



The Old Ironsides Report

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Concerned trooper finds donations for Sadr City School

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The Al Razi School received over 225kg of school supplies on earlier this month. Fox Troop, 2nd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, delivered several large boxes of school supplies to the school. The boxes contained notebooks, paper, scissors, glue, tape, crayons, markers, book bags, and thousands of pens and pencils, all donated by citizens of the United States. The school headmaster, Mr. Jassim Mohammed, was extremely grateful for the gift.

Spc. Trey Yates of Fox Troop planned and organized the event. The lack of resources available to the schoolchildren of Sadr City disappointed Yates, so he decided to help. "Education should be the focus of these children's lives right now...the future of Iraq depends on the education of its children", said Yates.

Yates wrote a letter to his mother. The letter described the situation in the schools and expressed his desire to help. The response was amazing. Yates' mother collected donations of school supplies from businesses and individuals all

over the United States and mailed the supplies to her son in Baghdad.

Over the course of a few weeks, Yates became overwhelmed with boxes upon boxes of school supplies. Al Razi School was chosen to receive the supplies because of the damage and losses that looters inflicted on the school following the collapse of the former regime.

Fox Troop's relationship with the Al Razi School began June 21st when the troop provided security for a Taskforce Neighborhood project at the school. Fox Troop, deciding to expand upon the work of Taskforce Neighborhood, hired local metal workers to build and install new doors, basketball hoops, a flagpole, etc. Fox Troop submitted proposals calling for extensive renovations of the school. The renovations are currently underway, and soon the Al Razi School will provide a suitable environment for students to learn and grow. Thanks to Yates, his mother, and a few concerned United States citizens, the Al Razi schoolchildren will have the resources and supplies required to meet their educational goals.



Spc. Trey Yates of Fox Troop, 2nd Squadron, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment looks through some of the boxes of donated school supplies. Donations for the Al Razi School in Sadr City came from all over the United States.

A Tip from 1AD Safety

Injuries stemming from the use of stoves and heaters are preventable if the correct safety measures are taken.

- Only properly trained soldiers should be permitted to set up, light, refuel, and maintain stoves.

- A fireguard should be posted anytime a stove or heater is being used.

(DOES NOT APPLY TO APPROVED ELECTRICAL HEATERS)

- Horseplay should be prohibited inside the shelter.

News

17 Soldiers Die in Iraq Helicopter Crash

MOSUL, Iraq (AP) - Two Black Hawk helicopters collided and crashed Saturday night in northern Iraq, killing at least 12 coalition soldiers and injuring nine. A copter smashed into the roof of a house, witnesses said, amid reports one of the aircraft was shot down. On the day that the U.S. death toll since the war began passed the 400 mark, the Iraqi Governing Council endorsed a U.S. plan Saturday that would create a provisional government by June. The transfer of power would provide Washington with an "exit strategy" in the face of escalating guerrilla warfare.

Bombings at Turkey Synagogues Kill 20

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) - Near-simultaneous car bombs exploded outside two Istanbul synagogues filled with worshippers Saturday, killing at least 20 people and wounding more than 300. The government said the attack had international links, raising suspicions that the al-Qaida terror network was involved. One blast tore apart the facade of Neve Shalom - Istanbul's biggest synagogue and the symbolic center of the 25,000-member Jewish community in this Muslim nation - just as hundreds of people inside were celebrating a boy's bar mitzvah.

Pa. Hepatitis a Cases Exceed 500

PITTSBURGH (AP) - The number of people infected in a hepatitis A outbreak linked to a western Pennsylvania restaurant has exceeded 500 and is likely to continue rising for another week, state Health Department officials said Saturday. Three people infected with the virus have died, and thousands have lined up for inoculations since the outbreak was reported in early November among people who ate at a Chi-Chi's Mexican restaurant.

No Drugs in Ferry Pilot's Test

NEW YORK (AP) - There was no evidence that the pilot at the controls of a ferry that crashed last month had taken prescription drugs, a city official said Saturday, a day after federal prosecutors took over the investigation. Assistant Capt. Richard Smith said in the hours after the crash that he had taken blood pressure medication earlier in the day and slumped over the controls.

