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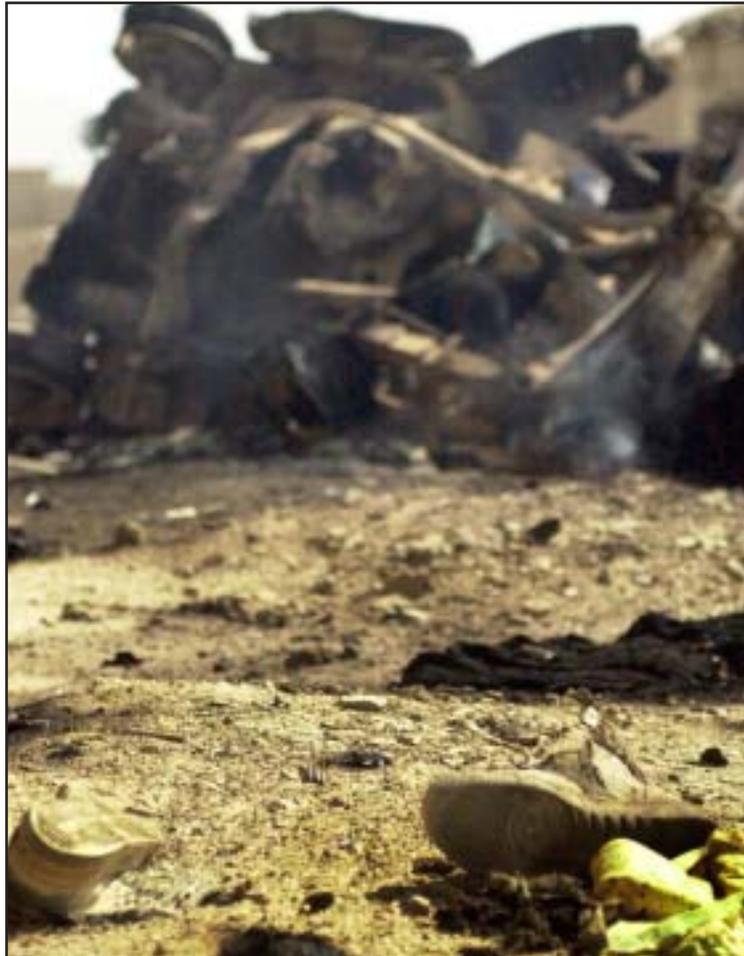
### Coalition under rocket fire

**BAGRAM, Afghanistan** — Three rockets were fired in the vicinity of Coalition forces in Khowst Sunday night. A Combined Joint Task Force - 180 spokesman said one of the rockets hit a civilian home and wounded five Afghans. Another rocket landed within 500 meters of a Coalition position and one was an apparent dud. The launch site has not been located.

### Blair warns Bush over Iraq

**LONDON** — British Prime Minister Tony Blair is reported to have told U.S. President George W. Bush not to attack Iraq without international support. Blair has urged Bush to open dialogue with the United Nations to receive more support for attempting to topple Iraqi President Saddam Hussein by force. Although one of the U.S.'s closest allies in the war against terror, Blair is being pressured at home and abroad for his backing for a U.S. military strike against Iraq.

## 4 Afghans dead after demining accident



Three Afghan deminers died Sunday when their ambulance hit an anti-tank mine outside of Bagram Air Base. The ambulance was transporting the remains of a deminer who was killed earlier that day.

Story & photo by Sgt. Reeba Critser

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**BAGRAM, Afghanistan** — Two separate mine explosions Sunday outside Bagram Air Base left 18 Afghans injured and four deminers dead.

Early Sunday morning, an Afghan deminer was combing through the sand with a metal detector on a well-populated street in Bagram, when he found a mine. He started to dig through the sand to recover it when the mine exploded. He was killed instantly.

With the removal of the Taliban in the small village of Bagram, refugees are coming back, said Jan Ejeklint, technical adviser for the Danish demining unit. Many of the roads are not safe for the population. A non-governmental, United Nations-sanctioned survey team of Afghan deminers were sent to make sure the streets were safe for the incoming migrants.

The deminer's team, all from the

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## 82nd Airborne takes reins from 10th Mountain

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**BAGRAM, Afghanistan** — A short awards ceremony in the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division (Light Infantry) area Saturday night marked the official changeover to Fort

Bragg, N.C.'s 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division.

Before the ceremony, the leaders of the two units, as well as Combined Joint Task Force - 180 Commander Lt. Gen. Dan McNeill, held a press briefing at the Joint Operations Center to announce the changeover.

