Our 2011 reunion will celebrate three special occurrences: the formation of our Regiment 110 years ago; the founding of our Association a decade ago; and, the first time the 1-14 and 2-14 will be in the U.S. simultaneously since 2003.

The reunion--Sept. 29 to Oct. 2--will bring together “Old Bills” and Troopers at the Liberty Inn in DuPont, Wash. and at nearby Joint Base Lewis-McChord (JBLM; formerly Ft. Lewis), home of the 1-14. The 2-14, due to return from Iraq by September to its home station in Hawaii, is planning to send a sizable contingent to be with us.

The 1-14 is our host. We and the squadron are putting together an exciting program of traditional and first-time events. They’ll be informative, engaging and unique. This will be a rare opportunity to celebrate the history of our Regiment, to salute today’s Troopers, and to enjoy comradeship among brothers in arms. Plus, there are events that should appeal to the ladies of our Regiment.

Our Command Post

Our Command Post is the modern Liberty Inn, adjacent to JBLM and in view of Mt. Rainier. The Inn has beautifully appointed rooms with two Queen beds and amenities of 1st-class motels, an indoor pool and Jacuzzi, an exercise room with a universal multi-station, bicycles and treadmills, a guest laundry, a 24-hour business center and a Breakfast Room with practically all the fixings one could want at no charge. Make reservation at 1-877-912-8777. The rate is $112.87 a night, including all fees and taxes, and is guaranteed until Sept. 15. Mention that you will attend the 14th Cavalry Reunion. Visit the Inn at www.libertyinn.com.

Program in Profile

The reunion kicks off on the 29th with registration at the Inn. We are still working on the fee but we intend to keep it at $65-$75 a person. The first “formation” is in late afternoon—the Welcome Stable Call for all members and invited Troopers and guests. It launches our celebration of the anniversaries of our Regiment and Association. Reinforced by libations and finger food, this gathering is certain to generate the spirit and comradeship that are well known among Cavalrymen. Stable Call precedes a dinner with the 1st Squadron’s Family Resource Group at JBLM.

Friday, Sept. 30 is certain to be a highlight, in fact a series of highlights. The 1-14 has laid on a full day of activities. Among them, “touch and feel and crawl-around” displays of its variants of Stryker vehicles and its weapons and other combat equipment. Plus discussions with Troopers, demonstrations of pre-deployment training, briefings on post-deployment garrison operations, and a tour of training areas and the squadron’s headquarters. Lunch in a Mess Hall (opps, Dining Facility) is a possibility. The day concludes with a Right Arm Night dinner at JBLM.

On Saturday, Oct. 1, the morning and afternoon activities take place at Liberty Inn, beginning with a panel of 1-14 and 2-14 Troopers and spouses of 1-14 Troopers who will discuss security operations in Iraq and challenges faced by families during deployments. The panel is followed by a pictorial presentation of the history of the 14th Cavalry Regiment. After lunch, the Association will hold its annual Members’ Meeting.

Fitting Finale

The evening brings a first-ever reunion event: a formal Regimental Banquet and Ball. It features a reception, the typically hilarious Grog Ceremony, a solemn Ceremony to Fallen Troopers, a special salute to both the Regiment and the Association, a full-course dinner and dancing. Gentlemen are invited to wear Dress Mess or Dress Blue uniform, a civilian suit or a coat and tie with their campaign hat and spurs. Ladies are invited to wear a short or long dress. The event will be at a civilian

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Care Packages for 2-14

Many Iraq-based Troopers of the 2-14 have said they appreciate the care packages and notes from members and friends. But they’re still in Iraq, still in harms way. So let’s show them we still care. Address your packages of “goodies”—with an item or more from the Supply Room perhaps—to: Chaplain Jim Mitchem, HHT, 2-14 Cav, FOB Cobra, APO AE 09391.

The Troopers especially remarked about the packages they received through the efforts of members Dom Florio, Jim Vahle, John Ballantyne and Walter Hickey.

The Florio’s daughter, Dominique, a 4th grader, rallied her school to send “Boxes of Love.” Each had notes in them saying we “love you for your sacrifice.”

