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Iraqi Detainees Released From Prisons

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FORWARD OPERATING BASE THUNDER- Joyful tears rolled down one man's cheeks as he arrived at Forward Operating Base Thunder May 14. He was one of 17 ex-detainees to be released from Abu Ghraib Prison. Some of those released kissed the ground after they exited the bus.

More than 300 detainees from various Iraqi prisons were released throughout Iraq, Friday, 40 of them were from Baghdad.

This is the third time in three weeks that the 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment has escorted ex-detainees from the prison. The unit plans to escort more at least twice a month.

"It's important we release these detainees to their tribes and families," Lt. Col. Tim Ryan, battalion commander of 2-12 Cav., said. "We wish to continue this procedure to make these families happy."

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2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment Humvees escort a bus full of ex-detainees onto Forward Operating Base Thunder for their release, Friday. Seventeen of the newly released Iraqis exited the bus and were greeted by their respective tribal sheiks. The ex-detainees came from Abu Ghraib prison, where they served time for alleged crimes.

The detainees were brought to FOB Thunder, so they could be released to their respective tribal sheiks. The sheiks welcomed them home and enjoyed cool refreshments in a conference room.

Some of the ex-detainees had spent up to eight months in the prison for alleged crimes. The allegations ranged from carrying illegal weapons to

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Guardsman Finds Opportunity in Iraq

B y Pfc. Al Barrus
122nd MPAD

Receiving activation orders was a dream-come-true for one Soldier from the 1st Battalion, 303rd Armored Regiment, 81st Armored Brigade, Washington Army National Guard.

"Eighty-first Brigade got alerted in March of 2003 and I was ready to go, but the alert expired and my ETS (Expiration Term of Service) was in June," said Spc. David Shin, a radio teletype operator in the operations section (S-3) of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1-303rd Armor. "So I extended my enlistment because I had a feeling that we would be coming here."

One month before Shin's extended ETS, the brigade was activated, forcing a stop-loss extension to his enlistment.

"I wanted to come out here for the experience; to see what's out there in the world," the 20-year-old said. "Right now at my age it's good because I'm not married. I'm not leaving a lot back home."

Before getting activated, Shin studied psychology at Bellevue Community College in his hometown Bellevue, Wash., and worked at a daycare center.

"Something I miss is working with kids," he said. "I miss playing with the children and acting goofy for a job."

Shin said his love for children comes from his gentle and laid-back personality inherited from his mother, Laura. His Dad, though, directed him to Uncle Sam.

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1-303 Soldier Happy to Be Part of Fight for Peace

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"He's a hard, Korean father," Shin said. "He really pressured me to join the Army growing up."

Shin enlisted in the Army National Guard when he was 17, just before his senior year of high school. He drilled once a month at different units to prepare for initial entry training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

When he was activated, Shin received even more training at Fort Lewis, Wash.; Fort Irwin, Calif.; and finally Kuwait. He exercised extensively in room clearing, mounted and dismounted patrol, and convoy operations for months arriving in Baghdad early April.

His unit now conducts force protection operations in support of 1st Cavalry Division. Shin finds himself taking situation reports from the battalion line companies at the tactical operations center on Camp Victory South. Shin said he just wanted to play a part in the process of helping Iraq.

"I wanted to help the Iraqi people, and even though I'm not physically out there it feels good to be a part of the fight for peace," he said. "I think it's a great opportunity for me to be challenged, and I feel that it's something God wants me to do."

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Radio Teletype Operator Spc. David Shin copies situation reports at 1st Battalion, 303rd Armor Battalion tactical operations center. He said he sometimes wishes he were out on patrols, but he is happy to be a part of the fight for peace.

2-12 Cav. Escorts Released Detainees

An Iraqi enjoys a bottle of fresh water after he was released from Abu Ghraib Prison. He along with 16 other ex-detainees were escorted to Forward Operating Base Thunder to be released to their respective tribal sheiks.

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attempted murder.

Ryan said he gives jobs to detainees after they are released, if they wish. Thursday, he gave a contracting job to one of the detainees that had been released earlier.

