

## Striker team – convoy insurance

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**KANDAHAR AIR FIELD, Afghanistan** — As the convoy stops, enemy forces begin an attack. Mortars and air support are called in to assist.

The Striker team is the one to make that call. They call for adjustments to indirect fire, including mortars, artillery and attack aviation. There are three teams here, with two men on each team. They accompany convoys when they go out, but are normally used for scouting. Here, they are used as a support element.

“We are important because if someone popped up two miles away and started shooting at us the only way to hit them is with mortars or close air support and we’re the ones who call them in,” said Sgt. Bradley Williams, striker chief, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 504<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Striker is a reconnaissance asset with laser capabilities. The team uses a ground ve-



*Sgt. Bradley Williams, striker chief, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 504<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, N.C., coordinates with a Romanian counterpart to fire illumination mortars as a show of force.*

hicular laser locator designator which “paints the target for the bomb.”

The operator pulls the trigger to the laser that gives a reading for the direction, distance and elevation of the target. There is a code on the laser that matches a code in the bomb so the bomb targets the beam.

Other than being used for convoys, the Striker teams have also been used for destroying cave entrances. The system can be used any time a convoy comes into enemy contact to destroy vehicles, buildings and personnel.

“We’re like insurance,” said Williams. “We’re here in case something goes wrong.”

## The ties that bond: Soldiers have historic meeting

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**KABUL, Afghanistan** — Two women, who once had roots in Afghanistan and are now committed to the U.S. Army and Operation Enduring Freedom, recently met with President Hamid Karzai in Kabul. This opportunity was made possible thanks to the efforts of Lt. Gen. Dan McNeill, commander, Combined Joint Task Force-180.

The palace doors were opened respectfully, to admit two American Army officers. Karzai expressed his gratitude to Col. Malinda Dunn, the Staff Judge Advocate, CJTF-180, XVIII Airborne Corps, Fort Bragg, N.C., and Maj. Maria Eoff, secretary to joint and combined staff, CJTF-180, for their dedication to the rebuilding of Afghanistan.

Both American officers were once residents of Afghanistan.

Karzai said he was very proud of Eoff. “I wish more Afghans in America would join the Armed Forces and help Afghanistan; to participate in active liberation together with other fellow Americans and Afghan people,” he added. “We are thankful for all the troops who helped in battle and humanitarian assistance.”

Eoff said, “To me it was full circle. My mother was friends with King Zahir-Shah’s daughter, and had taken me to the palace once for a visit. I am much honored that President Karzai gave up his time to meet us.”

“It is an honor to meet a man who has a vision of inclusiveness and a vision of how to bring this country to peace,” said Dunn.

A native of West Virginia, Dunn lived in Afghanistan from 1968 to 1972. Dunn’s father worked for the United States Embassy abroad.

# World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



*Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon likely will present the "road map" plan to his Cabinet on Sunday, a senior Israeli official says.*

## Sharon to present peace 'road map' to Cabinet

**JERUSALEM** — Peace talks among the U.S., Israeli and Palestinian leadership edged closer to possibility Friday after moves by the White House and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

The White House has not publicly said that a trilateral meeting is certain, but Bush administration officials acknowledged that plans are in the works for such a summit. One official said the meeting was looking "more and more likely."

The White House has been trying to arrange a three-way summit since Sharon decided to postpone a visit to Washington scheduled for this week during which he was to have met with Bush. Sharon delayed that meeting after recent suicide bombings in Israel.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell and national security adviser Condoleezza Rice issued a brief pronouncement Friday that had been carefully negotiated with Israel. It stated that the United States shared Israel's concerns about the proposed peace plan and would "address them fully and seriously in the implementation."

That announcement prompted Sharon, who had withheld his approval of the plan, to say Israel is prepared to accept the steps described in the Middle East peace "road map." Sharon most likely will present it to his Cabinet on Sunday, according to a senior Israeli official. Cabinet approval would help clear the way for a summit

The Palestinian Authority reacted with optimism to the White House statement, which it called "an important step toward implementation of the road map," and Sharon's acceptance of the road map, which it called "an encouraging initial response."

Other Palestinians expressed disappointment with the Powell-Rice pronouncement on Israeli concerns.

## Tax-cut bill goes to Bush

**WASHINGTON** — Congress approved a \$350 billion package of tax cuts and economic assistance for states Friday, sending the bill to President Bush who has promised to sign it into law.

The plan, providing \$330 billion in new tax cuts and \$20 billion in aid for states, is less than half the size of Bush's original \$726 billion proposal. It is also less than the House's original \$550 billion plan.

The cuts are expected to have an immediate impact on many families, with the Treasury Department expected this summer to begin rolling out checks to give families an advance payment of the increased 2003 child credit. Other provisions include individual rate cuts, marriage penalty relief, a cut in the tax on dividends and capital gains, and provisions to help small businesses.

A senior Bush administration official said the president will sign the bill sometime after he returns to Washington from his ranch in Crawford, Texas, on Sunday and before he leaves on a trip to Europe later in the week.

While the House approved the measure 231-200 early Friday, the Senate vote was 50-50. Vice President Dick Cheney cast the deciding vote.

## Toronto reports 25 possible new SARS cases

**TORONTO**, Ontario — Toronto health officials revealed Friday that they were looking into at least 25 possible new SARS cases involving a second hospital.

