



The Old Ironsides Report



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Iraq's buildings' legacy provides look into past, opportunity for future



Baghdad's neighborhoods are home to many historic buildings representing the city's history and culture, according to photographer Ammar Saad. An exhibit of his photographs of Baghdad's architectural legacy is on display at the National Museum. Courtesy photo.

By Ahmad Hammadi Abdulameer, *Baghdad Now*
BAGHDAD, Iraq – As Task Force 1st Armored Division Soldiers work with their Iraqi partners to build a safe and secure Iraq, other Iraqis are working to restore and preserve Iraq's cultural legacy.

Under the auspices of the ministry of culture, a one-man photo exhibition on the history and restoration of Baghdad's architecturally historic buildings opened in the National Museum last month.

Baghdad's historic houses and buildings is the subject of the 40-photograph show, said Ammar Saad, the exhibition organizer and photographer.

"Photographic documentation showing the negligence and the destruction that took place during the previous era to traditional buildings and houses, some built about a century ago, sends two messages to the viewer," he said.

The first message concerns the aesthetical aspect of the old architecture found in these buildings and the second message is a humanitarian one, Saad explained. The question of maintaining the old architectural legacy of Iraq is of concern of many Iraqi people.

Saad explored many Baghdad neighborhoods

to make his collection of photographs. Locations include structures in the Keremat, Shawaka, Salehia, Adhamiya, Batawiyeen, Al-Rasheed Street, and Abu-Nawas Street neighborhoods.

"I found masterpieces of artistic works embodied in the old architecture of the old Baghdadi houses," he said. "There are marvelous techniques the old architectural engineers adopted when building these houses."

Saad said by demolishing these old houses or buildings, Baghdadis would lose a great architectural legacy that characterizes their culture, city and country.

"I employed this exhibition to keep the old legacy from getting lost," he said.

During the previous era, many of the old houses were demolished and new houses were built, Saad explained. These new houses have no relationship with the site they were built on or with the type of architecture that was prevailing in the neighborhood.

"This action created a condition of unbalance," he said.

Also, the former regime neglected these places to the extent that they became unpleasant or difficult to live in, he said.

"(But) nobody could complain about that because of the oppression of the ex-regime," he said.

Now, as Iraq is entering a new era, it is the responsibility of all Iraqis to maintain the architectural legacy represented by these old houses, Saad said.

"Now, we can think, research, suggest new ideas without being afraid of the consequences," he said.

In addition to providing residents with homes that fit into their heritage, there is an economic benefit to preserving Baghdad's architectural history, he said. More tourists will visit the country, providing income to the country and to local residents and their businesses.

"Paying attention to architectural legacies will preserve the identity that characterizes Iraq and will add a new shining picture to the country of the old civilization of Mesopotamia," he said.

NEWS...

Bush Marks First Anniversary of Iraq War

WASHINGTON (AP) - One year after ordering military strikes against Iraq, President Bush marked the anniversary Friday by urging resolve in the war against terrorism and saying it is "the duty of every government to fight and destroy this threat to our people." Bush said terrorists have killed innocent people around the world, most recently last week in Madrid where bombings claimed the lives of more than 200 people.

Powell Visits Iraq to Defend Terror Fight

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Secretary of State Colin Powell, responding to fresh criticism of the U.S.-led war against Saddam Hussein, declared Friday that the threat of terrorism persists and said it's no time for civilized nations to "run and hide." "Terrorism existed in many parts of the world before this war," Powell said at a news conference after meeting with Iraqis, coalition leaders and U.S. troops here.

Pakistan Adds Troops in al-Qaida Hunt

WANA, Pakistan (AP) - Thousands of Pakistani army reinforcements joined a round-the-clock offensive Friday in lawless border villages where al-Qaida's No. 2 leader was believed to be surrounded along with hundreds of other militants hunkered down in heavily armed mud fortresses. The troops set up a cordon around a 20-square-mile area, as residents - many said to be sympathetic to the militants - streamed out of the besieged region in pickup trucks loaded with their families and possessions. Afghan authorities reported the arrests of midlevel terrorist leaders on their side of the border.

Taiwan President, VP Injured in Shooting

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - President Chen Shui-bian and his vice president survived an assassination attempt Friday while campaigning on the eve of a closely fought election focusing on the military threat from the Chinese mainland. In a videotaped message hours after being grazed in the abdomen by a bullet, Chen looked stiff and tired but reassured viewers about his health and Taiwan's security.

Thought for the day...

"Professionalism"

A young man who was beginning his work with the coast guard was early called on to take part in a desperate assignment. A great storm had arisen and a ship was signaling its distress. As the men began to move the big rescue boat into the raging sea, the young man, frightened at the fierceness of the storm, cried out to the captain, "We will never get back!" Above the storm the captain replied, "We don't have to come back, but we do have to go out."

