

## Medical relief builds stronger relationship

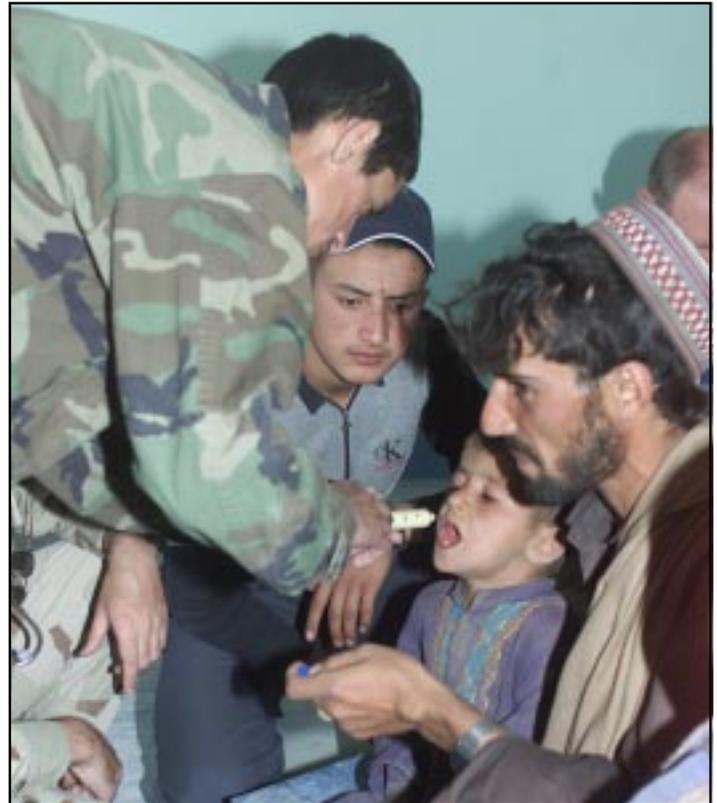
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**GARDEZ**, Afghanistan – One by one, local nationals made their way toward the site where they were told American doctors would be offering medical treatment. The small group quickly turned into hundreds of men, women and children whose faces contained both hope and fear as they walked into the facility.

Men and young boys trickled into the area with herds of sheep, goats, cows and dogs, anxiously waiting for the veterinarians to open their medicine chest. By the end of the day, more than three hundred patients were seen and thousands of animals received vaccinations necessary for their survival.

“Our task is to provide medical care to the underserved population,” said Maj. Mary Kruegar, attached to 321<sup>st</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion, Combined Joint Civilian Military Operations Task Force. “We’re specifically reaching out to the Kuchis who are an important, but marginal population.”

The Kuchis are a nomadic people who travel between Pakistan and Afghanistan, and their herds were the focus of the operation. CA personnel had noted on a previous mission that the group had a much lower immunization rate than reported by Afghan officials.



*American and Afghan personnel work together to provide a vaccination to a young Kuchi child during a medical relief operation.*

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## School opening opens future for local youth

Story and photo by Spc Wes Landrum  
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**PARWAN PROVINCE**, Afghanistan – The Lasi Salang High School opened Wednesday in the village of Salang 45 kilometers west of Bagram Air Base in Parwan Province. The event, attended by Col. Thomas J. Boyle, Task Force Dragon Commander and a Civil Affairs Team, hosted over 400 villagers at the school site.

Children lined the sides of the road as the CA team approached the entrance to

the school. Boyle and the American delegation were presented gifts of flowers as they walked up the path toward the building.

“I am overwhelmed by the turnout today,” he said. “I’m looking around and I’ve never seen so many individuals come to an opening of a magnificent facility like this.”

According to Boyle, the large turnout was unexpected.

Officials said the project took nine months and \$41,000 to build.

The school was partially damaged during the war with the Soviet Union and then

destroyed by the Taliban.

The school was partially rebuilt by the villagers but they lacked the financial support to complete the project. The Overseas Disaster, Humanitarian and Civilian Aid project stepped in and finished the completion of the school.

Boyle stressed the commitment made by the United States and its Coalition partners to help Afghanistan rebuild after years of war.

“The U.S., along with the other members of the international community provide

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# World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



*Najaf residents work through wreckage of the car bomb explosion at the Imam Ali Mosque on Friday.*

## Armed Shiites on move after mosque blast Friday

**NAJAF, Iraq** – Friday’s deadly explosion at a mosque in the Iraqi holy city of Najaf is likely to send shock waves throughout the Shiite world.

