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## Destruction of terrorist property



Pvt. Jon Cano

Staff Sgt. Neal Feldman, a sapper with Company A, 2nd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) out of Fort Drum, N.Y., helps prepare to destroy a bridge near Carghuli Village, Iraq, July 3. The bridge was a major transit point for foreign fighters and al-Qaeda operatives moving through the “belts” around Baghdad.

## Chinooks take to sky for air assault

Pfc. Monica K. Smith  
CAB, 3RD INF. DIV. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Chinook crews of the Combat Aviation Brigade are finding their missions are extending past the traditional role of transporting supplies and materiel to a more aggressive form of transportation.

Chinooks are participating more often in air assault missions transporting military forces to confront and attack enemy insurgents.

“Doing the (nightly) transporting thing is good,” said Spc. Stanford Horne, crew chief with Company B, 2nd Battalion,

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# Iraqi police attract 1,800 candidates

2ND BCT, 10TH MTN. DIV. PAO

MAHMUDIYAH — Despite Iraqi Security Forces being a primary target for anti-Iraqi terrorists, people continue to volunteer for the Iraqi police. A recent recruiting drive in Mahmudiyah brought nearly 2,000 Iraqi citizens vying for jobs.

The three-day drive in Mahmudiyah held July 8-10 attracted 1,804 applicants eager to find a job.

The drive was orchestrated largely by the 23rd Military Police Company, 720th MP Battalion, 89th MP Brigade, which is based at Fort Bragg, N.C.

The mayor of Mahmudiyah, Mouyed Al-Ameri, visited applicants at the drive, as did Gen. Abid, the police commander in the area.

Applicants were safely processed and tight security and coordination between Iraqi and Coalition Forces ensured safety for everyone involved. Each person was searched twice before entering the compound, and twice within, to prevent attacks on the group of people.

The applicants were mostly Shia, although Sunnis were well-represented as well.

They came from many of the local villages, and the drive was extended for a day to the population of al-Rasheed and other areas of Sunni majority, so that the recruit base will be more evenly represented.

As each person applied, they were entered into a biometrics database with a retinal scan, fingerprint, and



Air Force Master Sgt. Jonathan Doti

Iraqi police and members of the 23rd MP Co., 720th MP Bn., 89th MP Bde., from Fort Bragg, N.C., maintain security during an IP recruitment drive named "New Blue" in Mahmudiyah July 7.

photograph.

The Mahmudiyah district, which includes Lutifiyah and Yusufiyah as well as countless outlying villages, will have eight police stations and joint security stations in the next five years; most of them are already built. But staffing them with trained police is the next goal — one which the recruitment drive helped substantially.

"We'll be able to have more presence patrols and more checkpoints," said Sgt. 1st Class Robert Porter, a native of Portsmouth, Va., and a platoon sergeant with the 23rd MPs. "We can cut out the unauthorized checkpoints and provide more established security, just as soon as we get police through the academy and get them the resources

they need."

The operation was aided by the 2nd Battalion, 15th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) out of Fort Drum, N.Y., and the 4th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army division, both based in Mahmudiyah.

"With good recruits, we'll end up with a police force more capable of providing security for the local population," said Capt. Dustin Walker, a native of Bedford, N.H., and an adviser to 2-15's partnered Iraqi Army unit. "Recruits from this area have a vested interest in protecting their home areas, and the number of people who want to get involved with their government is outstanding."

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## AIR: CAB Chinooks break tradition by participating in air assaults

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3rd Aviation Regiment. "But with air assault you kind of feel like you are accomplishing something, which we are in the first place — we're putting people where they need to go."

Traditionally the CAB uses Blackhawks for air movement and air assault by moving personnel around the battlefield rather than on the roads, which have improvised explosive devices, said Capt. Daniel Morris, battle captain for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2-3 Avn.

Blackhawks are able to maneuver into smaller landing areas, however, Chinooks have the capabilities to facilitate larger missions simply because of their size, said Spc. John Huber, also with Co. B.

Chinooks can carry 33 people, 24 medical litters or stretchers, and have a payload of up to 25,000 pounds. In addition, the seats are "quick release" meaning they fold up rapidly to fit more equipment if needed.

The ground commander has a working knowledge of each helicopter and its capabilities and will make a request based on his needs.

Often a combination of Blackhawks and Chinooks will be used, depending on the number of troops to transport.

The Blackhawks can carry 11 people each, but the Chinook carries three times as many.

"We use (Chinooks) a lot when we have a bunch of people we need to move," said Morris.

However, size isn't necessarily a positive aspect for the Chinook. Because they often carry more weight, the Chinook is not as agile as the Blackhawk.

They also take longer to unload on the ground just because of the number of Soldiers they carry.

"The fact that we can carry a lot of troops means that we have to spend more time on the ground during the assault getting rid of the troops whereas the Blackhawks, as soon as they're on the ground those guys are out in a nanosecond," said Chief Warrant Officer Manny Portela, a pilot with Co. B. "We're out in three or four seconds and that can be significant depending on the conditions of the field,"

The time on ground can be nerve wracking to some of the

Chinook crewmembers because conditions in theater can change at a moment's notice.

Huber's first air assault mission was simple: drop off Soldiers who were going after IED manufacturers.

But when a mortar hit nearby, Huber realized his role was more than that of a simple taxi service.

