

2-87 Catamounts start New Year at run

Story and photos by Sgt. Greg Heath
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BAGRAM, Afghanistan – The Catamounts of 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division sprinted in the New Year Thursday morning with a battalion run and mass promotion and reenlistment ceremony here at Bagram Air Base.

The whole battalion, accompanied by Combined Joint Task Force-180 and 10th Mountain Division Commander Brig. Gen. (P) Lloyd J. Austin III, defied the New Year morning chill with booming cadences heard up and down Disney Drive, followed shortly



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Special Forces troops save baby's life

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Beebe
CJSOTF-APAO NCO

NURISTAN PROVINCE, Afghanistan – On Dec. 22 in the Nuristan Province of Northern Afghanistan, a Special Forces medical noncommissioned officer was returning from a routine presence patrol to base camp when he was approached by a local man saying he had a sick child that was “dying.”

The man was frantic and said the baby was “passing away” and she needed immediate help. The team quickly moved to the house where the baby was and the medic observed a 2- to 4-month-old girl gasping for air with an obvious look of distress on her face. He quickly did an assessment and recommended that the team move the baby to the base camp for immediate treatment. The weather was overcast, with heavy snow, so a medical evacuation was not possible.

The team made arrangements to bring the baby girl back to their camp with a family member and to have the mother meet the medics there later. The SF medic consulted with a couple of other Special

Forces medics working from the same base camp. They collaborated on diagnosis and treatment for the baby girl and all provided assistance.

The ad-hoc medical team then made contact with a coalition doctor in the region. Between the four medical professionals, the conclusion was made that the baby was suffering from Meningitis, a potentially fatal disease, especially in an infant under these conditions.

The medical team on the ground initiated treatment accordingly.

The infant was breathing with a shallow and irregular rhythm at twice the normal rate. Her pulse was 120 beats per minutes, demonstrating the slow failure of her already over-taxed system. She had a temperature of 103.3 degrees, showing the strong possibility of massive infection, and posing the threat of brain damage.

Other indicators showed starvation of her major organs and lack of oxygenated blood in her system. Her level of consciousness fluctuated from semi-alert to nearly nothing.

When the mother arrived at the camp, the SF Medical NCO found out that the baby had been like this for five days without any treat-

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World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



British Airways Flight 217 landed at Dulles two hours late Friday after additional screening in London.

Official: Flights canceled only on 'specific intelligence'

WASHINGTON – Amid extraordinary cancellations of international flights in recent days due to security reasons, a top U.S. official said Friday such steps would only be taken if there was "specific intelligence" indicating a possible attack.

"In some cases, it's necessary based upon that (intelligence) to cancel that flight," Asa Hutchinson, the U.S. undersecretary for border and transportation security, told *CNN*.

"We make the judgments based upon the security measures that are in place, the risk that's assessed, coordination with the other government – and I think we've made some really good decisions."

Hutchinson would not elaborate about what the intelligence indicated.

However, U.S. officials tell *CNN*'s Justice Department correspondent Kelli Arena that intelligence from an informant and other sources regarding British Airways Flight 223 is what led to its cancellation two days in a row.

The sources said the information had nothing to do with the passenger list, but instead focused on the flight number. And while there remains some question about the credibility of the information, officials say authorities cannot take any chances.

U.S. Soldier killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Insurgent fire downed a U.S. Army helicopter near the Iraqi town of Fallujah, west of Baghdad, killing an American Soldier and wounding another, a coalition military spokesman said.

It wasn't known immediately what insur-

gents used to strike the OH-58 Kiowa observation helicopter, said Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt, the coalition's deputy chief of operations.

The copter, which was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, was carrying a crew of two.

Responding to the helicopter's downing, U.S. troops were attacked by people dressed in clothes identifying them as journalists, Kimmitt said.

He said the attackers drove up to the site in two Mercedes cars and opened fire on troops. No one was hurt, but the troops tracked one car to a nearby house and arrested four suspects, who were being questioned, Kimmitt said.

Reuters reported that three Iraqis working for the news service were fired on by U.S. troops as they filmed a checkpoint near the crash, and the three were later detained by U.S. Soldiers, the news service said.



Haitian soldiers patrol Gonaïves, where anti-government protesters clashed with police Thursday.

Unrest marks Haiti anniversary

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti – Anti-government protesters clashed with police in the Haitian capital on Thursday as President Jean-Bertrand Aristide marked the country's bicentennial with promises to improve the lot of his people.

