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Staff Sgt. Reginald Steel (middle), a Soldier assigned to "C" Co., 203rd Bde. Support Bn., 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div., attempts to send a pass downfield as defensive linemen bear down on him during a flag football at FOB Kalsu, Iraq, Dec. 4. The FOB's Morale, Welfare and Recreation department is sponsoring an eight-team tournament that will culminate on Christmas Day.

Flag football tournament brings friends together at FOB Kalsu

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~ Michael Bradberry
Headquarters Troop, Brigade Special Troops Battalion

FOB KALSU – As college football heads into bowl season and the National Football League gets into the meat of its season, the Soldiers assigned to the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division at Forward Operating Base Kalsu are developing their own form of football fever.

The FOB Kalsu Morale, Welfare and Recreation office is sponsoring an eight-team flag football tournament that will culminate on Christmas Day.

According to Robert Warren, the MWR event coordinator at FOB Kalsu,

the Soldiers participating in the event have been enthusiastic.

"I think it gives the Soldiers something to look forward to rather than just waking up, putting on the same uniform and going through the same routine," said Warren. "Their game becomes the high point of their week."

Many teams have been practicing since Thanksgiving in anticipation of the event.

"The tournament has helped our



Pfc. Charles Fields, assigned to "A" Co., BSTB, 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div., attempts to knock down a pass as an offensive lineman, a Soldier assigned to 563rd Military Police Co., struggles to keep him away from his quarterback during a flag football game at FOB Kaslu, Dec. 5.

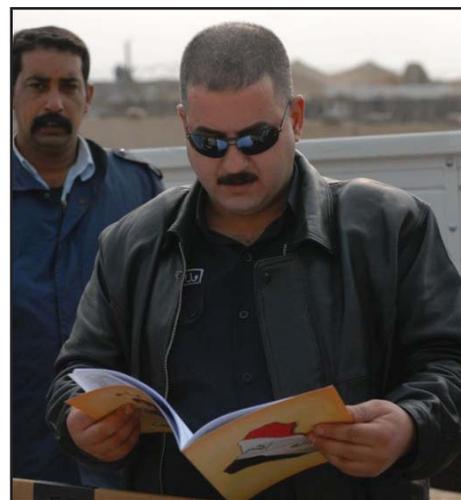


Sgt. Craig Apaig, assigned to "F" Co., 2nd Bn., 69th Armor Regt., 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div., dodges defenders during the flag football game at FOB Kaslu, Dec. 5.



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Staff Sgt. Patrick Byers, PSYOP Det. 3031 out of Pittsburgh, 305 PSYOP Co., assigned to 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div., shows a police officer from the Babil Provincial Police a backpack filled with school supplies at FOB Kalsu, Dec. 6. The 3rd HBCT donated 2,000 backpacks to the police department.



Maj. Muthana, the public affairs officer for the Babil Provincial Police Department, examines pamphlets outlining the security agreement between U.S. Forces and Iraqi Security Forces at FOB Kalsu, Dec. 6. Muthana and the Babil police picked up crates of school supplies for the children of the province during the trip.

Babil Provincial Police acquires school supplies for area children

By 3rd HBCT Public Affairs Office



FOB KALSU – Police in Babil, Iraq, received school supplies from their 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division partners at FOB Kalsu, Dec. 6.

The police officers will distribute 2,000 backpacks filled with notebooks, coloring books, pencils and pens to the children in their province.

“These supplies will help Babil chil-

dren and their families,” said Wesam al Zabayde, a television producer for the Babil provincial police. “By distributing these, we hope to show the local people that we care about them.”

According to the public affairs officer for the provincial police, Maj. Muthana, the backpacks will be distributed Jan. 9th as part of the celebration for the Iraqi National Police’s birthday at their headquarters in Hillah.

“We will make sure that the families of our fallen policemen or those who were injured get these supplies for their children,” said Muthana.

In addition to the school supplies, the 3rd HBCT also gave the policemen pamphlets outlining the current security agreement between the United States and Iraq.

“We want to encourage the Iraqi Security Forces we are working with to let the people they serve know how we are operating,” said Staff Sgt. Patrick Byers, Psychological Operations Detachment 3031 out of Pittsburgh, 305 PSYOP Company, assigned to 3rd HBCT. “We are making sure our units are staying within the agreement.”

