



# *The Old Ironsides Report*



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## **TF 1 AD MPs train Iraqi police at weapons range**

Story and photos by Cpl. Todd Pruden, 372nd MPAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Iraqi Police Service officers had the chance to hone their skills on a live-fire weapons range for the first time with the help of soldiers of the 382nd Military Police Detachment.

The Army Reserve unit from San Diego is assigned to the 18th Military Police Brigade, part of Task Force 1st Armored Division.

The weapons training is part of a three-week course called the Iraqi Police Integration Program. The program is intended to teach the existing Iraqi police basic weapons fundamentals and tactics and for the Iraqi police to brush up on their police skills.

“They are going to be more effective police officers,” said Cpl. Kenneth Johnson, a military policeman with the 382nd and the weapons range non commissioned officer in charge. “Many of them have never fired a weapon.”

Johnson said the weapons portion of the training consists of two days in the classroom to learn how to use the weapons and safety measures for their use and four days on the actual weapons range. The last day on the range is weapons qualification day.

“Nobody taught them the basics of shooting a firearm,” said Johnson. “They were taught to put rounds down range and pray it hit the target.”

According to one police officer, the Iraqi police rarely practiced with a weapon at all.

“There was no shooting and there were no good pistols before,” said police Capt. Sammad Al Hayani.

The fundamentals that are taught to the Iraqi police include the basics of marksmanship such as breath control, the proper way to squeeze the trigger and sight alignment.



**Cpl. Ernesto Pinedo, a military policeman with the 382nd Military Police Detachment, 18th Military Police Brigade, assists an Iraqi policeman with clearing his weapon at a firing range in Baghdad.**

Basic muzzle awareness is also taught.

The firing range consists of paper targets containing human silhouettes and is at the rear of the police academy in Baghdad.

The Iraqi police practice their target shooting from three distances, with the longest distance being 15 meters using Glock 19 Series pistols.

“They had no idea of the capabilities of the weapons,” said Johnson. “I have to believe that under the old regime they were given no self confidence. It is good now to see them confident in their own abilities. They are going to be a more valuable asset when they learn to use their weapons.”

“I think it is very good to help protect ourselves and our citizens,” said Hayani. “We will now be able to do that.”

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## *News...*

### **Northeast Hit With Nearly 2 Feet of Snow**

The Northeast's first major snowstorm of the season grounded airliners, iced highways and sidewalks and kept some would-be holiday shoppers home as forecasters warned of coastal floods and power outages Sunday.

At least 10 deaths were linked to the storm. Hundreds of snow plow crews worked to clear the streets of Boston, which already had 15 inches of snow on the ground Sunday morning and expected a weekend total of up to 20 inches. Some surrounding areas had reported 23 inches by Sunday morning.

### **U.S. Airstrike Kills Nine Afghan Kids**

HUTALA, Afghanistan (AP) - Children's hats and shoes littered a bloody field cratered by gunfire Sunday after a U.S. airstrike, aimed at a wanted Taliban commander, mistakenly killed nine children in an Afghan mountain village.

The American warplane was targeting Mullah Wazir, once a local commander for the hard-line Islamic militia. U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad and a U.S. military official said Wazir was killed in the attack, but residents and local officials said Wazir escaped - or was not in the village at all.

### **Cincinnati Mayor Recommends Stun Guns**

CINCINNATI (AP) - Cincinnati's mayor on Sunday urged the city to buy stun guns for its police force in response to the death of a man following a struggle with six officers a week ago.

"I am looking for any avenue to avoid another struggle," Mayor Charlie Luken wrote in an e-mail to City Council members Sunday that asked them to find \$1 million in the 2004 budget to pay for the non-lethal weapons.

### **U.S. Remembers Deadly Pearl Harbor Attack**

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP) - Candlelight ceremonies were planned Sunday across the country to commemorate the 62nd anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, which killed 2,390 people and propelled the United States into World War II.

Hundreds were expected to gather at the USS Arizona National Memorial in Hawaii, the site near the sunken battleship that lost nearly 1,200 crew members. Most of the dead are entombed inside.

### **Dean: Judge Should Decide on Vt. Records**

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) - Democratic presidential candidate Howard Dean said Sunday he will let a judge determine which of his sealed records from Dean's years as Vermont's governor should be made public.

Speaking on "Fox News Sunday," Dean said he has decided to use a lawsuit by the government watchdog group Judicial Watch, suing to open the records, as a mechanism to determine which records should be released and which should be kept sealed.

