

## CSH uses latest 'tech' nological know-how

Story and photo by Sgt. Johnny A. Thompson  
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**BAGRAM, Afghanistan** – In a combat environment, seconds can be the difference between life and death. Armed with that knowledge, the laboratory technicians of the 452<sup>nd</sup> Combat Support Hospital are using the latest technology to help save lives on Bagram Air Base.

Technicians are seeing a minimization in human error with the new equipment and are lessening the time physicians have to wait for lab results – factors that are critical when a patient's life is at risk.

"The specialized equipment has really been helpful and beneficial to us," said Staff Sgt. Robert Nunez, 452<sup>nd</sup> CSH, Task Force 44 laboratory service noncommissioned officer in charge. "The equipment is allowing us to be more accurate with lab results and it has cut down on technicians having to manually



Staff Sgt. Robert Nunez looks through a microscope at Bagram's U.S. Army Hospital laboratory.

test a patient's specimen."

Bagram's U.S. Army Hospital is one of only three combat hospitals – the others are in Kuwait and Iraq – which have the specialized equipment, according to Nunez.

This equipment, the Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics machine, the Piccolo, The Rapid Point Coagulation machine and the I-STAT, is a

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### Guess who's coming to dinner...



Photo by Sgt. Johnny Thompson

Command Sgt. Maj. Dwight Brown, command sergeant major for the U.S. Central Command, talks with troops over dinner at the Viper dining facility Friday evening. The dinner afforded troops a chance to voice their feelings to Brown and Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Ripka, command sergeant major for the U.S. Joint Forces Command.

## Trainer keeps canines on top of their game

Story and photo by Spc. Kelly Hunt  
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**BAGRAM, Afghanistan** – Behind every hero stands someone who cares; someone who is supportive and encouraging. In the case of the mine dogs that protect Bagram Air Base's personnel through mine detection, this significant person is their trainer.

The dogs consist of German Shepherds, Belgian Malinois and Dutch Shepherds and are purchased in Holland, a country where dog training is taken seriously.

After making the cut in Holland, the soon-to-be mine detecting dogs make their way to training sites in Texas or Zimbabwe. The dogs are then leased out to companies or countries that desire their expertise. They are highly trained professionals, but

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# World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



*Iraqi fighters take a position during a gunbattle Friday with U.S. forces in the streets of Karbala south of Baghdad.*

## Soldiers killed in firefight

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — Four U.S. military police, including a commanding officer, and two Iraqi policemen, were killed in two separate incidents Friday.

The latest deaths bring the number of U.S. troops killed in hostile fire since President Bush declared an end to major combat to 101.

Among those killed in a 12-hour gunfight in the holy city of Karbala was the 43-year-old commanding officer of the 716th Military Police Battalion, 101st Airborne Division.

Two other U.S. military police officers and two Iraqi policemen died in the firefight after attempting to negotiate with armed men congregated near a mosque after curfew. Twelve members of the joint patrol — seven Americans and five Iraqis — were wounded.

Tensions have been high in Karbala where there is a power struggle among rival Shiite factions.

Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr last week announced he was forming an Islamic state in Iraq, calling for “peaceful demonstrations” by those who agree. After little showing of support, he later withdrew his proposal.

On Friday, speaking in Al Kufa, near Najaf, Sadr accused the United States of stirring dissent in Karbala.

“America seeks to apply the feature of terrorism on me in particular, especially after

the declaration of the new state, to mar the reputation of this line in general and to be able to arrest me legally,” he said. “Therefore it sowed dissent in Karbala and some other cities.”

U.S. Maj. Ralph Manos said Friday that between 20 and 30 Iraqis attacked the Iraq-U.S. joint force when they tried to disarm an unknown, armed faction that had established itself near a mosque in the holy Shiite city.

He said the force was on routine patrol in Karbala, about 55 miles (88 kilometers) south of the Iraqi capital, when the gunfight broke out.

The other soldier killed, from the U.S. Army’s 220th Military Police Brigade, was caught by the blast of an improvised explosive device, which wounded two more soldiers. U.S. Central Command said the device detonated at 7:50 a.m. (12:50 a.m. EDT) Friday.

Since the Iraq war began in March, 336 U.S. troops have been killed, including 216 in hostile fire. Since Bush’s declaration of the end of major combat May 1, 197 U.S. troops have died — 101 in hostile fire.



*Bolivian President Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada.*

## Bolivian president is expected to resign Friday

**LA PAZ, Bolivia** — Bolivian President Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada is expected to resign Friday, a political official said, after weeks of violent protests virtually paralyzed the South American nation.

A small U.S. military team will go to the troubled country to assess the security situation, a U.S. Southern Command spokesman said.

The military team will help the U.S. ambassador in La Paz review plans to evacu-

ate American citizens, should that become necessary.

However, a U.S. Southern Command spokesman, Capt. Tom Crosson, said no evacuation is being considered. It is not known how many Americans are in Bolivia.

