



# The Old Ironsides Report



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## Soldiers, contractors train Iraqi firefighters

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BAGHDAD, Iraq - - Showing that cooperation is the key to successfully restoring public services in Iraq, Soldiers from the 354th Civil Affairs Brigade, along with contracted firefighters from Kellogg, Brown and Root, Inc., and representatives from the Coalition Provisional Authority Ministry of Interior hosted a class for Baghdad firefighters from around Baghdad Dec. 28.

The 354th is an Army Reserve unit from Riverdale, Md., and is part of Task Force 1st Armored Division.

The class took place on the CPA compound.

The class taught the Iraqi firefighters, many experienced, high-ranking members of Baghdad fire departments, about the capabilities of new fire trucks and equipment that the Iraqi civil defense directorate has received, said KBR firefighter Robert Abbott, who wrote the manual for the training course.

This course, taught by KBR firefighters who work on the grounds of the CPA compound, also known as the "green zone," is designed to teach firefighters who have never used these new model trucks, Abbott said.

The philosophy behind the course is to train the trainers, Abbott said. As the experienced firefighters learn how to fully exploit the equipment on these new trucks, they will be able to train their subordinates at their own fire stations, he said.

"They're very interested in how we do things," Abbott said. "They have a lot of questions about how to make better use of these trucks."

The training, along with fire trucks that CPA gave to the civil defense directorate, as well as self-contained breathing equipment, clothing and other equipment, are all much-needed in a city where most fire stations were stripped by looters, according to Monte Fitch, special assistant to fire and rescue, CPA Ministry of Interior.

Many firefighters in Baghdad are so ill-equipped that they must do their jobs wearing sandals on their feet, he said.

The new equipment and training are only the



**Kellogg, Brown and Root firefighter Travis Locke helps Baghdad firefighter Mazin Adnan Dawood strap on a self-contained breathing apparatus during a firefighters training course in Baghdad Dec. 28.**

first steps in getting the Iraqi fire departments up to speed with international standards. Iraqi firefighters will train at a fire academy outside the country, until a national academy can be established in Iraq, Fitch said.

Ultimately, the goal is to bring the Iraqi fire department into the 21st century, according to Maj. Brent Gerald, Baghdad 354th civil defense coordinator.

"The Iraqi firefighters are eager and ready to learn," Gerald said. "We can show them a better way to do things."

Gerald, who works as a firefighter in Greensboro, N.C., said that all firefighters share common goals: to help people, save lives and protect property. These goals fostered the cooperation between the Iraqi firefighters and the organizations that provided the training.

"The combination of the military and Iraqis, along with CPA and the contractors (made this successful)," Gerald said. "This is how it's supposed to work."

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## *News...*

### **White House May Modify Iraq Gov't Plan**

WASHINGTON (AP) - The White House said Friday it would consider proposals "to refine or improve" its troubled plan for turning over power in Iraq but insisted that the United States is sticking with the framework of an agreement that calls for an unelected, temporary government by July 1. The administration is trying to find ways to cope with Shiite demands that the U.S. plan for self-rule in Iraq be submitted directly to Iraqi voters. U.S. officials also were to discuss a possible new role for the United Nations in guiding elections.

### **U.S., Europe Divided on Sky Marshals**

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### **Israel Targets Hamas Leader After Attack**

JERUSALEM (AP) - A senior Israeli official warned that the founder of the Islamic militant group Hamas, Sheik Ahmed Yassin, was "marked for death," but he and other officials later said Friday that any decision to kill Yassin would need approval from the prime minister. Yassin, a quadriplegic, appeared in public on Friday and scoffed at the official's warnings. "We do not fear the threat of death," said Yassin, wrapped in a brown blanket as an assistant pushed his wheelchair to a Gaza City mosque.

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#### *Chaplain's thought for the day...*

#### **Prayer**

- When we rely upon education, we get what education can do;
- When we rely upon skill, we get what skill can do;
- When we rely upon technology, we get what technology can do;
- When we rely upon organization, we get what organization can do;
- When we rely upon prayer, we get what God can do.

