

Rebuilt university offers Afghans hope



Girls sing at the opening of the Albiruny University men's dormitory. The dormitory is the first of a three part project for the university.

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KOHISTAN, Afghanistan — Education is an important step for a country; the forces here have assisted in helping Afghanistan make this step again.

The Albiruny University Dormitory opening in Kapisa province was held Thursday. Reconstruction began in November 2002.

The project is broken up into three parts. The first part was the dormitory; the second, which is currently being completed, is refurbishing half of the university structure with new doors, windows, re-plastering and upgrading the electrical system. The university is estimated for completion at the end of May. The third part of the project, still in the approval process, is rebuilding a structure destroyed by the Taliban.

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PRT celebrates opening in Konduz

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KONDUZ, Afghanistan — The Provincial Reconstruction Team in Konduz opened its Civil-Military Operations Center to the public April 10, 2003 with a ribbon cutting ceremony as dozens of local Konduz officials looked on.

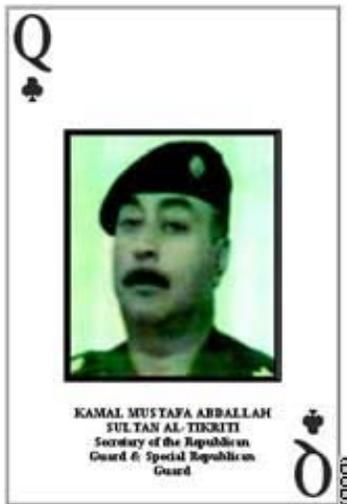
This is the third PRT to open in Afghanistan in three months with the first in Gardez in February and the second in Bamian in March. Future operations planners for the Combined Joint Task Force-180 in Bagram created the concept late last year to enhance the civil affairs efforts in Afghanistan after reassessing the urgent humanitarian needs of the country. The PRT model was designed, with input from President Hamid Karzai, to extend the central



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World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



U.S.: Republican Guard suspect fled to Syria

WASHINGTON — Kamal Mustafa Abdallah Sultan al-Tikriti is No. 8 on the U.S. list of the top 55 most wanted former Iraqi officials. His photograph appears on the queen of clubs in the deck of playing cards distributed to U.S. troops.

The United States considers Kamal Sultan a war crimes suspect. Intelligence officials said he is a cousin of former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein because his brother is married to one of Saddam's daughters.

While officials noted there are conflicting reports about Kamal Sultan's whereabouts, they said most of the evidence suggests he is in Syria.

The United States has repeatedly accused Syria this week of harboring former members of the Iraqi leadership — allegations the Syrian government has denied and which have heightened tensions between the two countries.

Pentagon officials said Syria in recent days appeared to have been exercising more control over 376-mile (605-kilometer) border with Iraq and may have turned away some senior Iraqis seeking refuge.

Syria told the United States it has sealed the border and said it denied entry to Abu Abbas, a Palestinian terrorist who planned the 1985 hijacking of the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro. Abbas was later arrested in Baghdad.

Syria likewise claimed it turned back one

of Saddam's half-brothers, Barzan Ibrahim Hasan al-Tikriti, who was subsequently captured by U.S. troops.

Nevertheless, said Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, some former Iraqi leaders have slipped across the border.

"We know that Syria is harboring some of the senior regime leadership, at least their families, probably some of the senior members. We know that," Myers told a Pentagon meeting Thursday.

But according to Pentagon sources Syria has indicated it might be willing to eventually turn over some top Iraqi officials to the United States, and suggested such action could be a topic for discussion if Secretary of State Colin Powell visits Damascus in the coming weeks.

The latest to be taken into custody is Samir abd al Aziz al Najm — No. 24 — handed over to U.S. special operations forces by Iraqi Kurds Thursday night.

"He was a Baath Party official, a regional command chairman for the Baghdad district, and is believed to have first-hand knowledge of the Baath Party central structure," U.S. Central Command spokesman Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks told reporters in Qatar.

New purported Saddam tapes aired

BAGHDAD — Abu Dhabi TV broadcast a videotape Friday showing a man said to be deposed Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein greeting supporters on April 9 — the day the capital fell — as well as an audiotaped message calling on Iraqis to battle the U.S.-led forces that control most of Iraq.

"We are confident that victory at the end will be ours," the statement, broadcast on Abu Dhabi TV, told Iraqis.

In the videotape, a man who appears to be Saddam climbs onto the hood of a car and waves to a cheering crowd in the Azamiyah neighborhood of Baghdad. Saddam's son, Qusay, also appears to be visible in the tape. The network did not disclose the source of the tape and there was no way to verify its authenticity.

Both tapes were said to have been made on April 9, the day on which U.S. troops and Iraqis pulled down a key statue of Saddam in Baghdad's central Firdos Square.

U.S. intelligence analysts told CNN they have questions about the authenticity of a previously released videotape that appeared to show Saddam greeting supporters in Baghdad's Mansour neighborhood.

That tape was said to have been made on April 4, but those officials said they believe it was made much earlier.



Lynch recovering from foot surgery

WASHINGTON — Pfc. Jessica Lynch underwent surgery to repair a bone in her right foot, officials at Walter Reed Army Medical Center said Friday.

