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On the move



Sgt. Timothy Kingston

Soldiers from Company A, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, breach the front gate of a house during a cordon and search in Narhwan Oct 18.

MND-C Soldiers get help from local residents

2ND BCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB Kalsu — With the help of concerned citizens, Multi-National Division — Center Soldiers disposed of homemade explosives and other cache items in Arab Jabour Oct. 20.

The first cache was discovered by Soldiers of Company A, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, out of Ft. Stewart, Ga.

The cache consisted of 17 rocket propelled grenades, two RPG propellants and 13 mortar fuses.

"They had just dismounted and were just beginning their

search when they found the jug of homemade explosives," said Capt. William E. Lyles III, from Hampton, Va., battle captain for 1-30th Inf. Regt.

Lyles said that the find "will definitely put a hamper on the insurgents operating in this area."

The second cache consisted of two 57mm projectiles, 15 fuses and two pounds of homemade explosives.

It was brought by concerned citizens to another group of Company A, 1-30th Inf. Regt Soldiers, who were conducting security operations. Explosive ordnance disposal teams were called in to both sites to destroy the finds.

Concerned citizens help decrease IED threat

Maj. Joe Sowers 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div.

FOB HAMMER — Improvised explosive devices posed a daily threat to Soldiers along Route Wild until one Sheik stepped forward, rallying concerned citizens to retake their community.

Lt. Col. Jack Marr, from Minneapolis, Minn., commander of the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, met with Sheik Nouri in Al-Jaara Oct. 17 to show his appreciation of the Sheik's cooperation.

The two leaders discussed potential operations to further decrease violence in the area, and projects to assist the lo-

cal government with essential services.

Sheik Nouri leads the Al-Jaara Concerned Citizen Program that has provided assistance to the 1-15th Inf. Regt. over the last two months to greatly reduce the roadside bomb threat along the dangerous stretch in the battalion's

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3rd Inf. Div. command historian commits to Army 10-Miler

crank out 10 miles in such a short time

run,' well, I do. That's my break from

"I'm a dedicated runner. I just ran nine miles today. When I say, 'I like to

"I ran cross country in high school.

STAFF SGT. TONY LINDBACK MND-C PAO

Running Camp Victory's version of the Army Ten-Miler is not for the casual jogger. The distance can be more excruciating on the runner with every step. Committing to the run, however, was not the first endurance event Lt.

At 50 years old, Hurst continues to

push himself as hard as he can. His ef-

forts earned him a first place finish for

his age group in the Camp Victory 10-

miler. With a time of 70:49 he finished

makes him strive for such excellence

and is exactly what makes him able to

29th out of more than 700 runners. Self-discipline is what Hurst said

Col. Michael Hurst had ever committed himself to.

Cross country running in his school days taught Hurst about the rewards of doing what most can't – giving it your best all the way to the end of whatever you do.

g to the run, however, endurance event Lt. I didn't (run cross country) in college, but I've been running ever since high school. I've also run in 18 mara-

that and he loves it.

ran nine miles today. When I say, 'I like to run,' well, I do. That's my break from here."

here.

— Lt. Col Michael Hurst 3rd Inf. Div. historian school. I've also run in 18 marathons. When I was a little younger, in 1983, I ran a 2:49:06 marathon," he said.

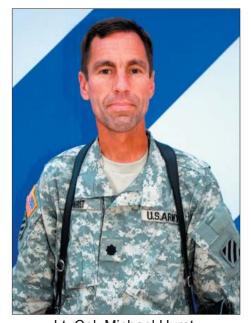
Running does not only keep

Hurst in peak physical condition, it also helps him budget his time he said.

"I'll be gone for an hour and a half or so, but I'll come back and I'm right back to work."

At nearly 51 years old, he sees the finish-line for his military career, Hurst has many miles left in him and does not plan on slowing down any time soon.

He majored in English, but showed



Lt. Col. Michael Hurst

considerable interest in history and art. Now Hurst fills the role of the command historian — reading and writing the division's history from this deployment.

"Why did I join? To learn a skill — make a commitment to do my best and make meangingful contributions to the U.S. Army and my country."

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Staying CAB



Pfc. Monica K. Smith

Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, 3rd Infantry Division and Multi-National Division-Center commander, re-enlists 14 Soldiers from Combat Aviation Brigade Oct. 19 at the CAB flight line in Baghdad.

Have you earned a CIB?

All U.S. Army veterans of Afghanistan and/or Iraq who have been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge are invited to apply for a complimentary two-year membership to the Combat Infantrymen's Association. Go to www.cibassoc.com for more information and membership application.

CITIZENS: Al-Jaara local residents actively support Coalition efforts

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area of operations, according to Maj. John Cushing, from Rochester, Mich., the 1-15th Inf. Regt. operations officer.

"Route Wild, prior to Sheik Nouri's commitment to cooperate, was the most dangerous road in our area of operations," said Cushing. "The probability of hitting an IED was very high. We were hitting at least one a day."

