

## College education en route to Bagram troops

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**BAGRAM**, Afghanistan – In the midst of deployment and combat, formal college education options are rarely the top priority, but with units being extended and troops leaving school to serve their country, Bagram personnel are planning to make the difficulties of deployment a little easier with a new education center.

Construction is underway near the Post Exchange and is expected to be completed in mid January. A grand opening date has not yet been determined.

“The idea was initiated by the previous Base Operations command sergeant major,” said Maj. Pamela McGaha, Task Force Liberty executive officer, Combined Joint Task Force-180. “He saw a need for (troops) to continue their education while being deployed so he initiated the request to have site surveys done for the education center.”

At the same time that site surveys were being done throughout Afghani-



*Two local national contract workers work together Wednesday to get the construction of the new education center completed as quickly as possible.*

stan, they were being conducted in Iraq locations as well, she said.

“It’s really meant to be a quality of life (option),” said McGaha. “I think it’s a great thing for troops; it means they don’t have to miss out on their education while they’re deployed.”

The program will be modeled after the education centers they have in Bosnia and Kosovo with classrooms, computer labs and teachers from various colleges and universities offering a variety of

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## KBR keeps Bagram from being watered-down

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**BAGRAM**, Afghanistan – In every successful operation there is a support element behind the scene working to ensure that every entity has what it needs to accomplish the mission. For Bagram Air Base one of those support elements is Kellogg Brown and Root and one of its many entities is Bagram’s water supply.

Kellogg Brown and Root is responsible for producing the more than 250,000 gallons of water that the coalition troops

here use daily.

Whether it’s the non-potable water used in latrines, shower stalls and portable hand washing dispensers or the potable water use in the hospitals, dining facilities and water buffalos, Kellogg Brown and Root is Bagram’s one stop shop water source.

“We are in charge of [ensuring] that Bagram has enough water for consumption and that the water [personnel] consume is usable,” said Jason Douglass, Kellogg Brown and Root water supervisor.

Using two well sources located at the north and south

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# World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



One of the Malvo sketches entered into evidence by the defense.

## Malvo defense enters sketches

CHESAPEAKE, Va. – Defense attorneys entered several dozen jailhouse sketches by accused sniper Lee Boyd Malvo into his trial Thursday, saying they are evidence of his indoctrination by John Allen Muhammad.

Some of the sketches, posted on the Fairfax County Circuit Court Web site as a defense exhibit, depict police in rifle cross hairs and others containing references to a holy war.

In one of the drawings, Malvo wrote, "Wanted, Horan Dead," a reference to the Virginia state prosecutor in the case, Robert Horan Jr.

In another development Thursday, Judge Jane Marum Roush imposed a gag order preventing attorneys from discussing the case with the media.

Defense attorney Craig Cooley said in his opening statement that the drawings demonstrate Malvo "continued to self-destruct once he got put in jail. ... They're drawn for the purpose of self-destruction."

Malvo's attorneys contend that Malvo, now 18, was turned into a child soldier by Muhammad, 42, who has been sentenced to death for his role in the series of shootings last autumn in Washington, D.C., and outlying areas of Virginia and Maryland.

Malvo is charged with the October 14, 2002, killing of FBI analyst Linda Franklin outside a Fairfax, Virginia, store. He pleaded not guilty to capital murder and terrorism charges.



Allan Sjodin, Dru Sjodin's father, looks on as Alfonso Rodriguez Jr. takes his seat in court Thursday.

## Bail for accused Kidnapper Rodriguez Jr. set at \$5 million

GRAND FORKS, N.D. – Convicted rapist Alfonso Rodriguez Jr. was ordered held on \$5 million bail Thursday while he awaits trial on a charge of kidnapping North Dakota college student Dru Sjodin.

Sjodin, 22, a University of North Dakota student, vanished November 22 after leaving her job at Victoria's Secret at a Grand Forks mall.

Assistant District Attorney Rick Brown said the high bond figure was based on the "nightmarish type of offense" Rodriguez is accused of, the evidence against him, his criminal history as a convicted rapist, and the safety of both the community and Rodriguez himself.