The first five suspected cases announced Thursday were all linked to St. John's hospital.

Now health officials say more than 20 patients are being evaluated for possible

SARS at another Toronto-area hospital — North York General. Two of the patients there have died — one age 96 and another in his or her 80s, officials said.

Three of the St. John's patients were in critical condition after one worsened during the day, the health authorities said. There was no word on the condition of the other patients at North York.

"It's been a rough day," said Dr. Donald Low, a microbiologist helping with the investigation.

"We're assuming the worst, that there has been likely transmission to health care workers, that there has been transmission to families and that there has probably been transmission to other patients, and that it provides the link to St. John's Hospital that we didn't recognize last night," Low told reporters at a testy news conference Friday night.

"The investigation continues, and we hope to have more information, but there's obviously a lot we don't know," he added.

## 85-vehicle pileup kills two

**FINZEL**, Md. — Two people were killed and nearly 100 injured Friday after 85 vehicles were involved in a series of accidents on a fog-covered highway, officials said.

Garrett County police communications operator Bill Wiltison told CNN that a 17-mile stretch of Interstate 68 is closed in both directions, though the wrecked vehicles are all on the westbound side.

Wiltison said the first accident occurred around 1:20 p.m., and the largest accident, involving about 50 vehicles, happened almost an hour later.

"It's the fog," he said, referring to the cause of the pileup. "It's really thick up there."

A total of 61 people have been taken to Sacred Heart Hospital and Memorial Hospital in Cumberland, Md., said Kathy Rogers, spokeswoman for Western Maryland Health System, which runs both hospitals.

One victim in critical condition was being transferred to the University of Maryland's Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore, more than 100 miles away, she said.

Many others have been treated and released, Rogers said.

# Buddhist monk enlightens Bagram

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**BAGRAM**, Afghanistan – A Buddhist monk talked to servicemembers here in the Enduring Faith Chapel Friday morning about how to control one’s mind and life through meditation.

Buddhism seekers listened to South Korean native, the Venerable Pomnyun Snim, who is the leader of South Korea’s Jung To Society, which advances the cause of reconciliation between the two Koreas. He came along with Buddhism followers from Kabul and Korea.

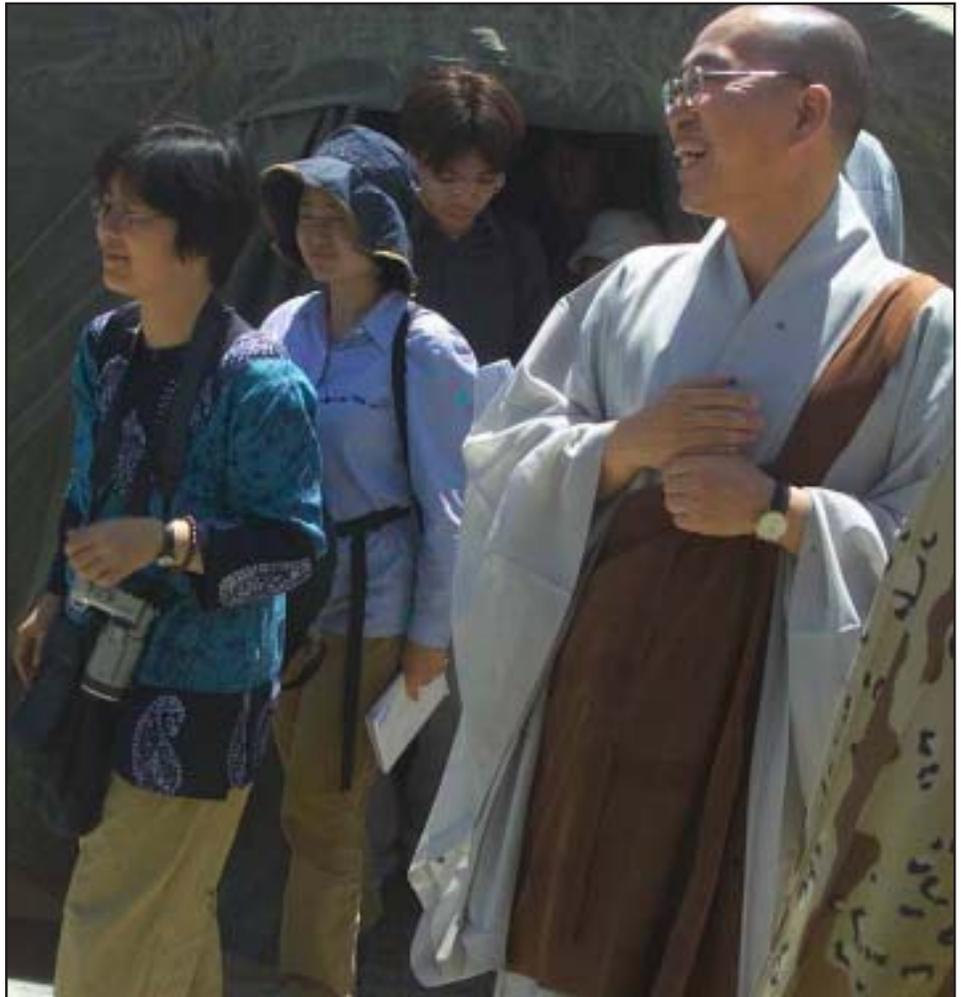
“Generally when you think of happiness, it is when people are happy with you. That is why we all want to be understood. We are usually frustrated because this doesn’t happen all the time,” he said to the Bagram servicemembers and civilians from the U.S., Korea, Thailand.