A car bomb at the Imam Ali Mosque killed at least 125 people, hospital officials said, adding that the death toll is likely to rise. Ayatollah Mohammad Baqir al-Hakim, the spiritual leader of the Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, was among the dead, Shiite officials said. The Najaf Teaching Hospital is treating more 140 others who are wounded, officials said.

An uncle, Grand Ayatollah Mohamad Sa’eed al-Hakim, was the apparent target of another bombing Sunday that killed three of his bodyguards and wounded 10 others. The bomb was placed against the wall of his home in Najaf, which is about a half-mile from the mosque.

The British military reported a “small explosion” Friday night near their headquarters in Basra.

The incident, which took place at about 9:30 p.m. [1:30 p.m. EDT], is being investigated. The British military said coalition forces do not appear to have been involved.

Earlier, a U.S. soldier was killed and three wounded Friday morning in a rocket-propelled grenade and small-arms attack north of Baghdad, U.S. Central Command said.

The attack on the soldiers from the 4th Infantry Division happened about around

9:15 a.m. [1:15 a.m. EDT] near Ba’qubah, about 30 miles [48 kilometers] northeast of the Iraqi capital, Central Command said.

Earlier Friday, attackers fired rocket-propelled grenades at a U.S. military Humvee near a mosque in Fallujah, about 30 miles [48 kilometers] west of Baghdad, according to coalition officials.

Two soldiers were wounded in the attack, which happened around 8:30 a.m. [12:30 a.m. EDT], officials said.

With the latest attack, 144 U.S. soldiers have been killed since President Bush declared the end of major combat May 1; 66 of those deaths were from hostile fire.



*North Korean leader Kim Jong Il leaves the talks in Beijing, China Friday.*

## U.S. calls N. Korea remarks ‘blackmail’ Friday

**BEIJING** – After six nations completed talks in Beijing over the Korean nuclear crisis, the Bush administration harshly criticized North Korea and made clear that it doesn’t intend to bargain for peace.

Joanne Prokopowicz, a spokeswoman for the State Department, spoke Friday from prepared remarks, saying North Korea’s statement to negotiators in Beijing was “an explicit acknowledgment” that North Korea “has nuclear weapons, but the U.S. will not respond to threats or give in to blackmail.”

She said Secretary of State Colin Powell spoke with the foreign ministers of Japan, South Korea, China and Russia on Friday after the end of three days of talks in Beijing aimed at ending the North Korean nuclear crisis.

Although no official communique was issued after the meeting, all nations agreed that the peninsula should be nuclear-free.

South Korea said the participants had agreed in principle to meet again on the nuclear crisis without saying when or where. The crisis emerged in October, when Pyongyang acknowledged a covert weapons program.



*Palestinians wait at a checkpoint Friday after Israeli soldiers closed the road linking the northern part of Gaza to the southern city of Rafah.*

## String of violence continues in Middle East Friday

**JERUSALEM** – An Israeli couple was ambushed and Jewish settlers in two cities were attacked Friday in a string of violence that continues to rock the Middle East.

Palestinian gunmen ambushed a car in the West Bank carrying an Israeli couple Friday morning, killing the husband and seriously injuring the wife, according to Israeli medical sources.

The shooting attack happened between Nablus and Ramallah near the Palestinian village of El Moayer, Israeli military sources said.

According to the medical sources, the car flipped over after it was hit by gunfire.

In a telephone call to *CNN*, the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, a military wing of Hamas, claimed responsibility for the attack.

The Al Aqsa Brigades has carried out numerous terror attacks against Israeli military and civilian targets in Israel and in Israeli settlements in the West Bank and Gaza. The group has stated its belief that armed struggle is the only way to bring about an independent Palestinian state. It is listed as a terrorist organization by the United States.

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The reason for this may be that it is difficult to collect an accurate reading due to the constant movement of the tribes, said Kruegar. The Kuchis are important to vaccinate because with their movement comes diseases that may be picked up in one area and taken to another, she said.

“By treating this population, we’d (hopefully) be treating a larger population,” said Kruegar.

The five-day operation reached throughout the province from Aug. 19-24 with one day each in Dara, Melan, Serkay Malong, UNHCR Encampment, and two days in Derang Khwar (Ron).

Medical relief was the main mission of personnel, but while offering that service they built relationships.

