

## Soldier: In Iraq till 2007

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Boise and his fellow soldiers filled the backpacks with school supplies and took them to local schools.

"Once they saw the bags they just kind of swarmed around us," he said. "That's a good feeling though, afterwards, when you're driving back to the base."

They were able to distribute supplies to about five schools, Boise said, and that included about 800 students.

For the Iraqi people, the donation of school supplies meant a lot, Boise said.

"They were very happy," he added. "Some of them don't really have money. There's a lot of poverty over there. I see them make their houses every day out of mud."

Many of the people don't react negatively to the U.S. military's presence in Iraq, Boise said.

"Some villages, they're neu-

tral—they have a neutral standing or they're pro-army," Boise said.

"Some of the insurgents will actually go there after curfew and kidnap one of the villagers and hold them for ransom or make them hide their weapons."

Often the villagers will ask the soldiers for water, Boise said, so they will leave them several cases.

Boise added, "In return they'll take the water and go make tea and bring it back out to us."

"The tea is really good," he said. "It's sugary though."

The local cuisine is something that Boise and his fellow soldiers have had the opportunity to experience several times.

According to Boise, he and other soldiers have been invited to dine with the Iraqi people twice—once when the people were thanking them for the donation of school supplies and once when the Iraqi chief of police was retiring.

The menu included local food, Boise said, and at one

point they ate sheep's brain.

In Boise's opinion, "The brain was actually pretty good. It fell apart in my hand."

"I just ate it straight from the skull," he said. "They took the wool off or whatever is on the face and stuck it in a big pot and boiled it."

When they ran out of meat from the head itself, a local man pulled open the skull and the brain fell out for them to eat.

Boise originally decided to join the army while participating in the JROTC program in high school—a program that he said helped him a lot when he entered basic training.

During his time at home, Boise returned to Madras High School to speak to current JROTC students.

After his four-year stint in the army is up, Boise plans to go to college.

Boise is the son of Tony and Selena Boise. He has one brother, Jackson, and two sisters: Tonya and Leanna.

Boise will remain in Iraq until August 2007.

## Meteorites: They're actually quite common

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"They're everywhere," he said. "There's one within a mile of us right now."

In the past, farming techniques aided the discovery of meteorites.

Pugh explained, "Of all the instruments we have, the plow has found more meteorites than any other instrument."

The sixth-largest meteorite in the world was found in

Willamette in 1902.

It weighed 15.5 tons, Pugh said, and sparked a legal battle between the men who found the meteorite and those who owned the land it had been taken off of.

The meteorite eventually ended up in a museum.

Pugh also presented in Powell Butte, Terrebonne and Madras.

He has given the same presentations in dozens of Oregon communities and is sponsored by the nonprofit Libraries of Eastern Oregon (LEO) with funding provided to LEO through The Oregon Museum

of Science and Industry.


A grant from NASA allows the Libraries of Eastern Oregon to sponsor the presentations.

The Cascadia Meteorite Lab was established in 2003 as part of the Department of Geology at Portland State University.

In 2005, CML became an official repository for type specimens of newly classified meteorites.

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## 'Silent Message'

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In White's opinion, "It takes a special person to want to attack this problem. It's true that some of those individuals have gone through it, so to re-live it that way is very hard, but very admirable."

As for the future of the film, White said, "I think this will just continue to get bigger. I think it's a good time for people to start talking

about sex abuse and sexual assault and how it affects people."

The students screened the film at Madras High School earlier in the day on Dec. 6.

The Youth Development Team will be shutting down at the end of February when their grant money is used up, Katchia said, unless they can find additional funding.

"We hope we can find somebody to keep us going till at least the end of the year," he said.

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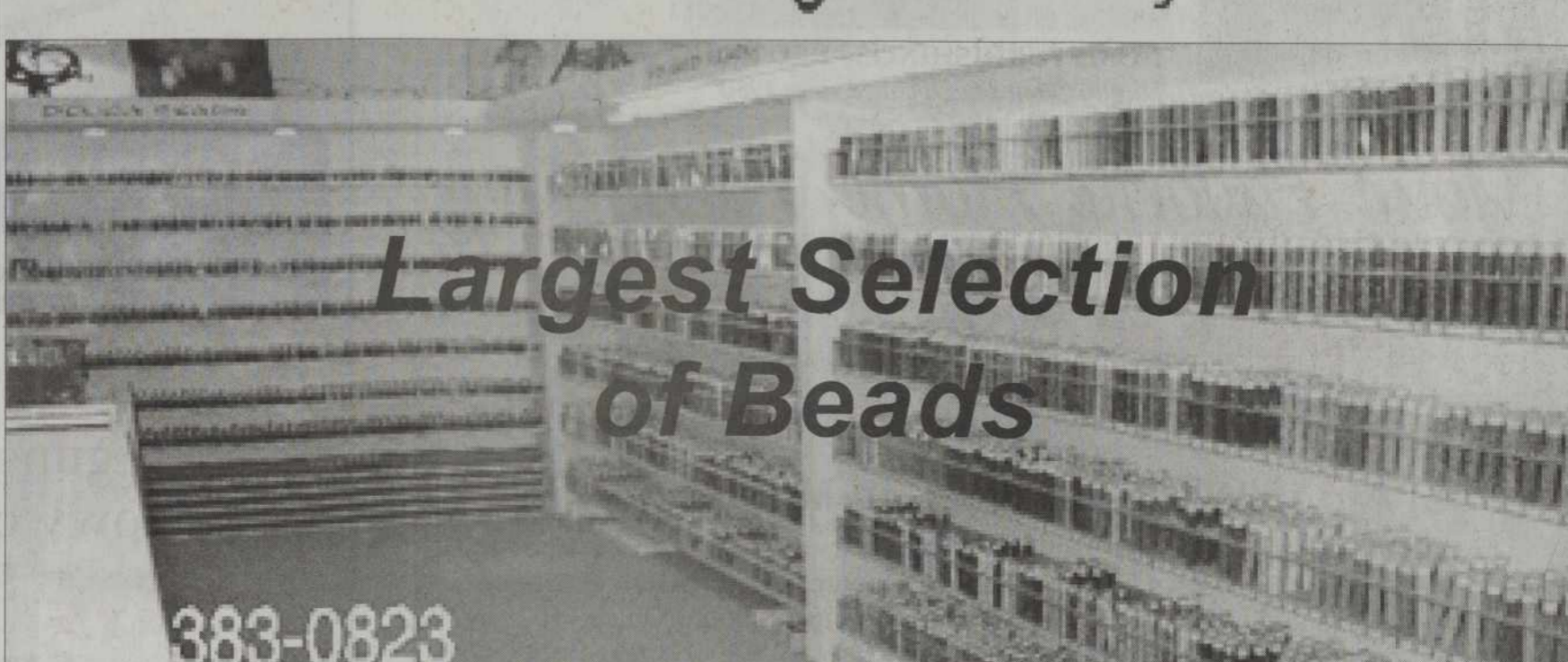
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