



# The Old Ironsides Report



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## Society for Animal Welfare opens in Baghdad with soldiers' help

Story and photo by Spc. Chad D. Wilkerson, 372nd MPAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq – The Coalition forces' contributions to the nation of Iraq are focused toward improving the lives of its citizens. In some cases, however, the benefits are not limited only to humans.

With the help of military personnel from 1st Armored Division and V Corps, and funding from the 22nd Signal Brigade, Iraqi veterinarians cut the grand opening ribbon at the Iraqi Society for Animal Welfare in central Baghdad Jan 21.

The society, made up of military and civilian veterinarians and ministry officials, was formed to address the growing need for animal control in Baghdad.

"It is the first of its kind in the country," said Capt. William Sumner, arts, monuments and archives officer for the 354th Civil Affairs Brigade, an Army Reserve unit from Riverdale, Md., part of Task Force 1st Armored Division. "The society will provide services similar to our Humane Society in the U.S."

Sumner said the studies of Iraq's canine population revealed startling results. Because one litter of pups can multiply into 69,000 dogs within one year, the dog population in Iraq could cause problems on a national scale if left unchecked.

"Diseases like leishmaniasis and rabies are problems related to dogs and pose a real threat to Iraqis," said Sumner. "Our organization will be able to begin addressing these kinds of animal issues."

The Iraqi Society for Animal Welfare will aid in providing solutions to problems like canine overpopulation and disease control. It will also provide adoption and spay and neuter programs, he said.

Until recently, cultural taboos involving animal care in Iraq restricted progress and awareness. Dr. Farah Murrani, assistant director of Baghdad Zoo and director of the Iraqi Society for Animal Welfare.

He is an English-speaking Iraqi veterinarian who joined the zoo staff last spring and acted as a liaison between Iraqi zoo workers, U.S. Army veterinarians and civil affairs Soldiers.

Murrani's willingness to touch and treat "unclean" animals, and her heartfelt desire to aid her country, made her a prime candidate to lead this new animal care center, Sumner said.

"I am a veterinarian, so I am doing what I know how to do in order to help the people of Iraq and aid the reconstruction," said Murrani.



An Iraqi child points to puppy in the Iraqi Society for Animal Welfare facility during its grand opening in Baghdad Jan 21. The new facility is the base for the society's operations and will provide animal welfare services ranging from spaying and neutering to pet adoption.

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Sumner, whose experience with zoo planning and operations allowed him to play an important role in the establishment of the new animal welfare organization, said the society's formation is a first step toward a safer and animal-friendly country.

"This is the first step in establishing an animal control program here in Baghdad. We hope it will extend throughout Iraq," said Sumner. "The society is designed not only to help prevent animal cruelty, but to raise the overall awareness of the public for animals in Baghdad."

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## *News...*

### **Bush Declines to Back Call for Intel Probe**

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush said Friday "I want to know the facts" about any intelligence failures concerning Saddam Hussein's alleged cache of forbidden weapons but he declined to endorse calls for an independent investigation. The issue of an independent commission has blossomed into an election-year problem for the president, with Democrats and Republicans alike supporting the idea. Former chief weapons inspector David Kay has concluded that Iraq did not possess weapons of mass destruction, which Bush had cited as a rationale for going to war against Iraq.

### **Economic Growth Slows Down to 4 Percent**

WASHINGTON (AP) - The economy grew at a 4 percent annual rate in the final three months of 2003 - a slowdown from the red-hot performance of the prior quarter but still compelling evidence of a recovery in full motion at year's end. The reading on the gross domestic product for the October-to-December quarter, reported Friday by the Commerce Department, came after the economy grew at a sizzling 8.2 percent rate in the third quarter. That had been the strongest performance in nearly two decades.

### **Israeli Military Blows Up Attacker's Home**

JERUSALEM (AP) - Israeli forces briefly raided the West Bank town of Bethlehem on Friday and dynamited the home of a Palestinian who blew up a Jerusalem bus - stopping far short of a large-scale reprisal customary after a deadly suicide attack. Israel's leadership was divided over how hard to hit back but appeared to have decided on a measured response after a meeting Thursday between Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz.

