

## U.S. swings its golf support

By Spc. Travis Edwards  
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**TASHKENT**, Uzbekistan — U.S. forces stationed at Camp Stronghold Freedom, Uzbekistan work diligently seven days a week supporting the War on Terror. They put in long hours and dedicate themselves to making the mission happen.

Several U.S. servicemembers were given the opportunity to support another mission May 18. They helped raise money for the printing of market economic textbooks for the children of Uzbekistan.

The Junior Achievement Charity Golf Tournament raised more than \$4,000 from U.S. servicemembers. Members of the U.S. Army, Air Force, Navy and Marines attended the charity event. There were businessmen and representatives from several international organizations at the tournament as well.

“The country of Uzbekistan is striving to become a market economy. As the children of today grow and become educated it is important they have the right tools to make an informed decision and have the know how to make it work,” said American interpreter Dustin Bickel, a former Peace Corps volunteer and economics teacher in Uzbekistan. “The Junior Achievement of Uzbekistan helps to put that power in their hands so they carry it with them as they become the leaders of their own country.”

Bickel, the U.S. servicemember organizer, gathered all interested people and explained the history of the JAU to possible donators. As a former member of the JAU and Peace Corps, Bickel learned the Uzbek language and communicates easily with the locals. Bickel is currently assigned as a linguist to Camp Stronghold Freedom, Uzbekistan.

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Photo by Pfc. Christina Carde

### Honoring our brethren...

*The American flag is folded at the conclusion of the Bagram Air Base Memorial Day Ceremony Monday. The ceremony was held in honor of Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom's fallen troops.*

## Gospel Fest brings people together

By Spc. Debralee P. Crankshaw  
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**BAGRAM**, Afghanistan — The first Memorial Day Bagram Air Base Gospel Fest was held Monday at the hospital picnic area.

“One of the brothers of the Gospel Counsel came in and said it would be nice to do an outdoor outreach program. I presented the Gospel Fest idea to the counsel and the chaplains and they were all for it,” said Brad Bowyer, a civilian electronic technician attached to 310<sup>th</sup> Chemical Company and a member of the gospel counsel.

After three weeks of planning, Bowyer was happy with the turn out of more than 200 servicemembers and coalition forces.

Servicemembers and coalition forces made tributes to God during the event. Many

servicemembers praised God with song, Bowyer performed an interpretive dance and the Italian and U.S. choirs performed.

“We did tributes because a lot of people cannot join the choir or the dance ministry so we wanted to make sure others felt like they were part of the event even if they are not members of the choir or dance ministry,” said Bowyer.

Bowyer felt the festival went well and was key in bringing servicemembers and coalition forces together.

“It brings us together. (The Morale, Welfare and Recreation) parties don’t do that as well. The common thing is God – God is something that is common to everyone out here,” said Bowyer.

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# World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



A police official holds a picture of Derrick Todd Lee, who is a suspect in the serial killings of five women.

## DNA match leads to warrant in serial killings

**BATON ROUGE, La.** — Police issued an arrest warrant Monday for Derrick Todd Lee after DNA lab tests linked him to the killings of five women in Louisiana.

At a news conference Monday afternoon, police said they identified Lee as a suspect in the deaths of Gina Wilson Green, Charlotte Murray Pace, Pam Kinamore, Trineisha Dene Colomb and Carrie Lynn Yoder, all of whom were killed since September 2001.

Based on a tip, law enforcement officials called the 34-year-old Lee in for questioning two weeks ago, and he voluntarily submitted to DNA testing before being released, a member of the serial killer task force told CNN on Monday.

Officials took several samples that matched DNA evidence taken from the five killings under investigation by the task force, the source said.

According to the arrest warrant, lab tests first linked Lee to Yoder, 26, a graduate student at Louisiana State University who had been missing for a week when her body was found in March near the Whiskey Bay Bridge off Interstate 10 outside Baton Rouge, the same place another victim had been found last summer. An autopsy indicated that Yoder was strangled after being beaten and raped.