The ever-smiling leader emphasized the importance of happiness and understanding in his lecture.

“You have one person ahead and one behind. The one ahead is saying to the other, ‘Why are you going so slow?’ and the one behind is asking, ‘Why are you going so fast?’ Frustration ... anger of hearts bursts out to others you think are wrong. To get rid of anger, understand and know others. All fighting can be solved through understanding,” said the monk, who is a 2002 Ramon Magsaysay awardee for Peace and International Understanding. A Ramon Magsaysay award is an Asian equivalent to a Nobel Prize.

According to the Ramon Magsaysay awards website, [www.rmaf.org](http://www.rmaf.org), the board of trustees recognized his compassionate attention to the human cost of Korea’s bitter division and his hopeful appeal for reconciliation, which is the reason he won the award.

Snim established a free school and medical center in India, and assisted North Korean refugees from the floods in the 1990s who were dying from lack of food. He urged South Koreans to put aside their fears and suspicions and to help the North Korean people, which would be the true path to rec-



*South Korean Buddhist monk, the Venerable Pomnyun Snim took a tour of the Korean compound here after he spoke to coalition members about being a master of one’s mind and life through meditation.*

conciliation and reunification. The South Koreans responded to this by donating thousands of articles of clothing for their northern counterparts.

One million of them also petitioned the South Korean government to send massive quantities of food and medicine to the North, according the Ramon Magsaysay Website.

His efforts reflect his belief that Buddhists must engage the real world and act to relieve suffering, the Ramon Magsaysay Website also stated.

During his lecture, his sense of unity and togetherness was displayed when he made an analogy between a garden and the coalition forces.

“Go to a garden. There are many flowers there – different species, colors, smells. But when they come together, they make a beautiful garden. (The coalition forces) can come

together as one garden ... religious action should come together in harmony,” he said.

For the individual, he also gave advice for getting through a deployment here.

“Be aware of what you are doing. Always be awake to the current situation. Your life is now. Don’t sacrifice now for the future or past memories ... happiness is what you are doing right now. Be happy you are alive. If you think of life as bad, it is up to you, because you are the one who makes your life. Maybe in the future, you will look at your time here in Afghanistan as a happy memory.”

Before he finished his lecture he told servicemembers a Buddhist saying to remember.

“Happiness is what you make it. Hatred is what you make it. No one else is responsible for this.”

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Her family moved all over the world, from the U.S. to Pakistan and spent 4 years in Shar-i-nau in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Dunn went to school like any other child in Afghanistan, and rode a rickety blue school bus. She led a normal life, was a cheerleader, played tennis, bowled, and went to watch the boys play soccer and baseball at the embassy where the vehicle search point currently is. Remembering the lavish gardens that once surrounded the embassy and its iron fence, Dunn said it was similar to the one surrounding the White House. "It is now the most fortified embassy in the world."

The house Dunn lived in was owned by an Afghan General. It butted against the back wall of the palace. Her father's job provided a comfortable childhood. But, she never forgot about the less prosperous. "I was at an age where I knew I was fortunate and appreciated what I had and I loved living here," said Dunn.

In the early seventies Kabul was a normal, wealthy city. There were dinners at the Inter-Continental Hotel, golf, tennis, ice-skating at Paghman Lake in the winters, and even a prom night for the teenagers. "Thirty years ago this was a beautiful peaceful country that could feed itself," Dunn said.

In 1972 Dunn's father's job moved them from Afghanistan back to the United States. She finished her junior and senior year in Montgomery County, Md. "The education I received in Afghanistan was equal to the education in America. I had no problems and kept up my grades," she said.

Twenty-two years later, and a colonel in the United States Army, Dunn returns to a country she grew so fond of, that once more has fallen victim to war. "The War on Terrorism is absolutely necessary. I am glad to be here ... because the Afghan people are proud, friendly, and hard workers," said Dunn.

Born and raised in Kabul, Afghanistan, Maj. Maria Eoff has returned to her native country, but not in the way she expected. War chased her family out, and a new war brought her back.

As a child Eoff lived a very westernized lifestyle. She grew up in a large five-bed-



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*President Karzi (upper right) meets with Lt. Gen. Dan McNeill, commander, Combined Joint Task Force-180, Col. Malinda Dunn, Staff Judge Advocate, CJTF-180 and Maj. Maria Eoff, secretary to joint and combined staff, CJTF-180 during a recent Presidential Palace visit. Karzi graciously expressed his thanks for their dedication to the rebuilding of Afghanistan.*

room house with her parents who both served with the U.S. State Department; her father is now a retired security officer and mother, a retired family practitioner. "My childhood was happy and simplistic; the outdoors was a large part of my playtime. As children, we created fun through the use of imagination," said Eoff.

Eoff recalls rushing home from school to complete homework so she could go play bingo with other neighbors and friends every Thursday night.

"The Christian children of Kabul were ushered throughout the city to pre-designated homes on school buses to conduct their trick or treating and caroling. The circle of friends we formed was not limited to American children whose parents were assigned to the diplomatic corps, United Nations, or the (United States Agency for International Development). Our community was internationally based. The only difference between my childhood and my children's childhood is the abundance of technology and electronics incorporated in their playtime," said Eoff.