Jim worked with Operation Support Our Troops of Illinois that sent more than 50 packages to individuals. Each box had enough items, including filled Christmas stockings, to share with 10 others. During the past several years, the organization has sent over 30,000 packages to troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and to vets in VA hospitals.

John’s Rotary Club has been sending and continues to send magazines to the 2-14.

Walter’s coordination with the Step Up for Soldiers organization resulted in 35 care boxes going to the squadron.

Undoubtedly others participated in our “Adopt the 2-14” program. To the named and unnamed “Thank you.” But lets keep this program going until they come home (in late summer if all goes well). Our support to them is but small recognition of the sacrifices our brothers in arms make for us daily.

Supply Room News

You’d think the Red Ball Express has been reconstituted. Supply Officer Jerry Mahoney and Barb Brown at Finish Line Awards are adding new products. Check “the shelves” at www.14thcavsupplyroom.com often. Or go through the Association’s Web site.

They’ve just finished consultations with our president and squadron commanders on the design of an item that is certain to be a hit with veterans and Active Duty troops alike. In fact, it could become the most prized 14th Cavalry item ever offered by the Supply Room. It’s distinctive, a one-of-a-kind item that’s emblematic of the history of our Regiment. It’s an item “Old Bills” and todays Troopers will wear with pride. Jerry plans to have it “on the shelf” by early summer.

Also, now you can “Friend” the Supply Room on Facebook. You’ll see products, photos of Association and squadron activities, and comments by friends of the Supply Room. Bookmark this address: www.facebook.com/pages/14th-Cavalry-Supply-Room/127027084029837?v=wall.

Reminders

The troop clerk pulled these notes from his saddle bag:

• Send your e-mail and/or postal address as soon either change to Max Whipps at opcen@14cav.org or 3800 NE 72nd Ave, Portland, OR 97213-5710.

• Watch your e-mail— for notices about reunion Registration and details, availability of the newsletter on the Web site, and more.

• Make a list of the Troopers you served with. Then go to the Web site and click on “Active Members” to see if they are members. If not, contact them and encourage them to join us.

• We’d like photos from veteran and Active Duty 14th Cav’ers for the Web site and newsletter. They must be at least 300 .dpi in JPG format. Send to bratzgr@mac.com.

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The Commander’s Hatch

This year marks the 110th anniversary of the birth of our Regiment. It is fitting that we recall its illustrious history in the defense of our nation both overseas and here at home.

The Regiment was constituted in the Regular Army on 2 February 1901 and organized on 19 February at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

From 1903 to 1905 the 14th Cavalry (Horse) fought in the Philippines against insurgent forces. It was posted to Walla Walla, Wash. until 1909 when it returned to the Philippines until 1912. From that year to 1918, it patrolled the Texas-Mexico border. Although called for service in World War I, the armistice was signed prior to its deployment. The unit occupied Ft. Sam Houston, Tex. until 1920 when it moved to Ft. Des Moines, Ia. where it remained for two decades. There, in 1937, the 1st Squadron taught a newly commissioned officer how to ride. He reportedly said, “We shared something very special at Fort Des Moines and I think we were lucky that the horses knew what they were doing!” Later that officer became President Ronald Reagan.

In July 1942, at Ft. Riley, Kan., the 14th Cavalry (Horse) became the 14th Armored Regiment. In October, some troops of the Regiment formed the 14th Tank Battalion. A year later, at Ft. Lewis, Wash., other troops of the Regiment became the 14th Cavalry Group.

The Group was renamed the 14th Cavalry Group Mechanized in 1944. On 30 September that year, its 18th and 32nd Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadrons landed on Omaha Beach and in December both squadrons fought in the Battle of the Bulge. During 7-8 March 1945 the 14th Tank Battalion helped to capture the Ludendorff Bridge at Remagen, for which it received a Presidential Unit Citation (Army) Streamer.

On 1 May 1946 the Group became the 14th Constabulary Regiment and carried out civil security operations in Germany. On 20 December 1948 the Constabulary Regiment was renamed the 14th Armored Cavalry Regiment. It patrolled the East-West German border in the Fulda Gap until 1972 when it was reflagged as the 11 Armored Cavalry Regiment; thus our Regiment is the only U.S. Army unit that never redeployed to the U.S. after World War II.

