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Capt. Kristean Heggem assumes command of A Company, 36th Infantry Division Special Troops Battalion, June 17 during a change of command ceremony at COB Basra, Iraq. Heggem was commissioned from ROTC as an Armor Officer after graduating from the University of Nevada-Reno in 2001.

Photo by Spc. Brittany H. Gardner

Fresh face for Company A command

By Spc. Brittany H. Gardner
362nd MPAD, USD-S Public Affairs

BASRAH, Iraq — Leadership from the 36th Infantry Division Special Troops Battalion gathered June 17 at the Contingency Operating Base Basra Chapel to welcome the new commander of Company A.

Capt. Kristean Heggem took command from Capt. Omar Davila, who served as the commander for two years.

“Thank you for the opportunity to command,” said Heggem following the passing of the company guidon. “A company’s mission is to successfully complete U.S. Division-South’s handover to the Department of State and Iraqi Security Forces. It is my honor and

privilege ... to serve on this mission with all of you.”

Heggem was commissioned from ROTC as an Armor Officer after graduating from the University of Nevada-Reno in 2001 with a bachelor’s degree in history. He served four years active duty before joining the Texas Army National Guard.

Heggem’s awards include the Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal and an Iraqi Campaign Medal, among others.

Lt. Col. Doug DeVries, 36th DSTB commander, praised the outgoing commander for his ability to ensure individual Soldier readiness and administrative preparedness for A Company’s mobilization. DeVries also

expressed confidence in Heggem’s abilities to assume command.

“He has a wealth of experience that he brings to the team and I know that he’ll do a great job,” said DeVries.

Following DeVries’ speech, Davila had the opportunity to express gratitude to his family who supported him from home. He also thanked his peers, officers and Soldiers for everything they have done to assist him during his time in command.

“Thanks to my family, who encouraged me to do the right thing and make the right decision,” said Davila. “And thanks to the Soldiers of A Company. You are the company. You are the ones who make everything happen; I was just the driver of this bus.” ♡



Soldiers of the 36th Inf. Div. browse hand-made jewelry displayed at the Basrawi Women's Bazaar held here June 17. Female craftsmen from Basrah sold an array of goods including artwork and clothing at the event.

Photo by Pvt. Andrew C. Slovensky

Basrawi women have bazaar day

By Pvt. Andrew C. Slovensky
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BASRAH, Iraq – The Basrawi Women's Bazaar provided service members and civilians of U.S. Division-South with a colorful shopping experience at Contingency Operating Base Basra, June 17.

The bazaar, the second held here, featured crafts and food made and sold by Basrawi women and included an assortment of hand-made rugs, jewelry, baskets, clothing and artwork.

Layla Daniel, Women's Initiative Coordinator for the U.S. State Department's Provincial Reconstruction Team in Basrah, said she helped plan the event with the cooperation of local vendors after the success of the first women's bazaar held March 18.

"We help them with the pricing and selling of their goods," said Daniel. "The mission is to empower Iraqi women to sustain their organizations. The bottom line is their independence."

Daniel, who was born in Baghdad, said that non-governmental organizations like the non-profit Iraqi Foundation, which promotes human rights programs, are a recent development and are important for the reconstruction effort in Iraq.

"The women are planning to do their own bazaars," said Daniel. "They really do appreciate what we have done for them."

Mayda Radhi, owner and manager of Fnon Uruk, a Basrah-based company selling hand-made crafts, said she was excited to bring goods, including artwork she painted herself, to sell to Soldiers.

"Our goal isn't the money," said Radhi, one of the first female business owners in Basrah, "it's to participate with the people of another culture."

Working with female entrepreneurs is part of the reconstruction mission, said Barbara Leaf, the Basrah PRT leader.

Leaf said the organizations worked "hand and glove" with the U.S. military to bring the bazaar to COB Basra. The bazaar gave many service members the opportunity to see and buy products that are from the Iraqi culture.

Despite the heat, the bazaar drew in a large crowd of service members and civilians to a colorful display of Iraqi craftsmanship.

