

## Soldiers bring aid to dislocated people



Photo by Spc. Marie Schult, CJTF-180 PAO

*Soldiers and civilians help unload a CH-47 Chinook helicopter filled with 45 boxes of clothing and blankets and 150 bags of rice. The supplies, donated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, were given to the Hazara people of Bamian to help them get through the winter.*

By Spc. Marie Schult  
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**BAMIAN**, Afghanistan — Mohammad, who claimed to be 30 years old, but looked to be about 60, and has seven children, said the rice will last maybe two weeks. He said this as he hoisted the heavy bundle of clothes, blankets and rice onto his back, getting ready for the long trek up the hills of Bamian.

Soldiers and civilians from Bagram Air Base flew to Bamian with 45 boxes of clothes, 150 30-pound bags of rice and toys to distribute to the locals there, Jan. 19.

With the assistance of an Army civil affairs team, KnightsBridge International, who collected donations from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, was able to de-

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## Bio Detection: Reservists keep a night's eye

By Sgt. W. Cullen James  
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**BAGRAM**, Afghanistan — Sometimes being unique presents its challenges. Being one of two units of its kind, the 310<sup>th</sup> Chemical Company is a rare resource.

Providing biological surveillance via Biological Integrated Detection Systems in danger areas is their mission, and one platoon keeps a watchful eye over Bagram every night.

The 25 soldiers from 5<sup>th</sup> Platoon, 310<sup>th</sup> Chem. Co., an Army Reserve unit based out of Fort McLellen, Ala., operate three BIDS stations around Bagram's

airfield. The stations monitor for the presence of biological weapons.

"We're there every night. Seven days a week," said 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Stephanie Zeigler, platoon leader, 5<sup>th</sup> Plt., 310<sup>th</sup> Chem. Co.

Their rarity has come at a cost. The chemical unit was activated Oct. 11, 2001 and have been either waiting or on missions ever since.

"After we were activated we were relocated from Fort McLellen to Fort Polk," said Zeigler. At Fort Polk, La., the 310<sup>th</sup> was attached to the 83<sup>rd</sup> Chemical Battalion, who owns the only other BIDS unit, the 7<sup>th</sup> Chemical Company.

Although activated only a month after the Sept. 11 tragedy, the unit stayed at Fort Polk several months before deploying on a mission.

"It was really hard at Polk," said Spc. Kevin Jones, BIDS operation specialist. "We pulled a lot of details. It was hard to explain to our family and the folks at work the importance of being activated while there."

On mission, both Zeigler and Jones explained that the motivation of the soldiers has been higher.

"Some parts have been great. The fact that we're doing our job is great. I wanted to be able to tell my grandchildren that

I did my part," Zeigler said.

"Here, you feel like you have a mission in life," Jones explained.

The unit was deployed to theater in December and replaced one of their sister platoons in place. They anticipate being replaced by automatic units, called Porta Shields, and to return to Fort Polk in June.

Upon redeployment, the unit should deactivate shortly thereafter.

"Legally, we are only supposed to be activated for two years," Zeigler said. "Of course, if war is declared, that goes out

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# World News (Compiled from CNN.com)

## U.S. warns of war as world awaits inspectors' report

WASHINGTON — The day before the U.N. Security Council was slated to hear a 60-day progress report from weapons inspectors in Iraq, U.S. officials sought to build support for military action among world leaders and at home.

"We knew there would be days when our anxieties would well up and we would be afraid to take the next step, and we are approaching one such moment now," Secretary of State Colin Powell told a gathering of dignitaries and business leaders at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. "We'll have to take that next step."

Powell repeated the administration's stance that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein is a danger to the United States and its allies as well as to the Iraqi people. He also said Saddam has ties to terrorism; the longer he goes without being disarmed of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, Powell said, the more likely he is "to pass a weapon, share a technology or use these weapons again.

"The nexus of tyrants and terror, of terrorists and weapons of mass destruction, is the greatest danger of our age," he said.

