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SF led to launch site

BAGRAM, Afghanistan – In Khowst, a village on Saturday led Special Forces soldiers to a rocket launch site approximately four kilometers from their operating base. The site was aimed at their location. They also found five 107-millimeter rockets, which they confiscated.

5 injured over weekend

BAGRAM, Afghanistan – Three U.S. soldiers and a State Department officer were involved in an automobile accident in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan Saturday afternoon while returning to Herat. The vehicle swerved to avoid oncoming traffic and struck a side rail, which totaled the vehicle. They were initially taken to a hospital in Turkmenistan where they were treated for injuries. All four per-

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Photos by Spc. Ron Reeves, 300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment
CENTCOM commander Gen. Tommy Franks meets with service members at Bagram Air Base.

CENTCOM commander visits Afghanistan troops

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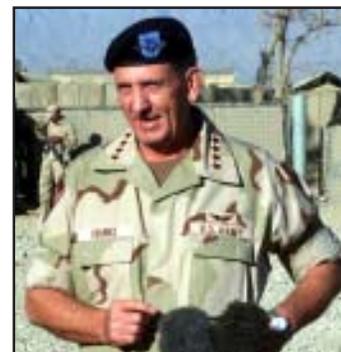
U.S. Central Command commander Gen. Tommy Franks stopped at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan Saturday during an extensive tour of Central Asia.

The purpose of the trip, according to Franks, was to thank the troops de-

ployed to the theater for the effort put forth throughout the first year of Operation Enduring Freedom.

“What I would like to do is remind them what a difference a year makes,” he said.

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During his visit to Bagram, Franks spoke with both soldiers and media.

Unity message reaches ANA trainees, schoolchildren

By Sgt. Rick Dees
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KABUL, Afghanistan—U.S. Army Psychological Operations soldiers in Kabul work to teach Afghan recruits the role the Afghan National Army will play in the nation’s government and the importance of work-

ing together.

Ethnic diversity is one of the cornerstones of the nascent force and building cohesion among the trainees is one of PSYOP’s key tasks in Afghanistan, said Staff Sgt. Ed, identified only by his rank and first name for security reasons.

Ed, an Army Reservist from Dallas, Texas, is team

chief for the tactical PSYOP team that directly interacts with the Afghan trainees.

Some members of Ed’s unit have been at the Kabul Military Training Center, where U.S. Army Special Forces soldiers have been training the new Afghan National Army, since April, he said.

“I’m glad to hear the

message is reaching them,” Ed said, when he learned that international journalists have been hearing those same themes echoed in remarks made by trainees during media interviews.

Team members interact with the trainees at mealtime. They reinforce

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Part of the credit for OEF's success, Franks said, also lies with the Coalition forces deployed to the region.

"I could go down a list of more than 20 nations involved in operations here, in Afghanistan, everyday, and I will tell you that I have yet to be able to identify a single nation, as part of this Coalition, that has not done a terrific job. This is an American-led effort that we're standing in the middle of right now, but the Coalition nations are very productive and have made a difference over the past year."

However, he admitted that terrorism remains a large threat, as evidenced in the recent bombings in Yemen.

"The caution that I'd put in at this point is we're by no means beyond the point where we ought to be concerned about terrorism," Franks said. "Terrorism remains a great concern in this region and in a great many other regions on this



Photo by Spc. Ron Reeves, 300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment
Franks fields questions from the international media during his visit to Bagram Air Base.

planet, so we have a lot of work to do."

Franks also noted that soldiers deployed in theater should not worry about being sent to Iraq at this time.

"My belief is that our president has not decided that there is going to be a war in Iraq, and it seems to me that we would be premature if we were thinking about which troops might be involved in which

place," he said. "What we do know for sure is that we have made a commitment to train the Afghan National Army, and we have made a commitment to continue to work Enduring Freedom operations here, in Afghanistan, for so long as is necessary to be sure that we don't see the reintroduction of large terrorist cells in Afghanistan the way we all saw them about a year ago."

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CENTCOM commander

He added that many of the troops hadn't even voiced concern being sent to Iraq.

"Not a single one of those troops that I talked to has asked me a single question," he said.

Before heading back to the United States, Franks also made stops in Turkey and Egypt.

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the messages and themes of ethnic unity and military subordination to civil authority through conversations and mural projects in the trainee barracks, said Sgt. Sandy, a Fayetteville, Ark., resident who volunteered to deploy with Ed's Texas-based unit.

