

Afghans ask CA to help secure their future

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GHALY KHOGA, Afghanistan – The laughter of children rang clearly outside the house in a celebration of the Muslim religious holiday, Eid, Wednesday. While inside, a U.S. Civil Affairs team, the village elders and other residents discussed plans to improve the quality of life for the people.

“We need schools, wells and jobs,” said one villager through an interpreter. He stressed the importance of schools and jobs for the people of the village. As a schoolteacher, he said education should be the priority.

“We want this country to have a promising future, and that means education is most important. Our children must be educated,” he said.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Christina Bhatti

See **EID**, Page 4 *Locals from Ghaly Khoga hand out beef from a freshly slaughtered cow before an Eid celebration.*



Photo by Pfc. Debralee P. Crankshaw

Andy Anderson, Kellogg, Brown and Root heating, ventilating and air conditioning mechanic, connects the cabling for a heating and air conditioning unit.

Civilian maintenance improves quality of life

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan – A hot shower, heating and air conditioning are comforts for deployed soldiers; these are provided to soldiers here by Kellogg, Brown and Root employees.

The maintenance section, approximately 40 civilian employees, of Brown and Root maintain heaters, air conditioners, showers, generators, kitchen equipment in the Dining Facilities, some electrical paneling and the Brown and Root vehicles.

Currently, Brown and Root only takes care of their vehicles. Within the next few months however, more Brown and Root personnel will deploy to assist the Army with welding, vehicle maintenance and tent repair, according to Phillip Wilson, Brown and Root maintenance foreman.

“Our main function here is to supply heat and air conditioning to the base. That’s the main utilities function at the moment, so our primary mission is installing systems,” said Gavin Paterson, Brown and

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World News (Compiled from CNN.com)

Officials expect 'mixed report'

WASHINGTON — U.S. officials expect a "mixed report" Friday morning from chief U.N. weapons inspectors, and are preparing a new U.N. resolution that makes clear Iraq has not disarmed and "that the time has come to enforce" the resolution that returned inspectors to Iraq.

President Bush said the Security Council soon would have to demonstrate "whether or not it has the resolve" to enforce Resolution 1441, which promised "serious consequences."

"The decision is this for the United Nations: When you say something, does it mean anything?" Bush said in a speech at a U.S. Navy station in Jacksonville, Fla.

The White House has urged chief inspector Hans Blix to report "just the facts" and insisted there can be no reading of the facts that does not support the conclusion that Iraq is not cooperating with U.N. verification of disarmament.

But senior officials say Blix is under pressure from other council members to present a report that offers hope that prolonging the inspections might bring progress.

"So we expect a mixed report," said one senior official. "He is trying to satisfy 15 bosses and he also knows that his words could have consequences."

NASA: puncture may be to blame

JOHNSON SPACE CENTER, Texas — NASA engineers said they are convinced Columbia's left wheel well was punctured, allowing super heated gas to leak into the wing during the shuttle's last minutes of flight.

A preliminary analysis, made public Thursday afternoon, has determined that the temperature inside the wheel well was too hot for it to have been caused by one missing tile.

"There is no question that wheel well was breached," said a space shuttle program source. "But who knows how? Did it start there, or was this part of a domino effect?"

The super heated gases can reach temperatures approaching 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit. The inner wall of a shuttle wheel well is made of unprotected aluminum, which

melts at about 1,220 degrees Fahrenheit.

NASA will continue its analysis while looking for scenarios to explain the puncture and show how the gas entered the wheel well or elsewhere in the wing.

Earlier reports that Columbia's left landing gear was improperly lowered moments before it disintegrated have been discounted. Only one sensor aboard the shuttle reported that landing gear had been lowered. Other indicators and drag information do not support the scenario.

The focus of the investigation remains on the left wheel well.

Sources: FBI watching al-Qaida-trained men

WASHINGTON — Two dozen men living in the United States, who are believed to have trained in al-Qaida camps in Afghanistan, have been under surveillance by the FBI for months, government officials told CNN.