Public transportation and many other services have ground to a halt as a result of the demonstrations. Flights in and out of the airport in La Paz also have been disrupted.

The conflict began soon after Sanchez de Lozada announced his decision to export natural gas to the United States and Mexico. The mostly indigenous demonstrators are calling for an overthrow of Sanchez de Lozada’s government, and have clashed with soldiers and police.

An estimated 74 people have been killed in the month of protests against the government’s pro-U.S., free-market economic policies, *Reuters* reported. The policies have failed to improve living standards in South America’s poorest country.

## Suspect questioned in Southwest investigation

**(CNN)** — A 20-year-old college student is being questioned by federal authorities in Baltimore, Maryland, in connection with suspicious items found on two Southwest Airlines planes, law enforcement sources told *CNN* Friday.

The sources said the individual — described as a student of Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina — was a passenger aboard the planes, and not an employee of the airline or airports. They said the individual is cooperating with officials, and they stressed he has not been arrested or detained.

The FBI’s Joint Terrorism Task Force is leading the investigation, Department of Homeland Security officials said.

FBI spokeswoman Cassandra Chandler said the individual questioned is “believed to be responsible for the matter involving box cutters and other items found on Southwest Airlines planes.”

“Based on the investigation conducted thus far, this individual does not appear to pose any further threat to airline security,” Chandler said in a statement.

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byproduct of Operation Enduring Freedom. The equipment was issued to CSHs when the U.S. launched OEF.

The Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics machine, a machine that processes blood types, helps technicians identify blood types and compatibility. Using a tester set with portions of a patient's blood, the machine processes the specimen and gives technicians the results in 10 minutes. The old process of identifying a blood type was by tube testing where a lab tech used several test tubes filled with samples of the patient's blood and other materials which were mixed together and shaken for about 30 seconds. Though the process was faster, the likelihood for error was more prevalent according to Nunez.

"Usually technicians would do the test several times to be sure of the results," said Nunez.

The Piccolo is a chemistry machine that checks the body's chemistry levels. It takes 13 minutes to give a technician an accurate account of a patient's levels. The old machine, a Kodak DT-60, took 45 minutes to render the information.

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even the best need a little tender loving care from time to time.

To one mine dog trainer here, the dogs are not just animals, but loyal best friends who need attention and help to be at their best in their detailed profession.

"I love it," said Tom McCormick of Global Training Academy who has worked training dogs for years including the last six years of his Air Force career which he spent working at a dog school facility. "If you like working with dogs and animals, it's an enjoyable thing."

Dogs are like people in the way that they have distinctive personalities, he said. They have bad days, trying days and frustrating days, just like humans. "You have to adjust with the dog," McCormick said about successful dog trainers.

The dogs hold the lives of their human counterparts in their paws and because of that, the bond between the two is key to completing their mission.

"You have your dog and he's faithful; a great partner," he said.

McCormick's love for dogs is what keeps him in this profession. His main objective in Afghanistan is to "supervise the dog teams that are out

The I-STAT is a machine that checks the blood gases in the body.

"This machine is valuable because prior to having surgery a doctor can understand the patient's blood gases level and balance the during the surgery," said Nunez. "If a patient's balance is unstable for periods of time during surgery he can easily go into a coma."

The Rapid Point Coagulation machine gives the technician blood clotting information. "We rely heavily on this machine," said Nunez. "We get a lot patients that suffer gunshot wounds and landmine wounds and this machine helps us to know if they have the sufficient plasma to clot their blood after having surgery or if the hospital needs to give them plasma."

The old machine needed constant monitoring and had to remain at a certain temperature to maintain accuracy. The Rapid Point Coagulation eliminates those conditions using a digital card to keep accuracy.

Although the equipment is fairly new to Army CSHs, it isn't the most modern equipment available.

"We aren't the first unit to use this equipment in Bagram," said Nunez, "it has been here since 2001, but what makes it really im-

portant to us is that we have the knowledge on how to correctly use the equipment and how to get the full potential of the machines."

Nunez noted that previous units have used the equipment, but because it was only implemented at the beginning of OEF those units had to learn the equipment on the go. The 452<sup>nd</sup> had the opportunity to learn valuable information from their predecessors.

"If we had the old equipment we wouldn't be able to perform at the level we do," said Capt. Scott Cvecko, 452<sup>nd</sup> CSH laboratory and TF 44 blood support unit officer in charge.

Cvecko, a Reservist who works in a Milwaukee hospital as a civilian, said the equipment is comparable to civilian hospitals and it has a "quick turn around time and that's important to doctors because it helps them make a diagnosis quicker."

"[A person] can have [the] best equipment in the world, but if he doesn't have the knowledge on how to use it, it's useless," said Staff Sgt. Phillip Reed, 452<sup>nd</sup> CSH lab technician. "We are able to use this equipment effectively and efficiently, and that's what essentially makes technology help [our lab]."