The warrant states that DNA samples from Yoder's body matched "male DNA" evidence from the four other killings.

A task force of local police, state police and federal officials also has been investi-

gating to see if any other slain women can be connected to the suspected serial killings.

## Mad cow may have been used for dog food

**WASHINGTON** — Parts of the Canadian cow that recently tested positive for mad cow disease may have been used to make dry dog food that was shipped to the United States, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration said on Monday.

While there has been no scientific evidence so far that dogs can contract the disease or spread it to humans, the FDA notified Pet Pantry International of Carson City, Nev., when the agency learned from the Canadian government that Pet Pantry had received food that may have included material from the cow.

The suspect dog food was made by Champion Pet Food of Morinville, Alberta, between Feb. 4 and March 12, 2003.

The Canadian government prevented the cow being processed for human food. "Consumers can be assured that their food does not contain any remnants of the BSE positive cow," an FDA statement said.

As a "prudent measure" to help assure that the United States remains free of the brain-wasting disease known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy, Pet Pantry is asking customers to hold on to the suspected food so that it will not mistakenly be mixed into cattle or other feeds.

The Pet Pantry products were packed in 50-pound bags, distributed to franchises around the United States and sold by home delivery only, the FDA statement said. There was no retail distribution.

The products included "Maintenance Diet" labeled with a use-by date of Feb. 17, 2004 and "Beef with Barley" with a date of March 5, 2004.

Consumers are asked not to destroy or discard the product themselves as the FDA is working with Pet Pantry to ensure proper disposal.

## Toronto traces SARS cases to 96-year-old patient

**TORONTO, Canada** — The World

Health Organization returned Toronto to its list of areas where there is local transmission of SARS, a spokesman for the health agency said Monday.

Officials made their decision after receiving reports of eight more probable cases of severe acute respiratory syndrome in Toronto — two of which were fatal. All the cases have been traced to a 96-year-old man who died May 1 after two bouts with pneumonia that hospital officials did not link to SARS until the new cases emerged.

In addition to the probable cases of SARS, 26 others have been classified as suspect, a WHO spokesman said.

In both probable and suspect cases, the patients have respiratory symptoms and fever. A case is deemed probable if the patient also has lung illness confirmed by an X-ray.

## Data recorder found in Turkey air crash

**ISTANBUL, Turkey** — Spanish Defense Minister Federico Trillo said late Monday that investigators found one of the data recorders of a chartered plane that crashed in northeastern Turkey, killing 62 Spanish peacekeepers who were heading home after a tour of duty in Central Asia.

The Ukrainian crew of 12 also died in the accident. The plane crashed into a hillside in heavy fog about 25 miles [40 kilometers] north of Macka.

Reuters reported that Trillo arrived in nearby Trabzon, on the Black Sea, with a team of doctors and crash investigators to help Turkish investigators.

The Spanish forces included 40 soldiers, 21 air force members and one member of Spain's paramilitary Civil Guard, the Defense Ministry said in a written statement.

The troops were returning from peacekeeping missions in Afghanistan. About 140 Spanish soldiers remain in the war-torn country.

A Spanish Defense Ministry spokesman in Madrid told CNN that the crash caused the biggest single-day loss of life of Spanish military personnel since 1975.

The Defense Ministry has informed the victims' families.

