



# FREEDOM WATCH



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## News briefs

(Compiled from CNN.com)

### Rifle matched to sniper

**ROCKVILLE, Md.** — Ballistic tests on the rifle found in the car of the men authorities believe were involved in the Washington-area sniper attacks matched the weapon to the bullets in all but three of the 14 shootings, law enforcement officials said Thursday evening. The suspects are John Allen Muhammad, 41, an Army veteran of the Persian Gulf War who qualified as an expert marksman in the service, and 17-year-old John Lee Malvo, a Jamaican citizen.

### Seven freed from Moscow theater

**MOSCOW** — Seven hostages were released early Friday from a Moscow theater where Chechen gunmen have been holding 700 hostages for more than 24 hours. The gunmen are holding fast to their demand for an end to war in Chechnya and are threatening to kill their captives if that demand is not met within a week.



Soldiers from Company C, 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, N.C., climbed up hills as steep as 1,800 meters to conduct their searches during Objective Hood in Southeastern Afghanistan.



Mi Sada shows a soldier ammunition he had since the Soviet occupation in Khatinkhel.

## Operation Alamo Sweep continues in Afghanistan

Story & photos by  
Sgt. Reeba Critser  
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**KHOWST, Afghanistan** — Close to midnight Oct. 16, the 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, N.C., soldiers made a statement in the Paktika Province — size does matter.

“There is no combat force inside of Afghanistan that can threaten a United States force,” said Capt. Patrick Willis, battalion intelligence officer.

The 10-minute Chinook ride flew the paratroopers to the outskirts of the objective.

“We hit the ground and set up

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## New civil affairs team forms Army of One

By Sgt. Robb Huhn  
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**KABUL, Afghanistan** — With flags on their sleeves and pride in their hearts, soldiers from all walks of life, have left their homes and lives behind

to work side-by-side toward a common goal — the rebuilding of Afghanistan.

To accomplish such an important mission, the Army deployed active duty, Reserve and National Guard soldiers serving in a wide variety

of military occupational specialties. This combining of the Army’s three components is a prime example of Secretary of the Army Louis Caldera’s and Army Chief of Staff Erik Shinseki’s ‘Army of One’ concept.

“The ‘Army of One’

campaign focuses on the strength and teamwork of the U.S. Army as a united force of many soldiers, while reinforcing the concept that each individual makes a unique contribution to the Army’s success.

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# U.S. medical personnel help local community

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Detachment

The convoy with supplies and personnel set out to make a difference in the local community and in the lives of the people who live there by conducting a medical capability mission Oct. 14.

Setup, including organizing paperwork, pills and ointments and lining up patients, took only moments.

Starting with an interpreter, a sheet of paper was filled out for each of the clients with ailments ranging from toothaches to dysentery. Children, many of whom suffered from internal parasites, were treated with dewormer.

"We're enabling the local



**Sgt. Chundra Brown, 310th Chemical Company, Fort McClellan, Ga., gives deworming medication to local children for intestinal parasites.**

people to live a healthier life," said Capt. Regina Long, 339<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital, nurse practitioner.

The team also briefed the patients on healthy living and handed out toothbrushes and toothpaste.

"We briefed them on mine awareness and basic sanitation and how to prevent illness," said Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Samuel Osborne, 227<sup>th</sup> Preventive Medicine, noncommissioned officer in charge.

Col. Donald Hart, 339<sup>th</sup>

Combat Support Hospital, oral surgeon, also explained the importance of oral hygiene to the patients. He extracted teeth, preventing any future complications with deep cavities. He also, through an interpreter, tried to reassure patients who refused the extraction due to fear.

"For many of the patients coming in today, this is the first time they are seeing a dentist or medical care," Hart said.

People weren't the only ones being treated; soldiers were also on hand to help the local livestock.

"This was my first time out helping with the humanitarian effort in Afghanistan. We basically de-wormed as many goats as we could catch. It al-

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cess," Secretary Caldera said during a press conference last year. "Today's soldiers want to feel empowered to make a difference individually and as a group."

The soldiers attached to the Coalition Joint Civil-Military Operations Task Force have been making a difference in Afghanistan since its inception last year. With its new lead element, the 360<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Brigade, a reserve unit out of Fort Jackson, S.C., the Task Force will continue to function as the Coalition's humanitarian assistance arm, facilitat-

ing the completion of high-impact, quick fix projects not being completed by the greater humanitarian community.

