

Nations' dogs work together

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan – Dogs, drugs and explosives are part of everyday life here for some American and Estonian military police.

Four U.S. and three Estonian working dogs are used here to detect explosives and narcotics.

The Estonian dogs are Labradors and the U.S. dogs include two German shepherds and two Belgium Malinois.

Labradors are good at searching for contraband, but don't have the temperament to be attack dogs, according to Staff Sgt. Michael Sytsma, Bagram kennel master, 35th MP Detachment, Fort Gordon, Ga.

"The U.S. dogs are dual trained in attack and explosives or narcotics," Sytsma added. "The U.S. has narrowed the working dogs to these breeds because they are good at attack and searching for contraband."



Photo by Pfc. Debralee P. Crankshaw

Staff Sgt. Michael Sytsma, Bagram kennel master, 35th Military Police Detachment, Fort Gordon, Ga., uses a hand presentation to show his dog, Rico, where to check for contraband.

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Future plans to bring better food service to soldiers

By Sgt. W. Cullen James
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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — The dinner was spaghetti. Again. Not that there's much choice when deployed.

There are only seven breakfast menus and 14 dinner menus. Considering the choices, the Kellogg, Brown and Root employees who cook Bagram's meals provide a variety of fare to feast upon.

"We do our best to do as much with the meals as we can,"

said Jerry Groce, food service supervisor, North Dining Facility. "We have a lot of supplements — bread, soda and candy. It helps us do something a little extra for the soldiers."

That little something extra is what differentiates deployed DFACs from Stateside food service facilities, Groce explained.

With 10 years as an active-duty cook and six years at Brown and Root, Groce speaks with experience about his facility's service. Having been in country for about nine months, he explained

that the something extra is what the soldiers have come to appreciate. "We try and set up nice fruit displays and other displays throughout the building. We try and make more out of the meals."

But in Afghanistan, these contractors have more than the U.S. troops to cater to. Groce explained that the multinational troops have had no problems with the Army chow. "I think that most of the international soldiers like American food. They come through the lines and always have good things to say to us.

They really appreciate us."

Customer service is how Groce and his crew show their own appreciation. "Every day is a special day. We try to make every meal the best possible for the soldiers.

"My guys know there's a good meal they're serving. They serve with a smile. Sometimes that's all it takes to make someone's day — just a smiling face," Groce said.

While there are limited

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World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



About 161,000 Gulf War veterans are receiving disability payments from the U.S. government.

Gulf War veterans suing companies for chemical exports

NEW YORK — Twelve years after the Persian Gulf War began, some American veterans of that conflict are finding new ammunition in their fight to find out who supplied Iraq chemicals that might have made them sick.

More than 5,000 veterans are plaintiffs in a lawsuit that accuses companies of helping Iraqi President Saddam Hussein build his chemical warfare arsenal. The plaintiffs are among the tens of thousands who came down with “Gulf War Illness,” a debilitating series of ailments that can include chronic fatigue, skin rashes, muscle joint pain, memory loss, and brain damage.

Now, plaintiffs’ attorneys have acquired, for the first time, what they believe is strong evidence of which companies supplied Iraq the chemicals that might have been used to produce mustard gas, sarin nerve gas and VX.

The supplier list, shown to CNN, is included in Iraq’s 1998 weapons declaration to the United Nations, parts of which were resubmitted to weapons inspectors last month. Sources tell CNN the list is an authentic document, but attorneys for the companies question its accuracy and say the lawsuit is without merit.

The Iraqi list names 56 suppliers of chemicals and equipment to process them. A majority are based in Europe.

Powell expects ‘a persuasive case’ against Iraq

WASHINGTON — U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said Friday that the United States believes it will have “a persuasive case” by the end of the month that Iraq is in breach of a key U.N. resolution governing disarmament.

“We believe ... based on what we have seen so far, that Iraq is failing to meet the mandate of (U.N. Security Council Resolution) 1441. Iraq has failed to cooperate. It has failed to put forward a believable declaration, as required,” Powell said to a group of foreign journalists.

“It is not making people available. It is not making documents available. It is deceiving the inspectors. It is trying to make it harder for the inspectors to do their work.”

