

731st EOD destroys weapons cache

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KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Members of the 731st Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, greeted the first day of the New Year with a bang when they destroyed nearly 7,500 lbs. of unexploded ordnance at two sites a few miles outside the main gate.

It was a dangerous mission, but extremely important, said Staff Sgt. Ernest Richter III, a team leader with the 731st EOD.

“We destroyed these weapons caches so they can’t be used against us or the current Afghan government,” he said. “(The ordnance) is all still serviceable. They could fire it at U.S. troops

or at each other.” Richter said safety is a prime consideration throughout the planning of each operation and during a mission. Planning typically starts a week before the mission, and includes such things as calculating the safe distances for personnel from the blast and fragmentation.

The day of the operation begins with a safety brief for all soldiers participating. Because of the risks involved, EOD technicians clear a safe area that is used when personnel are not actively working with ordnance.

Once each area is cleared the rest of the unit moves in.

One work area for this mission was a concrete-bunker filled with Spanish-made AE-120 mm-

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Photo by Cpl Keith A. Kluwe, 109th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment
Staff Sgt. Ernest Richter carefully stacks Spanish 120mm mortar rounds at a blast site three kilometers from the front gate. Three hundred fifty-five rounds were destroyed during the shot.

MP spouse organizes donation for Sayat school



Photo by Pfc. Debralee P. Crankshaw
Schoolchildren and their teachers gather, waiting for the school supplies to be passed out.

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SAYAT, Afghanistan – Schools are places of learning: containing desks, chalkboards and textbooks, but in Sayat that is not the case.

The school is an unfurnished building; the children sit on the floor with no space between them. They are lucky to have a pencil.

The 772nd Military Police Company and an attachment from the 211th MP Battalion,

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World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



Marines carry duffel bags onto buses as they prepare to leave Camp Lejeune, Jacksonville, N.C.

35,000 more troops deploy

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld signed a deployment order Friday to send an additional 35,000 U.S. troops to the Persian Gulf region.

It is the largest deployment order since the United States began a buildup of forces last month in case of a war against Iraq.

The orders affect about 7,000 Marines from Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, who had already been ordered aboard three ships — the USS Saipan, the USS Ponce and the USS Gunston Hall — which left from their home port of Norfolk, Virginia, on Friday.

Friday's order brings the number deployed to the gulf region to around 80,000.

The Pentagon planned to have well over 100,000 troops in the region by the end of January, and sources have indicated the total number of regular, Guard and reserve forces that might be deployed could be about 200,000 to 250,000.

Council to discuss N. Korea

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Security Council will begin discussing North Korea's decision to pull out of the nuclear nonproliferation treaty, the president of the council said late Friday.

Ambassador Jean-Marc de La Sabliere of France said North Korea sent a letter Friday morning informing the Security Council of its decision to withdraw. He has since distributed the letter to the rest of the 15-member body.

"It has not been discussed yet [but] there will be consultations on the letter some-

time next week," he said.

The news came at the end of a day of international condemnation of North Korea's announcement that it would withdraw from the treaty aimed at controlling the spread of nuclear weapons technology around the world while promoting peaceful development of nuclear power technology.

Earlier Friday, President Bush told Chinese President Jiang Zemin in a 15-minute telephone conversation that the United States has no intention of invading North Korea, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

Testimony: bin Laden sought Americans 'willing to die'

BUFFALO, N.Y. — One of the six upstate New York men accused of forming an al-Qaida cell inside the United States has revealed, for the first time, details about an Osama bin Laden speech seeking suicide attackers in the United States.

On Friday, prosecutors said Faysal Galab, 26, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court for the Western District of New York to aiding bin Laden and al-Qaida.

Court papers show that Galab says Osama bin Laden asked "whether anyone in America is willing to die for the cause."

Galab is one of six men of Yemeni heritage accused of attending an al Qaeda training camp inside Afghanistan in summer 2001, just months before the September 11 terrorist attacks.

All of the defendants, who lived in Lackawanna, New York, near Buffalo, were indicted in October on charges of providing material support to a foreign terrorist organization.

Galab pleaded guilty to a lesser charge of contributing "funds, goods and services to and for the benefit of Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida" in violation of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act. In a 1998 executive order, former President Clinton added bin Laden and al-Qaida to the list of "specially designated terrorists" and prohibited transactions with them.

In his plea, Galab admitted attending the al Farooq camp near Kandahar, Afghanistan

and being trained to fire a Kalashnikov rifle and to make explosives.

Possible attack on Zanzibar

WASHINGTON — The U.S. State Department said Friday that it has received information "that a terrorist group may be planning an attack" against Americans on the Tanzanian island of Zanzibar, a rustic vacation spot known for its pristine beaches.

