

# Soldiers improve recreational facilities

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BAGHDAD — Thanks to combined efforts of U.S. forces and the Iraqi community, the children of Abu Ghraib have two new places where they can safely play.

Local leaders from the Abu Ghraib area, along with Lt. Col. John Leffers, commander, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, and native of Utica, N.Y., attended the

opening ceremony of a soccer field and a playground, here, in central Abu Ghraib.

The soccer field and playground, funded by the Commander’s Emergency Response Program and sponsored by the Iraqi Ministry of Youth and Sports, cost approximately \$20,000 and \$40,000 respectively, and were contracted through two different sources.

Sheikh Qassim, a member

of the Abu Ghraib council, cut the ribbon to the soccer field, opening the field to the public.

After the ribbon cutting, Soldiers from the 4th Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Infantry Division, were swarmed by local children as they handed out soccer balls to celebrate the opening of the new field.

Claiming their new toys, the children ran and played

on the field.

Just a short walk away from the new soccer field, the ribbon to a new playground was also cut.

Children flooded the grounds, rushing to climb on the new equipment.

They slid down a giant yellow slide and took turns swinging on primary-colored swings.

“These new areas will provide a place for children to play and build friendships with other villages’ children who hopefully come [to the soccer field and playground],” said Col. Sabah Mahmoud Ala Bid, an Abu Ghraib police station commander.

First Sgt. Charles Tennant, a native of Buhl, Idaho, said the opening of a soccer field and a colorful park, with senior council members present, showed two things.

“One, the senior leadership of this city is vastly interested, involved and driven in providing a better community by creating jobs which create the projects that improve the city as a whole,” Tennant said.

“Second, it sends a loud and resounding statement to all those who create this terror that the Iraqi people have lived with for years: We fight for our freedoms, our children and our choice.

It shows the terrorists they cannot stop forward progress and they have not won, and they will not.”



Photo by Pfc. Kimberly Hackbarth

Sheikh Qassim, a member of the Abu Ghraib council, cuts a ribbon, signifying the opening of the new soccer field in central Abu Ghraib.

# New Texas traffic and criminal laws

The following are notable traffic and criminal laws that went into effect on Sept. 1 in the state of Texas which was released by the Texas Department of Public Safety

## Seatbelts:

HB 537 requires all occupants of a vehicle, no matter their age, to be secured by a safety belt, no matter where they are seated in the vehicle; changes the definition of a passenger vehicle to include a passenger van designed to transport 15 or fewer passengers including the driver; removes the current exemption for third-party Medicaid transportation provisions regarding the use of child passenger safety seats; and prohibits a motorcycle operator from carrying a passenger under the age of 5 unless the child is seated in a sidecar attached to the motorcycle.

SB 61 amends the existing statute regarding child passenger safety seats. The bill requires that any child younger than 8 years of age be restrained in an approved child passenger safety seat unless the child is taller than 4 feet, 9 inches in height. The fine is no more than \$25 for a first offense and \$250 for a second offense.

## Driving:

HB 55 makes it illegal to use a wireless communication device in a school zone unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used.

HB 2730 increases the penalties for driving while intoxicated with a child passenger by adding an automatic driver license suspension period for first-time offenders and an increased suspension period for repeat offenders. The driver license re-instatement fee for completing an education program will rise from \$50 to \$100.

## Driver license:

HB 2730 requires that all applicants under the age of 18 take the driving skills exam to receive a driver license. The law also requires that a provisional driver license (under 18) or instruction permit expire on an individual's 18th birthday, removes the requirement that a provisional driver license or instruction permit be renewed annually and increases the fee for those licenses from \$5 to \$15.

HB 2730 and HB 339 restrict all drivers under the age of 18 from using a wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle.

HB 2730 prohibits DPS from issuing a driver license or identification card to a person who has not established a domicile in Texas. The law specifies that an applicant may receive a driver license at a post office box only if the applicant's residence address has also been provided, with some exceptions

## Crime:

HB 558 allows minors to be charged with public intoxication.

HB 1282 makes it a Class B misdemeanor to steal a driver license, commercial driver license or personal identification.