Powell said the United States will provide more evidence of Iraqi offenses, which, along with the update that chief weapons inspector Hans Blix is to give the U.N. Security Council on Jan. 27, will make it clear that Iraq has hindered the work of inspectors.

Rice says race can be ‘one factor’ in considering admissions

WASHINGTON — National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice — one of the highest-ranking members of the Bush administration — said Friday she believes race can sometimes be considered as “one factor among others” to achieve diversity within a school or university.

The White House released a rare statement from Rice the same day that a story in “The Washington Post” credited her with taking a key role in helping to shape the Bush administration’s decision to challenge the affirmative action admissions policy at the University of Michigan.

In her statement, Rice, who is African-American, stressed she agreed with Bush’s call for diversity and confirmed that the president had asked her views about the matter before filing the friend-of-the-court briefs. But her statement went further than the briefs filed by the Bush administration on one key point — whether race could ever be consid-

ered a factor in considering admissions.

“I agree with the president’s position, which emphasizes the need for diversity and recognizes the continued legacy of racial prejudice, and the need to fight it,” Rice said.

Rallies scheduled across U.S.

WASHINGTON — Anti-war demonstrators will rally across the nation Saturday against Bush administration preparations for a possible invasion of Iraq, organizers said Friday.

Participants will include Hollywood celebrities, politicians, labor union leaders, religious leaders and civil rights activists, all invoking the memory of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. the weekend before the national holiday in his honor. Notable names include Academy Award-winning actress Jessica Lange, former “M.A.S.H.” TV actor Mike Farrell, the Rev. Jesse Jackson and the Rev. Al Sharpton.

Brian Becker, co-director of the International Action Center, said the demonstrators will oppose the administration’s rationale for war.

“Tomorrow, in the streets of Washington and San Francisco, you will see hundreds of thousands of Americans coming together to say that they do not believe the propaganda of the Bush administration; they believe they have been lied to,” he said.

Becker said U.N. Resolution 1441, which requires Iraq to rid itself of weapons of mass destruction, is “a diplomatic fig leaf to serve for this administration and as a trigger to war.”

Fox renews ‘Simpsons’ to 2005

HOLLYWOOD — Mmm ... renewal: Fox has greenlit two more seasons of animated powerhouse “The Simpsons” and another year of its Sunday benchmate “King of the Hill.”

The “Simpsons” renewal through May 2005 means the show — Sunday night’s top-rated series among adults 18-49 — will make it through a jaw-dropping 16th full season and roughly 360 episodes, allowing Homer and Co. to edge past “The Adventures of Ozzie & Harriet” to claim the mantle of longest-running laffer in TV history.

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choices for the food service personnel to choose from, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Azzalee Brown, Coalition Joint Task Force-180 food advisor, explained that changes are being planned for the theater DFACs.

“We are trying to come up with a consolidated theater menu,” Brown said.

The consolidation would bring all DFACs in Afghanistan and at K2 under the same menu system. “So when you go from one DFAC to another, you know what they’ll be serving,” she said.

Another plan in consideration is going to three “Line A” meals a day — doing away with the lunchtime Meal, Ready to Eat.

Both ideas are still in the planning stages and have to go through many meetings. To bring three meals a day to the soldiers, new refrigerator/freezer units have to be in place.

“We are in the process of ordering the freezer units,” Brown explained. “We’ve just sent a memo out on it — I don’t know how much longer it will be before they are in place.”

The freezer units, at a cost of about \$300,000 each, will be set



Photo by Sgt. W. Cullen James

Freddie Sanders, food service specialist, North Dining Facility, Bagram Air Base, prepares some ham for the evening meal.

up in the Class 1 yard and will replace the refrigeration units that are currently in place.

“We are leasing (refrigeration units) now. For the cost of the lease we can purchase permanent units,” Brown said.

CJTF-180 is looking at purchasing three of the units. Each unit is a 5,000-square-foot pre-fabricated structure.

While the plans are coming together, Brown emphasized that if approved, the changes will not take place for some time. “Maybe,

possibly, we can have this in place by late summer.”

