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1-15 Inf. helps to improve market

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FOB HAMMER — Leaders of the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment visited a Salman Pak market Jan. 30 to distribute approximately \$15,000 in micro grants to small business owners.

Lt. Col. Jack Marr, from Minneapolis, commander of 1-15th Inf. Regt., 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, visited 10 small businesses to distribute micro grants to the shop owners.

Businesses included an electronic maintenance shop, a barber shop, a sweets shop, a photo shop, a grocery store, a tire repair store, a cement shop, a cell phone store and two restaurants.

According to Maj. John Wolfe, from Scottsboro, Ala., a team leader from Company A, 489th Civil Affairs Battalion, a reserve unit from Knoxville, Tenn., the idea is to model the stores after a strip mall that might be seen in the United States.

Wolfe said the micro grants will be used by the shop owners to renovate the inside of their stores while 1-15 Inf. Regt. leaders and the 489th CA team will head projects to refurbish the market's exterior.

Wolfe says leaders are planning to paint the buildings, pave the street and install street lights.

"We are focusing our efforts to revitalize the center," he said.

The market is located di-



rectly across from Salman Pak's new Joint Security Station, and in close proximity to a new sanitation building and a fire station currently under construction.

The location is perfect for a thriving economy, Wolfe said.

Wolfe believes the project will strengthen the relationship between Coalition Forces and Salman Pak residents.

"It shows we are here to help the populace and improve the economy," he said. "Of course we will help clear out the people who cause problems but we are here to help bring the economy back to normal."



Photos courtesy of 1-15th Inf. Regt.

Top: Fatil Mohammed Abbas, a small business owner from Salman Pak, receives a micro grant payment from Lt. Col. Jack Marr Jan. 30 at his shop. Above, Marr gives a micro grant payment to Mustafa Majid Kadham Jan. 30 in Salman Pak.

Weapons cache found, destroyed

2ND BCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB KALSU — A weapons cache consisting of various munitions and improvised explosive device components was found and destroyed Feb. 2 in southern Arab Jabour.

Soldiers from Company B, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, located the cache while conducting operations along a route in Arab Jabour.

The cache consisted of 35 23 mm anti-aircraft munitions, six rocket-propelled grenade boosters, one pressure plate initiator, one bag of RPG propellants and boosters, various small-arms ammunition, one camera charger and various IED-making materials.

An explosive ordnance disposal team was called in to investigate and disposed of the cache via a controlled detonation.



Staff Sgt. Michael Paredes

Residents of Zambraniyah move through a Coalition checkpoint to return to their homes, after fleeing AQI clashes with Coalition Forces.

Families returning to Zambraniyah

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FOB KALSU — Approximately 1,000 residents returned to Zambraniyah in the last week of January after learning the area had been secured by Coalition and Iraqi forces.

When heavy fighting in the Zambraniyah area broke out in early January, Coalition Forces advised families to evacuate the area to stay out of danger. As residents fled, blending in was difficult for al-Qaeda in Iraq members, enabling Soldiers to identify and target them. Over the course of combat operations, more than 40 extremists were killed.

The 6th Squadron, 8th Cavalry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, currently attached to 2nd BCT, 3rd Inf. Div., is now helping displaced families return to their homes.

“In the past 48 hours, approxi-

mately 1,000 Zambraniyah residents have returned to their homes,” said Captain David Lively, 6-8th Cav. Regt. assistant operations officer.

Last year, AQI infiltrated Zambraniyah. Local citizens said those who refused to support AQI were killed. Now, citizens are standing up to protect their community. Coalition Forces have organized a neighborhood watch program of concerned citizens, the Sons of Iraq.

To date, more than 500 Sons of Iraq in the Zambraniyah area have been recruited and organized into a force that works closely with the Iraqi Army and Coalition Forces.

As the civilian population returns to this agricultural community, the hope is that economic activity will increase. Army civil affairs teams working with 6-8 Cav. Regt. are assisting in economic assessments of the community and plan to offer micro-grants to small businesses in the community.

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Joint raids yield massive caches for IA, Rakkasans

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CAMP STRIKER — Raids in Shubayshen and Qarghuli led Rakkasan Soldiers to the discovery of massive caches Jan. 30.

Acting on a tip from a local Iraqi citizen, the Iraqi Army partnered with Soldiers from 3rd Platoon, Company D, 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and found caches including dozens of rockets and rocket-propelled grenade rounds.

