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### TF Ironhorse Trains ICDC at Taji Air Base

*Story and photos by SSG Craig Pickett*

AL ASRIYAH, Iraq -- About a hundred Iraqis crowded around a street corner in Al Asriyah, smoking cigarettes and talking in small groups. They were nervously waiting their turn in the interview process which would bring them one step closer to joining the Iraqi Civilian Defense Corps.

Throughout Task Force Ironhorse, company-sized elements of the ICDC are in different stages of being established. Task Force Gunner, located at Taji Airfield, graduated its first class on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Major Christopher Splinter, with the 5<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., said the ultimate goal is to have the ICDC assume responsibility for security around sensitive areas outside Taji Air Base. Likewise, other ICDC units will be augmenting Coalition forces and eventually taking over security at many sites outside the Forward Operating Bases currently protected by Coalition forces in the next few months.

The recruitment process began in the Taji area when local elders, known as sheiks, were given 200 applications to hand out. Task Force Ironhorse leaders felt the sheiks would be more effective in distributing the applications to those individuals who were responsible and deserving of a position in the ICDC.

Once the applications were completed, an interview day was organized to screen each candidate. Small groups were searched, and then ushered into a school where they were subjected to Army sergeants asking questions regarding their identity and why they want to be part of the ICDC. The interviewers are using this technique to ‘feel out’ the applicants to see who wants to work and who does not.

Most applicants just want a job and an opportunity to provide for their families. In the wake of war and the removal of the former regime, they have found themselves unable to bear the financial burdens of everyday life.

“I don’t have a job, and I don’t have money,” said Mohammond Abib Abdullah, as he sat at a wooden school desk and answered questions from the interviewer. “Life has been very difficult, and I have a family to help.”



SPC Robert Struble, A Company, 5<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion, searches a prospect prior to his interview to become a member of the ICDC as a Macedonian soldier looks on.

“I can’t get any work,” added Waleed Sa’ad, another prospect from Al Asriyah. “I’ve come here for a job to get money for my family.” Sa’ad, however, has crude tattoos dotting both his forearms. This raised suspicions with the interviewer about his past and possible connections to the Fedayeen. He called in Splinter, who asked the wavy-haired applicant about the black, poorly done scorpions and other symbols on his hands and arms. Crude tattoos, usually found on the web of the left hand, are commonly found on soldiers of the former Saddam Fedayeen.

They are just tattoos, explained Sa’ad, collected when he was a soldier. Not a Fedayeen soldier, but a regular foot soldier in the Army of Saddam. His explanation satisfied Splinter for the time being.

Splinter said it was all part of the selection process. The interviewers make recommendations and get a gut feeling for the applicants. Then the applicants’ names are processed through a data base for possible connections to subversive groups.

“I have not had any problems [with the applicants]; most are receptive and straight forward,” said SSG Justin Barry, an interviewer with C Company, 5<sup>th</sup> Engineers.

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## Congressional Delegations Visit Task Force Ironhorse



Left: Senator John McCain, R-AZ, autographs a brick from the "Hanoi Hilton from Viet Nam for MAJ Andy Rohling, 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade. Center: MG Ray Odierno is pictured with Tom Davis, R-VA, at the Division Main Palace. Right: 1LT Grady Jett from 1-12 Infantry Battalion, escorts Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson in the dining facility.

*Story by MAJ Josslyn Aberle, photos by CPT Allen Hansen and MAJ Josslyn Aberle*

KIRKUK, Iraq -- Senator John McCain (R-AZ), decorated veteran and former POW, led a congressional delegation on a whirlwind tour of Iraq, stopping for an afternoon to visit Task Force Ironhorse, 173d Airborne Brigade on August 20<sup>th</sup>. The 173d, based out of Vicenza, Italy, secures the oil rich, ethnically diverse city of Kirkuk and surrounding areas in the northern portion of the Task Force area of operations.

The delegation also included Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson, R-TX, Senator Maria Cantwell, D-WA, Senator Lindsey Graham, R-SC, Senator John Sununu, R-NH, Representative Jim Kolbe, R-AZ, and Representative Harold Ford, Jr., D-TN.

MG Ray Odierno, Commander of 4<sup>th</sup> ID and TF Ironhorse, gave the delegation an overview of the Task Force's deployment, combat operations, current operations throughout the entire AOR and the significant achievements made in civil-military operations, including rebuilding the crumbling infrastructure, training police and security forces, developing an economic recovery plan for the country, establishing elected provincial governments, and a multitude of ongoing projects which are improving the quality of life and providing a secure and stable environment for the free Iraqi citizens.