The men allegedly have talked about suicide bombings, the sources tell CNN. They are in New York, New Jersey and some cities in the western United States, the sources said.

Sources also tell CNN that militant Muslims are under surveillance in as many as 30 U.S. cities and that 20 to 40 are believed to have "strong" al-Qaida ties.

CNN has previously reported that between 600-1,000 people who have possible ties to terrorism, or who could be terrorist sympathizers, are under surveillance by the FBI, and several mosques in the country are also under surveillance.

Sources have also told CNN

counterterrorism officials are concerned about possible suicide bombings occurring within the United States.

"FBI investigations have revealed Islamic militants in the United States, and we strongly suspect that several hundred of these extremists are linked to al-Qaida," FBI Director Robert Mueller testified Tuesday before the Senate Intelligence Committee.

"Their support structure, however, is sufficiently well developed that one or more groups could be mobilized by al-Qaida to carry out operations in the United States homeland," he said

Japan 'ready to attack N. Korea'

TOKYO, Japan — Japan has warned it would attack North Korea if it had evidence Pyongyang was preparing to launch ballistic missiles, Defense Minister Shigeru Ishiba said.

Ishiba's statement is expected to send shockwaves across East Asia, and marks a dramatic escalation in the crisis over North Korea's nuclear program.

"It is too late if [a missile] flies towards Japan," Ishiba said..

"Our nation will use military force as a self-defense measure if [North Korea] started to resort to arms against Japan," he said, adding that Japan could regard the process of injecting fuel into a missile as the start of military attack.

Japan has become increasingly worried about any missile threat posed to it from North Korea. In the past week it has been warned the North may up the ante in the crisis by resuming testing of missiles that could be sent over Japan.

Bagram prayer breakfast

The Task Force-44 Medical chaplaincy is hosting a prayer breakfast Monday at the North Dining Facility from 0130-0230Z.

The speaker for the event Brig. Gen. Benjamin Mixon, and Chap. (Col.) Richard Rogers, Combined Joint Task Force-180 chaplain, will offer the pastoral prayer. Special music will be provided by the Gospel Congregation Choir.

Col. Alan Beitler, commander, 48th Combat Support Hospital, the Jewish Lay Leader for Bagram, will read from the Old Testament. Republic of Korea Col. Kookhan Kim, ROK hospital commander, will do a reading from the New Testament.

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Root utilities supervisor. “We are currently planning (air conditioning) for all the tents.”

According to Paterson, the major problem the utilities section has is logistics.

“Everything has to be flown in; not much comes by road so we are at the mercy of air. We hope everything comes in a timely fashion,” said Paterson. “Luckily, part of the planning was bringing brand new equipment. With buying the new equipment, we also got enough spare parts and tools. We (can now) last up to three months.”

Vehicle maintenance has another issue.

“The condition of the terrain is a lot rougher than usual — the sand, the mud, the dust, just the overall environment,” said Wilson.

“The dirt causes areas to wear more and sand clogs the air filters,” he added.

Wilson remedies this by washing the vehicles and performing checks more often.

“Some soldiers look at us and think we are just lazy, contracted employees, but that’s not true. We work 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If we get a call, a crew must respond in 15-20 minutes — it doesn’t matter if it is 2 o’clock in the morning,” said Paterson. “We put in an extra effort.”

According to Paterson, Brown and Root maintenance employees work at least a 12-hour day, sometimes longer.

Even with all the work they do, the Brown and Root employees think it is important they are here.

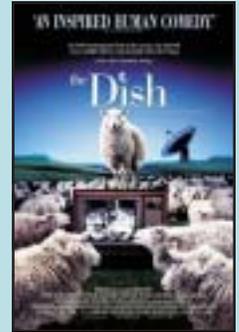
“We free up soldiers to do soldiering missions that require military personnel,” said Wilson.

The individual soldier is important to them.

