

Colby High School graduate begins West Point training

Theo Kleinsorge, a 2004 Colby High School graduate, is one of 1,235 cadet candidates who reported to the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. Monday, for "Reception Day."

The Class of 2008 includes 270 ethnic minorities, 17 international cadets and 20 combat veterans who served in Afghanistan, Iraq or both, West Point officials said this week.

"The incoming class was selected from a pool of nearly 12,000 applicants," said West Point Admissions Director Col. Michael Jones.

"There are 198 women or about 16 percent of the class. Minority en-



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rollment includes 72 African-Americans, 94 Asian-Americans, 79 Hispanic Americans and 12 Native

Americans," he said.

This class is more than equal to the tasks their futures hold, Jones added.

"This class includes some of the best and brightest young men and women in the country," he said, noting that their overall performance in academics, leadership and athletics is outstanding and provides the necessary foundation for successfully completing the challenging West Point experience.

"In these times of uncertainty and conflict," Jones said, "this patriotic group of citizens left the comfort and safety of civilian life to devote

themselves to becoming guardians of Duty, Honor, Country and our U.S. Constitution.

As for their future, he said they are beginning a life of service during which they will face unique challenges.

"They will be tasked with providing leadership for their soldiers, performing challenging missions and understanding the ever-changing, high-tech Army in a world environment fraught with danger."

During R-Day, the new cadets began the process of becoming U.S. Military Academy cadets and future U.S. Army officers.

They will undergo administrative processing, are fitted with their initial issue of military clothing, receive haircuts, medical and physical evaluations and begin their first lessons in marching, military courtesy and discipline.

"As their first day ended, the Class of 2008 stood before many of their parents and friends at Trophy Point and took the Oath of Allegiance from West Point Commandant Brig. Gen. Leo A. Brooks, Jr.," Jones said.

The cadets will need to complete six and a half weeks training, which will include participating in physi-

cal training, long foot marches, rappelling and tactical maneuvers.

Cadets will qualify in rifle marksmanship and learn to respond quickly and accurately to their commanders under conditions of mental and physical stress.

At the end of this initial training period new cadets are formally accepted into the Corps. The Acceptance Parade for the Class of 2008 is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14.

Theo is the son of Vernon and Judy Kleinsorge, Colby.

Christian, country music artist to perform in church

Roger Cooper, Christian and country music artist, will perform at 9 a.m. Sunday, July 11 at First Christian Church, 385 W. Third in Colby.

He will be bringing his message "To Love Jesus Is Fun" in words and music, church officials said.

There will be coffee and rolls in the Fellowship Hall after church services.

"Join in fun, fellowship and meet and visit with Cooper," organizers said.

As for Cooper's background, the musician said he is a veteran Chris-

tian artist who effectively communicates the love of Jesus Christ.

Another spokesperson for Cooper said connects with his audience if they are nine or 90.

The way he relates to today's youth, through his music and humor, says that the message of the gospel is timeless, adding that he is "A musician with a message."

A native Kansan who worked the family farm and has lived in western Kansas most of his life, Cooper maintains residences and offices in Nashville, Tenn. and the "big city" of Penokee, Kan., (Pop. 50). He

continues making a mark in both the Christian and country music industry with his recordings, concerts and hits he has written.

In his 30-year career, he has recorded 14 albums, received numerous music nominations and awards

(country music awards, Dove Award nominations).

Organizers added that Cooper has also worked with some of country, gospel and pop music's biggest stars including George Strait, Vince Gill, Alan Jackson, Tim McGraw,

B.J. Thomas, Michael W. Smith, DC Talk, Steven Curtis Chapman, Amy Grant, Whitney Houston and LeAnn Womach to name a few. He has performed at many county and state fairs, music festivals and concerts around the world.

Saddam's appearance prompts rocket attacks

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Saddam Hussein got his day in court, and Iraqi leaders and U.S. troops got back to the task of fighting an insurgency that shows no sign of abating, as rebels fired rockets at two hotels Friday.

One rocket struck the Sheraton Hotel on Firdous Square in central Baghdad but caused only minor damage. Another veered northward and exploded near the Baghdad Hotel, used by Western security contractors.

One man was wounded.

"This is the sixth time that the Sheraton hotel has been hit since August," said Hussein Hadi, the night shift manager. "They think we have American troops here, (but) it's a civilian hotel. We have companies who have come to help reconstruct Iraq."

Firdous Square is where a statue of Saddam Hussein was hauled down on April 9, 2003, in what became one of the defining images of the U.S.-led invasion.

The attacks occurred a day after Saddam made a defiant court appearance to hear charges of war crimes and genocide against him. Some Iraqis questioned whether the court proceedings against him had come too early in the process of Iraq's political transition.

"This is not the time," said Mohammed Mahdi, watching with several co-workers at a hotel. "Yes, he needs to be brought to justice. But the country has too many other problems now that should be fixed first."

In an encouraging sign, Jordan's King Abdullah II said Thursday that his country might become the first Arab state to send troops to Iraq. Abdullah told the British Broadcasting Corp. "Newsnight" program, "I presume that if the Iraqis ask us for help directly it would be very difficult for us to say no."

There was no immediate comment from Iraq because of the Friday day of prayer.

In Washington, a former Coalition Provisional Authority official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told reporters that American officials now think the insurgency in Iraq is being carried out by about 4,000 to 5,000 Saddam loyalists.

Other violent acts are being committed by a couple hundred supporters of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and another group made up of hundreds of foreign fighters, said the official, who spoke on condition he not be identified. In addition to the hardcore members of these three groups, there are untold numbers of "supporters or facilitators," said the official, who is deeply familiar with the security situation in Iraq.

