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## Task Force Marne helps hatch an industry

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BAGHDAD – This week, chicken farmers in Mahmudiyah, 20 miles south of Baghdad, received the jumpstart their industry needed – the arrival of 45,000 eggs, each ready for hatching.

Among the many economic projects initiated by Task Force Marne, revitalizing the region's ailing poultry industry ranks as a top priority. Such initiatives play a crucial role in Multi-National Division - Center's counterinsurgency strategy.

The Mahmudiyah Poultry Association is one such project used to strengthen the vertical market integration that will ensure the long-term success of the poultry industry in the region.

In order to lay the foundation for sustained growth, profitability and market success, Coalition forces now are making strategic investments in infrastructure to implement the association's business plan. These investments include refurbishing hatcheries, upgrading feed mills to produce higher protein feed, and renovating processing plants.

"As farmers and residents recognize the close association between increased security and their enhanced standard of living relating to poultry farming, it is likely they will reject criminal insurgents in favor of growing prosperity," said Maj. Jessica McCoy, a member of the Baghdad-4 embedded Provincial Reconstruction Team, attached to 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne



Pvt. Christopher McKenna

Capt. Benjamin Neusse, a civil military operations officer with the 3rd Battalion, 320th Field Artillery, speaks with workers in the Mahmudiyah Chicken Hatchery.

Division (Air Assault).

This first batch of fertilized eggs arrived at the Qadhari Hatchery in Mahmudiyah, after a long journey originating in Holland. Over the next two weeks, the hatchery will receive two additional shipments of 45,000 and 40,000 eggs. Delicate procedures will help ensure that a maximum number of eggs survive the incubation process.

One of the association's goals is in-

country breeding of fertilized eggs. By no longer having to import high quality fertile eggs from abroad, the country can become self-sufficient for breeder eggs, generating lower prices over time.

The chicken farmers' hard work will pay off around May 13, with the anticipated hatching of nearly 35,000 chicks. In the weeks after the initial hatching,

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## Hammer leaders reflect as role in Iraq comes to an end

Spc. Ben Hutto

3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div.

FOB HAMMER – After months of intensive training at Fort Benning, Ga., and a rotation to the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif., the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team deployed

to Forward Operating Base Hammer in March 2007, prepared to accomplish their mission.

Their mission in Iraq has been to prevent accelerants from coming into Baghdad, said Col. Wayne W. Grigsby, Jr., from Prince George's County, Md., commander of the 3rd HBCT.

"I'd say we were very successful doing that, in addition we came to the Mada'in Qada and helped stop the criminals that were harming the good people here," he said.

The 3rd HBCT, also known as the

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# HAMMER

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Hammer Brigade, captured 43 division level and brigade level HVIs (High-Value Individuals) and killed over 160 enemy fighters.

"We have been very effective along all lines of operations," Grigsby said.

Command Sgt. Major James Pearson, from Philadelphia, the 3rd HBCT's senior noncommissioned officer, is also pleased with the way his troops conducted operations.

"We have been phenomenal for over a year," he said. "I can look at what is happening in Baghdad and see an improvement. Since our arrival, attack levels have dropped to a very low point. I believe that is proof that we have been accomplishing our mission."

The 3rd HBCT inherited a battle space that had very little Coalition force presence prior to 2004. Citizens of the Mada'in Qada were routinely intimidated by extremist groups and the local economy was a shell of its former self. Shops and markets were boarded up and vacant. The local government had been forced underground and the judges who provided rule of law had fled to Baghdad. Seeing the situation, Grigsby and Pearson were optimistic, but cautious in their expectations.

"The deployment went like I expected it to," Pearson said. "I viewed us as an extension of [Operation Iraqi Freedom] I... We had to fight in the beginning and establish ourselves in the area. We were very much in an expeditionary fight in the beginning. After we established order, we were able to build up all of the other areas."

Pearson credits the Brigade's training as a key reason that his Soldiers were so successful.

"I have always emphasized the ba-



Sgt. 1st Class Scott Maynard

Sgt. Richard Ray, Fayetteville, N.C., Company C, 3rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion provides security at the Arch of Ctesiphon, Salman Pak, Iraq during a visit by the Government of Iraq Ministry of Tourism.

sics when it comes to training," he said. "Our NCOs worked hard on teaching our Soldiers core warrior tasks that they would need ... Our Soldiers knew how to fight and survive before they came out here. Once we had our fighting skills down, everything else fell into place. We were prepared to fight. All we needed to do was adjust our TTPs (tactics, techniques and procedures) based on what we were experiencing."

