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Approximately 200 Rakkasans from the 3rd BCT, 101st Abn. Div. (AASLT), take off for the Rakkasan Run for the Cure at Camp Striker, Iraq, in conjunction with the Ride for the Cure happening simultaneously in Clarksville, Tenn., April 19.

Rakkasans run for breast cancer cure

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CAMP STRIKER – Rakkasans at Camp Striker ran a 5-kilometer race that kicked off simultaneously with a Ride for the Cure bicycle race in Clarksville, Tenn., April 19.

The idea to do a run for the cure of breast cancer in Iraq came from Capt. Troy King's wife, a breast cancer survivor.

He was happy to help the cause but was planning the run on a smaller scale at first – like a company run, said King, commander of Company B, 626th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault). When word spread, how-

ever, more people wanted to take part.

"At first we started off small with a company run and a few other folks," King said. "But then we signed up as a team. Then we set up the Rakkasan Run for the Cure and it just sort of blossomed from there."

The support of his battalion commander, Lt. Col. Mathew Redding, and brigade commander, Col. Dominic Caracilo, made it easier for King to take the run to another level, he said.

The Rakkasans showed their support and responded in the form of 196 registered runners, more than \$6,400 in donations and approximately \$4,500 from the sale of t-shirts and registration fees. In all, more than 300 people participated in the event at Camp Striker.

As the crowd gathered for the race, runners stretched, laughed and a bit of the Rakkasans' competitive nature surfaced as people set their sites on other runners.

Cellular phones were used to synchronize the start times of the run at Camp Striker and the Ride for the Cure race in Clarksville.

Upon hearing "go," the runners took off. After jockeying for position, it occurred to some of the runners why they were really running.

"When I was a little kid my grandmother died of breast cancer and my mom had a scare a few years back, so I had that on my mind," said 1st Lt.

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Cuscatlán Battalion delivers wheelchairs, gives hope

SGT. 1ST CLASS STACY NILES
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FOB DELTA – The El Salvador Cuscatlán Battalion X rotation distributed 125 wheelchairs to disabled children and adults at the al-Rhama Disabled Association in al-Kut, Iraq, April 18.

“I was shocked by the large number of children,” said Col. Walter Arévalo, commander of the Cuscatlán Battalion.

Many of the wheelchair recipients suffer from conditions such as epilepsy, heart disease, migraines and eye and skin disorders, said Arévalo.

Hussein Kase, a 12-year-old who received a wheelchair, is mute and suffers from a skin condition in addition to being paralyzed. The chair will give him mobility, said his father Kas Salaman.

“I’m very happy about this gift,” Salaman said. “It will help him move and be able to play with the other children.”

More resources are needed to increase the quality of life for these individuals, said Arévalo. People had traveled from as far away as Basra, he said, to receive assistance.

“It is important for us to run this type of activity,” Arévalo said. “We like to be able to give hope to the people.”

In addition to the wheelchairs, the Salvadoran Soldiers distributed 125 packets of food and school supply kits.

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– Col. Walter Arévalo
commander, Cuscatlán Battalion



Sgt. 1st Class Stacy Niles

Salvadoran Col. Walter Arévalo, commander of the Cuscatlán Battalion X rotation, holds Hussein Kase, a 12-year-old, during a wheelchair distribution at al-Rhama Disabled Association in al-Kut April 18. Kase is unable to talk and suffers from a skin condition in addition to being paralyzed.

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CURE

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Brendan Crane, a distribution platoon leader with Company A, 626th BSB.

Crane said he was moved by signs along the race route that showed how many have been affected by breast cancer. "It really hit me as I ran by, so getting tired really wasn't an option."

His resilience carried Crane to a first place finish with a time of 19:15. Though the race had prizes for the 1st and 2nd place finishers for men and women, the race had no losers.

Command Sgt. Maj. Gregory Patton, 3rd BCT, 101st Abn. Div. (AASLT), greeted everyone who finished after him with cheers and high-fives. With his own mother being a breast cancer survivor, the run itself meant more to him than who placed first.

"The run was in remembrance of ... all the women who are survivors of breast cancer – the daughters, the sisters, the wives and the mothers – everyone who has been subjected to the disease," Patton said. "We're trying to ensure our daughters and their daughters don't have to go through the things our generation has gone through."

Microgrants keep Arab Jabour clinic open

2ND BCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB KALSU – Coalition forces are helping an Arab Jabour physician's assistant care for the people of his village.

Abd al-Amir Kadhim Nasir used to provide medical care to the 65 families that live in the Abd al-Salman village from a medical clinic attached to his home. Early last year, Nasir and his family were forced to flee the village, along with most of the residents, due to threats from al-Qaeda in Iraq.

Through combat operations against extremists, Soldiers from Company B, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division significantly reduced the threat of AQI in the area. Now, many families have moved back to their homes, including Nasir and his family.

Nasir was given a Commander's Emergency Relief Program microgrant to purchase medical supplies and equipment to refurbish the clinic. The grant helped Nasir rebuild the clinic's two rooms, an examination

room and a waiting room.