"American citizens visiting Zanzibar or other nearby coastal locations in Tanzania are cautioned to take appropriate measures and carefully evaluate their security posture," the State Department public announcement said.

The alert said the department's information concerned an "unspecified location frequented by Westerners on the Tanzanian island of Zanzibar."

"This may include restaurants, clubs or hotels," the State Department said.

Zanzibar is an archipelago made up of the island of Zanzibar and the Pemba Islands. It is home to several small fishing villages as well as hotels and tourist facilities.

Judge orders Malvo hearing open to public

FAIRFAX, Va. — A judge in Virginia ordered next week's hearing of 17-year-old sniper suspect John Lee Malvo be open to the public, rejecting arguments by Malvo's guardian that doing so would make it impossible for lawyers to seat impartial jurors.

Federal and state courts have expected to close pretrial hearings under certain circumstances, said the court-appointed guardian, Todd Pettit. "If this is not the case, there never will be a case," he told the judge.

Prosecutor Robert Horan opposed the defense motion.

"We tend to overrate what the public focuses in on," he said, "We think they sit around all day absolutely convinced they have to read every page of The Washington Post. They don't."

Juvenile Court Judge Charles Maxfield cited the "O.J. Simpson case, the Watergate trial and other celebrity cases" in ruling against the defense.



Photos by Cpl. Keith A. Kluwe, 109th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Staff Sgt. Baylin Oswalt of the 731st EOD Company and Pfc. Ainsley Lucas of the 754th EOD Company carry a crate of Spanish-made 120mm mortar rounds from a buried weapons cache to a truck that will transport the rounds to the demolition site.

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high-explosive mortar rounds. The bunker was covered with steel decking and sand, which had to be removed with heavy equipment. The remaining dirt had to be removed by hand, and the team removed the packing crates filled with mortar rounds.

There were enough crates of mortar rounds to fill a flatbed truck twice.

Another work area was an open pit containing more than 40 Soviet-made FOTAB 100-80 aerial-photoflash bombs. FOTABs are filled with flash powder and are used at night for photography.

The FOTAB bombs were blown in place, but the mortar rounds were moved to a different blast site.

Once at the blast site, the mortar rounds were taken out of their crates, removed from their packing tubes, and stacked in a row — 115 rounds long and three high.

It's tough work, but there is no room for complacency. Dropping a 37-pound mortar round at your feet is dangerous, said the EOD team.

The team placed blocks of C-4 explosives in planned locations on the pile and laid Bangalor torpedoes on top. All non-essential personnel left the area while the explosives were wired for detonation.

All explosions are controlled with a remote-command detonator as opposed to a timer. This is a safety precaution for aircraft flying in the local area or people on the ground who might wander too close to the blast area.

“Our job here is trying to keep all the soldiers here safe,” said EOD technician, Sgt. Justin Roe. “In addition to destroying ordnance, we give classes on different types of ordnance and what can happen if they are handled by someone who doesn't know what they are doing.”



Forty-two Russian-made FOTAB 100-80 photoflash bombs were some of the unexploded ordnance destroyed.

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Massachusetts Army National Guard, helped some of these children be those lucky enough to have more than just a pencil.

The MPs brought two boxes of pencils, pens, and paper for the school and approximately 300 Ziploc bags containing other school supplies and candy.

A bag was meant for each child, but there were more children than bags.

“We were overwhelmed with a lot more kids than we were expecting, but we broke up some of the bags and divided them. All the kids got something from the soldiers,” said Maj. Brian O’Hare, Bagram provost marshal, 211th.

The soldiers delivered the school supplies, but the idea came from another source.

“This was my wife’s idea,” said O’Hare. “I told her about all the villages we would go to and how you’d always hear the kids yelling for pens and pencils. We realized they didn’t really have anything in school to work with and told the people at home. They started sending things and the supplies started piling up. We held it all until we were able to give it out at one time.”

MP units here have been collecting school supplies for the last four months.

Sayat was not chosen at random. The MPs had seen the state of Sayat and wanted to help out.

“We realized on previous missions in Sayat, even though they are fairly close to Bagram, they haven’t received much in humanitarian aid. We thought it would be a good step to get them some of the items they need,” said O’Hare.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Dan Flores, Bagram special agent in charge, Criminal Investigation Division, 87th MP Detachment agrees.

“I think this donation is special because these people really had nothing before we got here. Now, they have a little to build on, and hopefully those who come after us will keep building on that.”

The supplies were gathered through donation programs in U.S. schools.

The MPs took pictures and video for the children in the United States so they could see the Afghan children helped by their donations.