"The men and women

of Task Force Mountain have done an extraordinary job under the most trying and dangerous conditions and our nation owes them a tremendous debt for what they have done," said 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Corps commander Maj. Gen. John Vines. "The men and women of Task Force 82 know why

they're here, they're prepared to accept that responsibility, and they're prepared to build on the outstanding success of Task Force Mountain."

McNeill stressed that the change won't drastically affect operations within CJTF-180.

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“There’s no change,” McNeill said. “There’s no stepping up, there’s no stepping down. It’s simply changing from one infantry unit to another.”

Since the beginning of Operation Enduring Freedom, the 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn., who has been in theater for the past nine months, was heavily involved in such missions as Operations Anaconda, Mountain Lion and Mountain Sweep. In the latter mission alone, according to 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn. commander Maj. Gen. Franklin “Buster” Hagenbeck, the task force helped kill or capture more than 200 al Qaeda and Taliban, and capture more than 750,000 weapons, and 1.4 million pounds of ammunition.

“It has been a distinct privilege and honor to be able to rep-

resent the 18<sup>th</sup> Airborne Corps, the U.S. Army, our military and certainly our nation in this time of war,” Hagenbeck said.

“They’ve all performed magnificently under very austere and difficult conditions, both in the cold dead of winter, extraordinary heat, dust, dirt and winds,” he continued. “It’s been my distinct pleasure to be able to serve with them.”

Hagenbeck ended his speech by welcoming Vines to the theater.

“I look forward to handing over the reins of responsibility to a great leader, a soldier’s soldier and a good friend of mine,” he said.

“We wish our comrades from the 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn. well, we hope they have a safe trip back home, and after a little bit of leave we expect them to get



Photo by Staff Sgt. Rhonda M. Lawson  
**Maj. Gen. Franklin Hagenbeck, commander of 10th Mountain Division, makes comments during a press briefing at Bagram Air Base. The incoming unit commander, Maj. Gen. John Vines, will replace the Fort Drum, N.Y.-based unit with Fort Bragg, N.C.’s 82nd Airborne Division.**

back in their training routines because who knows where we’ll be using them next,” McNeill said. “Perhaps we’ll

see them even in this theater sometime.”  
The 10<sup>th</sup> Mtn. Div. is already rotating back to Fort Drum, N.Y.



Photo by Sgt. Reeba Critser  
**Bagram residents peer through the windows of the United Nations truck before it leaves for Kabul. The locals stared at the remains of a deminer that died Sunday when his ambulance hit an anti-tank mine.**

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Mine Clearance Planning Agency, heard the explosion and proceeded to investigate in their ambulance. They retrieved the body to take to a hospital, but the ambulance’s left rear wheel hit an anti-tank mine.

“The driver and the medic, who sat in the front seats, walked away with minor injuries,” Ejeklint said.

Nine other Afghans in the back of the van along with injured bystanders were taken to the Spanish and American hospitals on Bagram Air Base for treatment.

“All the (Spanish) detachment was working hard to save as many lives as possible,” said Lt. Col. Vicente Serrano, commander of the Spanish Air Force medical detachment.

“Some (patients) re-

ceived shrapnel wounds and others suffered burns of different degrees,” he said.

The pressure-released mine raised questions to those on scene, especially because it went off a block from Bagram Air Base’s Checkpoint 1.

“If we find more mines, it is evidence that something is wrong in the process of clearing them or someone planted them,” Ejeklint said.

“The people (other deminers) are determined and encouraged to continue demining,” he said. “This whole country is filled with mines and we have to clear them.”

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Photo by Spc. Erica Leigh Foley



## Practice run

Airmen wait in a bunker near the Bagram Air Base Post Exchange Friday for the all-clear signal. The drill was designed to teach Bagram residents what to do and where to go if the base is attacked by indirect fire.

# HIND SIGHT

**1789**

The Treasury Department, headed by Alexander Hamilton, is created in New York City.

**1798**

The Maltese people revolt against the French occupation, forcing the French troops to take refuge in the citadel of Valetta in Malta.

**1910**

Alice Stebbins Wells is admitted to the Los Angeles Police Force as the first woman police officer to receive an appointment based on a civil service exam.

**1915**

Austro-German armies take Grodno, Poland.

**1945**

Japan signs the document of surrender aboard the USS *Missouri*, ending World War II.