## State of Union to focus on Iraq

WASHINGTON — A year after coining the phrase "axis of evil" in his State of the Union address, President Bush prepared Sunday for a second speech to rally the country for a possible war against one member of that "axis," Iraq.

The speech, to be broadcast nationwide Tuesday, will be delivered a day after chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix is scheduled to give a 60-day progress report on inspections in Iraq. The annual address will focus on the U.N. team's report, White House officials said.

Blix is in charge of inspectors searching for banned biological, chemical and nuclear weapons in Iraq.

Bush has said that if Iraq doesn't disarm voluntarily, the United States will take military action to bring about "regime change." The president is not expected to announce

plans to launch an attack Tuesday, officials said.

Instead, Bush will explain why he sees Iraqi President Saddam Hussein as a threat to the United States and to the world, White House communications director Dan Bartlett said on ABC's *This Week*. The president also will spell out why the United States is dissatisfied about Iraqi cooperation with weapons inspectors.

## 'Slammer' worm steams on

WASHINGTON — Experts fear Monday could bring new outbreaks of the fast-moving computer worm that snarled business and government computers Saturday, slowing some corporate systems to the point of inaccessibility.

The worm, dubbed "SQL Slammer," attacked via a vulnerability discovered six months ago in SQL Server 2000 software from Microsoft Corp., according to Oliver Friedrichs, a senior manager with Internet security firm Symantec Corp. Microsoft has offered a free patch to fix the trouble spot, but not all users of the server software installed the patch.

Network technicians rushed to fix the vulnerability in hopes of avoiding infection and preventing further outbreaks. Microsoft said the worm does not pose a risk to typical home users.

Experts called the worm the most damaging attack on the Internet in 18 months. Networks across Asia, Europe and the Americas were effectively shut down, Reuters reported.

Friedrichs said the SQL worm "breaks into the server and tries to spread."

"It really generates a lot of network traffic," Friedrichs said. "It's really just going to slow down Internet performance."

## U.S. spy plane crashes in S. Korea

SEOUL, South Korea — A U.S. U-2 spy plane crashed near the South Korean capital Seoul on Sunday after its pilot ejected, a U.S. military spokesman said.

The pilot's condition had not been disclosed, the Pentagon's Maj. Ted Wadsworth said.



Wreckage from the crash site.

The reconnaissance plane went down near Camp Humphries, a U.S. base about 35 miles (50 km) south of Seoul near the town of Hwasong, the spokesman said.

Residents in the area said the plane injured three people on the ground, and heavily damaged a house and an automobile repair shop.

It is believed the aircraft took off from a U.S. air base in Osan, not far from the crash site in Hwasong City, south of Seoul.

About 37,000 U.S. troops are based in South Korea to provide defense against the communist North. The two Koreas have been divided by the DMZ — one of the world's most heavily fortified borders — since the 1950-53 Korean War.

## Rockets fired from Gaza hit Israel

JERUSALEM — Palestinians fired five Qassam rockets into southern Israel on Sunday, the Israel Defense Forces said, causing no damage or injuries but prompting the day's second incursion by the Israeli military.

The IDF said two Qassam rockets fired from Gaza landed near Kibbutz Nir-Am south of Sderot in southern Israel Sunday morning. One rocket landed near the kibbutz, and a subsequent one hit a road leading to the kibbutz. A short time later, three rockets landed in fields near Kfar-Maimon after apparently being fired from Jabalia in Gaza.

Israeli troops went into the Gaza town of Beit Hanoun where they found two spent rocket launchers and five others ready to fire, they said. The soldiers destroyed the launchers and withdrew, according to the IDF.

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liver and distribute aid to the people of this region.

Phil Edwards, who works with the deployment support team at Bagram is also the liaison for KBI, flew to Bamian in early December to confer with the civil affairs team to determine which area of Bamian required the most aid.

It was decided the Hazara, who live on the plateau above the Buddhas, needed the most assistance. Last year, the Hazara fled to the plateau as the Taliban torched their simple mud-brick homes. Now they wait for aid to help them to at least get through the winter. But aid has been slow according to civil affairs specialists in the area.

