



News briefs

(Compiled from CNN.com)

CIA chief: al Qaeda poses new threats

WASHINGTON— The al Qaeda terrorist network has reorganized after its ouster from Afghanistan and “intends to strike us here and overseas,” CIA Director George Tenet told a congressional committee Thursday. The domestic “threat environment” is as bad as it was in the summer of 2001, before the September 11 attacks, Tenet said.

Saddam: US policy ‘evil’

BAGHDAD, Iraq— Saddam Hussein laid out Iraq’s case against the United States as one of “good against evil” and urged the Iraqi people to put their faith in him as he embarks on a new seven-year term as president. In a 40-minute taped address to the nation as he was sworn in, he appeared to choke back tears as he took the oath, and

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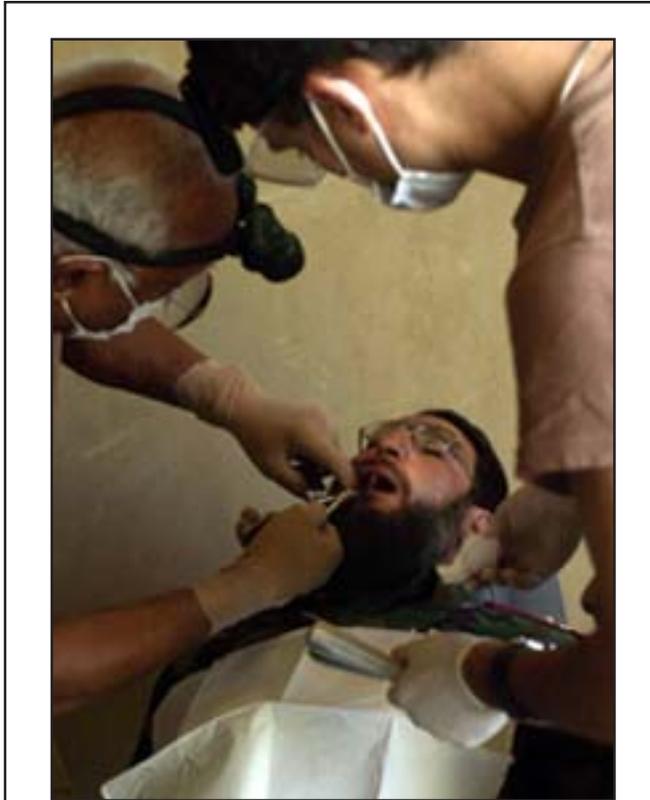


Photo by Spc. Erica Leigh Foley

Dental care

Col. Donald Hart, 339th Combat Support Hospital, oral surgen, provides dental care on humanitarian missions to the local community in the Kohi-Sofi region.

Red Cross opens new office at KAF

Story & photo by Spc. Kevin Buckley
300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan – The Red Cross has arrived at Kandahar Airfield.

The Red Cross mis-

sion is to deliver urgent messages to soldiers and hand out items sent from home, said Brenda Hindman, the station manager. These items have been sent to troops overseas from schools,

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Bush signs resolution for U.S. force against Iraq

By Gerry J. Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON— With a few pen strokes this morning, the chief executive set the nation on course for possibly another major military confrontation with Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein.

Sporting a vivid crimson tie, President Bush signed Resolution 114, passed last week in bipartisan votes in both houses of Congress. The resolution authorizes the use of U.S. military power to make Iraq comply with U.N. resolutions it signed in 1991 to end the Persian Gulf War.

The U.S. resolution “symbolizes the united purpose of our nation, expresses the considered judgment of the Congress, and marks an important event in the life of America,” Bush

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First Sgt. Bennie Wells III, 82nd Soldiers Support Battalion, receives a pack of razors from Brenda Hindman, station manager of the newly-opened Red Cross station at Kandahar Airfield.

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said at the White House ceremony.

Bush noted Iraq has steadfastly refused to jettison its chemical, biological and nuclear weapons of mass destruction programs. He called the Iraqi regime “a serious and growing threat to peace.”

Under Saddam, Iraq has had “a history of mass murder, of striking other nations without warning, of intense hatred for America and of contempt for the demands of the civilized world,” the president said. Saddam’s regime, he said, has biological and chemical weapons and ballistic missiles, it promotes international terror, and it seeks nuclear weapons.

