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Operation Centurion wraps up

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PB MURRAY — Al-Qaeda insurgents have one less place to call a safe haven in Arab Jabour.

Al-Buaytha, a region north of Patrol Base Murray and a veritable hornet's nest of insurgent activity, was stirred up by Soldiers of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, during Operation Centurion Aug. 19-21.

In three days, the Soldiers of Company A, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, coordinated efforts with more than 50 concerned citizens in al-Buaytha and detained nine suspected al-Qaeda operatives and cleared 30 buildings. The operation assisted Coalition Forces in extending their influence and message into al-Buaytha.

"The operation let the people know that American and Coalition Forces are here to do good," said 1st Lt. Wayne Lett, third platoon leader, Co. A. "We want to rid the area of al-Qaeda."

He said concerned citizens coming forward to help in the effort against in-



Sgt. Luis Delgadillo

Sgt. William R. Brayman III, Co. A, 1-30th Inf. Regt., crouches at a halt while on patrol in Al Buaytha Aug. 19 during Operation Centurion.

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Insurgent safehouse raid nets two detainees

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BAGHDAD — Task Force Marne Soldiers executed a raid on a Shiite militia safehouse in Suwayrah Aug. 26, detaining two suspected insurgents.

Paratroopers from 4th Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), 25th Infantry Division, were inserted into the target area by helicopter air as part of Operation Marne Husky. Suwayrah,

known enemy safe-haven, is located about 25 miles south-east of Baghdad.

The troopers' main goal on the operation, dubbed Falcon Fury III, was to disrupt Mahdi Army activity in Suwayrah and prevent the group from attacking civilians and Coalition Forces. Two men were detained during a sweep of the target buildings while searching for illegal weapons or other accelerants. Detainees are being held for further questioning.

Commentary

Words: they're grammar-licious

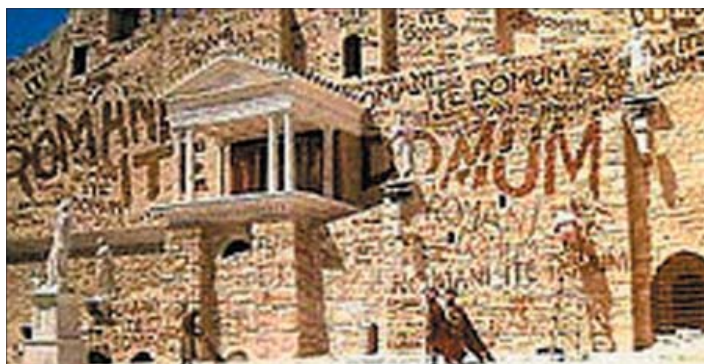
SGT. CHRIS McCANN
2ND BCT, 10TH MTN. DIV. (LI)

I'm a grammar snob. I admit it. I take pride in it. So I'll admit I'm prejudiced and harsh on the subject — but it drives me crazy when people butcher English when it is allegedly their first language.

The one that gets me all the time is people, when discussing something at which they're good, refer to it as a "forté." Pronounced "four-tay."

This is Italian, and it means "loud." That's why in music, the notations of which are written in Italian, a section of a song played loudly says "forté" between the lines. "Forte," with no accent, is French and pronounced just like for, means strength. But I am assaulted at least once a week by someone who tells me that, say, map-reading is not their loud. Call me petty.

"Cache" is another one; I realize that in the alphabet-soup world of the military, where Soldiers can be sent to a combat support hospital which is called a "cash," perhaps I shouldn't argue, because the meaning is clear; you generally don't find a combat support hospital filled with mortar rounds or what-have-you. But to call a hidden stock of weapons



In this scene from *Monty Python's Life of Brian*, Brian pays the consequence for grammatical transgression when he is caught mistranslating "Romans, go home."

a "cash-ay" is simply brutal. Cachet — sticking a silent "T" onto words is the French way of winning at Scrabble — makes it have an "-ay" at the end. But cachet means prestige, a certain je ne sais quoi, if you will. In a much older form, it can be a tiny, folded, embossed letter from a nobleman. Unless you have discovered one of these buried in a field near Mahmudiyah, what you found was a cache, with no -ay at the end.