“Most of the time we do health education as well (as treatment),” said Kruegar. “We’re really working hard trying not to be the great ‘American hope’ coming in, giving medicine and leaving (but) trying to get them to stand on their own so they won’t need as much medication.”

A wonderful addition to the staff was an Afghan doctor who assisted by treating the children, she said.

“We try to work in part with Afghan physicians,” said Kruegar, who added that it helps to see an Afghan working alongside the Americans. “This is quality care from an Afghan

physician,” she said.

With faith in their own people and “with that self assurance and education, they’re not going to be as subject to be pawns of the warlords,” she added.

Kruegar said her job is rewarding and there are times when she is holding a young child that she misses her own, but she is happy to be helping the local people and to connect with the women.

“Even though you don’t speak the same language, there are times when you can look into their eyes, shake their hand and see that these are people who are trying to be the best they can with the resources they have,” said Kruegar. “I think it gives me a better appreciation for what I have.”

The treatment of people was just the first step in accomplishing their mission. The vet team was an integral part of the operation.

“The vet team is a piece that cannot be understated,” said Kruegar. “Sometimes it’s more important to them to get their animals treated than themselves because it’s their livelihood.”

The team is in Afghanistan “to build infrastructure in the veterinary medicine field,” said Lt. Col. Don Couch, 321<sup>st</sup> CA Bn. “We’re here doing CMA missions as a temporary help to show good will.”

The vaccinations provided will help the animals build an immunity within the herds, preparing for the winter and for the breeding

season, while offering protection from the dreaded Foot and Mouth disease that is affecting areas of Afghanistan, he said.

“It’s rewarding,” said Couch, a veteran in the field with more than 28 years of experience. The people are grateful, he said. “They don’t know what we’re doing, but they know we’re trying to help them.”

The animals are their livelihood providing them with wool from the sheep and milk and cheese from the cows.

“They (also) sell their lamb and goats for slaughter,” said Couch.

The mission was a lot different than Sgt. John Bodey, CJCMOTF, communications specialist, had prepared himself for.

“I didn’t realize there would be so many animals,” he said. “I think we treated 4,000 to 5,000 animals today.”

People came from all over he said, and their animals held a level of importance for them that Bodey didn’t expect.

“That’s pretty much life and death for these people (who) were dead serious about getting those animals treatment,” said Bodey. The animals are like children to them and “they wanted to make sure they were getting their meds.”

“It was just a really neat experience,” he said. “I never would have thought I’d be doing something like this.”

It feels good to help the people of Afghanistan and their animals, he said.

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resources and expertise to Afghanistan,” he said.

“We do this in a variety of areas including humanitarian aid and assistance, capacity building and infrastructure projects such as this.”

Now, the Lasi Salang School has twelve large classrooms and will serve more than 1,500 students from the surrounding area.

Before the project began some students were having classes outside. Boyle said the village’s resilience should not be overlooked.

“I applaud you for your efforts and dedication to keep this project going,” he continued. “There have been numerous challenges yet you have not let any of them stop you.”

As he finished, Boyle issued a challenge to the children who would attend the school.

“Listen to your teachers and challenge yourselves.”

*(Left:) Students look on at the opening of the Lasi Salang High School in Parwan Province Wednesday. The project took nine months to complete and will serve over 1,500 students in the surrounding area.*



*A young boy peeks at soldiers from his home near Gayan in southern Afghanistan.*



*Women from southeast Afghanistan.*



*A young boy from Megal.*

## ***A look at some of the faces of Afghanistan***

**Photos by Maj. Matt Garner and Sgt. Greg Heath**



*A boy from southeastern Afghanistan*



*A young girl from Bamian.*



*A young boy from Gayan, in southern Afghanistan*



*A young man in front of where the large Buddha statues used to be in Bamian, in central Afghanistan*

# FREEDOM'S VOICES

## Soldier describes overcoming destructive cycle of addiction

*Editor's note: Article submitted by the Army Public Affairs Center. The names of the installation and author are being withheld because of the sensitive nature of the topic.*

I am an addict. A better way to term it is: I am a recovering addict. I am sharing this revelation in the belief that I can bring hope to others who are fighting addictions. You can change your life.

Addiction, whether it's gambling, smoking, alcoholism, obsessive overeating, or any number of ailments, is destructive and invades the life of the addict.

An addiction is defined as being so dependent upon something that separation from it causes trauma. You become devoted to it. It takes over your life. You feel you need it just to remain calm and be who you are. Whatever form the addiction takes, it takes away from the truly important things in life. It makes you lose sight of hope and see only misery.

