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A Concerned Local Citizen stands near a checkpoint in Arab Jabour Dec. 27.

Lights restore sense of safety to Iraqi streets

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FOB KALSU — With small additions like street lights, a sense of safety is returning to the streets of Arab Jabour and Al Buaytha.

Having been installed more than a month ago, it took some time before residents of the area saw the effect of having the lights.

The same is true for the Soldiers of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

Now, Soldiers and Concerned Local Citizens are relishing in the peace of mind the lights bring.

The street lights are just the first step in securing the night for CLCs, says Yassin Majid Yassin, a member of the CLCs in Arab Jabour.

He hopes that in time he and his fellow CLCs will be able to take on a larger role in securing their neighborhoods at night, but that for now 1-30th Inf. Reg. Soldiers take care of it.

Spc. Dwight Arceneaux, a combat medic with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment said since adding the lights, night patrols are a little safer because when he or his fellow Soldiers see anyone out after dark they are easily identifiable.

Arceneaux added that it also gives him and his fellow Soldiers the ability to recognize which vehicles should or shouldn't be out on roads after curfew.

Yassin agreed with Arceneaux adding that nighttime visibility has also meant that roads can stay open in the daytime due to the decreased IED threat.

"If you were to ask all the people around here they would tell you the same thing — the lights have made things safer," he said.

As Coalition Forces push further south into areas where al-Qaeda has been pushed, CLCs like Yassin will take on a larger role in defending their communities.



MARNE 6 SENDS Continue to make history in 2008



MAJ. GEN. RICK LYNCH
MND-C COMMANDER

Happy New Year!

Every day I tell Soldiers that you have a choice in life: you can make history or you can read history. All of you are making history every day. Years from now — when you have your grandkids on your lap — and you are looking at a map of the world, you will be able to point to Iraq as a peaceful, prosperous nation and say, "I did that."

In 2007, you all changed the nature of the war in Iraq. The Surge gave the United States Army the forces to accomplish this, and you were the Surge.

The 3rd Infantry Division took a six-month training plan and condensed it to six weeks. It stood up the Multi-National Division — Center and established Task Force Marne, with the mission to stabilize the Baghdad southern belts of Mahmudiyah and Meda'in, and the southern provinces of Babil, Karbala, Najaf, and Wasit. No one could have

done it better.

In 2007, you were responsible for reducing the number of attacks from record highs down to 2004 levels of violence. The Surge gave us the combat power to take the fight to a brutal enemy who only responds to force, and allowed us to conduct detailed, aggressive combat operations to deny the enemy his sanctuaries and take down his networks. Over the past ten months you

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Happy Anniversary



Sgt. 1st Class Stacy Niles

Soldiers from the 3rd Georgian Infantry Brigade celebrate their third anniversary Dec. 29 at Forward Operating Base Delta. See tomorrow's *Dog Face Daily* for the story and additional photos.

Not all of our enemies are outside the FOB...

**OPERATIONAL
SECURITY**

...some have disguised themselves as one of us. Report suspicious activities immediately.

...IT'S EVERYONE'S JOB.



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CAB reaches flight-hour milestone

3RD CAB, 3RD INF. DIV.

CAMP STRIKER — Multi-National Division — Center's aviation brigade hit a milestone in combat flight hours Dec. 29. Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, reached 60,000 combat flight hours since arriving in the Central Command theater of operations in early May.

The 3rd CAB is on course to fly more combat hours in a 12 month period than it had during the unit's last deployment to Iraq in 2005, said Chief Warrant Officer Art Gribensk. During the 2005 deployment the brigade flew over 80,000 flight hours in one year. This time, unless things change, said Gribensk, they could exceed 100,000 hours in 12 months and even

more over the course of the 15-month deployment.

"Based on the present (operations tempo) I don't think it's unreasonable to expect that we'll hit 120,000 rotary wing flight hours" by the end of the 15-month deployment, said Gribensk.

