



FREEDOM WATCH



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News briefs

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Ghost fire

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Late Saturday afternoon, a Coalition base near Asababad received mortar fire. The rounds did not impact within the base. Coalition forces returned fire with four 20 mm mortar rounds. Coalition patrols were unable to locate the enemy.

Three caches found near Khowst

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Over the weekend, elements in Task Force 82, operating near Khowst, reported finding the following weapons and ammunition in several compounds. The following items were found in the first compound:

- ❖ 12 grenades,
- ❖ One DSHK machine gun,
- ❖ Four AK-47s,
- ❖ 50 7.62mm rounds (steel tip)
- ❖ One UBL poster
- ❖ 100 82mm mortar rounds,
- ❖ 200 mines of Russian

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Air Force show stops at Bagram AB

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — The U.S. Air Force's world-renowned production *Tops in Blue* capped off a weekend of entertainment at Bagram Air Base Saturday.

The show, which took place at the Supply Support Activity pole barn, came one day after '80s icon Joan Jett and the Blackhearts gave two concerts in the same location.

Tops in Blue is similar to the U.S. Army Soldier Show in that the performers sing, dance and play instruments. However, it involves active-duty airmen stationed across the United



The female vocalists of *Tops in Blue* render selections with a Texas theme.

States and overseas, and has been touring the world since 1953.

This year's show, named *Tops in Blue Railway 2002 Spirit of America*, celebrated the music of America. Music featured during the production took audience members on a

mental journey to places like Texas and Chicago, and included such hits as "Walking in Memphis," "She Bangs" and "Broadway." A tribute to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks marked the end of the show.

"It was a great show; it was really patriotic," said

Senior Airman Samuel Matthews, of Bolling Air Force Base, Washington, D.C. "Being here Sept. 11 this year was really meaningful to me because last year on Sept. 11, I was in Washington D.C."

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CHLC team finds Afghans 'rich in spirit'

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KABUL, Afghanistan — One day, a group of American soldiers were shopping in downtown Kabul when a little Afghan boy said to them, "Are you rich?"

They said no and continued to shop when one of the soldiers paused and

stated, "We are rich — not to each other, but to him we are."

He explained that they were rich by comparison.

"You're rich when you can buy an entire board of lace material for some curtains and some locals can't afford to buy a yard of it for a dress," he said. "You're rich when you can invite a dozen people to dinner and don't have to wash any silverware between the main

course and the dessert. Some locals don't know if they will have a meal.

"You're rich when you buy clothes for family and friends back home as gifts and some locals only have the clothes on their backs. You're rich when you own a vehicle and some locals can't afford a bus ride. You're rich when you write notes on a notepad and some locals don't have pencils, paper or a school build-

ing to have class in. You're rich when you have television to watch and some locals can't afford to buy a radio to listen to."

"They are poor, but the word 'poor' doesn't describe their current living condition," said, Army Capt. Rodriguez Titus of Dixon, Tenn., assigned to 489th Civil Affairs Battalion, out of Knoxville, Tenn. "It

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Photos by Staff Sgt. Rhonda M. Lawson

Airman 1st Class Keith Loudermill, of Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., serenades Pfc. Marbela Syril, Logistics Task Force 129, Fort Campbell, Ky., during his performance.

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Matthews added that watching his own service performance gave him a sense of pride.

“This is America’s Air Force,” Matthews said. “It was a great feeling to be here and see some of your folks doing a great thing.”

The tribute included a rendition of “Where Were You When the World Stopped Turning,” which touched Pfc. Marbela Syril, of Logistics Task Force 129, out of Fort Campbell, Ky., differently.

“(The show) was the best thing in Bagram besides the (gospel) choir,” she said. “They gave a good message. Most people don’t talk about God in their music, but I was very impressed by that.”



Airman Ian S. Davis, of Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., blows the saxophone.

This was the first time Syril, who had just recently graduated from Advanced Individual Training, had seen a military show. However, it may be one she won’t forget because during the show, Airman 1st Class Keith Loudermill, one of the

show’s vocalists, came down off of the stage and serenaded her.

“I don’t know if I was embarrassed or not,” she laughed.

The tour is scheduled to stop in Rhein Main Air Base, Germany, on Wednesday.

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breaks my heart when I visit different schools in the villages and see that children don’t have anything to sit on. The school floors are made out of mud. No wood, no concrete, just mud!”

Most schools in the villages have no windows, no doors and no school supplies. The teachers use makeshift black boards to write on and students don’t have paper.

The Civil Humanitarian Liaison Cell in Herat noticed those things and decided to do something about it.

“After we wrote our families about the children’s needs, supplies for the children started showing up from everywhere—our unit, my house and at Capt. Titus’ house,” said Army

Staff Sgt. Rodney Cox, also with the Herat CHLC. “We receive supplies from the States very often.”

Their families mentioned the children’s needs to their friends and at their churches. They also collected boxes of supplies from local department stores. However, the supplies sat at the 489th for a while because the unit didn’t have an account for shipping supplies to Army postal offices overseas.