Espresso. It's also Italian, and refers to the coffee being squeezed — pressed, even. But maybe because of the caffeine making people

go faster, it's "express-o" as though they fed it to mail-delivery ponies.

The splat-mark on a keyboard is not the singular form of the Gaulish warrior in French comic books; the

spelling of the full word that becomes "etc." does not contain X.

I don't fault people for not knowing

French or Italian; English is the language that lurks in dark alleys, beats up passing languages and steals the vocabulary it finds in their pockets. It is the stepchild of German and Latin and steals any words it can get its grub-

by hands on.

But it certainly doesn't hurt to know a couple of extra languages. The Dutch speak four languages; it can't be too difficult.

Then there's just your standard Army-speak; the military changes words the way small underdeveloped countries change leaders — often and nonsensically.

When I got to Fort Bragg, I had a hard time learning the layout of the post — it's huge. They sent me to a class to "get orientated." I know Japanese and I can eat pudding with chopsticks — I'm very well Orientated, thank you. But I can't find my way around until I get oriented. Literally — and stupidly — it means to be pointed east, but at least that way I'd be able to find Bragg Boulevard.

And of course when landing in Kuwait, the big issue was getting the Soldiers "acclimatized" to the heat. This one has been around long enough to start squeaking into "proper" usage although "acclimated" is older and more sensible. But the military seems to adore longer words as though it makes people sound smarter.

"Canalize" usurped the rightful spot of "channel." Both mean to direct some-

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WRAP: 1-30th helps keep Arab Jabour safe

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insurgents shows that local residents are willing to fight for their country and take back what al-Qaeda has taken from them. The operation took place in two phases — the first Aug. 19, and the second Aug. 21.

On both days, troops moved toward targeted neighborhoods on stiflingly hot nights through terrain previously unexplored by Coalition Forces. Company A and a military police platoon, with a pair of Navy explosive ordnance disposal specialists, scaled mud-slicked berms and trudged through overgrown orchards, rutted fields and irrigation ditches to reach their objectives.

At daybreak the Soldiers linked up with concerned citizen leadership to coordinate neighborhood searches for al-Qaeda insurgents.

"We coordinate with those leaders to let them know when and where we're doing operations. Then they focus their efforts in conjunction with ours," said Capt. Eric Melloh, Co. A commander.

In addition to identifying suspected al-Qaeda insurgents, concerned citizens also provided valuable information to save Soldiers' lives — Melloh said they pointed

out the locations of five improvised explosive devices during the operation.

In addition to providing valuable information about the neighborhoods and IED placement, concerned citizens are also assisting Coalition Forces in identifying insurgents who have mastered the ability to blend in with the population they terrorize.

Insurgents often use intimidation tactics to prevent local citizens from cooperating with Coalition Forces, but because of the efforts of 1-30 Inf. Regt. in Arab Jabour, citizens are beginning to trust their visiting neighbors.

"It gave the people (Arab Jabour residents) a sense of urgency to help us out with locating suspected terrorists," said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Anthony Paul, second platoon sergeant.

He said residents in the homes Soldiers visited went so far as to point out safe travel routes for Coalition Forces.

Danger in al-Buaytha has yet to fully subside, but with the continued cooperation of community residents and concerned citizens, the danger for insurgents is increasing every day.

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Attention!



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WHO: MND-C Equal Opportunity Office

WHAT: *Hispanic Heritage Observance*

WHEN: Oct. 7, 3-4 p.m.

WHERE: Marne Dining Facility, VIP Room

WHY: To solicit support for the upcoming Observance. The MND-C Equal Opportunity Office is looking for **VOLUNTEERS** who would like to participate in this event and share their talents.

Next IPR: **Sep. 1**

Time: **2 p.m.**

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WORDS: Mind your grammar if you don't want to sound ignorant

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thing in a specific path, but why use a two-syllable word when there's a three-syllable word waiting to be made up? Better yet, why use a perfectly good and useful word when you can drag an inappropriate one, kicking and screaming, into the sentence?