As Aristide led celebrations of the country's 200th anniversary of independence from France, speaking to a large crowd gathered at the National Palace, thousands of protesters poured into the streets and tried to march toward the palace, witnesses and local media said.

Police used tear gas and fired into the air to hold them back. Many of the demonstra-

tors reacted angrily, setting up numerous road blocks around the city with burning tires, vehicles, car parts and rocks, witnesses said.

Aristide supporters joined police in trying to push the demonstrators back, throwing rocks at them. The protesters responded by hurling rocks back, but finally dispersed when Aristide supporters began firing guns, witnesses and local media said.

An independent radio station, Radio Metropole, said two demonstrators were shot and wounded in the capital. Another Radio station, Vision 2000, said six people had gunshot wounds.

Haiti, which shares the Caribbean island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic, became the first black republic when it put an end to slavery and declared independence on Jan. 1, 1804.

U.S. commander denies troops defiled mosque in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq – A U.S. military commander defended coalition troops Friday against allegations they defiled the Koran during a raid on a Sunni Muslim mosque in Baghdad.

On New Year's Day, coalition Soldiers entered the Ibn Taymiyah mosque in the southwestern part of the Iraqi capital, where they found a large weapons cache and arrested 32 people, spokesman Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt.

In a protest Friday, angry Sunnis accused the troops of ripping pages in the mosque's copy of the Koran, Islam's holy book, as their leaders called for an end to the U.S. occupation in Iraq. Sunnis are the Muslim sect of deposed Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

"Bush, you are the devil," some protesters shouted. "We are the soldiers of Allah."

One demonstrator said, "Certainly, rancor and hatred of American government will increase. What do you expect from an occupied people whose sanctities are trampled by Americans?"

But Kimmitt said U.S. troops tried to be sensitive to the mosque's spiritual basis by following Iraq Civil Defense Corps personnel and Iraqi police into the place of worship.

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after by a large ceremony at Bagram Civic Center in which more than 30 soldiers were honored in front of their Catamount peers.

For 1st Lt. Tristan DeBord, Company C, getting an opportunity to reunite with the whole battalion for a brisk morning run after more than five months conducting operations in country was a great way to start the New Year.

“It’s really motivating and it’s good to get everyone back together,” DuBord said.

Cpl. Harry Jenkins, Co. C, agreed, “It felt great; there’s nothing like bringing in the New Year with a little bit of unit cohesion.”

After the run, the Catamounts gathered at the civic center to witness the promotion of 11, and reenlistment of 20, of their fellow Soldiers by Austin.

After the proceedings, Austin had many great things to say to his Soldiers about their battalion.

“You are great Soldiers, a great team,” said Austin. The evidence of you being a great team is what we just witnessed here today, a bunch of guys getting promoted, that means guys are moving forward ... and I don’t think I’ve ever witnessed 20 guys from the same battalion reenlisting at one



Brig. Gen. (P) Lloyd J. Austin III, CJTF-180 and 10th Mountain Division commander, reenlisted 20 and promoted 11 2-87 Inf. Catamount Soldiers on New Years Day.

time; that says a lot about your battalion.”

Getting the chance to be promoted in front of the whole battalion was an honor, according to newly pinned Sgt. 1st Class Carmen Thibodeaux, Headquarters and Headquarters Co.

“It showed great esprit de corps; the fact that we’re all in this together,” Thibodeaux said about the New Years ceremony. “There’s a lot of unfinished busi-

ness to get done, and (being out here’s) not about the pay because we all volunteered and 20 guys stepped up and did it again, so it must be something greater than just money.”

Spc. Andrew Ortman, HHC, who reenlisted at the ceremony for another six years was able to sum up the day’s events in four words.

“It’s all about pride.”

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ment. Sadly the mother explained that she had lost two other babies to an illness with similar symptoms in the past.

During a period of relative wakefulness of the baby girl, he was able to feed her a small amount of oral glucose, which seemed to help at first but soon led to convulsions, respiratory distress and periods where her breathing stopped and her heart slowed to 1 beat every three to four seconds.

The medical team initiated CPR, which the baby girl responded to immediately. The convulsions were a normal, healthy response to the glucose. The feeding was repeated throughout the rest of the night with the baby girl stabilizing near dawn.