When the briefing was complete, the delegation toured the thriving city of Kirkuk, stopping at a house formerly owned by "Chemical Ali", one of Saddam's most trusted advisors, which now is home to HHC, 2-503d Infantry Bn. and liaison offices for the Iraqi National Oil Company. Members of the newly elected Provincial Government were present and proudly explained the progress being made in Kirkuk as a result of the cooperation and

partnership between local citizens and the soldiers of Task Force Ironhorse.

The final stop on the tour was back at the Kirkuk Air Base where soldiers eagerly waited to eat dinner with Senator McCain and congressmen from their home states. After filling their trays at the MKT, the delegation members were happy to sit down and visit with "their" service members. The dining tent was filled with laughter and animated conversation as the soldiers and airmen soaked up news from their home states and posed for photos to send home to loved ones.

McCain received an extra surprise from the soldiers at his table. While signing autographs on place cards, napkins and baseball hats after the meal, MAJ Andy Rholing, 173d Abn. Bde., gave McCain a brick from the original "Hanoi Hilton" to autograph. Hanoi Hilton was the nickname for the infamous POW camp where McCain was held captive over five years during the Vietnam War.

When asked what his overall thoughts are on the Coalition's mission, McCain was very forthright. "We can't lose this and we're not going to lose this. It's going to be difficult, and it's going to be arduous but we're making progress and will continue to make progress, and we're going to stay the course," he said.

He also summed up the pride he and his fellow congressmen have for the men and women serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom. "We are very proud of them and they're doing a great job. The American people support them and can be very proud of their sons and daughters," said McCain. "They are bringing freedom and democracy to a people who have been terribly oppressed and been brutalized and now have a chance to enjoy life in a free society. They'll be proud of that as long as they live."

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The interviews take 15 to 20 minutes and include a range of questions. The sergeants have lee-way to improvise and flesh out any details they think are pertinent.

Often, the candidate will ask his own questions. Most deal with money and rarely relate to the actual job. Many of the applicants have military experience and understand the requirements of the ICDC. It does not matter they will be helping to protect Coalition forces who are currently under a constant threat of terrorist attacks or the fact they will have a one-year obligation; they just want to work. First, they will have to make it through the database screening, then 10 days of intense training. They will be trained by U.S. Army sergeants in true basic training fashion. It will be very rigid," said SFC Bruce Barnes, noncommissioned officer in charge of training. "They want us to come off as true drill sergeants the first day to see if these guys really want to be here."



## Water Treatment Plant Being Repaired

Story by SPC Derek Dexter

AL ZAWIYYAH, Iraq -- In the aftermath of war-torn Iraq, several basic human necessities are being provided by Task Force Ironhorse soldiers. Many of these basic human needs for the local population were ignored by the former regime. One of these necessities is providing clean, filtered water to many who have been without for several years.

The 14<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion out of Fort Lewis, Wash., has been working diligently to improve the quality of life for Iraqi citizens living in northern Salah Ad Din province. The 14<sup>th</sup>'s latest project consisted of building a new water treatment plant and large water mains to provide the city of Al Zawiyyah with fresh water.

Al Zawiyyah is located along the Tigris River northeast of Bayji. The town has a population of approximately 13,000 people who live in the main body of the city and several thousand more living in the surrounding countryside. The existing water filtration plant has not been repaired since the early 1980's, and at the time, could only provide fresh water to 400 homes.

Until now, many of the inhabitants were drinking directly from the Tigris River, and according to the local doctor, scores of people were suffering from some form of dysentery. Most were mild cases, but several were serious.

Of the 1,500 homes in the area, only 100 were

Bruce, a former drill sergeant, said training includes checkpoint operations, basic first aid, fixed security and identification of improved explosive devices and rules of engagement. He will have nine other NCOs to help mold the candidates into a sharp military outfit.

Splinter stated this was part of the checks and balances. Even if someone did slip past the initial screenings, the training and close contact with soldiers would ultimately show true intentions. Also, they will be under the watchful eye of soldiers during the beginning stages of joint guard duty. The hope is for the unit to develop cohesion and camaraderie as Iraqis learn to help themselves and prepare to take over when Coalition troops depart. By recruiting from nearby towns, the military has given the ICDC a vested interest in the security and safety of the area.

"I think it is a good thing for the Iraqi people," said Barry. "Hopefully, we can work them into taking care of themselves and help alleviate the work load of our soldiers."