When the Russians invaded Afghanistan, Eoff's parents stayed behind to close the American Embassy and Eoff was sent to live with her grandparents in the Philippines, where she lived for two years, completing seventh and eighth grade. Her parents retired, and they all moved to San Francisco. Eoff completed high school and, immediately following graduation, entered the University of California, Berkeley where she studied political science.

Eoff has dedicated 13 years to her military career.

"Part of the reason I joined the United States Army was to belong to a nation I can call my own. I find it hard trying to find the bridge between being an American with freedom and power, and coming back to a country I grew up in where women have no power or control," said Eoff.

Eoff said she felt strong emotions when she entered Afghanistan to do her part in support of OEF.

"When I landed at Bagram Air Base, I was overwhelmed with emotion. Once I stepped outside the wire, I knew I could help make a difference. I felt the connection to my native country when I touched ground."

Eoff has two children: Ariana and Bryan. Ariana, her daughter, is named after Afghanistan — Ariana is the ancient name of Afghanistan. Eoff is married to an American soldier who was also deployed to Bagram Air Base in support of OEF. While he was here, Eoff was able to visit Kabul with her spouse.

Dunn and Eoff both lived in Shar-i-nau, Kabul, Afghanistan and attended the American International School of Kabul. Even with the striking similarities in their lives, neither of these women had met before this war. Both women keep in touch with friends who have moved from Afghanistan and migrated to the States, some during the Russian invasion, and some as recently as the beginning of the War on Terror.

Both women said that they still keep the country of Afghanistan in their heart, and will continue to assist in the growth and education of the country they once lived in.

"I would love nothing more than to bring my two daughters here so they can experience the culture of a country I love and (that I) often talk about to them," said Dunn.

Eoff said "I nearly gave up my commission to come back to Kabul after 9-11. I will return with my children so that they can fully understand how Afghanistan has been such an influence in my life and in our family's life. I want my daughter to know the source of her name and for our children to never forget this country. I know that the American presence here is making a difference and I'm proud to be a part of it."

# FREEDOM'S VOICES

## A new respect for Memorial Day

### Just my Opinion

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It's time to state the obvious: Being deployed gives you a new respect for Memorial Day, a new appreciation.

Many of us are closer to the conflict than we've been before. And we've either witnessed or been next to the tragedies that causes Memorial Day to exist.

According to [www.usmemorialday.org](http://www.usmemorialday.org), the exact origins of Memorial Day, or officially Decoration Day, are disputed. However, "Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by Gen. John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery," the site states.

Also on the informative Web link, there are a list of ways to observe Memorial Day. The site lists the following as appropriate ways to observe the holiday:

By visiting cemeteries and placing flags or flowers on the graves of our fallen heroes.

- By visiting memorials.
- By flying the U.S. Flag at half-staff until noon.
- By flying the POW/MIA Flag.

- By participating in a "National Moment of Remembrance:" at 3 p.m. to pause and think upon the true meaning of the day, and for Taps to be played.

- By renewing a pledge to aid the widows, widowers, and orphans of our fallen dead, and to aid the disabled veterans.

It's the last statement that made me stop and think. Renewing a pledge ... my God I wish I had a pledge to renew. How many widows, widowers, orphans of our fallen dead and disabled veterans have I even known?

I think it's sad that I can't even come up with a number in my mind. That as a member of the armed forces, I haven't a clue as to how many people in my life have been effected in one way or another by their family member's or their own service.

While I fly the flag on Memorial Day, and take pride in my patriotism, I am ashamed to admit that there are so many things I could be doing and haven't done.

I hope that in future Memorial Days to come, I will be renewing a pledge, because as of this one, I am starting. That those widows and veterans in my life will know they have someone in which they can rely. My service has meant a lot to my family and I. I hope that my pledge will come to mean the same.

I call upon my fellow soldiers to do the same. We owe it to our fallen to not only hold them in memory, but remember that some left families behind. We take care of our own. Always.

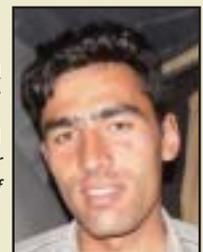
## STREET TALK

What's the best part about being deployed to Masar-e Sharif?



"Being in such a close knit group of people. We all work very well together."

**Spc. Nathan Dicks**  
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Bismark, N.D.



"The Americans. Plain and Simple."

**Dr. Suhrab Wasiq**  
Afghan Interpreter  
Masar-e Sharif



"Seeing the end product is the best part about being here. I can see how we are helping the people at the hospital."

**Spc. Derek Johnson**  
375<sup>th</sup> Qm. Co.  
Belton, Mo.



"It has to be the scenery ... the mountains are beautiful and the Afghans are easy to get along with here at Mes."

**Pfc. Jack Nevers**  
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# 2 Panthers hold morale-boosting 10k

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**BAGRAM**, Afghanistan – The first 2 Panther 10K was held Friday at the Infantry Barracks.

The event was open to all U.S. and coalition servicemembers and had over 650 participants. The participants included servicemembers from the U.S., and coalition forces.

“I’ve wanted to plan a race for a year to a year and a half. I was planning one at Fort Bragg, but then I found out I was deploying. It worked out well here,” said Chaplain (Capt.) Tony Petros, event coordinator. “I thought it was a really good turn-out. I only expected four to five hundred, so it was better than I expected.”