“The kids back in the schools that donated



Photos by Pfc. Debralee P. Crankshaw

Staff Sgt. Ken Jackson, Provost Marshal Office, customs, 772nd Military Police Company, sharpens a pencil with his knife for an Afghan child.

these items will see the pictures and video that we took and they’ll have a connection with the kids here in Afghanistan. They’ll be able to see the people they helped. I think that is really important,” said O’Hare.

The soldiers see these children and compare them with the children in the United States.

“They are basically just like our kids — they want to learn — they want things. And if you look around, they don’t have anything. So, anything we do for them is fantastic,” said Flores.

Soldiers also see the difference they are making in these children’s lives.

“When I talked to the kids, before we gave anything out, I told them their education was the most important thing for the future of their country, and I hope they were listening. They now have paper and writing utensils to further their education. I told them to study hard, and that is the key to their success,” said O’Hare.

Staff Sgt. Ken Jackson, 772nd, Provost



Maj. Brian O’Hare, Bagram Provost Marshal, 211th Military Police Battalion, hands a child some school supplies.

Marshal Office, customs, sees the difference because of a past deployment.

“I’m a veteran of Desert Storm, so it’s like coming back again. I remember seeing the difference we made, and it’s pretty much the same thing here. We are giving them something they’ve never had before,” said Jackson. “It’s a little taste of freedom.”

FREEDOM'S VOICES

Stylin' it up at Bagram Air Base

Just my Opinion

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Many people don't understand the difference between fashion and style. Fashion merely lies in sporting the latest, name-brand attire, while style is something more.

Afghanistan's recent visitors, Drew Carey and David Letterman, dress uniformly, yet exude a style that boasts their individual brands of humor.

Fashion, on the other hand, can get you in trouble. Winona Ryder lifted an \$80 pair of socks to stay in fashion. I am happy to say I have never set foot in a Gap or a Banana Republic, and I'd bet that I don't even own \$80 worth of socks. I may, by the time I leave Afghanistan, trying to keep up with the 12-items-per-laundry-day thing, but that's another matter.

Style is not topical, like fashion. You can't buy it off the rack; it's tailor made in your DNA. And, what makes a person stylish is they do not even know they are hip.

At Bagram, though we wear uniforms, I can see everyone's style. From the laid-back boonie hat to the down-to-business patrol cap — a lot can be said about that individual. Brown boots or Matterhorns. Field jacket or Gortex. Green or black socks.

Subtleties in fashion, yes, but they speak volumes about style.

My personal favorite is the late-night, black-fleece-over-long-underwear trot to the john with a bladder full of O'Doul's. One of the first signs one sees at Bagram relays that all important tidbit that the black fleece is not to be worn as an outer garment. Style comes in the blatant disregard of such nonsense.

The latest crazes I've seen are the I.D. holders that wrap around the arm, and the Microlites. I guarantee, those will be as obsolete as leisure suits in a year, and folks will be embarrassed to admit they ever wore one.

I am not one to criticize, though. Back home, I'm lucky when my cloths match. It's a mad dash out the door after hammering the snooze button most of the morning. I usually show up to work with a striped shirt, checkered tie and argyle socks, which rarely match.

Though all of us dress generally the same, we each have our own style. Don't forget that, and don't fall into whatever trends and modes *Maxim*, *Cosmopolitan* or 42nd Street tells you are hip. We wear uniforms, but are less uniformed than the trendy set.

Bagram is both stylish and fashionable. I'll admit, I snicker when I see BDUs.

"Oooh ... My ... God. That is soooo USAEUR."

Bagram, you look mah-velous.

STREET TALK

How has your opinion of Afghanistan changed?



"...I thought this country was more developed. (Arriving here) it felt like I was stepping into the previous century."

Staff Sgt. Michael Lewis
769th Eng. Bn.

"The locals are surprisingly friendly, selfless and giving, and they care alot about their country."

Maj. Mike Fanzak
513th Marine Attack
Squadron



"I didn't expect to have so much contact with the locals ... seeing the way they live makes me appreciate what I have back (home)."

Staff Sgt. Cherri Hudson
310th Chemical Company

"When I got here I thought the local people would be angry toward me, but they turned out to be really friendly and cordial."

Spc. Shaneil Strevia
769th Eng. Bn.



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Treaster's treats: soup soothes airmen's souls

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Its Sunday in the Air Force Village and once again a huge 15-gallon metal cooking pot will provide a little taste of home to those deployed so far from it.

“A spoon full of sugar helps the medicine go down” sung by Harry Connick Jr., echoes from a compact disc player as folks line up for another Sunday helping of home cookin’ by Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Treaster.