Nasir received the grant after Company B hosted a combined medical engagement in the Abd al-Salman village March 19. They chose Nasir's medical clinic as the site to conduct the CME.

Lt. Col. Hee-Choon Lee, 1-30th Inf. Regt. surgeon, said the clinic provided the best possible way to currently address the medical needs of the community, even though Nasir had not yet returned to the village. Seeing the need for a medical care provider, the Soldiers and village leader contacted Nasir, reassuring him that security had improved and he could come home.

Nasir returned and set to work with the grant to improve the clinic. Until the repairs are complete, the living room of his home functions as a waiting room. Nasir said he's been seeing up to 20 patients a day since he moved back.

Coalition forces project the refurbished clinic to be up and running sometime in May.

Safety Thought of the Day

Large Generator Maintenance Safety

- Large generators may produce more than 50 times the power of a typical Army generator. In a shut-down generator, the residual voltage in the generator leads may be up to several hundred volts—enough to kill you.
- Disconnect all power and remove outgoing power cables before inspecting.
- De-energize DC control and circuit breakers and set any maintenance lockout switches to appropriate setting before starting any procedure. Do not touch exposed electrical connections or work on components that are energized.
- Use proper test equipment to check for voltage before proceeding with work, and ensure they are insulated and isolated. Do not use multi-meters

designed for smaller generators on larger generators.

- Ensure use of proper Personal Protective Equipment.
- Obtain literature and information on a generator model before working on it.



File photo

Headline Highlights

NYPD rescue beaver; sleeping with knife; diamond goes unsold

NY police on U.N. Pope-watch rescue beaver

NEW YORK (Reuters) – New York police guarding the United Nations during Pope Benedict's visit on Friday made a rare discovery and rescue – of a beaver struggling to swim past the world body's headquarters.

Soon after the pope left the United Nations, police harbour and scuba units patrolling the East River spotted the four-foot (1.20 metre) long, 40-pound (18-kg) animal. Beavers have only recently returned to the city with the first sighting of one in more than 200 years made in February 2007.

Lt. John Harkins, commanding officer, NYPD SCUBA, said in a statement that the animal had been tilting unnaturally and showed "laboured breathing." After securing it in a safety noose the officers pulled it aboard their vessel.

"It has pretty big claws," Harkins said of the beaver which will be taken to an animal hospital.

The police harbour units were patrolling the river as part of the security effort for the pope's visit.

Russian sleeps it off, with knife in back

MOSCOW (Reuters) – A Russian electrician slept off a night's drinking with a long knife stuck in his back and didn't notice until his wife spotted it in the kitchen the next day, Russia's Komсомolskaya Pravda paper reported on

Thursday.

Yury Lyalin, 53, was rushed to hospital in the northern city of Vologda, but the 15-centimetre (six-inch) knife had not damaged any vital organs.

His wife saw the handle of the knife sticking out as her husband bent down to get some breakfast from the fridge, the newspaper reported.

Although Lyalin played down the injury, local prosecutors are not treating the incident as a joke and are initiating a case against Lyalin's drinking partner. He could face eight years in jail, the paper reported.

No buyer for 72 carat diamond

HONG KONG (Reuters) – Global auction house Sotheby's failed to hammer off a 72.22-carat, "D" flawless white diamond at its Asian sales last week in a possible sign of weakness in the global diamond trade.

The large diamond which had a pre-sale estimate of \$10-12 million, attracted a final bid of HK\$73 million (\$9.24 million) that fell short of the reserve price and went unsold, said Sotheby's press officer Rhonda Yung.

The diamond was later sold to a private buyer for an undisclosed sum, Sotheby's said. Yung added that several international buyers had bid for the stone but "confusion over exchange rates" had caused the auctioneer to retract some bids and may have dampened buyer enthusiasm.

The Sotheby's stone was the third

largest "pear-shaped" diamond ever auctioned globally, and was of exceptional quality given its size, symmetry and esteemed "Type IIA" rating, given only to the most brilliant of white "D" color diamonds.

Rare polished diamonds achieved all-time highs per carat at sales in Geneva late last year, fuelled by high commodity prices and strong demand in emerging economies like China and the Gulf States.

The poor Hong Kong result however suggests the market for top tier gems may be suffering from global economic weakness.

The stone was auctioned in Hong Kong on the back of a growing trend for top gemstones to grace Asian auction rooms from traditional gem hubs such as Geneva.

The next big test could be a massive 101-carat, "near-flawless," squash-ball sized diamond which will be sold by rival auction Christie's next month in Hong Kong, in what's being dubbed the largest diamond ever auctioned in Asia and could fetch \$6 million.

Last October, Sotheby's sold a small and very rare blue diamond in Hong Kong for \$8 million, or \$1.3 million per carat making it the most expensive gemstone in the world, per carat.

Another magnificent 84-carat diamond was sold by Sotheby's last November for \$16.2 million to Guess Jeans founder Georges Marciano, who named it the "Chloe Diamond" after his daughter.

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from Sudoku Easy Presented by Will Shortz

Solution to Saturday's puzzle:

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7	3	2	9	1	5	6	4	8

ARABIC QUESTION OF THE DAY

what's his name?

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