“The food will run out, but they will always have the blankets,” said Spc. Robert Chichester, civil affairs specialist, 450<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne), a reserve unit from Riverdale, Md.

Mohammad said the aid was good because he is disabled due to bad knees.

“Half a person cannot work,” he said. “It’s a good thing to bring help.”

The 45 boxes that arrived in Bamian via U.S. Army CH-47 Chinook helicopter were collected from two main sources, said

Edwards.

Both sources were the LDS church. One was a church member who encouraged her employer to make Afghanistan the company’s project for the year. They collected 11 boxes of goods. The rest of the boxes came from LDS churches in and around Fayetteville, N.C., Edwards explained.

“I think it helps. Anywhere we can get resources from is a good thing,” said Chichester.

Edwards worked in conjunction with LDS, Friends for Afghan Redevelopment, the civil affairs teams and the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division aviation units at Bagram Air Base for this mission. “You do it because it needs to be done,” he said.

“More people like mister Edwards need to step up and give,” said Chichester.

KBI is also working with the civil affairs team in Bamian to get funding to drill 100 wells in the Bamian valley and to build a system to get water to the Hazara on the plateau.

Edwards also wanted to get soldiers out to Bamian who don’t usually have the opportunity to work with the locals.

“It makes it worth coming to Afghanistan,” said Spc. Susanna Lopez, 403<sup>rd</sup> Arrival/Departure Air Control Group, Fort Bragg, N.C.

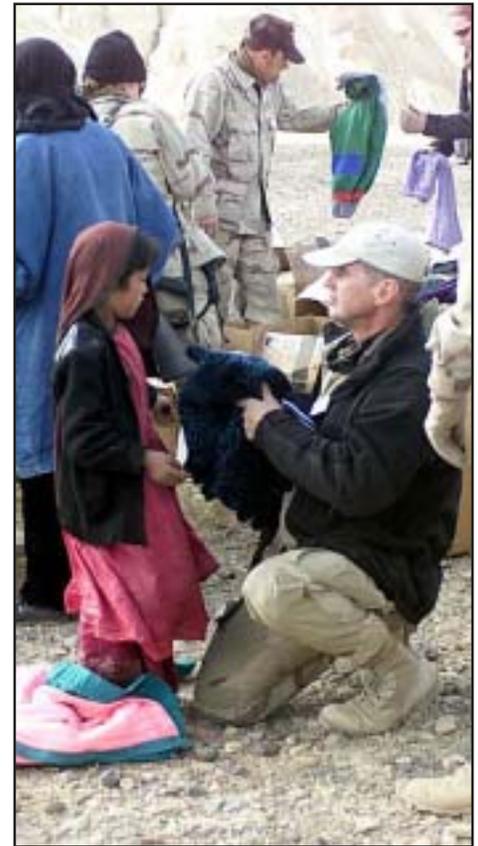


Photo by Spc. Marie Schult, CJTF-180 PAO

*Phil Edwards, representative of KnightsBridge International, gives an Afghan girl a coat to try on, Sunday. Edwards, in conjunction with the Bamian civil affairs team, distributed blankets, clothing and rice to the Hazara people in Bamian to help them make it through the winter.*

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the window.”

While reserve units may be called up for such a period of time, Ziegler said most reservists have been surprised at the length of time the 310<sup>th</sup> has been active.

“Most reservists I’ve talked to have only spent a year active,” she said. “When I tell them when we were activated, their eyes get wide and they’re like, ‘What?’”

However, Ziegler explained that the uniqueness of their unit probably has a lot to do with their length of activation.

Since being called up, this deployment has been the 310<sup>th</sup>’s third mission. They provided bio-detection to the Korean peninsula during the World Games and then tested third-generation



Photo by 1st Lt. Stephanie Ziegler, 310th Chemical Company

*The Biological Integrated Detection Systems are secured during the day. During operation, three pipes jut from the top of the system collecting samples from the air. The design of the camouflage netting assists in directing air toward the samplers.*

BIDS at Dugway Proving Ground, Utah.