Motivated by self-less service, duty, and honor, American soldiers demonstrate their professionalism each time they 'go out into the storm' on behalf of God and country.

In other news...

Lord's Prayer, Beatles Make D.C. Archive

By CARL HARTMAN, Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) -- An 1888 recitation of the Lord's Prayer, the original cast recording of "Oklahoma!" and the Beatles' "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" album will be enshrined together in the nation's registry of historic sound.

They are among the second group of 50 recordings chosen to be digitally preserved by the Library of Congress in an annual program similar to the library's more-established registry of films.

This year's list begins with inventor Emile Berliner, a pioneer of recorded sound, reciting the Lord's Prayer and "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." A year earlier he had won his patent for a gramophone that played a flat-disc record instead of the wax cylinders that held the first sound recordings.

The list's two most recent recordings date to 1975: Bruce Springsteen's rock album "Born to Run" and the Fania All-Stars' salsa performance at Yankee Stadium.

Nominations from the public are accepted for the recording registry, and a special board advises Librarian of Congress James H. Billington on the final choices, which he announced Friday. Entries must be at least 10 years old.

This year's additions include the first children's book that was bound with recordings, in 1917; the inaugural ceremony of President John F. Kennedy, including a reading by poet Robert Frost; and a radio broadcast of the fourth game of the 1941 World Series, when Brooklyn Dodgers catcher Mickey Owen's infamous dropped third strike handed the New York Yankees the win. The Yankees won the Series the next day.

There's also a 1921 reenactment by former Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan of his "Cross of Gold" speech at the Democratic convention of 1896.

"You shall not press down upon the brow of labor this crown of thorns, you shall not crucify mankind upon a cross of gold," Bryan famously intoned in his unsuccessful plea to free the U.S. dollar from the gold standard.

Alongside the Beatles' 1967 Sgt. Pepper album, considered a groundbreaking rock classic, are selections from Chuck Barry, Patsy Cline, Johnny Cash, Marvin Gaye and Carole King.

From Broadway come George Gershwin's "Porgy and Bess" and Rogers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!"

Evangelist Billy Graham speaks on "Problems of the American Home," and then there's the first broadcast in 1974 of Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion."

The library is accepting nominations for the next 50 items in the registry.

Red Lobster to Trim All-You-Can-Eat Deals

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - Darden Restaurants Inc. said Thursday its Red Lobster chain will cut back on all-you-can-eat promotions, which generated customer traffic but hurt profit margins.

Last year, an all-you-can-eat crab promotion went awry when diners loaded up on numerous refills that obliterated profit margins.

Today in History...

March 20, 1852: *Uncle Tom's Cabin* is published

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) Harriet Beecher Stowe's anti-slavery novel, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, is published. The novel sold 300,000 copies within three months and was so widely read that when President Abraham Lincoln met Stowe in 1862, he reportedly said, "So this is the little lady who made this big war."

Stowe was born in 1811, the seventh child of the famous Congregationalist minister Lyman Beecher. She studied at private schools in Connecticut, then taught in Hartford from 1827 until her father moved to Cincinnati in 1832. She accompanied him and continued to teach while writing stories and essays. In 1836, she married Calvin Ellis Stowe, with whom she had seven children. She published her first book, *Mayflower*, in 1843.

While living in Cincinnati, Stowe encountered fugitive slaves and the Underground Railroad. Later, she wrote *Uncle Tom's Cabin* in reaction to recently tightened fugitive slave laws. The book had a major influence on the way the American public viewed slavery. The book established Stowe's reputation as a woman of letters. She traveled to England in 1853, where she was welcomed as a literary hero. Along with Ralph Waldo Emerson, she became one of the original contributors to *The Atlantic*, which launched in November 1857. In 1863, when Lincoln announced the end of slavery, she danced in the streets. Stowe continued to write throughout her life and died in 1896.

March 20, 1954: Americans alarmed about impending French defeat

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) After a force of 60,000 Viet Minh with heavy artillery had surrounded 16,000 French troops, news of Dien Bien Phu's impending fall reaches Washington.

French General Henri Navarre had positioned his forces 200 miles behind enemy lines in a remote area adjacent to the Laotian border. He hoped to draw the communists into a set-piece battle in which he supposed superior French firepower would prevail. He underestimated the enemy. Viet Minh General Vo Nguyen Giap entrenched artillery in the surrounding mountains and massed five divisions around the French positions. The battle, which far exceeded the size and scope of anything to date in the war between the French and the Viet Minh, began with a massive Viet Minh artillery barrage and was followed by an infantry assault.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and other members of the Eisenhower administration were stunned at the turn of events and discussions were held to decide on a course of action. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Admiral Arthur Radford proposed the use of nuclear strikes against the Viet Minh. Other options included massive conventional air strikes, paratrooper drops, and the mining of Haiphong Harbor. In the end, President Eisenhower decided that the situation was too far gone and ordered no action to be taken to aid the French.