The planning process took approximately three months, and according to Petros the main reason it took so long was waiting for the t-shirts to be shipped here.

“The t-shirts were huge. It’s incredible how much people look forward to getting a t-shirt,” said Petros.

This was Petros’ first time organizing a run so he looked to other sources for ideas.

Petros visited Kandahar during their race to help plan his own. According to Petros, their time sheets helped his race. In Kandahar, they also had a fly-by so Petros thought to have one here, but the race started late so the Apache flew over after the race had begun. Although the fly-by was late, Petros still appreciated it.

“Ninety-five percent of the people wouldn’t expect it. I appreciate Task Force Tiger for taking the time and doing that for us,” he said.

The run was originally only going to be for the members of 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 505<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment, or 2 Panthers, Fort Bragg, N.C., but according to Petros, Morale, Welfare and Recreation became interested so it was offered to all units and forces.

MWR provided the prizes for the age brackets and the overall prizes were provided by Outback and Coors Light. The top three overall winners received a \$45 gift certificate



*Servicemembers and coalition forces begin the race. "I think it helps the soldiers' morale," said Chaplain (Capt.) Tony Petros, event coordinator. "It gave them something to look forward to."*

from Outback and a Coors Light t-shirt. The first place winner of each age bracket received a CD player, second place received a 100 minute phone card and third place received a mini-Maglite. All winners also received a certificate.

“I think it helped the soldiers’ morale. They saw something they could look forward to,” said Petros. “It is an individual event, but it helps encourage everyone. It’s something out of the routine.”

Petros’ original idea was a 10-mile race, but was concerned about turnout so he organized the run as a 10K.

“I thought about making it a 10-miler, but I was afraid of people not showing up. I’ve seen that at (Fort) Bragg. Anyone who (runs for physical training) at least three days a week can complete a 10K with a good time,” he said.

The race had a few problems which Petros plans to work to correct if he organizes another.

If he does this again Petros plans not to participate so he can help tabulate the contestants. He would also like to get more race numbers because he only had 300 and had to get more from another source. He would also like to have a race clock.

According to Petros, 60 percent of the



*A coalition member wins the race. There were problems with the calculations. Winners will be announced Monday.*

race numbers were passed out in days before the race, which made registration go smoothly.

“I look forward to doing this again,” said Petros. “The event went well. It was a lot of fun. It was just something to break up the routine and have some competition. It’s pretty neat to say ‘I ran a 10K in Bagram, Afghanistan.’”

There was a problem with the tabulation of the results. Winners will be announced on Monday.

## 'Cookhee' brings roadhouse to MES

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**MASAR-E SHARIF**, Afghanistan — In many ways the daily life of a forward deployed Operation Enduring Freedom mess sergeant is similar to the cooks of the American Old West. Dusty dirt roads, a blazing hot sun, gun wielding forces all around, and hungry “keepers of the peace.”

“My ‘roadhouse’ serves the best variety of food anywhere in the Afghanistan,” said Staff Sgt. Tony Taylor, first cook, Forward Logistics Element, Joint Logistics Command. “I pride myself on making the best food for my troops. They work harder than any soldiers in this region every day, all day. I provide them a good meal for breakfast and dinner no matter what.”

Taylor is an Army National Guardsman from Brandon, Miss. serving in the 113<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company. His company is attached to Logistical Task Force-46, Camp Stronghold Freedom, Uzbekistan. He is forward deployed to Masar-e Sharif, Afghanistan.

Taylor is married with two children and one grandchild.

“In the tradition of Old West roadhouses where wagon trains would stop during their migration, I like to be called ‘Cookhee’, just like Old West cooks,” said Taylor.

Cookhee gets up at 0030Z and immediately starts water boiling for later use. The boiled water is cooled and used for hand sanitation and cleaning dishes. He then starts to cook the day’s breakfast. A menu is created to give soldiers something to look forward to and adds variety to the meals, said Cookhee.

The bacon and ham for breakfast is pulled from a refrigerated conex the night before giving the food time to thaw.

“After cooking breakfast I sit back and watch the soldiers eat. The best is when they don’t talk, but tear into their food,” said Cookhee.

“Cookhee makes a good meal. He can take any unit group ration and make it into a real meal,” said Spc. Eric McDougle, 373<sup>rd</sup> Corps Support Battalion, Beaumont, Texas.

Afterwards food supplies are inventoried and food is moved to and from the conexes and the cooking area. Lunch for the troops is meals ready-to eat or leftovers.

“The best thing about Cookhee is the great leftovers he leaves for lunch. No more monotonous MREs,” said Spc. Nathan Dicks, 945<sup>th</sup> Engineer Detachment, Bismarck, N.D.

Dinner is started 1030Z and takes two hours of preparation to feed the 20 soldiers.

Cookhee has made a wide variety of foods to include homemade barbecue sauce, a 20-pound roast, grilled and barbecued steaks, veal, fried shrimp, stuffing, turkey and ham, an Easter holiday meal and hamburgers.

“I have been in the National Guard for 16

years. I have been deployed to the deserts of Saudi Arabia for Operation Desert Storm and Afghanistan for Operation Enduring Freedom,” said Cookhee. “The conditions here are much better here in Afghanistan than in Desert Storm,” he said. “Since the living conditions are better, I make sure the food is better.”

