

## Airmen serve on enemy's side of 'the wire'



Senior Airman Jodi Brown, 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, scans the horizon with an M-60 Machine Gun on a random perimeter check [here](#).

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**BAGRAM**, Afghanistan – In a valley in Afghanistan among the heat and the dusty blasts of wind, there is land scarred with land mines and tied down with C-wire fences that separate American heroes from terrorists.

The environment is hostile, featuring sweltering summers and bone chilling winters. The habitat is a haven for venomous creatures and thorny vegetation. Yet, all this is merely a supplement to the real enemy threat that loiters outside the Bagram Air Base perimeter, otherwise known as 'the wire.'

Bagram Air Base, once a sanctuary of  
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## Cooks keep deployed soldiers from getting burned

Story and photo by Pfc. Kelly Hunt  
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**GARDEZ**, Afghanistan – Being deployed is a trying and rewarding experience for nearly every soldier, but for the cooks keeping food on tables throughout the remote areas of Afghanistan, it's a mission that takes extreme flexibility, versatility and creativity.

"It's a little different than being in the (Forward Operating Base) sites," said Sgt. Lemuel Webb, Gardez Special Operations Forces site cook.

Supplies are limited and re-supply is a matter of chance. "In the remote sites, you have to make due with what you have," he said. "You have to worry about having enough utensils, supplies and storage space."

Time management and flexibility are key

ingredients for a successful remote area cook. With missions going out from camp constantly, there is no set time for meals.

"Over here, it's pretty much if the guys are going out on mission, get up and make it happen," said Webb. "(And) these guys are constantly on the go."

One difficulty of the cook's job is that the amount of people he is cooking for changes daily.

"The hardest part is not knowing whose coming into camp (and) adjusting to the head count," said Webb.

It's difficult to prepare meals when you don't have an idea of how many people will be eating, said one of the many SOF personnel who has witnessed Webb's work.

"Under the circumstances with him never knowing how many people are in the camp that he has to cook for, he does a good job," the soldier added.

Being able to adjust to the flow is impor-

tant in this line of work. You do a lot of adjusting because you are working for different kinds of people from all walks of life, he said.

"Sometimes you do get special requests," said Webb who tries his best to accommodate the many tastes that occupy the site.

Webb is very versatile when it comes to his cooking, said the SOF soldier. "As a cook, he does really well (in that area)."

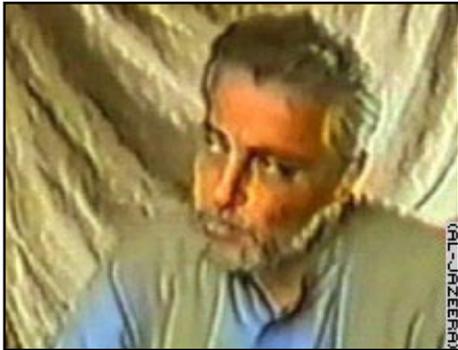
Changing cooking styles is also imperative in the more remote areas of the world.

"If you're at a remote site, it's almost better to go with their stoves, their way of cooking because you can always have those supplies."

The equipment Webb has to cook with is outdated, and that requires some changes in his meal plans, but he handles it well, said one SOF soldier.

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# World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



Police allege Allouni used his status as a journalist to get an interview with Osama bin Laden.

## Spain arrests Al-Jazeera TV correspondent

MADRID, Spain — Police have arrested a correspondent for Qatar-based Al-Jazeera TV at his home in southern Spain accusing him of having links to the al Qaeda terrorist group.

Authorities believe that Tayseer Allouni — who interviewed al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden nearly two years ago — provided support for two suspected members of the group, a Spanish court official told *CNN*.

Allouni is expected to appear in Madrid's National Court on Monday, the official said.

The arrest warrant was issued by Judge Baltasar Garzon, who has been leading the investigation in Spain into alleged members of al Qaeda and other militant Islamic groups, Allouni's wife Fatima Hamed Layasi told *CNN*.

The warrant accuses Allouni of having links to "important members" of al Qaeda and using his status as a journalist to get an interview with Osama bin Laden in October 2001, Hamed Layasi said in an telephone interview from her home in Granada, where the arrest took place.

Authorities believe Allouni provided support for Imad Eddin Barakat Yarkas, alias Abu Dahdah, who was arrested on November 13, 2001, and is thought to have been an al Qaeda ringleader in Spain, the court official said.

