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## LOWELL CADE BUSINESS INNOVATOR OF THE YEAR: DR. DARREL DARBY

### Doctor puts emphasis on comfort

Company sells prosthetic shoes, orthopedic supplies around globe

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HUNTINGTON — Darrel Darby knew there was something wrong with operating on a person's foot and then putting it in a wooden-sole shoe.

But that was the practice at the time.

Still, it didn't seem right to the Huntington podiatrist that his patients would be expected to walk on a wound that needed time to heal. No wound like that could heal if it bore a person's entire body weight, he figured. In addition to that, putting all that pressure on a wound would force an infection into the patient's blood stream, spreading it throughout the body.

So, Darby had his patients bring in their running shoes or walking shoes. He would determine where the wound area would contact the sole or toes of the shoe and cut it out.

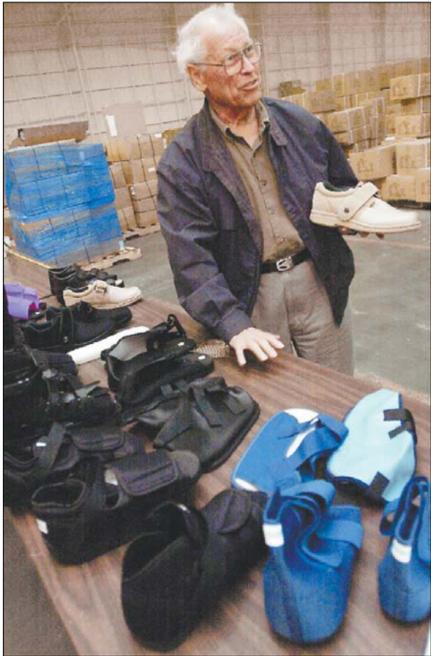
But he knew there was a better way.

And he found it. To get that better way to his patients, he made some prototypes and took them to Taiwan in search of a manufacturer.

It worked, and Darco International was formed.

That was 1985. Today, Darco is an international company selling prosthetic shoes and orthopedic supplies all around the world. It has a factory near Shanghai, China, employing 200 people, and it just opened a new warehouse in Huntington's West End.

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Dr. Darrel Darby describes Tuesday some of the products manufactured and sold by Darco International at the Darco warehouse in Huntington.



#### About the award

The Business Innovator of the Year award was created in 1996 and is designed to be given to a Tri-State business person who has made a significant impact on the lives of area residents. Past winners include Jerry McDonald, Patricia Clonch, John Hankins, Marc A. Sprouse, Jeff Bezos and Brent Roswell.

#### Citizen awards

Since 1987, The Herald-Dispatch has been recognizing outstanding people of the Tri-State with our annual Citizen Awards, which honor citizenship, volunteer efforts, business innovation, athletics and the arts. A series of profiles on the winners for 2002 appear in the newspaper this week.

**Sunday:** Dr. Bob Culp named the winner of the Zack Binkley Award for Community Service.

**Monday:** Chris Parsons named the Lowell Cade Sportsman of the Year.

**Tuesday:** Darrel Darby named Business Innovator of the Year.

**Wednesday:** Herald-Dispatch Award for the Arts.

**Thursday:** Herald-Dispatch Citizen of the Year.



**MORE ON 3A**

Marines battle Saddam loyalists in city of Tikrit  
No signs of aviator missing since first Gulf War

# U.S. turns focus to post-war plan



Gannett News Service

Children give a flower to soldiers with the 11th Engineer Battalion, Alpha Company with Charlie Company/2-7 Infantry, tasked with the 3-69 Task Force, as they search Monday for any Iraqi explosives or weapons left behind by retreating Iraqi soldiers in the Baghdad neighborhood of Firdos.

## Military: Major combat is over

Director in charge of organizing new Iraqi government is ready to begin

By JAMES COX  
Gannett News Service

KUWAIT CITY — The retired U.S. Army general responsible for organizing a post-Saddam administration in Iraq is worried that his team's critical work is off to a slow start but said Monday that he hopes to get his people to Baghdad this week.