The CJCMOTF focuses on developing and maintaining good relations with local authorities and populations by identifying and coordinating civil-military projects, providing continuing support to Coalition commanders, and facilitating emergency humanitarian relief operations in Afghanistan.

In order to maximize their potential, Col. George P. Maughan, CJCMOTF commander is focusing on placing service members in jobs

similar to their civilian occupation.

Army reserve Sgt. 1st Class Bruce Newell works as an environmental consultant while at home in South Carolina, and will soon be work to provide Afghans with a clean supply of drinking water.

"It's very similar to what I do at home," Newell said. "Digging wells and giving people healthy water to drink is what I do. I'm proud to have the opportunity to utilize my knowledge and skills in Afghanistan."

But whether it's the teacher in the mess hall, the salesman seeing patients and giving out

medication in the clinic, or the full time soldier designing schools, roads and bridges, everyone knows their job, and according to Spc. Brendan Burchell, a combat medic serving with the 772nd Military Police Company, a National Guard unit from Massachusetts, everyone takes it seriously.

"We're here to save lives and to help the Afghans rebuild their once beautiful country," said Burchell, a native of Cape Cod, Mass. "Most of us here don't differentiate between active duty, Reserve, or Guard. We're all soldiers, and each one of us plays an

important role in the Task Force's mission."

In the past, some soldiers had the image that the citizen-soldiers of the Guard and Reserve were not capable of living up to the standards of the active Army. Army 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Carolyn Harris, an active-duty engineer, said she feels the attitudes of the past have changed.

"When I first arrived here, I was a little apprehensive about working with Reservist," said Harris. "After working with them and seeing their level of competency, I realize that we can't accomplish our mission without their help."



Photo by Spc. Erica Leigh Foley

**Two young children have their heartbeats checked during the MEDCAP that took place Oct. 14.**

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ways makes you feel good to help wherever you are,” said Spc. Joseph Thomas, animal care specialist, Veterinary Service Corps.

Thomas wasn’t the only one who got something out of the mis-

sion.

“It makes us appreciate what we have and the life we lead, but it also allows us to see the strengths in other cultures,” Long said.

The next MEDCAP is set for Nov. 4.

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isolation,” said Sgt. Kirk Challen, Company B team leader.

Trudging along hills as high as 1,800 meters with rucksacks that weighed close to 100 pounds, armed with M-4s, grenades and mortars, the soldiers began the tedious task of cordoning and searching the houses in an area they called Objective Hood, which included the villages of Tit, Khatinkehl, Magara and Lehoray.

Capt. Clay Novack, Company B commander, said his company was searching for the usual items – Taliban or al Qaeda persons, weapons cache,

documents and communications.

“Because we put 600 paratroopers on the ground, no one wants to mess with you,” Novack said.

As the night slowly turned to day, the tired soldiers received almost the same answer when knocking on doors.

“I bought the weapons when the Russians were here,” said Wazir Khan, a Tit resident.

“We found the usual small arms and ammunition in every house,” Challen said. “They own small arms and ammunition like we own Hondas in the

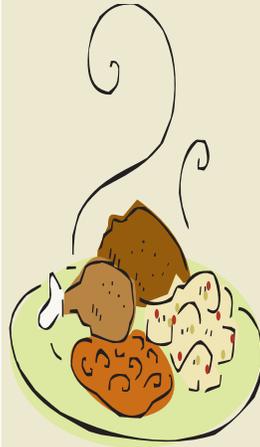
# DFAC hours

## Breakfast

Bagram Viper City	0130Z to 0430Z
Bagram Hanger	0230Z to 0430Z
Kabul	0200Z to 0330Z
Kandahar	0200Z to 0500Z

## Lunch

Bagram Viper City	MRE
Bagram Hanger	MRE
Kabul	MRE
Kandahar	MRE



## Dinner

Bagram Viper City	1200Z to 1600Z
Bagram Hanger	1200Z to 1400Z
Kabul	1230Z to 1415Z
Kandahar	1200Z to 1500Z



Photo by Sgt. Reeba Critser

**As seen through night vision goggles, soldiers from Company C, 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, N.C., secure the perimeter upon landing at Objective Hood in Southeastern Afghanistan.**

States.”