Doctors described Thursday's operation as successful. Lynch is undergoing occupational and physical therapy.

Lynch, who turns 20 on April 26, was the first of six missing members of the Army's 507th Maintenance Support Company to be found alive following the ambush of the unit in southern Iraq.

She was rescued from an Iraqi hospital in a commando raid on April 1.

She was listed in satisfactory condition Friday, with a head wound, a spinal injury and fractures to her right arm, both legs and her right foot and ankle.

Lynch appealed to the public through hospital officials Thursday for an end to gifts of flowers, fruit baskets and other items, which arrive daily.

U.S. News (Compiled from CNN.com)

Bond set at \$250,000 in umpire attack

CHICAGO—A judge, saying he wanted to stop fan misbehavior, set a \$250,000 bond for a man charged with attacking an umpire during a White Sox game. “Somebody has to say no to this conduct, and it’s going to be me,” said Circuit Court Judge Nicholas Ford, who called Eric Dybas’ actions Tuesday night “incendiary.” Dybas, 24, is accused of trying to tackle umpire Laz Diaz during Chicago’s game against the Kansas City Royals. His attorney, Frank Kostouros, called it “a regrettable, alcohol-motivated stunt.” Dybas, who remained in custody Thursday, is charged with felony aggravated battery and misdemeanor criminal trespass. If convicted, he faces two to five years in prison. At a White Sox-Royals game in Chicago seven months ago, Royals coach Tom Gamboa was attacked by a man and his son who went on the field near the first base dugout.

Madonna releases tamer version of video

NEWYORK—Madonna’s “American Life” video has been reincarnated as a tamer, nonviolent version of its former self.

The performer scrapped the original version because she thought its violent, antiwar themes were inappropriate during the U.S.-led conflict in Iraq.

The first video from her new “American Life” album — which comes out Tuesday — featured explosions, a runway show of couture army fatigues and Madonna dancing in a military uniform. At the end, she threw what looked like a hand grenade into the lap of a President Bush look-alike.

The new version, which premiered Wednesday night on the cable network VH1, still features Madonna dressed in a military uniform, but she’s simply singing in front of a backdrop of ever-changing flags of different countries.

When Madonna decided not to release the original version earlier this month, she said: “Due to the volatile state of the world and out of sensitivity and respect to the armed forces, who I support and pray for, I

do not want to risk offending anyone who might misinterpret the meaning of this video.”

But in a VH1 special that aired before the video’s debut, the 44-year-old singer said she was frustrated that some celebrities who express antiwar sentiments are suffering a backlash.

The Dixie Chicks, for example, saw sales of their best-selling disc “Home” drop after lead singer Natalie Maines told a London audience she was “ashamed” of President Bush, a remark for which she later apologized.

“You know, it’s ironic we’re fighting for democracy in Iraq because we ultimately aren’t celebrating democracy here,” Madonna said. “Because anybody who has anything to say against the war or against the president or whatever is punished, and that’s not democracy — it’s people being intolerant.”

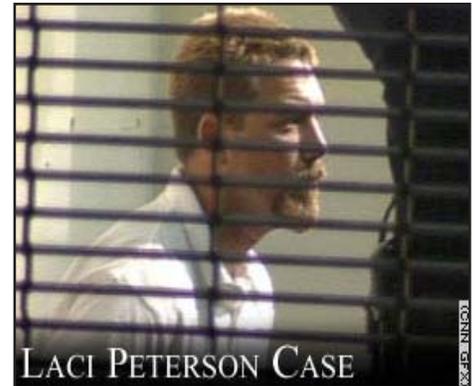
This is not the first time Madonna’s videos have caused a stir. In 1989, religious images in “Like a Prayer” led Pepsi to drop her as a spokeswoman. In 1990, MTV refused to air “Justify My Love” because of its sexual content.

Two years later, it relegated “Erotica” to early morning hours, and in 2001, VH1 and MTV wouldn’t air “What It Feels Like For a Girl” because of its violent content.

Scott Peterson arrested in wife’s death

SAN DIEGO — Scott Peterson was arrested Friday in San Diego on suspicion of killing his pregnant wife, Laci, whose body and that of their unborn child were found on the San Francisco Bay shoreline this week, authorities said Friday. “There are no other suspects,” Modesto Police Chief Roy Wasden told reporters.

The arrest was made nearly four months after Laci Peterson was reported missing from her home in Modesto on Christmas Eve — a case that captured national attention and resulted in a widespread search for the 27-year-old mother-to-be. Video showing Scott Peterson, 30, arriving at the Stanislaus County jail in police custody was broadcast



Saturday on CNN just after 3 a.m. EDT. Peterson was wearing a white shirt and shorts, and had grown a goatee and lightened his hair.

He was taken into custody in San Diego between 11 a.m. and noon Friday [2-3 p.m. EDT] by officers from the Modesto Police Department, Wasden said. Peterson will likely be arraigned in Stanislaus County on Monday on capital murder charges that would carry the possibility of the death penalty, county District Attorney Jim Brazelton said. Brazelton said his office has not decided whether to seek the death penalty in the double-homicide case.

Before the announcement by Modesto police, California Attorney General Bill Lockyer said DNA tests identified the remains as those of Peterson and her baby boy.