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The Junior Achievement of Uzbekistan, a non-governmental, non-profit, charity organization in Uzbekistan since 1996, offers training to economics teachers and introduces educational programs to students on



*Capt. Reshae Ridley, 54<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion, Camp Stronghold Freedom, receives some golf tips from her caddy during a charity golf tournament May 18 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. The Junior Achievement of Uzbekistan charity provides economics text books for high schools all over Uzbekistan.*

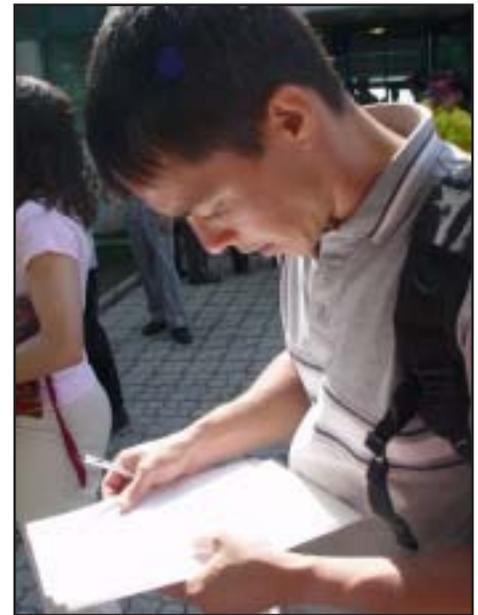
the importance and resulting benefits of a market economy.

“I felt extremely blessed to be able to support the educational enhancement of Tashkent junior achievers while simultaneously having a great time on a beautiful golf course,” said Capt. Reshae Ridley, 54<sup>th</sup> Signal Battalion, Camp Stronghold Freedom. “Truth be told, I was the recipient of charity, by payment of happiness, as opposed to a contributor. I strongly recommend, to those that are able, never hesitate to give.”

The soldiers traveled across Uzbekistan on buses seeing the countryside and many of those to whom their money would indirectly assist. Children herding sheep and selling food on the side of the road would someday have textbooks showing them the next step of economical development.

“Charities are important in growing countries like Uzbekistan. JUA provides market economics books to tomorrow leaders. Anything we can do to allow them to succeed is great for international relations. It also reflects upon us and the U.S. military,” said Capt. Kevin Brown, Logistical Task Force 46<sup>th</sup>, Camp Stronghold Freedom.

In the past JAU has collaborated with organizations such as the Counterpart Consortium, the U.S. Peace Corps, the Eurasia Founda-



*Interpreter Dustin Bickel, former Peace Corps volunteer and market economics teacher in Uzbekistan, breaks U.S. servicemembers into four-person teams for the Junior Achievement of Uzbekistan Charity Golf Tournament May 18 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.*

tion, the Chase Manhattan Foundation and other various international corporations operating in Uzbekistan. It also works closely with the Uzbek Ministry of Education to achieve its mission.

Each golfer donated at least \$100 to play in the tournament. Golf clubs, golf balls, and a caddy were provided to each golfer for the 18-hole tournament.

“It was my pleasure to donate money to the Junior Achievement of Uzbekistan. It is important for growing countries to have a thriving economy and hopefully our contributions will help to mold the future of Uzbekistan,” said Army Reservist Spc. James Clegg, 945<sup>th</sup> Engineer Detachment, Camp Stronghold Freedom.

After the tournament the golfers were invited to a reception that included music, food, raffles and door prizes.

“It was my chance to give something to Uzbekistan. I remember learning about economics in school and with all the money they will raise, some other student will be able to look back and remember what he learned as well,” said Spc. Rainey Sasaki, 21<sup>st</sup> Cargo Transfer Company, Camp Stronghold Freedom. “I can say I helped the children here to become leaders. It was money well spent. It could change someone’s future.”



Photos by Spc. Travis Edwards, 1<sup>st</sup> COSCOM PAO

*The Junior Achievement of Uzbekistan Charity Golf Tournament in Tashkent, Uzbekistan paired U.S. servicemembers and international philanthropists with Uzbek caddies May 18.*

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The only concern Bowyer had was the weather. The event was almost cancelled because rain was forecasted, but there was too much already planned and in motion for the event to be cancelled.

“We had great weather. I was very pleased we had no rain,” said Bowyer.

Bowyer believes events like this as well as church are very important to people deployed here.

“This is very important because there are a lot of people away from loved ones,” said Bowyer. “Church should be family oriented so in a situation like this it helps to build people up.”