The day finally ended when the radio spurted out the grid for the pick up zone.

Between the Blackhawks and Chinooks,

soldiers were transported throughout the afternoon to the forward operating base.

Within the objective, the battalion destroyed 66 rocket pro-

pelled grenade rounds, 60 82mm rounds, 14 AP mines, 68 cases of DSHK ammunition, 150 .50 caliber rounds and one box of explosives.

# FREEDOM'S VOICES

## Tee Braggert reveals haunting past experience

### Bottom line

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Tee Braggert returns!

It feels great coming back from another hopeless injury (Tee goes to Washington, Sept. 20), and just in time to see Barry Bonds chase that elusive World Series ring.

Man, he's truly an amazing athlete to watch. It's too bad about the Twinkies. I was hoping to see a Twins-Braves reunion this year. What a storyline that classic could have been!

The A's? Well, let's just say I'm not surprised about their meltdown in the postseason, because they simply can't win when it matters. I was shocked to see the defending champion Diamondbacks, four-time American League champion Yankees

and perennial playoff bums Braves lose in the divisional playoffs.

Anyway, I know I usually use my show to talk about sports and everyone involved, but Halloween is only six days away, so I want to tell you about a chilling experience I had three years ago in Uvalde, Texas.

Now, if any listener out there scares easily, please turn me off right now because the revelation I'm about to make public is going to cause some folks to lay awake in their beds.

My story begins when my friend, Martin, invited me to a college party. He said there were going to be a lot of people stopping by and, hopefully, I could help him hook up with a girl. Generally, I don't attend many parties because most of the times a fight breaks out or someone gets arrested. But Martin wouldn't hear it.

I arrived at the party five minutes early; just in time to catch the Los An-

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## STREET TALK

What MWR event would you like to see offered?



"Nothing. It's nice the way it's set up."

Pvt. Joshua Combs  
Co. C, 505th PIR  
Fort Bragg, N.C.

"I just wish there were a PX at the CJCMOTF compound."

Spc. Tim Rioux  
772nd MP Co.  
Taunton, Mass.



"A well-lit room to play more board games."

Spc. Christopher Estrada  
Co. C, 505th PIR  
Fort Bragg, N.C.

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geses Lakers celebrate their first of three consecutive championships. It was nice to see Shaq win a title. People started showing up in masses and, before long, the nicely furnished house was full.

What was worse, I couldn't find Martin. So, I was deciding whether to leave and explain later or stick around and make some friends.

I was halfway toward the front door when I saw her. She was skinny like Ally McBeal, but had a face like Sandra Bullock. Her skin was very white, almost pale, but was very stunning. I couldn't help but stare. *Should I talk to her? What do I say?*

She looked right at me, so I slowly walked toward her. She didn't move, which meant she was interested, right? We talked, laughed and enjoyed each other's company for the rest of the evening. I told her about my budding sports radio career, and she told me her name was Cara and her family lived in Del Rio, Texas.

I didn't ask for too much information because I didn't want to scare her away. Boy, she was great.

Well, it was time to go and I offered Cara a ride to her house. Cara said it was far. I said I didn't care because I wanted to be with her.

We were driving down I-90 when Cara said she wanted to see me again. I told her I

would pick her up tomorrow night. She said it was fine. I was about to ask her another question when she motioned for me to stop the car—right in front of an old, broken down house. She said her house was located behind the decrepit pile of wood.

I got out and opened the car door for her. I wanted to kiss her, but felt it was inappropriate. So, I hugged her and asked her to wear my high-school ring. Cara's hands felt very cold, but it was a chilly night. She said she would meet me right here tomorrow at 10 p.m.

I couldn't wait!

I was on my way back home when I realized I had given her the wrong ring! My mom had given me a special

ring when I graduated from the University of Texas in Austin. I had to get it back. I turned the car around and zoomed to the old house. It felt very lonely.

Why am I here? Why don't I ask for it tomorrow during our date?

I went behind the house and saw a light coming from another house sitting there. I walked toward the front door.

I knocked.

No answer.

I knocked again.

Again, no answer.

I was about to leave when the door creaked open.

"Who is it?" an old man yelled.

"Yes, my name is Tee. I was with your daughter tonight. I gave her something I need back.

Can I talk to her?"

