



## Apache pilot to play lacrosse championship in Prague

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BAGHDAD, Iraq -- An AH-64 Apache helicopter pilot for Task Force 1st Armored Division's 1st Battalion, 501st Aviation Regiment, has been chosen to be one of 30 players on the 2004 German National Lacrosse Team that will compete for the European Championship in late July.

Capt. John S. Mask, Headquarters and Headquarters Company commander for 1-501st Aviation, and an experienced lacrosse player, waits to play on one of Europe's most-respected teams in a sport he loves.

"I have played lacrosse since 1989," said Mask. "I played in high school, at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, I played on a local team in Korea when I was stationed there, and I am still a member of my team, the Frankfurt Cosmos, back in Germany."

Mask graduated from the West Point in 1998 where he played two years of junior varsity and two years of varsity lacrosse, as well as earning a degree in international relations.

After Mask earned his commission, he attended flight school in Fort Rucker, Ala. When he arrived at his first duty station in Korea, he wasted no time in finding a lacrosse team to join.

"After moving out to my first duty station in Korea, I didn't hesitate to get on a team there," said Mask. "The teams I have been on overseas in countries such as Korea, Czech Republic and Germany are mainly made up of locals and a few of us Americans."

"The language barrier isn't usually a problem, though," added Mask. "Lacrosse was invented by Native Americans and most people who have been exposed to the sport know enough English to establish good teamwork."

Mask plays the mid-field position in lacrosse, which is the soccer and hockey equivalent of center.

"I'm the guy that does all the face-offs at the beginning," said Mask. "It's a very exciting position; I play defensive and offensive roles as mid-field. I use a lot of leadership and team work."

When Mask prepared to deploy to Iraq in early



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2003, he knew a deployment wouldn't stop him from playing his favorite sport.

"I play lacrosse with some of my friends in my unit, and we all brought our lacrosse sticks here with us to Iraq," said Mask. "That shows you how important it is to us."

According to Mask, playing lacrosse has helped him become a better Soldier and leader.

"I have learned a lot of leadership lessons as well as perseverance from playing lacrosse that have carried over to my career in the Army. It has made me a better leader."

It is also a good, strenuous physical training workout, added Mask.

"I'm glad that something I do for fun helps me become a better soldier and officer."

## NEWS...

### Iraq Insurgents Shifting to Soft Targets

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Drive-by gunmen killed two Europeans working on a water project south of the Iraqi capital Tuesday, bringing to six the number of foreign humanitarian workers cut down in shooting attacks in Iraq over the past two days. Four American missionaries also working on a water project in the northern city of Mosul were killed in a similar attack a day earlier. The twin attacks seemed to signal a shift by insurgent gunmen to so-called "soft" targets in their effort to snarl work by the U.S.-led coalition to rebuild Iraq in preparation for the American hand-over of authority to the Iraqis on June 30.

### Six Moroccans Suspected in Madrid Blasts

MADRID, Spain (AP) - Police reportedly now suspect at least six Moroccans took part in the Madrid train bombings, and the United States is assisting a growing international investigation that is increasingly focused on Islamic militants possibly linked to al-Qaida. A 45-year-old woman died of her injuries Tuesday, raising the death toll from Thursday's bombings to 201. Of the more than 1,600 wounded, eight are in critical condition.

### Pakistan Kills Two Dozen Terror Suspects

WANA, Pakistan (AP) - Paramilitary troops stormed a fortress-like compound with mortars and machine-gun fire Tuesday, killing 24 suspects in a fierce crackdown on al-Qaida and Taliban fugitives in the rugged tribal regions bordering Afghanistan, the army spokesman said. The operation - which left at least eight Pakistani troops dead and 15 wounded - was a stunning message delivered just one day after the military president promised to rid the territory of foreign terrorists. There have been several anti-terror operations in the semiautonomous tribal belt in recent months, but none so bloody.

### Ohio Highway Shooting Suspect Mentally Ill

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) - The man wanted by police in a deadly string of highway sniper attacks has a history of mental illness and is believed to have a semiautomatic pistol and ammunition, authorities said Tuesday. Charles A. McCoy Jr., 28, lived with his mother within miles of where the gunman's bullets killed a passenger, shattered windshields, dented school buses and drilled into homes and a school.

## Thought for the day...

### "Rise Above It"

One stormy night, Frank Lloyd Wright, noted architect, was roused from a sound sleep by an urgent phone call from a client who was experiencing problems after just moving into one of his designed homes.

