

## Goodwill game volley's coalition bond

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**BAGRAM**, Afghanistan – With intent to foster unity between the coalition forces based here Sunday, elements of the Korean hospital and the U.S. hospital at Bagram Air Base joined for a friendly volleyball game and luncheon.

The event, held at the Korean compound, afforded the two countries the opportunity to test each other's athletic skill, yet learn about the humanitarian spirit of one another.

"We always see each other for official reasons, but we've never gotten the chance to know the really know one another," said 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Sungbean Chung, physician at the Korean hospital. "Today is an attempt to help us to become more personable and have a friendlier relationship."

Agreeing with Chung, Lt. Col. Richard Haile, commander of the U.S. hospital at Bagram Air Base said, "Today's event draws us closer as neighbors. We got the chance to relax and find out about the personal side of one another. It was a great time for everyone."

The U.S. and Korean hospitals have been working together in an "official" capacity since 2001 acting as the lifeline of Bagram and it's surrounding provinces as medi-



*Players from the Korean hospital and U.S. Army hospital at Bagram Air Base take aim at the volleyball during Sunday's goodwill game hosted by the Korean hospital staff.*

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## Hazardous ordnance goes up in smoke

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**BAGRAM**, Afghanistan – Troops supporting Operation Enduring Freedom looked toward the horizon as the enormous blast transformed the sky into the backdrop for a firework's show.

More than 2,300 pounds of hazardous ordnance was destroyed Saturday

morning through the combined efforts of troops from the 441<sup>st</sup> Ordnance Battalion (EOD), 797<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Company (EOD), Estonian EOD and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Forces Group who all came together for the first time to rid the area of the potentially harmful material.

"We destroyed 57 millimeter rockets that we recovered, 107 millimeter rockets and a bunch of Air Force (material) that had expired (that) they wanted to get rid of," said Staff Sgt. Barry Peterson.

The majority of the assorted ordnance was recovered during a buy-back mission, he said. This is when hazardous items are voluntarily given to the troops. The remainder of the inventory was recovered from the Bagram area.

Normally, troops from the 797<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Company (EOD) make the "explosive" trip out of the Bagram gate once a month to destroy material such as this,

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# World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



Workers sift the rubble of Monday's bombing.

## Saudi king vows to strike

**RIYADH**, Saudi Arabia — Saudi Arabia's King Fahd pledged Monday that he would strike militants with an "iron fist" in the wake of a weekend car bombing in Riyadh that killed at least 17 people, government sources said.

During a meeting with his Cabinet, Fahd also said he wants to make sure it is safe for people to travel to Mecca during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, the sources said.

Mecca, the birthplace of the prophet Muhammad, is Islam's holiest city, and hundreds of thousands of pilgrims travel there during Ramadan.

Fahd's vow to crack down on the militants came as officials warned that more attacks could come at any time.

Saudi officials tightened security at diplomatic compounds and other sensitive sites, and sent 4,600 troops to Mecca, sources said.

Saudi officials blamed Saturday's suicide car bombing in a mostly Arab neighborhood in Riyadh on al Qaeda.

Among the dead were five children, and 122 people were wounded, the *Saudi Press Agency* said.

U.S. officials said Monday that intelligence suggested al Qaeda was planning more attacks in Saudi Arabia.

"This is not the end," a senior State Department official said. "There are still people at large who want to hurt us, and we think there may be more."

The official said such attacks "could be in the operational phase."

The attack came a day after the United States ordered its embassy and consulates in the kingdom temporarily closed because of concerns that terrorists may be planning to launch an attack.

On Monday, two senior U.S. State Depart-

ment officials said the U.S. Embassy in Khartoum, Sudan, would be closed through the week because of an unspecified threat.

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage pledged "continued U.S. cooperation with the Saudi government against terrorism" when he met Sunday with Crown Prince Abdullah, said State Department spokesman Richard Boucher in Washington.

"The deputy secretary said we will be fully participating partners if that is the desire of the kingdom of Saudi Arabia," Boucher said.