## Motorcycles etc.:

Senate Bill 1967 requires that applicants for an original class M license or class A, B or C driver license (including commercial driver licenses and permits) with authorization to operate a motorcycle, provide evidence of completion of an approved motorcycle operator training course.

# DSTB receives H1N1 vaccinations

By Sgt. Jon Soles

MND-B PAO

BAGHDAD — Soldiers assigned to the Division Special Troops Battalion, Multi-National Division-Baghdad, have begun receiving the H1N1 flu vaccine.

The immunizations began on Nov. 21 and will continue through Dec. 12.

“It is mandatory for all military personnel to get the shot,” said Spc. Jennifer Lakanahour, a medic from Milwaukee. “Everyone has to get it to go home. We will not sign your PDHA [Post-Deployment Health Assessment] unless you get the H1N1 shot.”

Soldiers receive immunizations by the companies to which they are assigned, according to DSTB aid station non-commissioned officer in charge, Sgt. 1st Class Greg Wilson Jr., of Philadelphia.

Symptoms of H1N1 flu include fever, fatigue, sore throat, muscle aches, chills, coughing and sneezing. Diarrhea and vomiting may also occur. The H1N1 flu virus is a new, more serious strain of flu than typical seasonal flu viruses, according to the Center for Disease Control.



Photo by Sgt. Jon Soles

Capt. Robert Magill (right), of Buffalo, N.Y., receives the H1N1 flu vaccine from Spc. Justin Roberts, here, Nov. 23. Magill is a military police officer assigned to Company A, Division Special Troops Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division. Roberts, of Galveston, Texas, is a medic assigned to the DSTB Aid Station.

# Engineer Soldiers run for the fallen

By Sgt. Tracy Knowles

101st Eng. Bn. 16th Eng Bde.

BAGHDAD — Silence as “Taps” sounded from the guard tower in the distance while Soldiers paid silent homage to those they were there to honor.

The “Run for the Fallen,” a 5 kilometer (3.2 mile) run around the former Ba’ath party members’ houses, was held, Nov. 14, on Camp Slayer.

Over 750, U. S. Military

service members and Civilians, runners and volunteers participated in honor of the Soldiers who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

For Soldiers of the 277th Engineer Company, the run was a bitter reminder that they had lost one of their own.

Over 145 engineers ran to honor one of their own, Spc. Jacob Barton, who died while deployed to Iraq with the 277th in 2008.

Soldiers of 101st Engineer Battalion ran for a Soldier they had served with on a previous deployment to Kuwait in 2003.

Deployed with the 379th Engineer Company of the Massachusetts National Guard, Sgt. 1st class Robert Rooney died while loading vehicles days before returning home.

“At no time did anyone claim defeat as we ran silently down the street with only the

soldier’s name we had written on our bib firmly on our mind.

It was surreal and a very proud moment in my life.” said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Sue Williams, of Westminster, Mass.

In loving memory of Spc. Jacob Barton, May 11, 2008, Sgt 1st Class Robert Rooney, Sept. 25, 2003, and all those who have given their lives for freedom. You will never be forgotten.

# On This Day In History

November 25, 1963

## JFK buried at Arlington National Cemetery

Three days after his assassination in Dallas, Texas, John F. Kennedy is laid to rest with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

Kennedy, the 35th president of the United States, was shot to death while riding in an open-car motorcade with his wife and Texas Governor John Connally through the streets of downtown Dallas. Ex-Marine and communist sympathizer Lee Harvey Oswald was the alleged assassin. Kennedy was rushed to Dallas' Parkland Hospital, where he was pronounced dead 30 minutes later. He was 46.

