

10th Mt. finances Bagram spending habits

Story and photo by Sgt. Johnny A. Thompson
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BAGRAM, Afghanistan – On any given day one can go to Room 210 on the second floor of the Motel 6 building at Bagram Air Base and see coalition troops in a waiting line stretched the length of the hall walkway.

From the length of the line, one would think that personnel in the room are giving away free money – and he'd be right. Not about the free, but right about the money because that is where finance soldiers of the 10th Soldier Support Battalion, 10th Mountain Division work daily supporting Bagram's spending habits.

"Our mission is to pay for all commercial



Spc. Jaclyn Campbell, 10th Soldier Support Battalion counts money to ensure accuracy before giving it to a waiting customer.

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New rotation plan for OEF troops announced

Story by Spc. Kelly Hunt
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BAGRAM, Afghanistan – An announcement extending rotation time for troops serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom was made Thursday during a briefing on the force rotation plan conducted by Air Force Lt. Gen. Norton A. Schwartz, director of operations, J-3, Joint Staff, Army Lt. Gen. Richard A. Cody, deputy chief of staff, G-3, and Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Jan C. Huly, deputy commandant for plans, policy and operations.

Effective immediately these changes will potentially affect all troops serving in this operation and those who will support the mission in the future.

"Much effort has gone into the planning for the rotation," said Schwartz during the briefing. "As can be expected, when our nation is at war, we are asking much of our own people."

Afghanistan was originally expected to be a six-month rotation as released in July, said Cody. "Since having to reconstruct the amount of active and the reconstructing of the enhanced

separate brigades we're going to have to extend to nine months on the ground for the 10th Mountain Division, caused by pulling the 25th Infantry Division's brigade out of Hawaii and (putting) it into Iraq."

The extension is due to the combined movements being experienced between Iraq and Afghanistan; this being "the largest sequence of troop movement for the Army since World War II," said Cody.

"This announcement impacts troops throughout OEF and what this announcement does (is) extends the rotation time, the time that troops will actually have boots on ground or BOG," said Maj. Anne Mackin, Combined Joint Task Force-180, CJ35, Deployments/Redeployments. "It extends that time (for active duty personnel) from a six month rotation to a nine month rotation for the OEF (personnel) here right now."

Due to this extension, active duty units who serve in OEF 4 will have a minimum of 12 months dwell time between deployments, according to the *Army Support to the Global War on Terrorism* statement recently released.

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World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



A Black Hawk helicopter flies near the site.

Two-star general ahead of crash

TIKRIT, Iraq—A U.S. Army two-star general was aboard a Black Hawk helicopter flying just ahead of one that crashed Friday, killing all six soldiers aboard.

The U.S. military remains uncertain about whether either helicopter was the target of an attack but the two helicopters were in range of rocket-propelled grenades as they flew along the marshy banks of the Euphrates River in deposed Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's home town of Tikrit.

Witnesses said a rocket hit the second helicopter before it crashed at high speed. The cause of the crash remains under investigation.

Maj. Gen. Thomas Romig, the Judge Advocate General of the Army, was aboard the lead helicopter, sources said.

Romig, the Army's top lawyer, is not based in Iraq. He was visiting Iraq on an undisclosed mission. *CNN* is told he is safe.

A successful attack on a two-star general could have given anti-U.S. insurgents a morale boost. A near-miss occurred October 26 when Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz spent the night at the al Rashid hotel the same night it was hit by rockets.

It's impossible to know whether Iraqi insurgents were aware of the high-ranking officials in either incident.

Still, sources said Friday's incident raises troubling questions about whether insurgents knew of the general's whereabouts. Details of his trip were never released publicly.

Hours after the helicopter went down, U.S. forces pounded the area near Saddam's ancestral home with bombs and mortar shells.

Two F-16s flew low over the marshy area near the crash site and dropped at least two 500-pound bombs, *CNN*'s Nic Robertson reported.



People look at the Manila Airport control tower early Saturday after it was taken over by gunmen.