"Get out of here, punk!" he replied. "What are you trying to do? My daughter died last year. Her grave is right over there!"

He pointed to the left of the old house, where a tombstone stood. I turned for an explanation. He slammed the door.

I was stunned.

It couldn't be true. I was just with her. She looked so real.

I stood in front of the tombstone.

It read: Cara Wilkins b. 1981 d. 1999

I dropped to my knees. I looked around the area. I looked back at the tombstone and there it was.

The ring sat on top of the tombstone.

I never saw her again.

## Combat area promotions take responsibility

By Spc. Travis Edwards  
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Being promoted to the next rank and pay grade motivates soldiers, noncommissioned officers and officers to excel to new heights. But in a combat zone, promotions are a strict reminder of the responsibilities soldiers have towards their specific jobs and others in their unit.

"To be promoted during deployments or combat, it is critical that your first step is to make

sure your records are current and updated prior to any conflict," said Sgt. Maj. Gerald Champion, Joint Logistics Command sergeant major.

"For senior NCOs to be promoted in combat, they must have been ready for promotion prior to deploying. The necessary packets can be updated down range, but the NCOER's, current DA photos, updated 2-A, 2-1 and other paperwork must have been completed," Champion said.

It is a burden off one's shoulders once all the paperwork is complete and the records are updated, said Champion.

"What makes my recent promotion to captain memorable is that I was promoted on top of an old Soviet bunker in the middle of a country I never knew existed," said newly promoted Capt. Larry Johnson. "It was an experience I will remember forever."

"While I was glad to be promoted, especially since it was by the former 1<sup>st</sup> COSCOM command-

ing general, it was a bittersweet experience not having my family there to be with me," said newly promoted Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Darren Warren, JLC.

For other soldiers, attending the promotion board in the field was most memorable.

"Going to the board is probably one of the best parts of being deployed. You do not have to be in Class A's, but you feel proud to be continuing in your goals while wearing an American flag on your

shoulder," said Sgt. Nelson Anderson, JLC-Materiel Management Center. "I scored a 148 points out of 150 points. I attribute that to staying up late and studying after work. I used my free time to advance my career."

"The questions make sense to you more than before because they are pertinent to what we now do everyday," said Anderson. "Questions like 'What are the requirements of an interior guard?' is obvious. You perform it all the time."



# ENTERTAINMENT

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## Music Briefs

(Compiled from MTV.com)

### Hill, L.L. top charts

Faith Hill's fifth album and first in three years, *Cry* will make its chart debut at #1 with more than 472,000 copies sold, according to SoundScan figures released Wednesday. LL Cool J will flex his musical muscles at #2 with *10*. With a chiseled new physique and a ladies-loving single, "Luv U Better," the 17-year veteran of verse sold more than 154,000 copies of his follow-up to 2000's *The G.O.A.T.* in its first week.

### Kanye West injured in car wreck

Roc-A-Fella artist Kanye West is in a Los Angeles hospital recovering from injuries sustained in a car accident. West, who has gained fame producing for such rhyme all-stars as Jay-Z, Scarface and Mos Def, was injured shortly after leaving a recording studio at about 3 a.m., Wednesday morning. West is expected to be released from the hospital within the next few days, and his jaw will be wired shut for the next six weeks.

## World-class soldiers sweep Army 10-miler

By Tim Hips  
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Ryan Kirkpatrick led a group of U.S. Army World Class Athlete Program runners to a sweep of the top four spots in the 18th running of the Army Ten-Miler, which began and ended at the Pentagon Oct. 20.

First Lieutenant Kirkpatrick, 24, a native of Hendersonville, N.C., stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., trains in the lofty altitude of nearby Boulder with coach Arturo

Barrios and other Army WCAP distance runners.

He left the lead pack during the route's second mile and steadily pulled away to win the world's largest 10-mile road race in 48 minutes, 35 seconds.

"My thought was the first mile was too slow and I wanted the pace to be faster," said Kirkpatrick, who left his teammates after running the first mile in 5:03 and went on to complete the race with a 4:51 pace. "I didn't want it to come down to the last couple

of miles. It was like: If I'm going to win this, I want to go from the start."

Problem is: One is the loneliest number.

"I was running scared pretty much the whole race," Kirkpatrick admitted. "But I knew I wasn't going to look back until the nine-mile mark. I knew by then that I was in control."