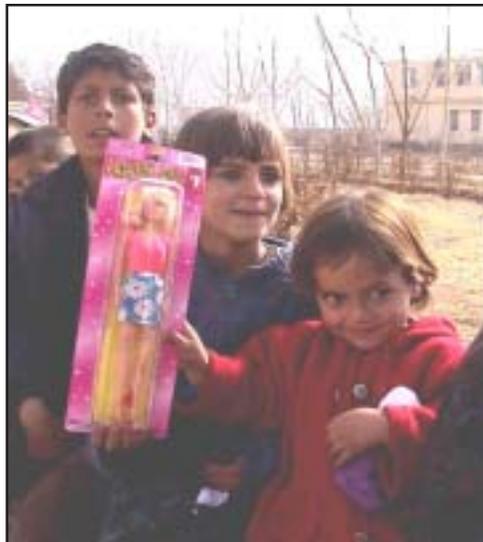
The multinational audience is another consideration Brown said she would have to add. “I don’t believe the plans currently take them into account, but I just came from a multinational assignment in the (Sinai Peninsula), so I can interject that consideration.”

While the changes will not take place for some time, Brown explained that her plans are for the quality of life of the soldiers deployed to Afghanistan. “Any-

thing we can do to make things better,” she said.

“Sometimes we get comments about the repetition of the menu items and we have to explain what we have to work with, but most people understand that we’re doing the best we can with what we have,” said Groce.

“I think most people really appreciate what we do,” said Thomas Barnes, food service provider, North DFAC. “I like cooking. I appreciate y’all being here, we try and do our best for you.”



Lending a hand ...

Combined Joint Civil Military Operations Task Force servicemembers distributed donations of toys and clothing to dozens of children at an Orphanage operated by the Red Crescent in Kabul on Monday. CJCMOTF continues to provide assistance to the international community and ITGA and facilitate civil-military operations throughout Afghanistan.

Donations for future distribution can be sent to: PAO, CJCMOTF-PAO, CJCMOTF-K, APO-AE 09356.

Photos by Staff Sgt. Amy Forsythe, CJCMOTF-PAO.



Bush sees Iraqi rockets as 'troubling, serious' situation

By Kathleen T. Rhem
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WASHINGTON—President Bush believes the discovery of a dozen empty rocket heads designed to deliver chemical weapons is a "troubling and ... serious" development, his lead spokesman said today.

Ari Fleischer said at a routine White House press briefing that the 12 warheads U.N. inspectors discovered in Iraq Jan. 16 are not listed in the declaration that country submitted to

the U.N. Security Council.

The warheads were discovered in a bunker constructed in the late 1990s "just outside Baghdad," Fleischer said.

He wouldn't call the discovery the proverbial "smoking gun" that would lead the United States to declare war on Iraq. "More information about this very discovery needs to be ... obtained," he said.

Fleischer indicated Bush wouldn't go to war without making his case to the American people. "If the president does de-

cide that war is the only option to protect the American people and the region and the world from Saddam Hussein, who has not disarmed, the president will, of course, make a case to the American people," he said. "The president recognizes that our democracy does not go to war without all the issues being explored by the American people. ..."

U.N. weapons inspectors working in Iraq are scheduled to give an update on their progress to the Security Council Jan. 27. Fleischer said this date is not a

deadline for Bush to decide to go to war.

"Nobody has called that a deadline," he said, calling Jan. 27 "an important reporting date." Bush has said he will make a final decision regarding potential military action against Iraq only when he feels there is no other choice.

"I think Saddam Hussein needs to get the very clear understanding and message from the United States and from the world that he needs to disarm, that this is indeed serious," Fleischer said.



Photo by Pfc. Debralee P. Crankshaw

Staff Sgt. Michael Sytsma, Bagram kennel master, 35th Military Police Detachment, Fort Gordon, Ga., and his dog, Rico, check for contraband at the gate for the Bazaar.

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The dogs attend a 90 day school to learn their trade.

They are trained to give a passive response when they find contraband. The dogs will sit if they smell something.

The dog is given a reward of a toy or treat if they find contraband in training exercises and real situations.

"Our dogs are like children. We train them like children – teaching them things over and over," said Sgt. Jon Lockhart, dog handler, 179th MP Detachment, Fort Stewart, Ga. "They depend on us."