“We spend a lot of time listening to the ordinary soldiers, not the command, to find out what they need from us. If we don’t hear the complaints, we can’t fix them,” said Paterson. “Most of us are prior military, so we have a good idea what the soldier goes through. We try to improve their living conditions. We try to keep the morale up.”

Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the MWR Building: “The Dish.” Cliff Buxton returns to the tracking station in the Australian outback where, in 1969, he was in charge when NASA designated it their main southern hemisphere contact with the first Apollo moon mission. Many different issues play a part as tensions mount with the world depending on them for pictures of the first moon walk. Tomorrow’s movie will be “Blood Work.”



Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER FORECAST:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Rain/snow</i> H: 46F L: 25F	<i>Rain/snow</i> H: 39F L: 28F
Kandahar:	<i>Scattered showers</i> H: 61F L: 32F	<i>Rain</i> H: 64F L: 36F
Kabul:	<i>Rain</i> H: 48F L: 31F	<i>Rain/snow</i> H: 41F L: 28F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Mostly cloudy</i> H: 45F L: 28F	<i>Scattered showers</i> H: 47F L: 33F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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1st Sgt. Stephen Casaceli, 403rd Civil Affairs Battalion, Syracuse, NY and 1st Lt. Shannon Dowell, 450th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne), Riverdale, Md., talk to the village elder through an interpreter during their assessment of Ghaly Khoga Wednesday.

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That is where civil affairs come in. Their responsibility is to serve as a liaison between the U.S. military and the local populations. They visit local villages and assess what they need in order to survive.

“Our main concern is the basics of life – usable water, education and food,” said 1st Sgt. Stephen Casaceli, 403rd Civil Affairs Battalion, Syracuse, NY.

On the day of Eid, Casaceli and his team traveled the winding and narrow roads to Ghaly Khoga to see what help the United States could provide for the town.

It was determined that they desperately needed a school and wells to support their current population of approximately 5,000 people.

Now the projects will go through nominations.

“Basically we want to make headquarters see the problem and arrange for funding,” Casaceli said. After headquarters approves the project, it opens up for bidding by local nationals and it is awarded to the best bid and then is funded by Overseas Humanitarian Disaster and Civic Aid.

After the project is complete, the United States’s involvement is done, but Casaceli and his team have made lasting friendships and built a rapport with the people of the town.

Casaceli, who has been involved with civil affairs for six years, says he does this for selfish reasons. “When we help a town, we are helping to defeat the enemy. We are winning the people’s support and then they will fight with us,” he said.

But he also loves to interact with the people and see how they do the everyday things. He said he has experienced a lot of



Photos by Staff Sgt. Christina Bhatti

A boy from Ghaly Khoga carries his family's portion of meat back home where it will be prepared for a meal in celebration of the religious holiday, Eid, Wednesday.

different cultures and different ways of life since he has been involved with CA. Wednesday was his first Eid celebration.

The traditional holiday is marked with an animal sacrifice and equitable distribution of the meat among the poor people of the town. Then there is a feast, dancing and celebration.

“It’s good to see these things,” Casaceli said. “It’s far more effective for us to be there to see things first hand and to get a feel of life for these people.”

Even though CA is considered a Phase IV mission and is conducted after combat has subsided, they are included in every part of the wartime process.

They are part of the planning process to advise commanders how to minimize damage to the local populous and during combat operations, they advise the commander on places that are safehavens or cannot be destroyed. Their last

mission is to take care of the villages.

In Afghanistan alone, Casaceli said there have been numerous projects for the people of the country and they will do all they can to help the locals.

“They need so much help,” he said. “From all the years of turmoil, this country has been reduced to basically nothing. It is our job to help them rebuild so one day they can be on their own.”

Black History Month

February is Black History Month. In light of all the accomplishments made by African-Americans, every day this month the *Freedom Watch* will highlight an individual.

David Crosthwait, Jr., engineer, inventor
Born: 1898 **Birthplace:** Nashville, Tenn.