So did the remainder of the record field of 11,901 runners.

"I guess Ryan really knew himself; he knew what he was doing," said ninth-place finisher

Sammy Ngatia, who waited two years to defend his title from the 2000 Army Ten-Miler because the 2001 rendition was canceled by security concerns immediately following the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon. "He was really strong today. For me, it was too windy to try to catch up at the end."

Capt. Scott Goff pulled away from WCAP training partners Spc. Christopher England, Sgt. Sandu Rebeneiuc

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*Pvt. Murphy's Law*

## Murphy's Law: Combat Operations

- ❖ *A retreating enemy is probably just falling back and regrouping.*
- ❖ *The important things are always simple; the simple are always hard.*
- ❖ *The easy way is always mined.*
- ❖ *Teamwork is essential; it gives the enemy other people to shoot at.*
- ❖ *Don't look conspicuous; it draws fire. For this reason, it is not at all uncommon for aircraft carriers to be known as bomb magnets.*

# Depressed crossword

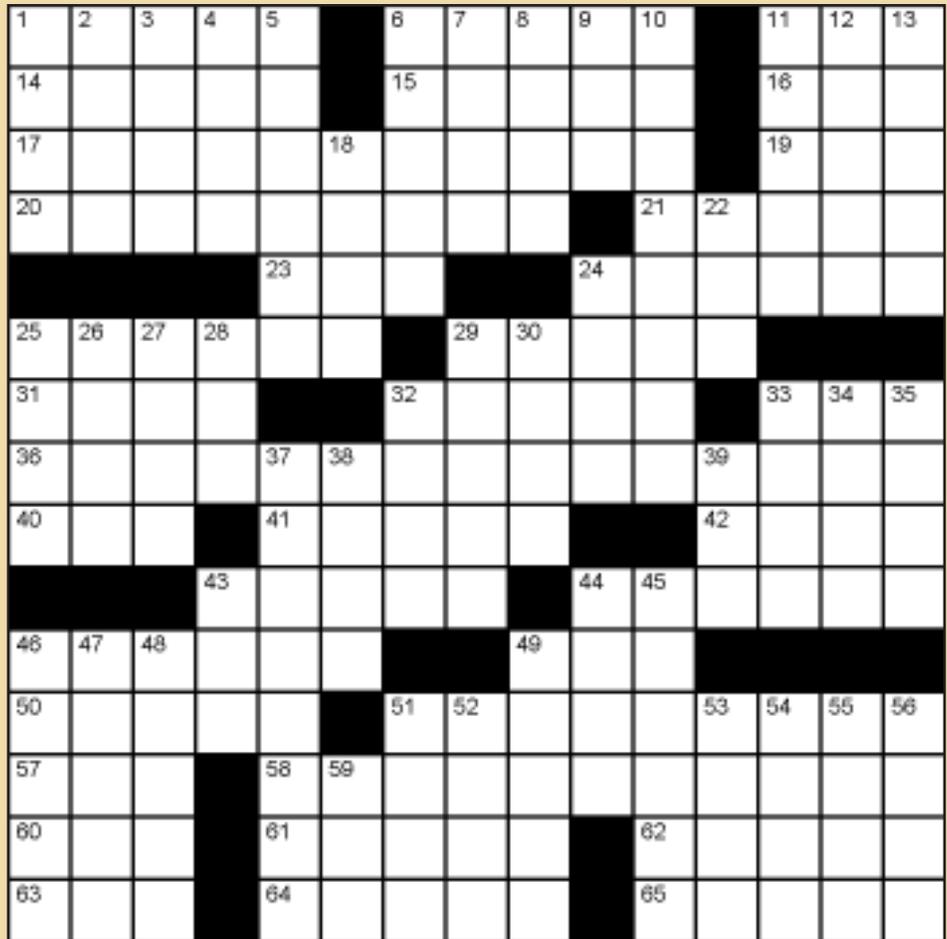
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## Across