"I can tell the court that this case was charged out with confidence that the state does have a substantial likelihood of conviction, should this go to trial," Brown said.

Rodriguez's attorney David Dusek said Rodriguez "has agreed for his safety he should remain in custody at this time."

Rodriguez, 50, is in his own, separate jail cell, not with the other inmates, Dusek said.

A preliminary hearing in his case is scheduled for February 4, 2004.

Rodriguez is listed as a Category 3 sex offender in Minnesota, considered the most likely to repeat violent crimes. He was released from prison May 1 after completing a 23-year sentence for raping two women and attempting to rape a third. He was not monitored after his release.

## Powell presses NATO on Iraq, says alliance is doing more

BRUSSELS, Belgium – U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell says the NATO alliance is discussing doing more to share the United States' military burden in Iraq.

Powell said after meeting NATO foreign ministers in Brussels: "What strikes me today is that as we discussed about the possibility of NATO taking an enhanced role in Iraq, not a single member spoke against it or talked about reasons not to do it."

Even France and Germany, which opposed the Iraq war, had not opposed greater NATO involvement, he said.

"There may come at time when another U.N. resolution might be appropriate but we see no need for one now," Powell told a news conference.

The military alliance already provides low-key support in the country.

Thursday's request is the first time since the U.S.-led war that Washington has pressed the 19-nation alliance for help in Iraq.

Eighteen of the 26 current and future members of NATO already have a military presence in Iraq, providing behind-the-scenes support to a 23-nation division of troops led by Poland.

## Jones was trying to surrender, according to family's lawyer

CINCINNATI – The attorney for Nathaniel Jones' family said he believes the man would have died whether or not he had drugs in his system because of the prone position in which police placed him.

Jones' death after a violent struggle with police that was captured on videotape has sparked racial tensions in the Ohio city.

"I think with the enlarged heart and the ability not to breathe ... the pressure that's put on him at 350 pounds when he was laid down on his stomach, I think the lack of oxygen still would have probably generated a heart attack," attorney Kenneth Lawson told CNN's Paula Zahn on Wednesday night.

Lawson also said he partly blamed the police officers and paramedics for Jones' death because he believes Jones was trying to surrender when police made him lie down.

## Air Force-Navy combine forces to develop joint radio system

Story by Gerry J. Gilmore  
American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON**— The Air Force and Navy have agreed to merge their two formerly separate programs for the acquisition of improved radio systems.

The decision to combine forces in developing the Joint Tactical Radio System – a single family of radios designed to replace incompatible units in use across the services — was made in early November, according to Air Force spokeswoman Maj. Cheryl Law.

Senior DoD leaders have hailed the initiative as a victory for jointness or interoperability among the separate armed services. Increasing jointness across the armed forces is a key tenet of Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld’s transformation goals.

Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition Dr. Marvin Sambur noted in a DoD news release that combining Air Force and Navy efforts in the JTRS realm “will yield large dividends for the Navy, the Air Force and DoD in general.”

Such collaboration, Sambur continued, “will ensure that a truly joint radio system is efficiently developed for our aerospace and maritime forces.”

Working with the Air Force in developing JTRS “can assure interoperability, reduce development costs and lower acquisition costs,” John J. Young Jr., the assistant Secretary of the Navy for research, development and acquisition, noted in the release.

And, the Navy official added, “We can be certain that our war fighters will be able to easily communicate in the joint war fighting environment that Secretary Rumsfeld is creating.”

The joint Air Force-Navy initiative is expected to produce more than 17,000 units, Law noted.

She said initial deliveries of the new radios under the Air Force-Navy program are expected to occur in late 2008.

## Bagram Air Base MWR presents

### “Bringing Down the House”

1530Z at the MWR Building:

When a lonely guy meets a woman on the Internet who happens to be in prison, she breaks out to be with him, and proceeds to wreak havoc on his middle-class life.