David Crosthwait held numerous patents relating to heat transfer, ventilation, and air conditioning, the areas in which he was considered an expert. Holding B. S. and M. S. degrees from Purdue University in engineering, Crosthwait began working as a research engineer and director of research laboratories for C. A. Dunham Company, in Marshalltown, Iowa. He served as technical advisor to Dunham from 1930 to 1970 and, in addition to designing the heating system for Radio City Music Hall in New York City, he authored texts and guides on heating and cooling with water. After his retirement in 1970, Crosthwait taught at Purdue University.

Died: 1976



Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from ESPN.com)

Nadeau qualifies for Daytona 500

DAYTONABEACH, Fla. — For the first 31 laps, Jerry Nadeau and the United States Army No. 01 Pontiac were running with the lead pack and looking for a strong finish in Thursday's Twin 125-mile qualifying race.



Jerry Nadeau races the Army's No. 1 in the Daytona 500 qualifiers.

But, as Nadeau and the majority of the teams entered pit road to take fuel and fresh tires, the U.S. Army car got clipped, damaging the right front fender.

The incident cost Nadeau valuable time in the pits and as a result he dropped back in the field and posted an 18th place finish.

Based on all of the complicated criteria to qualify for Sunday's Daytona 500, Nadeau will start 42nd for NASCAR's season opener. He received one of the seven provisionals, based on 2002 owner point standings.

"We had a great car and to have that pit road incident happen was real disappointing," said Nadeau. "A couple of good cars got tore up on pit road and we were one of them. We're not happy about starting in the back, but the good news is we have a good enough of car to get to the front on Sunday."

"We got our fender knocked and had trouble getting the tire off and on," said crew chief Ryan Pemberton. "That ruined a good day. But we'll get the fender fixed and go right back at it. We know we have a good car and the team is really pumped. They are my Army of One."

Venus makes quick work of Matevzic

ANTWERP, Belgium — Defending champion Venus Williams

won the first five games and went on to beat Slovenia's Maja Matevzic 6-1, 6-1 Wednesday and reach the quarterfinals of the Diamond Games.

Third-seeded Justine Henin-Hardenne also won a second-round match, defeating Zuzana Ondraskova of the Czech Republic 6-4, 7-6 (2).

Ninth-seeded Alexandra Stevenson lost in the first round, beaten 6-3, 6-2 by France's Virginie Razanno.

Williams, seeded first and second in the rankings to sister Serena, needed 50 minutes to beat her 51st-ranked opponent.

The Diamond Games offers a gold- and diamond-encrusted racket worth about \$870,000 to the first player who wins the tournament three times in a five-year span.

Henin-Hardenne, ranked fourth in the world, lost her momentum after opening a 5-1 lead in the first set.

Ondraskova, ranked 132nd, took a 5-3 lead in the second set before her game came apart.

"I'm happy I'm still in the tournament," Henin-Hardenne said. "The support of the crowd did me a lot of good."



Venus Williams needed only 50 minutes to advance on Wednesday.

Sports on local Armed Forces Network TV

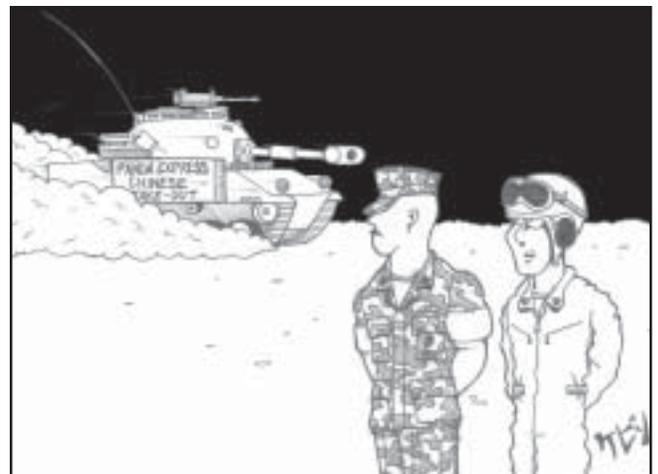
Saturday's schedule (AFN Sports)