--Robert Leroe

## *SPORTS...*

### **Wie Leaves Men in Awe With 72 at Sony**

By DOUG FERGUSON, AP Golf Writer

HONOLULU (AP) -- Except for the hoop earrings and nail polish, 14-year-old Michelle Wie looked like most other players Thursday at the Sony Open. Wie made history at Waialae Country Club as the youngest player in PGA Tour record books, making three birdies in a respectable round of 2-over 72.

That left her nine shots behind Carlos Franco and in a tie for 105th among 144 players.

Wie is the third female on the PGA Tour in the last eight months - Connecticut club pro Suzy Whaley missed the cut at the Greater Hartford Open - and some of the buzz is gone.

There were about 2,000 people watching her pop a 3-wood down the middle at No. 10, a gallery that grew to 3,000 by the end of the day.

Wie is the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links champion - the youngest ever, of course - and probably faces more pressure taking her midterms in Social Studies at nearby Punahou School.

The golf looked similar, though.

Wie didn't look out of place on the PGA Tour. Give her time, she might prove she belongs.

"I looked at her today as another player," said Craig Bowden, her playing partner who posted a 70.

Only when they chatted did Bowden realize this was no ordinary teenager playing on a sponsor's exemption.

Wie faced an afternoon tee time Friday, where she likely would have to shoot at least 67 - her best score at Waialae is a 65 - to have any chance of making the cut.

She had two short par putts catch most of the hole before lipping out. She played conservatively, often aiming for the middle of the green.

Wie couldn't have asked for better conditions.

One day after 35 mph gusts knocked out electricity to Wie's home in Honolulu, Waialae was graced with sunny skies and a breeze so slight that the palm fronds barely moved.

Wie's first birdie came on No. 12, when she ripped a drive some 25 yards beyond Bowden, and hit a 9-iron into about 10 feet. The putt curled into the cup, putting Wie's name in lights - the electronic scoreboard just down the fairway.

It didn't last long.

From the middle of the fairway on No. 13, she hit into a bunker and took two shots to get on the green, chipping to 2 feet to limit the damage to a bogey. She bogeyed the next hole, too, hitting into the other bunker.

She could've let the round get away from her, but Wie finished in style. She hit a 3-iron from 201 yards out of thick rough that ran up the green to 25 feet for birdie on No. 6, then blasted out of the greenside bunker to about 12 feet on the par-5 ninth for her third birdie.

"I think I learned that I can play here, but I have to work harder on my game to be in the winner's circle," Wie said. "I never felt out of place."

#### **SAFETY TIP**

**YOU MAY ONLY NEED SEATBELTS ONCE, BUT WHICH ONCE?**

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As of: Friday, January 16, 2004 8:30:23 PM

Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00		HEADLINE NEWS	THE LIFE OF MAMMALS			00:00
00:30	ESPNEWS	TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO			HEADLINE NEWS	00:30
01:00	AROUND THE HORN		BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER : - CHECKPOINT	BEAR IN THE BIG BLUE HOUSE (YR. 6) : - A STRANGE BIRD	LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:00
01:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN		FRANKLIN : - FRANKLIN IN TWO PLACES/FRANKLIN'S STAR		01:30
02:00	SPORTSCENTER		IRON CHEF : - BEET/SAKAI VS KOUJI YAMADA	ROCKET POWER : - ENTER THE HAWK-TRIX STREET VS. VERT	HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
03:00	PGA TOUR - SONY OPEN: SECOND ROUND	SHANGHAI NOON	THE VIEW	YU-GI-OHI (TV-7): - THE NIGHT BEFORE	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30				THE PROUD FAMILY : - THE CAMP...THE COUNSELOR	CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00			LIVING BETTER WITH CARRIE WIATT	OPERATION JUNKYARD : - WATER BIKE	THE NEWSHOUR	04:00
04:30			HOMES WITH STYLE : - SEASIDE LIVING	HOW TO BOIL WATER : - WHO MADE THE SALAD		04:30
05:00		WHITE FANG	WHILE YOU WERE OUT : - CALIFORNIA: TASSAJARA CIRCLE	TRADING SPACES FAMILY : - VIRGINIA BEACH: JENAN ROAD	HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
05:30	FRIDAY NIGHT FIGHTS - WELTERWEIGHTS: DIOSBELYS HURTADO VS JOE HUTCHINSON					05:30
06:00			TRADING SPACES : - CHICAGO: EDWARD ROAD		HEADLINE NEWS	06:00
06:30				NBA - LOS ANGELES LAKERS @ SACRAMENTO KINGS	CNBC: THE NEWS	06:30
07:00		HEADLINE NEWS	GILMORE GIRLS : - DEAR EMILY AND RICHARD		BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:30	SPORTSCENTER	ESPNEWS			NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00		HEADLINE NEWS	THE DIVISION : - WHAT SHARP TEETH YOU HAVE		LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:30	NFL MATCHUP	HEADLINE NEWS				08:30
09:00	NFL TOTAL ACCESS	BEAR IN THE BIG BLUE HOUSE (YR. 6) : - A STRANGE BIRD	LOVE AFFAIR	ESPNEWS	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:30		FRANKLIN : - FRANKLIN IN TWO PLACES/FRANKLIN'S STAR		WWE RAW!		09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	ROCKET POWER : - ENTER THE HAWK-TRIX STREET VS. VERT			PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS		NAVY/MARINE CORP NEWS - PROD YEAR		10:30
11:00	NHL - PHOENIX COYOTES @ DETRIOT RED WINGS	YU-GI-OHI (TV-7): - THE NIGHT BEFORE	THE VIEW	ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30		THE PROUD FAMILY : - THE CAMP...THE COUNSELOR			ARMY NEWSWATCH	11:30
12:00		TRADING SPACES FAMILY : - VIRGINIA BEACH: JENAN ROAD	LIVING BETTER WITH CARRIE WIATT	HEADLINE NEWS	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30			HOMES WITH STYLE : - SEASIDE LIVING	ESPNEWS		12:30
13:00		OPERATION JUNKYARD : - WATER BIKE	WHILE YOU WERE OUT : - CALIFORNIA: TASSAJARA CIRCLE	ONE ON ONE : - I KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST THURSDAY	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	13:00
13:30	SPORTSCENTER	HOW TO BOIL WATER : - WHO MADE THE SALAD		ACCORDING TO JIM : - THE SMELL OF SUCCESS		13:30
14:00		ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT	TRADING SPACES : - CHICAGO: EDWARD ROAD	THE PRACTICE : - CAPITOL CRIMES	DATELINE NBC	14:00
14:30	NHL COOL SHOTS					14:30
15:00	NBA - SAN ANTONIO SPURS @ INDIANA PACERS	WWE RAW!	GILMORE GIRLS : - DEAR EMILY AND RICHARD	LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT : - FALLACY	CNN SATURDAY MORNING	15:00
16:00		ONE ON ONE : - I KNOW WHAT YOU DID LAST THURSDAY	THE DIVISION : - WHAT SHARP TEETH YOU HAVE	HEADLINE NEWS	20/20	16:00
16:30		ACCORDING TO JIM : - THE SMELL OF SUCCESS		SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE (03'-04') : - JENNIFER ANISTON/BLACKEYED PEAS		16:30
17:00	SPORTSCENTER	THE PRACTICE : - CAPITOL CRIMES	LOVE AFFAIR		SATURDAY TODAY	17:00
18:00	MOTORCYCLE RACING - 2004 THQ WORLD SUPERCROSS GP (250CC) PHOENIX	LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT : - FALLACY		LIVE IN HOLLYWOOD		18:00
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS	THE VIEW	THE ENTERTAINERS	WALL STREET JOURNAL	19:00
19:30		NAVY/MARINE CORP NEWS - PROD YEAR			AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM	19:30
20:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG TEN: IOWA @ ILLINOIS	SPORTSCENTER	LIVING BETTER WITH CARRIE WIATT	INSIDE THE NFL	NEWS FROM CNN	20:00
20:30			HOMES WITH STYLE : - SEASIDE LIVING			20:30
21:00		COLLEGE BASKETBALL - ACC: WAKE FOREST @ DUKE	WHILE YOU WERE OUT : - CALIFORNIA: TASSAJARA CIRCLE	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG XII: MISSOURI @ OKLAHOMA	DATELINE NBC	21:00
22:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - ATLANTIC 10: ST. JOSEPHS @ XAVIER		TRADING SPACES : - CHICAGO: EDWARD ROAD		HEADLINE NEWS	22:00
22:30					ARMY NEWSWATCH	22:30
23:00		NBA HANGTIME	GILMORE GIRLS : - DEAR EMILY AND RICHARD	HEADLINE NEWS	20/20	23:00
23:30		NBA - MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES @ HOUSTON ROCKETS		HOURLY OF POWER - THE POSITIVE POWER OF ONE QUESTION		23:30

