

## Iraqi MDs learn emergency infant care techniques at 2nd ACR course

**Story and photo by Sgt. Dan Purcell and Pfc. Erik Ledrew**  
 BAGHDAD, Iraq -- The 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment's Camp Dragoon aid station took on the role of a teaching hospital when six local doctors completed a neonatal resuscitation course March 20.

Lt. Col. Kelly A. Murray, regimental surgeon and course program director, teamed with Maj. Linda G. Slayton for the daylong class which taught their Iraqi colleagues emergency resuscitation techniques for newborn infants.

This class was a follow up on techniques learned during recent Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics classes conducted previously, said Murray. The Neonatal Resuscitation Program, affiliated with the American Academy of Pediatrics, is funded by grants from the Iraqi Family Physician Society and the 2nd ACR.

In June, 2003, Dr. Hassan Hadi Baker, president of the newly formed Iraqi Family Physician Society, expressed an interest in exchanging medical techniques, said Murray.

"The goal of the obstetrics course and the neo-natal resuscitation course is to support the Iraqi Ministry of Health's plan to decrease the neonatal mortality rate by 50 percent throughout Iraq by 2005," Murray said.

Estimates show Iraq's neo-natal mortality rate at 10.8 percent, or 108 deaths for every 1,000 children born, said Murray.

"By combining the obstetrics course with the neo-natal course," said Murray, "we can conceivably reduce the mortality rate by 80 percent."

The other Iraqi physicians taking the course were Drs. Maysoon M. Jabir, Nada Flerh Hassar, Ban Hafydh, Tareef Fadhil and Hussein Fadhil Al Jawadi.

"The doctors here are very well trained," Murray said "Some of the older doctors were trained abroad at a time when they were still allowed to do so."

Hassan has worked tirelessly over the last year to improve health care facilities throughout Iraq, Murray said.

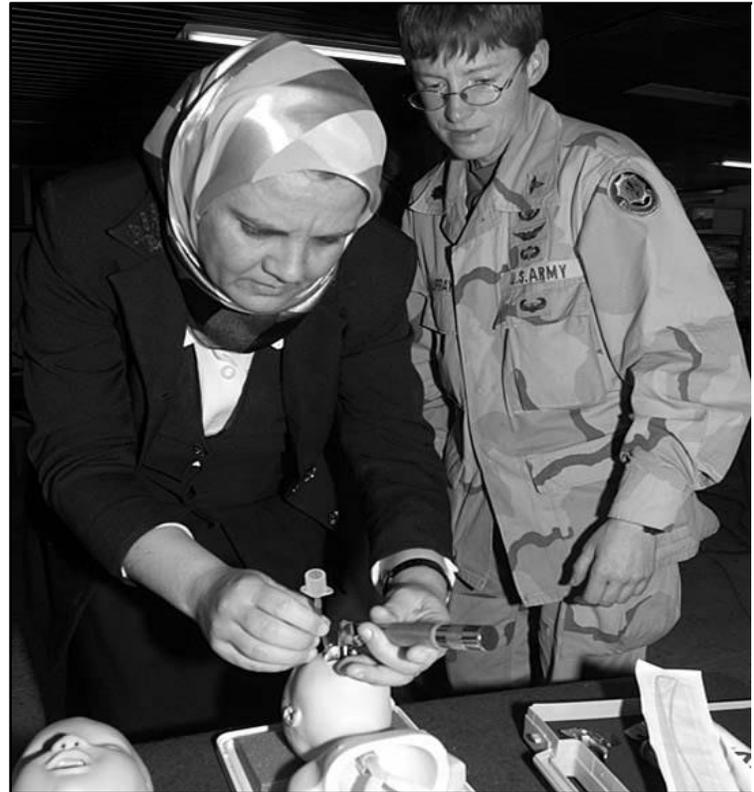
"He is one of the best managers I have ever known," she said. "He has one of the most successfully run hospitals in Baghdad."

"At the time I met Lt. Col. Murray, everything was in ruins and she helped us with everything -- from supplies to training," said Hassan. "She has been a great help."