## **Politics/Entertainment**

### **Sharpton Imitates James Brown on 'SNL'**

By DAVID BAUDER, AP Television Writer  
NEW YORK (AP) -- Democratic presidential candidate Al Sharpton portrayed lawyer Johnnie Cochran, a sushi salesman and one of the three wise men searching for Jesus during his host stint on "Saturday Night Live."

He was also confronted with a track suit-wearing vision of his former self, even singing a few verses of "I Feel Good" during a respectable James Brown imitation.

Sharpton, though, was nearly upstaged by reality TV and inadvertent video star Paris Hilton, who appeared in a double-entendre filled "interview" with Jimmy Fallon.

The presidential candidate's appearance wasn't seen everywhere. All four NBC affiliates in Iowa refused to air "Saturday Night Live" for fear it would activate federal "equal time provisions" and compel them to offer time to the other eight Democrats running for president.

It's unlikely other Democratic candidates will follow Sharpton as host, since it would require them to take a week off the campaign trail to rehearse.

"For me, it's a wonderful opportunity," Sharpton said in his opening monologue. "Maybe tonight, people can finally get to know the real Al Sharpton. President Al Sharpton."

Comic Tracy Morgan appeared next to him dressed as the "old" Sharpton, with wilder hair, track suit and medallion.

"I never looked that bad," Sharpton said. Then, remembering his days spent on the road with Brown, he sang and even attempted some of Brown's footwork.

Sharpton also appeared as a naturalist's sidekick during one skit that required him to repeat the line, "I do love the ladies." And he sat in a roller coaster, portraying Cochran, trying to get Michael Jackson to concentrate on the molestation charges against him.

As one of three black wise men searching for Jesus, Sharpton was pulled over by the police, and he pretended to open a sushi restaurant to pay for his campaign.

Hilton, who had canceled several TV appearances to promote her hit reality show, "The Simple Life," after a video of her having sex with an ex-boyfriend spread across the Internet, was skewered by Fallon in the raunchy "Weekend Update" segment.

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

#### **Running Out of Gas**

One New Year's Day, in the Tournament of Roses parade, a beautiful float suddenly sputtered and quit. It was out of gas. The whole parade was held up until someone could get a can of gas. The amusing thing was this float represented the Standard Oil Company. With its vast oil resources, its truck was out of gas.

Well into this deployment, we need to take care of ourselves, so that our "tanks" don't run out of fuel before the end, which is just around the corner.

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	RAVENS (8-5)	31		CHARGERS (3-10)	14		PATRIOTS (10-2)	12
	BENGALS (7-6)	13		LIONS (4-9)	7		DOLPHINS (8-4)	0
	BUCCANEERS (6-7)	14		PACKERS (7-6)	34		BRONCOS (8-5)	45
	SAINTS (6-7)	7		BEARS (5-8)	21		CHIEFS (11-2)	27
	VIKINGS (8-5)	34		STEELERS (5-8)	27		BILLS (6-7)	17
	SEAHAWKS (8-5)	7		RAIDERS (3-10)	7		JETS (5-8)	6
	REDSKINS (5-8)	20		JAGUARS (4-9)	27		49ERS (6-7)	50
	GIANTS (4-9)	7		TEXANS (5-8)	0		CARDINALS (3-10)	14
	EAGLES (10-3)	36					COLTS (10-3)	29
	COWBOYS (8-5)	10					TITANS (9-4)	27