Treaster, an Air National Guardsman from McEntire Air National Guard Base, S.C., is in perpetual motion. “There’s a pot of soup right there. Get yourself a bowl,” says Treaster with a slight southern drawl to Sunday brunch latecomers. He’s pure motion as he bounces between cooking, building a box to send equipment home and pure ‘ole Sunday socializing.

Getting Treaster to slow down for a minute is a near monumental undertaking. After dodging back inside to get a cup of coffee, Treaster finally stops to sit down and talk a spell at a picnic table on a makeshift pavilion neighbored next to tower headquarters. The conversation — soup.

He admits right up front that the attention of being interviewed is a little embarrassing. Treaster is pure Southern. His “aw shucks” approach is both comforting and distracting.



Photo by U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Adam Johnston, 455th Expeditionary Operations Group

U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Treaster, 455th Expeditionary Operations Group, sits next to a near empty 15-gallon pot of his vegetable beef soup at Air Force Village, Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan Sunday. Treaster, an Air National Guardsman, is normally assigned to the 245th Air Traffic Control Squadron at McEntire Air National Guard Station, S.C.

While he clearly is the catalyst for Sunday’s homespun brand of brunch, he continually refuses to accept credit for the food as he spins off lists of contributors to today’s recipe — beef vegetable soup.

“I’m not really a cook,” he says as he tilts his Air Force desert camouflage hat to the back of his head like a farmer. “A lot of people come out to help — Sergeant Rayos, Marv the ‘Brit’ — we just put a bunch of stuff together and come up with some soup,” he says. “We do whatever we can. Whatever we’re able to scrounge up. It’s a melting pot of sorts”

The soup’s taste is inde-

scribable. Hardly the work of an amateur and only one word comes to mind after tasting the concoction: “home.”

The atmosphere of these Sunday brunches is like a family reunion. They’re part socializin’, part gossippin’ and always-choked full of camaraderie smack in the middle of the picturesque views of Afghanistan’s Hindu Kush mountain range.

These socials started here last September when Treaster arrived from Pelion, S.C., where his wife and three kids — 15, 8 and 6 — live. Reflecting on his family back home, his eyes tear up and he says, “I think of my kids a lot when I cook. It’s

a sanity break.”

The conversation quickly turns back to soup.

Treaster says the inspiration for starting the Sunday cookouts comes from his wife. Back home he says she typically brings out a crock-pot full of food to his GI coworkers when they’re at home station.

Using that inspiration, Treaster said the original idea behind Sunday brunch was to bring a sense of home here. “For a lot of people this is 15 minutes out of the war to get a home-cooked meal,” he says. “The atmosphere totally changes

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Afghan Info

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Afghanistan's national anthem and language are unique. Today, we provide you with a translation of the anthem as well as a phonetic transliterated version.

English Translation

So long as there is the earth and the heavens;

So long as the world endures;

So long as there is life in the world;

So long as a single Afghan breathes;

There will be this Afghanistan.

Long live the Afghan nation.

Long live the Republic.

Forever there be our national unity;

Forever there be the Afghan nation and the Republic.

Forever the Afghan nation, the Republic and National Unity-National Unity

Transliterated Version

SO CHE DA MEZAKAASMAN WEE
SO CHE DA JAHAN WADAN WEE
SO CHE JOWAND PA DE JAHAN WEE
SO CHE PATI YAW AFGHAN WEE
TEL BADA AFGHANISTAN WEE
TEL DE WEE AFGHANISTAN MELAT
TEL DE WEE JUMHOURIAT
TEL DE WEE MELI WAHDAT
TEL DE WEE AFGHAN MELI
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TEL DE WEE AFGHAN MELLAT
JUMHOURIAT MELI WAHDAT-MELI
WAHDAT

Courtesy of <http://www.afghan-web.com>

Pashto and Dari (Afghan Persian) are the official languages of Afghanistan. Pashto was declared the National Language of the country during the beginning of Zahir Shah's reign, however, Dari has always been used

for business and government transactions. Both belong to the Indo-European group of languages. According to recent U.S. government estimates, approximately 35 percent of the Afghan population speaks Pashto, and about 50 percent speaks Dari. Turkic languages (Uzbek and Turkmen) are spoken by about 11 percent of the population. There are also numerous other languages spoken in the country (Baluchi, Pashai, Nuristani, etc.), and bilingualism is very common.

Both Pashto and Dari are written primarily with the Arabic alphabet, however, there are some modifications. Pashto literature saw a massive rise in development in the 17th century, mostly due to poets like Khushal Khan Khattak, who is known today as the national poet of Afghanistan. Other noteworthy Pashto poets in history were Rahman Baba, and the founder of the modern Afghan nation, Ahmad Shah Abdali.