After their first meeting, Murray and Hassan have been exchanging ideas and working together weekly for the past year, he said.

"When we got here, a lot of the hospitals just weren't functioning," said Murray. "The latest chapter in trying to help is medical education."

To ensure that these courses continue after the regiment returns to its home station at Fort Polk, La.,



**Lt. Col. Kelly A. Murray, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment's regimental surgeon, teaches Dr. Maysoon M. Jabir how to insert an endotracheal tube into the lungs of a mannequin baby during a neonatal resuscitation course March 20.**

Murray gave the course materials to the Iraqi Family Physician Society and has been corresponding with the incoming 1st Cavalry Division Surgeon about the program.

"When I return to the United States, I'm going to continue to maintain correspondence with the Iraqi Family Physician Society to facilitate the continuity of the program," she said.

"Most (Iraqi doctors) are already knowledgeable in the material we're covering," said Murray. The course is structured so that the doctors participating in the 2nd ACR program can teach what they have learned to nurses and doctors-in-training working in hospitals and clinics. The techniques can also be passed onto midwives and traditional birth attendants who deliver the majority of babies outside the hospital.

"Our hope is that they can function more as a team when reacting to emergencies both during and after deliveries," said Murray.

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## **NEWS...**

### **Nine Iraqi Police Trainees Shot, Killed**

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Nine police trainees were killed Tuesday when gunmen opened fire on their van south of Baghdad. The attack occurred on a road between Musayeb and Hillah when a car pulled in front of the minibus and assailants sprayed the van with small arms fire, police in Hillah said.

### **Panel: U.S. Made Effort to Stop al-Qaida**

WASHINGTON (AP) - In a secret diplomatic mission, Saudi Arabia won a commitment from Afghanistan's Taliban rulers to expel Osama bin Laden in 1998, but the Taliban later reneged on the agreement, a federal panel said Tuesday. The mission was among the most promising, yet ultimately fruitless, efforts by the United States to use diplomacy to stop al-Qaida in the years before the Sept. 11 attacks.

### **Biden: U.S. Should Increase Rail Security**

WASHINGTON (AP) - The federal government should move quickly to upgrade emergency systems in Amtrak tunnels under the U.S. Supreme Court and to New York's Penn Station to avoid a tragedy as disastrous as the Sept. 11 attacks. Hundreds of thousands of people travel through the six Penn Station tunnels every day, Biden, D-Del., told the Senate Commerce Committee.

### **AP: Medicare Heading Toward Bankruptcy**

WASHINGTON (AP) - Medicare will have to begin dipping into its trust fund this year to keep up with expenditures and will go broke by 2019 without changes in a program that is swelling because of rising health costs and a new prescription drug benefit, trustees reported. Social Security's finances showed little change.

### **Muslims Face Scrutiny Ahead of Olympics**

ATHENS, Greece (AP) - Greek police have increased scrutiny of Muslim immigrant groups and makeshift mosques in Athens - a city with no official place of worship for Muslims - ahead of the Olympics. The surveillance, confirmed by police sources, was intensified following the deadly train bombings in Madrid on March 11 and seeks to gain insights into Greece's small and often insular communities of nonnative Muslims.

## ***Thought for the day...***

### **Perspective**

At one of the famous debates between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas, the latter began his speech by saying of Lincoln, "When I behold my honorable opponent, I am reminded of the Holy Writ where it says, 'How long, O Lord, how long.'" The people laughed rather heartily. When Douglas finished his speech, Lincoln stood and said, "When I behold my honorable opponent, I, too am reminded of Scripture where it says, 'The wicked shall be cut short in his day.'"

## ***In other news...***

### **Does Daily Drink Ease Risk of Heart Disease??**

CHICAGO (Reuters) - The protection against heart disease from moderate drinking extends to men with high blood pressure, suggesting current advice for such patients to avoid alcohol is wrong, researchers said on Monday.

Long recognized as a stress reducer that cuts the risk of heart disease and strokes, wine and other forms of alcohol may have anti-clotting properties and boost blood levels of high-density lipoprotein, the so-called good cholesterol.