“There is no question in our minds that the unidentified female is Laci Peterson, and the unidentified fetus is the biological child of Laci and Scott Peterson,” Lockyer said. Wasden said Laci Peterson’s family was told of the DNA match about 5:30 p.m. [

“They’re just devastated,” he said. Kim Petersen, a spokeswoman for Laci Peterson’s family, the Rochas, read a statement at the news conference where the identification and arrest were announced. “Just as Christmas Eve is a family time, Easter is also a time for families.

We request that you would allow our family to have this weekend to deal with these recent developments together in private,” Petersen said, adding that the family would make a public statement Monday.

Transportation redeployment tips

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When redeploying, the excitement of going home can quickly lead to frustration if particular procedures are not followed.

The following basic information and answers to frequently asked questions can simplify the many different tasks that must be accomplished to ensure a safe and successful redeployment for individual soldiers and units alike.

Baggage

All individual redeployment movement requires approval from each section's colonel for accountability of soldiers and planning aircraft for redeployment.

Each soldier is authorized a maximum of 400 pounds of baggage weight. Bags cannot exceed 100 pounds or 62 linear inches per bag. Tuff boxes are hard to check on

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This was a very important event because this was the first coalition sponsored project in Kapisa province.

Col. Kurt McNeely, Bagram Air Base commander, assured the Afghan teachers and students during the opening that "this will not be the last project here."

The university was established in 1988 and was used until the Taliban took it over, using it as a headquarters. They held possession of it until December 2001, when it was made a university again. The university offers mathematics, engineering, medicine, political science, religious studies and history.

The dormitory is all male, but the university is co-ed with over 1,000 students.

"Many students do not live in Kapisa so the dormitory was important for people who go to school there," said Maj. Mark Cepiel, team chief, 450th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne), Riverdale, Md.

The university was chosen as a project to help the Afghan people grow independent.

"This was chosen specifically because

commercial airlines. Soldiers not traveling on dedicated airlift may have to pay for their excess baggage. If excess baggage is authorized on your Temporary Change of Station orders, you will be reimbursed.

Commanders and section leaders can plan early and build a pallet to send excess baggage back as bulk cargo. Pallets should be built in a timely manner because they have to go through customs. Once customs checks the bags, they are no longer accessible to the individual. This action should be coordinated through the movement control team. Unit equipment sent back with soldiers as excess baggage may end up as frustrated cargo.

Weapons

When transporting a weapon on a commercial or military flight it must be in a secured carrying case. A duffel bag or plastic Tuff box with a lock is sufficient. Note that using a box made of untreated plywood is

it is a college. The people who graduate can immediately help rebuild the country," said Cepiel. "Education is very important for this country and education will help the people of this country become self-sufficient."

McNeely agreed in his speech during the opening ceremony.

"The most critical element of rebuilding

unauthorized.

Soldiers

Dedicated aircraft are reserved for 100 passengers or 15 short tons of cargo. A dedicated aircraft does not mean the unit owns the aircraft but that it is dedicated to missions. "We want to maximize the use of airlift in the theater," said Alexander. "We are operating in two theaters and assets are limited."

Commanders and section leaders must not release soldiers early if there is an aircraft scheduled against the unit. A dedicated aircraft will get you from point of origin to final destination, which stops the problem of soldiers with weapons trying to get from point of entry into Continental United States to their final destination.

Flights out of Manas

A request should be completed for a seat

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Afghanistan ... is the Afghan people," he said.

He also encouraged the Afghans to continue to offer education and build more schools and universities.

"The flame has been lit," he said. "Now we need to build a bonfire to get the education system in Afghanistan in motion."



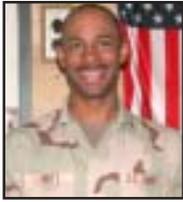
Col. Kurt McNeely, Bagram Air Base commander, and other soldiers join faculty and students of Albiruny University for lunch after the dormitory opening.

FREEDOM'S VOICES

Letter from the front; a lesson in perspective

Just my Opinion

Maj. William Mott
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From a soldier in Iraq:

"We arrived at Thunder 3 two days ago, however we will be jumping again next week. This will be our fifth jump in six weeks. This place is worse than the ones before. It has sand that appears to be two feet deep. Sand is everywhere, no grass. The entire 101st Airborne Division is here. I'm being told our next location is much better. We have to get our aircraft to a hardball for maintenance; the aircraft have been landing in so much sand since our arrival in theater. We have been eating MRE's for three weeks, we actually had to build Porta Johns to bring here with us and the soldiers have to burn their waste when it's full. Most of them don't have doors, so you have to take something with you for a door. It's so nasty, we have yet to see a PX, however we have managed to have camp showers sent from home, not the real thing, but it works. One of the reporters embedded with us sleeps in the same tent as me. She found a sand piper in her bag in the tent today. I know people in the world live like this or worse sometimes for their entire lives, I cannot imagine living like this for much longer. We still have no idea when our mission here is supposed to end. How are things going with you? I hope all is

well with you. Your time is slowly coming to an end. The good thing for you is you have a return month. I think that helps!"