"[It] is great knowing that [doctors] have faith that the lab's work is a step closer to helping them help their patients."

here working," he said.

He's in Bagram "to maintain the dog's proficiency, keep them up (and) keep them working," he said. "If there's problems with the dogs, we try to fix them."

Though these mine dogs comb the surrounding areas for explosives every day, they also train each morning to prepare them for the day's events.

"Every morning we check the dogs and we'll do proficiency training," said McCormick.

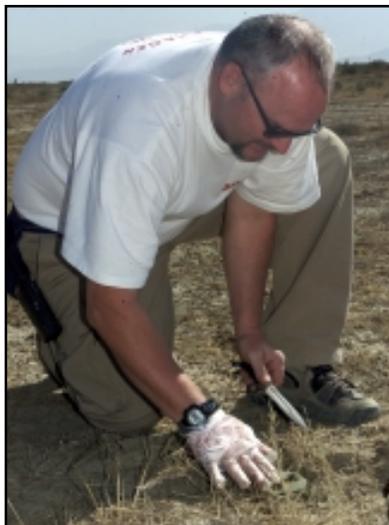
Test lanes for the dogs are laid out the night before and consist of various mines buried in the ground that the mine-detecting dogs will need to find before the real work begins.

"First thing in the morning, we'll come out, test the dogs, make sure they're working OK and then we'll put them out in the field," he said.

Before most troops are rolling out of bed, these dogs are hard at work, securing the areas and clearing them of mines.

"We start at 0530 L (and) test the dogs right away," said McCormick. "We work until it gets too hot for the dogs."

The mine dogs have been a successful addition to the de-mining process here at Bagram Air Base, partly due to the dedication and loyalty of mine dog trainers.



*Tom McCormick of Global Training Academy buries mines for proficiency training.*

# CA Team takes on challenges of Afghan desert to establish security, stability

Story by Staff Sgt. Dave S. Thompson  
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**KANDAHAR**, Afghanistan—The lone “improved road” leading from Kandahar Air Field (KAF) to Kandahar City is a stretch of highway notorious for obliterating axles and shredding the tires of unsuspecting motorists. Pitted with potholes and pavement irregularities, the five-mile trek challenges even the most experienced of drivers. On either side of the road, herds of camels and goats roam free on the desolate landscape. In the distance, the mountains looming like angry gods, shadow the fading horizon.

As a five-vehicle Civil Affairs convoy closes in on the entrance to Kandahar City, two large portals, known to westerners as the “Golden Arches,” stand as welcome figures to a metropolis lost in time.

Civil Affairs is responsible for assessing the needs of the community and facilitating the means to improve the lives of the people here.

The U.S. Army’s 407th Civil Affairs Team has run this gauntlet more times than they can remember. They have become remarkably familiar with the “survival of the fittest” street mentality fostered here. They are an Army Reserve Unit out of Twin Cities. Since arriving in country on July 7, they have made significant progress in their effort to “win the hearts and minds of people” in this region.

“We are the arm of the United States Congress and our mission is to facilitate positive change to the infrastructure of this country,” said Sgt. Jessie Gibbons, team noncommissioned officer in charge.

Maj. Victoria Goodge, from Minneapolis, commands the six-soldier team. A petite woman, she deals directly with local men who historically have regarded women as less than equals. “Amazingly, I have not experienced any prejudices [from the men I deal with]. They have been absolutely wonderful. “They know I am the team leader and treat me with the utmost respect and courtesy,” she said.

Today’s mission is two fold: Attend a ceremony commemorating the opening of a school

recently rebuilt after sustaining significant war damage, followed by a visit to the Kandahar Hospital. With six Afghan Militia Force soldiers along to provide additional security, the convoy of pickup trucks twists its way through the maze of congestion that is Kandahar City.

The streets are lined with shops and vendors, selling everything from hanging slabs of freshly killed meats, to an assortment of fruits and vegetable. A mass of pedestrians and bicyclists crowd the streets, crossing wherever they please, seemingly oblivious to the hordes of honking motorists, who all seem to be in a hurry.

Gibbons knows change in this country won’t come easy. “It’s going to take time — a long time,” he said. “But we’re doing all we can and taking it one step at a time.”

The CA convoy turns suddenly off Main Street onto a filthy dirt road on route to the remote Organ Dab District. Plumes of dust engulf the vehicles as they wind their way toward the Abdullah Mullah Wassi School.

“We know there are bad guys out here that don’t like what we are doing,” says Goodge. “All in all, we have been extremely fortunate. The AMF guys are great and they know the city. We don’t get nervous unless we see them getting nervous.”

A narrow gated entrance marks the location of the school. Barely wide enough to accommodate a standard size sedan, the team cautiously maneuver their Toyota pickups into the tiny courtyard and quickly set up a perimeter guard post.