While Congress has now authorized the use of force to subdue Saddam, Bush emphasized he has not yet ordered the use of force.

“I hope the use of force will not become necessary,” the president pointed out. However, he said confronting the threat of Saddam’s Iraq now is necessary

by whatever means.

“Either the Iraqi regime will give up its weapons of mass destruction or, for the sake of peace, the United States will lead a global coalition to disarm that regime,” Bush explained.

Any doubters of American determination and resolve in this matter would be unwise to test it, Bush pointed out.

Action must be taken soon or Iraq will achieve greater destructive power, Bush noted. Under that scenario, other nations in the Middle East would face potential Iraqi blackmail, intimidation or attack, he said.

Ensuing instability in the Middle East—due to Iraqi machinations, backed by its arms and terrorist-group ties—would be felt in Europe and beyond and threaten the peace and security of many nations, Bush said.

The world can’t live in denial of the Iraqi threat, Bush pointed out, while he urged the United Nations to press the world’s case against Saddam.

“The time has arrived, once again, for the United Nations to live up to the purposes of its founding, to protect our common security,” Bush said. “The time has arrived once again for free nations to face up to our global responsibilities and confront a gathering danger.”

Iraq under Saddam has defied U.N. resolutions to give up its WMDs and to disarm for 4,199 days, Bush noted. U.N. weapons inspectors were kicked out of Iraq in 1998, and Bush pointed out that the Iraqis had “blocked effective inspections of so-called presidential sites—actually 12 square miles with hundreds of structures where sensitive materials could be hidden.”

Saddam’s regime, he added, also forged documents, disabled surveillance cameras and developed mobile weapons facilities to keep ahead of any (weapons) inspector, Bush noted.

“For Iraq, the old weapons inspection process was little more than a game in which cheating was

never punished,” Bush said. “That game is over. The ploys and promises of the Iraqi regime no longer matter. The regime is free to continue saying whatever it chooses. Its fate depends entirely on what it actually does.”

America’s goal in confronting Saddam is not just to limit Iraq’s violations of Security Council resolutions or to slow down its weapons program.

“Our goal is to fully and finally remove a real threat to world peace and to America,” Bush said. “Hopefully this can be done peacefully. Hopefully we can do this without any military action.” To avoid military action, Iraq is obliged to prove its compliance with all the world’s demands, he added.

Bush said Iraq must provide an “accurate and full and complete accounting for all chemical, biological and nuclear weapons materials, as well as missiles and other means of delivery any-

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Bagram Air Base MWR movies

The Bagram Air Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff present “Behind Enemy Lines” tonight at 1530Z at the MWR building. Tomorrow’s movie will be “Scorpion King,” showing at the same time.



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fire departments, Girl Scouts and other people who just want to help.

Some of the supplies that the Red Cross is currently handing out include cookies, candies, toiletries and cards.

“We check the items before we hand them out to the soldiers to make sure that they are safe,” said Hindman.

The Red Cross office is located in the terminal near the post office and their door is always open if soldiers need assistance.

“I have worked with the Red Cross for 17 years,” said Hindman. “Jacqueline (Lackney, assistant station

manger) and I are glad to be here and will do all that we can to help the soldiers.”

Hindman has previously been to Kuwait, and Lackney has been to Bosnia delivering messages and handing out items to the troops for the Red Cross.

“We want soldiers to know that they can take the first step if they receive distressing news from home,” said Lackney. “We have the ability to find out what the situation is and take care of it as soon as possible so the soldiers do not have to wait.”

The Red Cross plans on staying here until soldiers are no longer in Kandahar Airfield.

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told the Iraqis he was grateful for their loyalty. At one point, Saddam brandished a sword nearly as tall as he. U.S. leaders “have tried to isolate and separate the (Iraqi) people from their leaders,” he said. But the Iraqis have not been persuaded, he said, noting that the country’s 7,000-year history is rich in culture. Calling the U.S. policy “evil,” Saddam said, “They remind us of the poet who said, ‘You can only reach the living and you cannot reach the dead.’ Their arrogance have led them to this evil path.”