When I received my friend's letter I wondered, is it wrong to want more? Is it wrong to expect the best? A letter home from Bagram would have probably been complaining about cold showers or hot tents. But is it wrong to want hot water if you do have a shower? Never give a mouse a cookie or he'll want milk starts the children's book that goes on and on with all the amenities the mouse ends up wanting with his cookie. Teach a man to fish... Provincial Reconstruction Teams are teaching Afghans to fish so they can eventually rebuild and defend their country without coalition help.

The human condition is one of constant struggle for comfort and contentment. A soldier on the front is quiet content with a couple of hours of sleep, a clear day when the sand doesn't blow or a favorite Meal Ready to Eat. Put that same soldier in Bagram, Afghanistan and he will wonder why his steak is rare and not medium rare or the Post Exchange doesn't have that new compact disc they desperately need. Americans have fought for the freedom to protest freedom of choice. Can the soldier be blamed for wanting more? Can anyone be blamed for wanting more? We are all here to improve the human condition to the best of our abilities. A basic infantry rule is "set up a perimeter and improve it." Wherever we go in the army and in life, that is what we do as human beings and as soldiers. Drive on!

STREET TALK

What does Easter mean to you?



"To me it means, birth, rebirth, life and eternal hope."

Maj. Michael J. Turley
CJTF-180

"It's a time to get together with my family (in Chicago) for fellowship and worship."

Spc. John D. Smith
CTF-82



"It was the most pivotal event in history and in my faith."

Sgt. Jonathan Haney
HHC, 2/505th PIR

"It's a time to reflect on all my blessings — first for my family and for the sacrifice that Christ made for all of us."

Capt. Debbie Hayes
3rd Bn., 229th Aviation
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Critter of the Week:

Termite

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — The area surrounding Bagram, Afghanistan isn't exactly abounding in wood, but this doesn't seem to matter to the termites that make their home here.

On a sunny day during the spring, usually after periods of heavy rain, winged individuals from colonies of one termite species that is found on base take flight in swarms.

Most individuals in termite colonies have their lot cast to be nothing more than workers or soldiers - wingless, blind, and never able to reproduce.

As the colony grows however, some workers change into winged reproductive forms called "alates".

When the time is right, they all swarm together in synchrony as princes and princesses, fluttering off to begin new kingdoms of their own.

Termites do not bite or sting and pose no direct medical threat to humans. In fact, in many tropical parts of the world they provide nutrition to indigenous people who eat them as snacks.

In the natural environment they also represent an integral step in the cycling of matter because they eat dead wood and are very good at what they do.

Unfortunately, the worlds of termites and humans collide in the urban environment.

Certain species of termites are highly destructive to buildings and causes hundreds of billions of dollars in structural damage and treatment costs worldwide.

Whether or not termites at Bagram Air Base will pose a threat to structures on base remains to be seen.



Termites swarm out of the ground at the Task Force-44 compound. The white individuals with orange heads are workers and the dark brown individuals with the large wings are alates.

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on the Patriot Express at least 10 days in advance at the MCT. After 72 hours, check back with the MCT to confirm your seat. Confirmation should be made no later than 72 hours prior to your departure date. Primary departure from Manas to Baltimore Washington International is on the Patriot Express at 0430Z Wednesdays. Soldiers depart Bagram for Manas from Sunday to Tuesday to make the connection. Passengers will not travel to Manas unless they have confirmed seats on a CONUS flight. Soldiers should have a transportation request with a lieutenant colonel's or above signature for release (from Bagram to Manas).

Germany is no longer the hub for deploying/redeploying through the Coalition Joint Operations Area. Manas is the primary port of debarkation from the CJOA for bulk cargo and passengers. BWI is the primary port of entry for CONUS. Over and outsized cargo leaves from Bagram to home station via C-17. Units/sections should use a single point of contact to coordinate transportation and send soldiers in groups.

Civilian attire is recommended (desert camouflage uniform is acceptable) when departing from Manas to CONUS. Nonmilitary items will be shipped via army post office. Procedures for unit moves are posted on the CJ4 web page under MCC links.

Contact the MCT at 318-231-4688/89/90 for information on filling out transportation requests or Sgt. First Class Monique Alexander at 231-4139.

Easter Sunrise Service

Greet resurrection morning with praise instruments, singing and worship, while looking towards the sunrise.



The service will begin April 20, 0100Z at the 4/159th blue hangar on the airfield. Points of contact are Chaplains Killgore, Alleyne and Petros.

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government's influence and leadership to the outlying and more rural areas of the country.

Once approval came from U.S. Central Command's leadership for restructuring civil affairs operations, it was up to the soldiers already working in remote locations to execute this new method of conducting civil affairs. The teams include police, special operations troops, civil affairs, communications specialists and support personnel.

According to a recent article published in Marine Times, there are eight PRTs planned to operate in regions across Afghanistan and will fall under the Coalition Joint Civil-Military Operations Task Force headquartered in the capital city of Kabul. The initial three CMOCs have officially opened and the remaining five are all scheduled to open before the end of the year. CJTF-180 has solicited coalition forces for support in hopes that they will contribute money, personnel or equipment to increase the PRT's outreach capabilities.

One of the goals of the PRTs is to facilitate the exchange of information between CJTF-180 and the Islamic Transitional Government of Afghanistan.

