

10th Mtn. succeeds in Mountain Resolve

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NURISTAN PROVINCE, Afghanistan— At the beginning of Operation Mountain Resolve, elements of the 10th Mountain Division didn't have clue about the capricious weather of Afghanistan. Fifteen days later, they understood that the country is a living paradox.

After beginning its initial ground mission Nov. 6, in the waterlogged farm fields around Namgalam Village, the 10th Mtn. Div. saw the finale of the operation from under three feet of snow of the snow-capped mountains of



A Soldier with Co. A, 2nd Bn., 22nd Inf. Regt., travels down a mountain side with his unit as they make their way to a nearby village.

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Vice Chairman thanks troops for supporting OEF

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan— After a day spent visiting the troops involved in the latest combat operation in Afghanistan, Mountain Resolve, the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff met with local and international reporters here.

Marine Gen. Peter Pace started the news conference by telling reporters the reason for his visit to Afghanistan was to let the troops here know “what they’re doing is very important.”

Pace said that in addition to the job being done by U.S. troops, America’s coalition partners also play an important role in building a new Afghanistan.

“I appreciate all of our coalition forces,” he said.



Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Marine Gen. Peter Pace, talks with reporters outside the Joint Operations Center administration building Friday.

The Vice Chief said that although there has been a rise in demonstrations in the country, “demonstrations are a part of democracy.”

“The Afghan people should be proud of themselves,” Pace said, referring to the continued reconstruction of the country. “I feel very good about where we are right now.”

Pace mentioned a recent study that found 83 percent of Afghans felt more secure now than they did one year ago. Pace presented this as a “testament” to the success the coalition has had.

“A lot of progress has been made,” he said. He said that the success of the coalition was obvious by the reduced

numbers of troops in Afghanistan, but that it was imperative that the coalition continues to put pressure on terrorists.

Pace ended the conference by urging the international journalists to, “say ‘thank you’ to your soldiers.”

World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



Family members mourn the death of Ahmet Dama, a Turk killed in the British consulate bombing.

Turkey buries bomb victims

ISTANBUL, Turkey – Turkey began burying those killed in the twin attacks on British interests in Istanbul, as the death toll rose to at least 30.

The number of victims killed in the bomb attacks on the UK Consulate and an HSBC office has risen from 27 to 30, health department officials said Friday.

Meanwhile Turkish authorities arrested several people in connection with Thursday's attacks, which also injured about 450 people. Officials are investigating several claims of responsibility from militant groups and organizations with links to al Qaeda.

But Turkish Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul added: "I think it's too early to say anything about the results of the investigations," Gul added, giving no further details.

The attacks were the second set in Istanbul this week, following simultaneous strikes on two synagogues last Saturday in which 25 people were killed.

U.S. President George W. Bush said Turkey – a Muslim country with a secular constitution, trying to join the European Union – is now "a front."

"Iraq is a front. Turkey is a front," he said before he departed the UK at the end of his three-day state visit. Anywhere the terrorists think they can strike is a front."

UK Foreign Minister Jack Straw and his Turkish counterpart visited the bomb sites.

Three of the dead in Thursday's bombings were British citizens, including UK consul general Roger Short. But the bulk were local citizens.



Al Qaeda claimed responsibility for Thursday's two suicide bombings in Istanbul, Turkey.

U.S. statement warns that al Qaeda could attack soon

WASHINGTON – The federal government issued a public statement late Friday to warn of potential terrorist attacks as the Muslim religious holiday Ramadan comes to an end early next week.

The statement, issued by the Department of Homeland Security, says recent terrorist bombings overseas have prompted concern for potential terrorist threats "to the United States and abroad." The national terrorism alert level will remain at yellow, signifying an "elevated" threat.

The Department of Homeland Security and the FBI also issued a private advisory detailing the latest threat concerns to state and local law enforcement as well as to security personnel responsible for what they call critical infrastructure and other potential targets.

The Department of Homeland Security said it remains concerned about al Qaeda's continued interest in aviation, including using cargo jets to carry out attacks on critical infrastructure, as well as targeting facilities containing hazardous materials.

Meanwhile, a new U.N. report identifies a shifting of al Qaeda's strategy toward "softer," nonmilitary targets, and warned the group is working toward a biological or chemical attack.

The report by the Al Qaeda and Taliban Sanctions Committee also found that members of al Qaeda most likely possess portable surface-to-air missiles and may use them to target military transport planes.

The terror network may now move away from targeting commercial air transport because of heightened security at airports, said Heraldo Munoz, the Chilean ambassador to the United Nations and head of the sanctions committee.

Georgians set for showdown

TBILISI, Georgia – Tens of thousands of Georgians from opposing pro- and anti-government camps are readying for a showdown ahead of the convening of a new parliament.

