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Staff Sgt. Jason Gamble, from Mobile, Ala., Troop B, 5-7th Cav. Regt., removes an RPG from a cache site Feb. 8. Below, Pvt. Jose Nunez, from Ft. Myers, Fla., Troop B, 5-7th Cav. Regt., carries munitions from the site.

## Large cache found in southern Arab Jabour

2ND BCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB KALSU — A local citizen led Coalition forces conducting a foot patrol near the village of Minori in southern Arab Jabour to a massive weapons cache Feb. 8.

The cache, recovered by Soldiers from Troop B, 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, consisted of 59 rocket-propelled grenades, eight rockets, 128 propellant charges, 32 ammunition canisters with a variety of

rounds and five 57 mm mortar illumination rounds.

First Lt. Levi Lenon said Coalition forces are working with citizens to make the community safe and secure.

Spc. Kevin Sands said results are beginning to show. "Hard work pays off; this is a big find for us," Sands said.

The 5-7th Cav. Regt. is conducting operations under 2nd BCT, 3rd Inf. Div. during Operation Marne Thunderbolt, which began in early January and is aimed at disrupting al-Qaeda in Iraq activity in the area.







Photos by Sgt. Michael Connors

## A day to remember

Vice Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Dick Cody gives the Oath of Enlistment to 208 servicemembers during a combined re-enlistment and awards ceremony Feb. 11 at Al Faw Palace on Camp Victory. At left, after receiving a Silver Star, 1st Lt. Ross C. Pixler, Co. A, 1-15th Inf. Regt., 3rd HBC, 3rd Inf. Div., poses for a photo with his father, Reid Pixler, and Gen. Dick Cody during the ceremony. A total of 206 Soldiers re-enlisted, with nine others receiving awards. See tomorrow's *Dog Face Daily* for the full story.

**Soldiers receiving the Silver Star were:** 1st Lt. Ross Pixler, Co. A, 1-15th Inf. Regt.; Sgt. 1st Class Jose R. Rodriguez, Co. B, 3-69 Armor Regt.; and Staff Sgt. John J. Zamarripa, Co. A, 1-15th Inf. Regt. **Soldiers receiving the Bronze Star Medal with Valor were:** Staff Sgt. Paul McQuown, Co. C, 2-3rd Avn. Regt.; Sgt. Michael D. Clark, Co. B, 3-69 Armor Regt.; Sgt. Donald Dedmon, Co. C, 2-3rd Avn. Regt.; and Spc. Jacob I. Schriyver, HHC, 3-69 Armor Regt. **Soldiers receiving the Purple Heart during the ceremony were:** Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Mills, 6-8th Cav. Regt., 4th BCT, 3rd Inf. Div., and Sgt. Allanroy Froa, Co. F, 703rd BSB.

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# Radio station opens in Wehida

**SGT. NATALIE ROSTEK**  
3RD HBCT, 3RD INF. DIV.

FOB HAMMER — Soldiers and leaders of the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team attended the opening ceremony of a radio station in Wehida, Iraq, Feb. 7.

Maj. Nathan Haas, from The Dales, Ore., 3rd HBCT information operations officer, said the idea for the station came from 3rd HBCT Commander, Col. Wayne W. Grigsby, Jr., from Prince George's County, Md., last December.

Haas contacted Ahmed Sabir, station manager for Peace 106, a radio station out of FOB Rustamayah, near Baghdad, to put the project in motion.

Haas said Sabir was the perfect candidate for the job. Sabir has trained Iraqis in radio station operations, speaks English fluently and four years experience working for Peace 106.

Sabir hired a local contractor, Matham, as the new station operator.

"We were looking for a way to get accurate information out quickly," Haas said. "It was difficult with newspapers being distributed once a week and the low literacy rates; it's about 60 percent.



Courtesy photo

Maj. Nathan Haas, from The Dales, Ore., a 3rd HBCT, 3rd Inf. Div. team staff officer, poses with Ahmed Sabir at the new radio station Feb. 7 in Wehida.

So we couldn't reach the whole audience very well with written media."

Haas said that while television is a satisfactory form of media, it only covers events. At events, there is little interaction with the audience and key leaders in the area.

"Now we can put local leaders on the radio and people can call in and talk to them," Haas said.

The Wehida station is modeled after Peace 106, Haas said. However, there is one important difference that benefits the community.

"Their station is out of (Rustamayah), on a FOB, where ours is in an Iraqi government building," he explained. "This makes it more accessible for Iraqis."