2 armed men killed after seizing Manila air control tower

MANILA, Philippines—Philippine armed forces early Saturday killed two armed men, including the former head of the nation's Air Transport Office, who had seized the control tower at the nation's main airport, a government official said.

A third person involved in the takeover also was believed to have been killed.

"The situation has been neutralized," said National Security Adviser Roilo Golez. "National police assaulted the position of these three ... since they were considered armed and dangerous."

The takeover had begun shortly after midnight when Panfilo Villaruel, a former pilot who once headed the Air Transport Office, seized the control tower with two others.

In a live interview on radio during the siege, Villaruel was complaining of corruption in the government when gunfire broke out. He said his men were being killed and that he was ready to surrender.

"In the middle of a live interview, we could hear the gunshots over the radio that were coming through his phone," said *Reuters* Bureau Chief John O'Callaghan. "It was just a staccato burst really."

Golez said Villaruel was among the two dead. He said he believed the third person was also killed, but he was awaiting confirmation of that.

He said the "situation was placed under control by Special Forces" around 3 a.m. Authorities are investigating the motive behind the takeover, but Golez said, "this appears to be a very isolated" event.



Wynn Gregory Warren, an FBI visual information specialist, center, testifies Thursday in front of a model of the trunk of the Chevrolet Caprice.

Teen was introduced as 'sniper'

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va.—A witness in the trial of sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad testified Friday that the defendant introduced him to Lee Boyd Malvo last year and described the teen as a "sniper."

Robert Holmes, identified as a longtime friend of the defendant's, said Muhammad told him that the teen's "name was Lee and he said he was a sniper."

Holmes also said he saw Muhammad that same year with a Bushmaster rifle — the same type of weapon that authorities say Muhammad and Malvo used in the sniper attacks.

The sniper shootings terrorized the Washington, D.C., area in October 2002, killing 10 people and wounding three.

Muhammad, 42, is one of two men charged in that killing spree. Prosecutors must prove Muhammad committed multiple murders to obtain a capital murder conviction on one of the two death penalty charges.

Muhammad is on trial in the October 9, 2002, shooting death of Dean Harold Meyers at a Manassas-area gas station.

Co-defendant Malvo, 18, is set to go on trial Monday on charges that he killed Linda Franklin, who was shot October 14, 2002, in the parking deck of a Home Depot in Falls Church.

Holmes is the Tacoma, Wash., man whose property the sniper suspects are alleged to have used for target practice as they shot at a tree stump.

Holmes testified that he called the FBI the day after seeing reports about the shooting outside a Virginia Home Depot.

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vending services on Bagram, provide check cashing and casual pay for U.S. armed forces service members based at Bagram and provide money for provincial reconstruction team's to make local purchases," said 1st Lt. Michael Rimstad, deputy disbursing officer, 10th Soldier Support Bn.

On an average day the finance office hands out more than \$50,000 to coalition troops who wait in line from anywhere between five minute to an hour.

The office averages more than a million dollars in transactions a week according to Rimstad.

So where does an Air Base with a road circumference of 6.5 miles spend more than a million dollars in a week? It spends the money right back where it originated: Bagram.

"All of the contracting jobs that take place on Bagram get paid by money from this office," said Rimstad. "Whether it's paying the local nationals that work [on Bagram] or giving it to civil affairs teams to build schools, wells and roads [in Afghanistan] the money come from [the finance office]."

From the moment the doors open at 0900 L unit they close at 1700 L (1200 L on Sunday) the duty day is a non-stop affair for the finance officers and five soldiers that weekly

rotate working in the two cash teller cages.

"It gets tiring because from the minute we open to the minute we close we're constantly working," said Spc. Veronica Hernandez, financial clerk. "But without us doing our jobs [troops] can't get the money they need to do the things they want to do."

Hernandez noted that clerks see about 200 to 500 hundred customers a day.

"Money is a valuable thing in a deployed environment," said Rimstad. "People are so far away from home that if they don't have money to buy things that give them a little comfort they can't survive on these long deployments."

Although running the high pace operation from daylight to nightfall brings numerous challenges, the office's greatest test comes when no one is around.