He hopes the newly released Iraqis have learned their lesson and do not revert back to their former activities.

The prison may have been tough on some of the detainees, but Ryan said that's the way it is supposed to be.

"It's a prison," he said. "That's why they call it a prison and not vacation."

Useful Iraqi Words/Phrases

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
High: 100	High: 102	High: 103
Low: 72	Low: 73	Low: 74

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New Book Outlines History of 'Hood Lands,' Before Fort Hood

▸ From *Temple Telegram*

TEMPLE, Texas- Door-to-door salesmen used to call on Florence Joyce Haedge's family when she was growing up on some hardscrabble land where Fort Hood now sits. Somehow the peddlers always showed up about dinner time the same way telemarketers seem to know when modern folks are sitting down to supper. "We'd be prepared for them," Mrs. Haedge relates in a new book about growing on "Hood lands" before the construction of Camp Hood, now Fort Hood. "'Close the doors,' (my mother) would tell me in German. I'd close all the doors so the smell of the food wouldn't hit him." William Ake Powell tells of a salesman with a sure-fire cure for bedbugs, but buyers were warned not to open the bottle until they were ready to use the sure-fire cure. His mother would unwrap the package and when she got down to the middle of it she found a note that read, "Catch them and hit them with a hammer." Life was hard enough on the Hood lands without being taken advantage of by unscrupulous salesmen. A hardscrabble existence was tough enough, but the people who grew up in western Bell and eastern Coryell County prior to 1942 would say their life was "harder than hardscrabble." That's the title of a new book from the University of Texas Press. "Harder than Hardscrabble: Oral Recollections of the Farming Life from the Edge of the Texas Hill Country" is an oral history account of life in communities like Pidcoke, Okay, Owl Creek, Crossville and others before the government took the land to build Camp Hood. The stories are told by the people who lived it and edited by Thad Sitton. Sitton was at the Railroad and Heritage Museum on Saturday morning, signing and giving away copies of the book.

Professional, Polite & Prepared to Kill

Seattle's New Public Library Allows Patrons to Drink Coffee As They Browse

▸ From *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*

SEATTLE- Librarians tend not to shush anymore (the famous Nancy Pearl action figure aside). They seldom wear their hair in buns (especially the men). And, in the falling of the final cliché, they're tearing down the "No food and drink" signs and bringing in espresso carts.

Its modern image built on caffeine, Seattle will open a coffee cart in the new Central Library.

The cart — selling coffee, pastries, sandwiches and snacks — will be located in the third-floor area called the "living room."

Covered beverages will be allowed throughout the building, but food will be restricted to the seating near the cart. It will be operated by the non-profit Fare Start organization, which offers a youth barista program among other job services for the homeless.

Libraries throughout the country have begun providing cafes during the past few years, as they saw the successes of chain bookstores in luring customers through the coffee/book combination. The move is meant to encourage people to come to the library, make them happier when they're there for long periods of time — and to acknowledge that sipping java while working or reading has become common practice.

Before making that decision, Seattle consulted the Multnomah County, Ore., library system, which pioneered library cafes in 1997.

The Portland-based library found historical fears about allowing food and drink — that it would damage books or generate trash — didn't hold true, said John Cabrera, operations administrator at the Multnomah Central Library. "We had occasional spills here and there, but it was certainly not what we had feared."

It also seemed logical, he said.

"Our thoughts were, when the books leave the building, they're going home to coffee tables around the city. They're being read on buses. They'd be just as prone to getting damaged there as they would in the building, if not more so."

In Seattle, Fare Start won the contract for the Central Library cart over four other applicants, said library Operations Director Laurie Brown. She said Seattle staff made anonymous visits to Fare Start's other coffee carts and were impressed.

Fare Start aims to keep its prices slightly below market rate, and a double-tall latte at the cart will cost $2, said David Carleton, head of business development for the non-profit.

The cart is meant to generate profits for Fare Start as well as the library. The agency will pay the library $500 a month rent, or 10 percent of its revenues, whichever is greater.