Sytsma agreed.

"You make it like a game for them."

The handlers must be trained also.

The trainers must be MPs first, then they can request to attend the three month dog handler course.

The dog handlers not only attend a three month course, but also must attend a first aid for dogs class once a quarter. The handlers must also know how to take care of their dog's health.

The dogs are fed Science Diet because Veterinary Command has dictated that it is the best food for military working dogs.

The dogs and their trainer have a special bond.

"The bond my dog and I have is almost like a marriage. You have to keep your dog happy and give him love and affection," said Sytsma. "My dog knows his job, he's never let me down and I'd trust my life to him."

FREEDOM'S VOICES

The writing's are on the wall

Just my Opinion

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In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.

-Daniel 5:5, King James Bible

First off, let me say that I don't condone graffiti. There's some that's vulgar and generally lewd. Some can be quite pretty, but I think that most falls into the category of the former.

However, there are times when you find yourself in deep contemplation. You know what I mean. There is precious little privacy here, but when you do have it, you're usually surrounded by the "witticisms" of those who seem to have little else to do but write on the bathroom wall.

By reading from these "tomes" of lore, you can find local rumor, opinion and the explanation of several acronyms that you'll never find in any field manual. It can make for interesting reading sometimes, especially if you forgot your current copy of the U.S. News and World Report – alas, we are without our current subscriptions.

I admit a fascination, morbid as it may be, to being upset when I read a volume that I've seen before. The fascination is only second to my amazement at how quickly pristine wall space becomes a conflagration of a military person's feelings.

This is not to say that the porta-potty poetry is heavy reading. While most modern literature doesn't contain the same amount of excrement as our necessary pit-stops (my apologies to supermarket tabloids and most modern romance novelists) the reading must be light and quick to ensure it reaches its intended audience.

All this comes in blatant disregard to the one sign I have seen – prominently displayed next to the turn knob on the porta-potty. Amongst its many "don'ts" is one that I find particularly poignant. Please don't write on the bathroom walls, is the gist.

This is my simple plea. If you need to read something, bring a Freedom Watch (shameless plug). At the very least, its purpose could be twofold.

And this is the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHAR'SIN. This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

-Daniel 5:25-28, King James Bible

STREET TALK

What do you miss most about home?



"I miss my wife, my kids and my bathroom"

Lt. Col. Ross Bertucci
CJTF-180 OPs Grp.
Camp Pendleton, Calif.

"I don't miss anything. It's not my nature. Most things you can't control anyway. I've trained myself not to miss people."

Sgt. 1st Class Marvin

Cooks

20th Eng. Bde.,
Fort Bragg, N.C.



"I miss getting to eat what I want to eat — having my choice and wearing my most feminine clothes."

Sgt. Cylenia Harvey
35th Signal Brigade
Fort Bragg, N.C.

"I miss my wife and the food from home"

Pfc. Kenneth Rosenthal

118th MP Co.
Fort Bragg, N.C.



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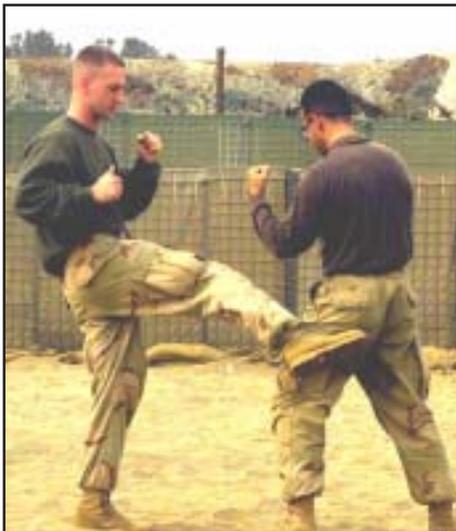
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Entertainment

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Marines incorporate martial arts in combat training



The Marines learn a variety of different kicks, punches and striking techniques during the combat training.



Photo by Pfc. Christina Carde

Sgt. Angel Escobar, VMA 513th, Marine Support Squadron, tan belt instructor, watches as his students practice an over arm grab maneuver just learned in the Marine Martial Arts Combat Training Class, Friday.