On 15 September 2000 the lineage of the 14th Cavalry was reestablished with the activation of Reconnaissance, Surveillance and Target Acquisition (RSTA) squadrons. Now called Stryker squadrons, the 1st and 2nd squadrons are stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McCord, Wash. and Schofield Barracks, Hi., respectively. Since 2003, both squadrons deployed three times to Iraq.

For 110 years our Regiment has been the U.S. Army’s Suivez Moi—“Follow Me”—unit. Yet, it is the Troopers who have served and still serve in the Regiment who give meaning to our motto and carry on the long and illustrious history of the U.S. Cavalry.

We will mark the anniversaries of our Regiment and Association at this year’s reunion. I urge you to attend. I look forward to reaffirming the spirit of the Cavalry with you.

Tom Cole
MG, USA Ret.
President, 14th Cavalry Association and Honorary Colonel of the Regiment

We Need You...

…someone to be the Webmaster of our Web site. You set the time you can devote to this important function. Technical capabilities are more necessary than writing skills. Work with the Executive VP and the Webmasters of 1-14 and 2-14. This an urgent appeal. Please call or e-mail Gordy.

Max, our Webmaster since ’05, wants to concentrate on his Secretary and member services tasks.

Recollections of the Past

Veteran and Active Duty Troopers of the 14th Cavalry recall the funny and serious about their time in the Regiment.

Docs Deliver

Army docs in Fulda could deliver babies but we weren’t OBs or Peds and didn’t have a nursery. So, SOP said send expectant women to the 97th General Hospital in Frankfurt (usually by ambulance and with a nurse aboard). But determining exactly when a woman will deliver was not an exact science.

So when a trooper’s wife appeared to be ready to deliver I sent her to the 97th. They said, “She’s not ready” and sent her back. A day or so later, we again sent her to the 97th and they again sent her back. Well, when she entered my office, WHAMO, she delivered right into my hands! I sent her and the baby to the 97th with a caustic note. The hospital replied, “You didn’t tie the cord correctly!” To which I said, as I recollect, “Geez, come on!”

It is a privilege to write my first installment for the Association’s newsletter as the Commander of the Warhorse Squadron!

Since returning from Iraq six months ago the Squadron has focused on equipment reset and individual training. The Troopers have flawlessly worked to refurbish and maintain over 560 pieces of rolling and non-rolling stock while re-establishing critical systems related to training management, supply accountability, maintenance and Soldier and Family readiness.

And our training has oriented on our transition to Full Spectrum Operations. Most has centered on Soldier and Scout skills needed to return to the basics of accomplishing our mission as the “eyes and ears” of the Brigade. The Troops trained to: Shoot--qualify on personal weapons at numerous M4 and M9 ranges; Move--perform driver’s training, individual movement techniques and land navigation to get us where we need to go both mounted and dismounted; Communicate--use our radios and digital systems to enable reporting, situational awareness and mission command; and to Medicate--certify on basic medical, first responder and combat life saver tasks.

Without losing our counterinsurgency experience gained during our operations in Iraq as it applies to reconnaissance of human terrain, we have also began integrating the Scout tasks that will enable our ability to execute more traditional and conventional reconnaissance and security missions. The tremendous range of simulation resources here at JBLM--such as the Engagement Skills Trainer, Virtual Battle Space and the Reconfigurable Vehicle Tactical Trainer--has been critical to training these tasks and preparing us to get the most out of our field training.

On the field side, a great majority of our training must happen at night, for obvious reasons, and under notional “contaminated” conditions to regain these skills and operate within the capability of a hybrid threat enemy.

Apocalypse Troop wins Turkey Bowl on snow-covered gridiron.

Of course, we all know what “all work and no play” can do to Troopers, so we’ve had a few events to foster friendly competition and esprit de corps. Our annual Turkey Bowl football tourney was an outstanding team-building event, won by Apocalypse Troop and attended by many families who braved cold weather. We also conducted two different Physical Challenge events. Bronco Troop won the first and Crazyhorse Troop took the second. Our Marriage Spur Ride offered helpful communication and relationship tools for newlyweds and couples who have been together longer, and it generated a lot of positive feedback. Santa surprised us at our Holiday Party, trading his sleigh for a much more maneuverable Stryker! We topped off the year by reviving an elusive tradition, an “old-fashioned” New Year’s Day Reception, to start 2011 off right.