Allouni is also suspected of providing aid to Mohamed Bahiah, alias Abu Kalhed, a suspected al Qaeda fugitive thought to be in Afghanistan, the official said.



President Bush delivers a speech on the economy Friday in Indianapolis.

## Bush to address nation on terrorism, Iraq Sunday

WASHINGTON — President Bush will address the nation Sunday night to talk about the war on terrorism, with a primary focus on developments in Iraq, a senior administration official said Friday.

"We want to bring the country up to speed on where we are and where we are headed," the senior official said.

The senior official said the speech would start at 8:30 p.m. EDT, run about 15 minutes and be delivered from the White House residence.

"The president felt this was a good time to talk to the American people about our progress and the need to go forward," White House spokesman Scott McClellan told reporters traveling with Bush following his economic speech in Indianapolis Friday.

It's hoped Bush's speech will send a global message that a peaceful and free Iraq will set an example for the Middle East and the rest of the world, he said.

The televised address comes as the White House seeks United Nations support for a new resolution creating a multinational security force in Iraq.

It also comes at a time when many returning members of Congress, including Republicans close to the White House, are saying they are facing increasing skepticism and questions from constituents back home, and recommending that Bush deliver a major address to the American people.

Earlier Friday, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell promoted the draft U.N. resolution that the Bush administration says would

broaden the multinational presence in Iraq and help restore Iraqi sovereignty.



Adan El Shukrijumah, top left, Abderraouf Jdey, top right, Zubayr Al-Rimi, lower left, and Karim El Mejjati are wanted by the FBI.

## FBI seeks 4 terrorist suspects

WASHINGTON — The FBI has sent an alert to law enforcement agencies across the country for them to be on the lookout for four men who, according to intelligence information, "are involved in terrorist activities and may pose a threat to U.S. citizens and interests in the United States and abroad."

The FBI did not say what specific information prompted the new alert.

The whereabouts of the four men are unknown, and the alert asks that they be detained if found.

- Adnan El Shukrijumah, 28, born in Saudi Arabia. He has a passport issued by Guyana, a U.S. Social Security account number and Florida driver's license.

- Abderraouf Jdey, 38, born in Tunisia. His last known address was in Montreal, Quebec — the Canadian city in which his current passport was issued.

- Karim El Mejjati, 35, born in Morocco. He is known to have entered the United States between 1997 and 1999. He has a Moroccan identity card. The alert lists several passport numbers for him issued by France.

- Zubayr Al-Rimi, born in Saudi Arabia and married to a Moroccan woman.

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terrorist groups like the Taliban, is now a base of operations for the U.S. and coalition forces. Among the hustle of everyday operations to eliminate terrorist forces here, one unit lies silent behind the scenes providing the necessary lubricant needed for smooth operations. That mute unit is the 455<sup>th</sup> Expeditionary Security Forces.

While the Air Force security forces are too often taken for granted, their absence would have fatal repercussions for many supporting the war effort here, said Master Sgt. Steven Lundy, 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron operations superintendent.

“We provide a secure environment for the jets on the flightline and people within the Air Force compound by keeping our eyes and our weapons up,” said Lundy. “We also work with the Army to help provide a layer of protection on the outer perimeter of the base.”

Unlike their primary job of law enforcement back at home stations, Tech. Sgt. Eddie Blackmon, 455th ESFS flight chief, said their job here is security.

“The Army is responsible for all the law enforcement here because this is mainly an Army installation,” said Blackmon.

“We’re a subordinate unit to the Army,” said Staff Sgt. Victor Guzman, 455th ESFS trainer. “We work for them. They came in and secured the airfield and the Air Force came in and established air operations in November 2001.”

The two services have remained harmonious in their working relationships since the airfield was established.

“My experience working with the Army here is extremely positive,” said Staff Sgt. Alan Clontz, 455th ESFS security response team leader. “They are interested in working with the Air Force security forces as a team instead of two autonomous units. I’d like the opportunity to train more with the Army.”

Although training with the Army would be ideal, members are settling for the next best thing: fighting along side them. According to Senior Airman Jodi Brown, 455th ESFS M-60 Machine Gun



*Senior Airman Zane Aguilar, (right) 455th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, demonstrates a defensive posture that might be used to counter enemy fire, while Staff Sgt. Alan Clontz, 455th ESFS, calls in their position the radio.*

operator, that includes doing random patrols every day outside the wire.