The primary mission of PSYOP is to influence behavior among their target audience. In this case, team members are educating members of the new national army on the importance of working together.

When they aren't educating soldiers, Ed and his crew are spreading their message in the local communities. The message of Afghan unity appears on bumper stickers affixed to taxis, local shops

and even children's book bags.

The tactical team's efforts are more than words. Recent work by Kabul's PSYOP soldiers includes distributing school supplies in bags marked with their message. The goal is not only to promote the message of unity among Afghans, but also to promote goodwill toward Coalition forces, Ed said.

Soldiers procured more than one thousand book bags and coordinated donations of supplies to Pol-E-Charkhi school, located near the training center.

The bags came from a stationery shop in Kabul run by an Afghan named Nazir. For security considerations, Nazir's family name and his store's name are not given.

Nazir was glad to provide a service to area students.

"Education is the key to prosperity in every society," he said through an interpreter. "It is no different in Afghanistan. If the people are uneducated, it is easy for someone to take advantage of them."

That is one of the reasons the Taliban was able to take control here, he explained.

Nazir endured the regime and followed their laws to avoid punishment.

"If you had seen me eight months ago, you would have thought I was Taliban too, because I wore a long beard," Nazir said as he rubbed his smooth chin. "I had a deal with my God that when Afghanistan was free,

I would shave."

Ed and his soldiers went to pick up the bags they had commissioned and couldn't leave until they agreed to a meal with Nazir. He told them it was his custom to thank them for their patronage. He was honored to be chosen to help them in spreading their message, he said.

Days later, the team, assisted by members of the 5th Battalion, 19th Special Forces group, of Fort Carson, Colo., visited the children and handed out the bags. No one mentioned the message. The children were more occupied by the contents than what was emblazoned on the outside of the bag. But there it was, on each of the bags that will be carried to and from school by children this winter.

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HIND SIGHT

1797

The first successful parachute descent is made by Andre-Jacques Garnerin, who jumps from a balloon at some 2,200 feet over Paris.

1836

Sam Houston sworn in as the first president of the Republic of Texas.

1907

Ringling Brothers buys Barnum & Bailey.

1954

As a result of the Geneva accords granting Communist control over North Vietnam, U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower authorizes a crash program to train the South Vietnamese Army.

1964

Jean Paul Satre declines the Nobel Prize for Literature.

sonnel remained overnight in Turkmenistan and returned to Afghanistan via military air yesterday. They were airlifted last night to Germany, where they are currently being treated. Three are at Landstuhl Army Medical Center, near Ramstein Air Base. The other is at Hamburg University, suffering possible compression injuries to his back. Although injuries to the three others seemed minor, they were airlifted because of the better diagnostic capabilities in Germany. Coalition forces also medevaced an Afghan national police officer Sunday night, who was shot in his abdomen at a bazaar in Shkin and initially medevaced to Orgun-e, then transported to Bagram Air Base for treatment. He is listed in critical, but stable condition.

6 indicted on terrorism charges

BUFFALO, N.Y. (CNN) — A federal grand jury Monday indicted six men on two counts each of conspiracy to provide and attempting to provide material support to a terrorist organization. They were scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday. The six are American Muslims of Yemeni descent from Lackawanna, New York, near Buffalo. Five are being held without bail. One of the men, Fahim Alwan, 29, was granted bond of \$600,000, but he has not posted bail. The indictment said the material support involved allegedly attending an al Qaeda training camp in Afghanistan last year.

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 75F L: 45F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 75F L: 46F
Kandahar:	<i>Haze</i> H: 86F L: 54F	<i>Haze</i> H: 88F L: 55F
Kabul:	<i>Mostly clear</i> H: 70F L: 39F	<i>Mostly clear</i> H: 72F L: 41F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Mostly cloudy</i> H: 75F L: 50F	<i>Showers</i> H: 65F L: 43F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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COALITIONSPORTSZONE

The Day in Sports

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ASU upsets Oregon at Autzen

EUGENE, Ore. — Arizona State quarterback Andrew Walter tried to come up with words to adequately describe his team's upset of No. 6 Oregon, and he kept going back to one in particular.

"You dream about getting a win in a place like this," Walter said after the Sun Devils' 45-42 victory Saturday night. "It huge. It's huge for the program and it's huge for the team."

Walter threw for a school-record 536 yards and four touchdowns, and Arizona State rallied from a 21-0 second-quarter deficit.