"Actually, I wish I'd been in Baghdad a week ago," Jay Garner, head of the Office of Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance, said in an interview with USA TODAY.

"My fear right now is every day we delay we're probably losing some momentum, and there's perhaps some vacuums in there getting filled that we won't want filled."

Garner plans to attend a meeting in Nasiriyah, Iraq, today with Iraqi religious, ethnic and tribal leaders to discuss the country's post-Saddam administration. The meeting will signal the start of an increasing focus by coalition forces on restoring order to Iraq.

Those efforts come as the military campaign winds down. Marines appeared Monday to be on the verge of capturing Tikrit, Saddam's hometown and the last major concentration of Iraqi forces. While there is still a lot of work to be done, "I would

## Family anxious to see Lynch

Mom, dad by former POW's side as she heals in Washington hospital

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WASHINGTON — While former prisoner of war Pfc.

Jessica Lynch continued her recovery Monday at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, family members were waiting for the OK to head to Washington, D.C., for a visit.

Her cousin, Pam Nicolais, said she spoke Sunday with a Deadra Lynch, Jessica's mother, and was told the

family should hold off for a bit while Jessica Lynch builds strength. Nicolais said she wasn't sure how long it would be, but said it could be as long as a week before family members make the trip from Wirt County, W.Va.

The Lynchs are happy to be back on American soil, Nicolais said. "They're homesick," she said.

The medical center said in a prepared news release Monday evening that Lynch

remains in satisfactory condition.

"The Lynch family remains grateful for the public's support," the release said. "However, their top priority continues to be their daughter's rehabilitation. At this time, they have elected not to meet with the media."

Jessica Lynch has been at Walter Reed since Saturday after spending more than a week at a military hospital in Landstuhl, Germany. With her immediate family by her side, the 19-year-old supply clerk is recovering from broken legs, a broken arm and a spinal injury in the orthopedic ward at Walter Reed.

Maj. Gen. Kevin Kiley, commanding general for the North Atlantic Regional Medical Command, said Sunday doctors would be doing men-

tal and physical assessments of Jessica Lynch early in the week and that she will receive additional services usually provided to treat the specific needs of POWs. Her family is staying in guest facilities on the Walter Reed campus.

The medical center had treated 115 patients from Operation Iraqi Freedom as of Monday, 62 of whom have been battle casualties, according to the release. Of the battle casualties, 48 have been inpatients, and 18 of those have been discharged. One patient was transferred to Walter Reed from the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md.; the rest came from Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany.

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## Rescued POWs provide details about their capture

The Associated Press

KUWAIT CITY — Rescued POWs from the 507th Ordnance Maintenance Company revealed new details about the ambush that resulted in their capture, but the soldiers don't know how they became separated from West Virginia native Pfc. Jessica Lynch.

Five of those rescued Sunday were members of the 507th, who were captured along with Lynch when they made a wrong turn near the Iraqi city of Nasiriyah and drove into an ambush March 23. A 15-minute firefight ensued, and some of the unit's automatic weapons

jammed because of the sand. "We were like Custer," recalled Sgt. James Riley, 31, of Pennsauken, N.J. As the senior soldier present, it fell to him to surrender. "We were surrounded. We had no working weapons. We couldn't even make a bayonet charge — we would have been mowed down."

Nine U.S. soldiers were killed, four were rescued by U.S. forces the same day, and six were captured by the Iraqis. The five rescued Sunday were taken to Baghdad, but for some reason, Lynch was separated from them and eventually rescued from a hospital in

Nasiriyah. Her comrades did not know until Sunday what had happened to her.

The 507th soldiers recalled the Iraqis swarming around them, kicking and beating some of them. In Johnson's case, though, the Iraqis opened her chemical weapons suit and "noticed I was a female." Then, she said, they treated her more gently.

Lynch is recovering from multiple injuries, but the military has released no information about whether those injuries occurred during the ambush or at some time during the 10 days she was missing.



The Associated Press

Freed POWs prepare to disembark from a C-130 transport plane Sunday upon their arrival in Kuwait.



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