The school, seemingly out of place amongst the placid setting of mud huts and dirt roads, is freshly painted a brilliant white with light green trim. A trickling stream runs along one side of the school and shade trees offer welcome relief from the relentless glare of the sun. Goodge and her interpreter Farid are escorted to their seats amongst the congregation of school kids, teachers and various guests and speakers for the ceremony.

This event has commanded the presence of the governor, the minister of education, the village leader, and the district Mullah. As they take turns to offer thanks and support for the efforts of Civil Affairs and the U.S. government, a look of accomplishment washes over Goodge’s face.

Speaking through her interpreter, she pledges continued efforts to reconstitute the region and thanks the officials for their collective cooperation on the project. She also offers high praise to the teachers and closes with these words regarding the children. “Children are the future of Afghanistan. The children that attend this school are the key to a lasting peace in Afghanistan.”

At the end of the ceremony, the children crowd curiously around the soldiers. Innocent eyes soak in every move and gesture as the team hands out pens and pencils, books and blankets to their outstretched hands. They have come to expect these tokens of gifts from the Americans.

As the CA team depart the school and make their way across town towards the Kandahar Hospital, signs of progress are evident in the eyes of the people. They wave heartily at the passing soldiers, many giving the thumbs-up symbol of goodwill. The hazy sky is awash with multi colored kites and women, rarely seen unescorted during the rule of the Taliban, now roam the city unimpeded.

“These things are all new to us. We used to get arrested for as little as playing music,” said an AMF soldier affectionately known as Smiley. Wearing American desert fatigues with staff sergeant stripes given to him by one of the CA crew, he vigorously directs traffic from the bed of the second pickup.

“Smiley is the best,” said Gibbons as he bear hugs the slightly built Afghan soldier. “I’m going to stuff him in my footlocker and bring him home to the States with me.”

“There is some frustration among the people because relief entities [such as Non Governmental Organizations or NGOs] aren’t fulfilling promises fast enough. I feel we will see a big change in attitudes as the people see their government working and see tangible signs of progress,” she said. She went on to say that the most rewarding thing for her was seeing little girls get an opportunity to attend school.

As the CA team pulls out of the hospital gates after distributing medical supplies, and heads back to the safe confines of KAF, they know they must first survive the challenge of driving through Kandahar City.

# FREEDOM'S VOICES

## *A look at the World Series:* Yankees-Marlins World Series preview

Commentary by John Donovan

SL.com

**NEW YORK** — The Florida Marlins aren't even supposed to be here. The Chicago Cubs are, remember? Or the defending National League champions, the San Francisco Giants. Even the Atlanta Braves, for goodness sakes.

But, no, here come the Marlins, with their teal and black and that big ol' football stadium they call home, representing the NL in the World Series for the second time in the short lifespan of their franchise.

The team nobody figured on is no fluke, though. The Marlins were the most balanced team in the NL over the last half of the regular season, using that balance — good hitting (fifth), good pitching (eighth in the NL in the regular season), good defense — to blow past the Philadelphia Phillies in late September and grab the NL wild card.

After dispatching the Giants in their division series and coming back from a 3-1 hole in the NL Championship Series to break the hearts of the Cubs, the Marlins again face a team that many will consider superior. The New York Yankees won the American League crown, waiting until Aaron Boone launched a home run in the bottom of the 11th inning of Game 7 of the AL Championship Series to do it.

The Yankees will be in their sixth World Series in the past eight years, which automatically makes them favorites. They have a roster full of recognizable stars: 310-game winner Roger Clemens, shortstop Derek Jeter, Japanese sensation Hideki Matsui. They have history. They have, thanks to the AL's win in the All-Star Game, home-field advantage.

But the Marlins have been here before, too. Granted, they are making only their second trip to the Series. But they won it in 1997, giving them the distinction of never having lost a postseason series in the franchise's existence.

It's going to be nearly impossible to recapture the magic and drama that these two teams just went through. The Marlins were just five outs away from losing to the Cubs before a fan interfered with a foul ball in Game 6 at Wrigley Field, the start of another cursed Cubs collapse.

And the Yankees were down 5-2 with one out in the eighth of Game 7 before they staged an incredible comeback against their most bitter rivals, the Boston Red Sox, to set up Boone's heroics in the wee hours of Friday morning.

After those league championships, it's not hard to see why the Marlins and Yankees both view themselves as teams of destiny.

One of them has to be wrong.

## STREET TALK

*What is your favorite gym work-out exercise and why?*



**Sgt. Rance Brown**  
HHC 10th Mnt. Div.

"The bench press, because it builds the upper body and after completing my work out I feel strong, which helps have a mentally stronger day."

**Spc. Demetrius Kincaid**  
HHC 2nd Bn, 87th Inf,  
10th Mnt. Div.

"Bicep curls (21s), because they work upper body especially the biceps and shoulders."



**Chaplain (Capt.) Robert Crowley**  
HHC 2nd Bn., 87th Inf.,  
10th Mnt. Div.

"The Step Master, because it's gives a good cardiovascular workout."

