

## Civil Affairs facilitates gift-giving trip

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**CHARIKAR, Afghanistan** — The first visit to the orphanage was in September; the children in the orphanage had no doors, windows or walls. All they had was the clothing on their backs. Their home had been destroyed by the Taliban.

“We did not think they would make it,” said Philip Edwards, deployment specialist for the U.S. Army after his initial visit to the site. It was after that visit that Edwards decided that he would help those children. With the help of Friends of Afghanistan Redevelopment, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and the contracting company, Knights Bridge of California, Edwards began his mission. He would pull these organizations together to rebuild the structure and feed, clothe, and educate the children of the Charikar Orphanage.

Reserve soldiers with the 450<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne), Riverdale, Md., accompanied representatives of each organization and drove the 25 kilometers outside of Bagram Air Base to Charikar. Inside the convoy of vehicles was donated school supplies and toys for the children by the LDS of Sacramento Calif., and Fayetteville, N.C.

The children anxiously awaited their gifts while the orphanage director, Ahman Jan Fazly,

and the representatives discussed their plans for progress. The goal is to finish the redevelopment of the building before the spring session of school begins. When construction is complete the FAR will furnish the school.

The U.S. Army is taking a role in the project as well. They will supply a 3,000-gallon water tank. The Kiwanis will provide pipes and Edwards has paid for the generator.

When the meeting ended, the children’s anxiousness was quelled. The party distributed their gifts into the waiting hands of the children. They received hand-made school bags that were filled with chalk, pencils, and notepads. The boys then received assorted games and stuffed animals, whereas the girls were given hand-made dolls, made by a 17-year-old member of the LDS church. Over three thousand pairs of socks were also distributed amongst the children.

The excitement on the children’s faces made Spc. Danny Unkle, 450th Civil Affairs Bn. realize how lucky he is to have what he has and live where he does. “They have so little and we have so much, yet they are so much more grateful,” he said. “One



Photo by Spc. Karlene Kemerly-Fluck, 109th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

*Gifts given to the orphans included hand-made dolls, socks, school supplies and other items.*

does not realize how lucky they are until they see these suffering children of Charikar and around the world”

## Infantry doc looks after two ‘bands’

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**BAGRAM, Afghanistan** — Rozalia has bright blue eyes, he said as he twirled his wedding band. Every night, her husband and members of 2<sup>nd</sup> Platoon, Company C, 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 505<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, N.C., pray for her.

Spc. Travis “Doc” Singley, 2<sup>nd</sup> Plt., met her working at a theater in Lake City, Fla., when they were in high school.

“She’s my whole world. I couldn’t tell you in words how much I love her,” he said. “She’s the first thing in my head when I wake up and the last when I go to bed. I’m thinking of her all the time.”

Rozalia, 21, was diagnosed with the second stage of Hodgkin’s disease last year. A form of lymphoma, the cancer deteriorates the immune system.

“She went through chemo radiation for a year,” Doc said. “It was hard on her. I wouldn’t wish that on anybody. It kills me because I want to be there with her.”

Doc arrived in theater June

28. He serves as the medic for his band of brothers in the platoon.

“I walk with them and live with them,” he said. “If they need anything, I help out.”

At least five days a week, he dons his 50-pound rucksack filled with medical supplies,

# World News

(Compiled from CNN.com)

## N. Korea violates DMZ agreement

**SEOUL, South Korea** — The North Korean army has brought light machine guns into the Demilitarized Zone, the United Nations Command on the Korean Peninsula said Friday — a violation of agreements signed in 1953 at the end of the Korean War.

A U.N.C. Military Armistice Commission investigation revealed that the North Koreans had brought into the DMZ automatic weapons, the kind that can be operated by crews.

They were observed transporting, setting up and manning Type-73 light machine guns on six days between December 13 and December 20.

North Korea has been observed breaching the Demilitarized Zone from time to time over the years but this incident comes at a particularly sensitive time diplomatically.

The South Korean army spotted the weapons while providing security for workers building the reconnection of the Gyeongui railroad and adjacent highway between the two Koreas.

The South Koreans reported that their northern counterparts set up the weapons from 100 to 400 meters north of the line and removed them at the end of each day.

## 46 dead in Grozny blasts

**GROZNY, Chechnya** — Suicide bombers set off about a ton of explosives outside Chechnya's government building in central Grozny on Friday, killing 46 people and wounding 76 others, the Interior Ministry said.

Russian officials said five people have been rescued and 38 bodies recovered from the building's rubble.

The Kavkaz Center, which operates a Chechen Islamic Web site, said Chechen "shaheeds" (martyrs) were responsible for the explosions.

Russian officials said Chechen leaders had recently met and ordered an at-

tack against Chechnya's pro-Russian government.