The PRTs will provide a protected friendly center of gravity and maintain the integrity of coalition forces.

Additionally, PRTs are directed to assist regional leaders in peacefully resolving local disputes.

The Konduz PRT is comprised of approximately 40 soldiers from regular Army, Army Reserves and National Guard units. These soldiers fill three components of the PRT: the civil affairs section, the Military Security and Observer Team and the headquarters element.

The Konduz PRT Commander, Lt. Col. Bob Knight of the 360th Civil Affairs Brigade, Fort Jackson, S.C., said the new method of conducting civil affairs under the umbrella of a PRT, "Will allow us to do more for the people of Konduz."

"Everyday brings a new opportunity for us to bring the leadership and prosperity of the central government of the Afghanistan to the people of Konduz. In turn, let the successes here be an example of the cooperation, commitment and agreement that the U.S. is as dedicated as ever in assisting the Afghan government in rebuilding itself," Knight declared in his speech during the PRT's grand opening ceremony.

As an additional boost in support from other humanitarian assistance organizations, a U.S. State Department representative is located with the CMOC. Tim Martin, politi-



cal advisor to the PRT Commander, is a civilian who brings an added appeal for potential donations by those who have concerns about working with military civil affairs, said CMOC Commander Maj. Gregg Sponburgh, 41, from Mohawk, NY.

"We want to work in cooperation with the non-governmental organizations and international organization in order to better serve the needs of the Afghan people," Sponburgh added. The PRT will work with representatives from United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, USAID, UNICEF, WHO and the U.S. Department of State in maximizing reconstruction efforts.

The Konduz PRT will serve four provinces in the Northwest region of Afghanistan: Konduz, Baghlan, Takhar and Badhakshan which covers approximately 25,000 miles, according to Knight.

One of the first school reconstruction projects completed by the PRT was the Bibi Fahtima Girl's Elementary School that has sky-lined the CMOC's good work amongst the people in the Konduz area. Unfortunately, upon completion of the school, an arsonist set it ablaze in early March damaging the main building.

The CMOC immediately resubmitted a proposal to rebuild and work is currently underway to repair the damage.

One of the first major projects undertaken by the CMOC under the newly formed PRT is the Konduz Hospital.

The hospital was originally built in 1979 but was never completed due to the Soviet invasion later that year. The structure and the land belongs to the Ministry of Public Health who has agreed to staff, operate and maintain the 200-bed, three-story facility. There is no other medical facility in the area, therefore this hospital will serve over two million people at an estimated construction cost of \$175,000 and is considered a 'Regional Impact' project.

The contractors will hold a bidder's conference next month and construction will begin shortly after that. However, ap-

proximately 50 families, about 80 people, now use the run down structure as shelter and will be relocated before groundbreaking can occur. The PRT is working with UNHCR to provide shelter and work-for-food programs for the families.

"We hope that the contractor will employ members of these displaced families as laborers in an attempt to provide some kind of income to them as a way of contributing to the growth process for the economy," said Sponburgh after conducting a site visit.

Numerous projects have been identified and many others are currently underway for the Konduz PRT. As they continue assessing villages and conducting quality assurance and quality control site visits, Sponburgh touted that "Our Team is making history and creating doctrine for future civil affairs operations."

The best of both worlds

Story and photo by
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For many coalition troops here, this is their first time being exposed to different cultures. Most of them have been raised in one country, with one language and one religion. However, one Korean soldier has had the privilege of experiencing many different cultures, both in his own country and in the U.S.

Cpl. Wooseob Oh, interpreter, Korean clinic, spent his childhood in Korea and his teen years in the states. As a result, he has a new found respect for his culture and many others.

"Korea is a very small country compared to the U.S.," said Oh. "We only have our people and our traditions, and not very many people have had experience interacting with other cultures."

As a Korean child grows, a strong part of his nurturing comes from tradition and strong family ties, according to Oh.

"I'm sure children in Korea grow up playing the same games and doing the same things American kids do," said Oh. "However, in Korea, families are very close knit. We grow up with large families and there is very little you can do without your parents' approval."

Even with the close family ties, at the age of 15, Oh decided that he wanted more out of life than his homeland had to offer.

"When I was 15, I decided to go to the states to receive my education," said Oh. "This was a new experience for me. At first, my parents were scared about their 15 year-old son being in a new country all by himself, but they knew there was no way they could stop me."

During his high school years in the states, Oh began to have a new outlook on life.

"I went to a boarding school in New York," said Oh. "The American culture fascinated me. I had never seen so many different cultures,

languages in one place before. Every year I had a different roommate of a different descent. It was really inspiring."

While in the states, Oh learned a new concept that would soon become his inspiration – independence.

"One thing I admire the most about young people in America, is their independence," said Oh. "In Korea, teenagers live with their parents through college and often until they are married. In the U.S., the younger generation depend on themselves."

Just as Oh was making his final transitions into being completely westernized, tradition and duty called his name.

"It is mandatory for every Korean male citizen to serve 26 months in the army," said Oh.

"Being that I was still a Korean citizen, I had to return upon graduation from high school to enlist."