"I was scared," Huber said. "But I started thinking about it and that's why we're here, to help the guys on the ground."

During their second air assault, Huber's fellow crewmember Horne armed the ramp gun, sitting on the edge of the ramp and anchored to the helicopter. The gun seat, which would normally be there, was removed to allow infantry Soldiers to be able to exit the aircraft quickly.

Despite the uncomfortable flight, Horne enjoys participating in air assaults.

"I like it. It keeps you on your toes," Horne said. "You don't have room to mess up. It makes you better, at least that's how I feel."

## Safety Thought of the Day

### Chainsaw Safety

Operators should be familiar with proper starting and operating techniques.

#### To avoid kickbacks:

- Avoid making cuts with the saw between your legs; always cut with the saw to the outside of your legs.
- Standing on a log and sawing between may result in serious bodily injuries.
- Avoid straddling the limb you are to cut, stand to one side instead.

- Keep in mind where the chain will go if it breaks; position the chain so it is not in line with yourself or other people.
- Keep the chain out of the dirt, debris will fly, the teeth will be dulled and the chain life shortened considerably.

#### Preventive Maintenance

- Properly sharpened teeth will cut quickly, smoothly and more safely.
- Check the chain tension and lubrication system for proper function.

- A clean air filter, good sparkplug, and effective muffler will make for a better running engine.
- Follow the manufacturer's advice in the operator's manual when making adjustments to the chain or engine
- Protective equipment requirements should consist of gloves, eye protection, and hearing protection.
- Leaders should reference AR600-55 for training and licensing requirements.

## Headline Highlights

# Muscle men more attractive; magic trick taken

## Women drawn to muscle men

JULIE STEENHUYSEN  
REUTERS

CHICAGO — Muscular young men are likely to have more sex partners than their less-chiseled peers, researchers at the University of California Los Angeles said on Monday.

Their study, published in the *Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin*, suggests muscles in men are akin to elaborate tail feathers in male peacocks: They attract females looking for a virile mate.

"Women are predisposed to prefer muscularity in men," said study author David Frederick of UCLA.

"Most research is focused on what men find physically attractive in women and the career traits women find attractive in men," Frederick said by telephone. "Much less research is devoted to what women find attractive."

He said prior studies concluded a man's desirability was influenced more by his earning potential and commitment. His study found physical characteristics mattered more.

Women were more physically attracted to brawny men, especially for a fling. But when it comes to finding a long-term partner, they tend to pick a regular man over a mate with huge biceps.

"On the one hand, it makes them more sexy to women. On the other hand, it makes women more suspicious about their romantic intentions," Frederick said.

He and colleagues interviewed 99 male undergraduates about their sexual histories. Muscular men were twice as likely to have had more than three sex partners than less-built types.

Frederick and colleagues also asked 141 college women to look at six standardized silhouettes of men ranging from brawny to slender. Most preferred a toned man who was more likely to commit over a muscle-bound man they perceived as more volatile, aggressive and dominant.

## Police seize magic trick

KAMPALA (Reuters) — Ugandan police are holding a Ghanaian preacher over a stage magic device they fear may

dupe people into believing they have experienced miracles.

Customs officials seized the Electric Touch device -- which magicians use to give small electric shocks to volunteers -- from "Prophet" Obiri Yeboah at the airport last week, the state owned New Vision daily reported Tuesday.

The pastor heads one of many Pentecostal churches in Uganda, receiving large sums of money from congregations seeking miracle cures for diseases or help with financial problems. The Electric Touch device is usually sold in magic shops alongside card tricks, magic coins and disappearing balls.

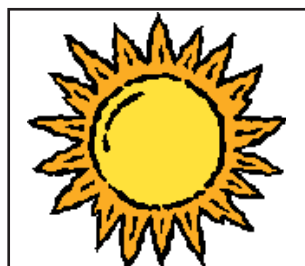
"With a simple touch, make a fluorescent bulb glow on and off at your command, make confetti move, charge a spoon and watch as it shocks a volunteer!" says one online magic shop selling the device.

"People could be duped to think it is a miracle," the New Vision quoted Civil Aviation Authority security chief Herman Owomugisha as saying.

Officials are worried about the proliferation of "miracle" churches in Uganda, many of which claim to cure HIV/AIDS.

## Marne Weather Watch

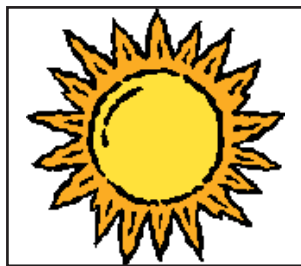
Wednesday, July 11



Sunny

Low: 89F/High: 118F

Thursday, July 12



Sunny

Low: 90F/High: 117F

## ARABIC PHRASE OF THE DAY

How long have you been here? *ish-ged sar-lick hennah?*

## Sudoku

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			2	9	7			4
1	7	5					2	
					4			1
			3		2			
8			6					
	6					3	5	9
9			8	4	5			
	1	2				7		

from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

Solution to  
yesterday's  
puzzle:

1	5	3	7	4	9	6	8	2
7	9	4	8	2	6	1	3	5
2	6	8	1	3	5	9	7	4
3	2	5	9	8	4	7	1	6
8	1	9	5	6	7	4	2	3
4	7	6	3	1	2	5	9	8
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9	4	2	6	7	8	3	5	1
6	3	7	2	5	1	8	4	9