"This is my first interaction with real, local population other than contractors," said Capt. Tyler Carruth, a medical provider at the Texas Medical Command, 36th Inf. Div. "I like being able to come here and look; everything is beautiful." ♥



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Greywolf celebrates Army's birthday

By Sgt. Omar Estrada
3rd AAB, 1st Cav. Div. PAO

NASARIYAH, Iraq – On June 14, 1775, the U.S. Army was established and approved by Congress as the Continental Army. On June 3, 1784, the Congress of the Confederation officially created the U.S. Army. Since then, the Army has proven itself time and time again in defense of our great nation.

The 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, recently celebrated the U.S. Army's 236th birthday. The day's events started with an esprit de corps run around Contingency Operating Base Adder, followed by a cake-cutting ceremony at the Coalition Dining Facility.

Highly motivated Soldiers and leadership from the various battalions formed up behind their distinguishing guidons at 4 a.m. to stretch and warm up before going on a three-mile run.

Before starting the run, the brigade commander, Col. Douglas C. Crissman, gave a motivating speech after which all Soldiers followed with a loud and

thunderous "Greywolf!"

"Once more, Greywolf Soldiers prove that we are combat ready," said Command Sgt. Maj. Ronnie R. Kelly.

With a couple of rotation and stretching exercises, the brigade was ready for the run. A Soldier slapped his chest with a self-motivating comment saying, "You can do it, come on, come on."

Noncommissioned officers proved they are the backbone of the Army, giving constant support and motivating their troops to continue and finish the run by singing cadences. Soldiers echoed the cadence, which added to their enthusiasm.

Squad after squad, the Soldiers in formation mimicked a snake gliding through the streets of COB Adder.

Following the run was the traditional cake-cutting ceremony. Soldiers were present to observe Crissman and Kelly slice the cake while the youngest and oldest members of the brigade cut the first slices.

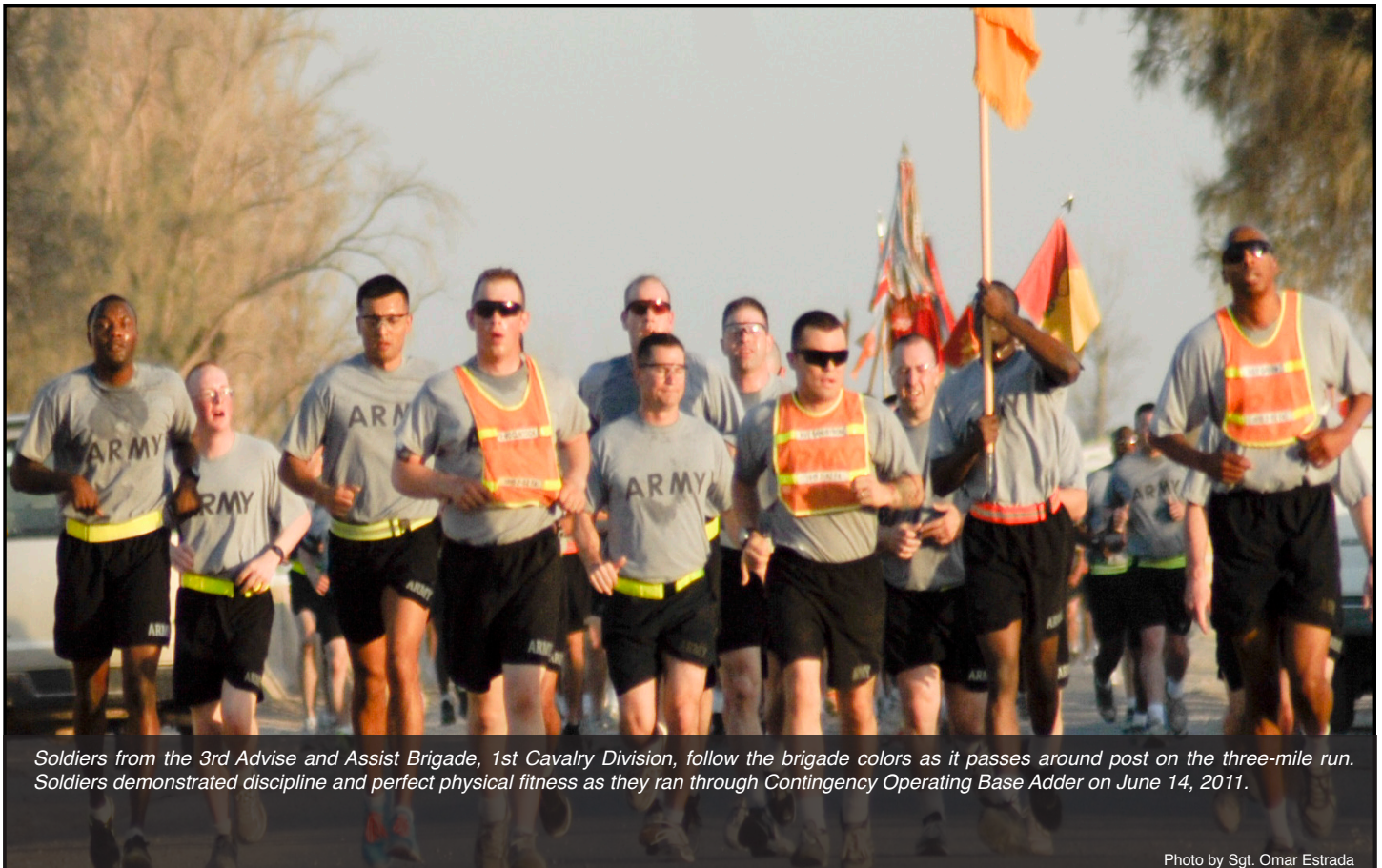
The privilege of cutting the first slice of cake was given to Pfc. Adam Miller from