*Today in history...* Jan. 17, 1966

## H-BOMB LOST IN SPAIN:

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) On this day, a B-52 bomber collides with KC-135 jet tanker over Spain's Mediterranean coast, dropping three 70-kiloton hydrogen bombs near the town of Palomares and one in the sea.

It was not the first or last accident involving American nuclear bombs.

As a means of maintaining first-strike capability during the Cold War, U.S. bombers laden with nuclear weapons circled the earth ceaselessly for decades. In a military operation of this magnitude, it was inevitable that accidents would occur. The Pentagon admits to more than three-dozen accidents in which bombers either crashed or caught fire on the runway, resulting in nuclear contamination from a damaged or destroyed bomb and/or the loss of a nuclear weapon. One of the only "Broken Arrows" to receive widespread publicity occurred on January 17, 1966, when a B-52 bomber crashed into a KC-135 jet tanker over Spain.

The bomber was returning to its North Carolina base following a routine airborne alert mission along the southern route of the Strategic Air Command when it attempted to refuel with a jet tanker. The B-52 collided with the fueling boom of the tanker, ripping the bomber open and igniting the fuel. The KC-135 exploded, killing all four of its crew members, but four members of the seven-man B-52 crew managed to parachute to safety.

None of the bombs were armed, but explosive material in two of the bombs that fell to earth exploded upon impact, forming craters and scattering radioactive plutonium over the fields of Palomares. A third bomb landed in a dry riverbed and was recovered relatively intact. The fourth bomb fell into the sea at an unknown location.

Palomares, a remote fishing and farming community, was soon filled with nearly 2,000 U.S. military personnel and Spanish civil guards who rushed to clean up the debris and decontaminate the area. The U.S. personnel took precautions to prevent overexposure to the radiation, but the Spanish workers, who lived in a country that lacked experience with nuclear technology, did not. Eventually some 1,400 tons of radioactive soil and vegetation were shipped to the United States for disposal.

Meanwhile, at sea, 33 U.S. Navy vessels were involved in the search for the lost hydrogen bomb. Using an IBM computer, experts tried to calculate where the bomb might have landed, but the impact area was still too large for an effective search. Finally, an eyewitness account by a Spanish fisherman led the investigators to a one-mile area. On March 15, a submarine spotted the bomb, and on April 7 it was recovered. It was damaged but intact.

Studies on the effects of the nuclear accident on the people of Palomares were limited, but the United States eventually settled some 500 claims by residents whose health was adversely affected. Because the accident happened in a foreign country, it received far more publicity than did the dozen or so similar crashes that occurred within U.S. borders. As a security measure, U.S. authorities do not announce nuclear weapons accidents, and some American citizens may have unknowingly been exposed to radiation that resulted from aircraft crashes and emergency bomb jettisons.

Today, two hydrogen bombs and a uranium core lie in yet undetermined locations in the Wassaw Sound off Georgia, in the Puget Sound off Washington, and in swamplands near Goldsboro, North Carolina.