It was that misery that made me want to change. I was able to see the destruction that was coming my way if I didn't change my life. It was then that I admitted that I had a problem. That first step was the one that started me on the path to recovery. It wasn't until I hit the bottom that I could admit my addiction.

My wife was upset and nearly left me. My boss was upset, and I was almost kicked out of the Army. I was upset, and more than once considered suicide.

In essence, I had hurt many people around me because of my selfish desires. However, even though they were hurt, I found that when I tried to change, the people who cared the most about me wanted to help me become a better person. They loved me enough to help me fight my desires. Having that strong support system plays a vital role in recovering and overcoming addiction.

By trusting in my family and friends, and being accountable to them, I am able to resist my addiction. That constant reminder that my wife, boss or friend is going to ask how I'm doing today, is a help in overcoming my addiction.

The biggest support I have is God. Turning my problems over to a higher power allows me to be truly introspective. It helps me to know that I am not doing it alone. It is easier for me to turn my problems over to Him. I believe He helps me through the recovery process when I ask Him.

Another beneficial support I have is therapy. By sharing my problems, worries, and fears with the therapist, I am better able to deal with them. My ability to function in life without turning to my addiction increases as we discuss life and better ways to cope with it.

I hope this will help someone to see that there is a way out of addiction. It is not hopeless. You can find help. It is there; just reach out and take it.

## STREET TALK

*What are some 'hidden treasures' you can find at the bazaar?*

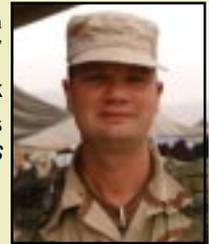


"The carved jewelry boxes. They're solid wood, have nice carvings and are good quality for a great price."

**1st. Sgt. Miguel Guzman**  
HHC, 300th Postal Bn.

"I probably saved \$100 on pearl necklace."

**Tech. Sgt. Mark Edwards**  
455th ESFS



"You can buy silver jewelry very cheap here."

**Spc. Megan Rizzo**  
805th MP Co.

"Some of the weapons are a good buy if you can find the right ones."

**Master Sgt. Richard Cook**  
213th ASG



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# Afghanistan Hot Topics



(Compiled by CJTF-180 Public Affairs)

## Romania willing to send more troops to Afghanistan

(MSNBC) — Romania is ready to send more troops to Afghanistan to help stabilise and rebuild the country if needed, Foreign Minister Mircea Geoana said on Friday.

The Balkan country which is expected to join NATO in 2004 has contributed troops both to an international peacekeeping force in Kabul and to the U.S.-led coalition hunting for remnants of the Taliban and Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network.

"As future NATO member we are deeply interested to see Afghanistan even more stable," Geoana told a joint news conference with visiting Afghan counterpart, Dr Abdullah.

Romania now has 50 soldiers in the 5,000-strong International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) under NATO control and more than 400 in the U.S.-led force.

The U.S.-backed Afghan government and the United Nations have called for ISAF to be extended outside the capital Kabul.

## Vines to return to Afghanistan

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (Associated Press) — Lt. Gen. John R. Vines, who has taken command of the post and the 18th Airborne Corps, will return to Afghanistan as leader of international military forces, an Army spokesman said.

Vines will be in Afghanistan until October or until another general is tapped to be in charge of forces there, said Lt. Col. Billy J. Buckner, Fort Bragg's chief of public affairs.

Vines, who leaves this week, was promoted to three-star general on Aug. 25 and took command of the Army's largest war-fighting unit the following day, replacing Lt. Gen. Dan K. McNeill as head of the 18th Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg.

Maj. Gen. Zannie O. Smith, the deputy commander of Fort Bragg and the 18th Airborne Corps, has been in Afghanistan to fill in for Vines, Buckner said. Smith was in

charge at Fort Bragg while McNeill was in Afghanistan from May 2002 to May 2003.

Smith will return to Fort Bragg and take charge while Vines is in Afghanistan, Buckner said.

Col. Karl Horst, the 18th Airborne Corps chief of staff, will take command at Fort Bragg while Vines and Smith are in transition, Buckner said.

The corps oversees the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg; the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky.; and the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, N.Y.

The leadership change is the fourth time Vines has replaced McNeill in a particular job. Both commanded the 82nd Airborne Division and were the chief of staff of Fort Bragg and the 18th Airborne Corps.

McNeill spent 37 months as commander of the corps and the Cumberland County post. He will become deputy commander of Forces Command in Atlanta, the higher headquarters of the 18th Airborne Corps.