Televised footage showed the government building wrecked, with stunned and bleeding people walking amid the debris. Others were being dragged by their hands and feet, while bloodied soldiers tried to establish order.

The explosions knocked out power to a nearby hospital, where surgeons were forced to operate on victims by candlelight.

Two blasts, 30 seconds apart, reduced part of the pro-Russian administration's headquarters to rubble, leaving a crater 30 feet wide and 12 feet deep in front of the building.

The bombers had driven a truck and an all-terrain vehicle laden with explosives past at least three checkpoints, Russian officials said.

## U.N. inspectors quiz Iraqi scientist

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — U.N. weapons inspectors interviewed an Iraqi scientist Friday about a "possible prelude to a clandestine nuclear program," a spokesman for the inspectors said.

The Iraqi Foreign Ministry identified the scientist as Qadhem Jamil of the al-Raya Co., part of the nation's Military Industrialization Commission.

"He is specialized in the use of aluminum pipes used in manufacturing 81-millimeter missiles with a range of 10 kilometers," a statement from the Iraqi Foreign Ministry said. "The British prime minister



Photo by Pfc. Debralee P. Crankshaw

## Earthquake?

*As their building shakes, soldiers may think they are experiencing an earthquake, but there is nothing to fear. The quake is the smooth roller compactor operated by Spc. Tim Gaspard, Co. A, 769th Eng. Bn. every day of the week. This piece of equipment compacts the gravel and dirt settling the dust and smoothing the "sidewalk" for the soldiers.*

had accused Iraq of using (the aluminum pipes) for the purposes of centrifuge to produce depleted uranium."

Iraq insists it has no weapons of mass destruction and is not seeking to develop nuclear weapons.

The inspectors' spokesman, Hiro Ueki, did not name the scientist and gave no details of the program. Nor did he say whether the program involves possible current or past efforts by Baghdad to develop nuclear capability.

Ueki, in a statement, said the scientist is "a metallurgist from a high-visibility state company. He provided technical details of a military program.

"This program has attracted considerable attention as a possible prelude to a clandestine nuclear program."

Iraq said the interview lasted an hour and that a representative of the Iraqi National Monitoring Directorate was present at the request of the scientist, an Iraqi official said.

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body armor, 9mm and a Kevlar, which also holds a picture of his wife, and travels up and down Afghanistan's mountainous regions in search of terrorist activity.

"I pick up infantry skills as I go," Doc said. "The longest we walked was a seven-click movement. It wasn't far, but everyone carried a lot of weight. Because of the altitude, you feel out of breath and get tired. Sometimes, you can't sleep."

Doc found out a month ago that his wife was having physical problems.

"She said she was feeling tired all the time," he said. "She had tests done — PET and CT scans."

Last week, the results from her test arrived.

"Everything is clear," Doc said. "The Hodgkin's Disease is still in remission. It's a big load off her and me.

"I have a job to do," he continued. "I can't let my personal life get to me as much."

Members of his platoon hold the utmost respect for him, said Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class David Reyes, 2<sup>nd</sup> platoon sergeant, from Bronx, N.Y.

"He's a good, tough kid," he said. "It could have been easy to say 'I have to get out of here.' But he didn't. He took care of two families — his brothers here and got back from every mission and talked to his wife."

Doc said one of the things he missed most about his wife was, "Her bright blue eyes."

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# Bagram Air Base MWR presents

2000 hrs. at the MWR Building: "Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones," Anakin Skywalker shares a forbidden romance with Padmé Amidala even while his teacher's investigation of a separatist assassination attempt leads to the discovery of a secret Republican clone army.



Tomorrow's movie will be "Memento."

## Local weather

### TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
<b>Bagram:</b>	<i>Clear</i> H: 48F L: 27F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 45F L: 26F
<b>Kandahar:</b>	<i>Haze</i> H: 57F L: 36F	<i>Haze</i> H: 63F L: 36F
<b>Kabul:</b>	<i>Haze</i> H: 45F L: 23F	<i>Haze/Snow</i> H: 43F L: 21F
<b>Uzbekistan:</b>	<i>Fog/Snow</i> H: 33F L: 19F	<i>Fog</i> H: 35F L: 19F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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# LTF provides critical life-support supply

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**BAGRAM**, Afghanistan — Soldiers worry about their bills, their families and whether they will be attacked while deployed.

However, there are some issues soldiers don't have to concern themselves with because of units like the 264<sup>th</sup> Logistics Task Force. These concerns include having enough food, water and ammunition.

The 264<sup>th</sup> provides all these necessities and more, here and in Central Afghanistan.

"We provide for everyone here ... Brown and Root, U.S. forces and the British. We provide for every force here in some way," said Capt. Timothy E. Matthews, personnel officer, 264<sup>th</sup> LTF.