Grigsby said even though the initial fighting was difficult and progress was slow, the brigade's persistence and discipline remained constant.

"I cannot explain how proud I am of our Soldiers," he said. "No matter what happened, they showed up every day ready to accomplish the mission. I didn't hear any complaints or whining a single time this deployment. Much of that goes to our leaders who provided

direction and kept our Soldiers focused on what they were doing, but you have to give most of the credit to our Soldiers and their commitment to serving their country."

Grigsby has seen tangible results as a result of his troops' performance.

"Security has increased ten-fold from when we first started going outside the wire here at Hammer," he said. "We were getting attacked an average of three or four times a day when we first arrived. Now we average less than one attack per day."

After capturing the HVIs, the 3rd HBCT eliminated those who menaced good citizens. In finding and eliminating weapon caches and improvised explosive devices, they eliminated another major threat. They detained 600 suspected criminals and helped rebuild the government in the area.

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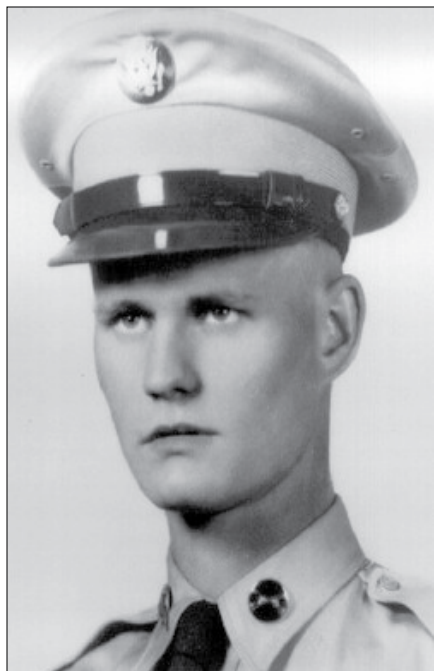
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## Medal of Honor

### CPL Charles L. Gilliland

Cpl. Gilliland, a member of Company I, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and outstanding courage above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy. A numerically superior hostile force launched a coordinated assault against his company perimeter, the brunt of which was directed up a defile covered by his automatic rifle. His assistant was killed by enemy fire but Cpl. Gilliland, facing the full force of the assault, poured a steady fire into the foe which stemmed the onslaught. When 2 enemy soldiers escaped his raking fire and infiltrated the sector, he leaped from his foxhole, overtook and killed

them both with his pistol. Sustaining a serious head wound in this daring exploit, he refused medical attention and returned to his emplacement to continue his defense of the vital defile. His unit was ordered back to new defensive positions but Cpl. Gilliland volunteered to remain to cover the withdrawal and hold the enemy at bay. His heroic actions and indomitable devotion to duty prevented the enemy from completely overrunning his company positions. Cpl. Gilliland's incredible valor and supreme sacrifice reflect lasting glory upon himself and are in keeping with the honored traditions of the military service.

## CHICKEN: *MND-C revitalizes region's poultry industry*

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farmers hope to hatch another 65,000 eggs.

Soon after, members of the association will pick up the young chicks and distribute them to 20 poultry farmers. The chickens will mature for an additional 37 days, at which point they will have grown into fully developed broilers.

After a trip to the local processing plant, the broilers will find their way into Iraqi markets and eventually onto dinner plates in Iraqi homes and restaurants.

McCoy, a U.S. Army veterinarian who directs the revitalization of the

Mahmudiyah poultry farming industry, anticipates that in one year, more than 50 active broiler farms will operate in the region. This figure represents an enormous improvement from last year, when only four farms existed.

In addition to providing a vital source of nutrition for the region, the initial investment in this industry propagates a trickle-down effect that infuses the regional economy across multiple sectors.

"Breathing life into a dormant poultry farming industry makes great sense all around," McCoy said.

Revitalizing the industry will generate as many as 600 jobs in chicken farms and potentially more than 1,500 related jobs such as employment in feed mills, transportation, processing plants and retailing, said McCoy.

"It's all about capacity building and creating jobs," said Col. David Brost, effects coordinator for MND-C. "To do that, you have to attack the whole poultry value chain. Targeting just one area will only benefit that single person and would not be sustainable ... by attacking the whole poultry value chain, everyone benefits."