“We assist the Army by providing an extra set of eyes on what goes on right off base,” she said. “Many times you don’t know if the alleged goat herder right outside the wire isn’t really gathering intelligence on us.”

Watching the suspicious activity on the edge of the base is much more hazardous than it may sound at first.

“There are land mines everywhere from past wars,” said Guzman. “When you’re out doing a perimeter check in an armored Humvee, the small, thick windows restrict your vision. When it’s dark outside and you have night vision goggles on, your field of vision is reduced that much more. If you veer off the road just a little bit, it’s likely you’ll find a mine.”

Yet deadly threats aren’t limited to the base perimeter. Rocket attacks are a common threat to those inside the perimeter, said Guzman.

“When there’s a rocket attack, most are running for a bunker, but it is our job to go out and meet the threat,” he said.

“We’re taking the fight to the enemy,” said Clontz. “I didn’t join the Air Force to go to college ... I joined because I love America. I want to be a part of removing

anyone who threatens our freedom.”

The reason for military presence is no secret among those serving here.

“We’re defending the United States from attacks like what happened September 11,” said Brown. “We’re literally pushing these guys back into their caves. That’s worth being here for.”

Other security forces airmen are here for a little more than just homeland security.

“I’m not rich or famous, but I know my job is important to the local nationals here,” said Senior Airman Malik Abdur-Rahmaan, 455th ESFS surveillance thermal imagery specialist. “It makes me feel good to know my sacrifice results in their peace.”

Nevertheless, the sacrifice involved in the job only sharpens the fortitude of the security forces here.

“We risk our lives working extended hours in a combat zone away from family,” said Lundy. “The threat is very high. That is part of what makes it my honor. The time is now.”

Regardless, threat or sacrifice, Bagram Air Base can sleep soundly at night because the security forces are behind the scene quietly meeting the threat eye to eye.

# Red Cross: Service members haven in time of need

Story by Spc. Wes Landrum  
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**BAGRAM**, Afghanistan - They go wherever the soldiers go: Afghanistan, Kosovo, Qatar, Iraq. Their mission is simple; to keep families back home in touch with their service member who is deployed. They are the American Red Cross.

"We are civilians working for a private, charitable organization chartered by Congress to provide this service to the military," said Caryn Modawell, assistant station manager for the Red Cross, Bagram Air Base. "The U.S. is the only force in the world to provide Armed Forces Emergency Services to its troops."

Modawell and her partner, John Valentine, station manager, work in the office located in the back of the Joint Processing Readiness Center.

The Bagram office not only serves Bagram Air Base but they also serve a four-nation area.

"We provide services [as close as] Kabul and Kandahar," said Modawell; however, "We also provide services to Pakistan, Uzbekistan, and Kyrgyzstan."

That means long hours for the two-

person crew.

"We work 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week," Valentine said.

Modawell said the hours may be long but getting the chance to help soldiers makes it worthwhile.

"Sometimes they need [something as simple as] a staple to put into a piece of paper," she said. "Other times, they need to shut the door and talk privately."

Valentine said the intimacy Red Cross shares with service members in Bagram is not the norm in the continental U.S.

"We don't do this back in the States," said Valentine, "We're involved but not to the degree we are here."

According to Modawell, the office is flooded with messages from home almost every day. She said they average between 50 and 75 messages a week.

"We had 53 messages last week and two weeks ago we had 62," she said. "Most of the ones we get are messages concerning family illnesses and the death of a loved one."

Modawell said if an emergency should arise at home, the first thing a family member should do is to contact the nearest Red Cross office. They should then ask for a military caseworker and tell them the

nature of the situation.

The caseworker would verify the situation, compose a message, and send it to the area the soldier is deployed via mail.

She said that it isn't hard to contact a loved one that is deployed but stressed that it was important to do one thing.

"Keep your family informed of your personal information, [including] full name, rank, social and the unit you are attached to," she said.

"When people get deployed, they often get attached to a different unit," she said.

This tactic makes it difficult to locate soldiers and deliver the message to them, Modawell continued.

Modawell and Valentine agreed that even though their deployments are short, usually 90 to 120 days, they have enjoyed every minute of their time here.

