

MILITARY DEATHS

Other deaths

The Defense Department last week also identified the following American military personnel killed in Iraq:

Brock A. Babb, 40, of Evansville, Ind.; sergeant, Marine Corps Reserve. Babb was one of two reservists killed Oct. 15 when a roadside bomb exploded near their Humvee in Al Anbar province, west of Baghdad. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 24th Marines, 4th Marine Division, Marine Corps Reserve in Terre Haute, Ind.

Lester D. Baroncini Jr., 33, of Bakersfield; sergeant, Army. Baroncini was one of two soldiers killed Tuesday when two land mines exploded near their Humvee in Samarra, northwest of Baghdad. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

Stephen D. Bicknell, 19, of Prattville, Ala.; private first class, Army. Bicknell was one of two soldiers killed Tuesday when two land mines exploded near their Humvee in Samarra, northwest of Baghdad. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division at Ft. Bragg, N.C.

Joshua L. Booth, 23, of Fiskdale, Mass.; second lieutenant, Marine Corps. Booth was killed by a sniper Tuesday while on foot patrol in Al Anbar province, west of Baghdad. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines, 3rd Marine Division in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.

Daniel A. Brozovich, 42, of Greenville, Pa.; sergeant first class, Army National Guard. Brozovich was killed Wednesday when a roadside bomb exploded near his armored security vehicle while on patrol in Ashraf, north of Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 213th Air Defense Artillery, Army National Guard in Spring City, Pa.

Leebeard E. Chavis, 21, of Hampton, Va.; airman first class, Air Force. Chavis was killed Oct. 14 while serving as a turret gunner with Iraqi police in the Baghdad area. He was assigned to the 824th Security Forces Squadron at Moody Air Force Base, Ga.

Johnny K. Craver, 37, of McKinney, Texas; second lieutenant, Army. Craver was killed Oct. 13 when a roadside bomb exploded near his vehicle in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Hood, Texas.

Russell G. Culbertson III, 22, of Amity, Pa.; corporal, Army. Culbertson was among four soldiers killed Wednesday when a roadside bomb exploded near their vehicle in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Hood, Texas.

Joshua Deese, 25, of Robeson County, N.C.; first lieutenant, Army. Deese was one of two soldiers killed Oct. 15 when a roadside bomb exploded near their vehicle in Kirkuk, north of Baghdad. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 25th

Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Joseph C. Dumas Jr., 25, of New Orleans; specialist, Army. Dumas was among four soldiers killed Wednesday when a roadside bomb exploded near their vehicle in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Hood, Texas.

Nathan J. Frigo, 23, of Kokomo, Ind.; private first class, Army. Frigo was among three soldiers killed Tuesday when a roadside bomb exploded near their convoy vehicle in Baqubah, north of Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Carson, Colo.

Ryan E. Haupt, 24, of Phoenix; staff sergeant, Army. Haupt was among three soldiers killed Tuesday when a roadside bomb exploded near their convoy vehicle in Baqubah, north of Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Carson, Colo.

Joshua M. Hines, 26, of Olney, Ill.; lance corporal, Marine Corps Reserve. Hines was one of two reservists killed Oct. 15 when a roadside bomb exploded near their Humvee in Al Anbar province, west of Baghdad. He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 24th Marines, 4th Marine Division, Marine Corps Reserve in Terre Haute, Ind.

Joseph M. Kane, 35, of Darby, Pa.; staff sergeant, Army. Kane was

among three soldiers killed Oct. 14 when a roadside bomb exploded near their vehicle in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Hood, Texas.

Charles M. King, 48, of Mobile, Ala.; first sergeant, Army. King was among three soldiers killed Oct. 14 when a roadside bomb exploded near their vehicle in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Hood, Texas.

Timothy J. Lauer, 25, of Saegertown, Pa.; specialist, Army. Lauer was among three soldiers killed Oct. 14 when a roadside bomb exploded near their vehicle in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Hood, Texas.

Jonathan E. Lootens, 25, of Lyons, N.Y.; sergeant, Army. Lootens was one of two soldiers killed Oct. 15 when a roadside bomb exploded near their vehicle in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

Christopher E. Loudon, 23, of Brockport, Pa.; second lieutenant, Army. Loudon was among four soldiers killed Wednesday when a roadside bomb exploded near their vehicle in Kirkuk, north of Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Hood, Texas.

Keith J. Moore, 28, of San Francisco; private first class, Army. Moore died of a noncombat-related injury Oct. 14 in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 14th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division at Ft. Drum, N.Y.

Mark C. Paine, 32, of Rancho Cucamonga; captain, Army. Paine was killed Oct. 15 when a roadside bomb exploded near his vehicle in Taji, north of Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Hood, Texas.

Jose R. Perez, 21, of Ontario; specialist, Army. Perez was killed Wednesday when his unit was attacked with small-arms fire in Ramadi, west of Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division in Baumholder, Germany.

Jonathan J. Simpson, 25, of Rockport, Texas; sergeant, Marine Corps. Simpson was killed Oct. 14 when his unit was attacked with small-arms fire while on foot patrol in Al Anbar province, west of Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton.

Garth D. Sizemore, 31, of Mount Sterling, Ky.; staff sergeant, Army. Sizemore was killed Tuesday when his patrol unit was attacked with small-arms fire in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division in Schweinfurt, Germany.

Nicholas R. Sowinski, 25, of Tempe, Ariz.; sergeant, Army. Sowinski was killed Oct. 11 when a roadside bomb exploded near his vehicle in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 4th Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team at Ft. Wainwright, Alaska.