## Taliban guerrillas kill three Afghans

SPIN BOLDAK, Afghanistan (Reuters) — At least three Afghan government troops have been killed and a commander kidnapped after suspected Taliban guerrillas attacked checkpoints close to the Pakistan border, an official says.

Deputy police chief of Spin Boldak district, Mullah Abdul Manan, told Reuters Taliban fighters attacked posts to the east and southeast of Spin Boldak town on Thursday night.

All are within a few miles of the Pakistani border.

Mana said three Afghan soldiers were killed and one commander, Haji Wali Shah, was kidnapped. Four Taliban were wounded, but escaped towards Pakistan.

Afghanistan says most of the Taliban are crossing from Pakistan to carry out attacks, and blames Pakistan for not doing enough to stop them.

Mullah Abdul Samad, a Taliban com-

mander, told Reuters by telephone from an undisclosed location 15 government soldiers were killed in the attacks.

He also said one Afghan army vehicle was destroyed and one commander was kidnapped.

In a separate incident, a soldier from the U.S.-led forces in Afghanistan was wounded on Thursday in clashes with Taliban fighters in the southern province of Zabul, where Afghan officials say hundreds of militants from the ousted Islamic militia are operating.

U.S. military spokesman Colonel Rodney Davis told reporters in Kabul U.S.-led forces came under fire on Friday in the Dai Chopan district of Zabul, where fighting has been concentrated.

They called in air support from an Apache helicopter and the opposing fighters scattered, he said.

Davis said the soldier was shot in the shoulder and had been evacuated to Germany.

The attacks were the latest in a wave of violence blamed on Taliban remnants who have declared a "jihad", or holy war, against foreign troops and their Afghan allies.

Afghan forces backed by soldiers and air power from the U.S.-led force are hunting up to 1,000 Taliban who were active in central Uruzgan province before fleeing southeast into Zabul.

Afghan commanders say up to 110 Taliban have been killed in the clashes. Davis said at least 14 enemy had been confirmed killed, the same figure the U.S. military gave at the start of the operation on Monday.

The largest concentration of Taliban forces since their ouster has raised concern that security is deteriorating across much of southern Afghanistan, undermining the authority of U.S.-backed President Hamid Karzai.

## Air Force delivers soccer supplies to AFF

Story by  
Staff Sgt. Russell Wicke  
455th EOG Public Affairs

**BAGRAM, Afghanistan** – Members from the 455th Expeditionary Operations Group travelled to Kabul, Afghanistan, Aug. 26 to deliver boxes of soccer supplies to the Afghanistan Football Federation.

This charity was the idea of Spencer Busby, 15-year-old daughter of Col. Bill Busby, 455th EOG commander, deployed here in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Spencer, who plays soccer for Cardinal Gibbons High School in Raleigh, N.C., said she gathered the efforts of her friends, family, coach and a soccer company called Eurosport to arrange for new and used soccer supplies to be shipped here. Col. Busby and eight others in the 455th EOG

drove the boxed supplies from Bagram to Kabul where they were offered to the AFF.

“The most popular sport in this area is football,” said Abdul Kohistani, AFF president. Soccer is called football in Afghanistan, he said. “The balls, uniforms, shoes and other football equipment will help many more of our athletes play.”

Despite soccer being the most popular sport in Afghanistan there are many obstacles in the way of those who wish to play.

“The government here does not yet have a good enough economy to support all our young athletes,” said Zia Roshangar, National Olympic Committee manager in Kabul. “Children here are playing football on the streets in their pajamas with no shoes.”

The people of Kabul are not just lacking in shoes, uniforms and equipment, however, but also in places to play.

“Ghazi Stadium is the only

place in Kabul where there is a football field,” said Roshangar. But Ghazi Stadium has an appalling history.

“When the Taliban was here, they used that stadium to execute people. People were slaughtered, hung and had their hands cut off there,” said Roshangar. Now, that kind of scene in Afghanistan is a thing of the past.

“Our country and our people have peace and stability for the first time in many years,” said Kohistani. “Because of this we are able to play sports again.”

This goes to show that more people are involved in the welfare of Afghanistan than just those deployed there.

“If we can help kids play soccer in another country who aren’t as lucky as we are it makes me feel really good,” said Spencer. “We use our equipment and think that it is worn out, so many of the kids there don’t have anything and

our stuff is like new to them. I hope these few soccer items can help these kids know that we really care about them.”