Food, bulk fuel, ammunition and water are the main supplies the 264<sup>th</sup> distributes to units. They also perform major maintenance (30 level) and mortuary affairs.

The joint nature of the coalition forces in Afghanistan has presented the 264<sup>th</sup> with some difficulties.

"Water distribution is one of our biggest logistical problems. We distribute close to 3.5 million gallons of water a month," said Lt. Col. Matthew Broaddus, 264<sup>th</sup> commander.

"We also distribute almost

2 million gallons of fuel a month for vehicles and aircraft," Broaddus said.

"Due to this sheer volume and limited distribution assets, it becomes a 24-hour operation when normally it should only take eight," he added.

The 264<sup>th</sup> is made up of seven companies including 264<sup>th</sup> LTF Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 18<sup>th</sup> Personnel Services Battalion, 259<sup>th</sup> Field Service Company, 351<sup>st</sup> Ordinance Co., 364<sup>th</sup> Supply Co., 403<sup>rd</sup> Transportation Co. and 503<sup>rd</sup> Maintenance Co.



*Chief Warrant Officer 2 Timothy Parris, 503rd Maintenance Co., 264th LTF, repairs a fuel tanker.*



Photos by Pfc. Debralee P. Crankshaw

*Pfc. Adrian Gonzalez, 503rd Maintenance Co., 264th LTF, works on a High Mobility Multi-wheeled Vehicle that rolled over in the mountains.*

## Army master sergeant promotion board to convene in February

The Army master sergeant promotion board will convene on Feb. 4, 2003. Eligibility criteria for promotion consideration to master sergeant require the following:

❖ All sergeants first class with a date of rank of Feb. 3, 2001 and earlier and with a basic active service date between Feb.

3, 1980 and Feb. 3, 1995 (both dates inclusive).

❖ The primary zone DOR is July 31, 1999 and earlier. Secondary zone is Aug. 1, 1999 through Feb. 3, 2001.

❖ Soldiers holding a PMOS that is affected by Stop-Loss will be eligible for

promotion provided their adjusted expiration of term of service date is Feb. 4 or later.

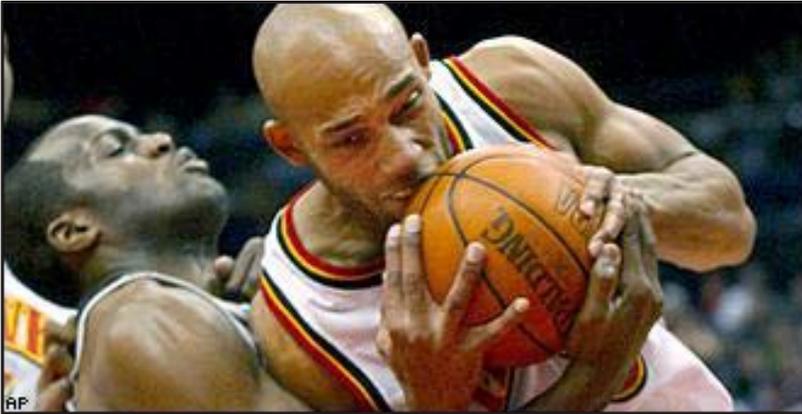
All eligible may update their enlisted records brief and 2-1's at Company C (Forward), 18th Personnel Services Battalion, Motel 6 on Bagram Air Base before Tuesday.



# Coalition Sports Zone

## The Day in Sports

(Compiled from ESPN.com)



Atlanta's Darvin Ham, right, showed intensity, battling Malik Rose.

### Atlanta 81, San Antonio 79

ATLANTA — Jason Terry hit a fallaway jumper at the buzzer to give coach Terry Stotts a victory in his debut as the Atlanta Hawks beat the San Antonio Spurs 81-79 on Friday night.

Stotts, a longtime assistant who joined the team this summer, took over for Lon Kruger, who was fired Thursday.

After Tim Duncan tied it with a hook from in close, Terry took an inbound pass with 4.3 seconds left and dribbled past Tony Parker and Bruce Bowen. He hoisted an off-balance, line-drive 18-footer just before the final horn, and the ball swished through.

Terry's teammates mobbed him at halfcourt, and the referees immediately ruled the shot was good. They used a video replay afterward to officially count the basket.

Shareef Abdur-Rahim had 27 points and 11 rebounds for the Hawks, who won for only the second time in eight games. Glenn Robinson added 18, and Terry had 13.

Tim Duncan had 20 of his 27 in the first half for the Spurs, who'd won four in a row but shot only 44 percent against one of the worst defensive teams in the league. Atlanta entered allowing 98.6 points a game, sixth-worst in the NBA.