The next morning the weather broke enough for a MEDEVAC to be possible. However, through the untiring efforts of the three medics, and with the guidance of the coalition doctor, the baby girl had recovered enough that the MEDEVAC was no longer needed. The medical team came up with a treatment plan that would be conducted by the mother with some guidance and training. According to the doctor and all others present, it was virtually certain that the baby girl would have died had the medical team not been alerted to her situation and not taken prompt medical action.

A ‘Peace’ful process...



Photo by Spc. Kelly Hunt

An interpreter working with the Ghazni Provincial Reconstruction Team reads the Peace Newsletter to elders in Petaw Village, Ghazni District, during a humanitarian aid effort during mid December. The Peace newsletter is one of the only pure sources of information that the Afghan people can receive on news effecting their country. This was the first introduction to the newsletter that many in the village had received.



Pfc. Jeremy Bartosic, Co. B, pulls security while Soldiers from the battalion search their final objective, the large village of Surobi.

2-87 Inf. keeps rolling

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Just hours after Christmas day had passed, the 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment Cata-mounts of 10th Mountain Division embarked on their latest mission to disrupt Anti Coalition

Militia activity in eastern Kabul province.

More than 600 Soldiers conducted operations for four days along a stretch of main road that runs from the capital city of Kabul to the eastern city of Jalalabad.



Infantry Soldiers prepare to settle in for the night during their mission.



An Anti Tank Platoon Soldier pulls security as infantry Soldiers cross over into a village.



Soldiers prepare to destroy one of many unexploded ordnance they found the first day of their mission.

FREEDOM'S VOICES

Recognition comes for the U.S. Soldier

By Joseph L. Galloway

Time magazine named the American Soldier its Person of the Year for 2003. The American Soldier has been my person of the year every year through four decades and three wars, beginning with Vietnam.

Largely unsung and unnoticed, the American Soldier does the hard, dirty work of keeping freedom alive, year in and year out, in a world growing ever more violent.

Soldiers put their lives on the line in places like Iraq, Afghanistan, Bosnia, Kosovo and the Sinai – to name just a few of the 120 places around the world where American Soldiers stand between people bent on killing each other, where they teach the Soldiers of other nations and where they pursue the shadowy terrorists who would bring darkness to the world.

To those we owe so much we pay so little that the spouses and children of volunteer enlisted Soldiers sometimes have no choice but to seek public welfare. They exist in shabby trailer parks on the outskirts of places like Fort Hood and Fort Riley and Fort Stewart while their loved ones soldier in some foreign country for months, if not years.

The Army has changed much in the four decades since I first marched into combat in Vietnam. Then the majority of Soldiers were draftees. They didn't ask to be called, but didn't run away to Canada. They went when called and served where ordered, which meant in a hellish jungle war against a formidable foe.

They died by the thousands, were

wounded by the hundreds of thousands. Those who made it home unscratched were by no means untouched. They carried the scars of witnessing brutal infantry combat at an age when they should have been home, dreaming of cars and girls. Their era ended with the war they fought. The draft went away 30 years ago and a volunteer force took their place.

That Army, and those new Soldiers, stunned the world with what they did in the Persian Gulf War, Operation Desert Storm. In just 100 hours of swift ground combat they routed the hapless Iraqis and liberated Kuwait. Before the last Soldier made it home from that outing, the Army was being cut back from 12 divisions to 10. It is ever thus. So the force would shrink but also grow more lethal.

The American Soldier deployed again and again: Mogadishu, Grenada, Panama, Haiti, Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq one more time.

I see them sometimes in my dreams, and they are always the same, these American Soldiers: Young, gaunt, burdened like pack animals, homesick, wary, weary – and so proud to be serving their country.

They give so much and ask so little. The next time you see a man or woman in uniform just walk up, shake hands, and say: Thank you for your service.

And watch the tears come into their eyes.
(Joseph L. Galloway is the senior military correspondent for Knight Ridder Newspapers.)

STREET TALK

What's your New Year resolution for 2004?



"To increase my relationship with the lord."

Steve McCall,
AFCAP 455th EOG.



"To stay persistent with my body building."

Pfc. Ron Majewski,
290th MP Co.



"To get home safely, my wife made me promise that one."

Capt. Anthony Slaton,
45th Inf. Bde.



"To tell my fiancée that I love her more often."

Lance Cpl. Benjamin Willard,
2-8 Marines

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Afghanistan Hot Topics



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U.N. envoy holds talks to help build consensus for constitution

(UN News Center) – The senior United Nations envoy to Afghanistan today held meetings with delegates to the country's grand council after they asked for help to build consensus in the process of setting up a national constitution.