Adults, kids brawl at game

PICORIVERA, California—Two men were arrested Thursday for allegedly kicking a man in the head repeatedly in a videotaped brawl that erupted after a weekend youth football game. Joe Saracho, 32, and his brother Gino, 25, were booked on charges of assault with a deadly weapon, said Los Angeles County sheriff’s Lt. Al Grotefend. The deadly weapon was their feet, he said.

DFAC hours

Breakfast

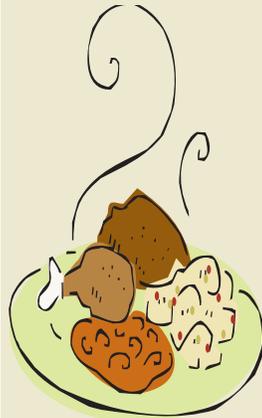
Bagram Viper City	0130Z to 0430Z
Bagram Hanger	0230Z to 0430Z
Kabul	0200Z to 0330Z
Kandahar	0200Z to 0500Z

Lunch

Bagram Viper City	MRE
Bagram Hanger	MRE
Kabul	MRE
Kandahar	1200Z to 1400Z

Dinner

Bagram Viper City	1200Z to 1600Z
Bagram Hanger	1200Z to 1400Z
Kabul	1230Z to 1415Z
Kandahar	1900Z to 2100Z



KAF troops compete in weightlifting contest

*Story & photo by Sgt. Eric Barker
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KANDAHAR, Afghanistan – The ancestry of weightlifting goes back to the beginning of recorded history where man’s fascination with physical prowess can be found among numerous ancient writings. A 5,000-year-old Chinese text tells of prospective soldiers having to pass lifting tests.

This rich history of weightlifting was continued at Kandahar Airfield when 40 service members competed in a ‘weightlifting’ contest Sunday.

“Actually, it was a last minute thing. I was working out next door and decided to sign-up,” said Pfc. James Haynes, anti-armor with Com-



Spc. Donald Weathersby, Charlie Company 1st of the 229th Aviation Regiment, gives it all he has during the squat portion of the weightlifting competition at Kandahar Airfield.

pany D, 1/505 Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division.

“We only expected 12 service members and considered

canceling the event. But we got a strong push at the end, thanks to some good advertising,” explained Staff Sgt. St. Francis Smith, contest NCOIC

and Ambulance Platoon Sgt. with C Co. 82nd Forward Support Battalion. “The crowd was great and it’s been a big success.”

Weightlifting epitomizes the human desire to seek out challenges, to attempt to do what is seemingly impossible and to succeed.

“Being a female in the 82nd (Airborne Division), I am used to being out-numbered,” said Spc. Shakeema Cadena, the only female participant. “This weightlifting contest just makes me more competitive to try to show up some of the guys.”

Cadena is a supply specialist with B Co. 82nd FSB.

“I had not lifted in two years,” Haynes said. “So

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Seahawks best corner in Shawn Springs for a pivotal touchdown, Owens pulled a Sharpie from his sock and autographed the ball before giving it to his financial advisor in the front row. Owens, who also disrespected the Dallas Cowboys two years ago, says he did nothing wrong. The media do. The NFL declined to punish him, but said it will take action if it happens



again.

What?!

Owens, who is one of the best players in the league, is being ostracized for that! Come on, give the man a break. He was just trying to add a new dimension to the game, trying to get the fans something to talk about. Marketing himself was all he was doing.

This scolding coming from a league which was “lenient” toward another great receiver, and Moss really did do something terrible.

The NFL is the loser in this matter.

*Baseball had its own bonehead too. (No, it wasn’t Bud Selig.)

Everyone knows about all the suffering the St. Louis Cardinals have endured this season. Their beloved announcer Jack Buck died and their best



pitcher, Darryl Kile perished in his sleep. They survived though and won the NL Central championship by 13 games, swept past the defending champions in the first round. Yes, it was like watching a movie, like watching Lassie rescue Timmy. But it takes one person to ruin that sentiment.

A disc jockey joked about Kile’s widow, Flynn, taking a special someone to the playoffs. The team was infuriated and called for the

man’s job.