Headquarters and Headquarters Troop for being the youngest Soldier in the brigade, in conjunction with the oldest Soldier, Sgt. Ijentra Owens from Alpha Company.

"It is a tradition, it is a privilege to cut the cake," said Miller.

Crissman added, "It is 236 years of tremendous history. Our Soldiers and their families are members of a great Army team that has been in existence for over two centuries. I appreciate their service and appreciate the service and sacrifice of their families."

The Army's birthday is celebrated worldwide, wherever Soldiers are deployed. This commemorates the date when Congress established and approved the continental Army 236 years ago. Since then, units have celebrated this special date with an esprit de corps run and a cake-cutting ceremony. By following this tradition, the Greywolf brigade gave Soldiers a glimpse into the Army's historic past, and the opportunity to be proud of who they are and what they do. ♡



Soldiers from the 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, follow the brigade colors as it passes around post on the three-mile run. Soldiers demonstrated discipline and perfect physical fitness as they ran through Contingency Operating Base Adder on June 14, 2011.

Photo by Sgt. Omar Estrada



Troopers with 6th Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, United States Division – South, conduct final inspections on their equipment before they move out of Camp Liberty, Iraq to Contingency Operating Base Delta in Al Kut, Iraq June 5, 2011. After serving as the United States Forces in Iraq operational reserve in Baghdad for four months, Saber Squadron's new mission is to conduct stability operations through a partnership with their Iraqi Security Force counterparts in Wasit Province.

Photo by 2nd Lt. Daniel Elmlad

“Saber” Squadron moves in

6th Squadron, 9th Cav. Regiment makes COB Delta it's new home

By 2nd Lt. Daniel Elmlad
6th Sqdn., 9th Cav. Regt.

AL KUT, Iraq – On June 9, the final elements of 6th “Saber” Squadron, 9th Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Advise and Assist Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, arrived at Contingency Operating Base Delta in Al Kut: the squadron's new home in Iraq.