**Spc. William Velez III**  
HHC 2nd Bn, 87th Inf,  
10th Mnt. Div.

"Box push-ups, because it's a complete upper body exercise."



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# Afghanistan Hot Topics



(Compiled by CJTF-180 Public Affairs)

## Afghan disarmament of militiamen 'on track'

(BBC) - Afghanistan's Defence Minister, Qasim Fahim, says the ministry is now ready to begin implementing a major disarmament programme throughout the country.

Mr. Fahim told a news conference in Kabul that the ministry had already taken steps towards beginning the disarmament of up to 100,000 militiamen.

He said he was confident there would not be opposition to the process, and he believed clashes between rival militia leaders - Abdul Rashid Dostum and Ustad Atta Mohammed - around Mazar-e Sharif would be resolved.

Correspondents say recent reforms of the defence ministry to reflect a better ethnic balance were seen as crucial to the success of the disarmament process.

The ministry was perceived as being dominated by Tajiks from the Northern Alliance.

## Bin Laden still alive, says Pakistan's Musharraf

By Simon Cameron-Moore

**PUTRAJAYA** (Reuters) - Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden is still alive and is probably holed up somewhere on the Afghanistan-Pakistan border, Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf told Reuters in an interview on Friday.

Musharraf, in Malaysia for an Islamic summit, said he didn't know exactly where one of the world's two most wanted men was hiding out.

"But I'm sure he's alive. I can't say whether he's on our side of the border or the Afghan side," Musharraf said.

"This whole area affords the possibility of hiding small groups because it's a mountainous, treacherous area, an inaccessible area on both sides of the border."

Musharraf said Pakistan's intelligence

service was working with the Central Intelligence Agency to monitor comings and goings in the border area and recently acquired technology had made him "reasonably sure" the Saudi-born militant was alive.

"Maybe he's continuously moving, so I can't say where he is," Musharraf said.

The Pakistan leader risked wrath at home when he sided with the United States in a war on terror after the al Qaeda attacks on Washington and New York on September 11 2001, but has since asserted authority over his strongly Islamic country.

## Police arrest jail workers after 41 Taliban escape

**KANDAHAR**, Afghanistan (Reuters) - Police in the southern Afghan city of Kandahar have arrested the superintendent and 25 warders of the city's main jail, from which 41 Taliban militants escaped through a tunnel this month, a police official said on Friday.

Police chief Mohammad Hashim denied reports from other local officials on Thursday that three fugitives had been recaptured.

"It is completely not true, we have not rearrested any of the Taliban escapees yet," he told Reuters. "We have only arrested 26 security people who were in charge of the prison."

Kandahar governor Yusuf Pashtun said on Thursday employees of the prison may have been involved in the escape.

"So far we haven't recaptured any of the Taliban prisoners who escaped, but an operation is going on with that aim," Pashtun said.

A senior official of the Afghan foreign ministry in the province of Kandahar told Reuters on Thursday three of the fugitives were arrested a few days ago but did not name them.

The prisoners escaped through a 30-m

(98-foot) tunnel last Friday, causing embarrassment for the government of President Hamid Karzai and presenting yet another security headache in the troubled region.

Afghan officials say the group included five or six important Taliban figures, including a brother of Taliban defence minister Mawlawi Obaidullah.

Kandahar, which borders Pakistan, was the birthplace of the Taliban and has been the scene of many recent guerrilla attacks that have curtailed aid and reconstruction.

## AIDS follows Afghanistan's 'miniglobalization'

By Scott Baldauf

**KABUL**, Afghanistan (The Christian Science Monitor) - For nine long years, Laila has walked the streets of Kabul in a sky-blue burqa veil, eking out a living as a prostitute.

It is an occupation with many risks in a traditional Islamic society like Afghanistan, and a profession that was especially dangerous under the Taliban government, which punished prostitutes by stoning them to death.

But today, she faces a different threat.

"I have never heard of HIV before, and I don't know what it is," says Laila, who has never before insisted that her customers use condoms. "The women who go into prostitution, they don't worry about their lives. If we die, what does it matter? If I live, what does it all mean?"

The emergence and spread of HIV, the virus linked to AIDS, largely passed over Afghanistan during its 23 years of civil war. Now Afghanistan is witnessing one of the largest influxes of people in its history, and among all the new arrivals is a foreign disease that even rich countries have trouble controlling.

And while the numbers of people testing positive for HIV are low - last year eight, this year 15 - the nascent problem has deep social, moral, and political reverberations.

## R&R ends for first wave of soldiers

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs  
*Army News Service*

**WASHINGTON**-- After 15 days of home-cooked meals and visiting with family and friends, the first wave of Soldiers who participated in the "Rest and Recuperation" program have returning to Iraq.

The first 265 Soldiers to end their break began an 18-hour trip back Oct. 12 and arrived on the ground in Kuwait Oct. 13. From now until the end of the program, planes will be leaving the states daily carrying back Soldiers who are loaded with up-to-date photos, movies, and other trinkets of home.