Anti-government supporters have been streaming into the capital Tbilisi Friday in an attempt to prevent the new government meeting in parliamentary buildings the following day.

They came in the bus load, waving flags and chanting "Resign, Resign."

Main opposition leader Mikhail Saakashvili urged police and troops to step aside for a "bloodless, velvet revolution" to depose President Eduard Shevardnadze.

"Shevardnadze's regime ends tonight," he promised.

"It is better for him to flee, otherwise tomorrow we will trample his regime."

He added: "I'd like to appeal to police and the armed forces, there is a bloodless, democratic, peaceful, velvet revolution going on in our country and for you to take the side of the people."

In police interview, Malvo brags of sniper shootings

CHESAPEAKE, Va. – Jurors in the trial of Lee Boyd Malvo heard audiotapes Friday in which the defendant bragged about the killings, described how he picked his targets and shot to kill while avoiding capture.

In the tapes, Malvo described to authorities how he served as the triggerman in last year's sniper shootings. He described interacting with police at times as they came to investigate shootings, and in at least one instance even leaving behind the weapon in a place so obvious that he believed authorities would overlook it.

Prosecutors say the tapes show Malvo knew what he was doing and felt no remorse.

Defense attorneys argue Malvo was brainwashed by alleged accomplice John Allen Muhammad to the point of temporary insanity.

Malvo, 18, is on trial for the October 14, 2002, slaying of Linda Franklin in the parking lot of a Fairfax, Virginia, store. Malvo has pleaded not guilty. Ten people were killed and three wounded from the shooting spree that terrorized the Washington, D.C. area in October of 2002.

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the village of Uranas as Soldiers from Company A, 2nd Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment conducted a search, looking for information about coalition forces opposition.

“We had intelligence that [one of the head Anti Coalition Militants] had a home in that village, and our job was to go into the village, search, and find out any intelligence about his whereabouts or possible leads on any other ACM,” said 1st Sgt. Brian Norton, of Co. A, 2nd Bn., 22nd Inf. Regt., 10th Mtn. Div.

The proposed plan was for the unit to trek down the mountain to the village and, along the way, perform tactical movements until arriving at the village, yet when the unit touched down on the designated landing zone, unit leaders knew plans would have to be enacted differently.

“The mission was to conduct a full search of the village of Uranas, but before that to conduct a movement to contact from our initial landing zone down to the village, but because of the conditions, we had to move to a lower position before we could execute the mission,” said Capt. Jorge Cordeiro, commander of Co. A, 2nd Bn., 22nd Inf., Regt. “We could have stayed with the original plan, but that would have taken us two to three days to complete, and that was time we didn’t have to waste.”

“We were supposed to traverse up to 10,000 feet from our 9,400 feet landing zone and go over the opposite ridge line and travel down, but the terrain didn’t facilitate that, so we had to go to an alternative plan,” said Norton.

Once the unit was taken to lower ground, it quickly started its journey toward Uranas. The village was adjacent to the unit’s control point, and from eye’s view was about 2 kilometers away; however, because of the terrain, a normal 20 to 30 minute journey took almost two complete hours.

“We didn’t expect the [weather and terrain conditions] that we faced,” said Sgt. 1st Class Maurice Parker, platoon sergeant of Co. C, 2nd Bn., 22nd Inf., Regt., a platoon augmenting Co. A., “but because we are well trained, it didn’t stop us – just changed our plan.”

Upon arriving at the village, the unit quickly moved to the village’s mosque,



Capt. Jose Cordeiro, commander of Co. A, 2nd Bn., 22nd Inf. Regt., receives guidance about what areas of the valley need to be searched during the mission.

health clinic and two houses thought to be possible havens for ACMs.

With the help of three interpreters that accompanied the infantry unit, Soldiers were able to conduct a thorough search of the village within a few hours.

“The villagers were really cooperative,” said Norton. “They knew who we were looking for, and they provided guidance to the houses we needed to find.”

Though the unit didn’t find any ACMs, the mission was a success because of currency and data the unit confiscated.

“We seized more than \$72,000 in [American] funds and notebooks that may provide intelligence or leads on how to find some ACMs, and we found propaganda magazines from [ACM organizations],” said Norton.

After completing the mission, the unit made the two-hour journey back to the control point; however, this trek was made in the early hours of the cold Afghanistan night.

Climbing the steep, muddy and rock-laden mountains, the unit relied on hovering aircraft and support elements to illuminate the sky, making visible the route to the control point.

Once arriving at their destination, Soldiers hunkered down for the night preparing themselves for the final challenge of their mission – a 12-kilometer arduous walk to a landing zone where Chinook and Apache helicopters would carry them back to Bagram Air Base.