For the past four months, Saber Squadron operated out of Camp Liberty, Iraq to advise and assist the 4th Federal Police Division in the area surrounding Baghdad. Through this partnership, Saber Sqdn. helped provide mission-essential training on topics such as medical training, traffic control point operations, map reading and mechanic training to their Iraqi partners.

In addition to the training, Saber Squadron helped enhance the security abilities of the 4th FP by conducting joint patrols and establishing programs to meet the needs of the local population through school-repair projects, delivering humanitarian aid, and providing water pumps to local farmers.

However, the squadron's mission changed, requiring that the squadron end this successful partnership in Baghdad and begin a new one in Al Kut.

“We were fortunate to work with the 4th Federal Police. They were a very professional and capable unit dedicated to providing security to their fellow Iraqis. But now, we look forward to

creating a new successful partnership with the Iraqi Security Forces in our new area of operations,” said Lt. Col. Cameron Cantlon, commander of 6th Sqdn., 9th Cav. Regt., and an Ettrick, Wis. native.

Saber Squadron will now be responsible for providing stability operations, along with their Iraqi Security Force partners, in Wasit Province to ensure that security needs of the local people are met. Additionally, the Soldiers will advise, train, and assist their Iraqi partners to enhance their mission-essential skills as a security force for the area.

For the Soldiers of Saber Squadron, they are prepared for their new mission in Iraq.

“We did a lot of great things while we were in Baghdad, but I am ready to keep doing those same things here in Al Kut,” said Spc. Bradley Batson, a cavalry scout with Hunter Troop and a Killeen, Texas native.

While their mission is just beginning in Al Kut, the Soldiers of Saber Squadron remain focused on what they have to do to successfully complete their mission.

“We were working really well together at Camp Liberty. I am ready to get settled in here, start working hard like we were again, and finish out this mission the right way,” said Pfc. William Tygart, an analyst with 6th Sqdn., 9th Cav. Regt., and a Yucaipa, Calif. native. ♥

"We are the Soldiers of the 36th..."

MAJ JOHN KERBY

C Company Commander



Name: Kerby, John
Primary Military Specialty: Signal Officer
Secondary Military Specialty: None
Hometown: Coppell, TX

Grade: O-4

Kerby is a 10-year veteran who served eight years in the active duty Army. His last active-duty unit was the 1st Infantry Division, which commanded U.S. Div.-South prior to the 36th. He works as a Texas state emergency communication technician and has one check ride left to get his private pilot's license.

Kerby is on his third deployment to Iraq. He served during the invasion in 2003, the 2006 surge and is now witnessing the final evolution of U.S. Military involvement in Iraq. "I've been here for all three pivotal stages," he said.

MSG JOE MANCIAS

Garrison Command NCOIC



Name: Mancias, Joe
Primary Military Specialty: Infantryman
Secondary Military Specialty: Human Resources NCO
Hometown: Austin, TX

Grade: E-8

Mancias has been in the Army National Guard for more than 21 years, all but 6 months of it on active duty in an active guard and reserve status. He said his hobby is collecting coins and sports memorabilia for his three kids and four grandchildren.

"Probably the most memorable event in my career was promoting some of my Soldiers back in '05 to '06 when I was a first sergeant," Mancias said.

SPC KORY COLVIN

Personal Security Detachment



Name: Colvin, Kory
Primary Military Specialty: Military Policeman
Secondary Military Specialty: None
Hometown: Austin, TX

Grade: E-4

Colvin has been in the Texas Army National Guard for two years and is already thinking of reclassifying into an infantry or scout MOS. The avid shooter loves going to shooting competitions, racing cars, teaching others how to race, any outdoor sport and rock 'n' roll.

"Just joining the PSD to go on this deployment has been memorable," Colvin said. "I went from a group of MPs hanging out at drill to hanging out with a group of hard-corps guys that kick some tail. I went from a calm environment to sheer chaos and to the people who live and thrive in that environment."