Music Notes (Compiled from MTV.com)

Ja Rule, Eve team up for tour

Whether it's Jennifer Lopez, Ashanti or Charli Baltimore, Ja Rule is at his best when working beside a lady. So it shouldn't be a surprise the Murder Inc. star is hitting the road with Eve.

The rapper/actors will kick off more than a month of dates on January 29 in Lowell, Massachusetts, and wrap up March 2 in South Hadley, Massachusetts.

Ja will headline the tour, which will hit venues ranging from clubs to arenas in cities big and small.

Before the outing begins, both rappers will perform at the Power 105 Powerhouse festival in East Rutherford, New Jersey, on January 16.

First The Eminem Show, Now The Eminem Fashion Show

Perhaps he got the inspiration from cleanin' out his closet?

Eminem has become the latest artist to break into the fashion game, having recently signed a

deal with the Nesi Apparel Group, according to a company spokesperson. Em's line, a sportswear collection called Shady, reportedly will be modeled after his personal style and is expected to be available in late summer, just in time for back-to-school shopping sprees.

Assault Charges Against Fat Joe Dismissed

Here's one that you don't hear too often: Fat Joe is in great shape.

At least when it comes to legal matters. On Tuesday, assault charges against Joe, stemming from an alleged fight he had with a man on May 12 at B.B. King's Blues Club in New York's Times Square were dismissed.

According to a

spokesperson for the Manhattan District Attorney, Joe's name was cleared because there wasn't enough evidence.

The leader of the Terror Squad, born Joseph Cartagena, should have played the lottery on Tuesday because everything was going his way. Not only was he exonerated by the authorities, he was also given a Grammy nomination in the category of Best/Rap Sung Collaboration for his hit "What's Luv?"

Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the MWR building: "Oh Brother, Where Art Thou?" Three 1920's convicts escape from jail intent on getting to the loot stashed away by one of them. They find themselves fast-talking their way out of one jam after another, and along the way they even get to make a pretty good country record. Tomorrow's movie will be "Space Cowboys."



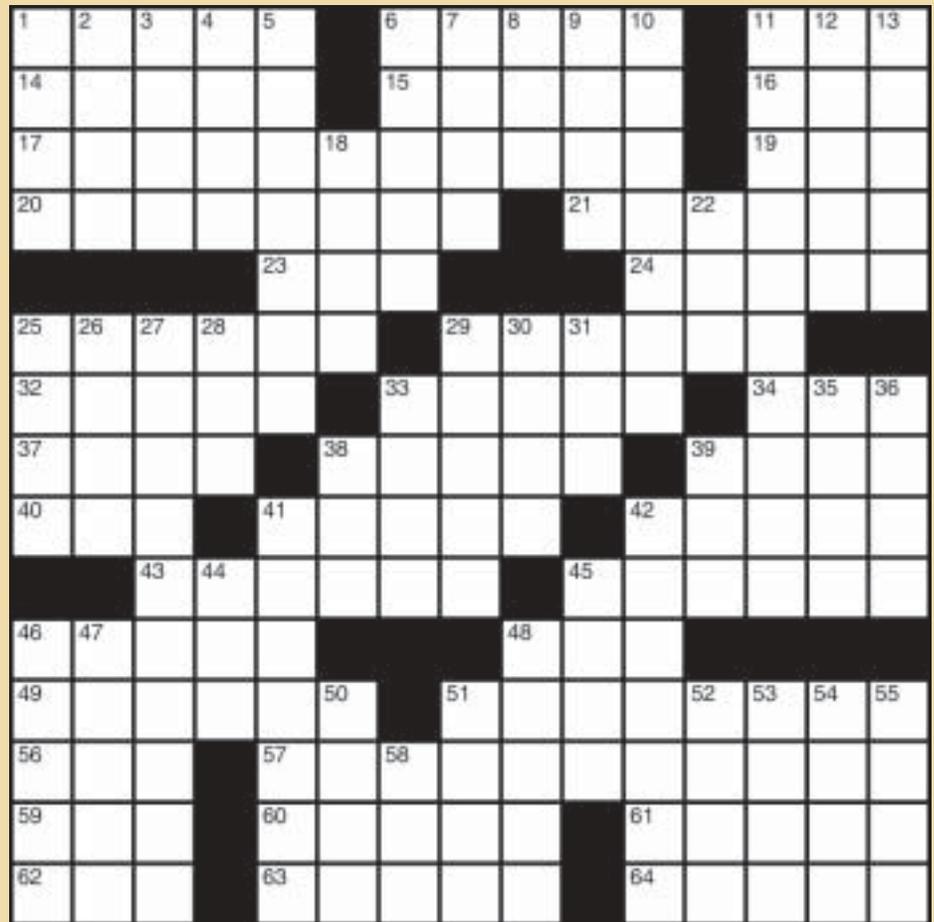
No Rocket Scientist

crossword

(Courtesy of QUIZLAND.com)

