

Food for thought: what it takes to feed an army

Story and photo by Sgt. Greg Heath
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BAGRAM, Afghanistan – The company Kellogg Brown and Root is in charge of feeding the force at Bagram Air Base and in Kabul, and they know one of the main recipes to happy service members is to provide them good, hot chow, and plenty of it – about \$1.5 million worth a week.

That’s about the average cost of food the Brown and Root has to bring into country keep the service members of Afghanistan running strong.

“We’re working 24-hours a day to feed the soldiers,” said Glenn Lee, Class 1 (food and beverage) supervisor. “The soldiers gotta have food and water, they’ve gotta have their fuel to work, and we provide that.”

Brown and Root took over the food service responsibilities here in September of last year. And since they took over, the mission has grown and Brown and Root has been keeping up with the growing mission every step of the way.

Willie Mickens, supervisor of the North



Army Sgt. Jerod Farkas, CJTF-180, is one of thousands of soldiers who eats at the Kellogg Brown and Root run DFACs everyday at Bagram Air Base. On Average, Brown and Root brings \$1.5 million worth of food a week into Afghanistan for service members here..

Dining Facility, has been here for over a year and remembers when there were only 5,000 service members in Bagram and they were all served meals out of a big mess tent at Camp Viper.

Since then the number of service members,

U.S. and coalition forces, has grown to 13,000 and the dining accommodations have gotten bigger, with three full DFACs now in Bagram and two in Kabul.

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Vets work hand in paw to keep K-9s on patrol

Story and photo by Sgt. Stephanie Hall
4th Public Affairs Detachment

BAGRAM, Afghanistan – Military Police working dogs are known as “force multipliers” to some because one dog can do the job of ten soldiers, so when one dog is sick, it is up the 719th Medical Detachment (Veterinary Services) to get it back on its paws.

“I look at every dog, and I see ten soldiers that would be doing the job that this one dog can do, and so we use the term force multiplier, because that is what

they do; they multiply the force,” said Lt. Col. Patrick E. Phillips, commander of the 719th Med. Det.

The working dogs play a major part in explosives and mine detection, security and patrols, and because of their keen sense of smell, they can detect things better and faster than a person can, said Phillips.

“These dogs are doing everything to keep us safe,” said Pfc. Kyle Granath, 719th Med. Det., an animal care specialist. “To be able to treat them is like treating another soldier.”

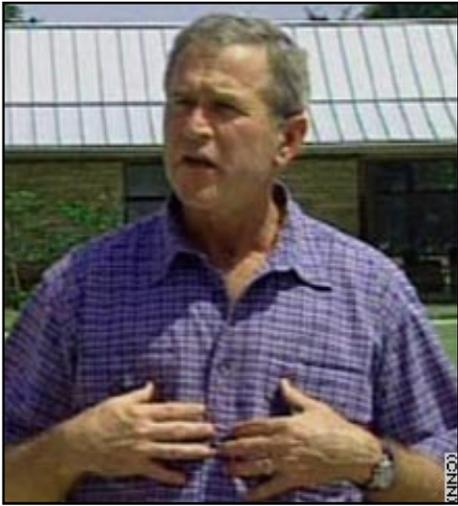
And like some soldiers here, working

dogs occasionally eat something that upsets their stomachs and have to be taken to “sick call.”

In one such case, “one of the MP working dogs, Bony, had eaten some C-4,” said Sgt. Meghan M. Groth, noncommissioned officer in charge of the 719th Med. Det. The veterinary team reacted fast by first calling the explosive ordnance disposal team to make sure that whatever the vets gave the dog would not cause a negative chemical

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World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



President Bush on Iraq: "I am pleased with the progress we've made but fully recognize we've got a lot more work to do."

Bush says good progress made in Iraq Friday

CRAWFORD, Texas – President Bush said Friday that coalition forces were “slowly but surely” bringing stability to Iraqi, 100 days after he declared an end to major combat operations in Iraq, which he characterized as vital to winning the war on terrorism.

Bush told reporters Friday that the security situation in Iraq has improved and that in some areas of the country the infrastructure has been restored to prewar levels.

“We’ve been there one-hundred days. We’ve made a lot of progress in one-hundred days. And I am pleased with the progress we’ve made but fully recognize we’ve got a lot more work to do,” Bush said after a meeting with Vice President Dick Cheney, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice at his Crawford, Texas, ranch.

When asked how long the U.S. occupation would last, Bush said “as long as it takes to win this war on terror.”

“We’ve got a lot of brave soldiers slowly but surely demolishing the elements of the Baathist regime, those foreign terrorists that feel like they can use Iraq as a place to arm up and inflict casualty, or perhaps gain strength to come and attack Americans elsewhere,” Bush said.