Lakhdar Brahimi, the Secretary-General's Special Representative to Afghanistan, met delegates to the constitutional grand council, or Loya Jirga, in Kabul. He also met Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai and the loya jirga's president.

The Loya Jirga, which began last month, has the task of drawing up a national constitution for Afghanistan. Its 502 delegates come from across Afghanistan and represent numerous ethnic groups.

A spokesman for Brahimi said his impression from today's meetings was that a "workable consensus" around an acceptable constitution might now be emerging.

Pakistan seizes weapons cache near Afghan border

QUETTA, Pakistan (Reuters) – Pakistani police have seized a truck loaded with Soviet-era weapons, including anti-tank and anti-personnel mines, which they said were being ferried from Afghanistan to carry out terrorist attacks within the country.

Police chased a truck in the remote southwestern region of Zohb, about 60 km (35 miles) from the border with Afghanistan, on Thursday when its driver did not stop at a security post, they said.

The driver and his colleagues abandoned the truck and escaped, Baluchistan provincial police chief Shoaib Suddle said.

More than 100 anti-tank and anti-personal mines, rocket launchers, mortar bombs, machineguns, detonators and thousands of rounds of bullets were found on the truck, he told reporters in the provincial capital Quetta.

"The weapons were being brought for terrorist activities from Afghanistan," Suddle said.

Pakistan has seen a spate of attacks by suspected Islamic militants since it joined the U.S.-led war against terror. But it has also been ac-

cused of fomenting violence in Afghanistan by failing to prevent militants from that country's former Taliban regime regrouping on its soil.

The rugged province of Baluchistan shares a 1,200 kilometers (720 mile) largely mountainous border with Afghanistan.

The Afghan Taliban enjoy strong support from their fellow ethnic Pashtun tribesmen in Baluchistan, and many are believed to be hiding in the province.

United Nations assisting Afghan refugees from Bam

KABUL, Afghanistan (IRIN) – In collaboration with local authorities, aid organizations and U.N. agencies in the western Afghan border city of Herat are working to assist hundreds of Afghans that have returned to their homeland following last week's devastating earthquake in the southwestern Iranian city of Bam, many of whom have returned to bury their dead.

The news follows reports from the Afghan-Iran border that thousands of Afghan refugees who lived in the city were heading home, after the deadly quake ripped through the ancient city on Dec. 26, killing at least 30,000 people and leaving thousands more homeless.

On Wednesday, the U.N. World Food Programme (WFP) announced it was preparing to help returning Afghans from Bam. "WFP is providing both transport services and food assistance to those families suffering the devastating trauma of having lost their loved ones and their belongings in Bam at the same time," Maarten Roest, a public affairs officer for the food agency told IRIN on Thursday in Kabul.

And while exact figures had yet to emerge, WFP said that according to Iranian government sources the death toll among Afghans living in Bam amounted to some 3,600 people, most of whom had already been buried in the city itself. However, authorities in Afghanistan's southwestern Herat and Farah provinces bordering Iran, foresee that up to 700 deceased may be brought into the country by their families.

"At the same time WFP has allocated enough food to give each family member – up to 3,000 people – a three-month ration and is pre-posit-

tioning a total of 780 mt of wheat and 21 mt of pulses," Roest said, noting they had also loaned 100 mt of high energy biscuits intended for Afghanistan to the emergency in Bam.

Meanwhile, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) told IRIN from Herat that over 220 corpses had arrived in Afghanistan in the border provinces of Nimruz, Herat and Farah. UNHCR said the most affected province had been Farah, while emergency food and non-food items were on the way to reach victims' families who had already arrived.

"Today food and non-food items were sent to Farah for 250 families who might or have already arrived," Claire Bourgeois, the head of the agency's western area office said.

According to the refugee agency, it had considered some extra assistance to Bam returnees in addition to its routine return package normally provided. "We already have the return packages for returnees but we do have some additional resources for Bam returnees as they have lost so much," Filippo Grandi, UNHCR's chief of Mission told IRIN in Kabul.

To date, Grandi said that they had helped repatriate between 200 and 300 families of those Afghans who had been affected by the earthquake, "and we are now helping the repatriation of those Afghans who used to live in Bam and now want to go to Afghanistan for one reason or the other." The chief of mission said the government of Iran had registered three thousand Afghans (living) in Bam, "but we don't know how many survived."

