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TF 1 AD honors Iraqis for service to Baghdad's communities



Awardees from the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps stand proudly while the audience applauds in the auditorium of the Iraqi Convention Center in Baghdad during the recognition ceremony Jan 9.

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BAGHDAD, Iraq – Soldiers from Task Force 1st Armored Division, along with personnel from the Coalition Provisional Authority, recognized Baghdad's police, facility protection and civil defense guardsmen who committed valorous acts or made significant sacrifices in the line of duty Jan 9.

More than 180 awardees were honored during the ceremony at the Iraqi Convention Center in central Baghdad for outstanding acts in the name of peace and security in their country.

During the ceremony, Brig. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, 1st Armored Division commander, along with various ministries and advisory council chairmen, expressed gratitude for the hard work and willing spirits of the civil servants for making Iraq a safer place.

"All of the officers honored today have bravely committed themselves to the task of restoring peace and bringing freedom to Baghdad," Dempsey said. "Your sacrifice and demonstrated valor provide a tremendous example to all officers in uniform. Through your example, other officers will strive to dedicate themselves to securing the peace in Baghdad and be reminded that it is an honor to serve your country."

"These awards are for the (Iraqi Police Services), (Facility Protection Services) and (Iraqi Civil Defense Corps) members who were injured or killed, or committed heroic acts in the line of duty," said Maj. Linda Scharf, civil military officer for 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division. "Family members of those who were killed went up on stage to accept the awards for their loved ones."

The official party pinned each medal on the chest of, and personally congratulated, each awardee.

The valor and sacrifice medals are emblazoned with an outline map of Iraq and the slogan, "Serving the country is an honor." Each medal was accompanied by a monetary award.

"The 1st Armored Division finds it important to award a job well done not only for soldiers, but also for the IPS, FPS and ICDC," said Scharf. "All these men here are committed to their duties and are stepping out and making sacrifices for their country and their people. They are working to make Baghdad more secure, and they deserve recognition for that."

Scharf said the recognition ceremony contributes to the morale and motivation of Iraq's civil servicemen.

"These men have shown they will pay the price to see a better Iraq," she said. "Today was a step in that direction."

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News...

Bush, Mexico President to Meet at Summit

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) - President Bush and Mexican President Vicente Fox's meeting on Monday, just days after the White House announced a new U.S. immigration initiative, is a chance for the two leaders to mend their strained relationship - and earn political capital as well.

Bush annoyed Fox when he put immigration reform on the back burner after the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. Their relationship further soured when Mexico failed to back the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq.

Court Nixes Appeal Over 9-11 Detentions

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court refused Monday to consider whether the government properly withheld names and other details about hundreds of foreigners detained in the weeks and months after the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

The high court turned down a request to review the secrecy surrounding detainees, nearly all Arabs or Muslims, who were picked up in the United States following the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Israel Building Wall in Jerusalem Suburb

ABU DIS, West Bank (AP) - Israeli construction crews hoisted 26-foot-high concrete slabs into the middle of a main road in this Palestinian suburb of Jerusalem on Monday, cutting off thousands of Palestinians from the city they consider their home.

The impenetrable wall is part of a series of barriers Israel is building around much of the West Bank with the stated aim of keeping out Palestinian suicide bombers.

Three Deaths Blamed on Northeast's Cold

(AP) - The cold weather that gripped the Northeast during the weekend was blamed for at least three deaths, including one man found in a house with no heat and a woman whose home had improperly vented heaters. Temperatures rose back into the teens and double digits across wide parts of the region Monday, with Boston expecting a high in the mid-30s and New York City likely to warm into the 40s. But more subzero weather is forecast later this week.

Chaplain's thought for the day...

Fall Where They May

Two of the most useless phrases in the English language are "what if" and "if only." We waste so much time and energy thinking about what we might have done and wishing we had acted or reacted differently. We imagine how things might have turned out "if only . . ."

Each day is a fresh chance; a new beginning. We can only squeeze what we can out of the moment and let the drops fall where they may. Some will evaporate and some will form rainbows.

In other news...

Group Points Out Wacky Warning Labels

NOVI, Mich. (AP) -- It is a warning label that may seem perfectly logical - to fish: A 5-inch fishing lure with three nasty steel hooks advises that it is "Harmful if swallowed."

The label took fourth place in the seventh annual Wacky Warning Label Contest. But organizers of the contest, the Michigan Lawsuit Abuse Watch, say it highlights the lengths to which manufacturers will go in order to avoid lawsuits stemming from misuse of consumer products.

"Wacky warning labels are a sign of our lawsuit-plagued times," said Robert B. Dorigo Jones, president of the nonprofit group working to raise public awareness of how the explosion in litigation is harming the country.

"It used to be that if someone spilled coffee in their lap, they simply called themselves clumsy. Today, too many people are calling themselves an attorney."