### **Democratic Candidates Speak at S.C. Forum**

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) - Democrats heard gut-wrenching stories of a son killed in Iraq and health care benefits denied to a dying relative, promising South Carolina voters they will reverse President Bush's policies if sent to the White House. Using an emotional forum to question each others' credentials, the candidates said America needs improved race relations as well as better education, health care and economic policies.

## *Sports...*

### **U.S. Beats Sweden 3-0 in Women's Soccer**

By CHRISTOPHER BODEEN, Associated Press Writer  
SHENZHEN, China (AP) -- The United States beat Sweden 3-0 in the Four Nations soccer tournament Friday, getting two goals from Lindsay Tarpley and another from Shannon Boxx.

The American team was without star forward Mia Hamm and defender Brandi Chastain, who are expected to return to the team for Olympic qualifying beginning Feb. 25 in Costa Rica.

Earlier, on opening day of the tournament, China downed Canada 2-1 on goals by Bai Lili and Teng Wei. Veronique Maranda scored late in the game for the Canadians.

The four teams are playing a round-robin format in this warmup for the Athens Olympics. The United States won the event last year.

Sweden was hoping to avenge a first-round loss to the United States at last year's Women's World Cup, where the Swedes finished runner-up to Germany.

The Swedes, however, were unable to score while its porous defense allowed the 1999 World Cup winners to attack repeatedly.

The Americans had 15 shots on goal to Sweden's eight.

U.S. coach April Heinrichs said her team was not as fit or as sharp as it could have been.

"But considering the respect we have for Sweden, it was a great result for us and we are pleased to start our year this way," she said.

Boxx opened the scoring for the United States on a header in the 15th minute. Tarpley, making her first overseas appearance with the full national team, scored twice in the second half.

"It was just a great feeling to score for the national team and contribute to a big win on this level," Tarpley said.

The Swedes missed the finishing power of star forward Hanna Ljungberg, who was sidelined last week with a torn knee ligament.

Goalkeeper Caroline Johnsson and midfielder Malin Andersson were also out with injuries.

In the first game, China controlled play most the way despite the absence of recently retired captain Sun Wen, a former FIFA player of the year and a veteran of the Women's World Cup.

A small but vocal crowd banged on massive temple drums throughout the game.

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

#### **Courage**

Courage is more exhilarating than fear and in the long run it is easier. We do not have to become heroes over night. Just a step at a time, meeting each thing that comes up, seeing it is not as dreadful as it appeared, discovering we have the strength to stare it down.

--Eleanor Roosevelt

### **SAFETY TIP**

The enemy is reported to be using working motorcycles to trigger IEDs. The motorcycle is running and detonation wires are touched to battery terminals, detonating the IED. The enemy then jumps on motorcycle to make his escape. A running motorcycle produces a strong, powerful current used to detonate IED and provides a ready method of escape.