The American death toll has risen steadily since Bush’s declaration of the end

of major combat on May 1. Of the 122 service members who have died since then, 56 were killed in hostile fire. Since the start of the war, 260 U.S. troops have been killed — 171 of them in hostile fire.

The most recent was Thursday night, when an 82nd Airborne Division soldier on guard duty in Baghdad’s Al Mansour district was shot and killed, U.S. Central Command. He died shortly after being transported to a nearby medical facility. The shooting is under investigation.

Terror group link to bombing

JAKARTA, Indonesia – Indonesian police say a suspect whose remains were found after Tuesday’s deadly Marriott hotel attack in Jakarta worked for terror group Jemaah Islamiyah.

Two jailed members of JI, a network linked to al Qaeda, reportedly identified the subject — 28-year-old Asmar Latin Sani — as a “recruit.”

Police believe Asmar car-bombed the downtown hotel. They released a photograph of his severed head Thursday, which they say was found on the fifth floor.

A surveillance tape shows the instant the explosion tore through the upmarket hotel, with security guards approaching the bomber’s vehicle seconds before the blast.

Police told CNN the unofficial death toll from the hotel blast stands at 10, with more than 100 injured.

In Australia, authorities warned that Indonesia might be hit by more attacks ahead of its national day on August 17.

Prime Minister John Howard repeated a warning that much of Southeast Asia remained at risk.

The bomb in Jakarta was similar to those used in last year’s Bali nightclub bombings and the explosion at a Philippine ambassador’s residence in 2000, authorities said.

Forensics experts combing the twisted wreckage outside the Marriott said one of the bomb ingredients was potassium chlorate — the same chemical used in the October 2002 attacks in Bali.

The nightclub blasts killed more than 202

people and was blamed on JI, a network that is trying to set up a pan-Islamic state in Southeast Asia.



The jury award does not affect eBay’s primary auction bidding system.

Judge orders eBay to pay \$29.5 million Wednesday

NORFOLK, Va. – A federal judge Wednesday ordered online auction house eBay to pay \$29.5 million to a Virginia inventor who accused the company of stealing his ideas.

But U.S. District Judge Jerome B. Friedman said he would not require the Internet giant to abandon the disputed technology in the case, saying lawyers for plaintiff Thomas G. Woolston failed to show that he would suffer irreparable harm if the court did not issue an injunction.

Friedman warned eBay that if infringing on Woolston’s patents continued, he would be “more inclined” to award enhanced damages.

A Norfolk federal jury decided in May that eBay infringed on Woolston’s patents, which presented a way for people to buy items over the Internet for a fixed price. Specifically, the jury said that eBay’s “Buy It Now” option, which allows auction surfers to do the same thing, infringed on Woolston’s ideas.

Both sides said Wednesday they would appeal the judge’s ruling.

“We’re going to appeal the refusal to grant an injunction, but that said, eBay has definitely been put on notice about what could happen if it continues to infringe,” said Greg Stillman, an attorney for MercExchange, Woolston’s Great Falls, Virginia-based company.

DoD indentifies Army soldiers from Baghdad ambush

WASHINGTON – The Department of Defense announced yesterday the deaths of two soldiers who were supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Pvt. Kyle C. Gilbert, 20, of Brattleboro, Vt., was killed on Aug. 6 in Baghdad, Iraq.

An Iraqi vehicle opened fire on Gilbert’s unit.

Gilbert died of injuries received during the ambush.

Gilbert was assigned to C Company, 2nd Battalion, 325th

Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Sgt. Leonard D. Simmons, 33, of New Bern, N.C., died on Aug. 6 in Mosul, Iraq.

Simmons died of a non-combat related cause.

Simmons was assigned to C Company, 3rd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

(Information from U.S. Department of Defense News Release)

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The process of feeding the force starts with requisitioning the food and beverages from distribution centers in Philadelphia and Kaiserslautern, Germany.

They get all of our meat from the U.S., and the fruits and vegetables come mostly through Germany, according to Lee.

Service members go through approximately 13,000 sodas everyday, which are shipped in from Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, evident by the Arabic writing on cans.

According to Lee, water bottles are also always heavily stocked because service members go through an average of 100,000 bottles a month. He added that they normally keep two million bottles in reserve at all times.

To keep the dining facilities fully stocked, they are issued food three times a week from the Class 1 supply house.

For example, at the North DFAC on

average 500-700 service members are served breakfast and 1,200 –1,300 are served dinner everyday.

The North DFAC is responsible for feeding the service members from the Marine compound, the Army engineer compound, coalition soldiers from the Thai, Korean, and Italian Armies, and anyone else who decides to drive up.