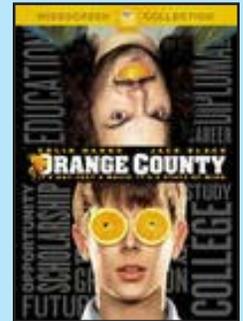
Photo by Spc. Debralee P. Crankshaw

*A servicemember plays the saxophone during the Gospel Fest as his tribute to God.*

## Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the MWR building: “Orange County.” A guidance counselor mistakenly sends out the wrong transcripts to Stanford University under the name of an over-achieving high schooler.

Tomorrow’s movie will be “The Outlaw Jose Wales.”



## Local weather

### TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER FORECAST:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
<b>Bagram:</b>	Scattered t-storms H: 79F L: 34F	Partly cloudy H: 81F L: 54F
<b>Kandahar:</b>	Dusty H: 91F L: 64F	Dusty H: 93F L: 66F
<b>Kabul:</b>	Scattered t-storms H: 82F L: 54F	Mostly clear H: 81F L: 55F
<b>Uzbekistan:</b>	Partly cloudy H: 90F L: 57F	Mostly cloudy H: 86F L: 55F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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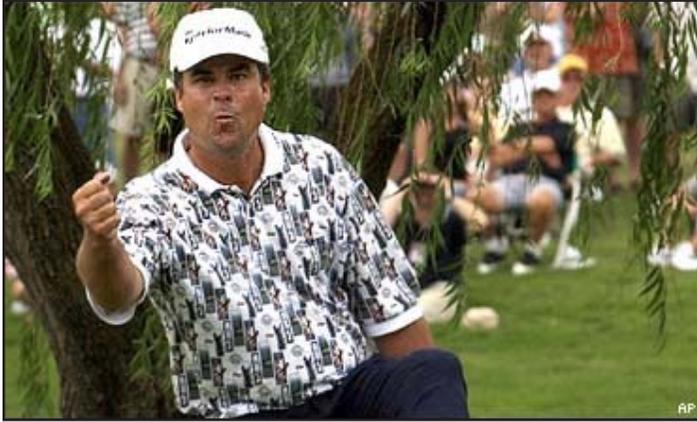
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# Coalition Sports Zone

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Winner by six strokes, Perry said it best while walking up 18.

## Perry a tourney-record 19-under; Leonard just misses historic 59

FORT WORTH, Texas — Justin Leonard was shooting for history, knowing that even with his near-perfect round he wasn't close to challenging Kenny Perry for the win at the Colonial. So with a chance to become only fourth person to shoot a 59 in a PGA Tour event, and in the fairway at the 18<sup>th</sup> hole, Leonard tried for the perfect shot. His 9-iron came up woefully short.

"The wind was dying down just enough and hopefully my adrenaline was pumping enough to get a 9-iron there," Leonard said. "I'm trying to hit the ball a foot from the hole. Give myself a putt at it." Instead, the approach shot from 144 yards landed short of the green, 65 feet from the flag. He pitched 10 feet past, and his par putt for a 60 just slid past the hole. Leonard settled for tying Perry's course record at 9-under 61 and finishing 13 under, six strokes behind Perry. Perry had a closing 68 for a 19-under total that broke the Colonial record of 16 under held by 1993 winner Fulton Allem. He was already a stroke under the record after his 61 Saturday gave him an eight-stroke lead. "Kenny Perry won this golf tournament (Saturday) in shooting the round he did," Leonard said. Perry's victory was an anticlimactic ending at the Colonial, which began on a historic note Thursday when Annika Sorenstam became the first woman in 58 years to play on the PGA Tour. "I'll probably be remembered as the guy who won Annika's event, but that's OK with me," Perry said. It was just the fifth win for Perry in 17 years on the tour, the first since the 2001 Buick Open. The \$900,000 check was his largest on tour, after winning \$751,171 his first 11 cuts this year, and pushed his career earnings over \$11 million. The only drama during the final round involved Leonard. At 8 under for the day after his 4-foot birdie at the 178-yard 13<sup>th</sup> hole, he had a chance for the first 59 since David Duval at the Bob Hope Classic in 1999. Jeff Sluman (65) finished third at 12 under, a stroke better than Brandt Jobe (64). All of the attention the first two days was on Sorenstam, who missed the cut by four strokes