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myafn.net TV SCHEDULES: SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2004				As of: Friday, January 30, 2004 11:16:12 PM		
Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00		HEADLINE NEWS	THE LIFE OF MAMMALS			00:00
00:30		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO			HEADLINE NEWS	00:30
01:00	AROUND THE HORN		BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER : - CRUSH	BEAR IN THE BIG BLUE HOUSE (YR. 6) : - TUTTTER'S FIRST BIG SLEEPOVER BASH	LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:00
01:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN		FRANKLIN : - FRANKLIN THE TEACHER/FRANKLIN'S ALLERGY		01:30
02:00	SPORTSCENTER		IRON CHEF : - CHOCOLATE APPLE/SAKA/ VS FUYUKO KONDO	ROCKET POWER : - RAD ROVER COME OVER/ EXTREME NERD	HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		JIMMY NEUTRON: BOY GENIUS : - MAXIMUM HUGH/AAUGH! WILDERNESS	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
03:00	NBA - NEW ORLEANS HORNETS @ PHILADELPHIA 76ERS	BIG DADDY	THE VIEW	YU-GI-OHI (TV-7): - DUEL IDENTITY (PT. 2)	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30				THE PROUD FAMILY : - PENNY POTTER	CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00			LIVING BETTER WITH CARRIE WIATT	OPERATION JUNKYARD : - BASEBALL PITCHER	CNBC: THE NEWS	04:00
04:30			HOMES WITH STYLE : - MALIBU HOMES	HOW TO BOIL WATER : - BATTER UP	HEADLINE NEWS	04:30
04:45		THE MONEY PIT				04:45
05:00			WHILE YOU WERE OUT : - CALIFORNIA: CALLE JAZMIN	HEADLINE NEWS	HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
05:30	AUSTRALIAN OPEN TENNIS - WOMEN'S FINAL: JUSTINE HENIN-HARDENNE VS KIM CLUSTERS			NBA - CLEVELAND CAVALIERS @ MILWAUKEE BUCKS		05:30
06:00			TRADING SPACES : - CHICAGO: FAIRVIEW AVENUE		THE NEWSHOUR	06:00
06:30		CINEMA SECRETS : - EXPLOSIVE EFFECTS				06:30
07:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS	GILMORE GIRLS : - FACE-OFF		BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:30		ESPNEWS			NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00	MOTORCYCLE RACING - FIM: SPEEDWAY GRAND PRIX YEAR IN REVIEW	HEADLINE NEWS	THE DIVISION : - ABSOLUTION	ESPNEWS	LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:30		HEADLINE NEWS		WWE RAW!		08:30
09:00	NFL TOTAL ACCESS	BEAR IN THE BIG BLUE HOUSE (YR. 6) : - TUTTTER'S FIRST BIG SLEEPOVER BASH	E. T. THE EXTRA TERRESTRIAL		NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:30		FRANKLIN : - FRANKLIN THE TEACHER/FRANKLIN'S ALLERGY		TRADING SPACES FAMILY : - CONNECTICUT: PENNY LANE		09:30
10:00		ROCKET POWER : - RAD ROVER COME OVER/ EXTREME NERD			PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		JIMMY NEUTRON: BOY GENIUS : - MAXIMUM HUGH/AAUGH! WILDERNESS		NAVY/MARINE CORP NEWS - PROD YEAR		10:30
11:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - PATRIOT LEAGUE: ARMY @ NAVY	YU-GI-OHI (TV-7): - DUEL IDENTITY (PT. 2)	THE VIEW	ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30		THE PROUD FAMILY : - PENNY POTTER			ARMY NEWSWATCH	11:30
12:00		TRADING SPACES FAMILY : - CONNECTICUT: PENNY LANE	LIVING BETTER WITH CARRIE WIATT	HEADLINE NEWS	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30			HOMES WITH STYLE : - MALIBU HOMES	ESPNEWS		12:30
13:00	ESPNEWS	OPERATION JUNKYARD : - BASEBALL PITCHER	WHILE YOU WERE OUT : - CALIFORNIA: CALLE JAZMIN	ONE ON ONE : - CHECKMATE DADDY	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	13:00
13:30	NFL MATCHUP	HOW TO BOIL WATER : - BATTER UP		ACCORDING TO JIM : - THE RING		13:30
14:00	SPORTSCENTER	ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT	TRADING SPACES : - CHICAGO: FAIRVIEW AVENUE	THE PRACTICE : - HEROES AND VILLIANS	DATELINE NBC	14:00
15:00	NBA - NEW ORLEANS HORNETS @ PHILADELPHIA 76ERS	WWE RAW!	GILMORE GIRLS : - FACE-OFF	LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT : - GRIEF	CNN SATURDAY MORNING	15:00
16:00		ONE ON ONE : - CHECKMATE DADDY	THE DIVISION : - ABSOLUTION	HEADLINE NEWS	20/20	16:00
16:30		ACCORDING TO JIM : - THE RING		SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE (03'-04') : - ELIJAH WOOD/JET		16:30
17:00	NBA - CLEVELAND CAVALIERS @ MILWAUKEE BUCKS	THE PRACTICE : - HEROES AND VILLIANS	E. T. THE EXTRA TERRESTRIAL		SATURDAY TODAY	17:00
18:00		LAW & ORDER: SPECIAL VICTIMS UNIT : - GRIEF		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 - SEC: KENTUCKY @ VANDERBILT	SPORTSCENTER	LIVING BETTER WITH CARRIE WIATT	COLLEGE FOOTBALL - 2004 THE VILLAGES GRIDIRON CLASSIC	NEWS FROM CNN	20:00
20:30			HOMES WITH STYLE : - MALIBU HOMES			20:30
21:00		NHL COOL SHOTS	WHILE YOU WERE OUT : - CALIFORNIA: CALLE JAZMIN		DATELINE NBC	21:00
21:30		COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG TEN: MICHIGAN @ ILLINOIS				21:30
22:00	INSIDE THE NFL		TRADING SPACES : - CHICAGO: FAIRVIEW AVENUE		HEADLINE NEWS	22:00
22:30					ARMY NEWSWATCH	22:30
23:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - CONFERENCE USA: MARQUETTE @ LOUISVILLE		GILMORE GIRLS : - FACE-OFF	HEADLINE NEWS	20/20	23:00
23:30				HOPE OF POWER - THE POSITIVE POWER OF ONE AFFIRMATION		23:30