After enlisting in the Army and deploying to Afghanistan, Oh realized he had the same age and rank as his fellow soldiers, but was treated differently due to his new western ways.

"Most Korean soldiers have never been to the U.S. before," said Oh. "Since I had first-hand experience with the American culture and could speak English, I was given a whole lot more responsibility."

Many of the things Oh learned in the U.S.



Cpl. Wooseob Oh, interpreter, Korean clinic, has an early morning breakfast with some of his friends. Oh, said he enjoys the company of both American and Koreans friends because each is unique in their own way.

are incorporated into his mission for the Republic of Korea's army.

"My primary job is an interpreter," said Oh. "I translate briefings and standard operating procedures from English to Korean and vice-versa. I also translate between Korean and American personnel."

With about a 17 months left in his enlistment, Oh said he is anxious to return to the states to study law.

"I've always wanted to be a lawyer and practice law in the U.S.," said Oh.

"Even though English is my second language, I still think I would make a good American lawyer."

According to Oh, he shares a mutual love for both the U.S. and Korea, and would never be able to choose one above the other.

"I love Korea because it is my heritage and the land of my birth, and I love the U.S. because it is the land of opportunity where I received my education," said Oh.

"I don't care in which country I end up. It doesn't matter to me. As long as I'm doing what I love to do, I'll be happy."



Music Notes (Compiled from MTV.com)

50 Cent Says New LP Won't Come Out Till 2004, Calls Ja Rule 'Desperate'

With the sales of his *Get Rich or Die Tryin'* still soaring through the roof, 50 Cent has decided to delay the release of his next solo album until February 2004.

"I was thinking [this] November, but I'm gonna wait," 50 said on Monday. "[*Get Rich or Die Tryin'*]" — I don't think it will be over by then. I still got records I could shoot visuals for. I don't want to get ahead of myself."

50 fans won't have to wait until next year, however, to hear him on a new LP. He's said the G-Unit's group album, *Lock and Load*, will drop in a matter of months.

"[It will come out in] late September, early October," said a smiling 50. "The G-Unit album [will include] me, Lloyd Banks, Tony Yayo and Young Buck."

In addition to the upcoming album, the G-Unit are featured on DJ Green Lantern's *Invasion Part II: Conspiracy Theory*, which also contains several dis tracks from Shady Records' Eminem, Obie Trice and D12 aimed at Murder Inc. What was once a beef between 50 and Ja has grown into a hip-hop version of the Hatfields vs. the McCoys, as the Inc. and Shady/Aftermath camps have been levying barbs at each other for the past few weeks.

50 said Ja's recent dissing of Em and Dr. Dre in a freestyle was a frantic attempt to hold onto stardom.

"Right now he's desperate," 50 scoffed. "He should be talking about me, [not Eminem and Dre and] everybody else. ... He'll lose, he knows that. The route that he has to take is the 'I'm a mad gangsta' hardcore route, and ain't nobody gonna believe him."

Limp Bizkit Start Over On New LP With Guitarist Mike Smith

After nine months of recording with at least five different guitar players, Limp Bizkit

still aren't finished with their new album.

Fred Durst has set aside the 19 tracks already recorded and is starting fresh with new guitarist Mike Smith, formerly of Snot.

"The chemistry with our new guitar player, Mike, is so dope that we are spending the next couple weeks writing a new album!" Durst wrote on Limp Bizkit's **Web site** Wednesday. With less than three months before the band heads out on the Metallica-headlined Summer Sanitarium Tour, Durst nevertheless promised to have what had been tentatively titled *Bipolar* and *Less Is More*, among other things, out before the Independence Day kickoff.

The songs already in the can — which employed the services of a host of guitarists including Ministry's Al Jourgensen, Weezer's Rivers Cuomo, Helmet's Page Hamilton, Korn's Brian "Head" Welch and even Durst himself — won't be trashed, but instead saved for future use.

"The 19 songs we wrote without Mike are still amazing and sitting on the shelf waiting on me to do whatever the hell I want to do with them," he wrote.

Limp Bizkit hasn't had a permanent guitarist since founding member Wes Borland left in 2001, but Durst has repeatedly implied on the Web site that Smith has been tapped as his replacement.

The Bizkit frontman ends his post, customarily, with optimism and high expectations. "We are a band," he declared. "We have a guitar player that is going to bug you out. The songs are out of control and I'm on a mission! It's on."

TLC To Give Final Performance At New Jersey Concert In June
TLC will give their



Fred Durst

final live performance during Z100's Zootopia show on June 1. The duo will be performing for the first time without late member Lisa "Left Eye" Lopes, who died in a car crash in Honduras a year ago.

The annual show by the New York radio station will take place at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey, and will also feature sets by Ja Rule, Ashanti, Ginuwine, Simple Plan, 'NSYNC's JC Chasez, Bowling for Soup, Wayne Wonder, Tanto Metro & Devonte and Daniel Bedingfield.

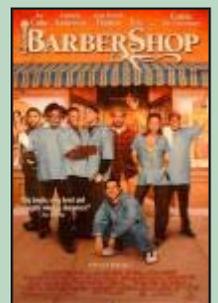
TLC member Rozonda "Chilli" Thomas told Z100 on Thursday, "It's hard for us [because] next week will be a year that Lisa's been gone. I don't want it to be the end. I wish that we could just go on tour forever, but we can't do it like that. It is going to be a night that we all remember."