The capstone event of our individual training was the Warhorse Cavalry Stakes, 8-11 February. Our Troopers confidently conducted station-to-station dismounted patrols, testing their skills in weapons, communications equipment, individual movement techniques, grenades, medical skills, route recon, tactical questioning, range cards, observation post techniques, and reaction to Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear threat. Every Trooper did an outstanding job throughout this rigorous and demanding training.

But the winner of the Warhorse Cavalry Cup was Crazyhorse Troop, led by its 2nd Platoon. Veterans of the Regiment may be interested to know that we resurrected the glorious lineage and spirit of the Regiment by awarding the Troop the “1st BN, 14th Armored Cavalry Battalion Test” Cup of 1955. The Cup has been and remains proudly displayed in our trophy case.

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1st Squadron SITREP (cont’d)

We are now transitioning to collective training. It progresses from Squad STX and live-fire to Platoon training. The Troop Mortar Sections are conducting fire support missions to gain certification. The Surveillance Platoon is executing an intense New and Deployed equipment training cycle to prepare its Chemical Recon, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle and Signal Intelligence platoons for operations in a Full Spectrum Environment. This will play a critical role in our mission to provide echeloned reconnaissance since, unlike the task organization of these assets to Brigade in the recent operations in a COIN environment, we will maintain control of these forces and integrate them into the overall intelligence collection plan. And Headquarters Troop is keeping us supplied, moving, evacuated and cared for—things we’ve not done “conventionally” in quite some time.

Although the Military Intelligence Co. (MICO) belongs to Brigade, we continue to maintain Training and Readiness oversight of these personnel and consider them integral to our Warhorse family. Based on their fine demonstration of tactical skills in the Cavalry Stakes and their intention to earn their spurs in the upcoming Squadron Spur Ride, they have embraced being Scouts.

We are scheduled to conduct a Brigade Training Exercise at Yakima Training Center this spring to prepare us for a rotation at the National Training Center this summer. The rotation will be unique for both the Squadron and the Brigade, as it will be the first time in over a decade that a training unit has been subjected to Full Spectrum Operations against a near-peer hybrid threat. It will be challenging and exciting; we look forward to gaining and maintaining contact with the enemy, regardless of what it will look like!

I invite you to visit our Squadron Facebook page at “1-14 Cavalry Warhorse” for more information about current Squadron and training events.

We are preparing to celebrate the anniversaries of our Regiment and Association with you in September. We look forward to seeing you here! Warhorse!

SUIVEZ MOI
Jim Dunivan
LTC, AR, Commanding

Reunions of the Past

Veteran and Active Duty Troopers of the 14th Cavalry recall the funny and serious about their time in the Regiment.

Spy In Fulda?

I went into the men’s room at the commissary to do the constitutional thing. Upon leaving, I inadvertently touched a sign stapled to the inside of the door asking people to wash their hands. From behind it dropped a piece of paper. It had symbols that appeared to be locations of tanks. I realized that the room was an apparent drop location. I was first astonished and then fearful.

I called the CIC headquarters. They instructed me not to tell anyone and to wear my .45 at all times.

A few days later a man in civilian clothes stopped me as I walked home in the dark. He introduced himself as the person I talked to earlier. He took me to the basement of a nearby BOQ. The room was outfitted with electronics and other interesting items.

More than a year later I learned that a German employee and a German food deliveryman were the culprits. The CIC said they were getting good information by surveillance and wanted nothing done until they learned all they could about these two and with whom they had contact.

Eventually they told me they knew what they needed to know and, due to German labor laws, they would have to contrive a situation to bar the men from entering Post. They did that by staging an auto accident and making it my employee’s fault. The delivery person was taken care of by the German police. I never found out what happened to him or to my employee.


E-mail your recollections to us. Subject line: “Recollect.”

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hotel. The campaign hats, cords, large-size 14th Cav brass, and gold and silver spurs are available online from the Supply Room: www.14thcavsupplyroom.com.

On Sunday morning, Oct. 2, the 1-14 will conduct a memorial service at the Post’s Memorial Chapel for 14th Cav Troopers who have made the journey to Fiddlers Green.