Chaplain's thought for the day

Copy The Master

Be imitators of God as dear children. —Ephesians 5:1

The Louvre in Paris is perhaps the most famous art museum in the world. It displays originals by such masters as Delacroix, Michelangelo, Rubens, da Vinci, Ingres, Vermeer, and many others.

Since 1793, the Louvre has encouraged aspiring artists to come and copy the masters. Some of our most famous modern artists have done that and have become better painters by copying the best the world has ever known.

An article in Smithsonian magazine tells about Amal Dagher, a 63-year-old man who has been duplicating art at the Louvre for 30 years. Dagher remains in awe of the masters and continues to learn from them. He said, "If you're too satisfied with yourself, you can't improve."

Paul instructed us to be "imitators of God" (Ephesians 5:1). In his first letter to the Thessalonians, he commended the believers because they were becoming like the Lord and setting an example for others (1 Thessalonians 1:6-10).

Like the Louvre copyists, we'll never reach perfection before we get to heaven. Even so, we must resist the temptation to be satisfied with our present imitation of God. We need to keep looking to God, learning from God, and asking for His help. Let's copy the Master.

Sports

Gators Secure Share of SEC East Title

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) - Ciatrick Fason ran for a career-high 190 yards, and No. 15 Florida beat South Carolina 24-22 on Saturday for a share of the Southeastern Conference Eastern Division title. Chris Leak scored on a 9-yard run and threw a 7-yard TD pass to Ben Troupe to help the Gators (8-3, 6-2) rally from a 16-7 halftime deficit for their 13th straight win over the Gamecocks.

No. 1 Oklahoma Trounces Baylor 41-3

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) - Jason White threw for 307 yards and four touchdowns, and Oklahoma's defense didn't allow a touchdown for the third straight week, lifting the No. 1 Sooners to a 41-3 win over Baylor on Saturday. The Sooners (11-0, 7-0 Big 12) clinched the Big 12 South Division title, earning a spot in the Dec. 6 conference championship game for the third time in four years. The win also keeps Oklahoma on track for a berth in the Sugar Bowl, the site of this season's national title game.

Oddly Enough

Campbell the hairdresser advises Blair

LONDON (Reuters) - A hairdresser says he is surprised to receive an email from the prime minister asking for his thoughts on a draft of his speech to the Labour party conference. Ronnie Campbell fired off a quick reply to Tony Blair, thinking it was a cutting edge new scheme to bring politics to the people - or a friend having a joke. "I wrote back, 'Thanks Tony, I've had a quick look and it seems fine. Go ahead,'" he said. Invitations to dinners and speeches at the House of Commons also started to land in his inbox. But Campbell stopped relishing his new role as a political insider when an email arrived from the Ministry of Defence. He called the police, who realized Ronnie Campbell The Hairdresser shared a name with Ronnie Campbell The Member of Parliament and their email addresses had been mixed up. With their email connection cut, Campbell said Blair was welcome to visit his salon, Kutting Krew, if he needed any advice in the future. "And he could do with a decent hair cut," he added.



British Prime Minister Tony Blair

This Day in History

1941: Joseph Grew Predicts Pearl Harbor Attack

On this day, Joseph C. Grew cabled the U.S. State Department that he had heard that Japan had "planned, in the event of trouble with the United States, to attempt a surprise mass attack at Pearl Harbor." His warning was ignored by the Office of Naval Intelligence. Grew had been a U.S. diplomat since the early 1900s and was appointed ambassador to Japan by President Hoover in 1932. His diplomatic relations with Japan were cordial until the late 1930s, when Japanese expansionism became openly aggressive toward Asian neighbors like China. The U.S. increased economic pressures on Japan until, in late 1939, Grew predicted that the situation would soon come to a head. He told Roosevelt in October 1939 that "if we start sanctions against Japan we must see them through to the end, and the end may conceivably be war." And right he was. After the Pearl Harbor attack he had predicted occurred on December 7, 1941, Grew was interned in Japan. When he was finally returned to the U.S. in the summer of 1942, he immediately began writing and lecturing against the popular belief that America, after defeating Germany, would instantly crush the Japanese. He explained that despite their admiration for American technology and resources, the Japanese felt superior to Americans as human beings and were wholly convinced they would win the war.