From this act of charity, it appears Spencer is getting what she hoped for.

“This kindness is a statement to our youth and from it, they see we have true friends in America and American football players,” said Kohistani.

More than just Spencer, her friends, father and the Air Force are eager to extend their generosity.

“If it were possible, we would invite Spencer and those involved to Afghanistan and welcome them with a nice Afghani gift to show our appreciation,” said Roshangar.

“We hope that someday soon we will be able to have teams from America come to Afghanistan to play football with us and improve the world through our youth and sports,” said Kohistani.

## MTX Audio donates to September 11<sup>th</sup> base run

Freedom Watch Staff

MTX Audio has donated a \$1,000 gift certificate to be raffled off and three banners to the Bagram Air Base September 11<sup>th</sup> perimeter run.

The donation came about through an e-mail sent by Master Sgt. August Hohl from Combined Joint Task Force 180’s CJ-8, to Loyd Ivey, the owner of MTX Audio explaining the commemorative run.

Ivey’s personal assistant, Teresa Stamm, then contacted Hohl two weeks ago and informed him that a box was in the mail. Hohl said that he was surprised by the generousness of the gifts.

“I’ve known him (Ivey) since 1989 and he’s always been ready and willing to help out a good cause,” Hohl said. “Ivey has been a

staunch supporter of the military and our involvement overseas and this time he’s really outdone himself.”

According to Hohl, MTX Audio started a few years after Ivey left high school in Missouri and moved to Chicago. His first job there was at a speaker factory and after few years was able to get the financing and backing to start his own company.

Now MTX Audio makes speakers for home, military, the space shuttle and various other products.

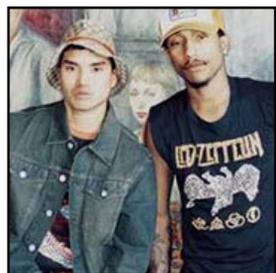
“This gift certificate will allow some lucky winner to go home and put an astounding sound system into their car or home,” Hohl said.

Hohl said he would have an MTX Audio banner above the sign up table by the clamshell the morning of the race where people can sign up to be the lucky winner.

# Music Notes (Compiled from MTV.com)



## Attack Of The Clones: Neptunes take top slot on albums chart



Neptunes

MTV – After helping so many other artists reach the summit, it's only fair that the Neptunes take a turn at the top of the *Billboard* albums chart.

Super-producers Pharrell Williams and Chad Hugo's *The Neptunes Present... Clones* will sit at #1 on next week's chart by selling more than 249,000 copies, according to SoundScan. Working with the likes of Jay-Z, Britney Spears and Nelly established that the Neptunes had the Midas touch, and this LP finds the beat-making duo striking gold repeatedly over the course of its 18 tracks.

The pair's last LP, recorded along with vocalist Shay under the acronym N.E.R.D., *In Search Of...*, premiered at #61 with more than 20,000 in first-week sales last year.

New hip-hop albums will have a strong showing in the top 10. Free of the "Lil'" prefix, Bow Wow will claim the #3 spot with his third LP, *Unleashed*. The follow-up to 2001's *Doggy Bag* sold more than 120,000 copies last week.

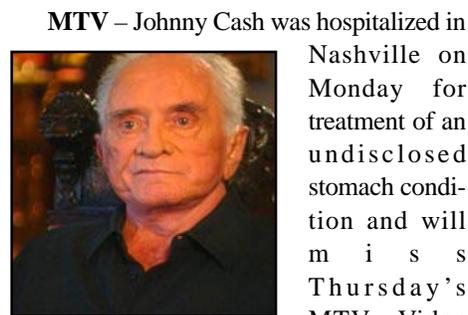
Southern rapper T.I.'s second album, *Trap Muzik*, will follow right behind Bow Wow at #4 by moving more than 108,000 copies. Diplomats member Juelz Santana distinguishes himself from the rest of the "Dip Set" this week to secure a #8 debut. *From Me to U* sold more than 73,000 copies to assume the position.

Newlywed Jessica Simpson's decidedly sexed-up third album, *In This Skin*, will slide into the #10 position. The follow-up to 2001's *Irresistible* sold more than 64,000 copies, partially as a result of "Sweetest Sin," the ode to booty knocking that serves as the LP's first single.