Talk about being a complete loser.

*Finally, I’m reminded about a student I met in San Angelo, Texas, a few years ago. We were partying throughout the wee hours of the night until we stumbled into a tattoo parlor across the university.

My friend said he wanted a tattoo on his chest that read “Born to Lose.” I didn’t get one because I’m afraid of needles. *Hey! We were all once afraid of that thing!*

Anyway, the first thing my friend wanted do was to show off was his new tattoo to his girlfriend. But, when he showed it to her, she angrily stormed off.

My friend didn’t understand. He looked down at his tattoo and was shocked.

It read “Born too loose.”

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where in Iraq.” Failure to do so, he noted, would be a “further indication of the Iraqi regime’s bad faith and aggressive intent.”

Weapons inspectors, he added, must have access to Iraqi sites at any time “without pre-clearance, without delay, without exceptions.” Inspectors must be permitted to operate under new, effective rules, he emphasized, and the Iraqi regime must accept those rules “without qualification or negotiation.”

To verify compliance, the Iraqis “must allow witnesses to its illegal activities to be interviewed outside of the country,” Bush said. These witnesses, he continued, must be able to bring their entire families with them so they’re beyond Saddam’s reach.

Besides declaring and destroying all its weapons of mass destruc-

tion, Iraq, in accordance with U.N. Security Council demands, must end its support for terrorism, Bush continued. As part of U.N. demands, Iraq must stop persecuting its civilian population, he said.

Bush said Iraq must also stop all illicit trade outside the oil-for-food program and account for all Gulf War personnel, including Navy pilot Cmdr. Michael Speicher, whose fate is unknown. Speicher’s F/A-18 Hornet fighter was shot down by enemy fire during the first day of the air war over Iraq on Jan. 17, 1991.

“We’re working to build the broadest possible coalition to enforce the demands of the world on the Iraqi regime,” Bush said.

He reminded the Iraq that the United States “has never sought to dominate, has never sought to conquer. We’ve always sought to liberate and to free. Our desire is to

help Iraqi citizens find the blessings of liberty within their own culture and their own traditions.”

He said the Iraqis cannot flourish under a dictator who oppresses and threatens them. With Saddam gone, by whatever means, “America, along with many other nations, will share a responsibility to help Iraq reform and prosper,” Bush pledged.

As the U.S. military’s commander in chief, Bush said he realizes the risks that war with Iraq pose to America and to service members who would have to face those risks. Yet, he emphasized, those risks will only increase with time if Saddam isn’t confronted now.

Ignoring Saddam today would create a false sense of peace leading to a future in which millions live or die at the discretion of a brutal dictator. “That’s not true peace, and we won’t accept it,” Bush said.

The Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks against America put the country on notice that it’s not immune from the dangers and hatreds of the world, he said. The attacks have caused the nation to resolve to oppose every threat, from any source, that could bring sudden tragedy to the American people,” Bush asserted.

“This nation will not live at the mercy of any foreign power or plot. Confronting grave dangers is the surest path to peace and security,” he said. “This is the expectation of the American people and the decision of their elected representatives.

“I thank the Congress for a thorough debate and an overwhelming statement of support,” he continued. “The broad resolve of our government is now clear to all, clear to everyone to see. We will defend our nation and lead others in defending the peace.”



ENTERTAINMENT

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Celebrity Briefs

(Compiled from yahoo.com)

Hollywood sniper movie put on hold

LOS ANGELES - The "Beltway sniper" terrorizing residents around the nation's capital has claimed his first Hollywood "casualty." As authorities in the Washington, D.C., suburbs search for a gunman linked to the shooting deaths of at least nine people, film studio 20th Century Fox has pulled its upcoming sniper thriller, "Phone Booth," from its Nov. 15 release date. "In light of recent events, we are delaying the release of 'Phone Booth' to an as-yet undetermined date," studio spokeswoman Flo Grace said on Thursday.

Sarandon to be honored

NEW YORK- Susan Sarandon will return to New Jersey to be honored at the Cape May NJ Film Festival. The actress will receive the first-ever New Jersey Governor's Award for Outstanding Contribution to Jersey Arts on Nov. 15, at the festival's opening night dinner.