The client stated, "There's a leak in the roof and the living room is flooded." Replied Wright, "Rise above it." L.P. Jacks once said, "The pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; the optimist, the opportunity in every difficulty."

## It's only rock 'n' roll

### Prince, Seger Make Rock and Roll Hall

By DAVID BAUDER, Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) -- Prince burst into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Monday with some blistering funk, joined by the regional stew of Bob Seger's heartland rock, ZZ Top's Texas boogie and Jackson Browne's California smoothness.

George Harrison became the third ex-Beatle inducted for his solo work. British jam band Traffic and the '50s harmony group the Dells were also honored.

It was clearly Prince's night, though, as he opened the ceremony with a trio of 1980s hits and came out later to upstage Tom Petty, Jeff Lynne and Harrison's son, Dhani, on "While My Guitar Gently Weeps."

Dressed in a white suit and displaying nimble dance steps, Prince performed three songs that caught the breadth of his work: the rock anthem "Let's Go Crazy," the topical "Sign O' the Times" and funk groove of "Kiss."

A restless perfectionist, the Minneapolis-based singer often played every instrument on his discs. He said he was preoccupied early in his career with maintaining his freedom.

He also warned youthful musicians: "A real friend and mentor is not on your payroll."

Browne co-wrote "Take it Easy" for the Eagles, then was successful on his own with "Doctor My Eyes," "The Pretender" and "Running on Empty," chronicling the turn of the 1960s utopian dream into the cynical '70s.

The "No Nukes" concert organizer has mixed the political with the personal throughout his career.

Browne performed "The Pretender," paused to thank his manager, then sang "Running on Empty."

Seger, who still lives in the Detroit area, burst from regional to national fame with the hits "Night Moves," "Old Time Rock & Roll" and "Like a Rock," the latter a longtime Chevy commercial theme.

Seger brought up his Silver Bullet Band for their first public performance in nine years. They sang "Turn the Page" and the wedding staple, "Old Time Rock 'n' Roll."

Tom Petty and Jeff Lynne, two fellow members of the Traveling Wilburys, were on hand to salute Harrison. The guitarist joins John Lennon and Paul McCartney as Beatles also honored for their solo work.

Harrison's biggest hit, "My Sweet Lord," came in a burst of pent-up creativity following the Beatles' breakup. He recorded infrequently in the decade before his November 2001 cancer death, but a well-received posthumous disc came out in 2002.

For all his solo albums, he was saluted with two group efforts, the Traveling Wilburys tune, "Handle With Care," and the Beatles song, "While My Guitar Gently Weeps."

Hirsute blues-rockers ZZ Top were an early MTV staple with the boogie hits, "Legs" and "Sharp-Dressed Man," helped by the presence of little-dressed women in their videos.

Rolling Stones guitarist Keith Richards gave a semi-coherent induction speech, praising the band's consistency and longevity. Traffic featured teen prodigy organist Steve Winwood, who later went on to solo success. The pastoral, jazzy Traffic had hits with "Glad" and "Low Spark of High Heeled Boys."

Although former Traffic member Dave Mason was inducted, he didn't perform with the band.

The Dells, a vocal harmony quintet that hit with "Oh What a Night" in 1955, were the inspiration for the film "The Five Heartbeats." With only one personnel change, a group formed in high school is still performing together more than 50 years later.

Dells member Chuck Barksdale said he hoped the hall would open its doors to other vocal groups, like the O'Jays, the Manhattans and the Whispers.

Rolling Stone magazine founder Jann Wenner also received a lifetime achievement award.

## Today in History...

### March 17, 1804: Jim Bridger born

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) Two months before Lewis and Clark begin their epic western expedition, Jim Bridger is born in Richmond, Virginia. Twenty years later, Bridger, heading West along the routes Lewis and Clark pioneered, became one of the greatest mountain men of the 19th century.

The son of a surveyor and an innkeeper, Bridger moved with his family to St. Louis in 1818. There, Bridger apprenticed to a blacksmith, learned to handle boats, and became a good shot and skilled woodsman. When the Ashley-Henry fur trading company advertised for "enterprising young men" to travel the Missouri River to trade with the Indians, Bridger was among the first to respond, and he was hired in 1822.