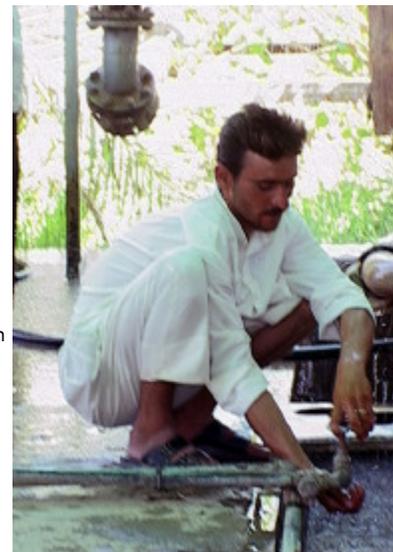
receiving water directly to their houses. These families were paying approximately \$3.00 every few days to receive water. Most Iraqis make less than \$50 per month.

To help resolve these issues, the 14<sup>th</sup> began a four-phase project to bring filtered, drinkable water to each home in the city.

Phase one began with running a water main and pipe system to all the houses on the north side of Al Zawiyyah.

These 400 homes received a water main first because this area's being at a higher elevation. Next, the 14<sup>th</sup> ran a water main to the central part of town to give approximately 700 homes running water. Also included in the second phase were several outlying houses on the southeast side of town.

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An Iraqi citizen enjoys clean water in his village for the first time in many years.

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Story by CPL Vernon O'Donnell

TIKRIT, Iraq – After nearly four months of sporadic attacks directed toward coalition forces proved to be ineffective, dissidents in Iraq have been forced to seek a new avenue of approach trying to disrupt the mission of the Coalition and their allies – terrorism.

Terrorists have recently bombed the United Nations headquarters and the Jordanian Embassy in Baghdad, as well as damaging oil pipelines in north and central Iraq. These attacks indicate a shift away from random mortar firings and attempted ambushes aimed directly at harming coalition troops, to desperate actions intended to crush the morale of the Iraqi populace and allied forces alike.

The rash of incidents began August 7, with the explosion at the Jordanian Embassy, which resulted in 19 deaths and many more injured. The full details of the incident are still under investigation, but it is suspected that the attack occurred because of the lack of support from Jordan for the deposed regime.

Less than a week later, leaky oil pipelines north of Baghdad, near Taiji, were set on fire.

“There were three points on fire evenly spaced along the pipeline,” said CPT Scott Gould, commander of the 44<sup>th</sup> Chemical Company. “This is the first time that there has been a direct attack on the infrastructure.”

The 44<sup>th</sup> was called to respond to the fire because of its decontamination vehicles, which are capable of spraying foam or water and putting out small fires. According to Gould, though the fire was too large for the group to extinguish themselves, they kept it from spreading until an employee of the Ministry of Oil arrived and shut off the valves, which caused the fire to eventually sputter out. The 44<sup>th</sup> succeeded in keeping the fire from spreading to a nearby U.N. food warehouse, which would have been a minor disaster for the people of the region who rely on the food to supplement them.

Another attack occurred farther north, near Kirkuk, three days later. The damage occurred to the pipeline responsible for exporting oil to Turkey, which had recently been repaired to become fully operational. The loss of oil from this attack amounted to almost \$7 million dollars per day in export revenue. Additionally, in both cases, the pipelines were set ablaze again the next day, after the fires had initially been extinguished.

Finally, a truck bomb detonated at the U.N. headquarters in Baghdad killing 23 people, including the top U.N. envoy to Iraq. The incident is still under investigation, but it is suspected that guards working at the building supplied information to the perpetrators of the deadly attack.

Terrorism is a problem that many Americans and people around the world expected would become prevalent in Iraq after the war ended. Coalition forces have combated terrorism in Afghanistan and Iraq. Task Force Ironhorse soldiers have continued to provide security in the AO. The successes of the first few months in Iraq in eradicating the old regime and rebuilding the Iraqi infrastructure have caused the last remnants of the old regime to resort to a new, more desperate style of attack.

Regardless of the tactics of the terrorists, Coalition forces will not be deterred from aggressively pursuing those non-compliant forces trying to instill the terror of the old regime into the freed Iraqi people. Acts of terrorism are cowardly acts by desperate men that will not slow the progress being made in Iraq.

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The third phase, which is to be completed soon, consists of running a water main to the remaining 400 homes in the city.