- ❖ NBA Friday: Orlando Magic @ Philadelphia 76ers (live) 0100Z
- ❖ NHL: Washington Capitals @ Carolina Hurricanes (tape delayed) 0330Z
- ❖ Friday Night Fights: Laila Ali vs Mary Ann Almager (tape delayed) 0800Z
- ❖ NBA Friday: San Antonio Spurs @ Los Angeles Lakers (2 hr. cutdown) 1200Z
- ❖ NASCAR Busch Series: Koolerz 300 (live) 1730Z
- ❖ Buick Invitational: Third Round (live) 2000Z
- ❖ COLL BB: LSU @ Kentucky (live) 2330Z

Sunday's schedule (AFN Sports)

- ❖ COLL BB: Big Ten: Ohio State @ Michigan (live) 0200Z
- ❖ Motorcycle Racing: 2003 THQ World Supercross GP (tape delayed) 0500Z
- ❖ NASCAR Busch Series: Koolerz 300 (tape delayed) 0800Z
- ❖ NBA 2Night (tape delayed) 1030Z
- ❖ College GameNight (tape delayed) 1100Z
- ❖ NHL: Pittsburgh Penguins @ New Jersey Devils (tape delayed) 1300Z
- ❖ NBA MatchUp (tape delayed) 1530Z
- ❖ PBA VIA Bowling Open (live) 1730Z

"I think Cpl. Smith's part-time job might be interfering with his duties."



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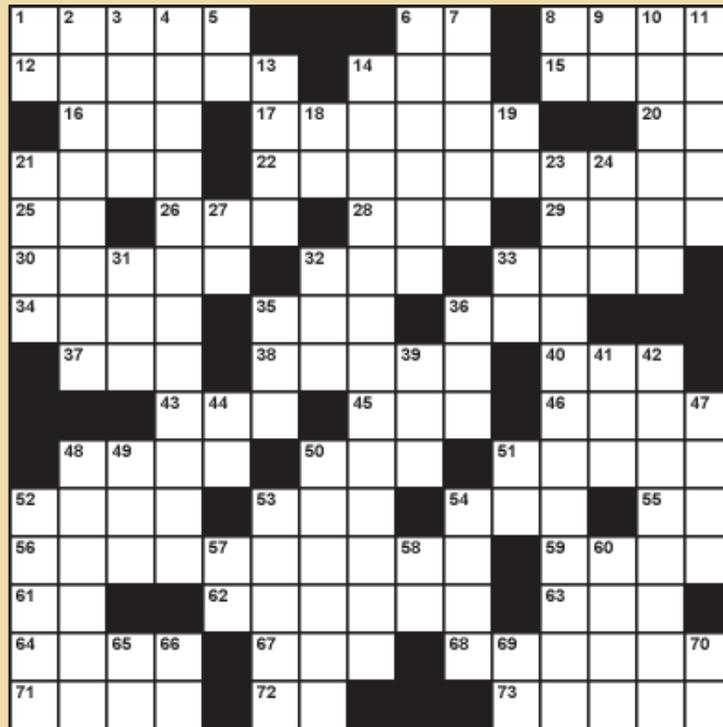
By Kevin Kilgore

Laugh Support

Martin Luther King, Jr. crossword (Courtesy of infoplease.com)