"Our biggest challenge is keeping everything 100 percent accurate," said Rimstad. "At the end of the day whether it's a penny or a million dollars, if we come up short it comes out our pocket."

Hernandez added that clerks count bills out loud three to four times before any money enters into the palm of the customer's hand.

To further ensure there are no "short" comings, the soldiers (cashier clerks) spend 20 minutes to half an hour after the finance office closes tallying up the day's transac-

tions to make sure the numbers match. After their calculations, the finance officer spends time going over the figures.

"On average it usually takes about a hour to make (sure) things are accurate before we are ready to leave for the night, but on days that we have to pay for a contracting service it's a lot longer," said Rimstad.

With a king's ransom entrusted to the finance office, security measures are stringent ensuring that those dead presidents never awake and walk away without being accounted for.

"We keep security in the office 24 hours a day," said Rimstad, who noted that in event of an emergency Bagram could sustain it's daily financial tempo for several weeks without resupply. "Someone is always here with the money."

Although the finance office personnel never get to see where the money goes after it leaves them, they find solace in knowing that wherever it goes it's benefiting the people of a nation that desire to rebuild their country.

"It's good to know in some way I help out," said Rimstad. "Because the money we spend here is helping rebuild the country. Soon we will be able to go home, and the citizens of Afghanistan will [support] their own nation."

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"10th Mountain Division Headquarters, 1st Brigade, CS (Combat Support) and CSS (Combat Service Support) enablers remain in theater for approximately nine months until May 04," according to the statement. "TF 1-501 Infantry (Airborne) remains in theater for approximately nine months until July 04."

The 25th Infantry Division Headquarters, CS, CSS enablers and one brigade will replace the 10th Mountain Division for OEF 5 with the 45th Enhanced Seperate Brigade deploying to replace the 2nd Brigade of the 10th Mountain Division to train the Afghan National Army, according to the statement.

"(The) May time frame is when the majority of the headquarters will be rotating home (though) some of the other 10th Mountain Division soldiers may get to go earlier," said Mackin.

Redeployment dates "depend upon the actual date of arrival (of) the unit," she said. "Take the actual date of arrival, add 270 days to that and that'll give you your 9 month ballpark figure (though) this can change (based) on availability of transportation (and) who's replacing you."

"The significant change is probably going to be (with) the reserve component units because (they) are mobilized, initially,

for one year and in many cases they will be involuntarily extended to complete this rotation," said Mackin. "So (the) reserve components that support OEF are probably going to (feel) the largest impact."

Reserve components mobilized since Sept. 11 will not be involuntarily remobilized, according to the *Army Support to the Global War on Terrorism* statement.

Personnel expected to ETS during the rotation extension may also be affected. According to the statement, "the Army will institute a stop move and stop loss for all soldiers in OIF 2 and OEF 5." Stop move/loss intentions for OEF 4 troops have not yet been released.

"Further details about the rotation plan and policies will be published in subsequent orders and messages," according to the statement.

There are plans to expand OEF troops' participation in Rest and Relaxation programs, said Lt. Col. Linda Sheimo, CJ1.

"We recognize the impact that this is going to make on soldiers," she said. "Nine months is a long time."

For specific questions or individual situations, contact your battalion S1. For questions regarding reserve components, contact reserve component advisor Sgt. Maj. Simons at 318-231-4353.

Healing Afghanistan...

Photo Page by Sgt. Greg Heath
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KOHI SAFI, Afghanistan – Since arriving in Afghanistan in June, soldiers of the 321st Civil Affairs Brigade have been throughout the country providing Afghans with much needed health and veterinary assistance as part of the Medical Cooperative Assistance Program (MEDCAP).

As part of the program they give basic health care for people who have little or no access to it, and they also offer animal and herd healthcare and perform water quality testing.

Recently, during their weeklong MEDCAP mission to villages throughout Parwan and Kapisa provinces, the soldiers visited Kohi Safi in Parwan and treated more than 400 people and 100 animals.