Keane honored by New York's USO

By Bruce Zielsdorf
Army News Service

NEW YORK – The Army's 29th Vice Chief of Staff Gen. John Keane shared the spotlight with world-renowned real-estate financier Donald Trump at an Oct. 9 gala event in midtown Manhattan.

The two men were

awarded Gold Medals for Distinguished Service by the United Service Organizations of Metropolitan New York.

The 41st Annual Gold Medal Awards Dinner, which also commemorated 61 years of service for the USO, included star entertainment, military fanfare and special recognition of

outstanding service members from each branch of the Armed Forces.

Senior military leaders, government officials, corporate leaders and celebrities packed the Grand Ballroom of the Plaza Hotel to "salute" Keane and Trump.

Rock-and-roll singer Joan Jett, who recently launched her fifth USO

world tour, was joined by Miss Universe Justine Pasek, a 22-year-old native of Panama City, Panama and actress Joyce Randolph, remembered for her portrayal of Trixie, wife of "Ed Norton" on television's historic "The Honeymooners" comedy

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By Mark Baker

Pvt. Murphy's Law

Murphy's Law: Combat Operations Military Laws

- ❖ The enemy diversion you're ignoring is their main attack.
- ❖ The enemy invariably attacks on two occasions: when they're ready & when you're not.
- ❖ No OPLAN ever survives initial contact.
- ❖ There is no such thing as a perfect plan.
- ❖ Five second fuzes always burn three seconds.
- ❖ There is no such thing as an atheist in a foxhole.

The Crox of the Matter

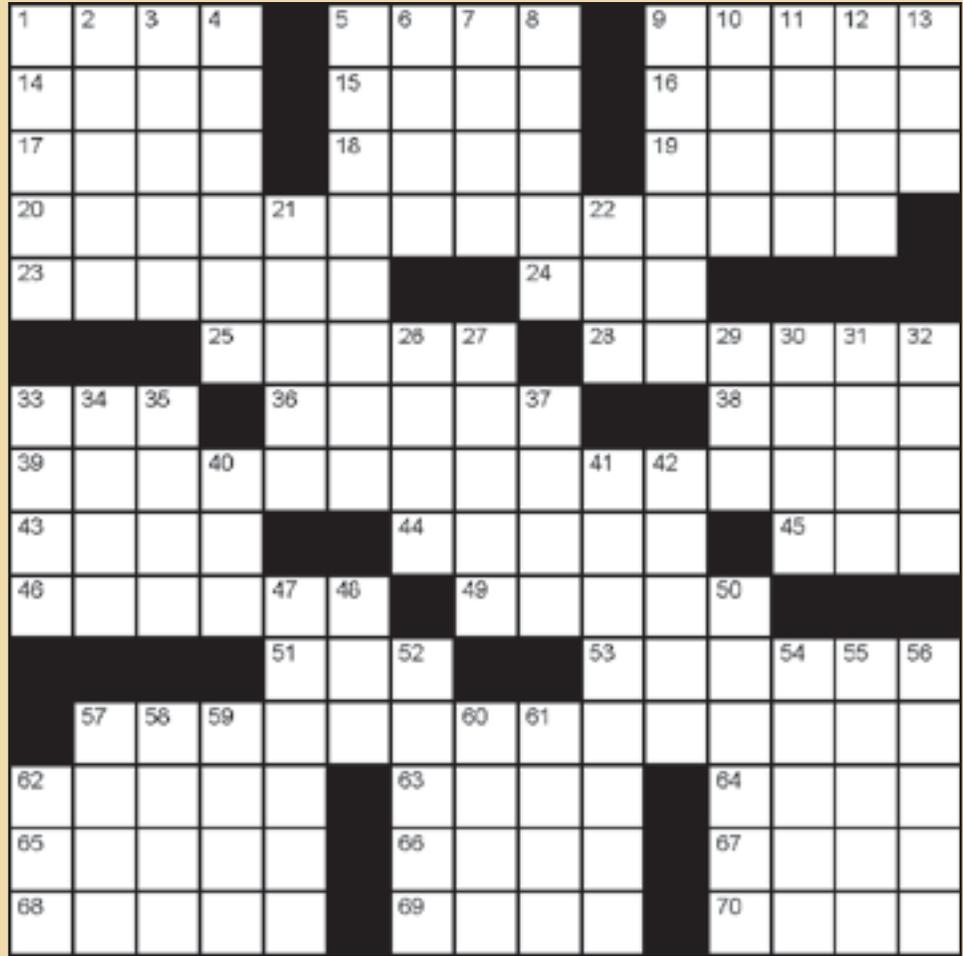
(Courtesy of QUIZLAND.com)