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HOMETOWN HIGHLIGHT

More than 50 major movies and films have been shot on location in the Pittsburgh area during the past decade, including the Academy Award-winning *Silence of the Lambs*, *Lorenzo’s Oil*, and *Hoffa*.

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As Simple as a Brick

By Capt. John Landry,
TF 2-29 Pathfinder, 4th BCT, 1st Armd. Div. 

COB ADDER – It was an hour and a half drive, taking Task Force Pathfinder's five humvees to the project location near Al Chubayish, Iraq, in the southern corner of the Dhi Qar province. The journey, led by Iraqi Police, took them through the provincial capital of Nasiriyah, undergoing massive reconstruction, out along the vast farmland and past what's left of the historic marshes.

For Task Force 2nd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Brigade, 1st Armored Division, movements to project locations like this are a daily routine.

However, on this day, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, responsible for aiding the Dhi Qar Provincial Reconstruction Team, were out to check on the progress of a project that could yield long-term success benefits for the people of, Al Chubayish.

The Al Chubayish, municipal council recently learned of a new, stronger type of brick. It is made from 45 percent of their local clay and 55 percent cement, and yet doesn't require oven heat to solidify. As it turns out, all it needs is sunlight

By avoiding the brick-baking process altogether, the fuel consumption and the required transportation to the construction site – the bricks can be manufactured onsite -- the cost could decrease. Additionally, "solar powered" process eliminates the air pollution of baking bricks.

The Municipal Council decided to use the new bricks to construct an office building, municipally run, for the purpose of promoting the use of the brick. The building will even have living space for workers to maintain extended hours during this busy reconstruction period. The project was proposed to the Dhi Qar PRT and approved by



Photos by Capt. John Landry

Soldiers from Task Force Pathfinder conduct a walkthrough Nov. 6, to check on the progress of a demonstration building commissioned by the municipal counsel of Al Chubayish, Iraq. The project uses bricks made from local clay mixed with cement that are stronger, cheaper and more environmentally friendly than those traditionally used.

the provincial government.

Hadir Bashitt, a worker on the site, guided the Army engineer assigned to the project, 1st. Lt. Paul Goode, around the newly laid foundation for the building.

The structure will serve as an example of the types of bricks while operating as the center for selling these bricks for other city construction, Bashitt said.

It is the age-old virtue of doing more with less and making a lasting impact.

Hadir described how the word has

already reached the outskirts of town without any advertising. However, he did mention they are constructing a sign to put on the road in case anyone hasn't heard.

For more of Capt. Landry's stories, visit: www.TheRedBulls.org/Landry



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Attention ST. Cloud Area Soldiers

A video teleconference is being held for St. Cloud Area Soldiers



Information about services offered in and around St. Cloud for returning vets

Valuable and specific information for Soldiers who reside in that area




When 17:30

Where Town Hall (Interim Chapel)

ARABIC WORD OF THE DAY

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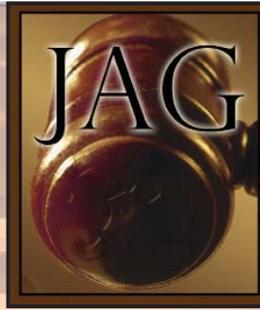


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IDENTITY THEFT

Identity theft is a serious crime that occurs when someone uses your personal information without your permission to commit fraud or other crimes. While you cannot possibly control whether or not you will be a victim of identity theft, it is important to know that there are steps to take that will minimize your risk.

If you think that your identity has been stolen, you should place a fraud alert on your credit reports immediately. Once a fraud alert has been placed on your credit reports, it can help prevent the person who stole your identity



from opening any more accounts in your name.

In order to put a fraud alert on your credit reports, you should contact a credit reporting agency. The three credit reporting agencies include Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. You only need to contact one of the three companies to place an alert, as the company you contact is required to contact the other two credit reporting

agencies, who will then place an alert on their versions of your credit report.

In addition to placing a fraud alert on your credit reports, it is important that you close any accounts that you know, or think, have been tampered with. Not only should you call and speak with someone in the fraud department at each financial institution, but you should also follow up in writing. Make sure that you keep the originals of all related documents for your own records and send copies to the various companies and banks via certified mail, return receipt requested. This will allow you to keep a record of when the company receives the documents. Also, if some-

one has made charges or debits on your accounts, or on fraudulently opened accounts, make sure you ask the company for the forms to dispute those transactions.