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myafn.net TV SCHEDULES: MONDAY, DECEMBER 08, 2003				As of: Sunday, December 07, 2003 9:46:20 PM		
Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00	NFL - NY JETS @ BUFFALO BILLS	NFL - MIAMI DOLPHINS @ NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	MAGNUM P.I. :- BIRDMAN OF BUDAPEST	NFL - KANSAS CITY CHIEFS @ DENVER BRONCOS	CNN SUNDAY	00:00
01:00			FAMILY TIES :- HOW DO YOU SLEEP		MEET THE PRESS	01:00
01:30			THE COSBY SHOW :- MRS. HUXTABLE GOES TO KINDERGARTEN			01:30
02:00			CHIPS :- BABY FOOD		TIM RUSSERT	02:00
03:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS	RUGRATS :- DIAPER CHANGE	DORA: THE EXPLORER	FOX REPORT	03:00
03:30	NFL PRIMETIME	SEINFELD :- THE CHEEVER LETTERS	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS :- WORMY / PATTY HYPE	WHEEL OF FORTUNE		03:30
04:00		THAT 70'S SHOW :- ERIC'S PANTIES	THE SIMPSONS :- THE GREAT MONEY CAPER	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	THIS WEEK	04:00
04:30	NFL - CAROLINA PANTHERS @ ATLANTA FALCONS	ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT	HOME IMPROVEMENT :- NOT-SO-GREAT-SCOTT			04:30
05:00			BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER :- HIM	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW	DATeline INTERNATIONAL	05:00
05:30		WWE SMACKDOWN!				05:30
06:00			LAW & ORDER :- THIN ICE	HEADLINE NEWS	60 MINUTES	06:00
06:30		AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM		JUDGE JUDY		06:30
07:00		MEET THE PRESS	CRITICAL RESCUE :- SUBMERGED	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	CNN PRESENTS	07:00
07:25				GUIDING LIGHT		07:25
07:30	SPORTSCENTER					07:30
08:00		HEADLINE NEWS	AMERICAN CHOPPER		LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:13				GENERAL HOSPITAL		08:13
08:30		ESPNEWS				08:30
09:00	NFL PRIMETIME	SESAME STREET	PICTURE PERFECT	ZOOBOOMAFOO :- FAST AND SLOW	AT LARGE WITH GERALDO RIVERA	09:00
09:30				DISNEY'S BUZZ LIGHTYEAR OF STAR COMMAND :- ANCIENT EVIL		09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	DORA: THE EXPLORER		CYBERCHASE	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	10:00
10:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE		EVEN STEVENS :- FOODZILLA		10:30
11:00	SPORTSCENTER	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	RUGRATS :- DIAPER CHANGE	JEOPARDY!	BELTWAY BOYS	11:00
11:30	NHL - DALLAS STARS @ ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS		SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS :- WORMY / PATTY HYPE	HEADLINE NEWS	FOX NEWS WATCH	11:30
11:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW				11:46
11:52				PACIFIC REPORT		11:52
12:00			THE SIMPSONS :- THE GREAT MONEY CAPER	ESPNEWS	BULLS & BEARS	12:00
12:30			HOME IMPROVEMENT :- NOT-SO-GREAT-SCOTT	HEADLINE NEWS	CAVUTO ON BUSINESS	12:30
12:35		GUIDING LIGHT				12:35
12:52				PACIFIC REPORT		12:52
13:00			BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER :- HIM	60 MINUTES	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	13:00
13:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL				13:17
14:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS	LAW & ORDER :- THIN ICE	NYPD BLUE :- HALF-ASHED	CNN DAYBREAK	14:00
14:30		JUDGE JUDY				14:30
15:00		TODAY	CRITICAL RESCUE :- SUBMERGED	C.S.I.: MIAMI :- FREAKS AND TWEAKS	GOOD MORNING AMERICA	15:00
15:30	NFL - SEATTLE SEAHAWKS @ MINNESOTA VIKINGS					15:30
16:00			AMERICAN CHOPPER	HEADLINE NEWS		16:00
16:22				PACIFIC REPORT		16:22
16:30				TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO		16:30
17:00		ZOOBOOMAFOO :- FAST AND SLOW	PICTURE PERFECT		HEADLINE NEWS	17:00
17:30		DISNEY'S BUZZ LIGHTYEAR OF STAR COMMAND :- ANCIENT EVIL		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN	CHANNEL ONE	17:30
17:45					WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	17:45
18:00		CYBERCHASE			THE EARLY SHOW	18:00
18:30	COLLEGE GAMEDAY	EVEN STEVENS :- FOODZILLA		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		18:30
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY!	RUGRATS :- DIAPER CHANGE	TRUE LIES		19:00
19:30		HEADLINE NEWS	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS :- WORMY / PATTY HYPE			19:30
20:00		ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS :- THE GREAT MONEY CAPER		FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
20:30	NFL PRIMETIME	HEADLINE NEWS	HOME IMPROVEMENT :- NOT-SO-GREAT-SCOTT			20:30
21:00		60 MINUTES	BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER :- HIM		FOX NEWS LIVE	21:00
21:15				THE BREAKFAST CLUB		21:15
21:30	HBO WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP BOXING - HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE: VITALY KLITSCHKO VS KIRK JOHNSON					21:30
22:00		NYPD BLUE :- HALF-ASHED	LAW & ORDER :- THIN ICE		FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
23:00		C.S.I.: MIAMI :- FREAKS AND TWEAKS	CRITICAL RESCUE :- SUBMERGED	HEADLINE NEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	23:00
23:30	ESPNEWS			ESPNEWS	INSIDE POLITICS	23:30