The Sun Devils (6-2, 3-0 Pac-10) are one of only two unbeaten teams left in the conference. Washington State (6-1, 3-0) was idle Saturday.

The loss snapped an 11-game overall winning streak for the Ducks (6-1, 2-1). It was the second-longest streak in the nation behind Miami's 28. Oregon had also won six straight Pac-10 games.

Cyclones have no answer for mighty Sooners

NORMAN, Okla. — Nate Hybl kept rubbing his red, swollen nose as he sat deep inside Memorial Stadium.

The Oklahoma quarterback found it more amusing than painful.

"Sorry my nose is a little swollen," said Hybl, who had taken a hit from an Iowa State defender. "I feel like Rudolph."

That was about the only blemish on the performance of Hybl and the second-ranked Sooners, who delivered a brutal blow of reality to Iowa State (No. 13 ESPN/USA Today, No. 9 AP) in beating the Cyclones 49-3 Saturday.

Quentin Griffin and Kejuan Jones each ran for two touchdowns and Oklahoma dealt a setback to Seneca Wallace's Heisman Trophy hopes with an overwhelming effort on defense.

Oklahoma (7-0, 3-0 Big 12) outgained Iowa State 225-4 in building a 35-0 halftime lead against a team that had been averaging 432 yards and 39 points a game.

Grant leads Irish's offensive onslaught at Air Force

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — The Notre Dame offense finally produced an effort worthy of a top-10 team. That doesn't mean the Fighting Irish defense took the night off.

Ryan Grant ran for 190 yards and a touchdown, and the seventh-ranked Fighting Irish stuffed the nation's top rushing team, beating Air Force 21-14 Saturday night to remain unbeaten.

Notre Dame (7-0) won its first six games despite an offense that was among the nation's worst. The Irish won this battle between two of college football's biggest surprises by taking advantage of their size up front — up to 60 pounds heavier than Air Force's line — to produce a season-high 447 total yards.

"I think our offensive line, our backs, our entire offensive team did an excellent job of execution," said Tyrone Willingham, who joined Jesse Harper (1913-14) and Ara Parseghian (1964) as the only Notre Dame coaches to win their first seven games.

ACC STANDINGS

Florida State	4-0
N.C. State	3-0
Virginia	4-1
Clemson	2-2
Maryland	1-1
Wake Forest	2-3
Georgia Tech	1-3
North Caro.	0-3
Duke	0-4

BIG EAST STANDINGS

Virginia Tech	2-0
Miami	2-0
West Virginia	2-0
Pittsburgh	2-0
Temple	1-1
Boston College	0-2
Rutgers	0-3
Syracuse	0-3

BIG TEN STANDINGS

Iowa	4-0
Ohio State	3-0
Michigan	3-0
Minnesota	3-1
Penn State	2-2
Indiana	1-2
Michigan State	1-2
Illinois	1-2
Purdue	1-3
Wisconsin	0-3
Northwestern	0-4

College career over for UCLA QB; Bruins' bowl hopes still alive

LOS ANGELES — UCLA starting quarterback Cory Paus will miss the rest of the season after breaking his right ankle in the Bruins' game against California on Saturday.

"He will probably need surgery this week to stabilize the ankle," said UCLA spokesman Marc Dellins. "He should make a full recovery."

Paus went down with 12:02 left in the third quarter of UCLA's 17-12 loss to the Golden Bears. The injury means that Paus, who is a senior, has played his last game for the Bruins, Dellins said.

It is not yet known who will start for the Bruins this Saturday against Stanford, Dellins said.

Second-string quarterback Drew Olson, who came in after Paus was injured, sprained his right shoulder and his status is uncertain, Dellins said.

John Sciarra, a redshirt freshman, and Matt Moore, a true freshman, could also take the starting spot.

College GameDay

(Compiled from yahoo.com)

Associated Press Top 25
(as of Saturday)