“We rotated home on leave and brought back some of the supplies from the unit with us. Afterwards, we told folks that we could buy the same supplies a lot cheaper here than in the States,” Cox said.

Instead, volunteers collected money and the CHLC used it to buy paper,



Photo by Staff Sgt. Zelda, Thomas-Gates, 300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment
Army Capt. Rodriguez Titus passes out sunglasses to a class at Obekh boys school in Herat.

pencils and pens for an entire school for approximately \$80. The team concentrated on schools that would be most affected by the supplies, including those in the outlying villages that are neglected because of their remote loca-

tion.

“We ensured that our families and friends received pictures,” Cox said. “It was important for them to see the looks on the children’s faces when they received the supplies.”

The team recently re-

ceived several boxes of supplies from Titus’ parents, who live in Baxter, Tenn. One of the boxes contained sunglasses, which Titus said he plans to give to a random class that he hasn’t chosen yet.

He’s given sunglasses to some of the students at the Obekh boys’ school in Herat, the headmaster and the teachers.

“The headmaster and teachers were just as excited as the children about the sunglasses. I am amazed at the hearts, minds and the souls of the Afghans,” Titus said. “They persevere through 20 odd years of constant war and drought ... they are definitely survivors, hard working people ... they may be poor but they are rich in spirit.”

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and Chinese make,

- ❖ 100 rounds of large caliber ammunition and
- ❖ Several Enfield rifles.

At the second compound, they found:

- ❖ 269 rocket-propelled grenade rounds,
- ❖ 65 mortar fuses,
- ❖ 30 AP mines,
- ❖ More than 100 mortar propellant charges,
- ❖ One Sagger,
- ❖ One AT-3 missile,
- ❖ One bolt action rifle,
- ❖ 17 107mm rockets,
- ❖ 15 AK-47s,
- ❖ One DSHK machine gun,
- ❖ 319 cases of DSHK ammunition.
- ❖ Two manpack mine clearing line charges and
- ❖ Numerous rocket and MTR rounds.

The third compound yielded:

- ❖ Two grenades and
- ❖ One radio antenna.

HIND SIGHT

1273

Rudolf of Hapsburg is elected emperor of Germany.

1588

The feeble Sultan Mohammed Shah of Persia hands over power to his 17-year-old son Abbas.

1791

In Paris, the National Legislative Assembly holds its first meeting.

1847

Maria Mitchell, American astronomer, discovers a comet and is elected the same day to the American Academy of Arts—the first woman to be so honored. The King of Denmark awarded her a gold medal for her discovery.

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Mostly sunny</i> H: 86F L: 45F	<i>Mostly sunny</i> H: 88F L: 46F
Kandahar:	<i>Sunny</i> H: 90F L: 50F	<i>Sunny</i> H: 90F L: 50F
Kabul:	<i>Mostly sunny</i> H: 84F L: 46F	<i>Mostly sunny</i> H: 86F L: 45F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Sunny</i> H: 89F L: 52F	<i>Sunny</i> H: 89F L: 51F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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COALITION SPORTSZONE

Sometimes, karma has everything to do with it

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Life is funny. Events sometimes happen for a reason. Karma is good.

Last November, Bud Selig announced that baseball would kill off two franchises before the season started. Teams quickly looked for a safe place to hide from death's front doorstep, like a mouse scurrying around the corner, trying to get away from the big, blue tomcat.

But when the cat finally caught the brown mouse, and it was announced Minnesota and Montreal would be contracted, the baseball world was thrown into an unknown abyss, a chasm, which included ridiculous rumors of steroid use, an awkward All-Star tie and financial disparity. So, it was a logical choice for a federal judge to order the two-time World Series champion ('87, '91) to fulfill their Metrodome lease, therefore, releasing the mouse from the cat's big clutches ... for the time being.

Selig growled as the

Expos flirted with a wild-card berth, and watched in horror as the Twins captured the AL Central by 13 games over the pre-season favorite Chicago White Sox and perennial champion Cleveland Indians.

Events sometimes happen for a reason.

If the mouse needed a gavel to avoid being minced by the big, bad cat, then they sure need to bring their bats to Oakland because winning three games from the surging Athletics shouldn't be a cinch.

Last season, the A's bolted past the three-time defending World Champion N.Y. Yankees 2-0 in the best of five series, only to falter in classic fashion. (Jason Giambi left Oakland and signed with New York a few months later.) Despite the collapse, Oakland propelled to the AL West title by winning 20 games in a row last month, barely squeaking by the inspirational Anaheim Angels. Yes, the Twins-Athletics first round meeting constitutes one thing:

teams, with cash or no cash, will win because of their heart. Who cares if one or two people show up for the game? It doesn't matter. What does matter is those players fighting out on the field, not only for world titles, but also for existence. No one expected the Twinkies here. Not their fans, not their mayor, definitely not the tomcat, Selig.

Karma is good.

If the Twins win 11 more times this year, something incredible will happen. No, not a poor team winning the impossible. No, not a Minnesota-Atlanta reunion. No, not a new stadium. No, fair-weather fans will disperse after the season is over.

Eleven more victories.

Can the near-death franchise pull the impossible? Can the little mouse pull a fast one on its intimidating cat?