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Lunch • 1130 - 1400

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0600 - 2200

william.culver@iraq.centcom.mil

Rosary Prayer

Tuesday at 2000

COB Basra Chapel

arturo.rodriguez.jr@iraq.centcom.mil

Mid-Week Prayer with Chaplain Mays

Wednesday at 1200

COB Basra Chapel

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Basra Chapel Bible Studies

Thursday

1900 - New Believers Bible Study

2000 - Bible Study Classes

Protestant Services

Sunday

COB Basra Chapel

0930 - Traditional Service

1100 - Contemporary Service

1400 - Gospel Service

1700 - Liturgical Protestant

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS)

Sunday

Old PX Building

0900 - Sacrament Service

Roman Catholic

Saturday

COB Basra Chapel

2000 - Rosary/Vigil Service

Sunday

COB Basra Chapel

0800 - Catholic Service

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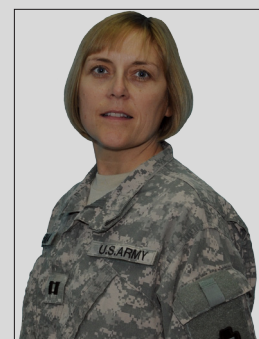
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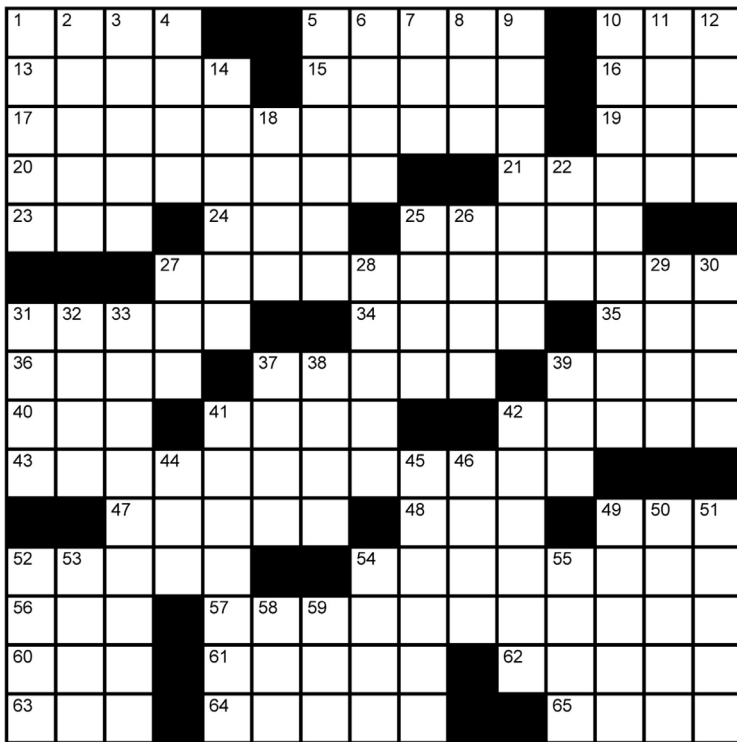
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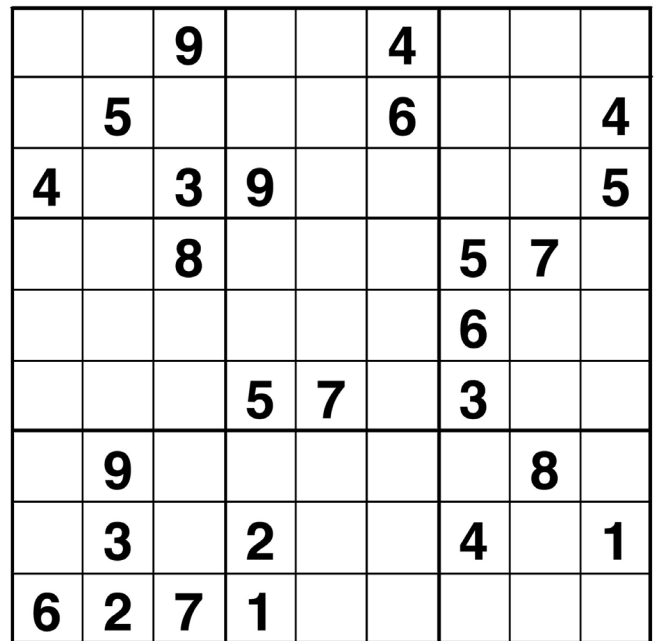
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1. Meshed's land
5. Rapper with the hit "Thong Song"
10. "A leopard can't change its spots," e.g.
13. Caught on a ranch
15. Baby's woe
16. Dernier ____
17. Apiarist's request on "Wheel of Fortune"?
19. Layer
20. Kind of rubber
21. Nymph of myth
23. Attention-getter
24. Land in the Seine
25. Beach memento
27. Supermodel's request on "Wheel of Fortune"?
31. Beau ____
34. Split apart
35. H+, e.g.
36. Ancient writing
37. Vendor's spot
39. Investor's channel
40. Sierra Madre treasure
41. Nordic saint
42. Conrad of old films
43. Ornithologist's request on "Wheel of Fortune"?
47. Arcade flubs
48. ____ judicata
49. Loop sights
52. Spyri heroine
54. This puzzle's request receiver
56. Propel, in a way
57. Cyclops' request on "Wheel of Fortune"?
60. Historic leader?
61. Sanitation worry
62. Verbal white flag
63. 19th in a series
64. Shoulder muscles, briefly
65. E.R. cry