- 1 Ethiopia's \_\_ Selassie
- 6 Hindi's language group
- 11 Play part
- 14 \_\_ finger (pointer)
- 15 \_\_ Alegre, Brazil
- 16 In the style of
- 17 Comics hero created in 1947
- 19 \_\_ Tin Tin
- 20 Half steps, in music
- 21 Slingshot missile
- 23 Braun or Gabor
- 24 Foul-smelling
- 25 Shy and modest
- 29 Arctic or Indian
- 31 Cold desserts
- 32 Deck out
- 33 Potpie spheroid
- 36 Life on earth, poetically
- 40 Hoss, to Ben
- 41 In first place
- 42 Lose traction
- 43 The UN's Kofi \_\_
- 44 Montezuma's people
- 46 Thinly spread
- 49 New Deal org.
- 50 It may be crashed
- 51 Wiry-coated terriers
- 57 Chang's twin
- 58 "The Life of Riley" character
- 60 Commotion
- 61 Tie \_\_ (get soused)
- 62 Della or Pee Wee
- 63 Was on the slate
- 64 Consequences of toad-handling, in folklore
- 65 Sought answers

## Down

- 1 Snake sound
- 2 Start the pot
- 3 The same, in a bibliography



- 4 Jeans maker Strauss
- 5 Phillips \_\_ Academy
- 6 Classic toothpaste
- 7 Poor dog's portion
- 8 Prohibitionists
- 9 "Who am \_\_ say?"
- 10 Having a fixed value
- 11 Career homer king
- 12 Sound of toasters' glasses
- 13 Chief Justice, 1836-64
- 18 Shoreline recess
- 22 Solder material
- 24 Feudal drudge
- 25 Dahs' partners
- 26 Repeat verbatim
- 27 Chicken chow \_\_
- 28 Destroyer letters
- 29 "\_\_ a Grecian Urn"
- 30 Condo alternative
- 32 Utah ski spot
- 33 Hardly tanned
- 34 Hockey's Lindros
- 35 Nile snakes
- 37 Max of "The Exorcist"
- 38 Comic Meara
- 39 Attendance fig., often
- 43 Garfunkel or Carney
- 44 Copycat
- 45 Singer/actress Pia
- 46 Bit of asparagus
- 47 Bamboo-munching "bear"
- 48 An inert gas
- 49 Small songbirds
- 51 Maturing agent
- 52 "\_\_ Plenty o' Nuttin'"
- 53 Fruity drinks
- 54 Shallot's cousin
- 55 Ultimatum ender
- 56 Iditarod vehicle
- 59 Croce's "Time \_\_ Bottle"

*Solutions will be posted in Saturday's Freedom Watch*

# COALITION SPORTS ZONE

## The Day in Sports

(Compiled from ESPN.com)

### Baseball source says there could be Boston Expos

**NEW YORK** — Is Boston about to be a two-team baseball town again?

Preliminary discussions which have involved some people at the “highest levels of baseball” are considering having the Montreal Expos share Fenway Park with the Boston Red Sox next season, according to a report in Thursday’s *New York Daily News*.

According to the newspaper, the Expos would play in Fenway for one year while Major League Baseball continues to search for a buyer, who could possibly move the team.

“There’s nothing to it,” Red Sox CEO Larry Lucchino told the Boston Globe Thursday morning from his hotel room in San Francisco, where he is attending the World Series.

The motivations are two-fold: the Expos would be out of Montreal, where they had baseball’s lowest attendance and are considered a lame duck franchise, and the Red Sox management would receive rent from the team, added revenue to a team which sold for \$700 million a year ago.

“This could be a win-win-win for all the parties involved except the 200 season ticket-holders in Montreal,” a source told the *Daily News*. “The Red Sox get the benefit of the extra revenue, the Expos get a great place to play where people will come out to see them and Boston fans get to see National League baseball again.”

The Boston Braves were a member of the National League until 1953, when they moved to Milwaukee (and later to Atlanta).

Scheduling would be a small problem, sources told the *Daily News*. There are only a few dates when the two teams are scheduled at home at the same time.

### 2002 World Series

*San Francisco vs. Anaheim*

**Oct. 19**

San Francisco 4, Anaheim 3, Giants lead 1-0

**Oct. 20**

Anaheim 11, San Francisco 10, Series tied 1-1

**Tuesday**

Anaheim 10, San Francisco 4, Angels lead 2-1

**Wednesday**

San Francisco 4, Anaheim 3, Series tied 2-2

**Thursday**

San Francisco 16, Anaheim 4, Giants lead 3-2

**Saturday**

San Francisco at Anaheim

**Sunday**

San Francisco at Anaheim, if necessary

### Giants rout Angels to take Series lead

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Teased and taunted for tip-toeing around Barry Bonds, the Anaheim Angels decided to challenge him.