When not wearing the Army combat uniform Cookhee is a full-time Department of Transportation law enforcement officer for the state of Mississippi.

“My favorite part is seeing the enjoyment in the soldiers’ eyes when they eat their meals. It nourishes their bodies so they can continue their hard and diligent work.

“The worst thing for me is when someone doesn’t enjoy the meal and finds a problem with it,” said Cookhee. “But, if they bring a problem to me I can work to make it better, that way everyone is satisfied.”



Photo by Pfc. Christina Carde

### Haggling for the deal...

*An Afghan vendor and servicemember haggle over the price of a jade necklace at the bazaar Friday. The Bagram Bazaar is a main attraction for servicemembers in theater, and offers more for troops to explore with the addition of 11 to 14 new vendors and vending stands. Shopping hours are from 0530Z to 1030Z.*

# Music Notes (Compiled from MTV.com)



## Justin promises spectacle, special guests on Christina tour



Justin Timberlake performs at London's Wembley Arena this week

It's not entirely official, but it looks like Justin Timberlake's contribution to this summer's soundtrack will be *Justified*'s steamy opening track, "Senorita."

"When I heard [the music] I felt this groovy summer thing," the singer said Tuesday (May 20), beatboxing the Neptunes beat. So for the lyrics Timberlake crafted a summer tale, creating the subject in his head rather than basing it on his own life, like he did with "Cry Me a River."

## Idol chatter: Ruben, Clay, others discuss post-show plans

UNIVERSAL CITY, Calif. — It's a good thing Ruben Studdard is so humble, because the latest "American Idol" winner wouldn't have time to celebrate if he wanted to. After a few days of publicity appearances, the 24-year-old Birmingham, Ala., singer will hit the studio to work on his album, due in Septem-

ber. Clive Davis, who has overseen the careers of Alicia Keys and Whitney Houston, is executive-producing the project and will release it on his own J Records through "American Idol" creator Simon Fuller's 19 Recordings Limited.

Studdard has already recorded his first single, "Flying Without Wings," with producer Kenneth "Babyface" Edmonds. The song, originally recorded by British boy band Westlife in 1999, is due June 3.

"It was cool recording with Babyface," Studdard said after the finale Wednesday. "He's, like, the man, so I was in shock when I met him. He's really cool."



## Avril and Fred Durst make beautiful music together

Norah Jones — Fred Durst seems to be jonesing to perform with today's top-charting female pop stars.

His latest conquest? Ms. Avril Lavigne.

Durst and Lavigne chatted and became friends backstage at the "mtvICON: Metallica" taping and on Thursday Avril invited the Limp Bizkit frontman to sing onstage with her during "Complicated."

Durst sported an "I (heart) Avril" shirt, and after he sang, Avril climbed on Fred's

back for the rest of the song, a spokesperson at Lavigne's label said.

They were joined by Gob singer/guitarist Theo Goutzinakis and two members of the audience.



## Weiland's arrest follows tumultuous addiction spiral, friends say

Scott Weiland's arrest on drug charges Sunday came as no surprise to those who know the singer. Instead it was the latest sad movement in the symphony of misery and addiction that the Stone Temple Pilots frontman has lived for most of the past decade.

"I was a junkie for 31 years, but I was never crazy enough to do the things he does and the amounts [of drugs] he does," said Buddy Arnold, co-founder of the Musicians' Assistance Program, which helps provide treatment for musicians addicted to drugs and alcohol.

Arnold, who has worked closely with Weiland in the past, said he's disturbed by the singer's recent backslide and that he fears for Weiland's life. He said MAP helped place Weiland in a rehab facility within the past two weeks but that Weiland left early after failing a drug test.

## Memorial Weekend events:

### Sunday

- \* Memorial Day Run/Walk/March. Four Corners, walkers and marchers start at 0030Z, runners at 0115Z.
- \* Coalition Memorial Chapel Service. 0500Z at the Enduring Faith Chapel.

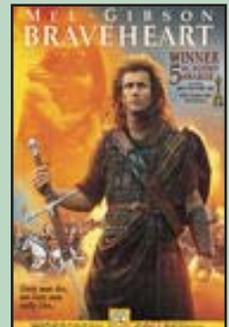
### Monday

- \* Gospel Fest. 0230-0430Z at the Hospital Picnic Area.
- \* Joint Operations Center Memorial Day ceremony. 1230Z at the JOC. Attendees should be present no later than 1200Z.

## Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the Dragon Palace: Hearts Tournament.

Tomorrow's movie will be "Braveheart." William Wallace, a commoner, unites the 13<sup>th</sup> Century Scots in their battle to overthrow English rule.



# Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from ESPN.com)



Roger Clemens and Cy Young share the Red Sox's record for wins.

## Clemens OK, Jeter dinged, Williams on DL

**NEW YORK** — Roger Clemens walked out of the Yankees' clubhouse Friday night and was immediately intercepted by a familiar face.

"Fat boy," Carlos Delgado called to his old Blue Jays teammate.

They hugged, and Clemens took the Toronto slugger's bat and got into a stance. The Rocket was playful, and for good reason — his bruised right hand is OK, and he is still on target to try for his 300<sup>th</sup> career win Monday against Boston.

"It's fine, I threw all my pitches," Clemens said after a bullpen session at Yankee Stadium. "It went well."

The same couldn't be said for the rest of the New Yorkers.