One of the busiest days for the North DFAC is Fridays, steak and lobster night, when they prepare food for 3,000 service members.

Base wide on Fridays, more than 8000 steaks are cooked up and consumed.

Eight cooks start preparing breakfast at 0100L, and 10 dinner shift cooks get started at 1000L in order to get the meal ready for 1,200 service members by 1630L. On each meal shift, 18 local Afghans assist the cooks.

At the Viper DFAC nearly twice as many service members, on average 1,000 for

breakfast and 2,400 for dinner, are served for each meal.

According to Mickens, to get the huge amounts of food out it takes a lot of dedication and hard work, seven days a week, 24 hours a day from the DFAC crews.

“A lot of the guys working here are prior military,” said Mickens, who retired from the Army in 1994. “We’ve been there and done that too, so this is like we’re giving back. I remember what they’re going through.

According Dean Brunn, shift leader and also a former soldier, the effort it takes to feed an army is hard work, but ultimately very gratifying.

“It’s hard work preparing so much food in this heat, but I feel good about doing this,” said Brunn. “You can see that (service members) appreciate it, especially the marines, They eat a lot more, they just grub on it.”

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Pfc. Kyle Granath, left, looks on as Sgt. Meghan M. Groth, checks Jaco, a military police working dog, and continues the partnership between the vets and the canine detachment.

reaction. Then they pumped the dog with stuff that would make him throw up the C-4. Although the C-4 was an issue, the main concern for the veterinary team is that C-4 sometimes contains a substance also used as rat poison. But, “Bony [regurgitated] it all up, and he’s fine,” said Groth.

When the three-person veterinary team is not reacting to emergency situations, they are working with the dog handlers to make sure the dogs stay at the top of their game.

To prevent illnesses and diseases, the vets “tell the handlers exactly what to look for,” said Granath. “We teach them all the precautions to take so it’ll lessen the chance” of the dog getting sick, he said. “The main thing we try to get across, is that if they know their dogs, they’ll know exactly what’s wrong with him or her,” he said.

The military police officers who handle the dogs appreciate the vets because “without the dogs we don’t have a job,” said Sgt. Lorenzo Knaff, 179th Military Police Det. “When something is wrong with the dogs that we don’t about, it’s very comfortable to know that we got the vet right down the street to go to, to help us out.”

EOD investigates rocket attack threat

Story by Pfc. Kelly Hunt
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BAGRAM, Afghanistan – A rocket, thought to be aimed at base, was discovered outside of Bagram Air Base, August 2 here. Explosive ordnance personnel were alerted to the possible threat by local nationals and handled the situation through a combined effort.

The call came from counter intelligence personnel who were tipped off to the threat through the local police chief, said Sgt. William Conard, 797th Ordnance Company (Explosive Ordnance Disposal), Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Translators from CI were on scene and gathered information from the local population about the situation. They notified EOD that the wires had been separated from the rocket by the locals; disarming the device prior to their arrival.

Escorted by military police from the 293rd Military Police Co., Fort Stewart, Ga., EOD personnel continued to investigate the area

to ensure it's safety.

"We made sure there were no secondary devices and looked for trip wires and booby traps," said Conard.

Once personnel declared the area safe, troops from the Military Police Investigations team joined in the mission, searching for leads on who may have been behind the incident.

"(MPI) was unable to get any fingerprints off of the rocket because of the dust," said Staff Sgt. Barry Peterson, 797th Ord. Co., team leader.

All parts of the device were then secured by MPI and EOD, said Peterson.

"Everything went really smoothly," he added. Peterson and Conard believe the success of the mission is credited to the joint effort of all involved.

"It was a joint mission and the mission couldn't have been accomplished without (everyone's involvement)," said Conard.

MP's pulled security for the teams at the site, ensuring everyone's safety during the mission.

"The security team played a large part in (the mission's) success," said Peterson.

"They secured the area, they secured the vehicles and they made sure we were all safe going to and from (the site), so the rifle platoon made everything a lot easier on us."

Security is highly important during these kinds of missions due to the possibility that they are a set up. The rocket could be a ploy to draw us in, said Conard. "You don't know who's out there; you could be set up for an ambush."

This was the EOD team's first time being called on for a rocket attack threat, said Capt. Jeffrey Ford, Company Commander, 797th Ord.Co. "We've only been here eight weeks, so that was the first occurrence where (we) have found a launch site," he said.

Ford added that launch sites have been detected and rocket attacks have happened in the past, but this was his teams' first encounter with the threat.

The mission was successfully completed. No one was harmed and the rocket was safely disarmed thanks to the quick notification of personnel by local nationals and the combined effort of military personnel on base.