**Tomorrow’s event:**  
Bingo/Dance Party

## Local weather

### TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER FORECAST:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<b>Bagram:</b>	<i>Partly Cloudy</i> H: 48F L: 27F	<i>Mostly Cloudy</i> H: 45F L: 26F
<b>Kandahar:</b>	<i>Mostly Cloudy</i> H: 57F L: 36F	<i>Rain</i> H: 63F L: 36F
<b>Kabul:</b>	<i>Haze</i> H: 45F L: 23F	<i>Mostly Cloudy</i> H: 43F L: 21F
<b>Uzbekistan:</b>	<i>Mostly Cloudy</i> H: 33F L: 19F	<i>Rain</i> H: 35F L: 19F

*Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team*

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degree options to choose from.

“At this point, there’ve been five universities that have requested to submit cost proposals to teach classes,” said McGaha.

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, University of Phoenix, University of Maryland University College, University of Oklahoma, and Central Texas College are the first to submit their requests.

Bagram is not alone in its quest for a higher education opportunity for troops.

“The program would also cover a center at Kandahar, Karshi Khanabad and in the Kabul area, so there will be education centers at all four of the major bases,” she said.

The types of degrees offered will depend on the schools chosen for the centers, but hopes are that it will cover a large spectrum of degree types and it is believed that some may be able to offer graduate studies as well, said McGaha.

Not only will the new education center bring opportunity to college bound troops, but troops with teaching experience may have the chance to become an educator at the centers.

“The universities that would be providing the services, would provide a handful of permanent instructors at each of those four facilities,” said McGaha, “but then a large group of the teaching staff would actually come from soldiers in Afghanistan who have master’s degrees or have some type of specific area

of expertise.”

“I think it provides more opportunities to troops here,” said Capt. Gregory Johnson, CJ-1 Plans Officer, CJTF-180 about the education program. “There are a lot of benefits that go with being a soldier in a deployed area and this is just adds to those benefits.”

The plans for the new centers are part of the Army Continuing Education Center, said McGaha, and should help troops keep on track with their civilian education while away serving in the military sector.

“There’s been a lot of (troops) that want that education piece and this just extends that opportunity to this location,” said Johnson. “I’m just glad that we’re going to be able to offer that to (troops).”

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ends of Bagram, Kellogg Brown and Root is able to produce a combined effort of more than 8,000 gallons of water an hour.

“The north well is used to generate the potable water because that is where our filtration system is located,” said Douglass. “And the south end generates the non-potable water, in which we treat the water (that is collected straight from the well) with chlorine and store it.”

Though both well sources offer good water quality, the north well’s system is designed to ensure that if any contaminates ever got into the wells Bagram would be safeguarded by the Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) system.

“We run tests on the water every hour to make sure [Bagram has quality water],” said Darryl Patrick, water production foreman at the north well. “(Through tests) we determined that the water coming out of the wells is already potable, but we have the GAC system to (ensure) that the water [Bagram] consumes is safe. The GAC is a very trustworthy and good system to have in place.”

The GAC system operates by receiving water from the wells at the rate of 168 gallons per minute, which flows into the system’s raw water pump. The raw water pump collects the water at the rate of 100 gallons per minute and channels it to the media filter that contains beds of sand, rock and gravel that remove suspended solids from the water. After leaving the media filter, water is funneled to the GAC filter that contains active carbons that remove taste, odor, smell and dissolve organics from the water.

From the GAC filter water is carried to a cartridge filter that eliminates any remaining particles in the water, and then is directed to a chlorine injector that chlorinates for consump-

tion, afterward sending the water to bags for storage.

Though the GAC system is only located at the north well, facilities to house the three reserve GAC systems are under construction.

“Our goal is to have all of Bagram using potable water,” said Douglass. “Once the systems are in place everything will improve, [personnel] will be able to do everything they do back home right here. They’ll be able to drink water right out of the faucet.”

Patrick noted that Bagram has 11 (six at the north well and five at the south well) water bags that hold 50,000 gallons of water each ensuring that Bagram never runs out of one of life’s most essential needs.

“We produce water for 10 to 12 hours a day depending on the level of supply in the [water bags],” said Douglass. “We are capable of storing up to three days supply of water in the [bags].”