Bernie Williams was put on the 15-day disabled list because of a bad knee and Derek Jeter was a late scratch for Friday night's game because of mild stiffness in his left hamstring.

Jeter's problem didn't appear serious. Manager Joe Torre just did not want to take any chances with his shortstop on a field made slick by an all-day rain.

Williams, however, probably will need surgery that would sideline him for four-to-six weeks. He has torn cartilage in his left knee. As the center fielder walked through the locker room, someone asked how he was feeling. "Not too good," he said. The Yankees recalled outfielder Juan Rivera from Triple-A Columbus to take the roster spot, and he was put into the starting lineup, playing left against Toronto. Rivera hit .265 with one home run and six RBI in 83 at-bats for the Yankees as a rookie last season. The team liked him enough that he started in the first round of the AL playoffs, going 3-for-12 with three RBIs in four games against Anaheim.

"I gained a lot of confidence last year. It's not like this is my first day and I was nervous," he said through a translator.

Rivera was the victim of an overcrowded outfield this spring, with Hideki Matsui playing left field, and Rivera was sent to the minors. He began the season with a 19-game hitting streak at Columbus, and was batting .327 with two homers and 17 RBI in 41 games for the Clippers.

"He was a big league player when we sent him out," Torre said.

Rivera said he didn't let the demotion demoralize him, and welcomed the chance to play every day in Williams' absence. He played down the notion that the upcoming month was a chance for New York to showcase him for other clubs.

"When you let yourself get frustrated, you're just hurting yourself," Rivera said. "I don't think about getting traded. I think about playing for the Yankees. But I realize there are 30 teams, and you don't know where you'll end up."

With Rivera in left field, Matsui will move to center. Torre wasn't worried, saying that was Matsui's main position in Japan.

Catcher Jorge Posada was back in the lineup. He limped out of Thursday night's game after being hit by a pitch in the right knee and being plunked again in the right foot.

## Red Sox won't rule out DL for Martinez

**BOSTON** — Pedro Martinez probably will miss his second start in a week against the New York Yankees because of an inflamed tendon in his right side.

Martinez will miss his regular turn in Boston's rotation in Monday night's opener of the three-game series in New York, Red Sox team physician Bill Morgan said Friday.

"I think Wednesday is relatively optimistic, but not out of the question," Morgan said. "He's ahead of schedule."

Martinez is in minor pain, but going on the disabled list is a possibility.

"I don't think you can rule it out," Morgan said. "A lot's going to be dependent upon how his symptoms are when he starts throwing."

Martinez plans to throw lightly on flat ground before Saturday's game against Cleveland for the first time since the injury occurred.

He was scratched from his scheduled start last Tuesday night in Boston against the Yankees after feeling pain the previous day while playing catch in the outfield.

An MRI showed the inflammation, an indication of a strain in the latissimus dorsi, a muscle that runs from the back and around the side, just under the armpit, Morgan said.

"Pedro is about 60 percent improved from how he felt on his last examination," Morgan said. "He still has some tenderness."

"I don't think (Monday) is a possibility," he said. "If everything goes well, maybe mid- to late-week next week. I think that would be the most optimistic."

Morgan thinks the injury, unusual for a pitcher, may have occurred on one throw rather than resulting from wear and tear. He

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also said there was no precedent to indicate the injury was likely to recur after Martinez heals.

“He’s improving every day,” Morgan said, “I think the most telling will be (Saturday) when he throws on the side.”

Martinez, a three-time Cy Young award winner, is 4-2 with a 2.83 ERA.

The Red Sox have been careful with Martinez. He was 20-4 with an AL-best 2.26 ERA last season, the first time in four years he did not spend time on the disabled list.

Morgan said Saturday’s activity will be “nothing too extensive, just want to make sure that just the throwing motion isn’t too uncomfortable for him.”

The injury is in a different area than a back problem that forced Martinez out of the first game of the AL Division Series against Cleveland in 1999. He returned to pitch six hitless relief innings as Boston won the series in the fifth game.

**Sosa eligible to come off DL Sunday, but likely won’t**

Cubs slugger Sammy Sosa is eligible to come off the disabled list Sunday, but if you listen to manager Dusty Baker, his return to the lineup likely will not occur anytime soon.

“Sunday? Shoot,” Baker told *The Chicago Sun-Times* on Tuesday after the Cubs’ game against Pittsburgh was postponed by rain. “This Sunday? Unless he’s going to play barefoot. To my knowledge, he hasn’t even been able to put his shoe on yet.”

Sosa has been on the DL since having his right big toenail removed on May 10. Baker said he does not know when Sosa will be able to return.