The fourth part of the project entails building a new water filtration plant to provide potable water to the entire town. A local contractor was found to build the new plant, which will supply 60 cubic meters per hour of fresh water, pumped into reservoirs, and giving much-needed, drinkable water to Al Zawiyah.

As the 14<sup>th</sup> has completed another rebuilding project, more and more Iraqis are now better off than when under the control of the former regime. Though the road to rebuilding the country is long from complete, the 14<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion is one of the forerunning units to bring the countryside into the new era of a free Iraq.

Iraqi children gather around military police providing security and safety for the grand opening of the water treatment plant in Al Zawiyah. The residents have not had clean water since the early 1980s.



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## Prime Mover Lifts Guitars and Spirits

Story by MSG Dave Johnson, photos by SFC Al Marroquin

FORWARD OPERATING BASE IRONHORSE, TIKRIT, Iraq -- The 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division's Band entertains troops all over the Task Force Ironhorse area of operations. The soldier-musicians enhance morale through musical performance whenever and wherever they play. The band split itself into many groups to perform an array of music.

"Moment's Notice" is the jazz band. The 4ID musicians also have a Dixieland band, "7 Ironhorsemen," a brass quintet, "Iron Horse Brass," and the traditional concert band.

The primary splinter group from the 4ID Band, though, is "Prime Mover," a 15-member ensemble started by SSG Warren Russell. Prime Mover plays a wide variety of music, from rock, R & B and soul to country, but is known throughout the AO as "the rock band."

"I started Prime Mover because I saw the need for a traveling band to perform in this theatre," said Russell. "During Operation Desert Shield, I formed and performed with the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division's Band, and I saw how it helped troops' morale."

The soldiers, airmen, and marines within the Task Force Ironhorse AO are treated to a high-energy performance that runs the gamut of musical tastes.

"We play a variety of what the average troops want to hear," said Russell. "We get a lot of word of mouth requests for certain songs."

"I really don't have a musical preference," said SSG Laquita Basnight. "I sing all kinds of songs. Whatever the troops want to hear, a variety."

Prime Mover consists of soldiers who are trained musicians by their military occupational specialty and soldiers who are trained in other Army fields. Basnight is a computer repair specialist by MOS, but she heads the vocalists for the band. She was also the lead choreographer and vocalist for the U.S. Army Europe Soldiers Chorus in Heidelberg, Germany.

The 4ID Band members arrived in the Middle East on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Prime Mover works the most gigs, and has performed for thousands of troops in such far-flung places as Kirkuk, Balad, and Ba'qubah as well as in the smaller compounds in villages with names like Ad Dawr and Ar Rasidiyah. The largest audience in Iraq was for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July performance at the presidential palace in Tikrit.

The soldiers who make up Prime Mover have logged literally thousands of kilometers and uncounted hours convoying around Iraq in the backs of five-ton

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Story by SGT Gabe Nix

FORWARD OPERATING BASE IRONHORSE, TIKRIT, Iraq -- Dancing on the doorstep of Saddam's former palace, the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division's band, Prime Mover, with the help of the crowd, rocked the night away August 25<sup>th</sup>.

The sounds of country, rock, soul, and rap music satisfied nearly every musical appetite.

"It's nice; the band always puts on a good show," exclaimed SSG Marshall Johnson, HHC CG administration noncommissioned officer, in between refreshing sips of near beer.

SPC Tonya Wright echoed the sentiment saying, "People seem to be in a good mood; it's a nice break from work," as she worked the concession stand selling Gatorade, soda, and near beer to thirsty soldiers.

The band members enjoy putting on the show as much as the crowd enjoys listening to it. "It's not about us, but the division as a whole. It gives everyone a little bit of home," said band member SSG Laquita Basnight. "It seems to cheer everyone up."

The band was not the only source of cheer. The brief escape from the sweltering heat under the cover of nightfall seemed to inspire concertgoers to volunteer to perform renditions of their favorite songs: some provided comic relief, while others proved worthy of their stage time.



SSG Warren Russell cranks out some hard rock power chords on the Ironhorse stage.

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trucks on their way to performances in outlying regions, weapons at the ready.

There has been a lot of help and support to keep Prime Mover on the road.

"Our biggest supporter," said Russell, " is the Division Command Sergeant Major, CSM Fuss. He had this great stage built and is having lighting installed. There's also a concession stand and port-a-lets for the troops."

The group consists of a rhythm section (guitar, bass, keyboards, and percussion) and a vocalist section, but it is the presence of a solid horn section that provides the additional flexibility necessary for the group to perform its varied styles.