Watch for More Info

We’re still ironing out details. But rest assured, we’re sensitive to cost and weighing options accordingly. Nonetheless, we hope this early notice will have you saying, “I’m not gonna’ miss this reunion!” We’ll post the Registration Form and the final program on the Web site. When that’s done, we’ll send notices to your e-mail In Box.
“ALOHA” from FOB COBRA, Diyala, Iraq. Since our last SITREP we have continued to advise, train and assist the Iraqi Security Force (ISF) and we took some time to open care packages from you and celebrate and enjoy the holidays.

Our Troopers have tirelessly trained individual and small unit skills and tasks of our partnered units, the 3rd Regional Guards Brigade (3 RGB) and 4th Brigade, 1st Iraqi Army Division (4-1 IA). Now they often don’t require our direct assistance. Both units are taking the lead in operations and have shown great resolve and determination in providing security within Northern Diyala.

In the past several months we have enjoyed cooler weather and the recent holiday season. We had delicious Thanksgiving and Christmas meals here and at the Combined Checkpoints. We used each holiday to foster good relations with our Iraqi comrades. Some Troopers shared their meals with their Iraqi partners and with visitors such as the 4th ID Division Commander. The visits by senior leaders reminded our Troopers of their importance to U.S. Forces Iraq’s (USF-I) continuing mission toward stability and transition in Iraq.

The Squadron continues to work with ISF, supplying schools with desks and Iraqi citizens with food, detergent and blankets. Radio talk shows continue with the commanders of 2-14 Cav, 4-1 IA and 3 RGB. The Diyala Border Police continue to learn and hone their skills in classes provided by experts and members of our A Troop. Perhaps our most lasting successes may come from our work with the city councils in the towns surrounding FOB Cobra. Council members have taken active roles in their communities: voting on projects, finding contractors and taking better care of their constituents. Their knowledge of local needs is unmatched compared to that of U.S. Forces, and the lessons they are learning will have an impact well beyond our deployment cycle.

![Strykehorse Troopers gather for Christmas Dinner in Iraq.](image1)

A 2-14 Trooper and Iraqi kids.

Despite all we task our Troopers to do daily in support of our mission, we find time to decompress. In early December, the Buffalo Jills (the football Buffalo Bills cheerleading team) were here to perform a dance show. Country Singer Michael Peterson did a USO show at the dining hall. And the 4th Infantry Division (ID) Band came to play Christmas songs. Those activities prompted the holiday spirit for all.

The saying “competition breeds excellence” is well understood in the Squadron as we continue to host our weekly fitness tournament, “Strykehorse Studs.” Each week Soldiers strive to lift more weight or perform more repetitions and earn a place for their name on our competition board. Two Troopers traveled to FOB Warhorse to participate in a Brigade weight lifting competition; one placed 1st and the other 2nd in their respective division. Since the 4th ID recently created the weekly “Ironhorse Hero” award, our Troopers have won three times.

Strykehorse Troopers continue to train and assist their ISF partners and they are continuing to prove themselves capable and credible forces. Likewise, we continue to maintain our checkpoints and perform our tripartite patrols.

We send collective thanks to all who continue to support us. We appreciate the care packages and letters, especially those from Association members. Our best to all members of the Regiment and the Association. We look forward to seeing you upon our redeployment. Especially at our 2011 reunion! Strykehorse!

SUIVEZ MOI
James P. Isenhower, III
LTC, AR, Commanding
HOLD: Consolidate Security Gains

To consolidate the gains of our security operations in the Sab’ al Bor, we executed several non-lethal operations.

Operation Strykeshorpe Ohana (Family) taught Iraqi Army (IA) and Iraqi Police (IP) skills such as patrolling, checkpoint procedures, reaction to contact, small unit targeting and planning, reporting procedures, evidence collection, emergency management, and detainee handling.

We also aided the Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) by identifying potential recruits and helped Ministry of Interior representatives hire police from the ranks of the Sons of Iraq (SOI). The increased recruiting of Sunnis, along with the joint security skills training, enabled the ISF to conduct targeting and security operations unilaterally and with good effect.