Down

1. Like a brogue
2. Bygone women's magazine
3. In a fitting way
4. Classic soft drink
5. Act opener
6. "Dies ____"
7. Have a bawl
8. Neighbor of N.Y.
9. Side of a pillowcase that a pillow goes in
10. Old Austrian money
11. Atlas stat
12. Empty talk
14. Go one way or the other
18. 40 quarters, e.g.
22. It has its head in a glass
25. Espied
26. Flush, say
27. Resident's suffix
28. Big name in cheese
29. Stud site
30. S.A.S.E., e.g.
31. David of "Rhoda"
32. It replaced the 10-Down
33. Some are studded
37. Token taker
38. Cross shapes
39. Islet
41. Indebted
42. Bahamas' capital
44. Scholarship money
45. Partner of Porthos
46. Ballet leap
49. Cockpit button
50. Eric Clapton hit
51. Sport with traps
52. Clinton's birthplace
53. All ____
54. Trapper's trophy
55. Richards and Reinking
58. Bar stock
59. Tennessee athlete, for short

Sudoku



MOVIES

Unscramble the mixed-up letters, one letter to each square, to spell movie titles.

#1 NTISW

#2 NDADILA

#3 FAFCTIR

#4 ATOPNOL

#5 TMEONME

#6 APRMUENS

Arrange the circled letters to solve the mystery answer.

JUMBLE BrainBusters

by David L. Hoyt

Box of Clues

Stumped? Maybe you can find a clue below.

- 2000 movie starring Michael Douglas and Benicio Del Toro
- 1988 movie starring Danny DeVito and Arnold Schwarzenegger
- 1977 blockbuster
- 1978 movie about a comic book hero
- 1986 Best Picture
- 1992 movie featuring the voice of Robin Williams
- 2000 Guy Pearce movie

MYSTERY ANSWER

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Photo by Sgt. David A. Bryant

During a coining at battalion headquarters June 22, Command Sgt. Maj. Wilson L. Early, the senior enlisted leader for U.S. Division-South, thanks Sgt. Valeri Grumbles, operations non-commissioned officer for C Company, 36th Division Special Troops Battalion, for the hard work she does helping to keep her company running smoothly. Grumbles, of Garland, Texas, was nominated by her commander to receive a coin from the commanding general for her selfless dedication to her fellow Soldiers.

Answers to last week's Puzzles

DELTA	A	M	I	F	F	R	A	M	P
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UPON			U	S	E	R		A	C
HOME			P	E	N	A		H	O

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ANSWERS next week

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