Capt. Lisa Fields, Med. TF 44, gives a child medicine.



A young Afghan boy waits outside of the makeshift male clinic set up inside a building during the Medical Cooperative Assistance Program mission.



Afghan girls wait in line where they will be given a number to be seen by the medical crew, which included personnel from Med. TF44, 10th Mtn. Div, and the Korean Medical Group, all out of Bagram Air Base.



Staff Sgt. Michael Styron, 321st CA Bde., helps wrangle in some goats for treatment.

FREEDOM'S VOICES

Remembering a selfless soldier

By Lt. Col. John Kem

GERMANY – There are very few events more poignant than a memorial service for a fallen Soldier.

The service finishes with a final roll call by the company first sergeant of the Soldier's squad members. Each Soldier in turn responds, "Here, first sergeant." Then, three times in a row, the first sergeant calls out the dead Soldier's name. Finally, after the third silent pause, waiting for a response that will never come, a lone bugler sounds Taps.

This evening I went to a memorial service for Pvt.2 Jonathan Ioakimo Falaniko. Jonathan was killed on Oct. 27 in Baghdad by a rocket-propelled grenade attack. As you would expect, the memorial service was sad, but it was also a profound lesson on faith, selfless service and a family's love. Jonathan's unit, the 70th Engineer Battalion, is part of the Army's 1st Armored Division Engineer Brigade. The senior enlisted soldier in the brigade happened to be Jonathan's father, Command Sgt. Maj. Ioakimo Falaniko.

After the company commander and a few of Jonathan's friends spoke at the memorial service, the command sergeant major stepped forward and spoke. He spoke about Jonathan as both a soldier and a son and his words were truly inspirational. I cannot fully capture in words the profound lessons of faith and selfless service revealed in the life of Jonathan and the tribute by his father, but I think it is important to pass on a small part of it.

Falaniko read from a few of Jonathan's recent letters. For a point of reference, Jonathan was a new soldier, who has been in the Army less than six months. He attended basic training beginning in May of 2003 and deployed to Iraq in August of this year. So his letters capture his thoughts and dreams from the last couple of months. A few things Jonathan wrote really stood out and illustrated the man he was:

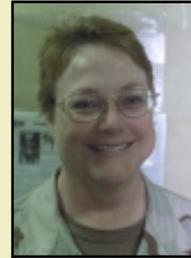
- Dad, I push myself hard because I know the Drill Sergeants expect a lot out of me.
- Dad, I love being in the Army and I love serving my country.
- Dad, this is where I belong and this is where I need to be with you and the other Iron (1st Armored Division) soldiers.
- Dad, this place (Iraq) is a mess and I am glad we are here to fix it.

Jonathan Falaniko was a hero who made the ultimate sacrifice. Both he and his father are examples of what makes our Army and our country great. The Army and our nation mourn his death. But, he represents the best of America: strong family, strong faith, strong community and a willingness to serve and help others. Rest in Peace Jonathan ... mission accomplished.

(Editor's note: Pvt. 2 Jonathan Falaniko was scheduled to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery on the morning of Nov. 7)

STREET TALK

What issue will be an important topic in this upcoming Presidential election?



"The bill giving \$87 Billion to Iraq. Because I think the President went into [the war] without a rebuilding plan."

Diane E. Ball
Defense Logistics Agency

"The progression of the war on terrorism, because I would hope that we've made significant progress in a year and I'd like to know where the candidates stand on that issue."



Sgt. Teresa Barnes
1st Bn. 501st Inf. Regt.



"What (quality of life) improvements will be made for soldiers and their family? Deployments are very hard on spouses, so I'd like to see if there are going to be any improvements for families when soldiers are gone."

Sgt. Jamaison Pilgreen
10th Target Acquisition Det.

"Education, because I want to be a teacher when I leave the military."



Spc. Joshua Taylor
10th Target Acquisition Det.

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Afghanistan Hot Topics



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U.S. says Taliban seeking to abduct American journalists

WASHINGTON (AFP) – Remnants of the Taliban militia are planning to abduct American journalists in Afghanistan in a bid to win the release of their compatriots currently held by the United States, the State Department warned.