The remainder of the top 10 will find the previous #1 album, Alan Jackson's *Greatest Hits Volume II*, receding to #2 (158,000); the soundtrack to "Bad Boys II" falling a deuce to #5 (93,000); the "Chicago" soundtrack making a huge 93-spot and 64,000-

copy leap to #6 (75,000) thanks to the home-video release of the Oscar-winning film; Evanescence's *Fallen* moving three places down to #7; and Beyoncé's *Dangerously in Love* slipping four spots to #9.

## Johnny Cash hospitalized; misses MTV VMAs



Johnny Cash

MTV – Johnny Cash was hospitalized in Nashville on Monday for treatment of an undisclosed stomach condition and will miss Thursday's MTV Video Music Awards, where he's nominated in six categories. The 71-year-old country legend, who suffers from the nervous-system disease autonomic neuropathy — which renders him susceptible to lung problems — has been hospitalized frequently over the past several years but had hoped to be well enough to fly to New York for the awards, according to Jim Flammia, Cash's spokesperson at Lost Highway Records.

"He wasn't feeling well and came in early Monday morning and is being held here for observation and treatment of that condition," said Baptist Hospital spokesperson Jennifer Jackson. "He's very much in stable condition, and we expect him to be out within a few days."

Jackson could not give any further information about Cash's condition.

The Man in Black was the dark-horse favorite coming into the event, with a surprising six nominations, including Video of the Year, for his riveting cover of Nine Inch Nails' "Hurt." His six nods put him just behind Missy Elliott and Justin Timberlake for the most this year.

Cash's spokesperson said the singer was excited about the VMAs

and had booked a flight and hotel rooms for the event. "Flying takes a lot out of him," Flammia said, "but he definitely wanted to be there. He will be bummed."

## Madonna Smooches With Britney And Christina; Justin, Coldplay Win Big At VMAs

NEW YORK — With just a few minutes of lip locking, hip wiggling and thigh stroking, Madonna, Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera set the bar sky high for all of the performers at this year's MTV Video Music Awards.

Anyone who's ever questioned Britney or Madonna's acting abilities should reconsider. Not only did the ladies show off some blood-pressure-raising moves, their kisses were nothing like the infamous mouth mush between Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley and far more like something from late-night Cinemax.

Their opening number began with Spears emerging from an enormous white cake in a wedding dress and veil. After Britney sang several verses from "Like a Virgin," Aguilera came out and picked up the vocals for what was the pair's first performance together since the Mickey Mouse Club. Within moments they were writhing on the ground with their legs spread.

Then Madonna descended from the cake, dressed in black and singing "Hollywood" Dancing provocatively with her two protégés, she planted a sexy smooch on Britney's mouth, then turned and delivered one to Christina.

## Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the MWR building:  
"The Sum of All Fear." CIA analyst Jack Ryan hunts down a group of terrorists who plan to detonate a nuclear device at the Superbowl.

Tomorrow's movie will be:  
"Spiderman."



# Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from ESPN.com)



Bill Mueller went 3-for-5 with 4 RBI in Friday's BoSox win.

## Red Sox gain ground on, rally to beat Yankees 10-5 Friday

**BOSTON** – The Boston Bombers answered every threat by their struggling rivals from The Bronx.

Now, baseball's best hitting team must do it again and again.

Bill Mueller, David Ortiz and Nomar Garciaparra homered as the Red Sox rallied from two deficits to beat New York 10-5 Friday night in the opener of a three-game series and cut the Yankees' AL East lead to 3½ games.

To Mueller, who leads the AL with a .330 batting average, the opponent meant little.

"It's not a matter of who you're playing, it's a matter of how hard we've worked," said Mueller, who went 3-for-5 with four RBI. "We can't control what other people are doing."

Besides, as New York's Derek Jeter pointed out, "we're in first place. I'm sure Boston would like to be in first place."

Boston, which leads the majors with a .292 batting average, roughed up Jose Contreras and responded immediately to New York's two big innings.

The Red Sox scored three runs in the bottom of the first after the Yankees got two in the top half. In the fourth, Boston scored four to go ahead 7-5 after New York scored three.

"That was huge on our offensive part, and we were able to keep going," Boston's Jason Varitek said.

The Red Sox had 14 hits, their ninth straight game with at least 10, and they did it without leading home run hitter Manny Ramirez, who was sidelined with a high fever. He has played in 131 of Boston's 134 games.

All that offense made a winner of Derek Lowe (14-6), who lasted six innings. Pedro Martinez (10-3) pitches for Boston against Andy Pettitte (16-7) in a marquee matchup Saturday.