Coalition Forces contributed approximately \$32,000 to purchase equipment for the station.

## Safety Thought of the Day

### 5- and 25-Meter Searches at Halts

#### 5-Meters

- Identify a position to halt.
- Visually check 5 meters around the vehicle.
- Look for disturbed or suspicious objects.
- Start search at ground level and continue above head height.
- Be systematic and take your time.
- Use illumination at night if possible.
- Remain in your vehicle to take advantage of the armor protection.

#### 25-Meters

- Continue to scan out to 25 meters.
- Conduct a physical search to 25 meters.
- Look for IED indicators.
- If searching off the hardball, scan the area first with optics.
- Watch for potential triggermen.
- If you locate an IED, remain calm and do not touch it.
- Contact EOD.



# Tortoise refrigeration; hospital gossip ban

‘And wait’ll you see all the closet space!’

LONDON (Reuters) — An estate agent who took a prospective buyer to view a house in central England found the owner hanging dead in a closet, the agency said Thursday.

It was the first viewing of the 350,000-pound (\$700,000) house which had been on the market for a week. The owner was hanging from a belt inside a walk-in closet in the main bedroom.

“It was quite a shock,” said a spokesman for estate agents Hartleys. “Our agent quickly ushered everyone out, locked the property and called the authorities.”

The owner, a single man in his 40s, is thought to have committed suicide. He inherited the house from his mother who died recently, the estate agents said.

## Keep tortoises refrigerated

LONDON (Reuters) — Warm winters may be rousing hibernating pet tortoises early and endangering their lives but there is a solution, experts say — keep them in the fridge for winter.

Tortoise experts say unseasonably warm weather has woken many of the reptiles early, leaving their owners needing to keep them warm through any new cold snaps that could kill them.

“The fridge is an ideal method and a proven way of being safe in a changing climate,” said Joy Bloor, owner of one of country’s largest sanctuaries, the Tortoise Garden in Cornwall, where

dozens of tortoises have woken early this year. “It is becoming a more popular method definitely.”

Tortoises hibernate through the winter but need to keep their body temperature between 3 and 5 degrees Celsius. If it rises above that, they wake up, begin digesting food and will die if the temperature falls again.

Experts recommend using a new fridge with a reliable thermostat — and without a freezer compartment as fridges containing integral freezers can malfunction, freezing the whole unit and any tortoises within.

“If you open the door every day they should get enough air,” she said. “But you shouldn’t go away on holiday and leave them.”

Bloor says using a fridge is not an option for her — she has some 400 animals, several more than 100 years old, and no refrigerator large enough.

In any case, once the tortoises have woken, they cannot simply be put a fridge — once the hibernation has been broken, the fall in temperature would kill them.

## Alcatraz prison won’t be removed for peace center

SAN FRANCISCO (Reuters) — Local voters have rejected a proposal to demolish the famed Alcatraz prison and transform the island in San Francisco’s Bay into a global peace centre, according to complete election results on Wednesday.

The proposition, which shared the presidential primary ballot measure on Tuesday, was rejected by 72 percent of San Francisco voters.

The island is San Francisco’s second-most popular paid tourist attraction after cable cars, and occupies a dramatic position in the Bay near the Golden Gate Bridge. Supporters had wanted to raze the prison, which gets 1.4 million visitors a year, and build a conference centre for conflict resolution, a labyrinth and a medicine wheel, a Native American symbol representing harmony and understanding.

The federal prison at Alcatraz, known as “The Rock,” was home to notorious U.S. criminals such as Al Capone, George “Machine Gun” Kelly and Robert “Birdman of Alcatraz” Stroud before it closed in 1963.

## Hospitals to ban gossiping

BELGRADE (Reuters) — A ban on grumpiness, gossiping, mini-skirts and rudeness is what the doctor orders to improve patient care in Serbia’s hospitals, according to new rules issued by the country’s Health Ministry.

The rules, posted on the ministry’s Web site, say staff are not allowed to criticize their hospital or their superiors, and should not accept gifts for their services. Hospital staff are often bribed with cash or gifts for attention or better treatment.

“There needs to be ground rules for decency,” a ministry spokesman said.

Serbia’s public health system crumbled during the conflicts of the 1990s, with patients’ relatives having to provide everything from bandages and antibiotics to food. Funding improved as stability returned but bribery, often involving hundreds of euros, is still widespread.

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from Sudoku: The Original Brain Workout From Japan

Solution to yesterday’s puzzle:

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## ARABIC WORD OF THE DAY

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