Across

- 1 Perry's aide
- 6 Potpourri's quality
- 11 Suffix with loyal or royal
- 14 Tale of Troy
- 15 John, Paul, and John Paul
- 16 ___ Bingle (Crosby moniker)
- 17 Large, heavy shoes
- 19 It's opposite IX on clocks
- 20 Hit tune of 1946
- 21 "Romeo and Juliet" setting
- 23 Marina del ___, Calif.
- 24 Gave an "R" to, say
- 25 Is gaga over
- 29 Zero in acting
- 32 Transmitted, in a way
- 33 Succotash beans
- 34 Co. called "Big Blue"
- 37 Choir voice
- 38 Mr. Chips player Robert
- 39 Cruel dude
- 40 "Citizen X" actor Stephen
- 41 Neighbor of Libya
- 42 Politically incorrect Bill
- 43 Wrinkle remover
- 45 "No Exit" playwright
- 46 Kills time
- 48 Oscar winner Benicio ___
Toro
- 49 Sonnet's ending
- 51 Save for later use
- 56 Writer Rosten
- 57 Caribbean meat dish
- 59 Earthbound bird
- 60 Of earlier vintage
- 61 Bed or home attachment
- 62 1/6 fl. oz.
- 63 ___-eyed
- 64 See 26-Down



Down

- 1 Desk ref.
- 2 Vogue rival
- 3 Serengeti predator
- 4 "Shane" star
- 5 Clung
- 6 Seek admission
- 7 Forming sticky threads
- 8 Reveal, poetically
- 9 Griffin behind the "Wheel"
- 10 States positively
- 11 Dashboard bulb
- 12 Left Bank river
- 13 Simple chord
- 18 Tram loads
- 22 ___ Dawn Chong
- 25 Way out there
- 26 With 64-Across, Roy Rogers's
wife
- 27 Hearty bowlful
- 28 Model T contemporary
- 29 One who digs 18-Down
- 30 Actor Epps
- 31 Minded Junior
- 33 Theater section
- 35 Harris's ___ Rabbit
- 36 Insignificant
- 38 Cacophony
- 39 Sculler's need
- 41 Bit of cosmetic surgery,
familiarily
- 42 Lack of oomph
- 44 Part of AARP: Abbr.
- 45 Adam's third
- 46 Castaway's home
- 47 Considers
- 48 Condemn openly
- 50 Prefix with cast or commute
- 51 TV Guide info
- 52 John Candy's old show
- 53 Home furnishings chain
- 54 Dizzy on the mound
- 55 Some linemen
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Early morning Top Ten with David Letterman

Ten troops from Bagram were chosen to read the famous Top Ten list for a recent David Letterman episode.

Top ten ways the U.S. Army is different in 2003:

10. Commanding officers may now be addressed as "sir" or "dude."

9. Helmets with built in Rogaine dispensers for soldiers with male pattern baldness.

8. Protective vests now made with Kevlar and Old Navy performance fleece.

7. Every armored personnel carrier is equipped with a salad bar.

6. One of us is secretly a humble \$19,000-a-year construction worker.

5. We now possess a high-performance, technologically-advanced triple-blade shaving system.

4. We're bringing back catapults.

3. Night-vision goggles come in eight new exciting colors.

2. I have a robot that makes my cot.

1. A year ago, I thought Bagram was a tasty Indian chicken casserole.



Sgt. Steven Overton,
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Pfc. Amanda L. Adams,
377th MP Co.

SOUP, from Page B1 ————— around here. It's nothing fancy. Just a big pot of soup."

But fans of Treaster's treats hardly agree with his simplistic explanation of Sunday brunch.

"His cooking has brought a lot of folks together," says Capt. Joni Pentifallo, 455th Expeditionary Operations Group executive officer.

"Because of the various jobs here, people may have never come together," Pentifallo says about the various "cliques" that can crop up in such a small, tight-knit community. "His cooking has changed that."

"His cooking is a great morale booster," says Col. Gregory Marston, 455th EOG commander.

"The cooking is not the only thing he's

done to help improve Air Force Village," Marston says. "He's made a lot of contacts between the Air Force and Army here which have enabled us to work a lot of different, very important issues."

Air Force officials here summarized the myriad of Treaster's accomplishments in this joint-military environment:

- Treaster identified and helped fix problems with the supply system from Al Jabar, Kuwait to Air Force troops in Afghanistan by working with the soldiers to ensure items are properly identified and delivered to the right source.