The department, through the U.S. embassy in Kabul, said American journalists in Afghanistan should “take immediate steps” to increase their personal security.

“The United States Embassy in Kabul has received credible information that Taliban forces are actively searching for American journalists to take hostage for use as leverage for the release of Taliban currently under United States control,” it said Friday.

“American journalists in Afghanistan are urged to take immediate steps to increase their security posture in light of these threats,” the embassy said in a notice to U.S. citizens in the country.

The notice, a copy of which was provided to AFP in Washington by the State Department, did not elaborate on the threat.

The United States is holding an undisclosed number of Afghans and foreign fighters picked up in Afghanistan and elsewhere whom it deems “enemy combatants” at its naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The alert followed a new spate of security alerts and threats in the Afghan capital, which is under the protection of a NATO-led security force.

In one of the latest incidents, a bomb exploded on Wednesday near the Kabul offices of aid agencies Oxfam and Save the Children. Some aid agencies have been forced to curtail operations in the some parts of the country due to security worries.

U.S. journalist Daniel Pearl, the Wall Street Journal’s South Asia bureau chief, was abducted in the Pakistani city of Karachi last year while investigating Islamic militancy.

When demands by his captors for the release of Taliban prisoners from U.S. custody and the delivery of U.S. F-16 fighter jets to

Pakistan went unheeded, he was beheaded by his captors.

A scratchy video of the murder was delivered to the U.S. consulate on Feb. 21, 2002. It took until May to find his remains.

U.S. officials now believe Pearl was personally slain by Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, alleged organizer of the Sept. 11, 2001 terror attacks.

\$1 million TA grant to build a highway in northwest

(Big News Network.com) – The Asian Development Bank has approved a \$1 million technical assistance (TA) grant to develop a project to rebuild a key highway, in northwest Afghanistan.

The TA will carry out a preparatory study of the road, connecting Herat, the country’s third largest city, to Andkhoy, near the northern border with Turkmenistan. It will include engineering designs, preliminary cost estimates, and technical specifications.

The 550-kilometer stretch is the westward extension of a ring road covered under ADB’s \$150 million Emergency Infrastructure Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Project approved in June.

The Herat to Andkhoy road was first slated for reconstruction 30 years ago with assistance from the Soviet Union. Most of the needed bridges were built and graveling was carried out for almost the entire length.

But two decades of civil strife and war, shortages of funds, and lack of maintenance have left the road in ruins. Most of it is a track that easily becomes impassable in the rainy season.

Heavy snow often blocks the Sabzak Pass between Herat and Qal’eh-ye Naw - which is at an altitude of 2,100 meters – during winter.

“With the country now in the reconstruction phase, improving this road is vital for the provision of basic services between two major regional centers,” says Yoshihiro Iwasaki, Director General of ADB’s South Asia Department.

“The road will extend the reach of the government. It will also open up a trade route that connects the northern part of Afghanistan

with neighbors Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.”

Afghan minister hopes to end fighting in north Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (Reuters) – Afghanistan’s softly-spoken interior minister vowed on Friday to end factional bloodshed in the north, and this time believes his efforts to remove unruly commanders can succeed where others have failed.

Ali Ahmad Jalali is the main architect of attempts to bring the north’s two most notorious strongmen into line, part of a broader drive by President Hamid Karzai to consolidate his power outside Kabul in the run up to elections next June.

Most of the violence in and around the key northern city of Mazar-i-Sharif has been blamed on forces affiliated to ethnic Uzbek commander General Abdul Rashid Dostum and those under ethnic Tajik leader Ustad Atta Mohammad.

In the most ambitious plan for the north yet proposed, Jalali wants to merge and reduce two army corps affiliated to the leaders that are blamed for fierce clashes in recent weeks that claimed at least 17 lives.

“From these two corps the (single) corps will be reduced to two divisions, one in Mazar-i-Sharif and one in Shiberghan, and may be separate regiments in other areas,” Jalali told Reuters.