Across

- 1 Place for a padlock
- 5 Apple or pear
- 9 Let up
- 14 Exam sans pencils
- 15 Assayers assay them
- 16 To this point
- 17 Easily split mineral
- 18 Vientiane's country
- 19 "My fault!"
- 20 CROCK
- 23 Lists of candidates
- 24 Kyoto cash
- 25 Beanery patron
- 28 Put in a footlocker
- 33 Ill temper
- 36 Posy holders
- 38 Toddler's glassful
- 39 KROC
- 43 A big fan of
- 44 Baseball's Dizzy and Daffy
- 45 ___-Cat (winter vehicle)
- 46 Producer Bochco
- 49 Word after Penn or before pen
- 51 Mauna ___
- 53 Cohere with heat
- 57 CROC
- 62 Fabulous fellow?
- 63 Bit of vocal fanfare
- 64 Israel's Abba
- 65 Take potshots
- 66 Pizzeria appliance
- 67 Orange coat
- 68 Not so loco
- 69 Monopoly payment
- 70 Bratty talk

Down

- 1 Great Lakes mnemonic
- 2 Popular Windows typeface
- 3 Pelvic bones
- 4 River to the Missouri
- 5 Guiding light



- 6 Algerian port
- 35 Art Deco icon
- 7 Tabby's talk
- 37 Some vocal improvising
- 8 Op-ed piece
- 40 White House URL suffix
- 9 Thumbs-up
- 41 Not quite straight
- 10 Betty of old cartoons
- 42 Port of old Rome
- 11 Bushy do
- 47 Stereotypical ladder climber
- 12 Like a sourball
- 48 ___'wester
- 13 Suffix with mock or crock
- 50 Walks onstage
- 21 "Ho!" preceder
- 52 John Jacob of fur fame
- 22 Hi-___ graphics
- 54 Shinbone
- 26 Business-sign abbr.
- 55 Roy's Dale
- 27 Point ___ National Seashore
- 56 Pulls apart
- 29 Hold the deed on
- 57 Actress Rowlands
- 30 Trojan and Korean
- 58 Z ___ "zebra"
- 31 Actor McGregor
- 59 Have a few too many
- 32 Classic Belafonte refrain
- 60 Four-star review
- 33 Sacred bird of Egypt
- 61 Genesis locale
- 34 Litter castoff, often
- 62 Braying beast

Solutions will be posted in Saturday's Freedom Watch

COALITIONSPORTSZONE

The Day in Sports

(Compiled from ESPN.com)

Nebraska's Collins quits team; cites financial woes

LINCOLN, Neb. — Running back Thunder Collins has quit the Nebraska football team, citing a lack of money to take care of his younger brother.

Collins issued a written statement Wednesday night, saying he quit school and the team in order to take care of his 17-year-old brother, who came from Los Angeles to Lincoln to live with him.

Collins missed a third straight day of practice Wednesday and issued the statement later.

"My decision to leave the football team is in no way related to football," Collins said in the statement.

Collins said a large cut in his \$404 in monthly scholarship money — to \$199.03 — after being suspended four games for violating NCAA rules prompted his decision.

Collins, who entered the season listed as a co-No. 1 with Dahrran Diedrick, was third on the team in rushing last year with 647 yards on 94 carries. He has 14 carries for 39 yards this season.

After serving the suspension, Collins dropped to the third team because true freshman David Horne emerged as the top backup to Diedrick.

"My plan of earning my back up the depth chart became increasingly more difficult as I had to decide which bills to pay and which ones I could not pay and still provide for my family," Collins said in the statement.