Awaking before the sun peaked over the mountains, Soldiers moved at daybreak toward their landing zone.

Twelve kilometers and six and a half hours later, weather-beaten, exhausted and hungry, Soldiers were on their way back to base camp – mission completed.

“[My soldiers] have completed every type of terrain and environment that Afghanistan has to offer. They have gone from the hot and humid deserts of Kandahar to the [frigid] mountainous and forest terrain of [Nuristan]. We’ve gained an understanding of the broad climates Afghanistan has to offer,” said Norton. “From [a leader’s view point] I gained an understand of how enablers such as combat camera, public affairs, military police and psychological operations are employed (in a combat mission), and how to work and track their [expertise] to accomplish the mission.”

“We had to battle through extreme conditions that are [physically and mentally] exhausting, but it’s always mission first [no matter the cost],” said Spc. Ezekiel Hernandez, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 22nd Inf., Regt. “[When I reflect on Operation Mountain Resolve] I realize I did something that the average American will never get to do. It’s not easy to explain, but when a mission is complete, a Soldier know he’s done something right – something for America to can be proud of.”

New U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan to help country 'stand on its own feet'

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — “Success in Afghanistan is the only option,” Zalmay Khalilzad told reporters during a briefing Nov. 19 at the State Department’s Foreign Press Center.

Now, Khalilzad, who was confirmed by the Senate Nov. 17 as the new U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan, is set to help lead the way to that success. Prior to confirmation, he was the special presidential envoy for that country.

He told reporters that he will be returning Nov. 25 to the country where he was born with what he called a “clear mission” from President Bush: to help the country “stand on its own feet.”

“We have seen what failure in Afghanistan can produce,” Khalilzad said. “Under the Taliban, Afghanistan was the playground of international terrorists, al Qaeda, that plotted and planned the dastardly attack that took place in the United States on Sept. 11, 2001.

He said he was “going to go to build on the successes that we have already had in Afghanistan. There’s been a lot that has been accomplished as a result of efforts by Afghans, as a result of efforts by our coalition partners and other international players who are assisting in the reconstruction of Afghanistan.”

Helping the country will mean working with the Afghan government and with international partners in the country to accelerate the reconstruction of the country and its economic infrastructure. Of the \$87 billion supplemental bill signed by the president Nov. 6, \$11 billion will go for reconstruction efforts in Afghanistan.

Other tasks at hand, he said, include improving security and assisting in the movement toward building a democratic government in Afghanistan. “We want an Afghanistan that can work for the Afghans, can look

after the security needs of the Afghan people, that can provide for a representative institution and increase economic well-being for the people of Afghanistan, who have suffered so much for so long,” he explained.

“And I will do my very best with the increased resources that the Congress, and under the leadership of President Bush...and with the team of Americans dedicated to help Afghanistan succeed.”

Khalilzad noted that a draft constitution has been produced. “It’s an Afghan product produced by an inclusive process and the upcoming loya jirga,” he said. “I look forward to being in Afghanistan during the coming constitutional convention and look forward to a final document, a constitution.”

However, areas that still need work are the country’s economy and security. Khalilzad said progress must be made to build the country’s economic infrastructure in order to help raise the standard of living of the Afghan people. Afghanistan needs the support of outside investors and the country must create conditions that can attract “Afghan and external investors, the private sector, the free economy, which has got to be the answer to the economic problems,” he explained.

In addition, he pointed to a need for laws and rules that can be “friendly” to economic progress, and that government institutions in Afghanistan need to be responsive to the needs for economic progress to take place.

Khalilzad also made clear to reporters that security is still the greatest challenge to the country’s stabilization and its efforts to establish a new government. He said the country must contend with drug traffickers, common criminals and local leaders who “act like warlords.” And still, there is the Taliban, al Qaeda and other extremists like Gulbuddin Hekmatyar that continue in their attempts to disrupt stability, he noted.

According to media reports, Hekmatyar, a former Afghan premier, has been labeled a war criminal by Afghan President Hamid Karzai. Hekmatyar has also urged the Taliban

to continue to fight the United States, offering rewards to those who kill U.S. service members.

He also said he wants to work with neighboring Pakistan on that country’s “use as a sanctuary by the Taliban who come across Afghanistan to ... to attack our forces, to attack coalition forces, to attack Afghan forces, to attack people who are trying to build roads, build clinics, build schools, demine and we will work energetically on this issue.”

To address questions about the Afghanistan’s security, Khalilzad said the “ultimate answer” lies in the country’s ability to train a national army and police force, as well as the establishment of fair law and judicial reforms.