“(There will be) a unified corps and the commander will be appointed by the Ministry of Defence in Kabul,” he said.

Atta is based in Mazar while Dostum lives in Shiberghan 120 km (75 miles) to the west.

Dostum and Atta, rivals long before the fall of the Taliban two years ago, were key allies of the U.S.-led war that ousted the hardline Islamic regime, but have caused significant embarrassment to Washington and Kabul since then.

Both have been accused of undermining stability in the north, and their actions have raised questions about Karzai’s ability to control unruly warlords and governors looking after their own interests.

Marines takes fourth win of season

MARINE CORPS RECRUITING COMMAND, Va. – It was going to take a lot more than rain to stop Bobby Hamilton Jr., driver of the No. 25 Team Marines Ford, and Team Marine Racing, from sailing to his fourth victory of the 2003 NASCAR Busch Series.

Hamilton Jr., climbed to within 125 points of the series points leader, Scott Riggs, as he took his team to victory lane in the rain shortened Bashas' Supermarkets 200 at the Phoenix International Raceway in Avondale, Ariz., Nov. 1

Although the race started at its scheduled time, the first four laps of the race were run under caution as a light rain continued to fall onto the one-mile track, which forced NASCAR officials to temporarily halt the race. Track crewmembers worked for two and a half hours drying the track so the race could resume.

Once the race restarted, Hamilton Jr. quickly moved into second place and assumed the mission of chasing down the leader.

He finally reached and passed the leader, Kevin Harvick, a Winston Cup Series driver, on lap 60. Hamilton Jr., maintained the lead until lap 101 when Harvick returned to the lead.

On lap 102 the caution flag waved because of an accident. The Team Marines pit crew quickly prepared for their final stop and adjustments of the day.

When the car came into the pits, the team came through with a lightening fast pit stop that put Hamilton Jr. back in the lead.

Hamilton Jr. never looked back and maintained the lead to the final caution that came on lap 176 because of rain. While darkness was quickly setting in and rain continued to fall, NASCAR officials were forced to draw the race to a



Photo by TMR Racing

Team Marines Racing earned its fourth victory this year at the Bashas' Supermarkets 200 at the Phoenix International Raceway in Avondale, Ariz., Nov. 1.

close on lap 181.

While the yellow and checkered flags waved, Hamilton Jr. not only claimed the win; he also took the lead for the most wins of any driver in the Busch Series this year.

"The Team Marines Ford stayed under me all day long," Hamilton, Jr., said. "Then the Team Marines Pit Crew put us out front with the awesome pit stop and I just drove it on cruise control from there. The pit crew won this race for me today, they were awesome!"

Hamilton Jr., heads into the next-to-last race of the season 6th in the points standings. The next race is this Saturday at the North Carolina Speedway at 1:00 p.m. EDT. TNT and Motor Racing Network are scheduled to provide live coverage of the event.

(Story by Compiled by Gunnery Sergeant J.D. Edwards and Team Rensi Motorsports.)



Photo by TMR Racing

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Music Notes (Compiled from CNN.com)



The Righteous Brothers – Bobby Hatfield, left, and Bill Medley – after their induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in March.

Bobby Hatfield dead at 63

KALAMAZOO, Mich. – Bobby Hatfield, who with partner Bill Medley pioneered “blue-eyed soul” as the Righteous Brothers with hits like “Unchained Melody” and “You’ve Lost That Lovin’ Feeling,” died Wednesday night of undetermined causes at a hotel, his manager said. He was 63.

Hatfield’s body was discovered in his bed at 7 p.m. EST, a half-hour before the duo was to perform at Miller Auditorium on the Western Michigan University campus, manager David Cohen said.

“It’s a shock, a real shock,” Cohen said during a telephone interview. Medley, who teamed with Hatfield 42 years ago, was “broken up. He’s not even coherent,” Cohen said.

Hatfield’s body was taken from the hotel about 10 p.m. directly to Lansing, where an autopsy was to be performed, Joe Hakim, an executive with the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo, told the Kalamazoo Gazette.