American officials believe the

International

followers of Saddam, not al-Zarqawi, pose the greatest threat to the new government.

But there is little Saddam has provided in the seven months since his capture to help illuminate the threat. Saddam had revealed "almost nothing" of any intelligence value during months of interrogation, the official said.

The former dictator was transferred to Iraqi legal control Wednesday but remains under U.S. guard.

L. Paul Bremer, who ran Iraq until a few days ago, said Thursday that the nation's future as a democracy hinges on whether security forces can curb violence enough to permit elections.

"Looking forward over the next six to eight months, the key question is going to be: Can they get security enough under control that credible elections can be held in January — on schedule?" said Bremer, former administration of the now-defunct CPA in Iraq. "I believe they can. There's a lot of work to be done."

Whether it was time or not, Saddam's court appearance was momentous. Unaccompanied by a lawyer, he was presented with seven preliminary charges that included gassing thousands of Kurds in 1988, the 1990 invasion of Kuwait, the suppression of 1991 revolts by Kurds and Shiites, the murders of religious and political leaders and the mass displacement of Kurds in the 1980s.

He brushed off the charges, suggesting he had immunity as Iraq's president.

"Please allow me not to sign until the lawyers are present. ... Anyhow, when you take a procedure to bring me here again, present me with all these papers with the presence of lawyers. Why would you behave in a manner that we might call hasty later on?" he said.

Afterward, 11 other defendants appeared one by one to hear the charges against them. Most appeared to be tired, broken men, shadows of their former roles as masters of Iraq.

Best-known among the 11 are former Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz, long Saddam's spokesman in the West; Ali Hasan al-Majid, known as "Chemical Ali;" and former Vice President Taha Yassin Ramadan.

Aziz denied personal involvement in any of the regime's crimes.

Also Friday, Iraqi insurgents freed two Turkish hostages whose company had reportedly promised to stop working with the U.S. military in Iraq to with their release.



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Schedule of church services

ASCENSION-ON-THE-PRAIRIE EPISCOPAL, Rev. Don Martin, College Drive & Wheatridge Rd., 462-3041, Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Evening Prayer, 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, September through May. Christian Education for Youth, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September through May

COLLEGE DRIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD, Interim Pastor, Dean McCormick, 245 W. College Dr. - 462-8234, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.

BEREAN CHURCH, Rev. Francis Harwerth, 1000 S. Franklin, 460-3076, www.colbyborean.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m., Sunday Evening Youth 6:00 p.m., Tim Morris, associate pastor; e-mail: morris4him@st-tel.net. Awana Clubs, Wednesday, 7 p.m., Middle School, Wednesday, 7 p.m. @ the Colby Armory

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Rev. Bradley L. Herndon, Grant & Webster Street, 462-2867, Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:15 a.m., Evening Worship 6:30 p.m., Wednesday Bible 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, (SBC), 1185 Wheatridge Rd. at College Drive, 462-7144, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship services, 10:45 a.m.

MINGO BIBLE CHURCH, 420 Main Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church served by Village Missions Pastor Chris Shubert. Sunday School: 9:30AM - all ages. Sunday Services: 10:45AM. Sunday Nights: 1st Sunday of the month: potluck following morning service - no evening service; 2nd Sunday: services at 6:30 PM; 3rd Sunday: informal fellowship - bring a snack to share!; 4th and 5th Sunday: services at 6:30 p.m.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, 462-2179, Father Dana Clark, Pastor, Saturday Eve. Mass 5:30 p.m., Sunday Masses 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., Confessions will be heard Saturday 4:30-5:05

p.m. and from 7:30-7:45 p.m. and 9:25-9:40 p.m. on Sunday.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. Carol Rahn, 515 W. 4th, 462-6342, Sunday School 9:15 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m. September through May; Worship 9:30 a.m. June through Labor Day.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, 320 W. Pine - 462-8391, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:40 a.m., Sunday Evening Cell groups at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Youth Ministries, Kids Clubhouse 7 p.m.

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COLBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. James Mardock, pastor, 950 S. Franklin, 462-6521, Sunday Worship Services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m., Fellowship coffee 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., KXXX broadcasts 11:00 worship. http://www.gbmg-umc.org/colby-umc/

REDEEMING LOVE CHURCH, 345 N. Franklin, Bishop W.G. and Rev. Orvella Romine, Sunday service, 5 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, 510 E. 4th, Jay Kelley, minister, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday Eve. Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, (Disciples of Christ), 385 W. 3rd - 460-2718, Sunday Morn-

ing Worship at 9:00 a.m.; Sunday School at 10:15 a.m. E-mail: fcccolby@st-tel.net

LANDMARK UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, Pastor Doyle Glasscock, 815 West 3rd - 462-3667, Service times: Sunday, 10 a.m., 6:30 p.m.

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OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH Brewster, Sunday Worship 9 a.m., Sunday School 10 a.m.

PLEASANT HOME CHURCH, Pastor, Charlie Buch, 694-2242, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Evening service, 6:00 p.m.

LEVANT COMMUNITY CHURCH, Pastor Jerry Vincent, 586-2376, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Morning worship 10:30 a.m.

WINONA METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. Michael Eurit, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. (CDT)

BREWSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PO Box 250, Brewster. Pastor Dorine Chambers, 785-462-6044, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.

THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF, REXFORD, Mr. Bob Leach, Director, 687-2565

REXFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH, Rexford, Pastor Lane Purcell, 687-3305, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

BREWSTER COMMUNITY CHURCH, Mike Pinkelman, Pastor, Brewster - 694-2720, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Sunday Night Bible Study 7:30 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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