Across

1. * Historic event led by Martin Luther King, Jr. on August 28th, 1963 which brought more than 200,000 people together
6. Musician (Initials) who is married to supermodel Iman
8. * Convicted killer who was sentenced to a 99-year prison term for the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. on April 4th, 1968 in Memphis, Tennessee James ___ Ray (b.1928 - d.1998)
12. Keeness
14. Ms. Zadora
15. * Because of his philosophy of passive resistance during demonstrations, Reverend King was arrested at times, and locked up in one
16. Explosive letters
17. * Famous speech made by Reverend King at #1A: "I Have ___."
20. Perform
21. Compassion
22. * The demonstrations led by Dr. King and others meant the gradual end to this discriminatory sign and law
25. Food from a Tube in a Hosp.
26. Rounded bread
28. The last letter of the alphabet in Britain or Canada
29. Obligation
30. Roman emperor
32. Poetic contraction
33. Not there
34. With no improvements to be made
35. Sporty org.
36. Pro sports org.
37. Gibson the Heartthrob
38. * A federal investigation in 1977-1978 by the House Select Committee on Assassinations found that although there was a likelihood that #8A did not act ___ in planning the assassination of Dr. King, he ___ pulled the trigger
40. Mr. Donaldson
43. Locale of Tel Aviv, for short
45. Spreadsheet Spot
46. Precipitation of ice pellets
48. * In 1998, she re-opened a limited investigation into the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.: Attorney General Janet ___
50. A lifeguard needs to know how to do it, for short
51. Elton John's instrument
52. Boo-Boo
53. Bring to court
54. * Dr. King's ___ Dexter and other members of the King family believed in the innocence of #8A



9. Milne who wrote "Winnie-the-Pooh" (1926)
10. Type of Turtle
11. * A #56A that exists is that ___ Jowers, an owner (in 1968) of a Memphis bar called "Jim's Grill", was given \$100,000 by a Memphis produce dealer in order to hire a hit man to murder King—and the killer he hired wasn't #8A, according to Jowers
13. A what is a telltale sign that someone is bored?
14. * In 1964, Martin Luther King, Jr. was awarded it, with "Nobel"
18. Lawrence the Writer
19. Feminist magazine
21. Pocket bread
23. * See #1A
24. It'll make "ter" More Tidy
27. * The ___ Congress declared that the third Monday in Jan. would be a national holiday in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., beginning in 1986

55. Suffix to "Sulfur"
56. * Word with Theory
59. "Fancy that!"
61. Preposition
62. Service Station Suggestion: "Give ___ of oil. You can find one over there stacked on that stand near the other cars."
63. Egyptian King, commonly
64. Koppel and Turner
67. Suffix to "Sulf"
68. * After earning his Bachelor in Divinity at this seminary in 1951, Martin Luther King, Jr. earned his Ph.D at Boston University, in 1955: ___ Theological Seminary
71. Hunter's device
72. Point on a mariner's compass
73. Sleep loudly

31. Item that's part of a businessman's attire
32. Bird of Minerva
33. Exercise device, with "Rocker"
35. * Dr. King criticized the ___ in Vietnam
36. Recently purchased
39. And not
41. Driver's org.
42. * Following family tradition, Martin Luther King, Jr. was ordained in 1947 and became the ___ in 1954 of a Baptist church in Montgomery, Alabama
44. "Big deal!"
47. It completes "Ness Monster"
48. One who lays or repairs the tops of houses
49. Sea eagle (var. sp.)
50. * Someone authorized to conduct religious worship
51. European river that flows to the Adriatic Sea
52. * Martin Luther King, Jr.'s wife whom he married in 1953: Coretta ___ King
53. * Mode of demonstration against racial discrimination led by Dr. King
54. BoyBand: N* ___
57. The 16th letter of the Greek alphabet
58. Locale of Los Angeles on an env.
60. Anise-flavored Greek liquor
65. Martin Sheen movie
66. Editor's notation
69. Singer (Initials) of "Maggie May"
70. Memo abbr.

Down

1. Famed cellist: Yo-Yo ___
2. * Dr. King practiced and promoted Civil Rights ___ that was conducted in a peaceful and nonviolent way
3. Smallest animal in a litter
4. * Because they were segregated, Martin Luther King, Jr. led the boycott of these in Montgomery, Alabama after Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat to a white passenger, on December 1st, 1955
5. Tallness, tingly
6. One who is eating more healthily
7. What the sheep did
8. Chuck out, without the "ect"

* Questions associated with the subject.

Solutions will be posted in Saturday's Freedom Watch