The study found that hypertensive men who drank moderately -- one or two drinks per day -- had a 44 percent lower risk of dying from a heart attack than nondrinkers with high blood pressure.

Based on an ongoing survey of 14,126 male doctors, the Physicians' Health Study, the five-year study concluded the overall risk of death was 28 percent lower among moderate drinkers with hypertension compared to hypertensive nondrinkers.

The benefit was also seen among light drinkers of one to six drinks a week, but the more alcohol consumed -- as long as it remained moderate -- the lower the risk of dying.

As with other studies that have concluded drinking can be good for one's health, the researchers from Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston warned about health problems such as liver damage, high blood pressure and obesity that can accompany heavy drinking.

"However, patients with hypertension who are able to maintain light to moderate alcohol intake have no compelling reason to change their lifestyle and eliminate a possibly beneficial habit," lead author Michael Gaziano wrote in the study published in *The Archives of Internal Medicine*.

There are a variety of risk factors for cardiovascular disease, which is the leading cause of death in the United States, but the findings call into question current American Heart Association guidelines that recommend hypertensive patients avoid alcohol completely, the report said.

### **New Internet Browser Is Voice Operated**

OSLO, Norway (AP) -- Web surfers may be able to talk to their computers one day using a browser announced Tuesday by Opera Software.

The new browser incorporates IBM's ViaVoice technology, enabling the computer to ask what the user wants and "listen" to the request.

"Hi. I am your browser. What can I do for you?" asked a laptop with the demonstration versions of the browser.

The message can be personalized, such as greeting users by name. The computer learns to recognize users' voices, accents and inflections by having them read a list of words into a microphone.

Opera declined to give a launch date.

## Today in History...

### April 23, 1564: WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE BORN

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) According to tradition, the great English dramatist and poet William Shakespeare is born in Stratford-on-Avon on April 23, 1564. It is impossible to be certain the exact day on which he was born, but church records show that he was baptized on April 26, and three days was a customary amount of time to wait before baptizing a newborn. Shakespeare's date of death is conclusively known, however: it was April 23, 1616. He was 52 years old and had retired to Stratford three years before.

Although few plays have been performed or analyzed as extensively as the 38 plays ascribed to William Shakespeare, there are few surviving details about the playwright's life. This dearth of biographical information is due primarily to his station in life; he was not a noble, but the son of John Shakespeare, a leather trader and the town bailiff. The events of William Shakespeare's early life can only be gleaned from official records, such as baptism and marriage records.

He probably attended the grammar school in Stratford, where he would have studied Latin and read classical literature. He did not go to university but at age 18 married Anne Hathaway, who was eight years his senior and pregnant at the time of the marriage. Their first daughter, Susanna, was born six months later, and in 1585 William and Anne had twins, Hamnet and Judith. Hamnet, Shakespeare's only son, died 11 years later, and Anne Shakespeare outlived her husband, dying in 1623. Nothing is known of the period between the birth of the twins and Shakespeare's emergence as a playwright in London in the early 1590s, but unfounded stories have him stealing deer, joining a group of traveling players, becoming a schoolteacher, or serving as a soldier in the Low Countries.

The first reference to Shakespeare as a London playwright came in 1592, when a fellow dramatist, Robert Greene, wrote derogatorily of him on his deathbed. It is believed that Shakespeare had written the three parts of *Henry VI* by that point. In 1593, *Venus and Adonis* was Shakespeare's first published poem, and he dedicated it to the young Henry Wriothesley, the 3rd earl of Southampton. In 1594, having probably composed, among other plays, *Richard III*, *The Comedy of Errors*, and *The Taming of the Shrew*, he became an actor and playwright for the Lord Chamberlain's Men, which became the King's Men after James I's ascension in 1603. The company grew into England's finest, in no small part because of Shakespeare, who was its principal dramatist. It also had the finest actor of the day, Richard Burbage, and the best theater, the Globe, which was located on the Thames' south bank. Shakespeare stayed with the King's Men until his retirement and often acted in small parts.