Finally, when you open new accounts, make sure to use a new and unique PIN number or password.

If you have additional questions, you should contact your local Legal Assistance Office. In addition, you may contact Equifax at 1-800-525-6285 or www.equifax.com, Experian at 1-888-EXPERIAN (397-3742) or www.experian.com, and TransUnion at 1-800-680-7289 or www.transunion.com.

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From Page 1 FOOTBALL

morale a lot," said Michael Bradberry, a Soldier assigned to Headquarters Troop, Brigade Special Troops Battalion.

"Whether we are playing or practicing throughout the week, it gives us a break from the reality that we are in Iraq and away from our families," he said. "It's just fun."

In addition to giving his teammates a break from their duties, Bradberry says it has given the members of his team a chance to get to know each other better.

"There are so many people in our troop that it's impossible to have a good relationship with everyone," he said. "Being on the team and competing with one another has definitely given us a chance to develop a relationship that goes beyond just being the same unit together. There are a bunch of guys that I stop and talk to now, rather than just saying hi."

Warren is hoping to use the tournament as a springboard for a flag-football league that will begin on New Year's Day.

"All eight of the teams competing in tournament have agreed to be a part of it and I'm hoping we can get at least another four teams to sign up," he said. "I've already had at least two more teams inquire about the league so it is looking good."

For the league, Warren is hoping to have team jerseys made, keep stats during the games and have year-end awards and trophies.

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Around the world in 34 seconds



KABUL – The Pentagon’s top military officer visited Afghanistan on Monday just as the first of the 30,000 U.S. reinforcements are starting to deploy to the 8-year-old war. Adm. Mike Mullen arrived in the Afghan capital of Kabul for a series of meetings with the government of President Hamid Karzai, a spokesman for the international coalition force said. The Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman said last week that 16,000 troops have received their orders for Afghanistan since President Barack Obama announced his new war strategy. The first to be deployed — a battalion of Marines — are to arrive in southern Afghanistan this week. Tens of thousands of tons of construction materials, winter gear and other equipment also are in the pipeline.



BANGOR, Maine – Author Stephen King and his wife are donating money so 150 soldiers from the Maine Army National Guard can come home for the holidays. King and his wife, Tabitha, who live in Bangor, are paying \$13,000 toward the cost of two bus trips so that members of the 3rd Battalion, 172nd Infantry Unit can travel from Camp Atterbury in Indiana to Maine for Christmas. The soldiers left Maine last week for training at Camp Atterbury. They are scheduled to depart for Afghanistan in January. Julie Eugley, one of King’s personal assistants, told the Bangor Daily News that the Kings were approached about giving \$13,000. But Stephen King thought the number 13 was a bit unlucky, so the couple pitched in \$12,999 instead. Eugley chipped in \$1 to make for an even \$13,000.



INDIANAPOLIS – Even Peyton Manning’s inconsistency couldn’t derail history for the Indianapolis Colts. Or preserve the NFL records of New England and San Francisco. Manning was sensational, throwing three TD passes in the first 23 minutes, then mediocre, getting picked off three times in the Colts’ 28-16 victory over Denver for their 22nd consecutive regular-season win. While Manning struggled late, the defense held off the Broncos as Indy broke the Patriots’ record victory streak set just last year. The Colts are one of seven NFL teams to go 13-0, including this year’s New Orleans Saints. The 2005 Colts also were 13-0 before losing three of their last four, including a divisional-round playoff game to Pittsburgh. “We knew we needed this game to solidify home-field advantage in the playoffs, and that’s what we wanted,” linebacker Clint Session said. “We feel we’re our best in our home stadium, and we got the win.”



SYDNEY - An Australian family is turning heads with a rotating house that can guarantee a different view every time they wake up. The Everingham have been in a spin since they moved into their dream home in the countryside north of Sydney three years ago. They can turn the house to follow the sun without having to leave the comfort of their armchairs. “When you wake up you do wonder where you’ll be facing,” said Luke Everingham, a sound-engineer who came up with the idea with his wife, Deb, after chatting with neighbors. The neighbors wished they had built their home 15 degrees further to the north to capture more sunlight. The octagonal-shaped house sits on a turntable powered by a small electric motor and controlled by a computer, which allows it move on demand. The house cost about \$641,000 to build and can complete a full rotation in about 30 minutes.