Thomas and Tionne "T-Boz" Watkins have not performed a full live show since Left Eye's death. In addition to honoring their late bandmate with "a couple of surprises," the duo will perform tributes to Aaliyah and Run-DMC's Jam Master Jay, according to an Arista Records spokesperson.

As for the duo's future, the Arista spokesperson said a TLC greatest-hits album is being prepared for the fall, possibly with unreleased material, and Thomas is thinking about recording her solo debut. It has not yet been determined whether the duo will record another album under the TLC name.

Bagram Air Base MWR presents

Calvin (Ice Cube), who inherited a struggling barber shop on the south side of Chicago from his father, views the shop as nothing but a burden and a waste of his time. After selling the shop to a local loan shark, Calvin slowly begins to see his father's vision and legacy and struggles with the notion that he just sold it out.



Tomorrow's event is a powerlifting meet.

Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from ESPN.com)



Pujols likely role in next three weeks: pinch hitter



Pujols

ST. LOUIS — St. Louis Cardinals outfielder Albert Pujols has a sprained right elbow that might reduce him to a limited role as a pinch hitter for the next three weeks. Pujols, the NL

Rookie of the Year in 2001 and the runner-up in MVP voting last year, was hurt when he slipped while making a throw in Milwaukee on Monday during the team's nine-game road trip. An MRI exam indicated the problem. Pujols was batting .362 with two home runs and nine RBI heading into a three-game series with the Arizona Diamondbacks on Friday night. "I knew right away that I was injured," Pujols said. "It was bothering me pretty much the next day, and that was why I didn't play." Orlando Palmeiro was playing left field, Pujols' position, and Jim Edmonds was batting cleanup in Friday's lineup. Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said Pujols might be able to play first base, Tino Martinez's position, in a pinch in a double switch. "If this was the American League, he could get five at-bats tonight," La Russa said. "I heard he's fine to swing, but he cannot throw — should not throw — until the ligament is repaired." He's going to be a very dangerous pinch hitter, but you can't save him for a magical moment because you can't run out of guys. "Pujols wasn't looking forward to spending time on the bench." That's the worst thing in this game, pinch-hitting," Pujols said. "I don't want to be a pinch hitter. It's real hard to be on the bench. I can't stand it when I get a day off. It's going to be frustrating if it takes three weeks." This has been an injury-plagued first month for Pujols, who also missed time with a pulled hamstring. "It's been a real, real tough

month," he said. "Hopefully, all my injuries came this month." He was hoping it would be a short absence from the lineup, regardless of the medical recommendation. "It could be two or three weeks and it could be two or three days," Pujols said. "You never know with those injuries.

"The Cardinals got a regular back just as they lost Pujols, with second baseman Fernando Vina in the lineup for the first time since April 10 due to tendinitis in his right ring finger. Miguel Cairo has been taking the place of Vina, who was batting .216 with four RBI. Vina has had two cortisone shots to treat the injury.

"It was so swollen, you couldn't even see the bone," Vina said. "I feel no pain right now. I think I'll be all right."

Former All-Star to pitch in Atlantic League

NEWARK, N.J. — Former major league pitcher Jose Lima signed with the Newark Bears of the independent Atlantic League on Thursday. Lima made the National League All-Star team in 1999, when he went 21-10 with a 3.58 ERA and 187 strikeouts for the Houston Astros. His career tailed off after that. The 30-year-old right-hander was 7-16 with a 6.65 ERA in 2000 and he split the following season between Houston and the Detroit Tigers, going 6-12 with a 5.56 ERA. He was released by the Tigers last season with a 4-6 record and a 7.77 ERA. Lima was originally signed by Detroit in 1989, and briefly reached the majors in 1994. He went to Houston in December 1996, and won 45 games for the Astros over the next four seasons. Lima is 63-74 with a 5.14 ERA in nine big league seasons.

A's return to winning ways at home

OAKLAND, Calif. — Barry Zito pitched a six-hitter, and Erubiel Durazo hit a two-run double and a homer as the Oakland Athletics got back to their winning ways at home, beating the Texas Rangers 9-0 Friday night. Terrence Long and Ramon Hernandez

homered and drove in two runs apiece for the A's, who won seven of their first eight games this season, then lost seven of eight. On Wednesday, they finished a 3-7 road trip that included their first six-game losing streak in two years. But in their return to the Coliseum, the A's reverted to top form. Zito (3-1) retired Texas' first 11 hitters on the way to his fourth career shutout, while Oakland scored five runs in the first against John Thomson (0-2). Zito had his career-best 10-game winning streak snapped in his previous start against Anaheim, but the AL Cy Young winner — who didn't record a shutout last season — had no trouble shutting down the Rangers. He struck out six and allowed just two runners to reach third base in the sixth complete game of his career. The A's had a season-high five hits in the first, including four doubles.

The rally didn't go until third baseman Mark Teixeira was charged with a throwing error on Miguel Tejada's one-out grounder, though Rafael Palmeiro's clumsy scoop attempt at first base was just as culpable.