Cpt. Aaron Haug, martial arts student, VMA 513th, practices an arm manipulation hand grab on his opponent.

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan - For many centuries, the skill of martial arts has been effective in teaching self-control, defense and discipline. Now the U.S. Marine Corps has decided to incorporate old-fashioned martial art techniques into new combat-training classes that are mandatory for all Marines.

This new close-combat training was introduced to the Marine Corps about three years ago, and has been available to Marines on Bagram for about two months.

Sgt. Angel Escobar, VMA 513th, 373 Marine Wing Support Squadron, Yuma, Ariz., tan belt class instructor, said there are two reasons for the new combat training.

“The purpose of introducing martial arts to close-hand combat is to increase the effec-

tiveness of techniques and combat maneuvers,” said Escobar. “It also helps boost the troops’ morale.”

However, the classes are a little more than a weekly routine of kicking and punching.

“The training is tough,” said Capt. Aaron Haug, martial arts student, 513th VMA. “It’s like playing football for the first time in a while. You’re working muscle groups you’re not used to using so you’re pretty sore for a few days.”

According to Escobar, once a Marine begins instruction, they must finish the series of classes that are four hours long for six consecutive days, until they achieve the first belt.

The class begins with 30 minutes of stretching for flexibility. Afterwards, the students practice previously learned techniques and the new technique for the day over and over for the next few hours or until they get it right.

In addition, the instruction includes re-teaching the military’s fundamentals of hand to hand combat incorporated in the martial arts training.

“We practice low and high crawling, and

Afghan Info

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Afghanistan's national sport is buzkashi.

Buzkashi, which literally translated means "goat grabbing" is the national sport of Afghanistan. Many historians believe that Buzkashi began with the Turkic-Mongol people, and it is indigenously shared by the people of Northern Afghanistan. There are two main types of Buzkashi, Tudabarai and Qarajai. Tudabarai is relatively simple compared with Qarajai, even though they share similar objectives. In Buzkashi, a headless carcass is placed in the center of a circle and surrounded by the players of two opposing teams. The object of the game, is to get control of the carcass and bring it to the scoring area. Although it seems like a simple task, it is not. Only the most masterful players, (called chapandaz) ever even get close to the carcass. The competition is fierce, and the win-

ner of a match receives prizes that have been donated by a sponsor. These prizes range from money, to fine turbans and clothes. In order for someone to become a chapandaz, one must undergo a tremendous amount of difficult training. In fact, the best chapandaz, are usually over the age of forty. Buzkashi, is definitely not a game for the weak. The players are not the only ones who undergo arduous training; the horses that participate in Buzkashi must train for five years before ever making it to the playing field.

The two different types of Buzkashi: In Tudabarai, in order to score, the rider must obtain possession of the carcass and then carry it away from the starting circle in any direction. The rider must stay free and clear of the other riders. In Qarajai, the task is much more complex. The player must carry the calf around a marker, and then return the carcass to the team's designated scoring circle. In each version of the game, points are awarded



Afghanistan's national sport Buzkashi involves fierce competition.

for successfully completing the task of getting control of the carcass, and getting it to the proper scoring area. The winner of each match receives prizes which have been put up by a sponsor. The top prizes are usually money, or fine clothes. To many Afghans, Buzkashi is not just a game, it is a way of life; a way in which teamwork and communication are essential to being successful.

Courtesy of <http://www.afghanweb.com/sports/buzkashi.html>

Music Notes

Drugs, friends and allegations: inside the Murder Inc. raid

At 6 a.m., the midtown Manhattan offices of the Universal Music Group are usually quiet; the music industry has never been known for its early risers. But on January 3, hours before some of music's most powerful executives clocked in for work, a team of FBI agents, NYPD investigators and drug-sniffing dogs arrived at the Universal building with a warrant to search the offices of Murder Inc.

While the label's employees were turned away, investigators worked well into the evening, coming and going in waves. They rifled through desks, ripped out computer hard drives and drilled open company safes, keeping track along the way by marking each office with a lettered tag.