Taking first prize last week was a warning found on a bottle of drain cleaner. The label reads: "If you do not understand, or cannot read, all directions, cautions and warnings, do not use this product."

The \$250 second prize went to a Virginia man who sent in a label on a snow sled that advises users: "Beware: sled may develop high speed under certain snow conditions."

Feds Join Fast-Food Radio Piracy Probe

TROY, Mich. (AP) -- Police said they expected the Federal Communications Commission to try to identify whoever broadcast on the same frequency as the wireless intercom at a Burger King.

The person broke into the Troy restaurant's drive-in order system several times last week - most recently on Thursday, when he told customers they were too fat to eat a Whopper. Other patrons were subjected to obscenities and bizarre remarks, and the manager was ordered back inside while trying to look into the source of the mischief.

"It has stopped," store supervisor Jennifer Saccoia told the Detroit Free Press.

"I believe the FCC has taken over the case," police Sgt. William Avery said. "I imagine they have a better way to investigate it."

The FCC has radio direction-finding equipment for detecting illicit transmitters. Federal law also carries more severe penalties than state law, with stiff fines and prison time for those convicted of "willful or malicious" interference with radio communications.

SAFETY TIP

AMV accidents are normally the result of:

- Excessive speed, following too closely, failure to yield right of way, fatigue, and inattention.
- Failure to operate a vehicle as prescribed in the vehicle operator's manual.
- Failure to accomplish before, during, and after operational checks/required maintenance.

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As of: Monday, January 12, 2004 9:22:59 PM

Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00	ESPNEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	AMERICAN CHOPPER	TODAY		00:00
00:30	NFL PRIMETIME	TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO			HEADLINE NEWS	00:30
01:00	AROUND THE HORN		THE FIGHTING SEABEES		LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:00
01:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN				01:30
02:00	SPORTSCENTER			SESAME STREET	HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD			NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
03:00	NFL PRIMETIME	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG EAST: NOTRE DAME @ PITTSBURGH	ROCKET POWER : - NEW SQUID ON THE BLOCK	DRAGON TALES : - DRAGONBERRY DROUGHT/ A SNOWMAN FOR ALL...	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30	FIGURE SKATING - U.S. FIGURE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP: PART II		SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS : - SPONGEBOB'S HOUSE PARTY	WHEEL OF FORTUNE	CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00			THE SIMPSONS : - THE LATEST GUN IN THE WEST	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	THE NEWSHOUR	04:00
04:30			THE COSBY SHOW : - IS THAT MY BOY			04:30
05:00		COLLEGE BASKETBALL - BIG XII: SYRACUSE @ MISSOURI	J.A.G. : - EACH OF US ANGELS	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW	HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
06:00			THE PRACTICE : - SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	CNBC: THE NEWS	06:00
06:30	ESPNEWS			JUDGE JUDY		06:30
07:00	BOWLING - PBA EARL ANTHONY CLASSIC	HEADLINE NEWS	CELEBRITY PROFILES : - CARNIE WILSON	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:25				GUIDING LIGHT		07:25
07:30		ESPNEWS			NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00		HEADLINE NEWS	THE QUIET MAN		LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:13						08:13
08:30	ESPNEWS	HEADLINE NEWS		GENERAL HOSPITAL		08:30
09:00	NFL TOTAL ACCESS	SESAME STREET		DISNEY'S PB&J OTTER : - NOTHING BUT THE TOOTH/ SPECIAL DELIVERY	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:30				WHAT'S NEW SCOOBY DOO? : - SAFARI, SO GOODIE!		09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	DRAGON TALES : - DRAGONBERRY DROUGHT/ A SNOWMAN FOR ALL...		THAT'S SO RAVEN : - WAKE UP VICTOR	PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES	THE AMANDA SHOW		10:30
11:00	NHL - PITTSBURGH PENGUINS @ PHILADELPHIA FLYERS	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	ROCKET POWER : - NEW SQUID ON THE BLOCK	JEOPARDY!	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30			SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS : - SPONGEBOB'S HOUSE PARTY	HEADLINE NEWS		11:30
11:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW				11:46
11:52				PACIFIC REPORT		11:52
12:00			THE SIMPSONS : - THE LATEST GUN IN THE WEST	ESPNEWS	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30			THE COSBY SHOW : - IS THAT MY BOY	HEADLINE NEWS		12:30
12:35		GUIDING LIGHT				12:35
12:52				PACIFIC REPORT		12:52
13:00			J.A.G. : - EACH OF US ANGELS	SMALLVILLE : - SUSPECT	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	13:00
13:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL				13:17
13:30	SPORTSCENTER					13:30
14:00		HEADLINE NEWS	THE PRACTICE : - SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN	XXX	CNN DAYBREAK	14:00
14:30	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - MWC: UTAH @ UNLV	JUDGE JUDY				14:30
15:00		TODAY	CELEBRITY PROFILES : - CARNIE WILSON		GOOD MORNING AMERICA	15:00
16:00			THE QUIET MAN			16:00
16:15				HEADLINE NEWS		16:15
16:30	SPORTSCENTER			PACIFIC REPORT		16:30
16:37				TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO		16:37
16:45						16:45
17:00		DISNEY'S PB&J OTTER : - NOTHING BUT THE TOOTH/ SPECIAL DELIVERY			NAVY/MARINE CORP NEWS - PROD YEAR	17:00
17:30	NBA FASTBREAK	WHAT'S NEW SCOOBY DOO? : - SAFARI, SO GOODIE!			CHANNEL ONE	17:30
17:45				THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN	ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING	17:45
18:00	FIA SPORTSCAR CHAMPIONSHIP - MONZA	THAT'S SO RAVEN : - WAKE UP VICTOR			THE EARLY SHOW	18:00
18:30		THE AMANDA SHOW	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES			18:30
18:45				ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		18:45
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY!	ROCKET POWER : - NEW SQUID ON THE BLOCK			19:00
19:15				ROMY AND MICHELE'S HIGH SCHOOL REUNION		19:15
19:30		HEADLINE NEWS	SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS : - SPONGEBOB'S HOUSE PARTY			19:30
20:00	NBA - PHILADELPHIA 76ERS @ ORLANDO MAGIC	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS : - THE LATEST GUN IN THE WEST		FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
20:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE COSBY SHOW : - IS THAT MY BOY			20:30
21:00		SMALLVILLE : - SUSPECT	J.A.G. : - EACH OF US ANGELS	GATTACA	FOX NEWS LIVE	21:00
22:00		XXX	THE PRACTICE : - SUFFER THE LITTLE CHILDREN		FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
22:30	NBA - CLEVELAND CAVALIERS @ LOS ANGELES LAKERS					22:30
23:00			CELEBRITY PROFILES : - CARNIE WILSON	ESPNEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	23:00
23:30				HEADLINE NEWS	INSIDE POLITICS	23:30