If Collins does want to return to the team, coach Frank Solich will listen. However, he said there would be disciplinary action if he agrees to let Collins come back.

"I would have to visit with him and see exactly what the circumstances are surrounding him not being here for three days," Solich said.

Mets, Rays talk with Piniella, but no done deal yet

SEATTLE — The Seattle Mariners failed to reach a deal with any of the suitors for manager Lou Piniella, and Oakland's Art Howe emerged as another possible candidate for the New York Mets.

Seattle president Chuck Armstrong spoke Wednesday with Mets owner Fred Wilpon and Tampa Bay managing general partner Vince Naimoli, but made no deals involving compensation for Piniella.

"No agreements were reached," Mariners spokesman Tim Hevly said.

The New York Daily News and Newsday reported Thursday that the Mets also have received permission from Oakland to speak to Howe.

Howe has a year left on his contract, but the A's have told the Mets they would not seek compensation for releasing him. Oakland bench coach Ken Macha could be in line to replace Howe and also is a candidate for the Chicago Cubs' job.

2002 World Series

San Francisco vs. Anaheim

Saturday

San Francisco at Anaheim

Sunday

San Francisco at Anaheim

Tuesday

Anaheim at San Francisco

Wednesday

Anaheim at San Francisco

Thursday

Anaheim at San Francisco, if necessary

Oct. 26

San Francisco at Anaheim, if necessary

Oct. 27

San Francisco at Anaheim, if necessary

Did you know ...

If you were looking for one measly stat in which Barry Bonds *isn't* the dominant home run hitter of his time, it took the Sultan of Swat Stats, SABR's David Vincent, to find one:

Bonds has hit only one home run on his birthday (July 24). It came in 1989, off Tim Crews (Dodgers), in Pittsburgh.

Which means Barry has missed the biggest home run trend of 2002 — the Birthday Homer Explosion. Here are all the men who have homered on their birthday this year, courtesy of the Sultan:

Carlos Delgado, June 25

Nomar Garciaparra (3), July 23

Jose Hernandez (2), July 14

Torii Hunter, July 18

Andruw Jones, April 23

Jacqu Jones, April 25

Alex Rodriguez (2), July 27

Scott Rolen, April 4

The coolest of those birthday home run parties was celebrated by A-Rod, who hit a walkoff *grand slam* on his birthday. And if you're wondering if anyone had ever done that before, the answer is: Nada. Finally when the Mets' Ty Wiggington hit his first career home run. And, of course, when he'd finished crossing home plate, the score was (what else?) tied. He was the first Ty to tie a game with his first career homer, according to the Sultan, since Ty Tyson, in 1926.

HIND SIGHT

1648

The “shoemakers of Boston”—the first labor organization in what would become the United States—was authorized by the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

1867

The Alaska territory is formally transferred to the U.S. from Russian control.

1912

The First Balkan War breaks out between the members of the Balkan League—Serbia, Bulgaria, Greece and Montenegro—and the Ottoman Empire.

1939

President Franklin D. Roosevelt bans war submarines from U.S. ports and waters.

1967

A Russian unmanned spacecraft makes the first landing on the surface of Venus.

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it has been a real challenge. I like it though.”

At the highest level, weightlifting is very much a contest between an athlete and his or her belief in them-selves.

“I did a lot better than I anticipated,” said Cadena. “I am basically competing against myself, and I am going to win.”

The contest was divided into three events: bench press, squat and

dead lift. The sum of each lift, in each event, is divided by the individual’s body weight, which determines the pound for pound champion, according to Smith.

Every service member gets something different from competing.

“I weight-lift to help lose weight and gain some muscle mass,” explained Cadena.

“It has been a great morale booster for the troops,” added Smith. “Having every unit cheer for each other was a real testosterone shot.”

The World Health Organization states that weightlifting builds stronger muscles to improve posture, balance and coordination. Weight training also increases your metabolism, increases lean muscle mass, supports joints, slows bone loss, cuts the risk of injury and makes you feel more energetic.

When it comes to fitness, investing in a set of weights may pay dividends just as great as those gained with a pair of walking or running shoes.

USO, from Page B1

series.