The 3rd CAB's ability to reach this milestone is because of the synchronization of air and ground opera-

tions, and a comprehensive maintenance plan, said Lt. Col. Robert Wilson, executive officer, 3rd CAB.

"None of which would matter," Wilson said, "if it weren't for the dedicated pilots, maintainers, Soldiers and civilians, as well as all the team members that feed, fuel, arm and sustain the people and machines of the 3rd CAB."

M6: A New Year's message to Multi-National Division — Center Soldiers

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have killed or captured about 4,000 insurgents and removed approximately 70 high value individuals from the battlefield. I couldn't be more proud of you or more humbled to serve with you.

Last March attack levels were at approximately 25 per day; now you face fewer than six attacks per day with less than two effective attacks. Civilian casualties are also down 75 percent, which illustrates the impact of your ability to secure the population.

You no longer commute to work, but live among the Iraqi population. Two-thirds of you live at a combat outpost, patrol base, or joint security site. You make the Iraqis feel secure, and in return, they provide the intelligence we need to work together.

You developed the Concerned Local Citizens program — your efforts made Iraqis say, "Enough — I want to secure my own neighborhood." Task Force Marne has approximately 150 Concerned Local Citizens groups, and 20 percent of those are mixed because the conversation is no longer about sectarian issues. And that's largely attributed

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been in vain.*

to your ability to bring them together. I walk the streets everyday and people don't tell me "I'm Sunni" or "I'm Shia." Instead they say, "I'm Iraqi."

In 2008, TF Marne will maintain its focus on securing the population, and at the same time energize our focus on building capacity. By working with the local coordinating councils, we can help link Iraqis to their nahia and qada councils. You are also helping to develop economics by providing micro grants, encouraging shop openings, developing clinics, and building public works battalions to provide jobs.

Transition becomes that much more important in 2008 as we focus on developing Iraqi Security Forces, to include the Task Force Marne NCO Academy. NCOs are the backbone of our Army,

and we want to help empower NCOs to make the Iraqi Security Forces successful.

Most importantly, we will continue to focus on communication — to the American public, the Iraqi public, and the insurgency. We will continue to publish the Dog Face Daily and the Marne Focus newspaper, as well as bring Arabic media to the key events in your battle space.

We will never stop taking the fight to the enemy, and TF Marne will continue to support one main operation per month between now and when we redeploy.

As we look back on 2007, we will never forget the Soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice. Every morning I begin my day in prayer; I lay out the pictures of the 122 Soldiers we have lost and remember the price they paid for our freedom. The progress you made this year shows us their sacrifices have not been in vain.

Again, I am humbled to be in your presence and to be your commander. Thanks for all you do.

Happy New Year!

Rock of the Marne!

Safety Thought of the Day

Extension Cords

- If an extension cord is not marked for outdoor use, use it indoors only.
- If the cord has any areas that are cracked or frayed, dispose of the cord.
- The appliance or tool with which you are using the cord will have a wattage rating on it. Don't use a cord that has a lower rating than the appliance.
- Don't run extension cords through doorways or through holes in ceilings, walls or floors.
- Make sure the appliance or tool is off

before you plug it into the cord.

- Make sure the plug is fully inserted in the outlet.
- Don't remove, bend or modify any of the metal parts of the cord's plug.
- You shouldn't have to force a plug into an outlet. If the plug is too loose in the outlet, the outlet may be too old and needs to be replaced.
- Some cords are polarized; one hole on the plug is larger than the other. Match up the outlet and the cord.

- Keep cord away from water.
- Don't plug one extension cord into another.
- Don't overheat the cord. Uncoil it, and don't cover it with anything.
- Don't walk or drive over the cord. Don't drag it or lay anything on it.
- After use:
 - Remove it from an outlet by pulling on the plug, not the cord.
 - Store indoors.
 - Unplug when not in use.