US Forces bring peace and stability to Afghanistan

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Russell Wicke
455th Expeditionary Operations Group Public Affairs

BAGRAM, Afghanistan – For the first time in more than 30 years the people of Afghanistan are beginning to see a light at the end of the tunnel for peace and stability.

Elders and leaders from local villages in the Bagram area of Afghanistan said the U.S. military and coalition partners have enabled them to begin living without fear the that comes from the violence of terrorist forces like the Taliban, Al Qaeda and others.

U.S. and coalition forces deployed here after the September 11 attacks to remove Al Qaeda and Taliban from power and to eliminate the terrorist base here.

"Just about two years ago, on this ground and in the buildings... terrorists were plotting and training to kill Americans," said Col. Bill Busby, 455th Expeditionary Operations Group commander deployed from the Virginia Air National Guard. "Now, these terrorists are basically trying to survive and hiding from us and coalition military forces."



An elder from the Chama Khorth Village near Bagram, Afghanistan, thanks Senior Airman Joseph Bauer, 455th EOG, for helping deliver needed supplies like boots, shoes, blankets and school supplies.

"Our mission here in Afghanistan is to kill, capture and deny sanctuary to terrorists," said Busby." But it is also to provide

FREEDOM'S VOICES

A Time to Remember

To have slipped away into nothingness
 No pain involved; forgotten
 Or at least felt that way
 Remembered no more

?Why my dear does the world turn
 If my memory will not last forever
 Have I not been good in my worldly ways
 Taking each moment by the horns?

Wrestling with life- with such fervor
 One cannot imagine the thrill
 Yet still I feel something missing
 -is it you?

?Have I not been great in
 The pursuit of happiness
 Pray tell, what shall I do
 Without purpose I am nothing?

Faded memory is what I shall become
 Infinitely lost to the world
 Never shall you hear my name
 I am forgotten-unremembered-forgotten

-Cornell J Wallace

This poem is dedicated to our troops around the world.

The poem reflects what I see of our fellow Americans forgetting about our troops.

I want the troops to know that they are not lost, misplaced, or forgotten. They hold a special spot in all of our lives and touch our hearts with the deeds they do each and everyday. Many Americans do not realize how much our troops really mean to us and the sacrifices made by them on a daily basis.

Maybe, just maybe, those who are forgetting will wake up and see what our troops are to us as Americans.

The pride and joy of our great country!

STREET TALK

What one thing have you done to make Bagram more like home?



"I brought my squirt hand fan, it keeps me cool in the hot weather. "

Spc. Gerald Verville
 3rd Squadron , 17th
 Cavalry Regt.
 Fort Drum, N.Y.

"Put up a few posters on the wall to hide the boringness of wooden walls."



Spc. Jame Wilson
 2nd Battalion, 87th
 Infantry,
 Fort Drum, N.Y.



"I've made my living area more homey with blankets and curtains."

Spc. Angela Hinton
 Logistics Task Force 129
 Fort Campbell, Ky.

"I call home and talk to my wife. It brings up my morale while being here."



Pfc. David Kolk
 2nd Brigade, 87th Infantry
 Fort Drum, N.Y.

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humanitarian assistance to the Afghan people to help them rebuild their country.”

Instead of waiting for another attack on American soil, Busby said we’re taking the fight ‘offensive’ to the terrorists here, in their back yard where they operate.

“By doing this, not only are we safer and more secure back home and around the globe, but the Afghan local nationals have a much better chance to rebuild and grow after decades of war and destruction,” he said.

The people of Afghanistan said the Taliban and other terrorists had made life miserable for them long before the attacks on America.

“We used to hide underground for days during the ruling of the Taliban and other terrorists,” said Ghulanhaidr, a village elder of Jamadaar here. “But now our children, boys and girls, are attending school for the first time in many years.”

School isn’t the only benefit the locals are enjoying because of the U.S. and coalition forces.

“We can now walk safely from village to village,” said Fazilkarin, another elder in Jamadaar. “We are growing grapes and other crops again because we can safely rebuild our irrigation.” Leaders from other villages suggest the Americans have brought with them good fortune too.

“When the Taliban was raiding here, there was drought, storms, trouble and the ground would not produce for us. They dug up our crops and destroyed our houses,” said the leader of the Qau’eh-ye Musa Village here. “After Americans came, rain fell abundantly, good crops started growing, and our people are more healthy.” Although it can be debated that Americans brought rain with them, they do bring more than munitions.