The ambassador said 5,000 Afghan National Army troops have been trained as well as 1,000 policemen. “And in the course of next year, as part of the acceleration strategy, we’ll do more,” he explained. He estimates the rate of training for the army will be up to 10,000 soldiers per year by June 2004 and plans call for training 20,000 policemen “in the course of the next year.” And he added that “with Italians in the lead, we will assist in accelerating the judicial reform process in Afghanistan with regard to fair laws.”

He said the country’s goal with regard to security is to continue operations against the terrorists and extremists, and increase the number of provincial reconstruction teams already playing a positive role in parts of Afghanistan.

“We continue to work with President Karzai on dealing with those regional leaders that act like war lords,” he said. He added that as the number of police increase, “they should deal with the criminal elements more.”

Khalilzad also commented on the importance to kill or capture Osama bin Laden and Mullah Mohammad Omar. “Success in Afghanistan is the most important, and certainly getting Mullah Omar and Osama bin Laden is important. He said he believes “one way or the other it will happen.”

FREEDOM'S VOICES

What is 'it' about NASCAR?

Commentary by Spc. Bill Putnam

If seen live, NASCAR is beautiful. I didn't always think that. In fact, I likened the sport to watching a dog chase his tail on television. What's the point?

But I was excited when I went to Florida to cover the last race of the NASCAR season. I'd never been to a race and was very curious about the sport. What makes this sport all the rage? Why are the drivers so popular and how crucial are they to a successful season? What about the mechanics and pit crews, how much did they contribute to it all? How much does the car itself contribute to a good season?

As many of you know, NASCAR is the fastest growing sport in the country. Racing is so popular that to help recruit new Soldiers the Army sponsors two teams in different aspects of the sport: the drag racing National Hot Rod Association and NASCAR.

Racing is also in my family. My uncle Frank races. He's a huge fan and we've talked off an on over the years about how well he's done or what car he's driving. Frank just guessed I was never a fan of racing like I am of hockey.

Then I realized last week why this sport has so many rabid fans. I was entering the track on Friday, the qualifying day, when the drivers were putting the cars through their paces driving around the oval track at 175 miles per hour. I looked up and saw four or five cars zooming around the curves. The sun glinted off the bright rainbow of the cars' paint jobs, the engines literally purred and hummed, and the drivers effortlessly drove the sleek-looking cars around the course's curves. Wow, the cars are beautiful, I thought.

But that sight still didn't explain why it's becoming so popular.

I went around Homestead track and talked to people about the sport. The answers they gave varied. Some said it was more fun to watch live or on TV, more exciting than football or basketball even. One man I talked to said racing has family connections. His dad raced in Connecticut, he raced some too and got his own son involved in racing go-carts. But why did his son pick Jeff Gordon, the circuit's "pretty boy" from California? Simple, he said, he liked Gordon's paint scheme on his car. By far the most exciting part of the race was the pit stop. The seven-man pit crew replaced four tires and topped the car's gas tank in five seconds. Yeah, five seconds. Then it became routine. Around and around . . .

So here's my conclusion after seeing a race. Yeah, NASCAR is a beautiful sport to watch. I mean, to be totally honest, it's primal to see the competition of colorful steel beasts driven by men of flesh race around a track at break-neck speeds. Adrenaline just pumps through your body when the 45 cars race past you. I felt excited and nervous just seeing it. Why? I'm not sure. Remember, it's primal. Those facts alone won't draw me to a track next season though. I still think it's like a dog chasing its tail.

STREET TALK

What are you most thankful for this Thanksgiving?



"Thankful that none of my fellow Soldiers got hurt during Operation Mountain Resolve."

Spc. Shaun Clark
Co. B, 2nd Bn.,
22nd Inf. Regt.

"Thankful for all the blessings my Soldiers and I have received."



Staff Sgt. June Custodio
Co. B, 2nd Bn.,
22nd Inf. Regt.



"I'm most thankful for the group of Soldiers that cover me and protect me in battle."

Spc. Scott Gay
Co. B, 2nd Bn.,
22nd Inf. Regt.

"That all of my unit's missions have been a success and none of our Soldiers have been hurt."

Pfc. Cody Haynes
Co. B, 2nd Bn.,
22nd Inf. Regt.



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Afghanistan Hot Topics



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Rival militias begin disarming in northern Afghanistan

MAZAR-E-SHARIF, Afghanistan (*Afghan Online Press*) – Soldiers from two feuding militias in northern Afghanistan began disarming today, handing over their tanks and heavy weapons for storage.

Clashes between the two rival militias – one loyal to ethnic Uzbek commander Gen. Abdul Rashid Dostum and the other to ethnic Tajik commander Ata Mohammad — have cost scores of lives in recent weeks.

Dostum and Mohammad attended the weapon decommissioning ceremony today along with the British Ambassador to Afghanistan Ron Nash.