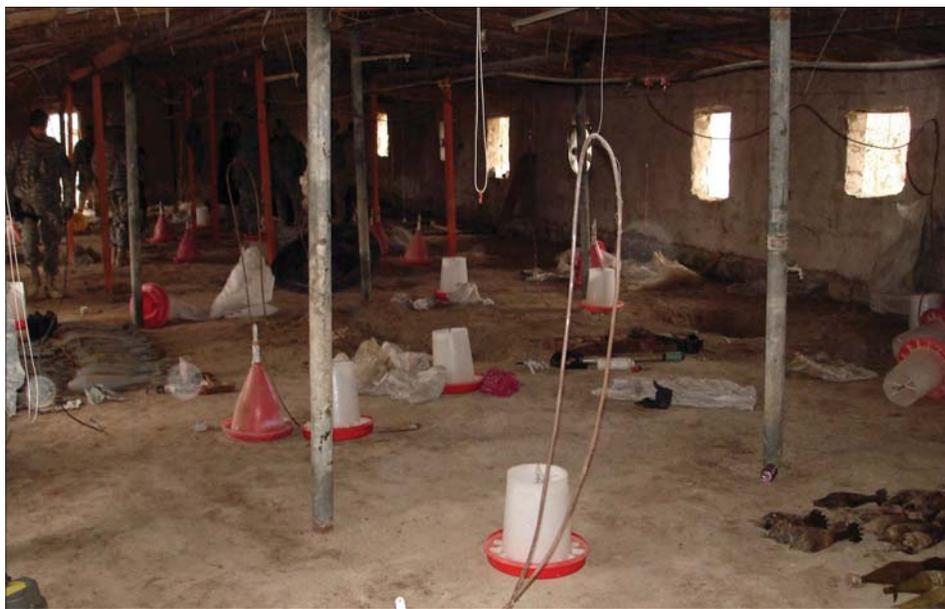
After noticing strange behavior from a citizen deemed upstanding in the community, 1st Lt. Keenan Ellison, 3rd Platoon leader, Co. D, 3-187th Inf., approached the man to see what was wrong.

Within hours, several individuals were detained and a stockpile of explosives and bomb-making materials were taken off the streets.

The most interesting aspect was the location of one of the caches — a chicken coop.

“The ground in the chicken coup wasn’t right; the soil was loose, almost like sawdust,” Ellison said. “We gently and carefully dug through it with our hands until we hit the jackpot.”

The platoon leader said “jackpot” was almost an understatement, as they unearthed a 20-pound bag of homemade explosives, switches, conductors, Bulgarian rockets, four RPG launchers, 66 RPG rockets, fuses, 30 RPG propellant rods, a container of RPG parts, eight fragmentary grenades, 27 81mm mortar rounds, 44 60mm mortar rounds, and various other ammunition and explosives paraphernalia.



Maj. David E.M. Jones

Iraqi Army troops and Soldiers from 3rd Platoon, Co. D, 3-187th Inf. Regt. found caches that included dozens of rockets and rocket-propelled grenade rounds during joint raids in Shubayshen and Qarghuli Jan. 30.

An extra vehicle was needed to carry all of the munitions.

IA troops and Soldiers from 3rd and 4th Platoons, Co. D, 3-187th Inf., conducted a raid on surrounding houses to find those responsible for the cache. The troops set up inner and outer cordons and Iraqi Soldiers quickly interrogated and gathered intelligence.

The 3rd and 4th Platoons alternated houses until the individual responsible was located.

Confronted with intelligence gathered from his neighbors, the individual confessed to storing the weapons and was detained.

“Without the IA we would have failed,” said 1st Lt. Phil Schupp, 4th Platoon leader. “Their language abilities

allowed them to interrogate individuals at each house we raided and gather the intelligence for the next house to target. If we only had our one interpreter we would have failed to move quickly enough to catch the insurgent; it’s that simple.”

The unit’s leadership said the raid was an example of how IA and Coalition Force partnership should function.

“The trust that we’ve build with the locals laid the foundation for this, and our partnership with the IA made our victory complete, allowing us to catch the insurgent as well as taking the munitions from their arsenal,” said Capt. Frank Castro, commander of Co. D, 3-187th Inf., 3rd BCT 101st Abn. Div. (AASLT).