“We have a program we call ‘Adopt-a-Village’ that is designed to provide much needed supplies and goods to the locals here,” said Busby. “With this program we receive donations from our home towns and bases in the mail. We then go out to the villages and distribute them.” Busby



Ghulanhaidr, an elder from Jamadaar Village shows his scars from fighting with the Taliban to Col. Bill Busby, 455th EOG. Ghulanhaidr fought the Taliban and other terrorist before coalition forces arrived in Afghanistan. He’s received multiple wounds injuries from mortars and bullets.

said the donations have been phenomenal, with things such as shoes, boots, school supplies, basic cookware, toys and even candy for children.

Not only does this program offer goods to the locals, but it also provides an opportunity to visit and make good relations with the people living next to where U.S. Forces operate.

“For the majority of the people here, we are very well received,” said Master Sgt. Russ Hastings, 455th EOG first sergeant deployed from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany.

“Every two weeks we take about 20 airmen and go out to deliver supplies sent from home to different villages, and every time the hospitality is extraordinary.” But many Americans are shocked when they see, for the first time, what the past wars have done to this nation.

“When you get on the ground, it’s obvious that the infrastructure of this nation has been at war a long time,” said Lt. Col. Pat Malackowski, 81st Expeditionary Fighter Squadron commander deployed from Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany. “Their buildings and walls, all made of mud, are torn down and disarray. Seeing this, I know it is not the Afghan nationals and civilian populace who support terror-

ism. They were the first ones being terrorized.” It is plain to many, there is a long road ahead before the nation is put back together the way it should be.

“We are still very poor, but thanks to the Americans and the coalition, we are at least safe and secure,” said Mohahammed, an elder of Sortekhel Village here. Nevertheless, the Adopt-a-Village program is designed to soften the blow of their poverty.

“With this program, we show the people of Afghanistan that we aren’t here to make trouble and pillage like many forces who came before us, but we come to help them build and grow their villages and country,” said Busby. Because of America’s help, the favors have gone both ways.

“The Village leaders have told us they would remain vigilant and watch for ‘bad guys’ that might want to harm our aircraft and forces,” said Busby.

“Morale among our people is sky high and off the charts,” he said. “Our team wants to be here and they know how important this mission is. I’ve deployed to many other locations and combat zones in my 25 plus years in the military. This is the most important and rewarding job I’ve ever done.”

From soldier to sailor CSM to leave void in Army

Story by Air Force Staff Sgt. Russell Wicke
455th EOG Public Affairs Office

BAGRAM, Afghanistan – You wouldn't know by looking at him, but he spent the last 24 years training to kill the enemy. There is nothing in his appearance that mirrors hostility and nothing is his body language that reveals aggression. But he is among the Army's highest ranking enlisted soldiers ... and put there for a reason. Command Sgt. Maj. Hoyle Hodges, 2nd Battalion 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, is now preparing for retirement in October after finishing his last mission.

"He's going to leave a void in the Army when he retires," said Sgt. Maj. Michael Catterton, 505th PIR operations. "Hodges is a great guy. He's intelligent and he doesn't have to be a tough guy to get his point across."

At about 5 foot 10 inches tall, Hodges sports a peaceful appearance with an inviting persona. Though his appearance may be casual, his subordinates hold the deepest respect for keenness to detail.

"I served as his driver for one year," said Spc. Jonathon Cote, 505th PIR infantryman. "Sergeant Major Hodges knows how to get stuff done, and he won't allow shortcuts. But he genuinely cares about the first-level enlisted soldiers. He listens to their problems and does his best to help work them out."

"When it's 110 degrees out here, miserable and dirty, it helps to have leadership like Sergeant Major Hodges," said Cote.

When Hodges wants to get his point across, he has a unique way of getting the soldiers' attention.

"Afghanistan is not a safe place!" exclaimed Hodges to his soldiers during the rehearsal of his last mission. "The environment is hostile enough without the enemy. Everything has fangs, poison



Follow me, lead the way...

Korean Marines pass their knowledge of Tae Kwon Do to military personnel at a class Monday. The hour-long class is taught by the Korean Marines every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday beginning at 0600L in the Morale, Welfare and Recreation civic center.

or claws. The terrain is rough and the temperature variations are extreme." Although Hodges message was coarse, it was effective and it was for the safety of his people.

"You have to get their attention when the message is important. Part of the job is knowing your people and how to work with them," he said.

"The best part about the Army is the bonds that develop between the people you work around," he said. "That is what I will miss the most about the military."

Hodges admits there is no secret to his success in making it to the top of the enlisted corps.

"You get out of the Army what you put into it," he said. "Nothing succeeds like success."

Even though Hodges said he enjoyed his time with the Army, there is something about retirement that looks very appealing.