Building on these successes, we eventually turned the city’s Joint Coordination Center (which had operated in name only) into an effective 24/7 organization manned by coalition, IA, IP, and SOI personnel. That led to effective coordination and quicker and better tracking of security and civil policing matters in the city. The operation enabled B Troop to hold joint security meetings with ISF and SOI leaders and local government officials. The sessions created a hierarchy, with the local government at the top, and responsibility to the hierarchy by SOI leaders who felt compelled to answer if an attack occurred in their area of responsibility. Thus, the “enforcer” was no longer us but the Iraqi Army.

Our task force then launched Operation Kala Nalu (Money Wave). It initiated reconstruction of key infrastructure and improvements in the city’s capability to provide services. We used funds from our commander’s emergency response program (CERP) and the Iraqi CERP. The operation consisted of discussing project proposals in public fora and allowing citizens to see their government review and approve projects. The troop collected raw project proposal data which we developed into detailed scopes of work in line with government of Iraq (GOI) specifications and then met with its representatives to ensure Sab’ al Bor’s projects received attention.

The request-to-approval process typically delayed projects up to six weeks. To compensate, we used microgrants along with targeted economic revitalization to inject capital into small businesses. As projects were approved and builders began to “turn dirt,” we posted signs saying the project was being done by the GOI and we contacted local media to publish articles about improved services. Planning projects in concert with local and ministerial levels of government increased their capabilities and their legitimacy because these efforts ensured economic opportunity, crossed sectarian boundaries and created equal distribution of benefits.

BUILD: Maintain Sustainable Security

In early fall we shifted to sustaining security in Sab’ al Bor. We understood that would come from increasing the capacity of the local government and nurturing linkages between it and the higher levels of the GOI.

Those ran both vertical and horizontal. Strengthening the former with Baghdad province would ensure that the deputy ministries at the provincial level understood the requirements and were actively working to get services to the city. Strengthening the horizontal linkages required the city council and city manager to provide governance and coordination with those who provided ministerial services to the local population.

Yet, even with connections made, the local government still needed the capability to administer the GOI budgetary continued on page 8
process in order to improve and maintain essential services. To accomplish this, we launched two more nonlethal operations, Kala Nalu II and Operation Kau Inoa (To Build a Nation). The goal of Kala Nalu II was to solidify the horizontal connections among local legislative, executive, and ministerial government bodies. This required us to dedicate combat power for quality checks on projects implemented during Kulu Nalu I and to ensure the presence of all three governing bodies.

The goal of Operation Kau Inoa was to solidify the vertical link between Sab’ al Bor’s government and the ministries in Baghdad by helping the city government to understand and manage its budgetary process. The process required outlying districts (Qadas) to submit funding proposals for approval by the Baghdad provincial government during its joint rural planning committee (JRPC) meetings. The approved proposals were then included in the provincial government’s budget plan.

B Troop’s commander ensured that the city council and city services committee held regular meetings and could correctly identify issues that residents faced. Our executive officer and staff primarily mentored and coached the Qada-level authorities on budgetary processes and attended city-level meetings to mentor and assist the local government with its construction budget. We also monitored the local Nahia government as it identified and prioritized issues at its level and submitted funding requests to the next level of government.

The 2008 JRPC was a significant success. More than 30 projects were approved and budgeted for Sab’ al Bor. The first sign of success occurred during the winter months when the Baghdad governor, key officials from Baghdad ministries, leaders from the Taji Qada, and council members from Sab’ al Bor celebrated the grand opening of the Sab’ al Bor electric substation. It brought an increase of nearly 22 hours of electricity to the city. A week later saw the opening of a GOI-built compact water treatment unit that produced potable water for the city. The combination helped small businesses to thrive, improved the schools, and provided better irrigation for outlying agrarian communities.

When the people in Sab’ al Bor realized their government was meeting their expectations, word of the improved security, greater harmony, and better business and living conditions spread. That led to a third-order effect: the return of some 25,000 Sunni and Shia into the city. Note: The author’s Lessons Learned have been omitted. For a recent report of 2-14 security operations, read “Don’t Believe Everything You Hear About Iraq. There’s Progress,” by current 2-14 commander, LTC James Isenhower III, in the December 17, 2010, Christian Science Monitor.