An inmate of Camp X-Ray is escorted by two guards while other inmates are seen in their cells in Guantanamo Bay U.S. Navy Base, Cuba.

## Supreme Court will hear first appeals involving detainees

**WASHINGTON** — In the first test of the Bush administration's sweeping anti-terrorism policies, the U.S. Supreme Court on Monday agreed to hear two appeals over whether hundreds of terrorist suspects in secret custody are being held unlawfully.

It is the first time the justices will review the constitutionality of the White House's war on terror laws that have grown from the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Arguments in the appeals will be heard sometime early next year, with a ruling expected by June.

The cases involve the overseas detention of some 660 men from about 40 countries, said to be al Qaeda or Taliban fighters. Some have been held for as long as two years at the U.S. Navy base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, without access to lawyers or family.

The government has been interrogating the men, and deciding whether they will face a military tribunal or released back to their home countries. Most of the men were captured on the battle-

field in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

At issue is whether U.S. courts have jurisdiction to intervene in the continued U.S. military detention of people held overseas, and whether that violates constitutional and international law.



President Bush and the first lady were not at the White House during the alert Monday.

## Plane that broke D.C. airspace lands under escort Monday

**WASHINGTON** — The Secret Service at the White House went on alert briefly Monday morning after an aircraft crossed into restricted airspace in what appeared to be an accidental violation.

The aircraft — listed in federal aviation records as a four-seat, single-engine, propeller-driven Mooney M20E — was allowed to land under fighter escort at its original destination of Siler City, N. C., a government official said. The pilot was met by law enforcement upon landing.

The official said the aircraft, which began its flight in Pennsylvania, was tracked by radar the entire time to make sure it posed no threat.

Although the initial conclusion is that the airspace violation was an accident, the pilot will be interviewed as part of the investigation, the Secret Service said.

After receiving word of an unauthorized aircraft in the restricted District of Columbia airspace, armed Secret Service officers began patrolling the White House grounds, some with rifles and other firearms drawn.

Neither President Bush nor first lady Laura Bush were at the White House at the time, but Vice President Dick Cheney was.

At no point did the Secret Service activate an internal White House alert system, which is used to inform the staff of possible security breaches or attacks.

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cal care providers. The Korean hospital provides routine treatment for local citizens while the U.S. treats major injuries. And while each hospital has established its medical protocol for Bagram, their intuitiveness for each other's work – like Sunday's festivities – acknowledges that it's always room for growth.

“Working with the U.S. hospital have been a very valuable experience because we've learned a lot about how to treat major injuries [in a combat environment] which will help us in future operations,” said Capt. Jimwan Park, Korean hospital public affairs officer. “We are a co-operating force,” said Chung. “We learn from each other and seek each other's knowledge. That's what I like most about working with the U.S. doctors.”

Chung noted that getting the opportunity to view the U.S. doctors “bedside manner” is another benefit of working with his coalition partners.

In speaking about his counterparts, Haile said, “We aren't that different and I think that's what makes our relationship with the [Korean medical staff] a positive experience. We share more similarities than difference [personally and professionally] and today's activity illustrated that.”

Though working along side the U.S. hospital and other coalition forces is a rewarding experience, it isn't the only gratification that motivates the Korean military while serving at Bagram.

“The situation in Afghanistan is similar to Korea after the

Korean War,” said Chung. “When we serve the [Afghans] coming into our hospital we can understand what they are going through and we [symbolize] hope to the people showing them that they can rebuild and have a better country.”

Park noted that since unifying with the coalition force in Bagram, the Korean military role has changed with every rotation. A measure he said he hopes will continue to flourish.

“Our role in Bagram has gotten bigger, not only with the hospital, but with all of Bagram,” said Park. “The Korean engineers are working with [other coalition forces] to build better facilities [for the people of Afghanistan]. We are happy with our role and we hope it will continue to increase.”