Today in history... Jan. 13, 1941

JAMES JOYCE DIES

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) James Joyce, widely regarded as Ireland's greatest author, dies in Zürich, Switzerland, at the age of 58. One of the most brilliant and daring writers of the 20th century, Joyce's masterpiece *Ulysses* is ranked among the greatest works in the English language.

Born in Dublin in 1882, Joyce grew up in poor surroundings and was educated at Jesuit-run schools and the University College in Dublin. He wrote poetry and short prose passages that he called "epiphanies," a term he used to describe the sudden revelation of the true nature of a person or thing. In 1902, he went to Paris but returned to Dublin in the next year when his mother fell ill. There he began writing the experimental *Stephen Hero*, a largely autobiographical work. For the *Irish Homestead*, he also wrote several Irish-themed short stories, which were characterized by tragic epiphanies and spare but precise writing.

In 1904, Joyce left Ireland with companion Nora Barnacle and lived in Poland, Austria-Hungary, Trieste, and Rome, where he fathered two children with Nora and worked. He spent his spare time writing and composing several other short stories that would join his earlier works to form *Dubliners*, first published in 1914. The most acclaimed of the 15 stories is "The Dead," which tells the story of a Dublin schoolteacher and his wife, and of their lost dreams. During this time, he also drastically reworked *Stephen Hero* and renamed it *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*.

With the Italian entrance into World War I, he moved to Zürich with his family. Faced with severe financial difficulties, he found patrons in Edith Rockefeller McCormick and Harriet Shaw Weaver, editor of *Egoist* magazine. In 1916, Weaver published *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*, which received significant critical acclaim. Soon after, the American *Little Review* began to publish episodes from *Ulysses*, a novel that Joyce began in 1915. The sexually explicit work was banned in the United States in 1920 after only a few installments. Two years later, Sylvia Beach, a bookstore owner in Paris, published it in its entirety.

Ulysses brought Joyce international fame, and the work's groundbreaking literary forms, including stream-of-consciousness writing, were an immediate influence on novelists the world over. The action of the novel takes place in Dublin on a single day but parallels the epic 10-year journey described in Homer's *Odyssey*. Although colored with numerous allusions, the strength of *Ulysses* rests not in its intellectual complexity but in its depth of characterization, breadth of humor, and overall celebration of life.

Joyce spent more than 17 years on his last work, published in 1939 as *Finnegans Wake*. His most difficult work, Joyce carried his literary experimentation to its furthest point in this novel, which uses words from different languages to embody a cyclical theory of human existence. Because many find it difficult and inaccessible, *Finnegans Wake* is not as highly regarded as his earlier works.

Joyce lived in Paris from 1920 to 1940, but he moved back to Zürich after France fell to the Germans. In addition to his three major works, he also published several collections of verse and a play called *Exiles*.