“Being at Polk for so long without a mission kind of killed morale for a while. (Morale) is much better now. There’s a pride in the soldiers now,” Ziegler said.

While many active-duty sol-

diers deal with deployments and field problems often, the reservists of the 310<sup>th</sup> have spent their entire activation away from house and home.

“The closest any of the soldiers are to Fort Polk is nine hours,” Ziegler said.

Jones, who’s been married for seven years, has missed his daughter’s kindergarten graduation, a couple of dance recitals and Christmas. “Basically, two years have been taken away from our families and lives,” he said.

“I think all the soldiers here have shown incredible perseverance and determination,” Jones said. “While dealing with all the different problems back home, they’ve been able to maintain their military bearing and discipline.”

Ziegler agreed, adding that while the length of activation has been difficult, “All the soldiers say they’ve been proud to serve their country.”

Currently, 1<sup>st</sup> and Headquarters Platoons from 310<sup>th</sup> are also deployed serving at Camp Doha, Kuwait.

# Looming conflict stops some PCS moves

By Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs  
Army News Service

**WASHINGTON** — A limited number of active-duty soldiers will not be changing duty stations to maintain unit readiness in case called upon to support a possible conflict.

The Army released a “stop-movement” order, which suspends permanent-change-of-station orders for soldiers in designated units, officials said. This movement does not apply to the entire Army, officials added.

Because of operational security, the specific units to fall under stop movement have not been released, officials said. Units already supporting operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle will not be affected.

“Unit rotations and last-minute personnel changes can affect unit readiness,” an Army personnel official said.

Stop movement is not the same as stop loss, officials said. Stop loss suspends voluntary separation, and is usually issued for specific jobs or skills. Soldiers who are retiring or leaving the service will not be affected under stop movement.

Officers with orders to PCS or go on temporary duty between March 1 and May 31 will be postponed for 90 days, states MILPER message 03-074 released Jan. 22. Officers moving to fill central selection list commands will move as scheduled, and those on orders to pre-command courses may defer their attendance.

Enlisted soldiers with assignment orders for Feb. 28 and earlier will proceed to the school or new duty station. Report dates for schooling or PCS moves on March 1 or later will be revoked for soldiers in affected units, the message states. Soldiers affected by stop movement, who are currently TDY and are scheduled to return may have to return early.

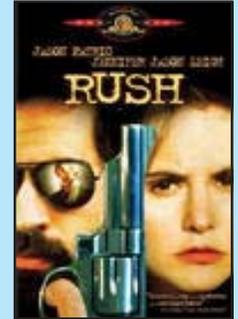
Units affected by stop movement will be manned at appropriate levels and will continue to receive soldiers, officials said.

All exceptions to policy will be submitted to the Personnel Command for approval, officials said.

## Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the MWR building: “Rush.” Raynor is an undercover narcotics cop. For his next assignment he chooses the more inexperienced but tough and good-looking Kristen. Their ultimate target is a very elusive drug dealer. They do not get the evidence they need, and instead are forced into using false evidence in court.

Tomorrow’s movie will be “Last Call.”



## Local weather

### TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

|                    | <i>Today</i>                             | <i>Tuesday</i>                           |
|--------------------|--|--|
| <b>Bagram:</b>     | <i>Partly cloudy</i><br>H: 55F<br>L: 28F | <i>Partly cloudy</i><br>H: 55F<br>L: 28F |
| <b>Kandahar:</b>   | <i>Partly cloudy</i><br>H: 59F<br>L: 36F | <i>Partly cloudy</i><br>H: 63F<br>L: 36F |
| <b>Kabul:</b>      | <i>Haze</i><br>H: 55F<br>L: 29F          | <i>Haze</i><br>H: 57F<br>L: 25F          |
| <b>Uzbekistan:</b> | <i>Cloudy w/fog</i><br>H: 37F<br>L: 30F  | <i>Mostly cloudy</i><br>H: 40F<br>L: 29F |