Headline Highlights

Chihuahua crime-fighter; essay contest fraud

Chihuahua helps find fugitive

AUBURN, Calif. (AP) — A three-pound Chihuahua named Tink helped police put a criminal in the clink.

The dog's Christmas Day adventure began when four suspects who were fleeing police crashed a stolen minivan into a hillside in this Sierra foothill town east of Sacramento, and one of them fled.

Tink, a Pomeranian and Chihuahua mix, found him hiding under a neighbor's motor home and chased him into the woods, said Wendy Anderson. The dog belongs to her son.

Her son and husband directed a law enforcement helicopter to where the 20-year-old man was hiding.

"The Chihuahua gave him up," California Highway Patrol officer Jeff Herbert said.

The three other suspects, including the driver, were juveniles from the San Francisco Bay area, Herbert said. The suspect who fled was arrested on suspicion of public intoxication and resisting arrest.

The driver was arrested on suspicion of vehicle theft, felony evading, driving without a license and resisting arrest, Herbert said. The other two suspects were released to their parents.

Furs found after 30 years

BELLOWS FALLS, Vt. (AP) — Sam Haskins didn't ask for a fur coat for Christmas. But he got six of them.

Haskins, the new owner of a hardware store, made an unexpected discovery early this month when he

started poking around the basement: a climate-controlled vault containing six fur coats, about a dozen suits and some dresses and hats, apparently untouched since the late 1970s.

"The fans were spinning and the furs were spotless," said Haskins. "Everything inside was very nice and clean. The fan was set on 65 degrees and that is exactly what the thermometer read. Everyone wants to know who has been paying the electricity bill."

Haskins, 56, bought J&H Hardware in May and the building — a three-story structure on the village square — in September. In surveying the basement, he figured there might be usable space hidden behind a wall that had hinges on it. With son Jeremy Haskins, 27, he rented an electric hammer and then a jackhammer and eventually bored through 18 inches of brick and mortar, four inches of wallboard and then a cement wall to find the room once used by Royal Furriers, a business that closed in the late 1970s. Haskins said he had no idea what the coats are worth, but planned to have them appraised.

It was unclear whether anyone could step forward to claim a long-lost coat — or whether anyone who did would be on the hook for 30 years of storage fees.

Girl won Hannah Montana tickets with fake essay

GARLAND, Texas (AP) — An essay that won a 6-year-old girl four tickets to a Hannah Montana concert began with the powerful line: "My daddy died this year in Iraq."

While gripping, it was not true — and now the girl may lose her tickets after her mom acknowledged to contest organizers it was all a lie.

The sponsor of the contest was Club Libby Lu, a Chicago-based store that sells clothes, accessories and games intended for young girls.

The saga began Friday with company officials surprising the girl at a Club Libby Lu at a mall in suburban Garland, about 20 miles northeast of Dallas. The girl won a makeover that included a blonde Hannah Montana wig, as well as the grand prize: airfare for four to Albany, N.Y., and four tickets to the sold-out Hannah Montana concert on Jan. 9.

The mother had told company officials that the girl's father died April 17 in a roadside bombing in Iraq, company spokeswoman Robyn Caulfield said.

"We did the essay and that's what we did to win," Priscilla Ceballos, the mother, said in an interview with Dallas TV station KDFW. "We did whatever we could do to win."

She had identified the soldier as Sgt. Jonathon Menjivar, but the Department of Defense has no record of anyone with that name dying in Iraq. Caulfield said the mother has admitted to the deception.

"We regret that the original intent of the contest, which was to make a little girl's holiday extra special, has not been realized in the way we anticipated," said Mary Drolet, the CEO of Club Libby Lu.

Drolet said the company is reviewing the matter, and is considering taking away the girl's tickets.

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from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

Solution to yesterday's puzzle:

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9	5	1	2	3	8	4	7	6

ARABIC PHRASE OF THE DAY

No talking

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