"I'm going to buy a 40-foot sail boat fix it up and spend a lot of time in the water," said Hodges. He said he had his reasons for his interest in sailing.

"We were the first battalion to engage in the Gulf War," he said. "There was only a two hour notification that we were leaving and once we got there we found the living conditions were very primitive. There were no cots and no showers. It was hot and sandy. After we were there for a while, a British oil-field worker dropped off some sailing magazines for us to look at.

"So there I was, in the middle of the blistering desert, looking at the luxury inside a sailing magazine. From that point on I realized, when I retired, I wanted to be surrounded by water," said Hodges.

Nevertheless, Hodges anticipation about retirement has not gotten in the way of his dedication to Uncle Sam.

"After 24 years of service from a private to a command sergeant major he has always served faithfully," said Catterton. "Leadership will miss him and so will his subordinates ... He's a soldier's NCO."

Music Notes (Compiled from MTV.com)



Ruben Studdard

MTV – The Birmingham, Alabama, clothing company behind the “205” jerseys Ruben Studdard wore on “American Idol” is claiming it secretly paid the singer for the endorsement.

Responding to a lawsuit Studdard filed last week against 205 Flava Inc. for wrongly profiting from his image, founders Willie and Frederick Jenkins announced Wednesday (August 6) that they began paying him \$1,000 a week in March.

The brothers said Studdard requested 205 Flava Inc. write checks to his brother, Kevin Studdard, and his manager, Ron Edwards, in order to keep it confidential from “American Idol,” which prohibits contestants from having endorsement deals. The company provided MTV News with copies of several checks, which were increased to \$1,500 in May.

Studdard’s lawyer, Byron Perkins, did not immediately return calls Wednesday, but he told the *Associated Press*, “The public will hear from us soon.”

The Jenkins brothers also claim Studdard stole the logo they designed and used it for his own company, RCS 205. “The ‘coattails’ Ruben claims we ride, we made,” they said in a statement. “His lawsuit is about greed.”

In Studdard’s lawsuit, he claims it was his idea to put the Birmingham area code in

large letters on the front of the jerseys. The suit also charges 205 Flava Inc. with failing to provide financial records and continuing to use Ruben’s photo on its Web site after being asked to remove it.

The Jenkins brothers said they met Studdard when he came into their store asking for sponsorship of his group, Just a Few Cats. They claim they provided Ruben with free jerseys before he was a contestant on “American Idol” and that the singer demanded money after the third time he wore one on the show.

“I was shocked at first, because he had come to me when he was in need and I extended myself to help him, and now he was coming back to me saying, ‘If I’m wearing your clothing, you have to pay me for doing so,’” Frederick Jenkins said.

A representative for “American Idol” called the matter a personal issue and said the producers of the show do not comment on the personal lives of the contestants.

Schwarzenegger announces intent to run for governor

MTV – The race for governor in California is beginning to look like an episode of “Hollywood Squares.”

After weeks of “will he or won’t he?” speculation, “Terminator” star Arnold Schwarzenegger announced on “The Tonight Show With Jay Leno” on Wednesday that he is running for the state’s top office.

The 56-year-old former bodybuilder and action movie star said he made his decision because politicians in his home state are “fiddling, fumbling and failing.” The burly pop icon said he aims to bring “California back to what it once was” following what he said was the failure of Democratic Gov. Gray Davis’ administration.

Davis faces a special recall election on October

7 in which voters will be asked to decide whether he should be recalled less than one year into his second term. If the recall vote passes, they will then be asked to choose a replacement candidate.

“The man who is failing the people more than anyone is Gray Davis,” Schwarzenegger said of the governor, who is being blamed for the state’s dire financial crisis. “He is failing them terribly, and this is why he needs to be recalled, and this is why I am going to run for governor of the state of California. ... This man has to go.”

Alicia Keys releases date for new album

MTV – Alicia Keys has been hiding out so much lately, her fans might be wondering, “How come you don’t call me anymore?”



Alicia Keys

But folks will soon be hearing from the sultry crooner.

Keys, who’s been clandestinely recording

the follow-up to her 2001 debut smash, *Songs in A Minor*, has finally set a release date for the effort: November 18. What Keys and her label haven’t confirmed yet, however, is a title.

Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the MWR building:
“The Family Man.” A fast-lane investment broker, offered the opportunity to see how the other half lives, wakes up to find that his sports car and girlfriend have become a mini-van and wife.

Tomorrow’s movie will be
“Tombstone.”



Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from ESPN.com)



Baylor basketball coach resigns Friday following program investigation

WACO, Texas — Dave Bliss resigned Friday as Baylor basketball coach after school investigators discovered violations within his program involving improper financial aid and drug tests that were not properly reported.