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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# Coalition Sports Zone

## Mind against matter in Cold Steel Dungeon



Photos by Pfc. Christina Carde

*Adrian Gonzalez, 503<sup>rd</sup> Maintenance Company, 264<sup>th</sup> Logistical Task Force, coached by Luis Lopez, 264<sup>th</sup> LTF, exerts all his energy to successfully complete his last squat.*



*Catarina Prieto, 403<sup>rd</sup> Transportation Company, 264<sup>th</sup> Logistical Task Force, light weight division, balances her weight as she steps out to squat. Prieto placed third in the women's light weight category.*



*Franklin Fowler, Headquarters Headquarters Detachment, 264<sup>th</sup> Logistical Task Force, heavy weight class, lets out a shout of adrenaline as he completes the clean and jerk event.*

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**BAGRAM**, Afghanistan – Adrenaline racing and palms sweating, members from the 264<sup>th</sup> Logistical Task Force matched their strength against steel Saturday, in the first power-lifting competition held in the task force.

About 35 soldiers, male and female, competed in light, medium and heavy lifting events in a competition which lasted about seven hours.

The doorway and walls of the small Cold Steel Dungeon (264<sup>th</sup> LTF gym) were packed with the competitors' comrades rooting for them as they stepped up to the bar.

"I wasn't sure how this event was going to turn out, but a lot of soldiers participated. It's good to see such a great turnout," said Command Sgt. Maj. Luis J. Lopez, 264<sup>th</sup> LTF command sergeant major and event coordinator.

"This event not only boosts the competitors' morale, but their buddies as well because they have a chance to cheer them

on," Lopez said.

According to Lopez, this event was not just for fun.

"The competitors did daily physical fitness with their unit and then trained additionally in the afternoons for the competition," said Lopez.

"This competition and the ones to follow are sort of a train-up for the annual Corps Support Command competition at Fort Bragg (N.C.)," he added.

The competition consisted of the squat, bench press, dead-lift and the clean and jerk events in all three weight classes. In order to qualify, each competitor had to weigh in and be able to compete in each event.

Each competitor was given three chances to complete one full repetition correctly and accumulate as many points as possible.

Points were awarded according to how much weight each soldier lifted in each event. The total number of points in all four events determined the winner for gender and weight class.

However, if two competitors in the same class lifted the same amount of weight, the points would go to the lighter individual.

At the end of the adrenaline-pumping, muscle-aching day, Samantha Eady, 364<sup>th</sup>

# Super night, not just for Bucs

**SAN DIEGO, Calif.** — It was a super night for Bucs fans, advertisers, merchants, bookies and relieved security officials. And Super Bowl XXXVII even thrilled those who couldn't tell a point spread from a guacamole spread.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers captured their first Super Bowl championship, crushing the Oakland Raiders 48-21 at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego.

The Buccaneers' powerful defense roughed up NFL MVP Rich Gannon and smothered the high-flying Oakland offense. The Raiders had the league's top-ranked offense but managed just six first downs and 154 net yards through the first three quarters against the Bucs.

Tampa Bay free safety Dexter Jackson took home the Super Bowl MVP award. Jackson had two of the Bucs' five interceptions.

This is the first championship for Tampa Bay, which epitomized losing during much of its existence. The Bucs came into the league in 1976 and lost their first 26 games.