Though both countries look forward to the opportunities the future holds for coalition hospitals, both agree that the true reward will come when they aren't needed – when Afghanistan is able to provide care for its own citizens.

“We hope to keep increasing our role as time passes,” said Park, “but our main goal is to help improve Afghanistan by providing better health care and living conditions then allowing the country to function on its own.”

“As the theater matures I hope that we can both operate at the same capacity,” said Haile, “I hope that [the U.S. hospital] gets to see patients for routine [health care] and [the Korean hospital] gets to see trauma patients, so that patients best care that both forces have to offer, but the ultimate goal is to one day place the care of the Afghan people into the hands of their own doctors.”

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but lately, they've had to make that adventure a more regular event.

“We've recovered a lot here (in) Bagram,” said Peterson. “This is the fourth (trip) since the first of October.

“We've seen a lot of it lately,” he said. “(We're just) trying to get rid of this stuff.”

Some of the inventory destroyed during this mission were weapons that could have been used against coalition troops and fired on anybody. Some were the same type of explosives used on attacks on Bagram Air Base and other firebases, he said.

Getting rid of the hazardous materials like these helps to prevent those attacks from happening again, Peterson added.

The intense explosion was a result of a skillful crew and 15 cases of C4, but the real thrill was combining troops who do this type of mission frequently with a group of soldiers who never have and having it come out a complete success.

“They were a lot of help and they had fun,” said Peterson about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Forces Group soldiers. “They learned about (things) that they don't usually do (and) they got to work with explosives.”

EOD personnel were thankful for the additional hands and enthusiasm from the SF crew who was there every step of the way, learning the ropes and even discovering the key to safely preparing a blasting cap.

“That was the first time they had touched them,” said Peterson after the mission was complete and the debris had settled. “Everybody worked hard, we made our timeline (and) I thought it went well,” he said.



*Spc. Joseph London, 441<sup>st</sup> Ordnance Battalion (EOD), laid explosive ordnance in preparation for disposal Saturday. This hazardous material was just one type destroyed by EOD personnel, Estonian EOD personnel and Special Operations Forces troops.*

## Secretary of Defense issues a Veterans Day Message

From the birth of our nation - when farmers dropped their pitchforks, and took up muskets to secure our independence - courageous young men and women have stepped forward to defend freedom. They are America's veterans.

Today, freedom is once again under attack. And, once again, a new generation of veterans is serving - all of you who are fighting today's global war on terror.

Whether you serve in Iraq, or Afghanistan, or some other outpost of liberty, each of you volunteered, risking your lives for a cause greater than yourselves. The American people know your hearts and appreciate your courage. They have every confidence in you. They know that, with you on the frontlines, we will win today's struggle for freedom.

As we have learned again in recent weeks, the price of freedom is high. Many of you have lost friends in battle. Still others have suffered wounds. I have visited many of those recovering in military hospitals. Each visit reminds me of how fortunate our nation is that there are so many truly wonderful young men and women who are willing to step forward, to volunteer to serve - to say "send me."

The brave veterans of wars past stand with you every day, but especially on Veterans Day. They are proud of you, they feel a special bond with you - the kind that only those who have smelled the smoke of battle can truly share.

Today, you carry on their struggle - the battle for human freedom. And as you do, you are taking your rightful place alongside the heroes of wars past. You are in freedom's fight. We owe you our liberty. And we thank you for all you do for our country.

God bless you all.

**Donald H. Rumsfeld**

## Bagram Air Base MWR presents

### "Changing Lanes"

1530Z at the MWR building:

The story of what happens one day in New York when a young lawyer and a businessman share a small automobile accident and their mutual road rage escalates into a feud.