Those infractions were described as “major violations” by school president Robert Sloan, who announced self-imposed sanctions on the basketball program at a news conference Friday afternoon. Baylor will not participate in any postseason tournaments next year — including the Big 12 tournament — and is under probation for up to two years. The NCAA could still decide to issue additional sanctions.

Bliss told ESPN.com’s Andy Katz following the news conference that after returning Thursday night from former player Patrick Dennehy’s funeral in San Jose, he made a request Friday morning to meet with school investigators to check on their progress.

At that meeting, the investigators informed Bliss that they had met with Dennehy’s girlfriend, Jessica De La Rosa, in Albuquerque, N.M., earlier this week. The investigators said De La Rosa had disclosed to them information concerning monetary violations involving Dennehy and Baylor assistant coach Rodney Belcher.

Bliss then resigned after that meeting.

Sloan said the school hadn’t even thought yet about how it will replace Bliss, but sources at Baylor told Katz that former NBA player and coach John Lucas, Sr., has been discussed as an interim coaching possibility. Lucas’ son, John Lucas, Jr., is a member of the Baylor basketball team. The sources also told Katz that there is a good likelihood of the remaining players staying with the program if Lucas is named as the interim coach.

Baylor athletic director Tom Stanton resigned as well Friday, even though he “had no direct knowledge of any of the infractions,” according to Sloan, who also announced the resignations at the news conference. Stanton, who hired Bliss, will remain on the job until his successor is named.

The school started an investigation into Bliss’s program following Dennehy’s disappearance and allegations that an assistant coach gave Dennehy money and knew about drug use by players.

“I’m the head coach and I’m accountable for everything that goes on in my program,” Bliss said in a hastily arranged campus news conference. “I accept that responsibility. I intend to cooperate fully as the inquiry continues. I’ll do whatever I can to make things right.”

Bliss told Katz that he should have been aware of Belcher’s alleged transgressions, but that Belcher loved Dennehy like a son. Belcher also has resigned.

Shockey issues gay slur about Parcell in magazine interview

NEW YORK — Jeremy Shockey is quoted in a magazine as calling Dallas Cowboys coach Bill Parcells a “homo,” but the outspoken Giants tight end insists someone else made the remark.



In next week’s New York magazine, Shockey criticizes Parcells for comments he was told the coach made about him on TV and concludes by saying: “Let’s see how much Parcells wins this year. I’ll make him pay when we play them. The homo.”

“I really don’t want to comment on something that’s just not true,” Shockey told the *Daily News of New York* after the Giants lost an exhibition game in Foxboro, Mass., Thursday night.

“I’m 100 percent sure I didn’t say that. ... I think he (the writer) got it mixed up from something my friend might have called him (Parcells).”

New York magazine spokeswoman Serena Torrey said Friday the magazine stands by the story and the reporting by writer Chris Smith.

“That’s just Jeremy, and that’s just his personality” Eagles cornerback Troy Vincent told ESPN on Friday from training camp. “I don’t think he means anything by it disrespectfully. He’s a young guy, still learning the ropes. I’m sure his teammates and coaches are telling him that that puts more pressure on the people around him, not just himself.

“At the end of the day. As long as you can back up what you’re saying, your players and coaches don’t mind.”

Giants spokesman Pat Hanlon told *The Associated Press* on Friday that Shockey was quoting a friend who was voicing criticism of Parcells. Hanlon said Shockey would not be available for comment Friday.

“Jeremy is adamant about the fact that he did not say what he’s portrayed as having said,” Hanlon said. “It’s obvious that if Jeremy had it to do over again, he would use a different set of words than he used at the time so the writer would not have interpreted his comments the way he did. Jeremy is learning that there is no such thing as a throwaway line or throwaway word.”

K-Mart asks New Jersey to shop him

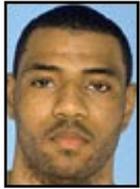
ESPN — Kenyon Martin once wanted a contract extension from the New Jersey Nets.

Now he just wants out.

Martin has broken off contract talks with the Nets and has

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asked for a trade, reports *ESPN.com*'s David Aldridge.



Kenyon Martin

Martin, who has one year remaining on his Nets contract, reportedly was seeking a six-year extension worth approximately \$87 million, but Aldridge reports the Nets have offered him roughly \$66 million.

Martin is not eligible for a new contract until July 2004. He is scheduled to make \$5.1 million this season.

Martin produced the best numbers of his three-year career last season, averaging 16.7 points and 8.3 rebounds per game. He increased his averages to 18.9 points and 9.4 rebounds during the playoffs when the Nets reached the NBA Finals for a second consecutive season.