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myafn.net TV SCHEDULES: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2003						
Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
0:00			THE PUEBLO CLIFFDWELLERS - THE PUEBLO CLIFFDWELLERS		FOX NEWS LIVE	0:00
1:00			POSTCARDS FROM THE EDGE		FOX NEWS LIVE	1:00
2:00					HEADLINE NEWS	2:00
2:30					MC LAUGHLIN GROUP	2:30
3:00	COLLEGE FOOTBALL - BIG XII: TEXAS TECH @ TEXAS	SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE (03-04) : - ANDY RODDICK/DAVE MATHEWS	SWAMP CRITTERS OF THE LOST LAGOON : - GO WEST, YOUNG CRITTER	AIR FORCE TV NEWS	CAPITAL GANG	3:00
3:30			HARVEST WITH GREG LAURIE - THE AMAZING STORY OF JOSEPH	ESPNNEWS		3:30
3:45				COLLEGE FOOTBALL - LSU @ ALABAMA		3:45
4:00			PRECEPTS FOR LIFE : - WHEN YOU DIE (PT. 1)		WASHINGTON WEEK IN REVIEW	4:00
4:30		LIVE IN HOLLYWOOD	REAL VIDEOS : - ALL STAR UNITED		HEADLINE NEWS	4:30
5:00			THE SIMPSONS : - ANOTHER SIMPSON CLIP SHOW		PEOPLE IN THE NEWS	5:00
5:30		ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT	THE BERNIE MAC SHOW : - SECRETS AND LIES			5:30
6:00	TENNIS MASTERS SERIES - TENNIS MASTERS CUP HOUSTON - SEMIFINAL # 1		EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND : - THE CANNISTER		CNN SATURDAY NIGHT	6:00
6:30		EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES	THE KING OF QUEENS : - WHINE COUNTRY			6:30
7:00		HEADLINE NEWS	AMERICAN DREAMS : - BLACK AND WHITE		DATeline INTERNATIONAL	7:00
7:15				ESPNNEWS		7:15
7:30		HOUR OF POWER - MOVE THAT MOUNTAIN		CORAL RIDGE HOUR : - WHY THE LAW OF GOD?		7:30
8:00	TENNIS MASTERS SERIES - TENNIS MASTERS CUP HOUSTON - SEMIFINAL # 2 (JIP)	CELEBRATION OF VICTORY : - THE EVOLUTION OF A PRINCE PT. 1	MAGNUM P.I. : - BLACK ON WHITE	THE WORD IN THE WORLD : - THE STORY OF SAMPSON	LARRY KING LIVE	8:00
8:30		CORAL RIDGE HOUR : - WHY THE LAW OF GOD?		CAFE VIDEO : - THE GIRLS ARE TAKING OVER		8:30
9:00	NBA FASTBREAK	THE WORD IN THE WORLD : - THE STORY OF SAMPSON	FAMILY TIES : - DONT GO CHANGING	AM FUNNIEST HOME VIDEOS	AT LARGE WITH GERALDO RIVERA	9:00
9:30	EA SPORTS NFL MATCHUP	CAFE VIDEO : - THE GIRLS ARE TAKING OVER	THE COSBY SHOW : - IS THERE A HAMSTER IN THE HOUSE			9:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	WISHBONE : - ROSIE, OH, ROSIE, OH!	CHIPS : - PILOT EPISODE	WWE SMACKDOWN!	BELTWAY BOYS	10:00
10:30		CLIFFORD THE BIG RED DOG : - GOOD-BYE TO T-BONE/ THE TRUTH ABOUT CATS AND DOGS			FOX NEWS WATCH	10:30
11:00	NASCAR BUSCH SERIES - FORD 300	ZENON THE ZEQUEL	SWAMP CRITTERS OF THE LOST LAGOON : - GO WEST, YOUNG CRITTER	ANDROMEDA : - DELENDA EST	HEADLINE NEWS	11:00
11:30			HARVEST WITH GREG LAURIE - THE AMAZING STORY OF JOSEPH		AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM	11:30
12:00			PRECEPTS FOR LIFE : - WHEN YOU DIE (PT. 1)	HEADLINE NEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	12:00
12:30		RUGRATS : - SILENT ANGELICA	REAL VIDEOS : - ALL STAR UNITED	ESPNNEWS	NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS	12:30
13:00		MOTORWEEK	THE SIMPSONS : - ANOTHER SIMPSON CLIP SHOW	SMALLVILLE : - NOCTURNE	BIG STORY WEEKEND EDITION	13:00
13:30	SPORTSCENTER	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES	THE BERNIE MAC SHOW : - SECRETS AND LIES			13:30
14:00		HEADLINE NEWS	EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND : - THE CANNISTER	SPACE COWBOYS	CNN PRESENTS	14:00
14:30	COLLEGE GAMEDAY	AIR FORCE TV NEWS	THE KING OF QUEENS : - WHINE COUNTRY			14:30
15:00		COLLEGE FOOTBALL - ACC: NC STATE @ FLORIDA STATE	AMERICAN DREAMS : - BLACK AND WHITE		FOX & FRIENDS	15:00
15:30	PGA TOUR - WGC WORLD CUP: THIRD ROUND					15:30
16:00			MAGNUM P.I. : - BLACK ON WHITE		FOX & FRIENDS	16:00
16:30				SEINFELD : - THE WALLET (PT. 1)		16:30
17:00			FAMILY TIES : - DONT GO CHANGING	MEET THE PRESS	CBS NEWS SUNDAY MORNING	17:00
17:30			THE COSBY SHOW : - IS THERE A HAMSTER IN THE HOUSE			17:30
18:00	SPORTSCENTER	WWE SMACKDOWN!	CHIPS : - PILOT EPISODE	AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM		18:00
18:30				ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT	FACE THE NATION	18:30
19:00	NFL COUNTDOWN	ANDROMEDA : - DELENDA EST	SWAMP CRITTERS OF THE LOST LAGOON : - GO WEST, YOUNG CRITTER		HEADLINE NEWS	19:00
19:30			HARVEST WITH GREG LAURIE - THE AMAZING STORY OF JOSEPH	ESPNNEWS	NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS	19:30
20:00		FOX NFL SUNDAY	PRECEPTS FOR LIFE : - WHEN YOU DIE (PT. 1)	THE NFL TODAY	LATE EDITION W/ WOLF BLITZER	20:00
20:30			REAL VIDEOS : - ALL STAR UNITED			20:30
21:00	NASCAR WINSTON CUP SERIES - FORD 400	NFL - NY GIANTS @ PHILADELPHIA EAGLES	THE SIMPSONS : - ANOTHER SIMPSON CLIP SHOW	NFL - KANSAS CITY CHIEFS @ CINCINNATI BENGALS		21:00
21:30			THE BERNIE MAC SHOW : - SECRETS AND LIES			21:30
22:00			EVERYBODY LOVES RAYMOND : - THE CANNISTER		FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
22:30			THE KING OF QUEENS : - WHINE COUNTRY			22:30
23:00			AMERICAN DREAMS : - BLACK AND WHITE		FOX NEWS LIVE	23:00