Norman R. Taylor III, 21, of Blythe, Calif.; sergeant, Army. Taylor was among three soldiers killed Tuesday when a roadside bomb exploded near their convoy vehicle in Baqubah, north of Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment, 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Carson, Colo.

Luis E. Tejeda, 20, of Huntington Park; corporal, Army. Tejeda died Sept. 30 in Al Anbar province, west of Baghdad. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division in Baumholder, Germany.

David M. Unger, 21, of Leavenworth, Kan.; corporal, Army. Unger was among four soldiers killed Wednesday when a roadside bomb exploded near their vehicle in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division at Ft. Hood, Texas.

Daniel W. Winegeart, 23, of Kountze, Texas; specialist, Army. Winegeart was killed Tuesday when his vehicle drove off an overpass in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 5th Group Support Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group at Ft. Campbell, Ky.

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Mayor's long march is over

[Mayor, from Page B1] new Chinese tourists to Los Angeles and other cities within five years.

"The mayor can be really great in selling Los Angeles to the international markets," said ATU Chief Executive Noel Irwin Hentschel, who scheduled the announcements to coincide with the mayor's journey.

Still, it was difficult to quantify the trip's financial benefit, partly because many of the agreements that Villaraigosa highlighted will need time to take root.

For example, the mayor headlined two fashion shows in Shanghai and Seoul to promote apparel made by Los Angeles designers. The clothing will be sold in some of those cities' trendiest department stores, but won't arrive until next year.

Economists in Los Angeles said that, regardless of the dollar amount produced by the trip, trolling for business in Asia makes sense at a time when other cities, states and countries are competing to gain footholds in those markets.

Villaraigosa got a good look at some of that competition during a luncheon in Seoul sponsored by the Korea International Trade Assn. He had to share the stage — and speaking time — with Washington Gov. Christine Gregoire, the lieutenant governors of Alaska and Idaho and the mayor of Honolulu.

"We don't want to be left out [or] leave the impression that we are indifferent," said Ed Leamer, director of the UCLA Anderson Forecast, which analyzes the economic outlook for the nation, California and Los Angeles. "The Asia-Pacific region is undergoing a dramatic surge in growth. The successful cities and regions [elsewhere] will be ones that position themselves firmly as a party to that trade."

Villaraigosa's trip was a grueling and sometimes chaotic march by chartered bus, plane and foot. The delegation left Los Angeles on Oct. 7. At times, the schedule changed by the hour, particularly in China, where meetings were shifted as Communist Party officials grappled with a corruption scandal. Villaraigosa had to settle for the vice mayors of Beijing and Shanghai after the top officials were suddenly called away, although he was able to meet with some national leaders, including the minister of commerce.

Everywhere he touched down, the mayor and his hosts orchestrated a blitz of news conferences, photo ops, speeches, toasts and handshakes. Even former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger — whom Villaraigosa met by chance in a Beijing hotel — remarked that the mayor was being granted "grade A treatment."

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STEPPING OUT: Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa tours the Chonggye River with Seoul Vice Mayor Kim Heung Kwon.

Villaraigosa's East Asia path

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and a delegation of local business and labor leaders visited nine cities in three countries to boost commerce between Asia and Los Angeles.



Source: Los Angeles mayor's office

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conference of Pacific Rim ports in December to tackle the issue.

He met with the chiefs of some of Asia's leading banks and airlines, and he reassured Korean Air and China Southern airlines that Los Angeles International Airport would be ready for the Airbus A380 jumbo jet when it begins service.

Villaraigosa followed his predecessors, James K. Hahn and Richard Riordan, in seeking Asian trade.

Hahn secured business and environmental agreements, but his mission was perhaps best known for its failure to secure two prized Chinese pandas.

Riordan shored up airport and port business but was unable to win a commitment from

one of China's largest shipping companies to bring its cargo through the Port of Los Angeles. Like the other mayors, Villaraigosa was accompanied by a number of Los Angeles' most prominent leaders.

As Villaraigosa's side throughout was his close friend, entrepreneur Keith Brackpool, who often rode with the mayor in the back seat of chauffeured black sedans.

Brackpool sat through exchanges between Villaraigosa and his gracious Asian hosts, sometimes rolling his eyes as every word was translated. He said he had no business to do on the trip other than to learn about Asia and support Villaraigosa.

During a rare break in Seoul, the two slipped away from the crowd and the mayor's security detail, jumping on the subway for a quick ride. Late one evening, they visited an exclusive wine bar for some downtime.

"It's good to have a friend on a trip like this," said Brackpool, who Villaraigosa worked for as a consultant before becoming mayor.

The North Korean nuclear crisis and the selection of a new schools superintendent back in Los Angeles seemed like distant rumbles on the trip. Villaraigosa voiced solidarity in talks with South Korean leaders, including President Roh Moo-hyun.

He was miffed by the school board's decision to act without him after the Legislature had given him significant control over the Los Angeles Unified School District next year.

At the start of the trip, some in the delegation wondered if the congestion of Asian cities might knock the mayor off his famously frenetic stride. But somehow he managed to quicken his pace. By the end, some in the group were coughing or had bloodshot eyes. A few had lost weight.

During one extended session with the mayor of Busan, South Korea, one member of Villaraigosa's delegation mumbled: "I'm about to keel over."

That night, after flying to Tokyo, Villaraigosa told a gathering of UCLA and USC alumni that he still felt fired up after two weeks on the road, even if the trip was wearing on those around him.

"Some of them are starting to feel it," he said. "I'm not. I'm ready to rock 'n' roll."

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