Though he lacked much formal education, Bridger demonstrated a brilliant ability for finding his way and surviving in the wilderness. As part of the Ashley-Henry team, he helped construct the first fur trading post on the Yellowstone River. At the age of 21, Bridger became the first Anglo definitely known to have seen the Great Salt Lake, though he mistakenly thought it was the Pacific Ocean at the time. He was adept at learning Indian dialects and culture, and he had a tremendous memory for geographical detail.

For several years Bridger worked as an independent trapper and in 1830 he joined with three partners to gain control of the Rocky Mountain Fur Company. Bridger never really enjoyed the life of the businessman, though, and he sold out in 1834. That same year, he married Cora, the daughter of a Flathead Indian chief, and she accompanied him on his fur trapping expeditions. Yet by 1840, Bridger had grown tired of the nomadic trapper life. He was convinced that the emigrant traffic through the West had become heavy enough to support a trading post. He founded Fort Bridger along the Green River section of the Oregon Trail, in present-day southern Wyoming.

Fort Bridger quickly became a regular stopping place for overland emigrants, and Bridger happily settled down with Cora, with whom he had three children. Bridger's idyllic life did not last, though. Cora died, Indians killed one of his daughters, and a second wife died in childbirth. Bridger retreated to the mountains to trap and hunt after each of these tragedies, often living for a time with Indians. In 1850, he married the daughter of a Shoshoni chief, and thereafter he and his bride-whom he called Mary-divided their time between summers at Fort Bridger and winters with the Shoshoni.

In 1853, Mormons, resenting the competition from Bridger's fort, tried to arrest him as an outlaw. He escaped into the mountains with Mary and his children, but a band of Mormons burnt and gutted the fort, destroying all his supplies. Concerned for his family's safety, Bridger bought a farm near Westport, Missouri, where he left Mary and the children during all of his subsequent western journeys. He sold Fort Bridger in 1858, and spent the next decade working as a guide and an army scout in the early Indian wars.

By 1868, Bridger's eyesight was failing, and he increasingly suffered from rheumatism. He retired to his Westport farm, where he cared for his apple trees and no doubt fondly recalled the rugged western mountains he had known so well. He died at the age of 76 on July 17, 1881.