Miller Auditorium executive director Bill Biddle told the audience at 7:05 p.m. that the 7:30 p.m. show had been canceled because of “a personal emergency of an unspecified nature.”

Hatfield had been sleeping most of the day in his room, Hakim said. When he didn’t answer a wakeup call about 6 p.m., hotel staff and authorities entered the room and found the singer’s body.

The Righteous Brothers were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame earlier this year.



Musicians including Sheryl Crow and Willie Nelson perform during a tribute to Johnny Cash.

Johnny Cash wins CMA awards

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Johnny Cash won the Country Music Association’s album of the year, single of the year and video of the year awards Wednesday — capturing his first CMA awards since 1969 and tying Alan Jackson for most wins during the night.

Cash, who died September 12 at age 71 of complications from diabetes, was nominated for four awards and won all but one: vocal event of the year. “It’s amazing my father had such a life that he could expose himself and still never lose his dignity and his charm,” said Cash’s son John Carter Cash, who accepted the awards with Cash’s daughter, Kathy Cash.

The announcements drew a standing ovation at the CMA’s 37th Annual Country Music Awards.

CMA voters — about 5,000 industry insiders who belong to the association — nominated him before his death for best single and video for “Hurt,” a song about drug addiction written by Trent Reznor of Nine Inch Nails.



Timberlake walked away with three MTV Europe awards.

Timberlake, other U.S. artists top MTV Europe awards

EDINBURGH, Scotland – U.S. artists dominated the MTV Europe Music Awards, with Justin Timberlake, Beyonce Knowles and host Christina Aguilera taking home the big prizes.

Timberlake won best male, best pop act and best album for “Justified.”

The former N-Sync singer beat Eminem, Sean Paul and Britain’s Craig David and Robbie Williams for best male award at Thursday night’s event.

“If I could have had a picture perfect night it wouldn’t have been as good as this,” he told the crowd at Leith’s Ocean Terminal.

Aguilera, wearing a nun’s habit and surrounded by a choir, opened the awards. She removed the habit to reveal a skimpy top and leather chaps, breaking into the chorus of her song “Dirrty.”

Bagram Air Base MWR presents

“Half Past Dead”

1530Z at the MWR building:

The movie tells the story of a man who infiltrates a hi-tech prison to find out where a death-row inmate hid his \$200 million stash of gold.

Tomorrow’s movie: “The In-Laws”



Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from SI.com)



Howell takes spotlight off Woods, Singh during PGA Tour Championship

HOUSTON – Charles Howell III didn't expect to be the center of attention at the Tour Championship, no matter what kind of outrageous clothes he had on.

This was supposed to be about Tiger Woods, Vijay Singh and a few others turning the PGA Tour finale into a campaign for player of the year.

Howell was hard to ignore Friday at Champions Golf Club, not because of a turtleneck that was a blend of aqua and algae.

He went from pitiful to nearly perfect in one hole — a bogey to an eagle on the scorecard — for his second straight 4-under 67 that gave him a one-stroke lead over Fred Funk going into the weekend.

“There was a lot of buildup this week to Tiger and Vijay and who would be player of the year,” Howell said. “There wasn't a lot of attention on myself coming into here, just as there wasn't a lot on Fred Funk.

“I guess you come in here with not much attention and not much expectations from the media, and then you play well. Who knows?”

Eight players were tied for the lead at one point on a cool, overcast day at Champions Golf Club. Howell only needed two holes to separate himself from the others — and leave Woods and Singh even further behind.

Howell was at 8-under 134 and will play in the final group Saturday with Funk (67).

Retief Goosen, coming off a victory last week at Innisbrook, was among those tied for the lead late in the round until he had to scramble for a bogey on the 17th hole. He shot 67 and was another stroke back at 136.



Charles Howell has posted six straight rounds in the 60s at the Tour Championship.

Woods, needing a victory for any chance of winning the PGA Tour money title, didn't make as many mistakes as he did in the first round. Then again, he didn't make any putts.

Woods finished with another 70 and was at 140, six strokes behind.