Though producing the safeguarded water is a lengthy process, it isn’t beneficial if it doesn’t get to personnel when they need it. To ensure that Bagram is never in a dry state, Kellogg Brown and Root has three trucks that deliver water around the clock.

“We have three non-potable water trucks and two potable water trucks that constantly take water to the different locations on Bagram,” said Douglass.

Though coalition troops on Bagram may be ambivalent to the process that it takes to ensure that they have clean, safe and quality water available, Kellogg Brown and Root knows that ambivalence can only mean two things – water is there when they need it and it looks like it should.

“We know we are doing our job when [coalition troops] are getting what they need,” said Douglass. “Water that they are used to having.”



# Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from *SI.com*)

## Yankees acquire Vazquez from Expos

**NEWYORK**—The New York Yankees didn't take long to respond to Boston's latest challenge.

Less than a week after the Red Sox upgraded their pitching staff, the Yankees added another ace to their collection, acquiring hard-throwing Javier Vazquez from the Montreal Expos on Thursday for first baseman Nick Johnson, outfielder Juan Rivera and left-hander Randy Choate.

Vazquez joins a starting rotation that already includes Mike Mussina, Jose Contreras, Jeff Weaver and possibly Andy Pettitte, a free agent negotiating with the Yankees and Houston.

Jon Lieber, coming off an elbow operation in August 2002, and David Wells, a free agent who had back surgery Tuesday, also are possibilities. The deal is contingent on all the players passing physicals — Vazquez will return from vacation in the U.S. Virgin Islands for his exam.

New York said it wouldn't comment on the deal until after the physicals, citing major league rules.



*Javier Vazquez has been a durable starter, averaging 226 innings per year since 2000.*

## No. 4 team in U.S. region to play No. 5 Asian team in World Cup playoff

**FRANKFURT, Germany**—The team that finishes fourth in the United States' World Cup qualifying region will meet Asia's fifth-place team in a

playoff for a berth in the 2006 tournament.

CONCACAF, the U.S. region, had three teams in the 2002 World Cup, where the Americans narrowly lost to Germany in the quarterfinals.

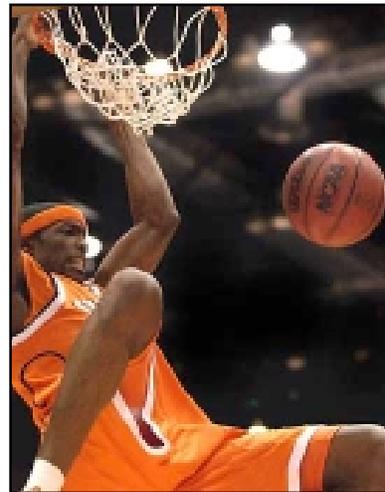
The winner of the Oceania region will play the fifth-place team from South America in the other playoff, the executive committee of FIFA, soccer's governing body, announced Thursday.

The ruling came one day before the draw for qualifying groups for the 2006 World Cup.

The decision represents yet another blow for Oceania — the region has been represented at the World Cup just twice, by Australia in 1974 and New Zealand in 1982.

FIFA also said its executive committee will vote on the site of the 2010 World Cup when it meets May 15 in Zurich, Switzerland, and ruled out co-hosts. South Africa is considered the favorite, and Egypt, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia also are bidding.

## Warrick helps 'Cuse to knock off Bonnies



*Hakim Warrick has been putting on a high-flying show for the Orangemen.*

**ROCHESTER, N.Y.** —

Last April, Jim Boeheim erased the worst memory of his coaching career when his Orangemen beat Kansas for the national championship.

On Wednesday night, he put to rest another painful loss in front of a crowd that still loves to taunt him.

Hakim Warrick scored 27 points and Billy Edelin added 20 to lead No. 16 Syracuse to an 87-78 victory over St. Bonaventure.

The game was played at Blue Cross Arena in Rochester,

where Delmar Harrod's turnaround jumper in the lane with 16 seconds left gave St. Bonaventure a 70-69 victory over Syracuse in the old ECAC playoffs in March 1978, Boeheim's second year as coach of the Orangemen.