Fox censors Kobe's remarks

NEW YORK — FOX television said Friday that the network omitted part of Kobe Bryant's acceptance speech during the 2003 Teen Choice Awards program that aired Wednesday.



Kobe Bryant

The program was taped Saturday and aired just hours after Bryant appeared in an Eagle, Colo., courtroom for the preliminary hearing in his sexual assault case.

Bryant was accepting the award for favorite male sports figure. Part of his acceptance speech included the claim "an injustice anywhere is an injustice everywhere."

A FOX spokesman said that the network felt the remark was not suited to accepting his award, and was edited from the broadcast.

The rest of Bryant's remarks did make the show. Those included Bryant saying "we're flying through some dark clouds" now, but that with God's will, "the sun will rise and shine again."

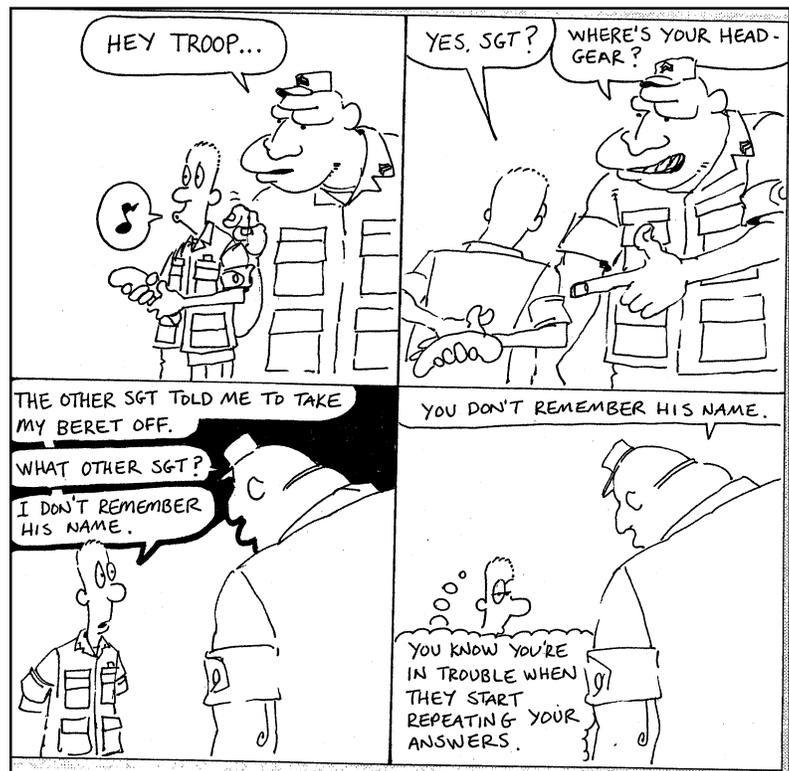
Underscoring Bryant's Teen Choice Awards appearance is the ongoing debate over whether Bryant is using the media and his celebrity status to promote his side of the case.

Bryant's appearance on the show was his latest high-profile sighting since news of his legal problems surfaced in July. Bryant attended *ESPN*'s ESPY Awards ceremony on July 16 — an appearance that reportedly made Pamela Mackey, one of Bryant's attorneys, consider quitting as part of his legal counsel. Bryant also made headlines with his purchase of a \$4 million ring for his wife, Vanessa.

**Solution from Friday's Prison
Crossword in the Freedom Watch**

(Courtesy of QUIZLAND.com)

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By Mark Baker

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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

- 0500Z — Catholic mass
- 0630Z — Protestant worship
- 0830Z — Latter-Day Saints worship
- 1400Z — Gospel service

Monday

- 0700Z — Catholic mass

Tuesday

- 0700Z — Catholic mass
- 1430Z — Protestant Bible study

Wednesday

- 0700Z — Catholic mass
- 1430Z — Protestant mid-week service

Thursday

- 0700Z — Catholic mass
- 1430Z — Gospel Bible study

Friday

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- 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
- 1515Z — Catholic mass

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

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Sunday
□ 1100Z — Christian service
□ 1430Z — U.S. Embassy service

Wednesday
□ 1900Z — Christian service
□ 1900Z — Bible study

2nd & 4th Thursdays
□ 1900Z — Roman Catholic mass



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KMTC chapel hours

Sunday

- 0430Z — Protestant Service
- 0530Z — Roman Catholic Mass/Eucharist
- 0630Z — Latter Day Saints
- 1630Z — Protestant Service

Wednesday

- 1430Z — Bible Study

Friday

- 1530Z — Thank God It's Friday fellowship and singing

All events are held in FOB195 Chapel/Conference Room area.