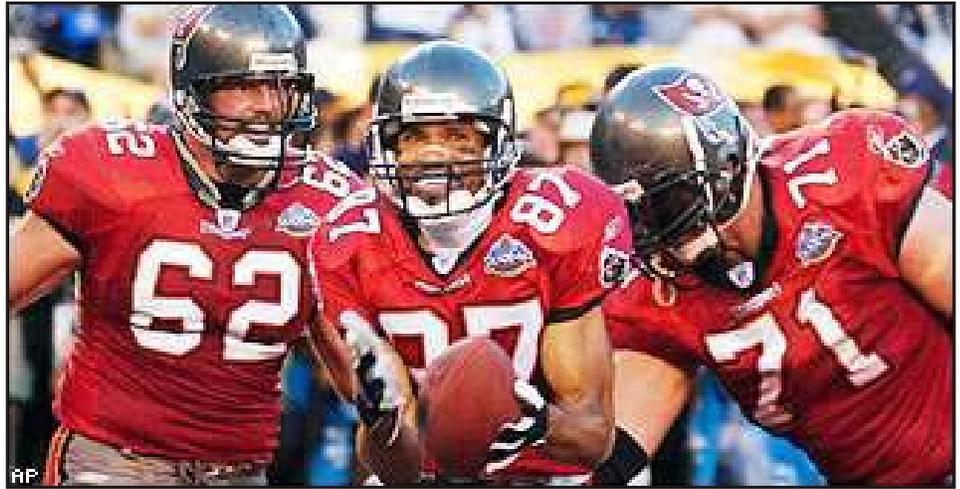
The game vindicated Buccaneers head coach Jon Gruden, who was pushed out as Raiders head coach last year. Gruden, 39, is the youngest head coach ever to win a Super Bowl.

The Super Bowl also was a victory for San Diego officials, who successfully handled security and the logistical headache of protecting thousands of fans. San Diego Mayor Dick Murphy told CNN that this year's security was unprecedented.

"This is probably [the] most secure Super Bowl of all time," Murphy said on CNN's "Late Edition with Wolf Blitzer." "We have magnetometers checking people that come into stadium, it's entirely fenced, we have a 'no-fly' zone over the stadium, military aircraft in the air. This is probably the safest place in America."

San Diego police spokesman Gary Hassen said the stadium went under lockdown Saturday. No one was allowed to enter without police escort.

Police with bomb-sniffing dogs searched the area Sunday morning. Surveillance cameras were placed around the stadium and



Keenan McCardell, center, scored two TDs in the Bucs' win.



Photo by Pfc. Debralee P. Crankshaw

*Lt. Col. Dallas Wurst, military operations, 360<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne), Atlanta accepts his door prize. The Dragon Palace and Viper Village Morale, Welfare and Recreation held Super Bowl parties. Door prizes were given at the end of each quarter at the Dragon Palace party.*

background checks were done on all stadium employees, Hassen said.

In addition, private cars were forced to park in remote areas, and fans were taken to the stadium by shuttle.

CNN correspondent Josie Karp said 3,000 law-enforcement officials were on patrol.

Security was so tight that Raiders fans were told to leave their infamous paraphernalia — such as spikes, horns and skulls — at home.

While gamblers and fans kept their eye on touchdowns and tackles, others focused on the halftime show and a host of high-priced commercials.

In one commercial, rocker and reality



Tampa Bay players douse coach Jon Gruden after the team's first-ever Super Bowl victory.

show star Ozzy Osbourne discovered that his children were really Donny and Marie Osmond in disguise. Alas, it was just a nightmare, and Osbourne awoke to tell his wife — "Brady Bunch" matriarch Carol Brady (actress Florence Henderson).

In an ad for Budweiser beer, a group of horses stood around while several zebras watched a videotape. It turned out the zebras were referees reviewing a play in a stallion football game.

In a Gatorade ad, a modern-day Michael Jordan played hoops with an earlier version of himself. And in a commercial for H&R Block, singer Willie Nelson poked fun at his own tax troubles.

The halftime show featured singers Shania Twain and Sting, and pop rockers No Doubt performing for the crowd.

*(Editor's note: This story is courtesy of CNN.com)*



Photo by Pfc. Christina Carde

*Phoebe Price, 403<sup>rd</sup> Transportation Company, 264<sup>th</sup> Logistical Task Force, mid-weight class, exhales as she waits for the command of "clear" to complete her squat.*

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Supply Company took first place in the female lightweight competition with 360 points or pounds lifted. Samantha Jenkins, 403<sup>rd</sup> Transportation Co., was close behind in second with 350 points.

For the males, Tim Lammer, 403<sup>rd</sup>, took the lead with 1,070 points and John Mosley, 364<sup>th</sup>, followed with 1,000 to take second place.