Since trailing the Yankees by 7½ games Aug. 20, the Red Sox have gone 7-1 against Oakland, Seattle, Toronto and New York to

cut four games off that lead.

## No Jags' of trade, Brunell will start season opener

**ESPN** – Just three days after they dangled Mark Brunell as trade bait, the Jacksonville Jaguars crowned him kingfish again, with rookie coach Jack Del Rio announcing after Thursday night's preseason victory that the 10-year veteran will start the season opener.



Mark Brunell

The announcement quashed, at least for now, speculation about Brunell's future with the franchise. But given his contractual status, and the rebuilding job upon which the team must embark, the 2003 season almost certainly is his last one with the Jaguars.

"It solidified (the starting job)," Del Rio said of Brunell's performance, in which the quarterback completed five of seven passes for 36 yards and one touchdown in a 17-15 victory over the visiting Washington Redskins. "It was heading that way."

Only days earlier, it appeared that Brunell, who had taken the Jaguars to a pair of AFC championship game appearances in his eight seasons with the team, might be headed out of town, either via a trade or his release.

"He's clearly our best quarterback right now," Del Rio said. "He'll be back behind center leading us against Carolina. He solidified the starting job tonight with his performance and the way he's handled himself. He's a very classy guy."

A testy Del Rio on Tuesday denied reports of a day earlier, by *ESPN* and *ESPN.com*, that the Jaguars had contacted at least three teams to gauge trade interest in Brunell. But even as he tiptoed around the issue with non-denial denials, and by bantering semantics with the Jacksonville media, Del Rio stopped short of confirming Brunell's role with the club.

## Team USA routs Puerto Rico 91-65

**SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico** — Daniel Santiago's hook shot was bouncing softly around the rim when Elton Brand reached up and knocked it off. It would have been goaltending in the NBA, but not under international rules.

The play kept Puerto Rico from pulling within two points midway through the second quarter, and it never got that close again as the United States won 91-65 Thursday night in its final game of the second round at the Tournament of the Americas.

"Lot of attempts, but that was my first one ever," Brand said.

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*Allen Iverson ranks seventh in the tourney in assists at 3.75 a game.*

“It’s not instinctive, and you have to be instinctive to go up there and hit it when it can still go in.”

The teams will play again Saturday night in the semifinals, with a berth in the Athens Olympics at stake.

The loser will get another chance at qualifying for Athens on Sunday in the third-place game against either Canada or Argentina.

Tim Duncan led the U.S. team with 16 points as the Americans improved to 8-0 in this tournament.

Tracy McGrady made a surprise return to the U.S. starting lineup two days after he said his sprained back would prevent him from playing in the remainder of the tournament. He finished with six points in 17 minutes.

“It was the treatment,” said McGrady, who went so far as to say Wednesday that it would take a miracle for him to return. “It was a miracle.”

Unlike four years ago, when the U.S.-Puerto Rico game featured a raucous crowd that waved political banners and reached the upper limits of the decibel meter, this crowd was much more subdued — especially in the second half when the U.S. team turned it into a blowout.

Duncan had 10 of the U.S. team’s first 18 points, but the Americans couldn’t shake Puerto Rico until the second quarter. A dunk by Jose “Piculin” Ortiz and a fast-break layup by Sharif Fajardo prompted U.S. coach Larry Brown to call a timeout with his team leading just 28-27, and the Americans came out of the break playing with a greater sense of urgency.

A baseline drive and dunk by Ray Allen was followed by a difficult off-balance jumper from the lane by Allen Iverson, making it 34-30. Brand’s non-goaltending play kept the score that way.

“We’ve been trying to get them the whole tournament. Even the centers, Jermaine (O’Neal) and Tim, they didn’t have one. We were joking about getting me the first one,” Brand said.

**Solution from Friday’s Percussion Session  
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 — Catholic mass
- 0630Z — Protestant worship
- 0830Z — Latter-Day Saints worship
- 1400Z — Gospel service

**Monday**

- 0700Z — Catholic mass

**Tuesday**

- 0700Z — Catholic mass
- 1430Z — Protestant Bible study

**Wednesday**

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

**Thursday**

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- 1430Z — Gospel Bible study

**Friday**

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- 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
- 1515Z — Catholic mass

*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

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**Sunday**  
□ 1100Z — Christian service  
□ 1430Z — U.S. Embassy service

**Wednesday**  
□ 1900Z — Christian service  
□ 1900Z — Bible study

**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays**  
□ 1900Z — Roman Catholic mass



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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.