If they do, then the cat will have to present the mouse with the World Series trophy.

2002 Major League playoffs

American League

New York vs. Anaheim

Today

Anaheim (Washburn 18-6) at NY (Clemens 13-6)

Wednesday

Anaheim (Appier 14-12) at New York (Pettitte 13-5)

Friday

NY (Mussina 18-10) at Anaheim (Ra. Ortiz 15-9)

Saturday

New York (Wells 19-7) at Anaheim, if necessary

Sunday

Anaheim at New York, if necessary

Minnesota vs. Oakland

Today

Minnesota (Radke 9-5) at Oakland (Hudson 15-9)

Wednesday

Minnesota (Mays 4-9) at Oakland (Mulder 19-7)

Friday

Oakland (Zito 22-5) at Minnesota (Reed 15-7)

Saturday

Oakland at Minnesota, if necessary

Sunday

Minnesota at Oakland, if necessary

National League

Atlanta vs. San Francisco

Wednesday

San Fran. (Ru. Ortiz 14-10) at Atlanta (Glavine 18-10)

Thursday

San Fran. (Rueter 14-8) at Atlanta (Maddux 16-6)

Saturday

Atlanta (Millwood 18-8) at San Fran. (Schmidt 13-8)

Sunday

Atlanta at San Francisco, if necessary

Monday

San Francisco at Atlanta, if necessary

Arizona vs. St. Louis

Today

St. Louis (Morris 17-9) at Arizona (Johnson 24-5)

Thursday

St. Louis (Finley 7-4) at Arizona (Schilling 23-7)

Saturday

Arizona (Batista 8-9) at St. Louis (Williams 9-4)

Sunday

Arizona at St. Louis, if necessary

Monday

St. Louis at Arizona, if necessary

College GameDay

(Compiled from yahoo.com)

Associated Press Top 25

(as of Saturday)

TEAM	PTS	Last week	This week
1. Miami, Fla. (4-0)	1,847	d. Boston Coll. 38-6	UConn (2-3)
2. Texas (4-0)	1,729	d. Tulane 49-0	Ok. State (2-2)
3. Oklahoma (4-0)	1,724	d. So. Florida 31-14	Missouri (3-1)
4. Virginia Tech (5-0)	1,605	d. W. Michigan 30-0	Idle
5. Ohio St. (5-0)	1,537	d. Indiana 45-17	Northwestern (2-3)
6. Florida (4-1)	1,411	d. Kentucky 39-34	Mississippi (3-1)
7. Georgia (4-0)	1,393	d. N. Mex. St. 41-10	Alabama (4-1)
8. Oregon (4-0)	1,299	Idle	Arizona (3-1)
9. Notre Dame (4-0)	1,245	Idle	Stanford (1-2)
10. Tennessee (3-1)	1,087	d. Rutgers 35-14	Arkansas (2-1)
11. Florida St. (4-1)	1,039	lost to Louisville 36-30 (OT)	Clemson (3-1)
12. Washington (3-1)	912	d. Idaho 41-27	California (3-2)
13. Kansas St. (4-0)	858	Idle	Colorado (2-2)
14. Michigan (4-1)	851	d. Illinois 45-28	Idle
15. Iowa St. (5-1)	817	d. Nebraska 36-14	Idle
16. N. Carolina St. (6-0)	724	d. UMass 56-24	Idle
17. Washington St. (4-1)	701	d. California 48-38	USC (3-1)
18. USC (3-1)	700	d. Oregon St. 22-0	Wash. St. (4-1)
19. Wisconsin (5-0)	541	Idle	Penn St. (3-1)
20. Penn St. (3-1)	337	lost to Iowa 40-35 (OT)	Wisconsin (5-0)
21. LSU (3-1)	327	d. Miss. St. 31-13	La Lafayette (1-3)
22. Alabama (4-1)	246	d. Arkansas 30-12	Georgia (4-0)
23. Texas A&M (3-1)	230	d. Louis. Tech 31-3	Texas Tech (3-2)
24. Iowa (4-1)	228	d. Penn St. 40-35 (OT)	Purdue (3-2)
25. Colorado St. (4-1)	206	d. Nevada 32-28	Fresno St. (2-3)

Dropped Out: No. 20 Nebraska; No. 23 Oregon State

2002 Heisman Trophy candidates

Seneca Wallace, QB, Iowa St.

Season stats: 92-of-135 for 1,358 yards, 7 TDs, 6 INTs

Ken Dorsey, QB, Miami

Season stats: 57-of-106 for 828 yards, 11 TDs, 4 INTs

Rex Grossman, QB, Florida

Season stats: 101-of-179 for 1,429 yards, 8 TDs, 6 INTs

Byron Leftwich, QB, Marshall

Season stats: 86-of-139 for 1,215 yards, 9 TDs, 3 INTs

Willis McGahee, RB, Miami

Season stats: 68 carries, 533 yards, 7 TDs

Charles Rogers, WR, Michigan

Season stats: 32 receptions for 687 yards, 7 TDs



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"He's demanding hazardous-duty pay, sir."

By Kevin Kilgore

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