"I could never win enough games in here to make up for that game," said Boeheim, who also lost his last high school game in the same building.

Syracuse (2-1), which dropped nine spots in the AP poll after losing its season-opener to Charlotte and only defeating Rhode Island by four points, beat St. Bonaventure (2-2) for the 11th straight time.

The Orangemen, who will play five more games against upstate New York teams before the end of December, also got 19 points from Gerry McNamara, while Josh Pace added 11.

### Sports on local Armed Forces Network TV

#### Saturday's schedule (AFN Sports)

- ❖ NFL Films Presents: Game of the Week (taped) 2100Z, 0130L
- ❖ Kia NBA Shootaround (live) 0030Z, 0500L
- ❖ NBA: Spurs @ Magic (live) 0100Z, 0530L
- ❖ NBA: Timberwolves @ Kings (live) 0330Z, 0800L
- ❖ NHL: Coyotes @ Flyers (taped) 0800Z, 1230L
- ❖ NBA: Timberwolves @ Kings (taped) 1300Z, 1730L
- ❖ College Gameday built by the Home Depot (live) 1530Z, 2000L
- ❖ COLL FB: Notre Dame @ Syracuse (live) 1800Z, 2230L

#### Sunday's schedule (AFN Sports)

- ❖ COLL FB: Oregon State @ USC (live) 2130Z, 0200L
- ❖ COLL FB: Missouri @ Indiana (taped) 0200Z, 0630L
- ❖ COLL FB: Boise State @ Hawaii (live) 0430Z, 0900L
- ❖ Sports News Scores (live) 0730Z, 1200L
- ❖ COLL BB: Stanford @ Kansas (taped) 0800Z, 1230L
- ❖ COLL FB: Boise State @ Hawaii (taped) 1200Z, 1630L
- ❖ Sunday NFL Countdown (live) 1600Z, 2030L
- ❖ NFL: Bengals @ Ravens (live) 1800Z, 2230L

# Afghanistan Hot Topics



(Compiled by CJTF-180 Public Affairs)

## Rumsfeld meets two Afghan warlords

(AP) – Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld met with the two main warlords of northern Afghanistan on Thursday and said he is satisfied that they have begun disarming – if more slowly than some had hoped.

Rumsfeld met with Abdul Rashid Dostum and Atta Mohammed, whose armies remain in conflict, at a dusty compound used by the British army as headquarters for a civil-military reconstruction project where they are working to improve security and calm tensions between rival factions.

He was asked later by a reporter whether the disarmament will be accelerated.

“Each of them has initiated that process,” he said. “It’s underway and that is a very good thing. At what pace it will proceed I guess remains to be seen.

“But we are pleased they have agreed to do so and we’re pleased they initiated it and we’ll be attentive and encouraging as we go along to see it toward completion.”

The British Army has formed a “provincial reconstruction team” designed to accelerate disarmament while enabling humanitarian organizations to work in areas wracked by civil strife.

Rumsfeld arrived here in a U.S. Air Force C-17 cargo plane and was driven to the headquarters of British Col. Dickie Davis, who heads the British provincial reconstruction team.

Rumsfeld was briefed on the work being done and was meeting later with the governor of Balkh province, Habibullah, before sitting down with the two warlords.

During Thursday’s visit, Rumsfeld also was to meet with U.S. troops and then with Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

In addition to the work U.S. and allied combat forces are undertaking to hunt down remnants of the Taliban regime in eastern Afghanistan, there is a growing focus on the reconstruction teams, which use a combination of civilian experts and military security to jump-start reconstruction in various areas outside Kabul.

## Blast hits by U.S. embassy in Afghanistan

**KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)** – Suspected Islamic militants fired a rocket into a field next to the U.S. Embassy here Thursday, Afghan authorities said. The blast occurred less than two hours after Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld left the Afghan capital.

There were no reports of injuries in the 6:15 p.m. explosion about 300 yards from the embassy compound, and 100 yards from the headquarters of international peacekeepers in Kabul.

Rumsfeld had earlier held talks with President Hamid Karzai at his palace elsewhere in the city. The defense secretary left about 4 p.m. to continue his tour of Central Asia.