The equipment, which is expected to include a total of about 100 tanks, will be stored under the guard of non-factional Afghan Army guards.

Survey reports Afghans in stable areas optimistic

KABUL, Afghanistan (*Associated Press*) – Afghans in stable areas of the country are overwhelmingly optimistic about the future of their nation, despite violence and political uncertainty, according to a survey released Wednesday.

About 83 percent of the Afghans surveyed said they feel safer than they did three years ago, when the hard-line Taliban regime was in power.

More than three-quarters of those questioned said Afghanistan will be safer still in another year.

The survey was conducted between April and June in eight Afghan provinces by the Human Rights Research and Advocacy Consortium, which includes major international aid groups such as Save the Children, CARE and Oxfam International, as well as Afghan agencies.

The aid groups emphasized that the survey does not necessarily represent the views of all Afghans, because security

concerns prevented them from getting the opinions of those living in the most dangerous areas.

But they said the responses showed that progress is being made in areas where security has been improved.

“If people in secure areas are still optimistic, it shows the importance of addressing security for ordinary Afghans throughout the country,” said Meryem Aslan, a representative of Oxfam.

The survey released Wednesday also found that most Afghans were well-informed about the political affairs of their country, with about 7 in 10 saying they were following the run-up to the grand council that will meet in December to ratify a new constitution.

The Afghans questioned said they considered disarmament of local warlords a key step to bringing peace to the country, with 33 percent saying it is the priority—the highest response for any category.

Some 1,479 Afghans participated in the survey, 48 percent of them women. Most respondents were interviewed in person. No margin of error was provided.

U.S. holds militants after Afghan rocket attacks

KABUL, Afghanistan (*Reuters*) – Four suspected militants were captured after rockets were fired at several U.S. bases in southeastern Afghanistan, wounding one Afghan man, the U.S. military said on Friday.

It said rockets were fired near five bases, but all the attacks were ineffective, except one at Orgun-E in Paktika province.

“A local national was wounded when a rocket landed inside the wire,” said the statement from the U.S. headquarters at Bagram to the north of Kabul.

It said seven rockets landed at the Orgun-E base and the same number at Shkin further east on the Pakistani border.

Single rockets landed near the bases at Asadabad and Deh Rawud and the statement also mentioned an attack near a base at Kandahar, but gave no details of this.

It said four militants were captured after the attack at Shkin.

U.S. forces, which overthrew the fundamentalist Taliban in late 2001, have come under persistent rocket attack in southern Afghanistan, but they rarely cause casualties or damage.

On Thursday Canada’s Defense Minister John McCallum had to take cover on arrival at the main Canadian peacekeeping base in the Afghan capital Kabul after a primed rocket was found close by.

English/Dari phrases of the week...

Hello, how are you?
Sallam chotor hastey

Thank you, I am fine
Tashakor man khub hastam

What is your name?
Naam-e-too chest

My name is [name]
Naam man [name] asst

Have a good day
Rose-e-khuob

What time is it?
Saahat chand asst

Entertainment

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Pride in Indian heritage resurging, says Old Elk

Story and photo by Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service

EDGEWATER, Md.—“Powwows are important to native culture, because at one time we were not allowed to be Indians,” said Clayton Old Elk, a member of the Crow Indian Tribe of Montana.

“We weren’t even allowed to practice our religion, our language, to sing our songs or dance our dances. They said it was sacrilegious,” said Old Elk, master of ceremonies at the American Indian Intertribal Cultural Organization Second Annual Veterans Powwow celebration, held at Central Middle School here Nov. 8.

AIITCO, a non-profit association established in 1983, offers its members the experience of cross-cultural sharing of tribal histories, customs and traditions, which helps preserve American Indian heritage.

As the sounds of thundering drumbeats and “vocables” echoed through the school’s gym, the grand entry ceremony was led by Doug Hall, who was carrying the eagle staff, the traditional American Indian flag. Hall, a member of the Odawa tribe of Minnesota, was decked out in a multicolored ribbon outfit and was followed by the three-man color guard of the Washington metro chapter of the Vietnam Era Veterans Intertribal Association.

Next came headman Walter Reed of the Lenni-Lenape tribe of New Jersey, part of the Algonquin nation. The headlady was his wife, Justine Reed, a mixture of the Seneca, Ojibwe and Lakota tribes. In leading the group of dancers into the ceremonial area, both performed their respective roles as headman and headlady.

Old Elk told the audience that the Europeans tried to take away their “Indianess,” but they couldn’t take away their spirit. “We’re here. We have been here,” said Old Elk, a health systems specialist with the Indian Health Service in Rockville, Md. “Our songs, dances and our lan-

guages went underground, but recently, they’ve made a comeback.