I can't describe how often I've heard someone say "I don't have visibility on

that." Of course you don't. It's an abstract.

Visibility is how far you can see; pilots have it, people driving vehicles have it, especially when there are things like snow that reduce visibility. But you can't have (or put) visibility ON anything. You might have knowledge of it, have heard of it, or know about it, but that is all.

And so, to quote my hero, James Thurber, "a living language is an expanding language, to be sure, but care should be taken itself that the language does not crack like a dry stick in the process, leaving us all miserably muddled in a monstrous miasma of mindless and meaningless mumbling."

Destruction of grammar is just something up with which I will not put.

Safety Thought of the Day

UAS-Raven Safety

- Master Trainers should emphasize to operators proper Raven emergency procedures, site survey and setup, principles of line-of-site and troubleshooting procedures.
- Deconflict frequencies before the mission, to include that of the neighboring units,

and do not operate in the vicinity of Duke/Warlock systems.

- Always operate within the restricted operating zone (ROS).
- Ensure battery is fully charged prior to take off, monitor battery level during operations, and replace quarterly.

Headline Highlights

Time-zone change; flaming crematorium

Country to go back 30 min.

CARACAS (Reuters) — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has changed his country's name, redesigned its flag and rejigged its coat of arms in his drive for a socialist state.

Now the leftist reformer, highly popular for redistributing oil income, is seeking to move the country's time zone to offer a more equitable distribution of sunlight.

Venezuela in September will turn clocks back by 30 minutes as it switches time zones to boost the amount of natural light to residents, a government official said on Thursday.

Next month Venezuelan clocks will be set at Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) minus 4-1/2 hours, compared to the previous GMT minus four hours, Science and Technology Minister Hector Navarro told reporters at a news conference.

He said the measure sought "a more fair distribution of the sunrise," which would particularly help poor children who wake up before dawn to go to school.

"Very rigorous scientific studies have determined that ... the metabolic activity of living beings is synchronized with the sun's light," he said.

Navarro said the government is planning to announce additional measures to "make more effective use of time."

Venezuela, which under Chavez was

officially changed to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, adopted its current time zone in the 1960s.

Corpse sent to morgue in taxi

CARACAS (Reuters) — A Caracas family was forced to send a murdered son to the morgue in a taxi after waiting five hours for police who never arrived, Venezuelan media reported Wednesday.

Heavy rains threatened to wash away Kelvin Jose Pinango's body which was left near a creek in the poor 23 de Enero neighborhood after the 20-year-old was killed Monday in what appeared to be an attempt to steal his motorcycle, the newspaper El Universal reported.

"We dragged the body to the edge (of the creek) and after five hours we hired a taxi," one family member told the paper, asking not to be identified.

Caracas, one of the most dangerous cities in Latin America, reports dozens of murders each week.

Fire damages crematorium

JERUSALEM (Reuters) — Israel's only commercial crematorium, viewed by Orthodox Jews as an abomination, was severely damaged in a suspicious fire Wednesday, just hours after its secret location was revealed in a religious newspaper.

Israeli Internet news sites quoted

fire brigade officials as saying signs of forced entry were found at the facility in central Israel, raising suspicions the evening blaze was set deliberately.

The "Aley Shalehet" crematorium opened two years ago, offering what its Web site describes as a "dignified choice" of funerals for Jews, who are buried in the Holy Land in accordance with Orthodox tradition in shrouds rather than in coffins.

Its owners provided potential customers with a telephone contact number but kept the crematorium's location secret for fear that ultra-Orthodox groups would try to damage it.

Ritual Orthodox Jewish law bans cremation.

For some in Israel, the practice conjures up images of the ovens in which the bodies of Jews killed in Nazi death camps were burned.

Photos on the news sites showed serious damage to the crematorium, situated in a rural community.

Other photos taken earlier at the site, and published in an ultra-Orthodox newspaper that revealed its location, showed members of a religious burial organization long opposed to the facility standing outside the crematorium.

The head of the burial society denied any responsibility for the fire, but told reporters: "I assume that after the release (of the photos), there were people who could not ignore the debasement of the dead, and I applaud them."

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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

Money

Floss