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Pfc. Jeremy Weflen, a medic with Co. A, 1-15 Inf. Regt., takes a retinal picture of an applicant at an IP recruitment drive in Salman Pak July 30.

IPs seek recruits in Salman Pak

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COP CLEARY — It began with a bit of confusion and awkwardness.

Superiors were busy ensuring everything was set, and subordinates asked each other if anybody would show up. At first no one did, and a disappointing silence fell over most of the building. Some wondered if the rest of the day would be the same.

Then, through the large, rusty handled, metallic gate, they came.

They came throughout the day, local Iraqis wanting to apply for work at the Salman Pak Iraqi police station during a recruitment drive July 30.

Organized by police of the Mada'in district and supported by the 59th Military Police Company, the drive allowed Iraqis in the area to apply to serve as a police officer.

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Residents turn in two more explosives caches

2ND BCT, 10TH MTN. DIV. (LI) PAO

AL-TAQA — A resident near Al-Taqa, Iraq, brought a bag of explosives to a Coalition patrol July 30, then took the patrol to a much larger cache of explosives the next night.

Soldiers of Company D, 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Moun-

tain Division (Light Infantry) out of Fort Drum, N.Y., were patrolling June 30 when a local man approached and turned in a bag containing three 57mm rounds with detonation cord, two plastic "Meal, Ready-to-Eat" bags, and a water bottle filled with homemade explosive.

The man told the Soldiers he knew of a large cache and would lead the troops

to it the next night. On the evening of July 31, the man led troops of the 4th Battalion, 4th Brigade, 6th Iraqi Army Division and Co. D, 4-31st Inf. Regt., to a cache containing 20 bags of homemade explosive, each weighing between 20 and 25 pounds.

The contents of both caches were taken to Patrol Base Dragon and destroyed in a controlled detonation.

Soldier builds for peers, security, morale

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COP CLEARY — It takes a village to raise a child, but only one man to build a combat outpost.

One can see his work throughout COP Cleary. Every passing day, more and more of his finished projects spring up; in living quarters, around work areas, sometimes in the middle of open space where the most exciting event of the day was the occasional battle be-

tween ant and spider.

Sgt. Jorge Sanchez, infantryman, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, has had a hand in building almost every piece of COP Cleary. From the six showers and latrines, to the stands for the weapons systems in the guard towers, to the lofts used as living quarters in the main building, the Pine Mountain, Ga., native has built it or had a hand in build-

"Once I start building, I build till I'm out of supplies or until it's done."

— Sgt. Jorge Sanchez
HHC, 1-15 Inf. Regt.

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Soldiers enjoy productive down time at FOB Kalsu

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All work and no play makes life pretty dull, but fortunately Soldiers on Forward Operating Base Kalsu have plenty of ways to spend their leisure time.

"We hold many events for Soldiers," said Anita Shaw, Morale Welfare and Recreation coordinator.

Daily events include video game tournaments, board game tournaments such as chess and Risk, ping pong, cards and dominoes, Shaw said.

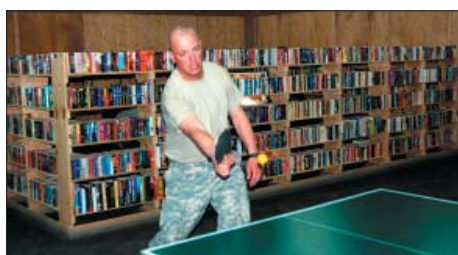
Sporting events such as basketball tournaments are also offered for Soldiers to work off some energy.

Other Soldiers opt to spend their leisure time doing another sort of sporting activity — weightlifting.

Pfc. Robert Galaviz and Sgt. Eziquel Gutierrez are both part of the personal security team for 2nd Brigade Combat Team commander Col. Terry Ferrell. They said they enjoy working out in their off time.

"It keeps you motivated and not worried about being home," Galaviz said. "It's better than lying around and helps you stay healthy."

Rather than hitting the weights, Staff



Staff Sgt. Timothy Eye plays ping-pong at the Kalsu MWR center.

Sgt. Timothy Eye, 2nd BCT chaplain assistant, hits a ping-pong ball.

Eye, who is participating in an open tournament, said he comes to MWR at least once a week to test his skills.