## Local weather

### TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>
<b>Bagram:</b>	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 93F L: 64F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 93F L: 63F
<b>Khandahar:</b>	<i>Dusty</i> H: 99F L: 70F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 99F L: 71F
<b>Kabul:</b>	<i>Haze</i> H: 91F L: 61F	<i>Haze</i> H: 92F L: 62F
<b>Uzbekistan:</b>	<i>Clear</i> H: 88F L: 60F	<i>Clear</i> H: 88F L: 60F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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# COALITION SPORTSZONE

## The Day in Sports

(Compiled from ESPN.com)

### MLB: A's still amazin'

The amazing A's extended their win streak to 18 games in dramatic fashion today. After the Twins took the lead in the top of the ninth, Miguel Tejada answered with a walkoff three-run HR to deliver Oakland the most exciting win of its streak — baseball's longest in 49 years.

### Golf: A winner again

Gene Sauers started the week as the seventh alternate, and finished it a winner for the first time in 13 years. Sauers carded a final-round 69 Sunday, good enough for a one-stroke victory at the Air Canada Championship — his first title since 1989. Steve Lowery finished second for the second straight year at the event and has three runner-up finishes in his last six tournaments.

### Soccer: Fantasy football

Ronaldo called Real Madrid "the best team in the world." Well, a team that already has Figo, Raul, Zinedine Zidane and Robert Carlos got a whole lot better this weekend with the addition of the Brazilian star Ronaldo in a \$46.31 million transfer. The star-studded club will introduce its newest star Monday morning at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid.

## 2002 Major League standings

<b>American League East</b>				<b>GB</b>
N.Y. Yankees	84-51	.622	-	
Boston	76-58	.567	7.5	
Baltimore	63-72	.467	21	
<b>American League Central</b>				<b>GB</b>
Minnesota	80-58	.580	-	
Chicago (AL)	66-70	.485	13	
Cleveland	59-76	.437	19.5	
<b>American League West</b>				<b>GB</b>
Oakland	86-51	.628	-	
Anaheim	82-54	.603	3.5	
Seattle	80-57	.584	6	
<b>National League East</b>				<b>GB</b>
Atlanta	86-49	.637	-	
Philadelphia	69-66	.511	17	
Florida	67-68	.496	19	
<b>National League Central</b>				<b>GB</b>
St. Louis	76-60	.559	-	
Houston	72-64	.529	4	
Cincinnati	66-70	.485	10	
<b>National League West</b>				<b>GB</b>
Arizona	85-51	.625	-	
Los Angeles	79-57	.581	6	
San Francisco	77-59	.566	8	

### NFL scoreboard: Week 4

Tampa Bay 17-13 Houston  
 Green Bay 21-20 Tennessee  
 N.Y. Jets 23-16 Philadelphia  
 Carolina 20-19 Cleveland  
 Kansas City 23-16 St. Louis

### College football scoreboard: Week 2

Nebraska 31-16 Troy State  
 Michigan 31-29 Washington  
 South Carolina 34-24 New Mexico State  
 Marshall 50-17 Appalachian State  
 Colorado State 19-14 Colorado  
 North Carolina State 34-0 East Tennessee State  
 Washington State 31-7 Nevada  
 Georgia 31-28 Clemson  
 University of Texas 27-0 North Texas  
 Florida State 40-19 Virginia  
 Notre Dame 22-0 Maryland  
 Michigan State 56-7 Eastern Michigan  
 Tennessee 47-7 Wyoming  
 Wisconsin 27-7 UNLV  
 Florida 51-3 UAB  
 Virginia Tech 26-8 LSU  
 Oregon 36-13 Mississippi State  
 Kentucky 22-17 Louisville  
 Miami 63-17 Florida A&M

### Sunday's scores

Boston 7-1 Cleveland  
 Milwaukee 4-2 Cincinnati  
 Toronto 7-6 N.Y. Yankees  
 Florida 8-4 Pittsburgh  
 Chicago Sox 7-0 Detroit  
 Philadelphia 9-5 N.Y. Mets  
 Oakland 7-5 Minnesota  
 Atlanta 6-4 Montreal  
 Seattle 9-4 Kansas City  
 Chicago Cubs 5-4 St. Louis  
 Anaheim 9-3 Baltimore  
 Los Angeles 2-1 Houston  
 Tampa Bay 8-3 Texas  
 San Diego 9-5 Colorado  
 Arizona 7-6 San Francisco

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**NL**

1. Los Angeles .581
2. San Francisco .566
3. Houston .529
4. Philadelphia .511
5. Florida .496
6. Cincinnati .485

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**AL**

1. Anaheim .603
2. Seattle .584
3. Boston .567
4. Chicago Sox .485
5. Baltimore .467
6. Texas .444