Waiting to board the plane at the Baltimore-Washington International Airport Oct. 13, Soldiers looked exhausted as they stretched out on benches or nodded in front the big screen TV in the USO waiting area.

Missing were teary eyes and long faces. "It's time to go back," said Spc. Mark Chalmers, an Army Reserve military policeman from New Kensington, Pa. "I have to return to my unit — my extended family."

There were a few soldiers who were initially missing when it came time for the first jetliner to hit the skies, but connecting flights delayed their arrival, according to Pentagon officials. All soldiers were accounted for, officials said.

"It's all down hill from now," said Staff Sgt.



*(Left) Spc. Mark Chalmers and Staff Sgt. Robert Ponte, both National Guardsmen, wait at the BWI Airport for their departing plane.*

Cody Ayers, a National Guardsman from Oklahoma. "Going back wasn't an issue. I was so happy to have the opportunity to see my family that I didn't give myself an opportunity to think about having to say goodbye again."

For the most part, Soldiers said that they didn't want to spend their two weeks doing anything other than bonding with family.

One mother, who hadn't seen her daughter in nine months, spent that time bathing, feeding and clothing her baby. "I'm mommy

in name only, so I had to engulf her with my care," said single mom Cpl. Kelly Neal, a communications specialist from Wiesbaden, Germany.

Ayers was lucky enough to make it home in time to celebrate his 11-year wedding anniversary.

"I had 11 red roses and one white rose, to represent next year's anniversary, sent to my wife's job," Ayers said.

And more than a handful of fathers saw their newborn babies for the first time.

Pfc. Mike Hutchinson, an 18-year-old, heavy-wheel mechanic from Fort Lee, Va., saw his 3-month-old girl for the first time.

"She's so small," was all he could say about their first meeting.

Hutchison and his family also celebrated Thanksgiving with a large family dinner.

"This was my break from Iraq, and all I wanted to do was hold my wife and son," said Staff Sgt. Robert Ponte, a military policeman from Orangeburg, N.Y. "I was disappointed in the news coverage, so I stayed away from the news."

"I didn't want to do a lot of talking, and my family understood that," Ayers said. "I was more interested in what they had been up to since I left."

As hundreds of soldiers end their leave, hundreds more will get the opportunity to partake in Central Command's Rest and Recuperation program.

### *Coalition Village Classical Concert*

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# Music Notes (Compiled from CNN.com)



Ozzy Osbourne (far left) on "The Osbournes."

## Ozzy treated for tremor, scraps European tour

LOS ANGELES — Heavy metal icon Ozzy Osbourne said Tuesday that he was being treated for a nervous tremor he blamed for almost destroying his life and had scrapped a planned European tour in order to recover.

The British-born rocker said he had been undergoing tests for the past three weeks for an involuntary shuddering that had become "markedly worse over the last two years."

"I was at the point where it felt as if this problem was practically destroying my life along with my self-esteem," said Osbourne, who has found a wide audience as a foul-mouthed, shuffling patriarch in MTV's hit reality series "The Osbournes" which takes viewers into his home.

"I was no longer comfortable being around people, which, as you can imagine, is not the best trait for a performer," Osbourne said.

Dr. Allan Ropper, the chairman of the neurology department at Tufts University in Boston and Osbourne's physician, said tests had showed Osbourne did not have Parkinson's disease and that his tremor was "coming under control with medication."



Mick Jagger of the Rolling Stones

## Stones to roll into Hong Kong

LONDON — The Rolling Stones will play two concerts in Hong Kong next month, the first time in its 40-year history that the band has played the Chinese city.

Rolling Stones tour director Michael Cohl said concerts have been scheduled for Nov. 7 and 9 as part of the Harborfest celebrations.

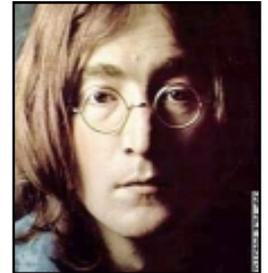
"We have received the deposit money from Hong Kong and the band's lawyers have a signed contract having concluded negotiations last week," Cohl said in a statement. The Stones' appearance appeared to have fallen through last week, when concert organizers said last week talks with the band had collapsed.

In Hong Kong, the American Chamber of Commerce, organizers of the concerts, confirmed in a statement that the Stones will be performing in Hong Kong by announcing that tickets for their concerts will go on sale on Wednesday.

Harborfest is a concert series intended to revitalize Hong Kong after the SARS outbreak earlier this year.

## Musical based on Lennon set for Broadway stage

NEW YORK — Imagine a Broadway musical based on songs by John Lennon. Yoko Ono has, and producers have announced she has given the go-ahead for a show using her late husband's work.