“It’s at times like this (powwows) that we remember our ancestors and our warriors,” said Old Elk, adding that active duty military personnel were invited to the powwow free of charge. “We come from warrior societies that remind us of who we are. You have to know who you are and where you come from before you know where you going.”

He said powwows are a good time to express that to young people. “Most of our languages are lost, but fortunately, I can speak my own language – the Crow,” Old Elk noted.

Powwows are also a good time to point out the good and bad things affecting American Indians. People should be aware of the fact that “there was a time when we were made ashamed to be who we are,” Old Elk said. “I remember growing up in Montana when there were signs saying, ‘No dogs or Indians allowed,’ in restaurants. The racism still prevails there in rural areas.”

“It’s at times like this that we can educate the mainstream society about such things and the contributions we’ve made to this country,” said Old Elk, who attended the Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kan., before transferring to Montana State University on a football scholarship. He later moved to Eastern Montana University where he earned his bachelor’s degree.

“We’ve given much more to this country than most people realize,” he continued.

“When you call yourself an American, you’re in fact calling yourself a Native American, because you speak our language. The food that we



Justine Reed, left, dances around the ceremonial area with an unidentified male dancer during the American Indian Intertribal Cultural Organization Second Annual Veterans Powwow celebration, held at Central Middle School in Edgewater, Md., Nov. 8.

have, whether it’s pumpkin, corn or turkey, or if you drink coffee, go to a movie and eat popcorn – that’s Indian food.

“We’ve shared everything with this country, because sharing is part of our way of life,” Old Elk said. Indians also introduced the settlers to clothing, such as moccasins and ponchos. Chaps that rodeo riders wear today are a form of Indian leggings. Indians also introduced settlers to cotton, which is used to make clothing today.

“We have many things we’ve shared with this country, including our language,” he said. “Even right here in this area, the Chesapeake and Potomac are Indian words. Even cities and states across the country use Indian names — Manhattan, Chicago, Miami, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Maine. The geographical words, too — Appalachia, Ozark.”

“We should let our people know that there is another culture. We’re rich, not in material value, but our languages, sciences and our way of living with nature. We have a wealth of information that we can share with everybody.”



Music Notes (Compiled from CNN.com)



Michael Jackson in 2002.

Crises shadows Jackson career

LOS ANGELES – Pop star Michael Jackson’s musical career has once again taken a back seat to the tortured twists of his private life as the release of his latest album was overshadowed by new child molestation charges pending against the singer.

As news broke on Tuesday that investigators were scouring his sprawling Neverland Ranch estate near Santa Barbara, California, Jackson’s Sony Music label, Epic Records, issued the compilation set “Number Ones,” featuring top hits from his 30-year solo career and his latest single, “One More Chance.”

Based on first-day retail activity, the album is expected to sell just under 100,000 units in its opening week, the music industry Web site Hits Daily Double projected on Wednesday.

That would amount to about half the first-week sales volume industry insiders had been expecting before “Number Ones” was released. But retailers said it was too soon to say whether Jackson’s latest scandal was affecting sales.

“The news has not had a measurable effect, either positively or negatively,” said Fred Fox, executive vice president for Trans World Entertainment, a music retailer.

Still, the case had a very decided and swift impact on a key component of promotional efforts for the album.

Hours after authorities in Santa Barbara said an arrest warrant had been issued for Jackson on multiple child molestation charges, the CBS network scrubbed its plans for a prime-time TV special celebrating the singer’s recording career.



Eminem accepting a Grammy at the Grammy Awards in February.

Eminem accused of racism

NEW YORK – The *Source* magazine has Eminem on the defensive over a decade-old song that calls black girls “dumb” and depicts them as gold diggers.

In the latest chapter of the *Source*’s campaign against Eminem, *Source* principals David Mays and Raymond Scott held a press conference to play the recording. It features Eminem, who is white, saying things like: “Black girls are dumb, and white girls are good chicks.”

There also is another brief song in which a rapper, who the *Source* says is Eminem, uses the n-word.

The tape was provided to the magazine by “three white hip-hop fans from Detroit who were peers of Eminem in the early ’90s, at the time of the recording,” the *Source* said in a press release Tuesday.

Eminem acknowledged that he made the song deriding black women. He said in a statement it was “something I made out of anger, stupidity and frustration when I was a teenager.”



Gibson picks a guitar at his Nashville home in this 1997 photo.

Don Gibson, writer of ‘I Can’t Stop Loving You,’ dies at 75

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Don Gibson, an elementary school dropout who wrote and recorded country standards like “I Can’t Stop Loving You,” has died, his lawyer said. He was 75.

Gibson died Monday at Baptist Hospital, said Richard Frank, who was also a longtime friend of the Grand Ole Opry star.