TEAM	PTS	Last week	This week
1. Miami, Fla. (6-0)	1,837	Idle	W. Virginia (5-2)
2. Oklahoma (7-0)	1,787	d. Iowa St. 49-3	Idle
3. Virginia Tech (7-0)	1,675	d. Rutgers 35-14	Temple (3-4)
4. Ohio St. (8-0)	1,604	d. Wisconsin 19-14	Penn State (5-2)
5. Georgia (7-0)	1,584	d. Vanderbilt 48-17	Kentucky (5-2)
6. Notre Dame (7-0)	1,479	d. Air Force 21-14	Florida St. (5-2)
7. Texas (6-1)	1,325	d. Kansas St. 17-14	Iowa St. (6-2)
8. Michigan (6-1)	1,217	d. Purdue 23-21	Iowa (7-1)
9. Washington St. (6-1)	1,211	Idle	Arizona (3-4)
10. LSU (6-1)	1,110	d. South Carolina 38-14	Auburn
11. Florida St. (5-2)	1,105	Idle	Notre Dame (7-0)
12. N. Carolina St. (8-0)	1,028	d. Duke 24-22	Clemson (4-3)
13. Iowa (7-1)	977	d. Indiana 24-8	Michigan (6-1)
14. Oregon (6-1)	966	lost to Arizona St. 45-42	USC (5-2)
15. USC (5-2)	751	d. Washington 41-21	Oregon (6-1)
16. Tennessee (4-2)	681	Idle	Alabama (5-2)
17. Iowa St. (6-2)	626	lost to Oklahoma 49-3	Texas (6-1)
18. Penn State (5-2)	614	d. Northwestern 49-0	Ohio St. (8-0)
19. Alabama (5-2)	506	d. Mississippi 42-7	Tennessee (4-2)
20. Kansas State (5-2)	426	lost to Texas 17-14	Baylor (3-4)
21. Colorado (5-2)	419	d. Baylor 34-0	Texas Tech (5-3)
22. Air Force (6-1)	360	lost to Notre Dame 21-14	Wyoming (1-6)
23. Colorado (4-2)	213	d. Kansas State 53-29	Baylor (3-3)
24. Bowling Green (6-0)	167	d. Western Michigan 48-45	Ball State (3-4)
25. Minnesota (7-1)	118	d. Michigan State 28-7	Idle

Dropped Out: No. 21 Mississippi; No. 22 Washington

2002 Heisman Trophy candidates

Byron Leftwich, QB, Marshall

Season stats: 136-for-209 for 2,314 yards,
17 TDs, 5 INTs

Ken Dorsey, QB, Miami

Season stats: 96-for-177 for 1,405 yards,
16 TDs, 7 INTs

Onterio Smith, RB, Oregon

Season stats: 182 carries for 936 yards, 12 TDs

Willis McGahee, RB, Miami

Season stats: 105 RUS for 735 yards, 11 TDs

Seneca Wallace, QB, Iowa State

Season stats: 128-for-214 for 1,842 yards,
11TDs, 9 INTs



South Carolina player's jail sentence dropped

CHESTER, S.C. — Derek Watson's 10-day jail sentence for contempt of court has been thrown out, but the former South Carolina State running back might not be reinstated to the team.

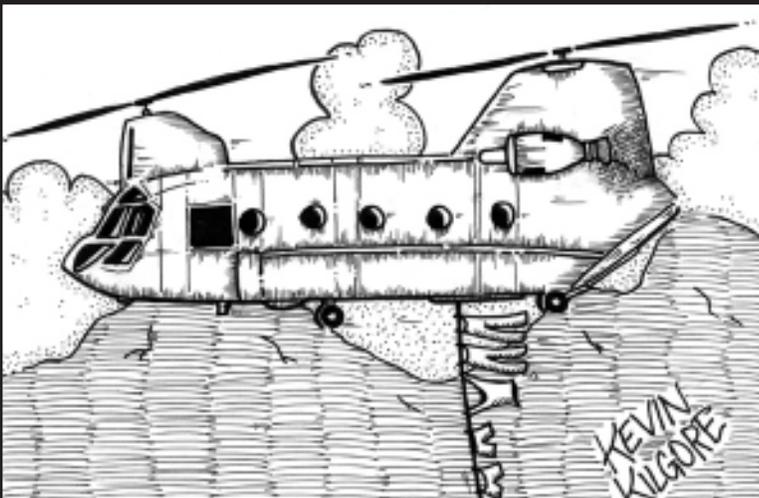
Judge Paul Short, in a ruling filed Wednesday, said Greenville Judge Matt Hawley failed to set deadlines or other requirements on the 240 hours of community service Watson was ordered to serve for marijuana possession.

"No deadline for the completion of these hours was imposed," Short wrote. "Therefore, this contempt order must be reversed."

Watson was given credit for a disputed 82 hours of service that Hawley said in August he did not believe the football player had performed.

Short set a deadline of Dec. 2 for Watson to finish the rest of his service.

Watson's good legal news hasn't changed his status with South Carolina State, spokesman Bill Hamilton said Thursday.



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