Durazo drove home Tejada and Eric Chavez with a double down the line. The A's slow-footed designated hitter scored a few moments later on Long's single to left, sliding home ahead of the throw.

Thomson allowed eight hits and eight runs — just three were earned — in 3 2/3 innings.

Long and Hernandez hit consecutive homers in the fourth, and Scott Hatteberg's double later in the inning chased Thomson.

Hatteberg scored from second when reliever Esteban Yan fielded Tejada's grounder and threw it past Palmeiro at first — though Palmeiro also made a poor play on the throw.

Texas loaded the bases in the fourth on two singles and a four-pitch walk to Ruben Sierra, but Palmeiro flied out to left.

The Rangers put runners on second and third with one out in the ninth, but Zito struck out Palmeiro and got Todd Greene to fly out to left field to end it.

Clement allows two hits in seven innings

PITTSBURGH — Don't tell the Chicago Cubs it's too early in the season to get excited.

Hee Seop Choi's two-run double helped Chicago open a four-run lead before Kris Benson retired a batter, and Matt Clement limited Pittsburgh to two hits over seven innings in the Cubs' 7-2 victory Friday night.

The Cubs failed to score in double digits, as they did in their previous three games, but still won their fourth in a row to maintain their NL Central lead. They can match the club record of 16 April victories set in 1969 just by splitting their final 10 games this month.

Clement said the difference in this Cubs team and the one that lost 95 games last season couldn't be more apparent.

"It's great to just keep winning," he said. "This has been a lot of fun these first three weeks. You look around this clubhouse and see the talent we have, and have to think this could be a pretty exciting season."

There was a much different look in the Pirates' clubhouse after their fifth loss in six games. Not only did they hold a meeting before the game, they held a lengthy one afterward — a rarity so early in the season.

Even when reporters were allowed in a half-hour after the game ended, several players could be heard yelling behind closed doors in a trainer's room.

"It's good to see the players care," manager Lloyd McClendon said. "They're disappointed in their performance of late."

"We've got to have meetings like this," shortstop Jack Wilson said. "It was very positive."

Given a 4-0 lead before taking the mound, Clement (2-1) made his third successive strong start by striking out 10 and walking three — the eighth time in his career he's struck out 10 or more.

Clement, who grew up 40 miles from PNC Park, extended an ever-growing offensive slump that has seen the Pirates score more than three runs only once while losing eight of 12. They are 2-5 since top run producer Brian Giles was lost for two-to-four weeks with a knee injury. Clement was excited about pitching so close to home, even wearing a Pitt basketball T-shirt under his uniform.

"You could see the look in his eye before the game, he was home and he wanted to win," manager Dusty Baker said.

The Cubs, coming off a four-game series with the Reds in which the winning team scored at least 10 runs in every game, seemed intent on matching that as their first five batters reached against Benson (2-2).

Solution from Friday's Slippery Crossword in the *Freedom Watch* (Courtesy of QUIZLAND.com)



By Mark Baker

Pvt. Murphy's Law

Kandahar chapel hours

Sunday

- ❖ 0500Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 0630Z — Protestant worship
- ❖ 0830Z — Latter-Day Saints worship
- ❖ 1130Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel service

Monday

- ❖ 1130Z — Rosary and prayers
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel choir practice

Tuesday

- ❖ 1130Z — Orthodox/Catholic Bible study
- ❖ 1430Z — Protestant Bible study

Wednesday

- ❖ 1130Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Protestant mid-week service

Thursday

- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel Bible study

Friday

- ❖ 0830Z — Islamic Jumaa'h prayer
- ❖ 1130Z — Orthodox Christian hymn service
- ❖ 1430Z — Jewish prayer

Saturday

- ❖ 0530Z — Seventh-Day Adventist worship
- ❖ 1130Z — Orthodox Christian Divine Liturgy
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel Choir practice

Bagram chapel hours

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K2 chapel hours

Sunday

- ❖ 0330Z — Liturgical service
- ❖ 0430Z, 1200Z — General protestant service
- ❖ 0600Z — Roman Catholic Mass
- ❖ 1300Z — Latter Day Saints

Monday

- ❖ 0430Z — Devotions and prayer
- ❖ 1245Z — Catholic Rosary and Mass

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- ❖ 1430Z — Bible study

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- ❖ 1245Z — Catholic Rosary and Mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Midweek Praise service

Thursday

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- ❖ 1245Z — Catholic Rosary and Mass

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- ❖ 1245Z — Catholic Rosary and Mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Bible study

Saturday

- ❖ 0430Z — Devotions and prayer
- ❖ 1200Z — Roman Catholic Mass

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chapel hours

Sunday

- ❖ 0630Z — Nondenominational service

Tuesday

- ❖ 1430Z — Catholic service (every other Tuesday)

Wednesday

- ❖ 1430Z — Bible study



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KMTC chapel hours

Sunday

- ❖ 0430Z — Protestant Service
- ❖ 0530Z — Roman Catholic Mass/Eucharist
- ❖ 0630Z — Latter Day Saints
- ❖ 1630Z — Protestant Service

Wednesday

- ❖ 1430Z — Bible Study

Friday

- ❖ 1530Z — Thank God It's Friday fellowship and singing

All events are held in FOB195 Chapel/Conference Room area.