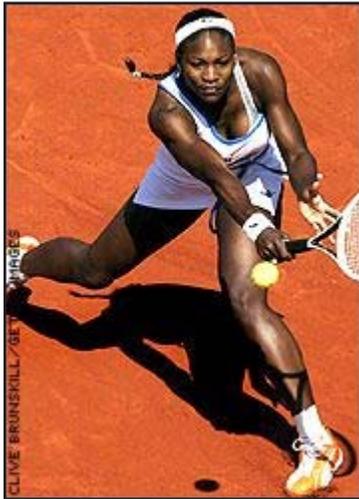
at 5 over after rounds of 71 and 74. Crowds had gathered 10 to 12 deep along the ropes to watch her play. The media room was also packed with over 300 people for Sorenstam's post-round news conferences. But the crowds spread throughout the course and the media presence diminished significantly once Sorenstam was done for the tournament. Perry took a share of the lead with a second-round 64, but went virtually overlooked because of Sorenstam. He followed Saturday with a career-low round that made him unbeatable. "I can't say enough how I felt this week. I was very calm, very relaxed. It was easy," Perry said. "Normally, I'm pretty stressed out and under a lot of pressure, but for some reason I was able to defeat those demons and feel relaxed and play some great golf."

## An anticlimactic finish to a transcendent two-day run

FORT WORTH, Texas — Annika Sorenstam established her chops on Thursday with ball-striking so pure that the white slacks she wore never came near the mud that lurked off the fairways at Colonial Country Club. She hit all but one fairway and missed no green by more than three feet. Forget the rarity of a woman doing that. Few men have done that at Colonial, at least since Mr. Hogan played here. Reaching that level of proficiency for one round is difficult. To do so on the day after, with the entire golf world continuing to watch every shot, proved too much to ask. An anticlimactic air hung as thickly as the humidity at the Bank of America Colonial on Friday afternoon, and that was before Sorenstam shot a 4-over 74, which gave her a 36-hole score of 5-over 145, four strokes too many to play on the weekend. "Today, I didn't feel like I played my best," she said afterward, "and I scrambled to a 74. It's far from making the cut. I know that. But this is my first chance. And sometimes, you've got to do things over and over again to get good at it." That said, Sorenstam reiterated her stance that she didn't foresee herself playing on the PGA Tour again. "I know where I belong," she said, "and I'm going to go back with all the experience I learned this week, and I want to win tournaments, I want to set records, and this week is going to help me to do that." Sorenstam finished tied for 96<sup>th</sup>, ahead of 11 golfers, including Bob Estes, the 16<sup>th</sup>-ranked player in the world, who finished at 147, 2002 Players champion Craig Perks (150), and 1996 PGA champion Mark Brooks (146). When her last putt, a 14-footer for par at No. 18, dropped, so did the guard that she had used to protect herself from the tension and emotion of the last three months. After Sorenstam hugged her caddie, Terry McNamara, and her playing partners, Dean Wilson and Aaron Barber, she wiped away her tears, first with her right hand, then with her left. "I'm glad I did it, but this was way over my head," she said on USA Network immediately after her round. "I wasn't as tough as I thought I was."

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## Serena shakes off first-round jitters



*Serena Williams is chasing the first half of a Grand Slam.*

**PARIS**— Serena Williams warmed up with sister Venus on center court at the French Open, then barely broke a sweat in her opening match against Barbara Rittner.

The younger Williams began her bid for a fifth consecutive Grand Slam title by beating Rittner 6-2, 6-1 Monday.