Led by saxophonist SPC Mike Agee, the three-horn section of Prime Mover, is integral to each performance. SGT Dan Post, who also doubles as a vocalist, coordinates all sound reinforcement needs. Keyboardist SSG Josh DiStefano, an integral part of Prime Mover, fronts the jazz combo. He's multi-talented and when not banging his head to the rock beat, enjoys the smooth sounds of jazz. The jazz group often plays at dining facilities the night prior to a Prime Mover concert.

With help from CSM Fuss, Prime Mover is on the road playing around the AO, entertaining weary soldiers and improving morale.

"His [CSM Fuss'] vision is to have us play on a regular basis for the troops here," added Russell, "and I wholeheartedly agree, it's a good thing."



Prime Mover performers, L - R: SGT Keisha Barnes, SSG Clif Basnight, SSG Warren Russell playing guitar in the background, and SSG Laquita Basnight.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Opens Iraqi Internet Café

Story by Spc. Joseph Norton, Photos courtesy of Associated Press

Tikrit, Iraq – With the ousting of the former regime, the Iraqi people are starting to enjoy many of the freedoms Americans are accustomed to, or even

take for granted. One of the liberties now being enjoyed by the citizens of Tikrit, is the full use of an internet café that was opened for their use on August 23, 2003. This café offers them access to any and all information they wish to investigate, which was forbidden under the old regime.

The opening of the café is due to the efforts of the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division's 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Combat Team and Mr. Hashim Hassam, manager of the Iraqi internet Café 71, an office that offered limited internet access prior to the war.

After several weeks of working together, conducting research and making phone calls, the soldiers and Hassam produced a credible satellite internet service provider. The 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade coordinated the installation and establishment of service, and used \$24,000 from the Command Emergency Response Program to fund the project. The café operated in its initial location, until the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) moved into the building to set up a regional office. The Internet Café then relocated to its present location.



Iraqis enjoy the internet while Task Force Ironhorse soldiers provide security at Tikrit's new internet café.

The café was set to celebrate its official grand opening in early August, but an IED explosion severely damaged the face of the building. The café was repaired and the satellite internet system reinstalled. The system was operational on only a single computer, so soldiers from the Brigade's automation section helped the Iraqis with configuring its best computers for internet connection. They also showed the manager how to configure the clients' computers as well.

This is the first such café in Salah ad Din Province, with similar cafes slated to open soon in Baiji and Samarra. Access to the service costs one dollar, or 1,800 Iraqi Dinar, for each hour of use.

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Hassan and his new customers are thrilled with the freedom of information the café provides.

"We are cooperating with the U.S. Army. We now have complete access with no restrictions we had before with Saddam in control."

Ahmed Abdullah, a customer at the café, agreed saying, "I love it. It's beautiful. You can get any information you want. We didn't have that before."

## Religious Services at

### FOB Ironhorse

#### Sunday:

9:30 a.m.-- Protestant

11:00 a.m.-- Gospel

Noon-- LDS

1:00-- Catholic

#### Wednesday:

6:30 p.m.-- Prayer & Praise

7:00 p.m.-- Bible Study

#### Friday:

7:30 p.m.-- Jewish

12:25 p.m.-- Muslim

## Question of the Week

**Question:** From where did the saying, "I'm sweating like a pig" come?

**Fact:** Pigs do not sweat. That's why footballs are made from pigskin -- no moisture gets through.



## Local Announcements

### SPORTS BAR NOW OPEN

The R & R Building opened its sports bar. Weekly schedule is:

Mondays: C & W

Tuesdays: Football Night. Games will be shown on tape delay.

Wednesdays: Heavy Metal, Hard Rock and Techno

Thursdays: Salsa

Fridays: R & B

Saturdays: Reggae

Sundays: Oldies but Goodies

### VOCALISTS WANTED.

4IDs rock band, Prime Mover, is looking for lead vocalists. Applicants must be able to perform rock, R&B and country.

Contact SFC Marroquin at DNVT 534-9871

### Movie Schedule

Movies are shown at the Soldiers' Inn.