Though officials confiscated documents and laptops during the search, they didn't arrest any Murder Inc. employees or charge

anyone with wrongdoing. What they were looking for, somewhere amidst the Ashanti marketing plans and Ja Rule posters, was a link between the self-proclaimed "Most Dangerous Record Label" and a 42-year-old man named Kenneth McGriff. So who is he?

Gunmen open fire on Violator management offices

NEW YORK—On Thursday evening, assailants fired shots at the Manhattan offices of Violator Management, which oversees the careers of hip-hop artists such as Busta Rhymes, Missy Elliott, Mobb Deep and 50 Cent. There were no injuries.

Police would not comment on their investigation, but sources said an unknown num-

ber of shooters entered the office building in Manhattan's Chelsea district around 7 p.m., rode the elevator to the 11th floor and shot up the metal and glass security doors of the management agency. The shooters then fled.

A number of employees, including Violator founder and CEO Chris Lighty, were present inside their offices.

Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the MWR building: "Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever." Jonathan Ecks (Antonio Banderas), an FBI agent, realizes that he must join with his lifelong enemy, Agent Sever (Lucy Liu), a rogue DIA agent with whom he is in mortal combat, in order to defeat a common enemy. Tomorrow's movie will be "Men at Work."



Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from ESPN.com)



Time is Yao for Shaq

HOUSTON — Fearlessly and perhaps foolishly speaking about his nose as a target, Yao Ming insists he has no fear of catching an elbow from Shaquille O’Neal.

Sure, O’Neal is the game’s most dominant inside force, but the 7-foot-6 Yao is a pretty big deal, too.

“I think he has a lot of meat on his elbows, so maybe it won’t hurt that much,” the Houston Rockets’ center said jokingly Thursday on the eve of the matchup he’s anticipated for almost half his life.

A worldwide audience of several hundred million watched Friday night when O’Neal and the Los Angeles Lakers played the Rockets and their rookie from China. Houston beat the Lakers 108-104.

It was the first on-court meeting — but not the first face-to-face encounter — between the NBA’s Next Big Thing and its biggest superstar.

O’Neal was injured earlier this season when Yao shot 9-for-9 against the Lakers in Los Angeles. Yao and O’Neal spoke privately after that game, a meeting that Yao said lasted one or two minutes.

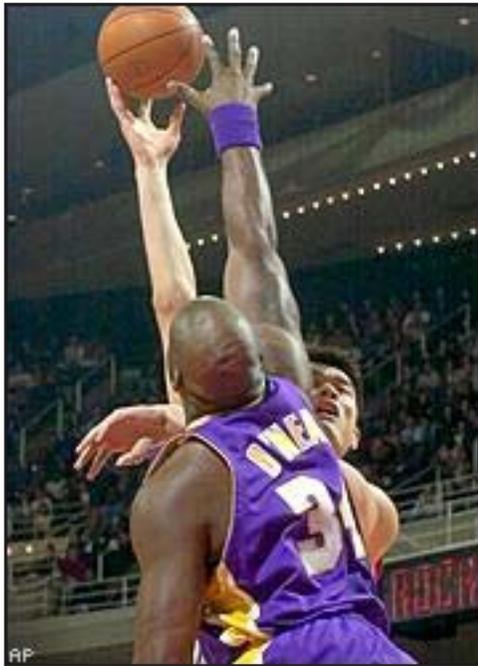
He would not reveal what was discussed.

“He is always smiling and is a very happy person. I think he lives a very happy life,” Yao said.

Yao did not try to play down the significance of an event that has spawned many subtitles: Shaq Fu vs. Ming the Merciless, Shaq Daddy vs. Chairman Yao, The Big Aristotle vs. The Little Giant.

Surrounded by several dozen reporters and cameramen, Yao provided some insight into what was one of the most anticipated matchups in recent NBA history.

“This is a very important reason that factored into my decision to come into the NBA,” Yao said through his translator. “The game will be a little different than a normal game.”



Yao takes an early lead against Shaq in the tip off against the Lakers.

Jordan scores 28 of 32 points in first half

WASHINGTON — Michael Jordan’s 28 first-half points showed he can’t win a game by himself. In fact, his teammates put together the decisive run while he was taking a rest.