Safety Thought of the Day

First Aid

- Inspect Improved First Aid Kit (IFAK) before combat patrols.
- 6515-01-521-7976 Tourniquet, Combat Application 1
- 6510-01-492-2275 Bandage Kit, Elastic, 1
- 6510-01-503-2117 Bandage GA4-1/2" 100s, 1
- 6510-00-926-8883 Adhesive Tape Surg 2" 6s, 1
- 6515-01-180-0467 Airway, Nasopharyngeal, 28Fr, 12s, 1

- 6515-01-519-9161 Glove, Patient Exam 100s, 4
- Ensure all soldiers receive periodic first aid refresher training.
- Ensure CLS bags and Warrior Aid & Litter Kits are restocked before and after each mission to ensure contents are available and in good condition.
- CLS bags and Warrior Aid & Litter Kits should be easily accessible and each person on patrol should know its location.



Headline Highlights

'Lolita' bed for young girls; Snipes' 'kooky' mail

Shop pulls 'Lolita' bed

LONDON (Reuters) — A chain of retail stores in Britain has withdrawn the sale of beds named Lolita and designed for six-year-old girls after furious parents pointed out that the name was synonymous with sexually active pre-teens.

Woolworths said staff who administer the web site selling the beds were not aware of the connection.

In "Lolita," a 1955 novel by Vladimir Nabokov, the narrator becomes sexually involved with his 12-year-old stepdaughter — but Woolworths staff had not heard of the classic novel or two subsequent films based on it.

Hence they saw nothing wrong with advertising the Lolita Midsleeper Combi, a whitewashed wooden bed with pull-out desk and cupboard intended for girls aged about six until a concerned mother raised the alarm on a parenting website.

"What seems to have happened is the staff who run the website had never heard of Lolita, and to be honest no one else here had either," a spokesman told British newspapers.

"We had to look it up on (online encyclopedia) Wikipedia. But we certainly know who she is now."

Woolworths said the product had now been dropped.

"Now this has been brought to our attention, the product has been removed from sale with immediate effect," the chain said. "We will be talking to the supplier with regard to how the branding came about."

Snipes' 'kooky' mail to govt. not a crime: lawyer

OCALA, Florida (Reuters) — Rather than file tax returns on an estimated \$38 million in income, actor Wesley Snipes flooded the U.S. tax agency with correspondence that his lawyer admitted on Tuesday was sometimes "kooky, crazy and loony."

"Kooky, crazy and loony is not a crime," the lawyer, Robert Barnes, said in closing arguments at Snipes' trial on tax fraud charges. "This is a case that should have been in civil court."

Prosecutors argued the star of the "Blade" movie series hooked up with known tax protesters and then ignored warnings from Internal Revenue Service agents and his longtime tax adviser that he must file returns and pay taxes.

"He knew it was required. He just didn't want to do it," prosecutor Scot Morris told the jury.

Jurors are expected to begin deliberations on Wednesday on charges that Snipes conspired with IRS foe Eddie Kahn and accountant Douglas Rosile to defraud the government.

Snipes faces up to 16 years in prison if convicted of all charges -- six counts of failing to file tax returns, two of fraudulently claiming tax refunds and one of conspiracy to defraud the government.

Prosecutor Robert O'Neill told Reuters outside the court Snipes "paid no taxes" on what the government said was \$38 million in income from the 1999 through 2004, a period when Snipes signed contracts on two "Blade"

movies worth at least \$10 million each.

Snipes' lawyers have said some taxes were withheld from his pay.

Barnes told the jury that if Snipes is acquitted he still can face civil prosecution, adding "He'll probably spend the next 20 years working for the IRS. They can collect all the penalties and interest they want."

The issue for the jury, according to the thrust of arguments from both sides, is whether Snipes cranked out letters to the IRS in an innocent attempt to engage the agency's procedures, or whether he was gaming the system to criminally avoid paying taxes and get refunds of millions of dollars he paid in previous years.

Among the proofs Morris cited to indicate Snipes knew he was wrong were letters from the IRS dismissing his correspondence as frivolous, and his response to warnings from his longtime tax adviser Ken Starr that he was required to file.

"He was warned explicitly by Ken Starr," Morris said. "Then he decides, nah, I don't like that advice."

Barnes showed the jury a flow chart of IRS procedures for disputing taxes and said Snipes was following those procedures in requesting audits, investigations and meetings.

"Disagreement is not deception. Frivolous is not fraud," Barnes said.

After the prosecution concluded its case, which included cartons of IRS records, Snipes and Rosile declined to put up a defense. Kahn is boycotting the trial, contending the court has no jurisdiction over him.

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Solution to yesterday's puzzle:

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ARABIC WORD OF THE DAY

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