

Fuel donation keeps water pump running

SGT. KEVIN STABINSKY
2ND BCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB KALSU – In al Buaytha, Iraq, a mere 40 liters of fuel equals 16,000 liters of pure drinking water.

Soldiers of 1st Platoon, Company D, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division delivered two 20-liter containers of fuel to the pump manager, Yahya Hamed Muhamed, to help keep the al Buaytha water purification pump operating.

Muhamed, who volunteered to run the pumping station, said with the donation, he can keep his pump - which draws water from the Tigris River - running for up to four more hours. Every hour, the pump can purify 8,000 liters, enough to fill the reserve tank outside his station.



Sgt. Kevin Stabinsky

Yahya Hamed Muhamed, Al Buyatha water purification pump manager, talks with Spc. Simon Nbyenye, an interpreter with 1st Platoon, Company D, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment.

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Iraqi Army finds large munitions cache in truck

4TH BCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB KALSU – Iraqi Army Soldiers found a large munitions cache inside a truck in Hashmiah, Iraq.

The cache contained 23 anti-tank mines, three crates of approximately 40 pounds of explosives, three crates of pellet-shaped explosives, 15 81 mm mortars, two 120 mm mortars, 1,500 DSHKA rounds, one can of 120 mm mortar fuses, 10 explosively-formed projectile housings, 10 EFP discs ranging from 4 to 12 inches, one complete EFP - 6 inches in diameter - and three grain bags full of EFP rings, tubes and back covers.

The IA discovered the cache during

intelligence-driven raids and searches throughout the day, said 1st Lt. Ryan Lawson, leadership engagement team leader and personal security detachment platoon leader with the 31st Military Transition Team, 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division. The intelligence led them to the area, though not specifically to the cache.

"It is a big find for the IA," Lawson said. "They have continued for the past five to seven days going after (criminals) quite intensively and this is the culmination of what they've been doing, and I think it's really going to set (criminals) back in the Hillah and Hashmiah areas for quite awhile.



Sgt. 1st Class Robert Bozeman

Brig. Gen. Abdul Amir, Iraqi Army commander, and Lt. Col. Darryl McDowell, commander of 31st Military Transition Team and 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division, look at a munitions cache inside a truck in Hashmiah, Iraq.

Secondary school receives soccer uniforms

1ST LT. WILLIAM PERDUE

3-7TH INF. REGT., 4TH BCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB ISKAN — One of the first things Soldiers noticed on the ground in Jurf as Sahkr, Iraq, was how much local residents loved soccer.

In area businesses, soccer posters adorned the walls, while children made soccer fields out of empty lots and played heated matches.

Soldiers from 3rd Platoon, Company A, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, gave the local secondary school a boost in pursuit of their favorite sport.

First Lt. Kevin Brown, a native of Indianapolis, along with members of his platoon, presented the headmaster of the Jurf Secondary School a complete set of soccer uniforms; enough to outfit a 16-man team, including goalie and referee uniforms.

The intent was to help the school build pride, motivation and ethics through the dedication and competition that is associated with school

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3-7th Inf. Regt.



1st Lt. William Perdue

Soccer players at the Jurf Secondary School in Jurf as Sahkr, Iraq, pose for a photo in their new uniforms, which were donated by 3rd Platoon, Company A, 3rd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division.

team sports, said Brown.

The headmaster enthusiastically accepted the gift.

“The uniforms are excellent and I will put them to good use,” said Yasin, the headmaster. “They will be a big help for the school.”

The platoon left the uniforms with the headmaster and returned the following day to take a team photo.

Enthusiasm beamed on the faces of the young players as they hurried-

ly started kicking the ball around in the school courtyard, wearing their new uniforms.

The headmaster thanked the Soldiers for the gift and the care they have shown the school.

“These young adults are very important because they are the next generation of Iraq and the future, and because of that we are very willing to help the school out as much as possible,” Brown said.

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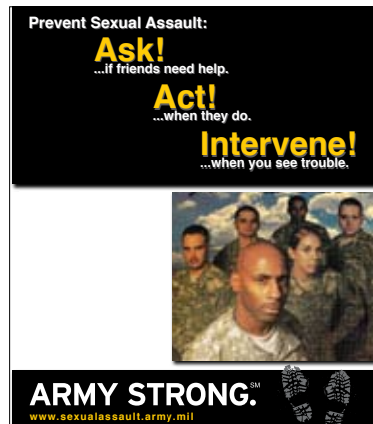
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CAMP VICTORY – Designated as Sexual Assault Awareness Month, April brings an annual opportunity to focus awareness on sexual violence and its prevention.

It is also an opportunity to highlight the efforts of individuals and organizations that provide rape crisis intervention and prevention services while offering support to sexual assault survivors, victims and their families.

This year's theme focuses on the ability of every servicemember's power to prevent sexual assault by taking an active role in looking out for the welfare of their battle buddies. Research shows that most people have difficulty identifying situations that require intervention.

Even if they know there's a potential problem, studies indicate that no one is likely to act if others are not taking the initiative to respond. As leaders in the military, you have the ability



to educate and to encourage our servicemembers to 'ask, act, and intervene' in situations where people may be in jeopardy. Taking a stance against potential perpetrators of sexual assault is an important part of prevention.

SAAM raises awareness of sexual violence and its prevention through special events while highlighting sexual violence as a major public health issue and reinforces the need for prevention efforts.