Jordan finished with 32, but it was Larry Hughes, Brendan Haywood and Kwame Brown who did all the scoring in the key 12-2 fourth-quarter run as the Washington Wizards beat the Orlando Magic 108-93 Thursday night.



Tracy McGrady slams home two of his team-high 31 points.

The Wizards recovered from their most embarrassing loss of the season and proved they can be competitive without injured leading scorer Jerry Stackhouse. Hughes and the front court combinations of Haywood, Brown, Christian Laettner and Etan Thomas more than compensated.

“Our big men were responsible for that win tonight,” coach Doug Collins said.

“When they were trying to come over and help on Michael, our big guys did a good job of finding the open areas and finishing. We played as good a game as you could play without Jerry.”

The Wizards beat the Magic for the first time in three meetings this season in a game between two .500 teams expected to battle for playoff position in April.

Washington also recovered from a lifeless 84-75 home loss to undermanned Toronto on Tuesday.

Webber accused of lying to grand jury

DETROIT — Chris Webber faces additional charges on accusations he lied to a grand jury about his dealings with a Michigan basketball booster.

The new indictment Friday charges the Sacramento Kings’ star, his father Mayce Webber Jr. and aunt Charlene Johnson with nine counts, including conspiracy to obstruct justice and perjury.

They are accused of lying to a federal grand jury about their dealings with ex-boosters Eddie Martin.

Martin says he gave \$616,000 to Webber and three other Wolverines players while they were amateurs. Martin, who pleaded guilty to illegal gambling, said he gave Webber and his family \$280,000. Webber denies taking all but pocket money from Martin.

Webber has said he was misled by Martin who “befriended kids like myself, preying on our naivete.”

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weapon maneuvers along with martial arts techniques to try and simulate a hand-to-hand combat situation," said Escobar.

At the completion of the six days, the Marines must prove they were paying attention in class.

"On Saturdays, the students are tested on all the techniques they learned over the past week," said Escobar. "Depending on how they do, they will either re-take the test the next day, or achieve the tan belt."

According to some Marines, these classes have uses other than just combat training.

"It gets you away from work and helps take time off of the day," said Cpl. Clint Young, martial arts student, VMA513th.

Haug agrees.

"It's fun and helps to break up the daily monotony out here," said Haug. "It gives you a sense of accomplishment at the end of the day."

Besides the classes being fun, they can also be the difference between being useless without a weapon or still having the ability to be lethal.

"Marines are usually the first on the ground in a combat situation," said Escobar. "They may not always have the option of utilizing their weapon. In such cases these techniques can be very useful."

**Solution from Saturday's Percussion Session
Crossword in the *Freedom Watch***

(Courtesy of QUIZLAND.com)



2002 NBA standings

Eastern Conference

Atlantic

- (1) New Jersey 28-11
- (4) Boston 22-17
- (5) Philadelphia 20-19
- (6) Washington 20-19
- (8) Orlando 20-21

Central

- (2) Indiana 28-11
- (3) Detroit 26-12
- (7) New Orleans 20-20
- Milwaukee 19-20
- Chicago 14-24



Western Conference

Midwest

- (1) Dallas 31-6
- (3) San Antonio 25-14
- (5) Utah 23-15
- (7) Houston 22-15
- (8) Minnesota 21-17

Pacific

- (2) Sacramento 29-10
- (4) Portland 23-14
- (6) Phoenix 24-16
- LA Lakers 18-20
- Seattle 16-21



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

Sunday

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

Monday

- ❖ 0700Z — Rosary and prayers

Tuesday

- ❖ 0700Z — Rosary and prayers
- ❖ 1430Z — Protestant Bible study

Wednesday

- ❖ 0700Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Protestant mid-week service

Thursday

- ❖ 0700Z — Rosary and prayers
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel Bible study

Friday

- ❖ 0700Z — Rosary and prayers
- ❖ 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
- ❖ 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

Tuesday

- ❖ 0430Z — Devotions and prayer
- ❖ 1245Z — Catholic Rosary and Mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Bible study

Wednesday

- ❖ 0430Z — Devotions and prayer
- ❖ 1245Z — Catholic Rosary and Mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Midweek Praise service

Thursday

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

Friday

- ❖ 0430Z — Devotions and prayer
- ❖ 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.