But for some competitors, getting first place wasn't that important.

"I had fun today," said Catarina Prieto, 403<sup>rd</sup> Transportation Company who placed third in the female lightweight competition. "Considering I've never done anything like this before, I'm happy with my 320 points."

As the hours added on, so did the weight on the bar as Charlett Martin, 364<sup>th</sup> Supply Company, dominated first place in the female midweight competition with 515 points.

Wendy Robinson, 364<sup>th</sup>, held second place with a solid 440 points.

"This was a good idea to help boost the soldiers' morale," said Phoebe Price, 403<sup>rd</sup> Transportation Co., who came in third for the female mid-weights. "At first I was only doing it to motivate my soldiers, but then I got a little competitive myself."

For the men's mid-weight class, Lamar Smith, 403<sup>rd</sup>, took first place with 1,330 points and Kyle Carone, 503<sup>rd</sup>, walked away with 1,255.

"I've lifted before but this is the first event I've done like this," said Jose Pasillas, 503<sup>rd</sup>, mid-weight competitor. "I feel good now that I've done it."

In the final hours, the heavyweight competitors added hundreds of pounds to the bar in an attempt to outdo their opponents.

The sound of the heavy plates could be heard bouncing off of the wooden Afghan planks, which lined the gym floor, as the lifters hurled them to the ground in exhaustion.

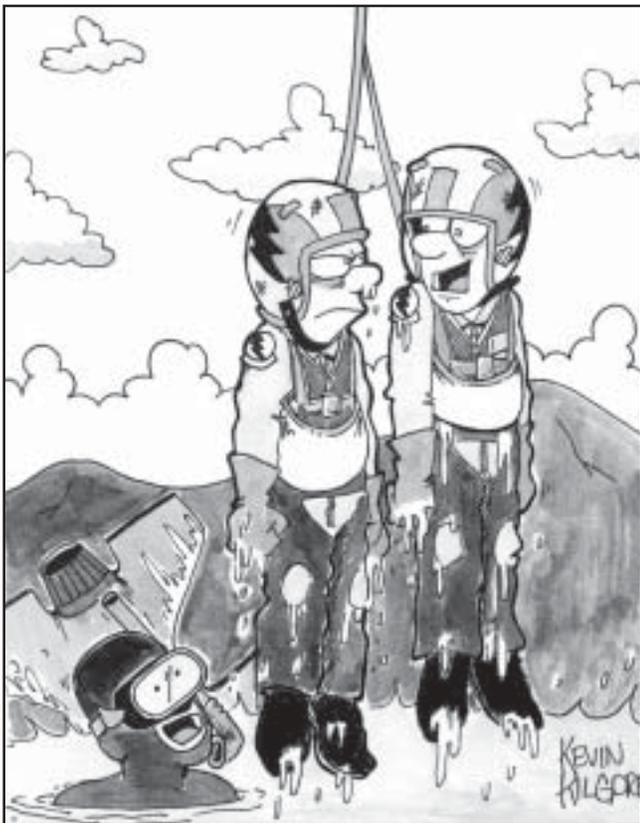
In the end, Susanna Lopez, 403<sup>rd</sup>, took first place with 595 points for the females, and Roshonda Sullivan, 364<sup>th</sup>, came in second with 575 points.

In the male heavyweight class, Franklin Fowler, Headquarters Headquarters Detachment, claimed first place with an impressive 1,465 points followed by Eric McPherson who had 1,295.

The award ceremony for Saturday's competition will be held Feb. 7.

"Since this was the first competition, we only opened it up to the 264<sup>th</sup>," said Lopez. "Once we have our first After Action Review to see how things are progressing, we will open it up to others in COSCOM."

*"You shouldn't look at this as a career ending disaster, but more as a new found respect for safety equipment."*



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## Laugh Support

## BX/PX Closure

The Bagram Air Base Base/Post Exchange will be closed Tuesday for inventory. The exchange will reopen Wednesday for normal operating hours.