WATER

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Some of the clean water he pumps goes to the Nassir Health Clinic a few dozen meters down the road. Without the pump to kill the bacteria in the water, residents are forced to boil it themselves, said 1st Lt. Bryan Diminico, platoon leader for 1st Platoon.

Diminico, a native of Hollywood, Fla., said people once feared the water, as many who drank it became sick. Knowing the importance of clean water, the 2nd BCT, 3rd Inf. Div. Soldiers made fixing the pump a priority.

Before the Soldiers arrived, Muhamed said the pump was inoperable. The generators that drew water into the machine were inoperable and the purification tank was also broken.

Also in need of repairs was the filtering unit, which removes the chlorine and other contaminants.

Muhamed said the community is much better off now that the Soldiers began helping with the pump.

Although Coalition forces helped with the repair, like many things in al Buaytha and the surrounding community, the Government of Iraq is taking an interest in the area.

Muhamed said he has talked with representatives from the Ministry of Water, informing them of his job and its importance to the community. Although he did not receive a time table, he said the government promised to eventually hire him and put his operation under its control.

Safety Thought of the Day MRAP Wire Protection

- Conduct a thorough route recon and know where the low power lines are located. Address these hazards on the risk assessment.
- Continuously scan for power lines.
- Maintain situational awareness of the vehicle's height limitations at all times.
- Never transmit radio messages while traveling under power lines.
- If adequate clearance cannot be obtained, develop control measures for gunner to drop inside vehicle until clear of wires.
- Assume all power lines are active and deadly!
- Information on Overhead Wire Kits can be found at TF Marne website under the MRAP tab.



File photo

Headline Highlights

Funerals live on web; space junk in outback; dog chases deer

Live, on Good Mourning TV!

LONDON (Reuters) - Pay-per-view funerals go live online in Britain on Tuesday, allowing mourners who cannot attend services in person to pay their last respects via the Internet.

Despite criticism of the scheme as macabre, the company who launched the service, Wesley Music, is planning to offer it to crematoria across the country who will charge a one-off payment of around 75 pounds (\$150) for access to a funeral webcast.

"Families are dispersed across the world these days and sometimes it's the case that someone cannot get home in time for a funeral," said Alan Jeffrey, director of Wesley Music.

"For those who need it, this is a very important service. It means that rather than being excluded, they can at least witness and be a part of a funeral as it happens. In a time of stress this is something that can ease the pain."

David Powell, of funeral directors Henry Powell and Son in Southampton, southern England said he had already tested the service during three funerals. He insisted they remained private, intimate affairs despite being broadcast on the web.

"It's a personal thing. It doesn't go out for all and sundry to gawk at," he told Reuters. "There is a password for the family to send to people who want to watch online."

He said mourners as far away as Australia and Canada had already used the system.

"The families have been absolutely delighted to be able to share in the pro-

ceedings when it wasn't possible for them to get over here and attend."

Australian farmer finds mystery space junk

CANBERRA (Reuters) - A cattle farmer in Australia's remote northern outback on Friday said he had found a giant ball of twisted metal, which he believes is space junk from a rocket used to launch communications satellites.

Farmer James Stirton found the odd-shaped ball last year on his 40,000 hectare property, about 800 kilometers (500 miles) west of the northern Queensland state capital of Brisbane.

But Stirton only started inquiring into what the ball of metal really was, and where it had come from, in the past week.

"I was riding out to check some cattle, and I came around the corner and there it was in a paddock," Stirton told Reuters on Friday.

"I know a lot of about sheep and cattle but I don't know much about satellites. But I would say it is a fuel cell off some stage of a rocket."

He said the object was hollow, and covered in a carbon-fibre material. He has contacted some U.S.-based aerospace companies to try to find out what the object really is.

Sydney's Powerhouse Museum said it was not uncommon for people to find space junk in remote areas of Australia.

In 1979, large parts of the Skylab

space station fell to earth near a tiny outback town in Australia's west. A local council sent NASA a ticket for littering and then United States President Jimmy Carter rang a local motel to apologize.

Dog chases deer into living complex in Wis.

KAUKUANA, Wis. (AP) - Some residents in an assisted living complex had quite a surprise when a deer jumped through the window. A witness told police a black dog was chasing six to seven deer when a deer jumped through a resident's closed window at St. Paul Home Friday afternoon.

"All of a sudden I hear all this glass break and there's a deer standing about three, four feet away from me, and I just, I've never screamed so loud in my life," nursing assistant Dana Hagglund said.

Laura Marquardt, a certified nursing assistant at the care facility, said no one was injured.

The deer ran down a hall and into one of the home's shower rooms, where it was corralled until tenants in the area were moved to safety, Marquardt said.

The deer then was steered toward an open patio door, where it made its escape.

Marquardt said she was unsure whether it was the same deer or a second deer that later ran across the patio and broke a second window but did not gain entry.

Sudoku

	1	6	9	8	3			
8		2		5		1		4
	7	9		4				
	9			6		5		3
3					9		7	2
1		8			7	4	6	
2					4			
			1	7				6
	4	1			5		8	7

from Sudoku Easy Presented by Will Shortz

Solution to yesterday's puzzle:

6	9	1	7	8	3	4	2	5
2	7	8	5	1	4	3	6	9
4	5	3	9	2	6	7	8	1
1	6	9	3	7	2	8	5	4
3	8	7	4	6	5	1	9	2
5	2	4	1	9	8	6	7	3
9	1	5	8	4	7	2	3	6
8	3	6	2	5	1	9	4	7
7	4	2	6	3	9	5	1	8

ARABIC WORD OF THE DAY

prisoners

soo-jeh-nah