“We are reviewing our security posture,” a spokesman at the heavily fortified embassy said. He spoke on condition of anonymity

and declined further comment.

The blast underlined the violence plaguing Afghanistan two years after a U.S.-led offensive swept the Taliban regime from power and heightened tension in Kabul ahead of a loya jirga, or grand council, next week to ratify a constitution.

Thursday’s blast echoed around the city, drawing swarms of Afghan police and soldiers to an expanse of newly tilled field next to the U.S. Embassy compound.

## Soldiers help train Afghan infantry

**FORT IRWIN, Calif. (Daily Press)** – Teaching an Afghan soldier how to drive a Russian tank might seem confusing. But after six months, 28 soldiers from Fort Irwin said they were able to return home, leaving behind a well-trained Afghan National Army.

After returning from Afghanistan early Wednesday morning, the soldiers from the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment were congratulated at a brief ceremony on post.

The unit trained the Afghan National Army to function effectively as a battalion from the ground up, teaching the army everything from how to pay soldiers to how to operate a T-62 main battle tank.

“The biggest challenge was overcoming the language barrier,” Capt. Todd Hook said. “We always had translators around, though.”

**“What are you complaining about?  
This is just like an all-inclusive  
vacation. You’re at the beach, and  
all of your meals paid for.”**



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By Kevin Kilgore

## Laugh Support

# Slippery crossword

(Courtesy of QUIZLAND.com)

## ACROSS

- 1 Basilica area
- 5 Bit of punch-card debris
- 9 Admired ones
- 14 Quiet time
- 15 Verdi heroine
- 16 \_\_\_ Hawkins Day
- 17 DEWEY
- 20 \_\_\_ Lilly & Co.
- 21 Pas' mates
- 22 Sledder's spot
- 23 Post-game segment
- 25 Fit to serve
- 26 The Chiffons' "\_\_\_ So Fine"
- 29 DONALD
- 33 Hacienda brick
- 34 Calculus pioneer Leonhard
- 35 "Doggone!"
- 38 Grade diminisher
- 41 \_\_\_ a one (nobody)
- 42 Gives off
- 44 Analyze, as ore
- 46 HUEY
- 51 China's Lao-\_\_\_
- 52 "Surfer," so to speak
- 53 How anchovies are packed
- 55 Kofi \_\_\_ Annan
- 56 Hall of Famer Gibson
- 58 GI dinner
- 59 LOUIE
- 64 Rust, for one
- 65 Limerick land
- 66 Dry as dust
- 67 Boozehound
- 68 Caught in the act
- 69 Football holders

## DOWN

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- 2 Did some knitting
- 3 Water channel
- 4 Shade tree
- 5 Where water became wine
- 6 Snake sound
- 7 "Without further \_\_\_ ..."
- 8 Novelist du Maurier
- 9 Set apart
- 10 Boone, informally
- 11 Laudatory lines
- 12 Architect Maya \_\_\_
- 13 Part of a match
- 18 Made louder
- 19 Marina walkway
- 24 Sporty Studebaker
- 25 Outdoors, as a concert
- 26 Hippy dance
- 27 ER part: Abbr.
- 28 Nimble
- 30 Herbert of Pink Panther films
- 31 \_\_\_-Wan Kenobi
- 32 "Guys and Dolls" writer Damon
- 35 Cabinet div.
- 36 Pop singer Tori
- 37 Tick off
- 39 NAFTA signatory
- 40 Taxpayer ID
- 43 Talk like Porky Pig
- 45 Suspect's story
- 47 Analogy words
- 48 Brings to a stop
- 49 "\_\_\_ Mr. Nice Guy!"
- 50 \_\_\_ magazine (racy publication)
- 54 City on the Aire
- 55 General helper
- 56 In the buff
- 57 Yoked beasts
- 59 "i" completer
- 60 Prefix meaning "outer"
- 61 Bigwig, initially
- 62 Deadlock
- 63 Wharf pest

*Solutions will be posted in Saturday's Freedom Watch*