Meanwhile, Afghan authorities in Kabul told IRIN, that the minister of repatriation had travelled to Bam to assess the situation and to deal with the situation of Afghans there. "Minister Inayatullah Nazari has been sent by the Afghan government to give moral support to the Afghans there and also to express the solidarity of the Afghan government with Iran," Habibullah Qaderi, chief advisor at the ministry of refugees and repatriation told IRIN in Kabul.

According to the official, only up to seven hundred corpses of Afghans had been identified so far, noting several hundred would wish to repatriate to bury relatives inside the country.

Koreans showcase martial talent



A ROK Marine demonstrates Taekwondo movements for Bagram coalition members at the Bagram Civic Center.

Photos by Maj. Matthew Garner
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The Republic of Korea Marine Corps troops assigned to Bagram put on a Taekwondo demonstration Fri-

day at the Bagram Civic Center.

The Marines demonstrated “crushing movements, Taekwon chapters and Taekwon dance,” as well as gave out door prizes to coalition troops who attended.



Two ROK Marines demonstrate Taekwondo, the Korean art of self defense, by sparring. In addition to the practical applications of the martial art, Taekwondo is one of the newest Olympic sports.



ROK Marines watch the demonstration progress at the Bagram Civic Center.



A high-flying Marine breaks a board for the crowd.



Music Notes (Compiled from CNN.com)



Natalie Imbruglia.

Pop princess in secret wedding

BRISBANE, Australia – Popstar Natalie Imbruglia has married Daniel Johns, frontman for Australian rock band Silverchair, in a secret ceremony at a tropical resort, a report says.

The couple exchanged vows Wednesday at an exclusive resort on Australia's northeastern coast, with a large white marquee seen on the lawns of the Thala Beach Lodge, near Port Douglas, *Australian Associated Press* reported.

Johns 24, and Imbruglia 28, who announced their engagement earlier this year, flew into nearby Cairns airport Tuesday night and were driven off the tarmac in a gold limousine.

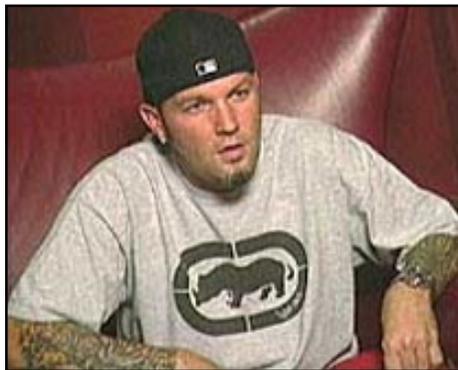
Imbruglia wore a silk chiffon v-necked gown, with a hand draped layered handkerchief hem, designed by Beverley Hills designer Monique Lhuillier, *AAP* reported.

Johns wore a vintage pale blue suit.

The newlyweds will release a wedding photograph for sale, with proceeds going toward a favored charity of the couple.

Imbruglia first rose to stardom in Australia as an actress on the television drama "Neighbors" which also spawned pop princesses Kylie Minogue and Holly Valance.

After leaving the show for a stake at a musical career in England Imbruglia topped the charts with the single "Tom."



Limp Bizkit's "Results May Vary" ranks No. 64 on the U.S. pop charts.

Limp Bizkit worst band of year

LOS ANGELES – Limp Bizkit, which suffered slow sales of its long-awaited new album, has been named worst band of the year by readers of *Guitar World* magazine.

Creed, another act that draws sharp reactions, came in at No. 2 even though the Christian combo took the year off. New York rockers the Strokes were No. 3, followed by "all pop-punk bands" at No. 4 and pop-punk band Good Charlotte at No. 5.

Limp Bizkit's "Results May Vary" has sold one million copies after 13 weeks, and ranks No. 64 on the U.S. pop charts.

Its previous release, 2000's "Chocolate Starfish" and the "Hotdog Flavored Water," ranked No. 5 after 13 weeks with sales of four million copies.

Metallica's poor-selling new album, "St. Anger," was named biggest disappointment, but it also came in at No. 2 as the best metal album, ranking behind Black Label Society's "The Blessed Hellride."

Metallica's Kirk Hammett was named best metal guitarist, a possible consolation prize for having all his solos cut from "St. Anger," and Foo Fighters frontman Dave Grohl was named best rock guitarist, notwithstanding his initial claim to fame as the drummer with defunct rock band Nirvana.

