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Capt. Mike Garrison (left) and his assistant, Staff Sgt. Cecilia Garcia (middle) assist Soham, a young woman who lost both her legs in an insurgent rocket attack, during a physical therapy session at PB Assassin Jan.15.

## Girl recovers one step at a time

SPC. BEN HUTTO  
3RD HBCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB HAMMER — A young woman from Khargulia, a village southeast of Baghdad, is gradually recovering after losing both her legs in an insurgent rocket attack last July.

Scouts from Troop A, 3rd Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment discovered Soham during a night time raid.

Since then, 3-1st Cav. Regt. has helped the 20-year-old acquire prostheses for both her legs and arranged

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— Capt. Sayed Ali  
3-1 Cav. Regt. surgeon

for her to receive surgery to correct bone damage caused by the rockets.

As Soham’s recovery progresses, the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team con-

tinues to assist her rehabilitation.

“Patients like her typically need 12 to 15 months of therapy, so we are really pushing her,” said Capt. Sayed Ali, the surgeon assigned to 3-1st Cav. Regt. “It has paid off because we have seen improvements in her walking and her confidence.”

Capt. Mike Garrison, from Fort Lee, Va., the physical therapist assigned to the 3rd HBCT, and his assistant, Staff Sgt. Cecilia Garcia, a medic with Com-

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# Victory Soldiers play tourist for a day

PFC. MONICA K. SMITH  
3RD CAB, 3RD INF. DIV.

**CAMP STRIKER** — With the exception of a four-day pass to nearby Qatar, most Soldiers do not have the opportunity to play tourist while deployed in Iraq.

On Jan. 15, Chaplains from the Combat Aviation Brigade organized a tour of various locations in Victory Base Complex, giving Soldiers living at Camp Striker and the Baghdad International Airport a chance to do just that.

“We realized that a lot of Soldiers don’t ever get off the (Forward Operating Bases) and we thought a lot of people go to Al Faw Palace and Slayer, but they don’t,” said Chaplain (Capt.) Andrew Shulman, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment. “A lot of people don’t have a reason to leave Striker so they don’t. We said we’d try it once to see if we’d get a crowd and we had to turn people away.”

The guided tour took 23 Soldiers to Al Faw Palace, Uday Hussein’s palace, Victory over America palace, Ba’ath Party headquarters, Flintstone Village and the location where Sgt. 1st Class Paul Smith earned his Medal of Honor defending fellow Soldiers.

“We did pray at the site where Sgt. 1st Class Paul Smith died and honored all the Soldiers who have gone before us and have passed away,” said Chap. (Capt.) Brian Minietta, 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment. “We wanted to give Soldiers a better understanding of true sacrifice and courage. We wanted to give everyone an understanding of the historical and political background and give Soldiers a bigger picture of what the mission is and what they are accomplishing.”

The tour destinations came from 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) out of Fort Drum, N.Y., when they were based at Camp Striker. Before 2nd BCT, 10th Mtn. Div. (LI) left, the CAB chaplains took the tour and learned the history of various locations throughout Camp Victory before leading the tour on their own.

Spc. Karen O’Donohue, HCC, 1-3rd Avn. Regt., went on the visit to become more educated on Iraqi culture.

“I went on the tour because I would feel it was a shame to come all the way to Iraq and leave having not experienced any culture because I’m a very culture-oriented person,” O’Donohue said. “I like history, I like



Pfc. Monica K. Smith

Staff Sgt. Keith Hingel, Company A, 603rd Aviation Support Battalion, reviews photos he took at Al Faw palace during a tour Jan. 15 of Victory Base Complex.

hands-on history, and for a while now I’ve been wanting to see Victory Over America and the flyer said we would go visit Victory Over America.”

The tour was more than five hours long, however Spc. Angelo Torres, Company D, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Avn. Regt., said he was glad he took the time to go.

“It was fun and relieved stress,” Torres said. “I realized that Iraq still has a little bit of beauty.”

That kind of response is what Minietta says he was hoping for.

“I think it was cool for the Soldiers to not only see the sights but to get a little un-

derstanding so it was educational,” Minietta said. “Plus it was fun to run around a little in the Flintstone building. I think it was definitely a good break. We saw Soldiers smiling and laughing, just breaking away from the everyday here, so it was a success I think.”

The chaplains plan to organize a Camp Victory tour each month. Soldiers interested in participating in the tour can contact their respective unit ministry team chaplain or chaplain’s assistant.

“If the demand is high, we’re definitely willing to do it more than once a month,” Minietta said.

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## GIRL: Woman amputee recovering

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pany C, 203rd Brigade Support Battalion, traveled from FOB Hammer to Patrol Base Assassin to see how Soham's therapy had progressed.

"The last time I saw her, her brother was carrying her everywhere," Garcia said. "She has come a long way since then."

Garrison and Garcia worked with Soham about three hours during the Jan. 15 visit and spoke with Ali and the medics assisting in her recovery to add to her rehabilitation.

"I'd say she was about 50 percent from where she needs to be in terms of recovery," Garrison said. "Our main goals now are helping her become as functional and

independent as possible."

Soham is pleased with her progress and says she will continue to push herself in each session.

"The first couple of days of therapy were really hard because I was so sore," she said through an interpreter. "I still have a few little problems, but it is not so bad now."

Ali and Garrison's goal is to ultimately help the young woman to walk on her own with the use of a cane.