“Obviously, tomorrow is going to be a very important day to see if I can put myself in position come Sunday,” Woods said.

Singh recovered with a 68 and was tied for 16th at 141. He only needs to finish in a three-way tie for third to win the money title, although the tight PGA Tour player of the year race could be a tossup if neither he nor Woods wins.

19-year-old man admits involvement in death of Cincinnati Reds outfielder

PHOENIX – A 19-year-old man arrested in the death of a Cincinnati Reds outfielder admitted involvement, according to court documents released Friday.

Reginald Riddle of Harvey, Ill., made an initial court appearance Friday. He was arrested for investigation of first-degree murder, armed robbery, kidnapping and burglary but hadn't formally been charged Friday.

Court records indicate Riddle admitted in an interview with police that he was involved in the death of Cincinnati Reds outfielder Darnell Stenson. Riddle declined a request for an interview made Friday through jail officials.

Stenson, who had been playing in the Arizona Fall League, was found dead Wednesday in the Phoenix suburb of Chandler. He had been shot and run over and apparently dragged by his own SUV.

Several hours after Stenson's body was found, Riddle's half brother, Kevin Riddle, 43, was stopped by police while driving Stenson's SUV, police said.

Kevin Riddle was arrested for investigation of stolen property possession. He has declined media interview requests.

Authorities were still looking for another man identified as a suspect in the case, 20-year-old transient David Griffith, said Chandler police Sgt. Mark Franzen.

Detectives have declined to identify a motive or to give a detailed account of what happened to Stenson until authorities find Griffith, Franzen said.

Authorities are unsure what, if any, connection Stenson had to the suspects. Kevin Riddle identified himself as a transient to police, and Reginald Riddle listed no address on court paperwork.

Stenson, 25, made his major league debut with the Reds this year, batting .247 with three home runs and 13 RBIs in 37 games. His last home run accounted for Cincinnati's final run of the season.

Flutie to start for Chargers

SAN DIEGO – Now Doug Flutie gets to see what he can do for a whole game.



Doug Flutie

Still energetic at 41, and in his 19th season in pro football, Flutie will start at quarterback for the punchless San Diego Chargers at home Sunday against the Minnesota Vikings, replacing the ineffective Drew Brees.

Flutie replaced Brees in the fourth quarter at Chicago on Sunday and led the Chargers (1-7) on their only scoring drive in an otherwise dismal 20-7 loss.

Afterward, Chargers defensive end Marcellus Wiley said it was time for the Chargers to go with Flutie.

Five days later, coach Marty Schottenheimer made the anticlimactic announcement. Flutie took the majority of snaps during the week, but Schottenheimer held off announcing the change until Friday, hoping to keep the Vikings guessing as long as possible whether they'd face the scrambling Flutie or Brees, a pocket passer.

"I'm pretty excited about it," said Flutie, who's backed up Brees the last 11/2 seasons. "I'm looking forward to getting on the field and trying to put the ball in the end zone, see if we can score some points."

That'd be a radical change for the Chargers, who've lost 14 of their last 17 games and are one loss shy of clinching an eighth straight non-winning season.

Brees, 9-15 in his 11/2 seasons as the starter, threw five interceptions and no touchdown passes in the plust three games.

Flutie hasn't started since 2001, when he was the first-stringer all season and the Chargers were 5-11, losing their last nine games.

"I've said it before, the most popular guy on the team is the backup quarterback because if you are losing, that's the answer to everything, that's the answer to all the ills, one guy," Flutie said. "Yeah, put the other guy in and like I said, if we go out and get beat again, they will be calling for Cleo to get in there."

He was referring to Cleo Lemon, the Chargers' practice squad QB. The Chargers don't have a third-string QB.

"There's not always a quick fix, but hopefully a change at the quarterback position can maybe re-instill some confidence in the other guys and get them to play well, as well," Flutie said.

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-Biblestudy

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-Biblestudy

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 - 2nd & 4th

Thursdays

- ❖ 1900Z — Roman Catholic mass

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Monday



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Lo — 50F



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Task Force 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.