"We know that's part of the job from the moment we decide to work for the Red Cross," said Modawell. "We are required to be mobile when we get the call."

"It's long hours but it is fun," said Valentine. "You just have to be persistent and keep going with your job."

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"He has antiquated equipment that runs on JP8 fuel and air pressure," the soldier said.

It's not like Webb has the option to cook for all the troops in a commercial kitchen, said the soldier.

"It's difficult," he added. "You literally have a burner that runs on JP8, or you have those little propane tanks you can hook up.

"That's why a lot of the food gets grilled out here," said the soldier.

With twelve years experience, Webb has the task of feeding the soldiers under control, but admits that sometimes it is hard running the show on his own.

"You're the only one out here, so you won't have anyone that knows where you're coming from on the cook side of the house," he said.

But even though Webb is out on his own, he is surrounded by fellow soldiers and that makes all the difference.

"You're all soldiers, so you do have something in common right there," he said. "You can relate on that level always."



*Sgt. Lemuel Webb, Gardez Special Operations Forces site cook, throws some ribs on the grill, preparing dinner consisting of ribs, steak and lobster tail, for an unknown amount of hungry soldiers that will be at the compound that night.*

# FREEDOM'S VOICES

## Enjoy liberty and justice but remember soldiers paying the price

Commentary by Michael Dukes  
Walter Reed Army Medical Center

Regardless of personal opinions for, or against, military action in Afghanistan and Iraq thousands of American patriots are carrying out orders to liberate and protect people who are defenseless against oppressive dictators.

Soldiers are putting their lives on the line to help people they don't know. Since the War on Terror began in the fall of 2001, Walter Reed Army Medical Center has had its hands full tending to those who have been wounded or have become sick in the line of duty.

Dozens of Purple Hearts have been given in private bedside ceremonies at the medical center. The former Army chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Eric K. Shinseki put it best when he said to family members of recipients, "This is a medal no soldier seeks or wishes for. But it's something they paid for with their own sweat and blood."

I've been present for many of these private ceremonies and was amazed how, despite their war-torn condition, many of these soldiers stood at attention as they were pinned.

Some of the soldiers who went to Walter Reed have lost legs, arms and suffered injuries that will be with them the rest of their lives. I was amazed at the high spirits and positive attitude many of these

soldiers had. Their determination and perseverance makes me proud to be working at our nation's largest and most prestigious military medical center.

We don't see their faces in the news anymore, but we still get new patients weekly. The media frenzy is gone, but the soldiers are not forgotten.

There have been quite a few professional athletes and entertainers who cared enough to stop by and say "hello" and talk to the soldiers. There were no video crews or reporters present during their visits — these were private visits for the wounded soldiers.

While these celebrities might not endorse war, they do support those who dare to stand up and fight for the freedoms all Americans enjoy.

Walter Reed has treated war wounded since World War I. The faces and the names have changed, but the spirit is the same — one of patriotism and perseverance.

So I encourage everyone, whether you believe war is right or not, to support our troops.

Though you might not see the faces of the young soldiers being treated at Walter Reed, it's important to remember they are more than just casualty numbers reported in the news — they are our fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, friends, neighbors and fellow Americans.

## STREET TALK

*What were you doing when America was attack on September 11?*



"I was at work and they had it on TV in the lobby, and somebody said the plane just went through the building."

**Spc. Sunny Stevens**  
348th Engineer Detachment.

"I was in AIT in Fort Eustis and at first I thought they were talking about a movie, then the power went out."



**Spc. Matt Edwards**  
1-130th Aviation Regiment



"I was on my way to work. My wife told me what happened, and I thought someone was playing a stunt."

**Spc. Jamie Wilkins**  
1-130th Aviation Regiment

"I was on the road driving in Alabama and heard it on the radio."



**Sgt. Ras Greer, Jr.**  
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# Afghanistan Hot Topics



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## U.S. Says Taliban on the Run, 70 to 100 Dead

Story by Yousuf Azimy

**BAGRAM, Afghanistan** (*Reuters*) - The U.S. military said on Friday it was pursuing remnants of a large Taliban force in the mountains of southeastern Afghanistan after killing 70 to 100 of them in more than a week of fighting.