Six months ago, that seemed an impossible scenario as her brother carried her around.

"Her will and dedication are phenomenal and that is really the most important factor in her recovery," Garrison said. "I think if she continues like this, she will be fine."

Spc. Ben Hutto

Capt. Mike Garrison helps Soham, a young woman who lost both her legs during a rocket attack, balance herself during a physical therapy session Jan. 15.



# Soldiers capture HVT south of Baghdad

4TH BCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

**BABIL PROVINCE** — In a helicopter-supported raid, Soldiers captured 15 terrorist suspects, including a high-value individual, 25 miles south of Baghdad Jan. 14.

The high-value individual was known to be involved in planning at-

tacks against Iraqi Security Forces and Coalition Forces and for contributing to sectarian violence.

Soldiers from Company C, 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), from Fort Campbell, Ky., currently attached to the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division captured

the suspects based on a tip from a local citizen.

The Soldiers, who were air-lifted in by helicopter, cordoned off the house where the suspects were located and used an interpreter to call them out of the house.

The suspects were detained without incident.

### Safety Thought of the Day

#### Proper Storage and Turn-in of Ammunition

- Ammunition packing material should be stored in such a manner as to maintain serviceability.
- If Ammunition packing material is excess, it should be turned in to the nearest MNC-I ammunition facility.
- Ammunition determined excess by unit commanders and excess ammunition from the RIP/TOA should be turned in to the nearest facility in Iraq.
- Unit commanders should ensure that excess ammunition is NOT placed in local dumps.
- Unserviceable ammunition should be turned in through normal supply channels.
- Ammunition residue and inert components determined to be scrap should be certified free of explosives and turned in to the unit's servicing DRMO.



Headline Highlights

# Pricey, pleasurable wine; scowling Mao ad

## Higher wine prices boost drinking pleasure

STANFORD, California (Reuters) — The more wine costs, the more people enjoy it, regardless of how it tastes, a study by California researchers has found.

Researchers at the Stanford Graduate School of Business and the California Institute of Technology found that because people expect wines that cost more to be of higher quality, they trick themselves into believing the wines provide a more pleasurable experience than less expensive ones.

Their study, published on Monday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, says that expectations of quality trigger activity in the medial orbitofrontal cortex, the part of the brain that registers pleasure. This happens even though the part of our brain that interprets taste is not affected.

While many studies have looked at how marketing affects behavior, this is the first to show that it has a direct effect on the brain.

The researchers said that when 20 adult test subjects sampled the same wine at different prices, they reported experiencing pleasure at significantly greater levels when told the wine cost more. At the same time, the part of the brain responsible for pleasure showed significant activity.

“We have known for a long time that people’s perceptions are affected by marketing, but now we know that the brain itself is modulated by price,” said Baba Shiv, an associate professor at the Stanford Graduate School of Business,

and one of the authors of the study.

“Marketers are now going to think twice about reducing the price,” Shiv said.

According to the study, if an experience is pleasurable, the brain will use it to help guide future choices. That conclusion has important implications for marketing that aims to influence perceptions of quality such as expert ratings, peer reviews, information about country of origin, store and brand names and repeated exposure to advertisements.

## Citroen apologizes for Mao ad

BEIJING (Reuters) — French car-maker Citroen has apologized to China for running a full-page advertisement in several Spanish newspapers featuring a poster of late Chinese leader Mao Zedong pulling a wry face at a sporty hatch-back.

Under the Biblical quotation “Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar’s,” the text talked up Citroen’s position as a car sales leader in a bombastic tone.

“It’s true, we are leaders, but at Citroen the revolution never stops,” the advertisement said. “We are once more going to put in motion all the machinery of our technological ability, in order to repeat in 2008 the successes obtained in previous years.”

The Mao poster is similar to the huge painting of the Great Helmsman gazing out over Beijing’s Tiananmen Square, except that it has been distorted to show lips screwed up and eyes squinting.

“The image has been wantonly dis-

torted by the ad’s designers. Mao looks very strange,” Chinese state newspaper the Global Times observed Tuesday.

The scowling Mao had infuriated Chinese Internet users who saw it as a slight, it said.

“As a Chinese, I felt greatly insulted when seeing this ad,” a posting on web portal Tianya (www.tianya.com) said. “It is not only insulting Chairman Mao, but the whole Chinese nation.”

“Chairman Mao is the symbol of China, and what Citroen did lacks basic respect to China,” another posting said.

Many Chinese retain a God-like admiration for Mao, crediting him with uniting the country after the Communist Party’s defeat of U.S.-backed Nationalists in the 1945-1949 civil war.

But historians have blamed Mao’s tumultuous Great Leap Forward and Cultural Revolution for the deaths of millions through famines caused by disastrous economic policies and the persecution of thousands through politically motivated campaigns.

Citroen had pulled the ad and apologized to China in a letter sent to the Chinese paper, it said.

“Citroen expresses regret for any displeasure caused by the advertisement and apologizes to all who have been hurt by it,” the Global Times quoted the letter as saying.

A spokeswoman for Citroen in China confirmed the apology letter.

“Citroen reiterates its friendship with the Chinese people, and highly respects China’s representative figures and symbols,” the spokeswoman told Reuters by telephone.

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from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

Solution to yesterday’s puzzle:

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## ARABIC PHRASE OF THE DAY

Show me your ID

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