Broadway musical set to honor John Lennon

Tentatively titled "The Lennon Project," the stage musical will explore the turbulent times of the 1960s and 1970s with some 30 songs drawn from more than 200 Lennon wrote after the Beatles break-up.

"Over the past two decades, I have been experiencing the feedback from the world to John's life, statements and music," Ono said.

"I realized what John had meant to the world. He was a catalyst who brought down the hypocrisy and the old world establishments by saying 'Gimme Some Truth,'" said Ono.

"What we present on stage should again give people insight, encouragement, inspiration and fun, so they can go on with their lives with some assurance and hope."

## Bagram Air Base MWR presents

### "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"

1530Z at the MWR building:

A young Greek woman falls in love with a non-Greek and struggles to get her family to accept him while she comes to terms with her heritage and cultural identity.



Tomorrow's movie: "Birthday Girl"

# Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from SI.com)



## Yankees return to World Series; Red Sox heartbroken again in Game 7

**NEW YORK** — They waited and waited, letting the Boston Red Sox believe they had a shot at shucking The Curse, beating the New York Yankees and going to the World Series.

And then they struck, by way of Aaron Boone's bat.

The Yankee newcomer set off bedlam in the Bronx with a leadoff home run in the 11th inning, giving New York a 6-5 victory in a thrilling Game 7 of the AL Championship Series on Thursday night.

"Like Derek told me, 'The ghosts will show up eventually,'" Boone said.

Did they ever.

Boone, who didn't even start the game, homered on the first pitch of the inning from knuckleballer Tim Wakefield, who had baffled the Yankees with two wins in the series and was making his first relief appearance. It was the first extra-inning homer in baseball history that ended a Game 7.

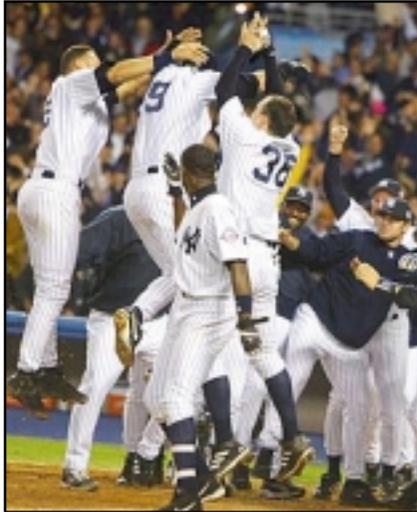
New York, which opens the World Series against Florida on Saturday, had been five outs from losing when Derek Jeter doubled to start a rally and Jorge Posada blooped the tying two-run double off a tiring Pedro Martinez.

The Yankees trailed 4-0 in the fourth inning and 5-2 in the eighth after Roger Clemens made an early exit in what looked to be the final game of his storied career.

But they bounced back, rekindling all those painful memories that have haunted so many Red Sox fans — thoughts of Bucky Dent, Bill Buckner and decades of New York domination.

"Wow. I can't even talk," Boone said. "It's unbelievable. Mo ... so many heroes today. Unbelievable. This is awesome."

Jason Giambi, dropped to seventh in the batting order for the first time since July 1999, started the comeback with solo homers in the fifth and seventh innings.



*Aaron Boone sticks the landing on the 10th postseason walkoff homer in Yankees history.*

This was the fifth pennant in six seasons for the Yankees, who haven't won the World Series since 2000, and it came in their 26th game of the year against their old foe — a baseball first.

## Bryant defense team given records by mistake

**DENVER** — Kobe Bryant's attorneys asked a judge Friday for more time to respond to a request from a Glenwood Springs hospital to destroy some medical records of the NBA star's accuser that were mistakenly turned over to them.



*Kobe Bryant leaves courthouse*

In a court filing, defense attorney Hal Haddon apparently acknowledged having the records, which Valley View Hospital asked prosecutors and defense attorneys to destroy. Prosecutors already have destroyed the records.

In a response to a subpoena, the hospital gave prosecutors medical records detailing the woman's examination after the alleged attack and, by mistake, records from an earlier visit. Prosecutors passed all the records on to Bryant's lawyers as part of the normal exchange of evidence. The details of the records have not been made public.

Hospital attorney Michael McConnell said Friday he did not know whether Bryant's attorneys had destroyed the records. He said he did not object to giving them until Oct. 27, an additional week, to respond to the hospital's request.

Mackey's voice mail said she would not return reporters' calls. The judge has issued a gag order prohibiting those involved in the case from commenting.

Eagle County Judge Frederick Gannett earlier threw out subpoenas issued by Bryant's attorneys for the woman's medical records, saying if the case goes to trial, the trial judge should determine whether those records should be turned over.

Haddon said in his filing that he could not meet the initial Oct. 20 deadline to reply to the hospital's request and asked for an additional week to reply. He said McConnell did not object to the request.

Bryant, 25, who is free on \$25,000 bond, faces up to life in prison if convicted of the single count of felony sexual assault against him. He has said he and the woman had consensual sex while he stayed at the mountain resort in Edwards where she worked.