Soldiers from Company B, 1-15th Inf. Regt. have been working with Sheik Nouri's volunteers for approximately two months and the security situation in Al-Jaara has improved drastically.

Cushing explained that while the battalion recently encountered an IED, it was the first along the formerly treacherous road way in a two-month period.

"We are still building this Concerned Citizens group," said Steven Hemmann, from Des Peres, Miss., the Company B executive officer. "Even though they are not anywhere near their full potential, they're already disrupting insurgents and having a huge impact."

Concerned citizen tips have led to numerous cache seizures and extremist detentions in the 3rd HBCT area of operations since their inception in July.

"Insurgents can't come into a neighborhood, like they used to, take over a house and do whatever they want from it," Hemmann said. "They now have to be cognizant of the fact that their neighbors will report their activities to Coalition Forces."

Hemmann is confident that the Al-Jaara volunteers will aid his Soldiers in their efforts to decrease violence and stabilize the community.

Safety Thought of the Day

Fire Extinguisher Inspections

- Units will appoint a fire marshal (E-5 or above) on orders as an additional duty.
- All fire extinguishers will be checked monthly for serviceability.
- A label shouldbe placed on the front to indicate the month, the year, and the initials of the fire marshal who checked the fire extinguisher. Labels can be obtained from the KBR Fire Department or locally produced.
- Fire extinguishers should be mounted approximately waist high and should never be left free-standing or used as door stops.
- It is recommended that a fire extinguisher be located every 75 feet, and one per office area.
- For further information, please see AR 42-90 AR 42-17, TB 5-4200-200-10, NFPA 10, and OSHA 29 CFR 1960.26.

Headline Highlights

Ugly in Philly; church burglar; explosive toy

Survey: Philadelphians ugly

PHILADELPHIA (Reuters) — Philadelphia is home to the least attractive people in the United States, a survey of visitors and residents showed on Friday.

The city of more than 1.5 million people was also found to be among the least stylish, least active, least friendly and least worldly, according to the "America's Favorite Cities" survey by Travel & Leisure magazine and CNN Headline News.

About 60,000 people responded to the online survey — at www.travelandleisure.com — which ranked 25 cities in categories including shopping, food, culture, and cityscape, said Amy Farley, senior editor at the magazine.

For unattractiveness, Philadelphia just beat out Washington DC and Dallas/Fort Worth for the bottom spot. Miami and San Diego are home to the most attractive people, the poll found.

But Farley pointed out the results don't mean people in Philadelphia are ugly or the city is a bad place to visit.

"We were asking people to vote on attractiveness, not unattractiveness. Travel & Leisure editors believe there are a lot of attractive people in Philadelphia," she said.

"The relative attractiveness of its residents is only a minuscule factor in evaluating a city's merit."

Philadelphians' self-esteem has been undermined by national surveys showing they are among the fattest people in

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the United States. The American Obesity Association ranked the city in the top 10 for overweight people every year between 2000 and 2005.

And sporting pride in a city known for the fierce loyalty of its fans has been hurt by not having had a national champion in any of its four main sports since the 76ers won the National Basketball Association title in 1983.

German robs church boxes of 250,000 euros in 9 years

BERLIN (Reuters) — A German woman has confessed to stealing 250,000 euros (\$356,400) from church collection boxes over the past nine years, police said on Thursday.

The 57-year-old thief was discovered by a parish priest who called the police after seeing her and a male companion poking about a collection box, a spokesman for police in the southern town of Offenburg said.

The woman subsequently admitted that for the past nine years she had pilfered money from collection boxes two or three times each week, netting 150 to 250 euros each outing.

She had robbed about 12,000 boxes in all, sometimes using a special device to get in to them without breaking the lock. She also confessed to pinching crucifixes and paintings.

Taco Bell: free tacos for all

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BOSTON (Reuters) — Many Ameri-

cans will be wagering on this week's baseball World Series. For Taco Bell, the stakes are a free taco for everyone in the United States.

The fast-food chain on Monday unveiled a promotion it is calling "Steal a Base, Steal a Taco," which will run through the best-of-seven matchup.

"Millions and millions of people will be watching the Series and hopefully tuning in to see when they are going to get their taco," said Taco Bell spokesman Rob Poetsch.

There has been at least one stolen base in every World Series matchup since 1990.

When the first base is stolen, the unit of Yum Brands Inc., will announce a Tuesday afternoon when consumers will be able to walk into the chain's participating 5,800 outlets and ask for a free taco. Anyone who walks into a participating outlet during the give-away period would be eligible for a free taco.

Despite the promotion's name, stealing the taco will not be required.

Dutch children play with high-explosive shell

AMSTERDAM (Reuters) — Children played with a high-explosive World War II shell at a playground in the Dutch town Barneveld for months before authorities were warned and removed it, Dutch police said Sunday.

The police called in a unit specialized in clearing explosives, which detonated the shell in a safe area on Saturday.

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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

Medicine

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