- He also worked with the Army's own supply system to help them better set up their operation here and provide quality customer service.

- Treaster was the sole "fix" to get-

ting night vision goggles repaired in an area of operations with few fixes.

- He identified the needs and helped deliver the supplies for his unit's "Adopt-A-Village" program in Afghanistan.

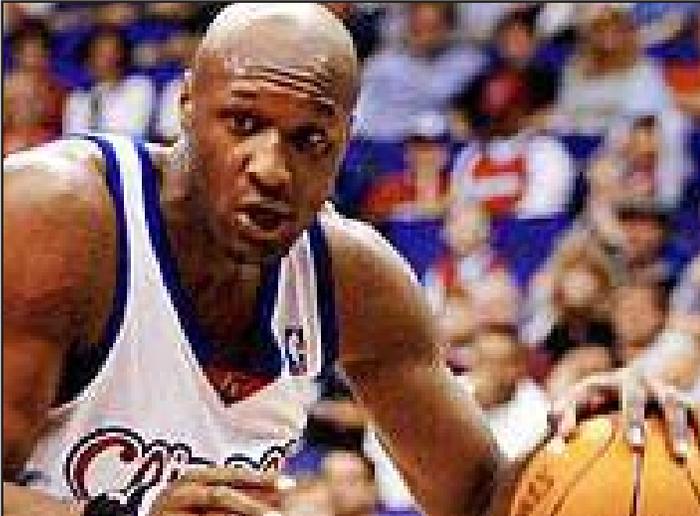
Mixing work and cooking seems to come second nature to Treaster who modestly describes his work here as "the logistics person for deployed members of the 245th Air Traffic Control Squadron."

Turning back to soup, Treaster says: "You know you can add an onion and some salt to what Brown and Root (the local contract chow hall) makes and you can get a completely different taste."

While that may be possible, it's hard to believe that Treaster's treats are that simple. Particularly when the question, "Can I get another bowl?" is so routine.

Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from ESPN.com)



Lamar Odom averaged 21.5 points in the Clips' first four games this month.

Odom needs what Clips can't sacrifice: time

The hardy souls who venture into Clipperdom as customers have largely been blaming Alvin Gentry for the bad start. When they're not booing Michael Olowokandi, that is.

Lamar Odom, so far, is getting a grace period. So far.

It's deserved leeway, when Odom's numbers and long layoff are factored in, but the Los Angeles Clippers' supposed savior needn't bank on extended protection from the discontent. Not if the losing continues, and the schedule says it probably will. Friday's ESPN-televvised trip to Seattle might be the easiest game L.A. gets until the end of the month, when it plays host to Chicago on Jan. 29.

Between this meeting with the equally slumping Sonics and the Bulls' visit, the Clips are looking at a daunting homestand (Dallas, Minnesota, Sacramento) and then five straight roadies: Lakers, Utah, Minnesota, Indiana and Cleveland. They aren't exactly rolling into that stretch, either, with just one win in the seven games since Odom returned from almost a year away from the game.

That win: Memphis, Wednesday, at home.

"I feel like I'm one of those guys who makes the game easier on my teammates," Odom said. "I don't shoot 30 times a game. I don't need the ball. I rebound. I push it. I don't think that's the reason why we're losing, that we're not meshing because I'm out there."

Johnson's Charlotte franchise to play in 2004-05

NEW YORK — The NBA Board of Governors unanimously approved the league's 30th franchise Friday, a team in Charlotte that will be owned by billionaire Robert Johnson and begin play in the 2004-05 season.

"It gives me great pleasure to welcome Charlotte back into the NBA, since we appreciate how supportive their fans have been in

the past," commissioner David Stern said.

"We are particularly excited to have Robert Johnson as our newest owner. Bob has shown a great understanding for building a new company, and we are confident in his ability to develop a strong NBA organization."

The approval of the Board of Governors, with one representative of each of the 29 ownership groups, was considered a formality.

"We are delighted and honored that the board of governors voted unanimously to ratify the recommendation of the expansion committee," said Naomi Travers, a spokeswoman for Johnson. "We look forward to building a first-class basketball franchise along with the city of Charlotte and the basketball fans of Charlotte."

Nelson Schwab, an investment fund head who has led the Charlotte business community's effort to keep the NBA in town, echoed those words.

"It's just one more step along the way," said Nelson Schwab, an investment fund head who has led the Charlotte business community's effort to keep the NBA in town. "Obviously, we are pleased the entire board of governors endorsed it.

"This is good news for Charlotte and we continue to be excited. "There's still a lot of things to do and we're ticking them off one at a time."