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Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	Start Time
00:30	THE HOT LIST	HEADLINE NEWS	FORREST GUMP	TODAY		00:30
01:00	THE HOT LIST	TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):			NAVY/MARINE CORPS NEWS	00:30
01:30	AROUND THE HORN				LESTER HOLT LIVE	01:30
01:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):				01:30
02:30	SPORTSCENTER			SESAME STREET	HEADLINE NEWS	02:30
02:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	EBERT & ROEPER AT THE MOVIES (TVPG):		NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	02:30
03:00	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - POSTSEASON NIT - FIRST ROUND: IOWA VS ST. LOUIS	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - NCAA TOURNAMENT OPENING ROUND PLAY-IN GAME: LEHIGH VS FLORIDA A&M	ROCKET POWER (TVY): - LESS THAN FULL OTTO/ CARD SHARKED	BLUE'S CLUES - MR. SALT AND MRS. PEPPER DAY	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	03:00
03:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS (TVY): - FATHER TIME/ APARTNERSHIP	WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):	CBS EVENING NEWS	03:30
04:00			THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - BLOOD FEUD	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	COUNTDOWN WITH KEITH OLBERMANN	04:00
04:30			THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - BRING 'EM BACK ALIVE			04:30
05:00	NBA FASTBREAK	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - POSTSEASON NIT - FIRST ROUND: MISSOURI VS MICHIGAN	ALLY MCBEAL (TV14): - THE MAN WITH THE BAG	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):	HANNITY & COLMES	05:00
06:00	TENNIS - PACIFIC LIFE OPEN: EARLY ROUND COVERAGE DAY 3		STAR TREK: NEXT GENERATION (TVPG): - SHIP IN A BOTTLE	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	THE NEWSHOUR	06:00
06:30				JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):		06:30
07:00		HEADLINE NEWS	TACTICAL TO PRACTICAL (TVPG): - LIGHT WEIGHT OFFROAD, BATTLEFIELD ER, AND DRONES	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	07:00
07:25				GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):		07:25
07:30		ESPNEWS			NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT	07:30
08:00	NBA FASTBREAK	HEADLINE NEWS	SECRETS OF WAR (TVPG): - WOMEN SPIES IN WORLD WAR II		LARRY KING LIVE	08:00
08:15				GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):		08:15
08:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	HEADLINE NEWS				08:30
09:00	ESPNEWS	SESAME STREET	WONDER BOYS	BETWEEN THE LIONS (TVY): - YOU CAN'T CATCH ME	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	09:00
09:30	TOTALLY NASCAR			THE ADVENTURES OF JIMMY NEUTRON, BOY GENIUS (TVY): - PROFESSOR CALAMITOUS I PRESUME/JOURNEY TO CENTER OF CARL		09:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	BLUE'S CLUES - MR. SALT AND MRS. PEPPER DAY		A WALK IN YOUR SHOES	PAULA ZAHN NOW	10:00
10:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE (TVG):		STRANGE DAYS AT BLAKE HOLSEY HIGH (TVY7): - STORM		10:30
11:00	NHL - SAN JOSE SHARKS @ DALLAS STARS	THE DR. PHIL SHOW (TVPG):	ROCKET POWER (TVY): - LESS THAN FULL OTTO/ CARD SHARKED	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	NIGHTLINE	11:00
11:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS (TVY): - FATHER TIME/ APARTNERSHIP	HEADLINE NEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	11:30
11:46		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW (TVPG):				11:46
11:52				PACIFIC REPORT		11:52
12:00			THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - BLOOD FEUD	ESPNEWS	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	12:00
12:30			THE COSBY SHOW (TVG): - BRING 'EM BACK ALIVE	HEADLINE NEWS		12:30
12:35		GUIDING LIGHT (TV14):				12:35
12:52				PACIFIC REPORT		12:52
13:00			AMERICAN IDOL (TVG):	THE PARKERS (TVPG): - JURY DUTY	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	13:00
13:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL (TV14):				13:17
13:30	SPORTSCENTER	HEADLINE NEWS		THE SIMPLE LIFE (TVPG):		13:30
14:00		JUDGE JUDY (TVPG):		AMERICA'S NEXT TOP MODEL (TVPG): - THE GIRL WHO CAN CRY AT THE DROP OF A HAT	CNN DAYBREAK	14:00
14:30	NBA FASTBREAK					14:30
15:00	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL - NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT OPENING ROUND PLAY-IN GAME: LEHIGH VS FLORIDA A&M	TODAY	TACTICAL TO PRACTICAL (TVPG): - LIGHT WEIGHT OFFROAD, BATTLEFIELD ER, AND DRONES	THE OC (TVPG): - THE BEST CHRISMUKKAH EVER	GOOD MORNING AMERICA	15:00
16:00			SECRETS OF WAR (TVPG): - WOMEN SPIES IN WORLD WAR II	HEADLINE NEWS		16:00
16:22				PACIFIC REPORT		16:22
16:30				TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO (TVPG):		16:30
17:00	SPORTSCENTER	BETWEEN THE LIONS (TVY): - YOU CAN'T CATCH ME	WONDER BOYS		HEADLINE NEWS	17:00
17:30		THE ADVENTURES OF JIMMY NEUTRON, BOY GENIUS (TVY): - PROFESSOR CALAMITOUS I PRESUME/JOURNEY TO CENTER OF CARL		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN (TVPG):	CHANNEL ONE	17:30
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18:30	TOTALLY NASCAR	STRANGE DAYS AT BLAKE HOLSEY HIGH (TVY7): - STORM		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		18:30
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY! (TVG):	ROCKET POWER (TVY): - LESS THAN FULL OTTO/ CARD SHARKED	NORTH DALLAS FORTY		19:00
19:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS (TVY): - FATHER TIME/ APARTNERSHIP			19:30
20:00	NHL - ST. LOUIS BLUES @ LOS ANGELES KINGS	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS (TVPG): - BLOOD FEUD		FOX NEWS LIVE	20:00
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21:00		THE PARKERS (TVPG): - JURY DUTY	AMERICAN IDOL (TVG):	AGNES OF GOD	FOX NEWS LIVE	21:00
21:30		THE SIMPLE LIFE (TVPG):				21:30
22:00		AMERICA'S NEXT TOP MODEL (TVPG): - THE GIRL WHO CAN CRY AT THE DROP OF A HAT			FOX NEWS LIVE	22:00
22:30	ESPNEWS					22:30
23:00	TENNIS - PACIFIC LIFE OPEN: WOMEN'S QUARTERFINALS	THE OC (TVPG): - THE BEST CHRISMUKKAH EVER	TACTICAL TO PRACTICAL (TVPG): - LIGHT WEIGHT OFFROAD, BATTLEFIELD ER, AND DRONES	ESPNEWS: THE HOT LIST	HEADLINE NEWS	23:00
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