**Movie times are 11 am, 2 pm, 8 pm**

Sept 1st: Reign of Fire

2 Fast 2 Furious; Mr. Deeds

Sept 2nd: 007 Die Another Day

Biker Boys; I-Spy

Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>: The Animatrix;

Dare Devil; Harry Potter

Chamber of Secrets

Sept 4<sup>th</sup>: Ice Age; Hulk;

We Were Soldiers

Sept 5<sup>th</sup>: Spy Game;

Shanghai Knights; Men in Black II

Sept 6<sup>th</sup>: X-Men; The Hunted; Orange County

\*\* 2 pm and 8 pm only on Sunday\*\*

Sept 7<sup>th</sup>: Fast and the Furious; The New Guy

### 4ID Band Performances

3 Sept @ DFAC, Ironhorse Brass Band at 6 PM

5 Sept @ R & R Building, 4ID Concert Band at 7 PM

6 Sept @ S. Tikrit Airfield, Prime Mover at 7 PM

7 Sept @ FOB Speicher, Prime Mover, at 7 PM

### Combat

### Stress Team

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# News Briefs

CNN -- The last time Mars, the red planet, was this close to Earth 60,000 years ago, man lived in caves. No wonder when Mars and Earth synchronized their orbits a few minutes before 6 a.m. EDT Wednesday -- bringing them closer to each other than at any time in recorded history -- thousands of people around went outside to take a peak.

Reuters -- The FBI has identified a teenager as the author of a variant of the MSBlaster worm and plans to arrest him early Friday, a U.S. official confirmed Thursday. The variant, called MSBlaster.B, is a slightly altered version of the original worm, which wreaked havoc on Internet users two weeks ago. It's unclear if the suspect had anything to do with the original MSBlaster worm.

Reuters -- The mummy a British Egyptologist says could be the ancient Egyptian Queen Nefertiti, renowned for her beauty, is much more likely to be a man, Egypt's antiquities chief Zahi Hawass said on Saturday.

WASHINGTON -- North Korea startled a six-nation conference in China on East Asian security by announcing its intentions to formally declare its possession of nuclear weapons and to carry out a nuclear test, an administration official said Thursday.

FRESNO, Calif. Aug. 28 -- Actor Arnold Schwarzenegger sought to broaden his appeal Thursday in the state's ethnically diverse heartland, as a Hispanic advocacy group criticized him for supporting English as the nation's official language.

MONTGOMERY, Alabama (CNN) -- Mississippi Gov. Ronnie Musgrove volunteered Thursday to join neighboring Alabama in the fight over the Ten Commandments monument by offering to display it in his state's capitol building for a week starting September 7.

## SPORTS ZONE

COLLEGE FOOTBALL -- Joshua Cribbs directed two late touchdown drives and Jon Drager's punt return set up Travis Mayle's 40-yard field goal on the final play as Kent State beat Akron 41-38 Thursday night. The Golden Flashes scored 17 points over the final 3:29 to erase a 38-24 deficit and spoil a record-setting performance by Akron quarterback Charlie Frye.

Northern Illinois provided the Mid American Conference with a huge victory, a 20-13 overtime thriller, over ACC Maryland.

The Miami Hurricanes won their opener, 48-9 over Louisiana Tech.

Defending National Champion Ohio State defeated Washington 28-9, to open its season.

Florida State shut out North Carolina, 37-0.

Katie Hnida became the first woman to score in a Division I game when she kicked two extra points for New Mexico in a 72-8 win over Texas State-San Marcos on Saturday night.

PRO SOCCER -- Amado Guevara scored in the third minute of the second overtime Wednesday night to give the New York New Jersey MetroStars a 2-1 victory over the New England Revolution in the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open Cup.

NCAA SOCCER -- No. 7 Indiana University defeated 17th ranked California in the Adidas Met Life classic. Notre Dame tied the University Alabama at Birmingham, 0-0, in the same tournament.

BASEBALL -- The AL East is led by the NY Yankees, followed by Boston. The Central is led by KC, Chicago is a close 2<sup>nd</sup>; the West has Oakland ahead of Seattle. Boston is ½ game ahead of Seattle in the Wildcard race.

In the National League, Atlanta leads the East, followed by three teams tied for second: Philadelphia, Montreal and Florida. The Central is led by Houston, followed by St. Louis, and the West is led by San Francisco, followed by Arizona. The wildcard race in the National League has seven teams in the hunt: the Cubs, Cardinals, Phillies, Expos, Dodgers, D'Backs and Marlins.

Florida is leading the pack. The teams have approximately 30 games remaining in the regular season.

PRO LACROSSE -- Columbus is the second National Lacrosse League team to move west this year. The Landsharks relocated to Phoenix. The 2003-04 season will feature three teams west of the Mississippi River. San Jose, Phoenix and Colorado now have NLL teams.