Another long-gone band, Led Zeppelin, released the best rock album of 2003, the 3-CD live package "How the West Was Won," according to *Guitar World* readers.

That category was rounded out by Audioslave's self-titled debut, the White Stripes' "Elephant," Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Vicious Cycle" and Rush's "Rock in Rio."

Elliott Smith death a question

LOS ANGELES – Los Angeles coroner's officials said Tuesday they could not determine whether the stab wounds that killed Oscar-nominated singer-songwriter Elliott Smith in October were self-inflicted.

An autopsy report appears to leave the nature of Smith's death, which was initially called a suicide by Los Angeles police, an open question.

The body of Smith – who earned an Oscar nomination and widespread notice for his 1997 single "Miss Misery" from the film "Good Will Hunting" – was found in October at his Los Angeles home by the musician's live-in girlfriend.

Coroner's spokesman David Campbell said Smith, 34, died from two "penetrating stab wounds" to the chest.

"The trauma that he sustained could have been inflicted by him or by another and the coroner has not been able to make a determination," Campbell said.

Campbell said toxicology tests found no illegal or controlled substances in Smith's system. The singer was apparently taking anti-depressants and medication for attention deficit disorder at the time of his death but was not abusing them, Campbell said.

He said the case would remain open and that coroner's officials would revisit their findings if additional information surfaced.

Bagram Air Base MWR Event

Dance Party

1530Z at the MWR building

Tomorrow's movie:

"The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen"

Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from SI.com)



Trojans state case for national title

PASADENA, Calif. – This time, USC didn't need to put a 50 on the scoreboard to prove its dominance. In fact, it was only the second time all season the Trojans had won a game by fewer than 20 points.

Only it didn't seem that way watching it.

It's not that Michigan didn't play like a No. 4 team in Thursday's Rose Bowl, and it's not like the Wolverines failed to put up a fight.



Matt Leinart threw three touchdown passes – and then caught one from Mike Williams.

But the Trojans, despite facing their toughest adversary to date, simply did what they always do in the course of their 28-14 victory: make football look like as effortless an endeavor as tying one's shoes.

"From the jump, we said it doesn't matter what team we play," animated USC defensive lineman Omar Nazel proclaimed in the aftermath of his team's split championship-clinching victory. "As long as we go out and execute to the fullest, no one can stop us."

Unfortunately, we'll never know whether Oklahoma or LSU could have proven otherwise.

But after watching the way quarterback Matt Leinart and receivers Keary Colbert and Mike Williams picked apart the Wolverines' highly-regarded secondary, after watching the Trojans rack up nine sacks against a Michigan offensive line that had allowed 15 all season, after watching their defense hold All-America running back Chris Perry largely in check, AP voters will have no trouble justifying their expected opinion.

"I think we stated our case to being No. 1," said USC defensive end Shaun Cody, "by beating them so handily."

Blue Jackets win in coach's first game

TAMPA, Fla. – Marc Denis made sure Gerard Gallant's coaching debut was a success.

Denis made 37 saves to help Columbus beat the Tampa Bay Lightning 2-0 on Friday in Gallant's first game as the Blue Jackets' interim head coach.

"From 11 o'clock yesterday morning until before the puck dropped, I was nervous," Gallant said. "I was butterflies and I was a little scared. It was really good to get the puck dropped and get the

game going because that's what I enjoy most about hockey is the game itself and it went real well."

Gallant, who was an assistant under Doug MacLean, took over the team Thursday when MacLean — the team's president and general manager — stepped down as coach.

"With everything that's happened around our team the last couple of days, this was a great way to start something new," Denis said. "Obviously it's not the whole battle — there's a long way to go — but you've got to start somewhere.

"We said we'd make yesterday Day 1 with a change behind our bench and hopefully we'll have a different philosophy and a different feeling about this group."

Manning leads Rebels over Cowboys

DALLAS – Eli Manning stayed another year at Mississippi in hopes of a season just like this: 10 wins and a January victory.