Hardaway has torn ligaments in right thumb

PHOENIX — Phoenix Suns guard Penny Hardaway will undergo surgery on Saturday to repair a torn ligament in his right thumb and will be sidelined six to eight weeks.

Hardaway said he injured the thumb in practice Nov. 21 and had continued playing, thinking it was just a jam.

But he repeatedly reinjured it and was examined Friday by hand specialist Dr. Robert Wilson, who told him the injury could threaten his career if he continued to play without surgery.

"It's our recommendation that because of the unstable nature of the thumb that he should get it repaired now rather than run the risk of arthritis developing or a career-threatening type of injury," team doctor Thomas Carter said.

Hardaway said the news was especially hard to take because he seemed to have finally overcome his chronic knee problems and was an important part of the lineup of the surprising Suns.

"I started crying," he said. "I've been through much agony and pain with my knees and trying to come back and play and all the negative that comes along through that and basically won that battle so far. This was just terrible."

Hardaway had played in all 36 games and started 33. He was

SPORTS, from Page B5 — averaging 10.9 points, 4.2 assists and 5 rebounds while accepting a lower-profile spot in the Suns' offense.

Wolves hold Kings to 34 points in first half

MINNEAPOLIS — Joe Smith had a season-high 25 points and 10 rebounds, and Kevin Garnett added 24 points and 15 boards as the Minnesota Timberwolves held off the Sacramento Kings 115-109 in overtime Friday night.

The Wolves overcame a torrid second half by the Kings, who scored a season-low 34 points in the first half but responded with 69 in the second — tying their best scoring half this year.

Chris Webber led the Kings with 30 points, and Peja Stojakovic scored a season-high 27 for Sacramento, which had won four straight games.

Minnesota opened the overtime period with a 7-0 run, and looked to be in control with a 110-103 lead with 2:04 to play. But the Kings responded with a 6-2 spurt fueled by a 3-pointer from Mike Bibby and a dunk off a steal by Doug Christie.

The Kings caught a break when the Wolves' bench was hit with a technical foul for arguing a no-call before Christie's dunk. Stojakovic hit the free throw to bring Sacramento to 112-109 with 53 seconds left.

Rod Strickland missed the Wolves' next shot, but Webber bobbed the rebound out of bounds, and Rasho Nesterovic tipped

in a miss to give Minnesota a 114-109 lead with 17.6 seconds left.

Wally Szczerbiak, playing in his first game since going on the injured list Nov. 19 with an injured toe, hit another foul shot. Then the Kings turned the ball over on their next possession to seal it.

Rigaudeau could be in uniform by Wed.

DALLAS — The Dallas Mavericks expect to sign Italian League star Antoine Rigaudeau on Monday and could have him in uniform for their game Wednesday with the Sacramento Kings.

Assistant coach Donnie Nelson will skip a game in Los Angeles on Sunday to remain in Dallas to finalize the deal.

"From what I've heard, he's coming Monday," said Don Nelson, the Mavs' coach and general manager. "We'll get him signed, then he and Donnie will fly out and meet us in Sacramento. That's the plan."

The Mavericks have the NBA's best record, but they still consider the Kings the league's best team. Sacramento ousted Dallas from the playoffs in the second round last season.

One of the Kings' strengths is their bench, and that's an area the Mavericks would like to improve. Rigaudeau (pronounced Rig-uh'-dough) should help. The 6-foot-6 swingman helped Virtus Bologna win two European championships and was part of France's silver medal squad at the 2000 Olympics. He averaged 13.9 points this season for Virtus, making 43 percent of his 3-pointers.

After buying out his contract with Virtus he's expected to sign a deal with Dallas that runs for at least two seasons.

2002 NBA standings

Eastern Conference

Atlantic

(1)New Jersey	27-10
(4)Boston	20-15
(5)Philadelphia	19-17
(7)Orlando	19-19
(8)Washington	18-18

Central

(2)Indiana	26-10
(3)Detroit	24-10
(6)New Orleans	20-18
Milwaukee	15-20
Atlanta	13-22



Western Conference

Midwest

(1)Dallas	30-5
(4)San Antonio	22-14
(6)Utah	21-14
(7)Houston	19-15
(8)Minnesota	19-16

Pacific

(2)Sacramento	27-10
(3)Phoenix	23-14
(5)Portland	21-14
Seattle	16-18
L.A. Lakers	15-20



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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

Sunday

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

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- ❖ 0700Z — Rosary and prayers

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- ❖ 1430Z — Protestant Bible study

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- ❖ 1500Z — Rosary and prayers

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

Wednesday

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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

CJCMOTF 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.