The victory was Williams' 29<sup>th</sup> in a row at a major tournament, a streak she began at Roland Garros a year ago. She's trying to become the first player since Steffi Graf in 1988-89 to win five straight Grand Slam titles.

"I think players generally believe that I'm the player to beat in any tournament, especially the Slams, because I like to kick it up to a new level," Williams said. "This is what I play tennis for mostly — to be remembered."

Other winners included No. 4 Justine Henin-Hardenne and No. 5 Amelie Mauresmo. Henin-Hardenne beat Patricia Wartusch 6-3, 7-5, and Mauresmo swept fellow Frenchwoman Virginie Razzano 6-3 7-5.

Ashley Harkelroad, an 18-year-old American ranked 52<sup>nd</sup>, made a successful debut at Roland Garros by beating Saori Obata 6-4, 6-2.

Another American, Meghann Shaughnessy, needed 2½ hours to rally past Svetlana Kuznetsova 3-6, 7-5, 11-9. Mary Pierce, the 2000 champion, lost to 2002 semifinalist Clarisa Fernandez 6-2, 6-3.

Williams warmed up 90 minutes before her match with Venus Williams on the same court where they played last year's final.

"It was really fun to be back out where all the magic began for me last year," Serena said.

Venus, who has lost the past four major finals to Serena, plays her opening match Tuesday against Samantha

Reeves. Serena Williams looked nervous early, even with the stadium mostly empty on a sunny, 60-degree morning. In the first three games she over-hit several volleys and committed 10 unforced errors.

When she blew an easy overhead in the next game, Williams slumped over with a rueful smile. She soon settled down, won eight games in a row and closed the victory in 54 minutes.

"You always have the feeling like she can put another gear in, and then that's it," Rittner said. "She's very strong. It makes you feel like you have no influence on the game."

## Graf, Agassi expecting their second child

**FRANKFURT, Germany** — Steffi Graf and Andre Agassi are to become parents for the second time. The tennis stars are expecting the baby in mid-November, Graf's management company said Thursday.

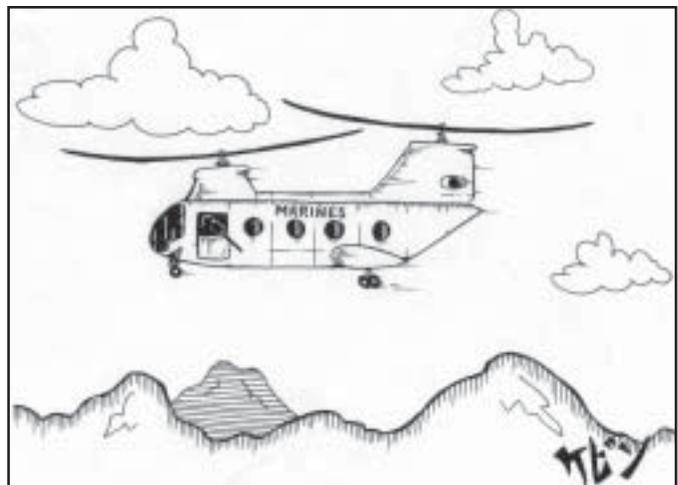
Agassi and Graf married in October 2001 and their first child, Jaden Gil, was born later that month.

They began dating after each won the French Open in 1999. Graf retired in 1999; Agassi briefly regained the No. 1 ranking this month. Agassi skipped last week's Hamburg Masters and is to play in the French Open starting Monday.

Agassi announced after winning the Australian Open in January that he would try to persuade Graf to play mixed doubles at Roland Garros.

Graf, who won 22 Grand Slam titles including six French Opens, was cool about the idea and Agassi admitted in March he was doubtful the duo would be on court together in Paris. Now that definitely will not happen.

**"Today's in-flight meal will consist of cold MREs and luke-warm water. Thanks again for flying Marine Air."**



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