Gibson’s songs used plain language and riveting melodies to communicate strong emotions. He sang in a rich baritone and usually wrote about solitude and sadness involving love, earning him the nickname “the sad poet.”

“Simple is the only way I can write,” he once said.

Gibson was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2001.

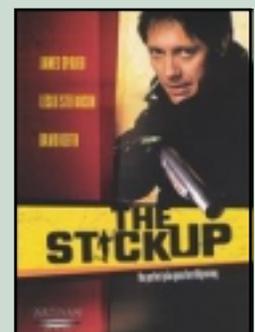
Born on April 3, 1928, Gibson was a poor boy from Shelby, North Carolina, who dropped out of school in second grade. But he became a songwriting genius who sold millions of records.

Bagram Air Base MWR Presents

“The Stick Up”
at the MWR building

0830Z/1300L
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Tomorrow’s movie: “Martin Lawrence, You So Crazy”



Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from SI.com)



Jack Nicklaus saw some flaws in Tiger Woods' swing, which were smoothed out by match's end.

U.S. dominates Friday play to take sizable lead in the President's Cup

GEORGE, South Africa – The Americans were good from start to finish Friday, winning seven of 10 matches to build a 9 1/2-6 1/2 lead in the Presidents Cup.

Tiger Woods, Justin Leonard, Jerry Kelly made sure there was no repeat of the disastrous opening session, when the International team rallied on the final three holes of the final three matches to take the lead.

Woods provided a few anxious moments. Playing for the third straight time with Charles Howell III, Woods missed a 4-foot birdie putt on the 16th in the alternate-shot format, and their 4-up lead with five holes to play was down to 1-up.

Retief Goosen hit a beautiful second shot into 15 feet on the par-5 18th, but Tim Clark's eagle putt to halve the match turned away.

Howell chipped to 4 feet, and Woods needed this one to win the match. He studied it hard and buried the putt.

"I don't know if I could have lived that one down if I missed that one," Woods said.

Oilers, Habs and 55,000 fans set to face elements in first outdoor game

EDMONTON, Alberta – For the Edmonton Oilers and Montreal Canadiens, their game Saturday will be just like old times — a throwback to when the players were kids and raced from school to a frozen pond.

And they never cared how cold it was.

So, with no concern for the thermometer, the league is throwing an 86th birthday party for the NHL. The Oilers and Canadiens will play at 55,000-seat Commonwealth Stadium in Edmonton, the first outdoor game in league history.

The Heritage Classic will be the second half of a hockey double-header with teams of Edmonton and Montreal alumni, including Hall of Famers Wayne Gretzky and Guy Lafleur, playing the first game.

Forecasts Friday called for a temperature of about 15 degrees with possible snow flurries when the puck drops at 5 p.m. local time, two hours after the alumni game starts.

"It's about a celebration of hockey and our roots to the game being outdoors," said Oilers general manager Kevin Lowe, who will play in the old-timers' game. "It's nice to have Gretz here and Mark [Messier] and Guy [Lafleur], but most of us are just thinking about the spirit of the game."

Messier, who still plays with the New York Rangers, received permission to skate one more time with the teammates from one of hockey's greatest clubs.

Lowe said the real appeal is the reminder of childhood days of numb toes and runny noses while playing until sundown.

Dotson decides to keep Texas attorneys

WACO, Texas – A former Baylor University basketball player accused of killing an ex-teammate decided Friday to keep his court-appointed attorneys for his murder trial.

Sherwood Wescott and Purcell Luke, of Salisbury, Md., and Kenneth Weatherspoon, of Dallas had sought to replace the Waco attorneys for Carlton Dotson, 21. Wescott and Luke were hired to represent Dotson while he fought extradition from his home state of Maryland to Texas.

Dotson is accused of shooting Patrick Dennehy, 21, in June in a field near a rock quarry 5 miles from the Baylor campus. When Dennehy's body was found six weeks later, an autopsy revealed two gunshot wounds in the head.

During a five-minute hearing Friday, state District Judge George Allen asked Dotson if he wanted to keep attorneys Russ Hunt Sr. and Abel Reyna. Dotson said yes.

"That's his choice," Wescott said Friday. "The family did retain our services. Even though you're hired by the family, it is up to the defendant."

Dotson, who was arrested July 21 in Maryland, faces from five years to life in prison if convicted.

During Dotson's first court appearance in Texas on Oct. 29, the day after he was transported from Maryland, he signed a pauper's oath indicating he had no money. The judge then appointed Hunt and Reyna.

Two weeks later, the Maryland attorneys filed a motion seeking to represent Dotson.