## A miracle baby pulls through with a little help from the CFC-Overseas

**KELLY ARMY BARRACKS**, Darmstadt, Germany — The Denson family always contributed to the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) never thinking about how much a CFC participating organization would support them in a time of need. That is, until Jan. 11 2002 when baby Abigail came into the world 12 weeks premature weighing only 10.7 ounces. She was the fifth lightest recorded baby in the world. The doctors at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany had little hope for Abigail's survival.

During the three months that baby Abigail was in the neonatal intensive care unit, Army Staff Sgt. Wayne Denson from 596th Maintenance Company was commuting more than an hour each way from Darmstadt to be with his wife and child. A participating CFC-O agency stepped in and provided accommodations close to the hospital for Wayne, his wife Tricia and their two children, Andrew and Amanda. The family was thrilled to be living near Abigail so they could be close by during this crucial period. "It was like a home away from home.

Nothing was too much trouble," said Denson, "Volunteers even brought in meals for us. It was a huge burden lifted off our shoulders."

Happily, Abigail was able to leave Landstuhl Medical Center on April 11 and is making remarkable progress. The Denson family will never forget the generosity and support they received. "People don't understand how much these organizations give until they're in a position where they need it themselves," says Denson. "You can't help but want to support CFC when you see it being utilized. I am even more inclined to donate and help other people who are experiencing hardship now that I have experienced it first hand."

For more information on ways to contribute to CFC-O, visit the website [www.cfcoverseas.org](http://www.cfcoverseas.org).

## CFC-O announces campaign kickoff

The Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas, part of the largest workplace giving campaign in the world, has announced the CFC-O will run from Oct. 1 through Dec. 10 in all commands. For deployed forces serving overseas, the campaign will run from Nov. 1 through Dec. 10.

During the campaign season, donors can designate contributions to a variety of deserving American and international U.S.-based charities through the CFC-O. "Last year, U.S. military members and federal employees pulled together and generously raised over \$11.2 million overseas," said Renée Acosta, president of the campaign management organization for the CFC-O. "This year we know the tradition of giving will continue."

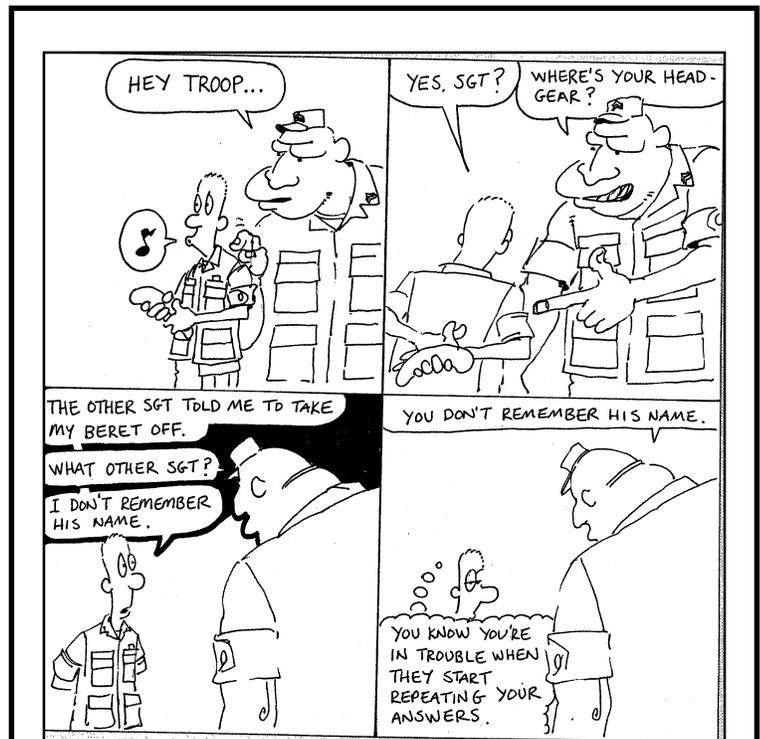
The CFC's philanthropic commitment is rooted in the many charitable campaigns of the 1960s. Seeing a need to collect all the philanthropic campaigns under one umbrella, federal employees created the CFC—one campaign, once a year. An Executive Order signed by President Kennedy made the CFC a reality and turned an innovative idea into a uniquely effective way for federal employees to help those in need close by and throughout the world.

*(Information provided by a CFC-O press release.)*

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

*(Courtesy of QUIZLAND.com)*

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By Mark Baker

## *Pvt. Murphy's Law*

### *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

**Tuesday**

- ❖ 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 — Bible study

**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 — Bible study

**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
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays**
- ❖ 1900Z — Roman Catholic mass



# Weather

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<i>Monday</i>	 Hi — 75F Lo — 46F	 Hi — 84F Lo — 47F	 Hi — 75F Lo — 46F	 Hi — 81F Lo — 43F

### *TF 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.