The Taliban force in the Zabul province, some 1,000 strong, was the largest concentration of the Islamic militia's fighters since it was ousted from power in late 2001, and the battle, which began on August 25, the biggest in at least 18 months.

"We believe we have been very successful, we believe we have the enemy on the run," Colonel Rodney Davis told reporters at Bagram air base, headquarters of the U.S.-led coalition in Afghanistan.

"From what we can determine they have withdrawn to some extent. There has been relatively light resistance in the last 24 hours, but we're not going to stop, we're going to press on."

On Wednesday a senior government official said Afghan government and U.S.-led forces, backed by helicopter gunships, bombers and fighter jets, had driven Taliban forces out of their mountain stronghold in the Dai Chopan district of Zabul.

Zabul's intelligence chief Khalil Hotak said the corpses of 124 Taliban fighters, including two Arabs, had been found in and around the mountain caves.

The Afghan commander in Zabul, General Groni, told the *Afghan Islamic Press* another 30 Taliban who had fled Dai Chopan had been killed on Thursday in Zabul's Nobahar district.

Davis gave a lower overall figure than those from Afghan officials.

"We can confirm coalition and Afghan militia forces have killed somewhere in the range of between 70 and 100 enemy personnel," Davis said. "That is probably a conservative estimate."

The commander of Taliban forces in Zabul said only seven of his men had been

killed and 10 to 20 wounded, dismissing the U.S. figure as propaganda.

"If their claim is true, why don't they show the bodies?" Mullah Abdul Razzaq Nafees told *Reuters* by satellite phone.

Davis said Operation Mountain Viper would continue against forces he described as "primarily Afghan, primarily Taliban."

"We're taking the fight to the enemy," he said. "If they move to the west, we'll move to the west. If they move to the north, we'll move to the north."

In the past, Taliban forces have often frustrated their U.S. pursuers by slipping away into the rugged mountains of southeastern Afghanistan, or over the border into Pakistan.

On this occasion, government officials from neighboring provinces say they have sent forces to cut off Taliban escape routes.

In May, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said most of Afghanistan was now secure, and the United States had moved from a period of major combat operations to one of stabilization and reconstruction.

Since then the Taliban and allied rebels have staged almost daily attacks on government posts, U.S. bases, aid workers and other targets in different parts of the country.

The movement has declared a "jihad," or holy war against foreign forces, aid organizations and their allies.

## American Ambiguity in Afghanistan

Story by C. Raja Mohan

**CHENNAI, India** (*World Press Review*) - Although the United States has been the largest donor to Afghanistan, it spends nearly seven times more in Kosovo and Bosnia, raising questions about the intensity of American political commitment in Kabul.

The U.S. security operations in Afghanistan cost the Pentagon about \$10 billion every year, but the economic disbursements are less than \$1 billion, despite Congress' authorization for a lot more resources. In an important move, the Bush administration is said to be getting ready to announce a pack-

age of \$1.6 billion to be spent over the next year to accelerate the movements toward peace and reconstruction in Afghanistan. This will be nearly double the amount spent in the current year and is partly motivated by the desire to demonstrate political success on the eve of American elections next year.

But success is likely to remain elusive so long as Washington remains unwilling to squeeze Islamabad into full cooperation in isolating and defeating the forces threatening Afghanistan's stability. The opposition to the new order in Afghanistan is led by a new alliance between Al-Qaeda, the Taliban, and the followers of Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, Pakistan's favorite mujahedeen leader in the days of Soviet occupation and immediately after. The links between the armed forces in Pakistan and sections of this alliance are the principal source of threat to the post-Taliban order in Afghanistan.

In an important statement last month, Khalilzad, the U.S. special envoy, demanded that "every effort has to be made by Pakistan not to allow its territory to be used by the Taliban elements—we need 100-percent assurance on this from Pakistan, not 50 percent."

The American recognition, however, that full cooperation from Pakistan is not forthcoming has not been matched by policy decisions in Washington to press Islamabad to stop undermining the new government in Afghanistan.

Worse still, as tensions have mounted in recent weeks between Kabul and Islamabad, the U.S. pressure appears to be directed more toward the Afghan president, Hamid Karzai, than the Pakistani leader, Pervez Musharraf.

For too long, the U.S. policy toward Afghanistan has been paralyzed by the fear of offending the Pakistani military. Unless Washington liberates itself from the emphasis on the centrality of Islamabad in Afghanistan's political future, it will find it difficult to promote stability in the region.

