced to attack multi-national forces,” said Lt. Col. Jim Rainey, the commander of the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, attached to the 39th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division.

In what is planned to be a monthly event, commanders of 2-7 Cav. met with imams from within 2-7’s

area of operations at the Taji Nahia building, July 15, to begin a dialogue.

“We spend a lot of time working with the government councils and sheiks within our region. We have a forum like this for the sheiks in our council of sheiks meetings,” Rainey said. “That same sort of dialogue needs to be opened up with the imams. Their importance can not be understated or underestimated.”

Rainey said that bringing all three groups together in forums allows com-

manders to get the big picture of what is going on in their area of operations, but didn’t allow for the candor the smaller group meetings provide.

“We learn so much from each of these individual groups,” he said.

The gathered imams each took turns addressing Rainey with their issues. Security concerns within their areas and for themselves was mentioned as well as what they perceived to be a lack of respect from American Soldiers.

“Iraqi’s can only respect you, if you respect us,” an imam said passionately. “We can not convince our people to not attack coalition forces if they feel you have disrespected them or the imams. All of us are human beings and deserve the respect of human beings.”

Rainey said that his Soldiers were already very well trained in professionalism and respect, but he ensured that he would redouble his efforts to meet the requested level of expectations.

In order to foster better relations between coalition forces and the citizens,

members of the forum came up with ideas such as having the Iraqi Police work with multi-national forces during operations that went into citizen’s houses. They also made suggestions on how to speed up the claims process.

“We’ll take all that we get from this meeting,” said Capt. Greg Schrein, 2-7 Cav’s Fire Support Officer, “and see how we can best work some of the ideas. Hopefully, these meetings will help each side to learn and understand the other.”

As the meeting wound down to a close, one of the imams once again brought up the issue of security.

“Many imams are afraid to be seen working with American Soldiers,” he said. “There have been threats made against us. How can you help us?”

Rainey said aid was needed from the imams to make their neighborhoods more secure.

“We know there are bad people working in this area but we do not know who all they are,” Rainey said. “That is why we need your help in getting them and stopping them from spreading their terror. We can



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Lt. Col. Jim Rainey, commander of 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, addresses a group of local imams July 15. Rainey said the importance of opening a dialogue with the area’s spiritual leaders “cannot be understated or underestimated.”

### Useful Iraqi Words/Phrases

I don’t understand.

anna la AFhaam

#### Monday

High: 112

Low: 86



#### Tuesday

High: 112

Low: 84



#### Wednesday

High: 110

Low: 82



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## Thousands Check Out New Airport

From *Killeen Daily Herald*

KILLEEN, Texas — With bumper-to-bumper traffic, area residents came to see and celebrate at the open house for the new Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport.

"This is absolutely beautiful and a big boost to morale. It will bring industry," said Monica Muniz, 32, a former American Airlines flight attendant living in Killeen. "These are the kinds of airports Southwest looks to fly in and out of."

Commercial flights on Continental and American Airlines regional carriers will begin Monday.

"This is the biggest boon since Fort Hood came," said Councilman Fred Latham. He expects the airport to bring in \$2.9 billion and employ thousands over the next 20 to 30 years.

A crowd of 4,000 to 5,000 attended the four-hour open house, said Don Christian, Killeen's direc-



Steve Traynor, *Killeen Daily Herald*

More than 4,000 people crowded into the new Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport to get a glimpse of the future. The new facility is expected to bring in \$2.9 billion and employ thousands over the next 20 to 30 years, according to Killeen city officials. The Gray Army Airfield will open its joint venture with the new Killeen-Fort Hood Regional Airport on Monday.

tor of aviation. "The comments I get are people are surprised when they see the terminal. They had not envisioned it as nice or as large as it is when they read about it."

"This is the best thing that has happened to Killeen since I moved here

in 1968," Martha Chafin, 69, said. "It is not only beautiful, but it will benefit us, Fort Hood contractors, and the military families coming and going."

In a party mood, people stood in line to register for free airline ticket drawings, food samples from local

restaurants, and toys, fans, luggage tags and pins from area businesses. A free Killeen Chamber of Commerce drawing distributed numerous prizes.

Finding things to do at the airport rated high for the children.

"This airport is cool. It has a gameroom so you don't sit around and do nothing," said experienced airplane passenger Gage Farger, 9, of Killeen. He also liked the Dick Thomas band performing big band music at the food court.

Erika Orellana, 5, was captivated by the star-shaped ball given to her by Advantage Car Rental. Her sister Julia, 7, learned to ride an escalator. The girls are visiting her Killeen grandfather from their Trinity home.

Others came because they are flying out this week.

The terminal is state-of-the-art, said Transportation Security Administration employee Erin Camp.

## 5th Brigade Combat Team Searches for Weapons, Insurgents

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"We hope that we're going to be able to make a dent."

This mission was significant, because for the first time the brigade had sent units out of their zone in a major operation to search for caches and insurgent cells, Leiker said. That area has been regarded for some time as a sanctuary for insurgents.