*Today in history... Jan. 31, 1917*

## GERMANS UNLEASH U-BOATS

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) -- On January 31, 1917, Germany announces the renewal of unlimited submarine warfare in the Atlantic, and German torpedo-armed submarines prepare to attack any and all ships, including civilian passenger carriers, said to be sited in war-zone waters. Three days later, the United States broke diplomatic relations with Germany, and just hours after that the American liner *Housatonic* was sunk by a German U-boat. None of the 25 Americans on board were killed, and all were later picked up by a British steamer.

When World War I erupted in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson pledged neutrality for the United States, a position that the vast majority of Americans favored. Britain, however, was one of America's closest trading partners, and tension soon arose between the United States and Germany over the latter's attempted quarantine of the British isles. Several U.S. ships traveling to Britain were damaged or sunk by German mines, and in February 1915 Germany announced unrestricted warfare against all ships, neutral or otherwise, that entered the war zone around Britain. One month later, Germany announced that a German cruiser had sunk the *William P. Frye*, a private American vessel that was transporting grain to England when it disappeared. President Wilson was outraged, but the German government apologized and called the attack an unfortunate mistake.

The Germans' most formidable naval weapon was the U-boat, a submarine far more sophisticated than those built by other nations at the time. The typical U-boat was 214 feet long, carried 35 men and 12 torpedoes, and could travel underwater for two hours at a time. In the first few years of World War I, the U-boats took a terrible toll on Allied shipping.

In early May 1915, several New York newspapers published a warning by the German embassy in Washington that Americans traveling on British or Allied ships in war zones did so at their own risk. The announcement was placed on the same page as an advertisement of the imminent sailing of the British-owned *Lusitania* ocean liner from New York to Liverpool. On May 7, the *Lusitania* was torpedoed without warning just off the coast of Ireland. Of the 1,959 passengers, 1,198 were killed, including 128 Americans.

The German government maintained that the *Lusitania* was carrying munitions, but the U.S. demanded reparations and an end to German attacks on unarmed passenger and merchant ships. In August, Germany pledged to see to the safety of passengers before sinking unarmed vessels but in November sunk an Italian liner without warning, killing 272 people, including 27 Americans. Public opinion in the United States began to turn irrevocably against Germany.

In 1917, Germany, determined to win its war of attrition against the Allies, announced the resumption of unrestricted warfare. The United States broke off relations with Germany, and on February 22 Congress passed a \$250 million arms appropriations bill intended to make the United States ready for war. Two days later, British authorities gave the U.S. ambassador to Britain a copy of the "Zimmermann Note," a coded message from German foreign secretary Arthur Zimmermann to Count Johann von Bernstorff, the German ambassador to Mexico. In the telegram, intercepted and deciphered by British intelligence, Zimmermann stated that, in the event of war with the United States, Mexico should be asked to enter the conflict as a German ally. In return, Germany promised to restore to Mexico the lost territories of Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. On March 1, the U.S. State Department published the note, and American public opinion was galvanized against Germany.

In late March, Germany sunk four more U.S. merchant ships, and on April 2 President Wilson appeared before Congress and called for a declaration of war against Germany. On April 4, the Senate voted 82 to six to declare war against Germany. Two days later, the House of Representatives endorsed the declaration by a vote of 373 to 50, and America formally entered World War I.

On June 26, the first 14,000 U.S. infantry troops landed in France to begin training for combat. After four years of bloody stalemate along the western front, the entrance of America's well-supplied forces into the conflict was a major turning point in the war. When the war finally ended, on November 11, 1918, more than two million American soldiers had served on the battlefields of Western Europe, and some 50,000 of these men had lost their lives.



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