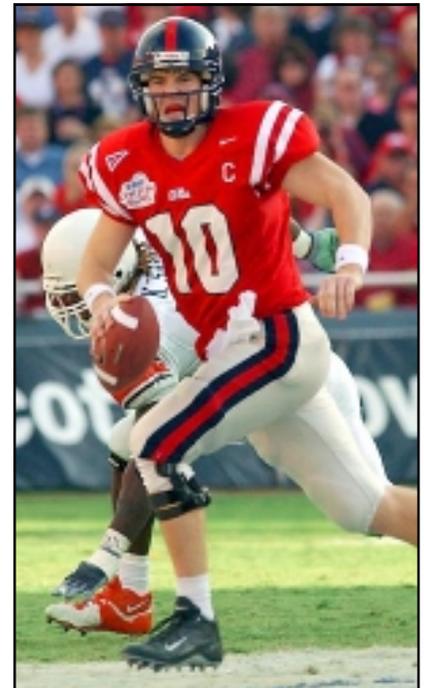
Manning threw for 259 yards and two touchdowns and ran for another score in his final game for Ole Miss, leading the No. 16 Rebels to a 31-28 victory over No. 21 Oklahoma State in the Cotton Bowl on Friday.

"Everything about this year has been great. It's been a great run ... it's been a fun ride," said Manning, who completed 22 of 31 passes. "It has to end sometime. We picked a great way to end it."

Not ready for the college experience to end, Manning decided against early entry into the NFL draft last spring. Already considered a top prospect, he only increased his stock with a standout senior season.

Manning threw for 3,600 yards and 29 touchdowns this season, led the Rebels to their first 10-win season since 1971. He also led Ole Miss' first January victory since the 1970 Sugar Bowl when his father, Archie, threw a touchdown pass and ran for another score in a 27-22 win over Arkansas.

"This raises the bar for us," coach David Cutcliffe said.



Eli Manning finished with 10,119 career passing yards at Ole Miss ... just 1,082 short of brother Peyton's SEC record.

Clemson rolls to win 24-17 over Tennessee in Peach Bowl

ATLANTA – Clemson extended Tennessee’s woes in the Peach Bowl, thanks to a lot of help from the Volunteers.

Chad Jasmin ran for a career-high 130 yards and a touchdown, helping the Tigers upset No. 6 Tennessee 27-14 Friday.

Kyle Browning and Duane Coleman added TD runs, helping the Tigers (9-4) to their fourth straight victory.

The Volunteers (10-3) lost the Peach Bowl for the second straight season, although the score was a bit closer than the 30-3 rout by Maryland a year ago. In this one, they committed 10 penalties, including two for pass interference, two for unsportsmanlike conduct and two for roughing quarterback Charlie Whitehurst.

James Wilhoit also missed a 35-yard field goal in the third quarter that would have brought Tennessee within seven points. The miss came at the end of a 17-play, 62-yard drive, and that pretty much was the last chance for the Volunteers.

Aaron Hunt kicked two field goals for Clemson, which gave the Atlantic Coast Conference its third straight Peach Bowl victory.

Jon Kitna tabbed as AP’s NFL Comeback Player of the Year

CINCINNATI – Jon Kitna’s whole career has been about comebacks.

Written off in college, he made it to the NFL as an undrafted free agent. He led Seattle to the playoffs, only to lose his job. He came to Cincinnati as a starter and lost his job again.

Now, he has pulled off the most unexpected comeback of all.

With a Heisman Trophy winner waiting to take his job, Kitna led the Bengals to a long-awaited resurgence, keeping Cincinnati in contention until the final game.

On Friday, he was honored as *The Associated Press* NFL Comeback Player of the Year.

“My whole life, I never had anything handed to me,” Kitna said. “Nobody thought I was ‘the guy.’ I was always a pretty good athlete, but I was never one that people clamored about or anything like that.”