But with Stotts at the helm, the Hawks showed a renewed interest in defense. Point guard Mike Wilks, who joined the team Tuesday and started in place of Ira Newble, picked up his man fullcourt throughout. He drew one offensive foul from Tony Parker and added two steals in the first game of his career.

Wilks made his first two shots and finished with seven points, four assists and no turnovers.

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### 2002 Bowl Championship Series

TEAM	TOTAL
1. Miami	2.93
2. Ohio State	3.97
3. Georgia	8.37
4. USC	10.51
5. Iowa	10.79
6. Washington St.	16.14
7. Oklahoma	16.79
8. Kansas State	20.13
9. Notre Dame	20.93
10. Texas	21.08
11. Michigan	23.91
12. Penn State	26.97
13. Colorado	33.27
14. Florida State	33.95
15. West Virginia	35.97



### 2002 NBA standings

#### Eastern Conference

##### Atlantic

(2)New Jersey	21-9
(4)Philadelphia	18-10
(5)Boston	18-11
(7)Orlando	16-15
(8)Washington	12-16

##### Central

(1)Indiana	21-9
(3)Detroit	19-9
(6)New Orleans	18-12
Atlanta	12-16
Milwaukee	12-16

#### Western Conference

##### Midwest

(1)Dallas	24-4
(3)San Antonio	18-11
(6)Utah	15-12
(7)Minnesota	16-23
(8)Houston	15-13

##### Pacific

(2)Sacramento	23-8
(4)Phoenix	17-11
(5)Portland	15-11
Seattle	15-15
L.A. Clippers	12-16



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**Dallas beats New Orleans despite poor-shooting night**

**NEW ORLEANS** — The league-leading Dallas Mavericks are in what is for them a scoring drought. Yet it hasn't stopped them from winning.

Dirk Nowitzki's 23 points was a bright spot in one of Dallas' lowest-scoring outputs of the season Thursday night, but the Mavericks held on to defeat the New Orleans Hornets 83-81.

"We were lucky. We got away with one," Nowitzki said.

"They had chances. They just missed their shots," he added.

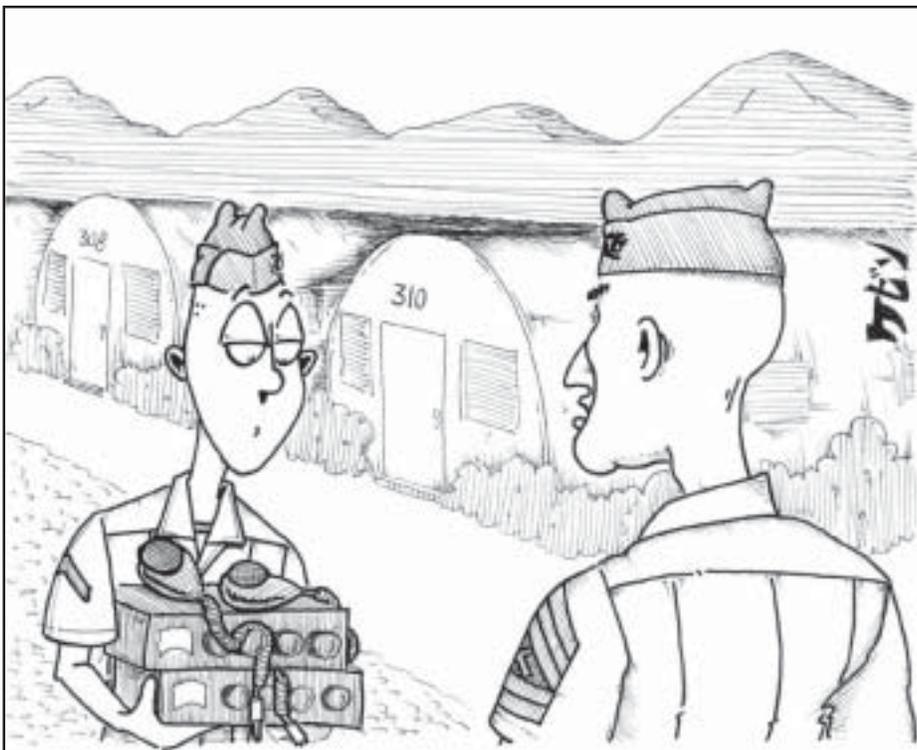
The Mavericks, who came into the game scoring a league-high average of 103.5 points, shot 37.8 percent and failed to surpass 92 points for the fourth consecutive game. Dallas has lost only one game during that stretch.

"The Force was with us tonight," Dallas coach Don Nelson said. "The Hornets had three good looks at the basket but somehow the ball didn't go in."

**Solution from Friday's Boxing Day Crossword in the *Freedom Watch***

(Courtesy of QUIZLAND.com)

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*“SEA BEEs,  
Perkins!  
I said  
bring me  
Sea Bees!”*

*Laugh Support*