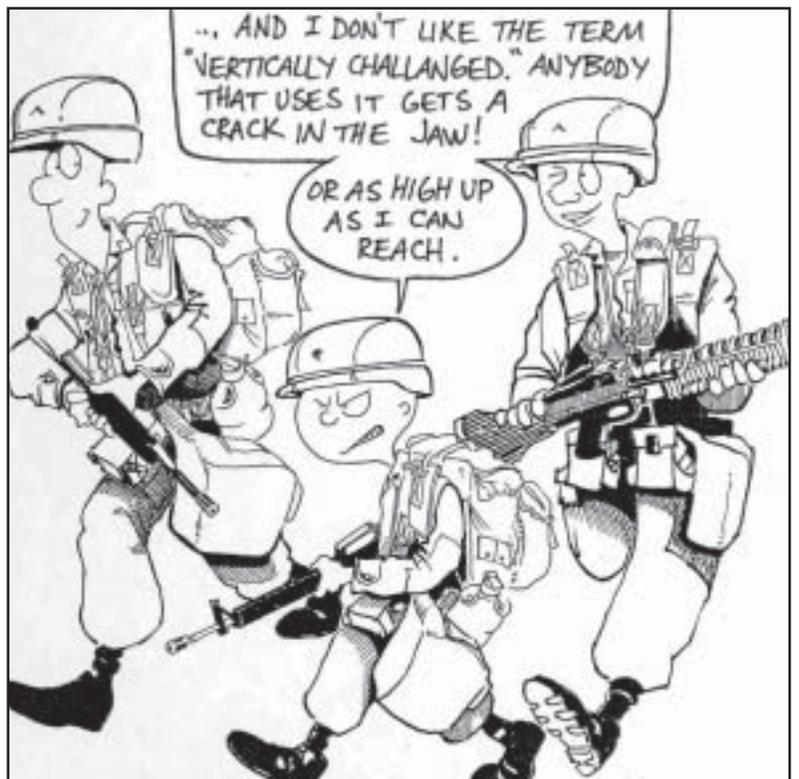
“I don’t know how long (he will be out),” Baker told the newspaper. “Only God knows how long he’s away because only God can heal him. And that ain’t no joke. Usually they give us a window, but it needs Windex on it,” Baker said, referring to a doctor’s time frame for Sosa’s return. “That window’s not looking very clear. Right now, it’s a brick wall.”

When he went on the disabled list, Sosa’s big toe on his right foot was nearly twice the size of the one on his left foot. Sosa had been plagued by chronic irritation of the toenail for the last month and it did not respond to treatment. Baker told the newspaper that time will determine if Sosa will need a rehab assignment in the minors. Baker admitted the absence of Sosa could affect whether the Cubs win the division title. The Cubs won their first five games without Sosa, but have struggled since then.

**Solution from Friday’s Upward Crossword in the *Freedom Watch***

(Courtesy of QUIZLAND.com)

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By Mark Baker

***Pvt. Murphy’s Law***

### Kandahar chapel hours

**Sunday**

- ❖ 0500Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 0630Z — Protestant worship
- ❖ 0830Z — Latter-Day Saints worship
- ❖ 1130Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel service

**Monday**

- ❖ 1130Z — Rosary and prayers
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel choir practice

**Tuesday**

- ❖ 1130Z — Orthodox/Catholic Bible study
- ❖ 1430Z — Protestant Bible study

**Wednesday**

- ❖ 1130Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Protestant mid-week service

**Thursday**

- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel Bible study

**Friday**

- ❖ 0830Z — Islamic Jumaa'h prayer
- ❖ 1130Z — Orthodox Christian hymn service
- ❖ 1430Z — Jewish prayer

**Saturday**

- ❖ 0530Z — Seventh-Day Adventist worship
- ❖ 1130Z — Orthodox Christian Divine Liturgy
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel Choir practice

### Bagram chapel hours

**Sunday**

- ❖ 0500Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 0630Z — Protestant worship
- ❖ 0830Z — Latter-Day Saints worship
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel service

**Monday**

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- ❖ 1430Z — Protestant Bible study

**Wednesday**

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

**Thursday**

- ❖ 0700Z — Rosary and prayers
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel Bible study

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**Saturday**

- ❖ 0530Z — Seventh-Day Adventist worship
- ❖ 1130Z — Orthodox Christian Divine Liturgy
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel Choir practice
- ❖ 1500Z — Rosary and prayers

### K2 chapel hours

**Sunday**

- ❖ 0300Z- Liturgical Service
- ❖ 0400,0730,1130Z-General Protestant Service
- ❖ 0530Z-Roman Catholic Mass
- ❖ 1230Z-Latter Day Saints

**Monday**

- ❖ 0230Z-Devotions and Prayer
- ❖ 1230Z-Catholic Mass

**Tuesday**

- ❖ 1230Z-Catholic Mass
- ❖ 1400Z-Biblestudy

**Wednesday**

- ❖ 0230Z-Devotions and Prayer
- ❖ 1230Z-Catholic Mass
- ❖ 1400Z-Midweek Praise Service

**Thursday**

- ❖ 1230Z-Catholic Mass

**Friday**

- ❖ 1400Z-Jewish Service
- ❖ 0230Z-Devotions and Prayer

- ❖ 1230Z-Catholic Mass

- ❖ 1400Z-Biblestudy

**Saturday**

- ❖ 0400Z-Jewish Service
- ❖ 1230Z-Catholic Mass

### CJCMOTF chapel hours

**Sunday**

- ❖ 1100Z — Christina service
- ❖ 1430Z — U.S. Embassy service

- ❖ 1900Z — Christina service

**Wednesday**

- ❖ 1900Z — Bible study

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays**

- ❖ 1900Z — Roman Catholic mass



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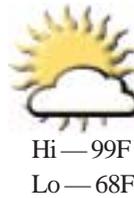
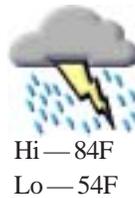
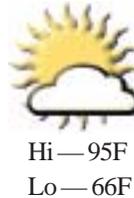
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### KMTC chapel hours

**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.