Your NCAA Top 25 scores brought to you by *The Old Ironsides Report* and *SI.com*

FINAL			FINAL		
	MARSHALL	6		SYRACUSE	10
	MIAMI (OH) (23)	45		MIAMI (FL) (14)	17
FINAL			FINAL		
	MINNESOTA (19)	22		MICHIGAN ST. (21)	21
	IOWA (20)	40		WISCONSIN	56
FINAL			FINAL		
	MISSISSIPPI ST.	21		FLORIDA (15)	24
	TENNESSEE (9)	59		SOUTH CAROLINA	22
FINAL OT			FINAL		
	VIRGINIA TECH (12)	24		BAYLOR	3
	TEMPLE	23		OKLAHOMA (1)	41
FINAL			FINAL		
	CINCINNATI	10		NORTHERN ILLINOIS (21)	30
	TCU (10)	43		TOLEDO	49
FINAL			FINAL		
	UTEP	21		MICHIGAN (5)	41
	BOISE ST. (24)	51		NORTHWESTERN	10

FINAL			FINAL		
	KANSAS ST.	38		ARIZONA ST.	19
	NEBRASKA (18)	9		WASH. ST. (8)	34
FINAL OT			FINAL		
	PURDUE (11)	13		AUBURN	7
	OHIO ST. (4)	16		GEORGIA (7)	26
FINAL OT			FINAL		
	NC STATE	44		KENT ST.	33
	FLORIDA ST. (13)	50		BOWLING GRN	42