Neither Wescott nor Luke is licensed to practice law in Texas, but they could have become licensed by filing an application and paying a fee. Weatherspoon has practiced criminal law in Texas for 17 years.

Reyna said he and Hunt have established a relationship with Dotson and that their familiarity with the Texas court system may have influenced Dotson's decision. Hunt said they spoke to Dotson briefly after the hearing.

"He said he thought he made the right decision," Hunt said.



Freddy Adu drew raves for his goals against South Korea at the Under-17 World Championship.

Adu could prove a bargain for U.S. soccer

NEW YORK – Hold off the hand-wringing over Freddy Adu. Spare us the sermons about child labor.

Despite what some people are saying, paying a few million dollars to a 14-year-old to play pro soccer is not exploitation. It doesn't mean thousands of kids will run breathlessly off rec-league fields this weekend and demand to talk to agents. All it means is a windfall for one very fortunate family.

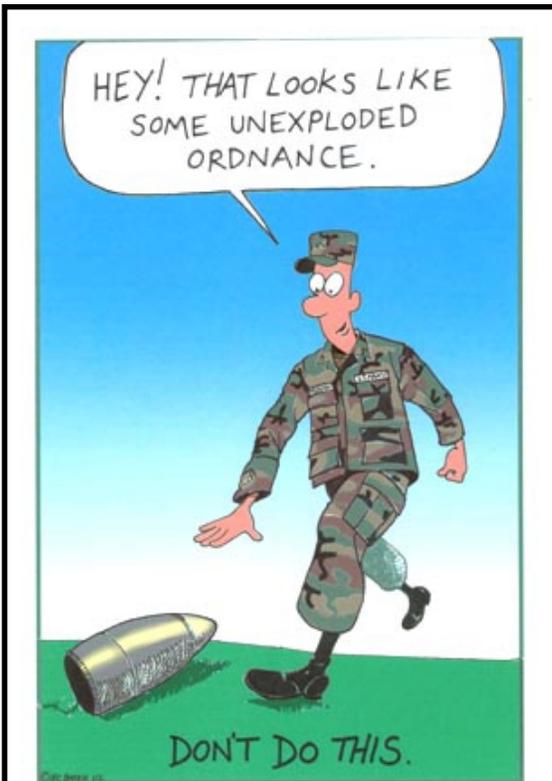
Adu and his mother, Emelia, took a gamble a half-dozen years ago, after she won a State Department visa lottery, uprooted her family from Ghana and staked their future on the United States. Now, American soccer is returning the favor.

"He is widely considered the best young soccer player in the world," Major League Soccer commissioner Don Garber said the other day, announcing the league's four-year deal with Adu.

"And we believe that playing in his home country, in MLS, will further develop him as a player and, most importantly, as a person."

The prodigy business is still risky, but it has come a long way since Mozart died haunted and broke. And in the sports world these days, with TV execs, league presidents and sportswear manufacturers all in wild-eyed pursuit of the next big thing, broke is almost out of the question.

Those prodigies whose gifts are largely physical play the game earlier, and if they don't burn out, become serviceable — if sometimes forgettable — pros. A precious few combine those skills with imagination and change the game forever.



By Mark Baker

Pvt. Murphy's Law

Solution from Friday's Percussion Session Crossword in the *Freedom Watch*

(Courtesy of QUIZLAND.com)

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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

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- ❖ 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
- ❖ 15150Z — Catholic mass
- ❖ 1900Z — Evening Worship service

K2 chapel hours

Sunday

- ❖ 0300Z- Liturgical Service
- ❖ 0400,0730,1130Z-General Protestant Service
- ❖ 0530Z-Roman Catholic Mass
- ❖ 1230Z-Latter Day Saints

Monday

- ❖ 0230Z-Devotions and Prayer
- ❖ 1230Z-Catholic Mass

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- ❖ 0230Z-Devotions and Prayer
- ❖ 1230Z-Catholic Mass
- ❖ 1400Z-Midweek Praise Service

Thursday

- ❖ 1230Z-Catholic Mass

Friday

- ❖ 1400Z-Jewish Service
- ❖ 0230Z-Devotions and Prayer
- ❖ 1230Z-Catholic Mass
- ❖ 1400Z-Biblestudy

Saturday

- ❖ 0400Z-Jewish Service
- ❖ 1230Z-Catholic Mass

CJCMOTF chapel hours

Sunday

- ❖ 1100Z — Christian service
- ❖ 1430Z — U.S. Embassy service
- ❖ 1900Z — Christian service

Wednesday

- ❖ 1900Z — Bible study - 2nd & 4th

Thursdays

- ❖ 1900Z — Roman Catholic mass

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Today

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Sunday



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Hi — 52F
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Hi — 70F
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Monday



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Hi — 57F
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Hi — 64F
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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.