Whack!

Bonds lined an RBI double that sent the San Francisco Giants zooming to a big lead that not even these pesky Angels could overcome, winning 16-4 in Game 5 Thursday night to take a 3-2 lead in the World Series.

Jeff Kent sealed it with a pair of two-run homers, starting the party in full force at Pac Bell Park and putting the Giants on the brink of their first World Series title since Willie Mays & Co. won it for New York in 1954.

Rich Aurilia’s three-run homer in the eighth gave the Giants the most runs by a team in a Series game since the New York Yankees walloped Pittsburgh 16-3 in 1960. It was the 17th homer overall by the Angels and San Francisco, tying a Series record. Once again, it took only one big swing by Bonds — Mays’ godson — to swing the momentum in this Series. But, really, the Angels were caught in a lose-lose squeeze from the start.

They pitched to Bonds in the first inning, and the Giants got three runs. They intentionally walked him in the second, and San Francisco scored three more.

Halloween was still a week away, but the big guy in orange and black had plenty of tricks and few treats for Anaheim.

## Bagram Air Base MWR movies

The Bagram Air Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff present “Life” tonight at 1530Z at the MWR building. Tomorrow’s movie will be “Bad Company,” showing at the same time.



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and Sgt. Phillip Castillo during the final mile to finish second in a personal-best of 49:06.

"It was a little cold and windy out there, but it was a good race," said Goff, 26, a native of Barrington, R.I., who was content with the early pace. "Ryan made a good move and we hung back just a little bit. We thought maybe we could catch him late, but he was just too strong."

England, 28, a water treatment specialist from Jackson, Wyo., finished third in 49:13, and was followed by steeple-chaser Rebeneiuc, 33, a native of Romania, in fourth place.

"Captain Goff was setting the pace," England said. "We were just trying to hang on. I've been struggling the whole year, so this was a very good run for me. I finished strong."

Italian soldiers Buttazzo Gianmanco, 25, and Sebastiano Mazzara, 27, both from Rome, interrupted the parade of Americans in fifth and eighth places in 50:01 and 50:58.

Castillo, 29, a quartermaster marathoner from Acoma Pueblo, N.M., finished sixth in 50:10, and was followed by Teddy Mitchell, 30, of Fort Carson, Colo.

Old faithful Ngatia, 43, of Fort Carson, led all masters by finishing ninth overall in 51:17 with a valiant defense of his crown. Ngatia, among the mix in all six of his Army gallops around Washington's storied monuments, said he was happy this time simply to return to the streets of the world's most powerful city — back onto roads closed for his title defense of a year ago.

"That means a lot," said Ngatia, a native of Kenya who never

thought he would race the streets of America's capital with a sniper on the loose. "I'm glad we showed people that we must go on with life. It's in the back of your mind that there's a sniper out there somewhere. You cannot turn that off, but you try to put it out of your mind while you're running.

"I've never seen such tight security here. We usually can get out of the parking lot and get to run around to warmup, but not today."

Casey Smith, 23, of Arlington, Va., won the women's division in 58:21, and was followed by former Washingtonian Martha Merz, 40, of Mystic, Conn., in 59:49, and Elizabeth Scanlon, 31, of Alexandria, Va., in 1:00:19.

After the canceling of last year's Army Ten-Miler because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack, this year's rendition was run under heavy law enforce-

ment scrutiny because of the Beltway Sniper who has been terrorizing Washington-area residents in the two weeks leading up to the race.

"I figured that a sniper couldn't hit someone running five minutes per mile," quipped Kirkpatrick. "As long as I'm out of town tomorrow. Last year this race got canceled on Tuesday before the race, and we were ready to drive on. We were prepared for any sort of circumstances.

"I'm glad this thing went off today. It proves a point in the nation's capital that we can hold an event with this many people and it comes off unhinged with no problems."

Ditto from England, 28, of Columbus, Ohio.

"Being in the nation's capital and being in the military, especially with everything that's happened in the

last year, it was — I don't want to say culminating event, but for the year it was a great event. It's very inspiring with all the spectators and fellow military cheering us on.