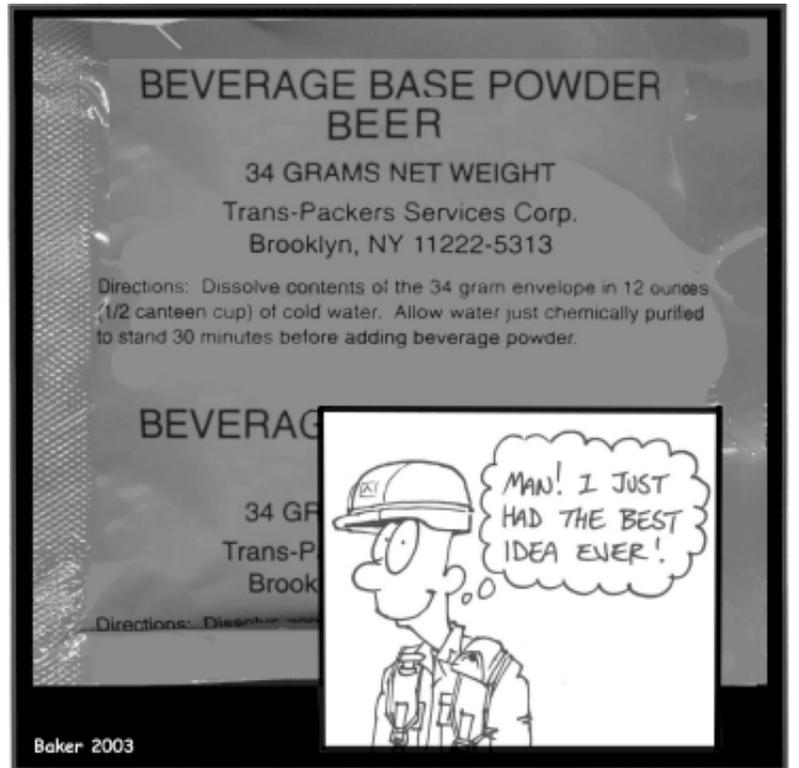
Kitna got them talking during the Bengals’ turnaround season. He eliminated his propensity for mistakes and led the Bengals out of their 12-year run as the league’s woeful team.

“Finally people started to see our team as something serious,” Kitna said.

Solution from Friday’s Crossword in the *Freedom Watch*

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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

- ❖ 0530Z — Catholic mass
- ❖ 0700Z — Protestant worship
- ❖ 0830Z — Latter-Day Saints worship
- ❖ 1400Z — Gospel service

Monday

- ❖ 0700Z — Catholic mass

Tuesday

- ❖ 0700Z — Catholic mass
- ❖ 1400Z — Protestant Bible study

Wednesday

- ❖ 0700Z — Catholic mass
- ❖ 1400Z — Protestant mid-week service

Thursday

- ❖ 0700Z — Catholic mass
- ❖ 1400Z — Gospel Bible study

Friday

- ❖ 0700Z — Catholic mass
- ❖ 0745Z — Noon-Day prayer
- ❖ 0830Z — Islamic Jumaa'h prayer
- ❖ 1430Z — Jewish prayer

Saturday

- ❖ 1330Z — Gospel Choir practice
- ❖ 1430Z — Bible study
- ❖ 1515Z — Catholic mass
- ❖ 1900Z — Evening Worship service

K2 chapel hours

Sunday

- ❖ 0300Z- Liturgical Service
- ❖ 0400,0730,1400Z-General Protestant Service
- ❖ 0530Z-Roman Catholic Mass
- ❖ 1230Z-Latter Day Saints

Monday

- ❖ 1230Z-Catholic Mass

Tuesday

- ❖ 1230Z-Catholic Mass
- ❖ 1400Z-Biblestudy

Wednesday

- ❖ 1230Z-Catholic Mass
- ❖ 1400Z-Midweek Praise Service

Thursday

- ❖ 1230Z-Catholic Mass

Friday

- ❖ 1400Z-Jewish Service
- ❖ 1230Z-Catholic Mass
- ❖ 1400Z-Biblestudy

Saturday

- ❖ 0400Z-Jewish Service
- ❖ 1230Z-Catholic Mass
- ❖ 1400Z-Spanish Worship Services

Kabul Compound chapel hours

Sunday

- ❖ 0430Z — Protestant service (ARK Conference room)
- ❖ 1000Z — U.S. Embassy service (Dining facility)

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Lo — 19F

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Hi — 43F
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Kabul



Hi — 41F
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Hi — 50F
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Sunday



Hi — 47F
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Hi — 37F
Lo — 27F



Hi — 36F
Lo — 25F



Hi — 52F
Lo — 27F

Monday



Hi — 45F
Lo — 33F



Hi — 43F
Lo — 25F



Hi — 43F
Lo — 23F



Hi — 50F
Lo — 32F

Task Force Phoenix chapel hours

Daily

- ❖ 1430Z — Estudio Biblico En Espanol

Sunday

- ❖ 1330Z — Catholic Mass
- ❖ 1600Z — Latter Day Saints (DFAC)

Tuesday

- ❖ 1530Z — Bible Study

Friday

- ❖ 0530Z — Protestant Service
- ❖ 1230Z — Choir practice

All events are held in Chapel or DFAC.