**Tomorrow's movie:** "Malibu's Most Wanted"



## Local weather

### TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER FORECAST:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
<b>Bagram:</b>	<i>Mostly Cloudy</i> H: 70F L: 36F	<i>Rain</i> H: 68F L: 37F
<b>Kandahar:</b>	<i>Dusty</i> H: 72F L: 37F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 68F L: 39F
<b>Kabul:</b>	<i>Partly Cloudy</i> H: 68F L: 34F	<i>Rain</i> H: 66F L: 37F
<b>Uzbekistan:</b>	<i>Mostly Cloudy</i> H: 79F L: 50F	<i>Rain</i> H: 65F L: 42F

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# Coalition Sports Zone

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## Boller likely out for year with leg injury

**OWINGSMILLS, Md.**

– Baltimore Ravens rookie quarterback Kyle Boller likely will miss the rest of the season with a leg injury.

Boller tore his left quadriceps in the first half of Sunday's loss to the St. Louis Rams. The injury could require surgery, although even in a best-case scenario he will be sidelined for at least six weeks.

He was on crutches at the Ravens' training complex Monday. He did not talk to the media, but obviously was downcast over the development.

"I'm sure he's very emotionally distraught right now," Ravens coach Brian Billick said.

There is a chance Boller could return in late December, although Billick said there's also a chance the quarterback will be placed on injured reserve as soon as Tuesday, sidelining him until next year.

The injury occurred in the second quarter of the Ravens' 33-22 loss, either when Boller banged knees with Baltimore fullback Alan Ricard or upon being hit while rolling toward the sideline.

"I don't even really remember the exact play," Boller said Sunday night.

Boller finished the half, but was replaced by Chris Redman at the start of the third quarter. Redman will start Sunday against the Miami Dolphins, Billick said.



*Kyle Boller banged knees with fullback Alan Ricard as he dropped back to pass.*

## 'Cuse thinking big, even without Carmelo

**SYRACUSE, N.Y.** – Watch the Syracuse Orangemen practice and it's clear: Seven months after they won their first national championship, they're thinking big again.

"Anything less than going back to the Final Four isn't going to be good," sophomore guard Billy Edelin said. "I want to win again, and everybody thinks we can't do it because of Melo."

Melo is Carmelo Anthony, who as a freshman forward averaged 22 points and 10 rebounds a game to lead Syracuse to a 30-5 record and the national title. But Anthony's now a rookie with the NBA's Denver Nuggets — and the Orangemen have to make up for what he and guard Kueth Duany contributed.

That would be their intangible leadership, 33 points and nearly 14 rebounds per game.

"You don't lose those guys and expect to be as good," said head

coach Jim Boeheim, whose 653rd victory, a heart-stopping 81-78 win over Kansas in April, was the sweetest in 27 years at his alma mater.

"He (Anthony) was by far the best player in college basketball. It wasn't even close," Boeheim said. "That's the key. When you lose a player of Carmelo's abilities, everybody's got to pick it up a little bit. No one guy is ever going to replace him."

The Orangemen have an experienced core. Three starters — sophomore guard Gerry McNamara, junior forward Hakim Warrick, and junior center Craig Forth — and four reserves — Edelin, junior guard Josh Pace, senior center Jeremy McNeil and sophomore forward Matt Gorman — return from last year.

Last year, Boeheim successfully integrated three freshmen into the lineup, transforming a team that wasn't even ranked in the preseason to No. 1 at the end.

This year, he has four first-year players with the long arms perfectly suited to play the Orangemen's strong 2-3 zone defense: 6-foot-9 forward Terrence Roberts of Jersey City, N.J.; 6-8 forward Demetris Nichols of Boston; 6-11 center-forward Darryl Watkins of Paterson, N.J.; and Louie McCroskey, a 6-5 guard out of New York City.

"It's going to take some time," Boeheim said. "We're fortunate. We have seven guys back who played and know the program and have a good understanding of what we try to do. That's all real positive."

## UCF fires Kruczek; Gooch to take over

**ORLANDO, Fla.** – Central Florida football coach Mike Kruczek was fired Monday as the team struggled with a sub-par record on the field and problems with player behavior off of it.

He will be replaced by assistant coach Alan Gooch for the final two games.