### Safety Thought of the Day

#### Hydration System Maintenance Reminders

- Sweep the carrier with a cloth or soft brush to remove any caked-on dirt or scrape off dirt with a dull tool. Hand-wash in cold water with mild laundry detergent only. Rinse with clean water.
- To clean the bladder, fill it with warm water and biodegradable dishwashing liquid, NSN 7930-01 418-1128. Scrub the bladder, the drinking tube and the bite valve.
- To freshen the bladder, add 2 teaspoons of baking soda to a full bladder of water. Let it soak overnight, then rinse with clean water.
- Disinfect the bladder occasionally, especially if

the water starts tasting funny or if the system has not been used in a while. Fill the bladder with water and add 2 teaspoons of household bleach. Let it soak overnight, then rinse with clean water.

- Hang the bladder up to dry with the cap propped open. Make sure all parts are dry before storing them in a cool, dark place.
- Sports drinks and other beverages containing sugar speed up the growth of mold and bacteria in the bladder. Beverage residue may also dry and leave electrolytes in the bladder.



## Headline Highlights

# Cat crash; viking murder mystery; double hole-in-one

## Scratching cat in lap blamed for causing accident

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) – Modesto police are blaming a scratching cat for an accident that toppled a power pole and shut down a street for nearly an hour. A police sergeant said Friday that a woman was driving with a cat in her lap. The animal scratched her, and she drove into the pole.

The woman suffered minor injuries and was taken to a hospital. The cat was taken to a vet to treat an injured eye.

On Wednesday, the Assembly Appropriations Committee approved a bill by Assemblyman Bill Maze that would make it illegal to drive with a pet in your arms or in your lap.

## Vikings acquitted in 100-year-old murder mystery

OSLO (Reuters) - Tests of the bones of two Viking women found in a buried longboat have dispelled 100-year-old suspicions that one was a maid sacrificed to accompany her queen into the afterlife, experts said on Friday.

The bones indicated that a broken collarbone on the younger woman had been healing for several weeks -- meaning the break was not part of a ritual execution as suspected since the 22-metre (72 ft) long Oseberg ship was found in 1904.

"We have no reason to think violence was the cause of death," Per

Holck, professor of anatomy at Oslo University, told Reuters after studying the two women who died in 834 aged about 80 and 50.

"The fracture could have been caused by stumbling or whatever," he said. "She could have been seriously hurt, got brain damage. But this fracture alone is no sign of killing," he added.

The discovery of the ornate Oseberg oak longboat in south Norway, with a curling prow and the bodies of two women, was one of the archaeological sensations of the early 20th century.

Historians believe the Vikings sometimes practiced ritual killings. Arab 10th century traveler Ahmad Ibn Fadlan wrote a detailed description of a Viking burial in Russia where a servant girl was stabbed to death and buried.

The bones of the older Oseberg woman showed she had cancer, Holck said of studies since the skeletons were exhumed last year to see if modern technology could discover more about them than when they were re-buried in 1948.

"It is a terminal cancer so I'm pretty sure that was the reason for her death," Holck said. It was the earliest documented cancer in Norway.

The studies also indicated both women were of high rank -- their diets were largely of meat when most Vikings lived off fish. The teeth of the younger woman showed she used a metal toothpick, a rare 9th century luxury.

Historians have long suspected that

one of the two was Queen Aasa, mother of Halfdan the Black, father of the first king of all Norway, Harald Fairhair.

The old woman suffered from Morgagni's syndrome, a hormonal disturbance that gave her a man-like appearance with a beard and a thick-set body.

For the two women, there was not enough DNA to tell if they were related, for instance a queen and her daughter. "There are still more questions than answers," said Egil Mikkelsen, director of Oslo's Museum of Cultural History.

## Golfer hits two holes-in-one in the same round

MUSCATINE, Iowa (AP) – Luck doesn't even to begin to describe golfer Ted Kemp's round on Monday. Kemp, a 12-handicapper, knocked in holes-in-one on back-to-back par 3s at the Muscatine Municipal Golf Course.

Kemp used a pitching wedge to sink his tee shot on the 3rd hole from 130 yards out. Then, after remarking to his group that it would be something if he repeated his feat, he did just that.

Kemp grabbed an 8-iron and nailed a hole-in-one from 182 yards out on the 8th hole.

Kemp says the feat was more luck than skill, calling it "pretty unreal." He finished the day with a 78.

A study by Golf Digest in 2000 said that the odds of getting two holes-in-one in the same round is 67 million to one.

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from Sudoku Easy Presented by Will Shortz

## Solution to Saturday's puzzle:

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## ARABIC QUESTION OF THE DAY

How long have you been here? ish-ged sar-lick hennah?