Starbucks, which ran the library cafe in Portland, shut it down last year because it wasn't profitable, Cabrera said.

Seattle shouldn't have that problem.

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Seattle's new public library is located in the heart of the city and the originality in architecture displayed rivals that of the Experience Music Project or the Space Needle.

Today in History May 24

▸ *From historychannel.com*

1543 Polish astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus, the father of modern astronomy, dies
1864 Battle of North Anna (River) continues
1883 The Brooklyn Bridge opens
1899 The first public parking garage in the U.S. was established in Boston, Mass.
1929 Marx Brothers' first film *The Cocoanuts* opens at the Rialto Theater in Los Angeles
1941 Germany's largest battleship, the *Bismarck*, sinks the pride of the British fleet, HMS *Hood*
1945 Elvis Presley's future wife, Priscilla, is born
1959 Former Secretary of State John Foster Dulles dies
1974 Jazz legend Duke Ellington dies

Three Yards and a Cloud of Dust

▸ From *Killeen Daily Herald*

KILLEEN, Texas- Three yards and a cloud of dust.

That is Ellison head football coach Bret Boyd's vision of his offense for the upcoming 2004 season.

Based on Saturday's spring game, he's selling himself short.

The Eagles offensive line averages 290 pounds per member, 334-pound senior tackle John Gibson leading the way. A move-in newcomer, Gibson will join a hefty group up front in changing the offensive philosophy of the Eagles.

The Eagles starting defense held the second-team offense at bay for 15 plays before matching up with the starting unit.

But "three yards and a cloud of dust" didn't quite do the Ellison ground game justice. In Saturday's spring game there was plenty of dust to go around.

And plenty of yards too.

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Major League Baseball Standings

as of 05/23/04

American League	W	L	Pct	GB
East Division				
Boston	27	17	.614	-
New York	25	18	.581	1.5
Baltimore	20	20	.500	5
Toronto	17	27	.386	10
Tampa Bay	14	28	.333	12
Central Division				
Minnesota	25	18	.581	-
Chicago	25	18	.581	-
Detroit	21	22	.488	4
Cleveland	18	24	.429	6.5
Kansas City	13	28	.317	11
West Division				
Anaheim	29	15	.659	-
Texas	25	18	.581	3.5
Oakland	25	18	.581	3.5
Seattle	15	28	.349	13.5

National League	W	L	Pct	GB
East Division				
Philadelphia	24	18	.571	-
Florida	24	19	.558	1
New York	22	22	.500	3
Atlanta	20	22	.476	4
Montreal	14	29	.326	10.5
Central Division				
Cincinnati	25	18	.581	-
Chicago	24	18	.571	.5
Houston	24	19	.558	1
St. Louis	23	20	.535	2
Milwaukee	22	20	.524	2.5
Pittsburgh	19	21	.475	4.5
West Division				
Los Angeles	23	19	.548	-
San Diego	24	20	.545	-
San Francisco	19	24	.442	4.5
Arizona	17	26	.395	6.5
Colorado	17	26	.395	6.5

Glossary **W:** Wins, **L:** Losses, **PCT:** Winning Percentage, **GB**: Games Behind

TV GUIDE

	AFN ATLANTIC	AFN PACIFIC	AFN Sports	AFN Spectrum
18:00	I Spy/ Even Stevens	Tonight Show with Jay Leno/ The Late Show with David Letterman	NASCAR Nextel Cup Series - All-Star Challenge 15:30	*Desperately Seeking Susan 17:00*
19:00	Jeopardy/ Headline News	Access Hollywood 19:30	SportsCenter	The Wild Thornberrys/ Spongebob Squarepants
20:00	ESPNews/ Headline News	*Sands of Iwo Jima*	French Open Tennis - Early Round Coverage Day 1 - 20:30	The Simpsons/ The Cosby Show
21:00	60 Minutes			American Idol 3: Phenomon
22:00	Cold Case	The Couch Trip		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit

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CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best of 7 series)
Western Conference
Minnesota 89
Los Angeles 71
(Series tied 1-1)