Vice President Lyndon Johnson, who was three cars behind President Kennedy in the motorcade, was sworn in as the 36th president of the United States less than two hours later. He took the presidential oath of office aboard Air Force One as it sat on the runway at Dallas Love Field airport. The swearing in was witnessed by some 30 people, including Jacqueline Kennedy, who was still wearing clothes stained with her husband's blood. Seven minutes later, the presidential jet took off for Washington. The next day, November 23, President Johnson issued his first proclamation, declaring November 25 to be a day of national mourning for the slain president. On that day, hundreds of thousands of people lined the streets of Washington to watch a horse-drawn caisson bear Kennedy's body from the Capitol Rotunda to St. Matthew's Catholic Cathedral for a requiem Mass. The solemn procession then continued on to Arlington National Cemetery, where leaders of 99 nations gathered for the state funeral. Kennedy was buried with full military honors on a slope below Arlington House, where an eternal flame was lit by his widow to forever mark the grave.

# MND-B Pic of the day!



Photo by Spc. Phillip Adam Turner, MND-B PAO

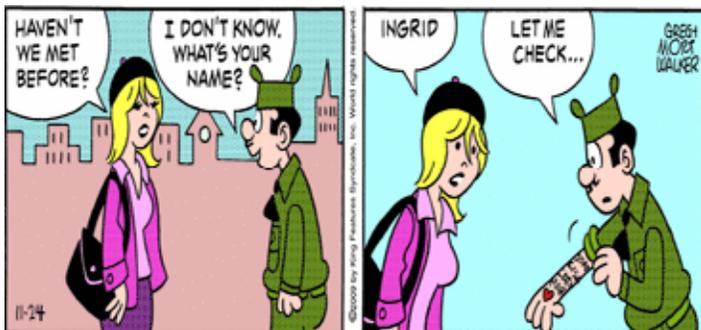
BAGHDAD – Chief Chaplain of the Army, Major Gen. Douglas Carver, individually thanks each Soldier in attendance following a worship service at Camp Liberty's Division Chapel, Nov. 22. Douglas said it was his personal mission to come and thank Soldiers here for their sacrifice during this holiday season. The Chaplain closed the service with a prayer for the continued safety of the men and women serving here in Baghdad.

## FAMOUS FEATS OF CHUCK NORRIS

### DID YOU KNOW?



If at first you don't succeed, you're not Chuck Norris



## Quote For Today

“It is a thousand times better to have common sense without education than to have education without common sense. ”

— Robert Green -- Ingersoll —

### Iraq 3-Day Weather Report



**Today**  
61° F | 44° F



**Tomorrow**  
59° F | 40° F



**Friday**  
65° F | 43° F

### TRIVIA TIME!!

Which country of the world produces the greatest volume of beer per year? Japan, Britain, Germany, or USA?

Last Issue's Answer: "CURSE OF THE BAMBINO," a jinx that landed on the franchise after its owner sold Babe Ruth

# Cav Round-Up radio newscast available

## MND-B PAO

BAGHDAD — The Cav Round-Up is a three-minute radio newscast from Baghdad covering military units and events across Multi-National Division — Baghdad.

Today's Cav Round-Up # 205 was produced by SGT Lisa Heise, MND-B Public Affairs Office.

This newscast includes the following stories:

1. Soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment train Iraqi firefighters to improve their skills . Sgt. Erik Fardette, Multi-National Division-Baghdad, PAO.

Fighting fires is a dangerous job that requires intense training, which is why Iraqi firefighters are learning from U.S. Soldiers to improve on their skills.

2. Soldiers of the 1434th Engi-

neer Company, 16th Eng. Brigade make the climb to the top safer.

In the past Soldiers had to climb to guard duty in a tower with unstable ladders.

All ladders have been replaced.

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Check out more news at the 1st Cavalry Division's homepage:

[www.hood.army.mil/1stcavdiv/](http://www.hood.army.mil/1stcavdiv/)

## Trigger's Teasers

The objective of the game is to fill all the blank squares in a game with the correct numbers. There are three very simple constraints to follow: **Every row of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Every column of 9 numbers must include all digits 1 through 9 in any order. Every 3 by 3 subsection of the 9 by 9 square must include all digits 1 through 9.**

Every Sudoku game begins with a number of squares already filled in, and the difficulty of each game is largely a function of how many squares are filled in. The more squares that are known, the easier it is to figure out which numbers go in the open squares. As you fill in squares correctly, options for the remaining squares are narrowed and it becomes easier to fill them in.

### Yesterday's Answers

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

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