A native New Yorker, born in Brooklyn and a graduate of Fordham University in the Bronx, Keane praised the ongoing efforts of the USO and its supporters after being presented a gold medal by Walter Kaye, a civilian aide to the secretary of the army.

“Everyday, with very little publicity, the members of the USO selflessly commit themselves to our men and women in uniform,” Keane said. “(They are) providing a friendly face, a helping hand and a touch of home away from home. As a native New Yorker, I take great pride in the rich history and tremendous generosity of the USO of Metropolitan New York. As a soldier, I am comforted by the fact that, no matter where my service takes me, the USO will be

there with me,” Keane said.

Trump echoed the general’s endorsement of the USO, as well as America’s men and women in uniform.

“In being honored by the USO, I am in essence honoring all the men and women who put their lives on the line to protect what I cherish,” Trump said. “I can tell each and every one of you that I know the depths of your commitment to our country’s freedom, because that is precisely how deep mine is. In accepting this honor, I am in the finest, bravest company imaginable, because every member of the United States Armed Forces is being honored alongside me.”

Recognition at the gala also included presentation of the Fourth Annual George M. Van Cleave Military Leadership Awards to an outstanding soldier, sailor, airman, Marine and Coast Guardsman from the

greater New York City metropolitan area.

Staff Sgt. Marc Hansen, from the U.S. Army Garrison at Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn, was the Army recipient.

The “star-spangled” event also included entertainment by the USO Troupe of Metropolitan New York and a “patriotic salute” by the U.S. Military Academy Glee Club from West Point under the direction of Connie Chase.

Congress charters the USO as a non-profit charitable corporation. It’s not officially a part of the U.S. government, but the president and the Department of Defense endorse it. Each president has been the honorary chairman of the USO since its inception.

(Editor’s Note: Bruce Zielsdorf is a staff member for the Army Public Affairs New York Branch).

‘The Mailman’ hints retirement

ESPN - Karl Malone, about to start his 18th season with the Utah Jazz, hinted strongly Wednesday that the 2002-2003 NBA season will be his last.

“... I’m reluctant to back myself into a corner and say what I will or won’t do right now,” Malone told USA Today in Thursday’s editions of the newspaper.” But with the age of my kids (Malone has four young children), with what I want out of my family, it could be my last year.”

Malone said he has told only his wife and brother of his plans, which he is expected to disclose during the coming season, USA Today reported. Malone, who turned 37 during the offseason, is in the final year of a four-year, \$66.5 million deal that pays him \$19 million this year. He has lived up to his nickname “The Mailman” throughout his career, with averages of 25.5 points and 10.3 rebounds over 17 seasons. He was named one of the 50 Greatest Players in NBA history.

Bagram 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

Kandahar chapel hours

Sunday

- ❖ 0300Z — Orthodox service at Romanian compound
- ❖ 0300Z — Roman Catholic Mass at Freedom Chapel
- ❖ 0500Z — Roman Catholic Mass at F.C.
- ❖ 0600Z, 1500Z — Protestant service at F.C.
- ❖ 0600Z — Latter Day Saints at Power House Ministry Center

Monday

- ❖ 0300Z — Roman Catholic Mass at F.C.
- ❖ 1500Z — Family Home Night at P.H.M.C.

Tuesday

- ❖ 0300Z — Roman Catholic Mass at F.C.
- ❖ 1500Z — Bible Study at F.C.

Wednesday

- ❖ 0300Z — Roman Catholic Mass at F.C.
- ❖ 1500Z — Protestant service at F.C.

Thursday

- ❖ 0300Z — Roman Catholic Mass at F.C.
- ❖ 1500Z — Bible Study at F.C.

Friday

- ❖ 0300Z — Roman Catholic Mass at F.C.
- ❖ 0830Z — Islamic Service at Jordanian compound
- ❖ 1500Z — Bible Study at P.H.M.C.

Saturday

- ❖ 0300Z — Roman Catholic Mass at F.C.
- ❖ 0500Z — RCIA at P.H.M.C.
- ❖ 1500Z — Catholic Faith Development at P.H.M.C.

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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- ❖ 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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Hi — 68F
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Hi — 63F
Lo — 36F

Kandahar



Hi — 88F
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