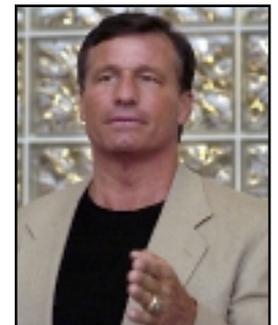
Kruczek had signed a three-year extension in April to keep him at UCF through the 2007 season. This season, however, the Golden Knights (3-7, 2-4 Mid-American Conference) are assured of their first losing season since 1999.

In five-plus seasons, Kruczek posted a 36-30 record. He had spent 13 seasons as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at UCF before 1998 when he replaced Gene McDowell.

Kruczek led UCF into the Mid-American Conference last season, posting a 6-2 conference record. UCF was an independent previously and is due to join Conference USA in 2005.

In the past week, Kruczek had suspended five players, including starting quarterback Ryan Schneider, for off-the-field disciplinary problems. Schneider and two others were suspended for the season.

Another player, cornerback Omar Laurence, has been suspended indefinitely pending criminal charges that he brought a gun on campus.



*Mike Kruczek had suspended five of his players in the past week.*

# Afghanistan Hot Topics



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## U.S., Afghan forces launch anti-terror operation in eastern Afghanistan

**BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP)** – U.S.-led coalition and Afghan troops have launched a new anti-terror operation in eastern Afghanistan, aimed at killing insurgents and disrupting their operations, the U.S. military said Monday.

Spokesman Col. Rodney Davis said Operation Mountain Resolve began Friday in Nuristan and Kunar provinces, which are about 95 miles northeast of the capital, Kabul, and border Pakistan. U.S. troops are working alongside Afghan militia, he said.

“The main objective is against terrorism. It is focused on destroying anti-coalition elements, disrupting their ability to operate in the eastern region of Afghanistan,” Davis told reporters.

“We want the anti-coalition forces to understand that there is no sanctuary for them anywhere in Afghanistan,” he said.

Davis did not say how long the operation was expected to last.

Insurgents from the former Taliban regime, which was ousted two years ago by a U.S.-led invasion, have stepped up attacks in recent months against U.S.-led coalition forces and representatives of Afghanistan’s central government, which wields only limited influence outside Kabul.

Members of the Afghan Hizb-e-Islami group, which opposes the coalition presence in Afghanistan, and the al Qaeda terror network are likely to be the target of the operation.

In Kabul, Jawid Luddin, the spokesman for President Hamid Karzai, said all three groups are part of the “terror problem.”

“They come in different manifestations, but they probably are part of the same network,” he told reporters. Although Afghanistan’s national army is not taking part in Operation Mountain Resolve, the U.S. military has coordinated it with the Kabul government, he said.

Earlier this month, villagers in Nuristan claimed that eight civilians were killed by unidentified aircraft.

The Afghan air force was obliterated during the Taliban’s ouster, and aircraft from the coalition now dominate the skies over Afghanistan.

The U.S. military said it regretted any loss of life but couldn’t confirm the attack. It has launched an investigation.

## Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff issues a Veterans Day Message

Veterans Day is a solemn day to honor and recognize all who have served our nation in war and in peace. This year, hundreds of thousands of our men and women in uniform and Department of Defense civilians have the distinction of serving in wartime. Counted among them is the largest number of reservists and guardsmen activated since the Korean War.

The war on terrorism is like no other war we have ever fought - and it is far from over. We will prevail, but it will require our patience, our full commitment, and the will to win against an enemy who tries to create fear and destroy freedom.

We have seen tremendous displays of courage, dedication and sacrifice to defeat the terrorists who are targeting the United States and our allies with hatred and intolerance. This tradition of outstanding service links this newest generation of veterans to the lives and legacies of those who have served and defended our nation with honor and dedication during previous times of threat.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff and I join our fellow Americans in paying tribute to all of our Veterans, the sacrifices they have made and the courage they have displayed in defending freedom and security around the world.

**Gen. Richard B. Myers, USAF**

“Hold that pose.”



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## Laugh Support