"I'm here to play and have fun," he said.

For Soldiers who don't necessarily want to socialize, there are still leisure activities available. Four nights a week, the MWR center plays an outdoor movie at the Kalsu basketball courts. It also has a vast reading room with books and magazines to browse, borrow or keep.

Sgt. Raul Balderas, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, said reading is one of his hobbies. Relaxation is important, he said, because it is impossible to

work constantly.

"Soldiers need leisure time so they don't burn out. Leaders need to let folks have that freedom and not assume they are shamming," he said.

While Balderas enjoys reading books, Sgt. Phillip Marshall, 2nd BCT S6 signal team, is busy making one.

Marshall said he is using computer software and photos he's taken to create a comic book for his family.

"I like doing graphics (design work)," he said, adding this love has also lead him to begin making a DVD for his wife and daughter.

Others, like Staff Sgt. Andrew Medlin, 2nd BCT S6, use their electronics for video games.

"It helps relieve stress. The mission is fine but you still have to unwind sometimes," Medlin said as he battled another roommate in a shooting game.

Besides killing time, the video game rivalries also help strengthen bonds between fellow Soldiers, he added.

"You have to socialize. You can't keep to yourself. It is better with friends."

Shaw said it's important to find positive ways for Soldiers to expend energy. "A busy Soldier is one who stays out of trouble," she said.

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Sgt. Jorge Sanchez, 1-15 Inf. Regt., works on the entrance to the MWR center he built at COP Cleary July 31.

HANDY: Soldier improves COP Cleary

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ing it.

"I build everything that is required to get the Soldiers better living conditions in the COPs," Sanchez said.

Working with 1-15 Inf. Regt. Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Moore, Sanchez has built various projects not only for here but also for Forward Operating Base Hammer and COP Cahill.

"I work directly for Command Sergeant Major Moore," Sanchez said. "He comes up with the plans, tells me, and we discuss whatever situation we have to deal with — if we need wires, security, whatever were going to use for the project."

Some of his completed projects include a 75-foot-long loft he built in a week at COP Cahill for Soldiers to use as living quarters. Here, in addition to the showers, latrines and lofts, he's also built 30 benches and tables Soldiers use throughout the COP. He also built walls for the area used as the gym and is currently in the process of building a Morale, Welfare and Recreation tent.

"Once I start building, I build until I run out of supplies or until it's done," said Sanchez with a smile.

"He's doing a great job at everything he's done so far," said Pfc. Victor Almodovar, a tanker with Com-

pany C, 1-15 Inf. Regt.

Sanchez said he had to talk to the division surgeon to be allowed to come here this time, for this mission, to help the Soldiers living conditions. His dedication has also attracted volunteers, even if his work style takes some time to get used to.

"He is kind of particular of about how he likes it and I just follow what he tells me to do," said Capt. Teri Gurrola, physician assistant, Company C, 203rd Brigade Support Battalion, a volunteer helping Sanchez complete the MWR tent. "I enjoy working with him."

Back home, Sanchez said he's Army 24/7, but does find time to help as a volunteer firefighter. His wife, director of the botanical gardens in Columbus, Ga., also runs a program for Soldiers called "Dolls from Daddy." The program sends dolls, provided for free by the manufacturer, to young daughters of Soldiers deployed.

Although everything made of wood here is an indicator of Sanchez's work, he never was a carpenter.

"My dad, he was an architect. I'm not a carpenter," Sanchez said. "I just know how to build."

The 1-15 Inf. Regt. is assigned to the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, from Fort Benning, Ga.

RECRUIT: Iraqi police hold recruitment drive, draw 122 applicants

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"Right now, we're just helping them with security," said Capt. Elizabeth M. Cane, commander, 59th MP Co. "They (Iraqi police) put the whole drive together."

This is the first recruitment drive in Salman Pak in quite some time, Cane said. Applicants had to be Iraqi and between the ages of 17 and 35.

Police also checked to ensure recruits were healthy and didn't have a criminal record.

Once they applied, candidates enrolled in a Coalition database and were required to provide their name and contact information to the police station.

Everybody (who applies) is put into the system, said Pfc. Jeremy Weflen, a medic with Company A, 1st Battalion,

15th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division.