Some have even called it "Cambodia" a historical reference to how the North Vietnamese Army used

Cambodia as a sanctuary during the Vietnam War.

The operation's goal was twofold, said Leiker.

First, the brigade wanted to start seizing weapons caches in the area. The IEDs and rockets were being transported to the brigade's zone where they were either planted or fired at multi-national forces.

Second, the 1st Cavalry wanted to protect the International Zone in downtown Baghdad, which has been the target of repeated rocket attacks.

"We're going to do

what we need to do to protect the International Zone and multi-national forces," Leiker said.

For most of the day, the platoon searched their assigned areas, farm fields with lime trees and date palm groves, looking for signs of buried munitions. They didn't want to say what signs they were looking for, but said they've used them before to find large caches in their sector.

The platoon also found a battered Humvee door lying in the middle of an orchard.

Throughout the day, the Soldiers in the Scout Platoon noticed the locals looked surprised to see them.

"Good that's they way it should be," Spc. Christopher Foret, a cavalry scout, said. "We'll keep them on their toes."

The mission, even if his platoon didn't find anything was a success, said Staff Sgt. Ronald Swanson, the acting platoon sergeant. "Everyone came home safe and the battalion found a lot of stuff the bad guys use."

# Maddux Misses 300th

CHICAGO (AP) - Greg Maddux will have to wait for win No. 300.

Maddux came out after six innings with Chicago trailing by a run Sunday, so he wasn't around for a rally that carried Nomar Garciaparra and the Cubs to a 6-3 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

The right-hander wound up with a no-decision, denying him a piece of history. Maddux's next attempt to become the 22nd major league pitcher to reach 300 wins probably will come Saturday in San Francisco against Barry Bonds and the Giants.

After Maddux left, the

Cubs scored four runs in the seventh, capped by an RBI single from Garciaparra. Chicago's new star shortstop was acquired from Boston in a four-team deal just before baseball's trade deadline Saturday.

Commissioner Bud Selig, Atlanta general manager John Schuerholz and former Braves president Stan Kasten were at Wrigley Field to watch Maddux's bid for No. 300, along with a crowd of 39,032.

The 38-year-old Maddux is trying to become the first National League pitcher to reach 300 wins since Philadelphia's Steve Carlton in 1983. Roger Clemens accomplished the feat on his fourth try with the New York Yankees in June last season.

Maddux gave up six hits - including first-inning homers to Jimmy Rollins and Bobby Abreu - and three runs, two earned, in six innings. He walked two and struck out two.



AP Photo

HISTORY MUST WAIT -- Chicago Cubs right-hander Greg Maddux failed in his first attempt to win his 300th career decision Sunday. The Cubs came from behind, though, to beat the Philadelphia Phillies 6-3.

## Feud Over

# USA Focused on European Foes

COLOGNE, Germany (AP) - Larry Brown said Sunday the incident with Allen Iverson, LeBron James and Dwyane Wade is forgotten and buried.

The United States coach refused to let them play in the Olympic team's 86-71 win over Puerto Rico on Saturday, punishment for the trio showing up late for a team meeting.

He would rather focus on a tough road trip against some of Europe's top teams, one that will carry his squad right into the

Athens Games, which begin Aug. 13. The team landed in Germany on Sunday, shook off the jet lag and held its first practice.

And Brown is having some second thoughts about whether this series of exhibitions, which includes a game against world champion Serbia-Montenegro, is ideal for his team.

That's a switch from last year, when he was eager for the trip after the U.S. team romped through

Olympic qualifying in Puerto Rico with a spotless 10-0 record. Since then, however, veterans from that team - like Mike Bibby, Tracy McGrady and Ray Allen - have bailed out.

Now Brown is drilling the youngest U.S. team (average age 23.6) since NBA pros were first allowed into the 1992 games. James, Wade and Carmelo Anthony may be oozing talent, but they are newcomers to the game abroad, the team has played together just one week.

## Sports Shorts

### ESPN/USA Today Poll Out: Trojans Number One

There are plenty of familiar faces at the top of the ESPN/USA Today Preseason Coaches Poll. Here's the Top 25:

#### 1. USC

(44 first-place votes, 1,500 points, 12-1 and No. 2 in '03 final poll) It's not out of the question the Trojans could become the first repeat national champ since — and stop us if you've heard this before — the 1994-95 Nebraska Cornhuskers.

#### 2. Oklahoma

The chip on the Sooners' shoulder can be seen all the way from Norman. A two-game losing streak will do that.

#### 3. LSU

While everyone is touting the Trojans' chances at becoming the first repeat national champion in nearly a decade, LSU is flying under the radar. Well, as under the radar as the third-ranked team in the country can.

4. Georgia, 5. Miami, 6. Florida State, 7. Michigan, 8. Texas, 9. Ohio State, 10. Florida, 11. West Virginia, 12. Iowa, 13. Kansas State, 14. Tennessee, 15. California, 16. Clemson, 17. Missouri, 18. Auburn, 19. Virginia, 20. Maryland, 21. Utah, 22. Wisconsin, 23(tie) Minnesota and Purdue, 25. Oregon.