Fierce fighting continued at Dien Bien Phu until May 7, 1954, when the Viet Minh overran the last French positions. The shock at the fall of Dien Bien Phu led France, already plagued by public opposition to the war, to agree to grant independence to Vietnam at the Geneva Conference in 1954.

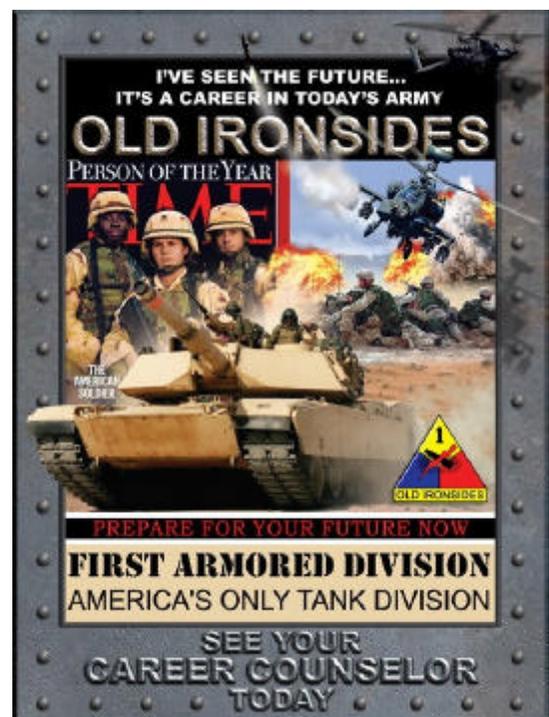
RC benefits briefings

Reserve Component Soldiers are invited to attend a weekly USAR/AGR benefits briefing with Sgt. 1st Class Goodley, USAR from the 1st Cavalry Division.

The briefing takes place Fridays at the Soldier's Support Center on BIAP at 10 a.m.

All Reserve Component soldiers or Active Army Soldiers interested in what the USAR has to offer are invited.

This briefing is a joint effort between the outgoing 1st Armored Division Command Career Counselor, Sgt. Maj. Jaranowski and the incoming 1st Cavalry Division Command Career Counselor, Sgt. Maj. Henry, as a service to all of our forces in theater.



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As of: Friday, March 19, 2004 10:26:49 PM

Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:00		HEADLINE NEWS	WALKING WITH DINOSAURS - A CRUEL SEA			00:00
00:30		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):	WALKING WITH PREHISTORIC BEASTS (TVG): - LAND OF THE GIANTS		HEADLINE NEWS	00:30
01:00	COLLEGE GAMENIGHT		BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER (TV14): - THE WEIGHT OF THE WORLD	BOB THE BUILDER	LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:00
01:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):		JOJO'S CIRCUS (TVY): - TRY THESE ON FOR BOINGI/HAPPY BIRTHDAY TATER!		01:30
02:00	SPORTSCENTER		IRON CHEF (TVPG): - CODFISH/SAKAI VS SHIGEO YUASA	CHALKZONE (TVY): - THE HEIST / BATTLE OF THE HANDS / CHOCOLATE BRUNCH / OH MY MY	HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		JIMMY NEUTRON: BOY GENIUS (TVY): - A BEAUTIFUL MINE	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
03:00	4 QTRS	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP - FIRST ROUND: FIRST ROUND: MISSISSIPPI STATE VS MONMOUTH; XAVIER VS LOUISVILLE	RISK/REWARD	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP - FIRST ROUND: FIRST ROUND: KENTUCKY VS FLORIDA A&M; WASHINGTON VS UAB	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30	TENNIS - PACIFIC LIFE OPEN: WOMEN'S SEMIFINALS				CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00					COUNTDOWN WITH KEITH OLBERMANN	04:00
04:30			EVERY WOMAN (TVPG):			04:30
05:00			WHILE YOU WERE OUT (TVPG): - OREGON: FLANDERS STREET		HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
05:30	TENNIS - PACIFIC LIFE OPEN: MEN'S QUARTERFINALS					05:30
06:00			TRADING SPACES (TVG): - SEATTLE: DAKOTA STREET		THE NEWSHOUR	06:00
07:00			GILMORE GIRLS (TVPG): - HERE COMES THE SON		BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:30	ESPNEWS				NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00	COLLEGE GAMENIGHT	HEADLINE NEWS	THE DIVISION (TVPG): - THE FIRST HIT'S FREE, BABY	WWE RAW! (TV14):	LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:30		HEADLINE NEWS				08:30
09:00	TENNIS - PACIFIC LIFE OPEN: WOMEN'S SEMIFINALS	BOB THE BUILDER	THAT THING YOU DO	HEADLINE NEWS	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:30		JOJO'S CIRCUS (TVY): - TRY THESE ON FOR BOINGI/HAPPY BIRTHDAY TATER!		NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS		09:30
10:00		CHALKZONE (TVY): - THE HEIST / BATTLE OF THE HANDS / CHOCOLATE BRUNCH / OH MY MY		OPERATION JUNKYARD (TVG): - PIE FILLING MACHINE	PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30	ESPNEWS	JIMMY NEUTRON: BOY GENIUS (TVY): - A BEAUTIFUL MINE		HOW TO BOIL WATER (TVG): - SOUP FOR THE SOUL		10:30
11:00	MOTORCYCLE RACING - THQ WORLD SUPERCROSS (125CC) ST. LOUIS	YU-GI-OH! (TVY7): - YUGI VS. PEGASUS: MATCH OF THE MILLENNIUM (PT. 3)	RISK/REWARD	ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT (TVPG):	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30		ROMEO (TVY): - MINIMUM COOL			AIR FORCE TV NEWS	11:30
12:00	MOTORCYCLE RACING - THQ WORLD SUPERCROSS (250CC) ST. LOUIS	LIZZIE MCGUIRE (TVG): - THE COURTSHIP OF MIRANDA SANCHEZ		HEADLINE NEWS	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30		THAT'S SO RAVEN (TVY7): - SATURDAY AFTERNOON FEVER	EVERY WOMAN (TVPG):	ESPNEWS		12:30
13:00	SPORTSCENTER	OPERATION JUNKYARD (TVG): - PIE FILLING MACHINE	WHILE YOU WERE OUT (TVPG): - OREGON: FLANDERS STREET	MY WIFE AND KIDS (TVPG): - THE SWEET HAIRAFTER	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	13:00
13:30		HOW TO BOIL WATER (TVG): - SOUP FOR THE SOUL		ACCORDING TO JIM (TVPG): - THE HELMET		13:30
14:00	COLLEGE GAMENIGHT	ENTERTAINMENT TONIGHT (TVPG):	TRADING SPACES (TVG): - SEATTLE: DAKOTA STREET	THE WEST WING (TVPG): - THE DOGS OF WAR	DATELINE NBC	14:00
15:00	NBA - HOUSTON ROCKETS @ GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS	WWE RAW! (TV14):	GILMORE GIRLS (TVPG): - HERE COMES THE SON	LAW & ORDER (TV14): - SHRUNK		15:00
16:00		MY WIFE AND KIDS (TVPG): - THE SWEET HAIRAFTER	THE DIVISION (TVPG): - THE FIRST HIT'S FREE, BABY	HEADLINE NEWS	CNN LIVE	16:00
16:30		ACCORDING TO JIM (TVPG): - THE HELMET		SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE (03'-04') (TV14): - BEN AFFLECK/N.E.R.D.		16:30
17:00	SPORTSCENTER	THE WEST WING (TVPG): - THE DOGS OF WAR	THAT THING YOU DO		SATURDAY TODAY	17:00
18:00	COLLEGE GAMENIGHT	LAW & ORDER (TV14): - SHRUNK		LIVE IN HOLLYWOOD (TVPG):		18:00
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS	RISK/REWARD	THE ENTERTAINERS (TVPG):	WALL STREET JOURNAL REPORT	19:00
19:30		NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS			AMERICA'S BLACK FORUM	19:30
20:00	NHL COOL SHOTS	ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR		SPORTSCENTER	DATELINE NBC	20:00
20:30	NASCAR BUSCH SERIES - DIAMOND HILL PLYWOOD CO. 200		EVERY WOMAN (TVPG):			20:30
21:00		MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP - SECOND ROUND: DUKE OR ALABAMA STATE VS SETON HALL OR ARIZONA	WHILE YOU WERE OUT (TVPG): - OREGON: FLANDERS STREET	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP - SECOND ROUND: DUKE OR ALABAMA STATE VS SETON HALL OR ARIZONA		21:00
22:00			TRADING SPACES (TVG): - SEATTLE: DAKOTA STREET		HEADLINE NEWS	22:00
22:30					AIR FORCE TV NEWS	22:30
23:00	NHL - ST. LOUIS BLUES @ DALLAS STARS		GILMORE GIRLS (TVPG): - HERE COMES THE SON		FOX NEWS LIVE	23:00
23:30		MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP - SECOND ROUND: MICHIGAN STATE OR NEVADA VS GONZAGA OR VALPARAISO		MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP - SECOND ROUND: MANHATTAN VS WAKE FOREST		23:30