Additional requirements include a written exam, physical fitness test and a medical exam, all to be administered at a later screening. Cane said the police will sponsor more drives across the Mada'in Qada. The recruitment drive yielded a total of 122 applicants over the course of the week.

Safety Thought of the Day

Tire Safety

- Prior to dislodging tire beads, lock-rings, or side ring flanges, be absolutely certain no air pressure remains in the tire.
- Never inflate a wheel assembly with wheel locknuts removed in an attempt to separate the inner and outer rim halves. The assembly will separate under pressure resulting in serious injury or death.
- Never exceed 3 psi (21 kpa) inflation

prior to placing tire and wheel assembly into inflation safety cage or mounting on a tire change machine that has a positive lockdown device.

- Improperly seated side flanges or lock-rings may fly off during inflation. Never attempt to seat a side ring flange or lock-ring during inflation or after inflation with a hammer or other tool.



Headline Highlights

Dead husband at bedside; illegal dung depot

Allowance denied at age 61

ROME (Reuters) — A Sicilian mother took away her 61-year-old son's house keys, cut off his allowance and hauled him to the police station because he stayed out late.

Tired of her son's misbehavior, the retiree in the central Sicilian city of Caltagirone turned to the police to "convince this blockhead" to behave properly, La Sicilia, one of Sicily's leading newspapers, reported on Thursday.

The son responded by saying his mother did not give him a big enough weekly allowance and did not know how to cook.

"My son does not respect me, he doesn't tell me where he's going in the evenings and returns home late," the woman was quoted as saying. "He is never happy with the food I make and always complains. This can't go on."

Police helped the squabbling duo make up and the two returned home together, with the son's house keys and daily allowance restored.

Most Italian men still live at home late into their 30s, enjoying their "mamma's" cooking, washing and ironing.

Dead husband kept by bed

MEXICO CITY (Reuters) — A woman in Mexico City kept the body of her dead husband by her bedside for a year until neighbors, disturbed by the smell, called the police.

Police broke down Mercedes Velar-

de's door on Tuesday and found the putrefied body of her husband Edmundo on the floor of her bedroom.

Authorities said on Wednesday they were investigating Velarde's claim her husband died of natural causes. They believe the man, in his early 60s, had mental problems that may have been linked to his death.

Local media reported that Velarde's son regularly helped remove worms infesting his father's body.

Police could not confirm the reports but said her two adult children knew their mother was keeping the body.

The family is being examined by a psychiatrist.

After an autopsy, the family could face criminal charges or be sent to a psychiatric hospital.

Authorities said hiding a dead person, even a family member, is a crime.

"Yes, these people have psychological problems, (but) they hid a corpse. Even if it is a family member, they committed a crime," Veronica Sanchez at the Mexico City attorney general's office told Reuters.

'Schnitzel Stephan' sentenced

BERLIN (Reuters) — A Berlin court has sentenced a man known as "Schnitzel Stephan" to 18 months in jail for cheating 64 restaurants in the past year when he was already on probation for previous unpaid eating binges.

The heavyset man of 160 kg (350 lb), with a thin grey beard, would routinely order lamb chops, steak or Viennese

schnitzel along with several beers.

When the bill came, he either ran for the door or told the waiter he had no money.

Iris Berger, a spokeswoman for the Berlin Justice Department, said Thursday the 43-year-old unemployed truck driver had been convicted on 64 counts of fraud. The total damage to restaurants was 3,000 euros (\$4,100).

Odor leads to dung depot

MIAMI (Reuters) — A Florida man stockpiled 20,000 cubic yards of horse manure on his property and was charged with running an illegal composting operation, environmental regulators said on Wednesday.

Neighbors complained about the odor wafting from Walter Duque's property in the rural community of Loxahatchee, where several acres were covered with manure piles up to 15 feet (4.5 meters) high, the state Department of Environmental Protection said.

Investigators suspect Duque had been accepting dump truck loads of horse manure from nearby equestrian communities in Palm Beach County, agency spokesman Stephen Webster said.

They issued three misdemeanor citations for violations punishable by up to 18 months in jail and \$30,000 in fines.

Florida requires special permits for composting and storing horse manure and regularly inspects the operations to ensure ground water is not polluted, Webster said.

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from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

Solution to yesterday's puzzle:

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ARABIC WORD OF THE DAY

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