"I would've been disappointed if the race was canceled because of the sniper or any other issues. I just think that's fueling the fire. This is a huge statement, saying: 'Hey, nobody is going to slow us down.' This is why we're the greatest nation in the free world."

As steadfast as Ngatia was about defending his title, he was equally touched by the Army's decision to stage Sunday's 18th running of the world's largest 10-mile road race. And you can rest assured that he will return.

"Just tell them: 'Next time, the old man is coming to get them,'" Ngatia said of the WCAP's front-runners. "Tell them I'll be back."

## Michigan State QB suspended indefinitely

**EAST LANSING, Mich. (ESPN)** — Michigan State quarterback Jeff Smoker, the third-leading passer in school history, was suspended indefinitely Thursday for violating team rules.

Smoker will sit out Saturday's game against Wisconsin at Spartan Stadium.

"The decision was made after consulting with Jeff and others," head coach Bobby Williams said in a statement. "It is for the welfare of both Jeff and this football program that this action is taken immediately."

Reached at his on-campus home

Thursday, Smoker declined comment. School officials declined to release the specific reasons for the suspension.

Sophomore Damon Dowdell will make his second career start, his first this year.

"I've got to be a leader for this team Saturday night," Dowdell said in a statement. "My goal is to play hard and to make smart decisions with the football.

"I'm glad I got my first start out of the way last year because I had a lot of nervousness heading into that game at Purdue."

Smoker's suspension is another blow to a struggling team that was expected to contend for the Big Ten championship.

The Spartans (3-4, 1-2 Big Ten) have dropped four of the last five games, including lopsided defeats the past two weeks against Iowa and Minnesota.

Against Minnesota, Smoker moved into third place on Michigan State's career passing list with 5,537 yards. He also is second in total offensive yardage.

Smoker, a junior, has thrown for 13 TDs and 1,593 yards this season.

### Bagram 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

### Kandahar chapel hours

**Sunday**

- ❖ 0300Z — Orthodox service at Romanian compound
- ❖ 0300Z — Roman Catholic Mass at Freedom Chapel
- ❖ 0500Z — Roman Catholic Mass at F.C.
- ❖ 0600Z, 1500Z — Protestant service at F.C.
- ❖ 0600Z — Latter Day Saints at Power House Ministry Center

**Monday**

- ❖ 0300Z — Roman Catholic Mass at F.C.
- ❖ 1500Z — Family Home Night at P.H.M.C.

**Tuesday**

- ❖ 0300Z — Roman Catholic Mass at F.C.
- ❖ 1500Z — Bible Study at F.C.

**Wednesday**

- ❖ 0300Z — Roman Catholic Mass at F.C.
- ❖ 1500Z — Protestant service at F.C.

**Thursday**

- ❖ 0300Z — Roman Catholic Mass at F.C.
- ❖ 1500Z — Bible Study at F.C.

**Friday**

- ❖ 0300Z — Roman Catholic Mass at F.C.
- ❖ 0830Z — Islamic Service at Jordanian compound
- ❖ 1500Z — Bible Study at P.H.M.C.

**Saturday**

- ❖ 0300Z — Roman Catholic Mass at F.C.
- ❖ 0500Z — RCIA at P.H.M.C.
- ❖ 1500Z — Catholic Faith Development at P.H.M.C.

### K2 chapel hours

**Sunday**

- ❖ 0330Z — Liturgical service
- ❖ 0430Z, 1200Z — General protestant service
- ❖ 0600Z — Roman Catholic Mass
- ❖ 1300Z — Latter Day Saints

**Monday**

- ❖ 0430Z — Devotions and prayer
- ❖ 1245Z — Catholic Rosary and Mass

**Tuesday**

- ❖ 0430Z — Devotions and prayer
- ❖ 1245Z — Catholic Rosary and Mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Bible study

**Wednesday**

- ❖ 0430Z — Devotions and prayer
- ❖ 1245Z — Catholic Rosary and Mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Midweek Praise service

**Thursday**

- ❖ 0430Z — Devotions and prayer
- ❖ 1245Z — Catholic Rosary and Mass

**Friday**

- ❖ 0430Z — Devotions and prayer
- ❖ 1245Z — Catholic Rosary and Mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Bible study

**Saturday**

- ❖ 0430Z — Devotions and prayer
- ❖ 1200Z — Roman Catholic Mass

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