By 1596, the company had performed the classic Shakespeare plays *Romeo and Juliet*, *Richard II*, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. That year, John Shakespeare was granted a coat of arms, a testament to his son's growing wealth and fame. In 1597, William Shakespeare bought a large house in Stratford. In 1599, after producing his great historical series, the first and second part of *Henry IV* and *Henry V*, he became a partner in the ownership of the Globe Theatre.

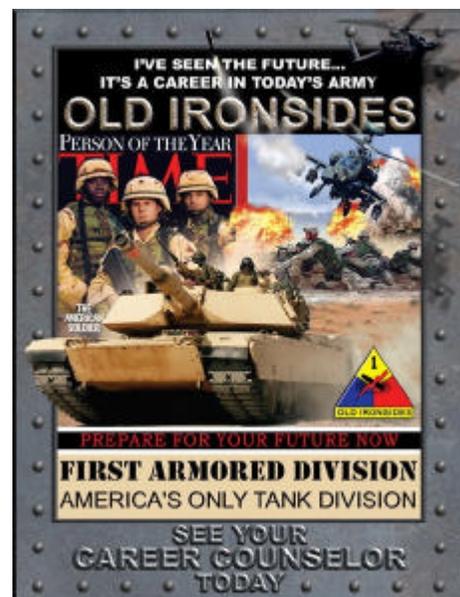
The beginning of the 17th century saw the performance of the first of his great tragedies, *Hamlet*. The next play, *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, was written at the request of Queen Elizabeth I, who wanted to see another play that included the popular character Falstaff. During the next decade, Shakespeare produced such masterpieces as *Othello*, *King Lear*, *Macbeth*, and *The Tempest*. In 1609, his sonnets, probably written during the 1590s, were published. The 154 sonnets are marked by the recurring themes of the mutability of beauty and the transcendent power of love and art.

Shakespeare died in Stratford-on-Avon on April 23, 1616. Today, nearly 400 years later, his plays are performed and read more often and in more nations than ever before. In a million words written over 20 years, he captured the full range of human emotions and conflicts with a precision that remains sharp today. As his great contemporary the poet and dramatist Ben Jonson said, "He was not of an age, but for all time."

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01:00	AROUND THE HORN				LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:00
01:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):				01:30
02:00	SPORTSCENTER			SESAME STREET	HEADLINE NEWS	02:00
02:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES (TVPG):		NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
03:00	WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP - SECOND ROUND: MARQUETTE VS DUKE	WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP - SECOND ROUND: VIRGINIA TECH VS PENN STATE	ROCKET POWER (TVY): - SAVING LT. RYAN	BLUE'S CLUES - WHAT'S NEW BLUE?	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS (TVY): - THE BOYS IN THE BAND/ SMARTY PANTS	WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):	CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00			THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - HOMER DEFINED	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	COUNTDOWN WITH KEITH OLBERMANN	04:00
04:30			THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - THE MARCH			04:30
05:00	WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP - SECOND ROUND: MINNESOTA VS KANSAS	WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - NCAA CHAMPIONSHIP - SECOND ROUND: AUBURN VS UCONN	ALLY MCBEAL (TV14): - REASONS TO BELIEVE	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):	HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
06:00			STAR TREK: NEXT GENERATION (TVPG): - AQUIEL	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	THE NEWSHOUR	06:00
06:30				JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):		06:30
07:00		HEADLINE NEWS	TACTICAL TO PRACTICAL (TVPG): - SPY GEAR, MEDEVAC HELICOPTER, AND SPECIALTY BOATS	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
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07:30	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - POSTSEASON NIT - THIRD ROUND: GEORGE MASON VS OREGON	ESPNEWS			NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
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09:30	NBA FASTBREAK			THE ADVENTURES OF JIMMY NEUTRON, BOY GENIUS (TVY): - RETROVILLE/ULTRA SHEEN		09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	BLUE'S CLUES - WHAT'S NEW BLUE?		A WALK IN YOUR SHOES	PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
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