## Bagram Bazaar gives new meaning to 'TGIF'

Story and photo by Spc. Wes Landrum  
Coalition Joint Task Force 180

**BAGRAM**, Afghanistan – There's just something special about Friday. Normally the phrase 'TGIF' would mean it's the weekend – time to relax, but at Bagram it's something entirely different – it's bazaar day.

At the bazaar, local vendors set up shops just outside the entry-control point and sell merchandise to coalition soldiers. Soldiers come by the hundreds to see what treasures they can buy and take home to their loved ones or to see what they can take home for themselves.

"I come out here every Friday," said John Loosli, Communications and Electronics Command. "It's the only thing that changes out here."

Loosli pointed out that even though the bazaar happens every Friday, the vendors change every couple of weeks. He said that with a different vendor comes a different style of pricing.

Loosli said the first couple of times he went to the bazaar, it was just to look and have a little fun with the vendors.

"I like to come out here and haggle with them for the fun of it," he said smiling. "I'll keep coming until I get a good price on whatever I'm looking at," he said.

Spc. Jon Morillo, Aerial Departure and Arrival Control Group, says he only comes to the bazaar for one thing.

"Basically, I come out here for the new movies and DVDs," he said. "It's the only place you can get six DVDs for \$20."

But are the prices at the bazaar too high? Loosli said they are.

"When you initially ask the price," he said. "They will always tell you an outrageous price."

Loosli added the best thing to do is to haggle with the vendors to lower the price.

"He's trying to get the highest price possible for his goods and you're trying to get the lowest price possible for the things you want to buy," he said. "If you haggle with them a little, they will lower the price."

Morillo holds up a box set of DVDs.

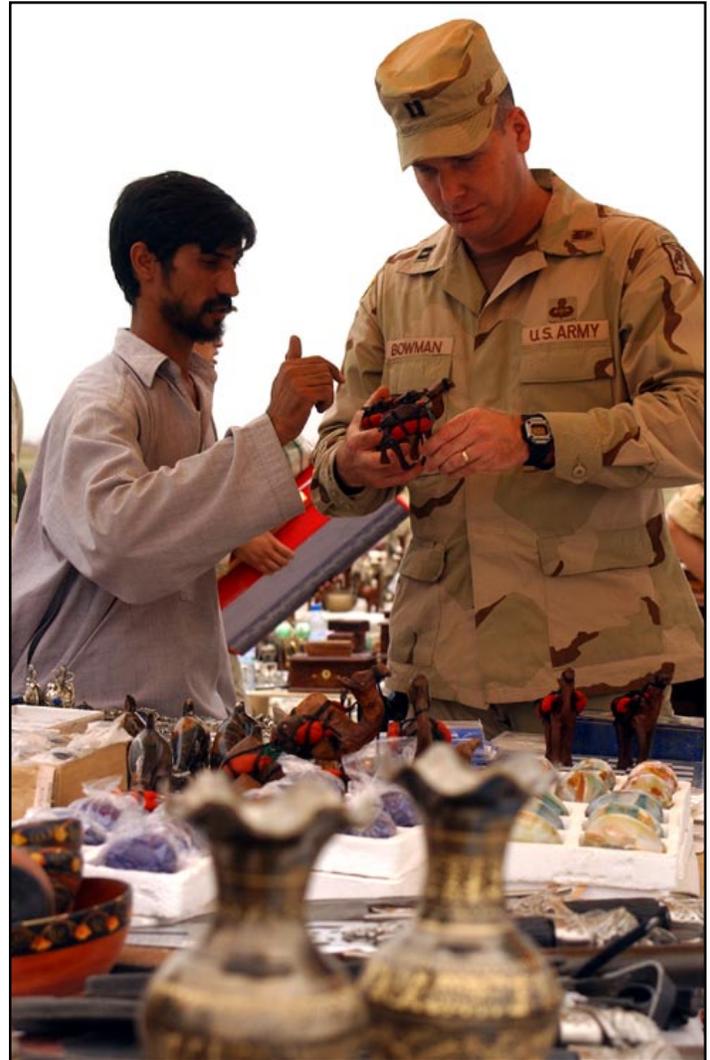
"In a store, these will cost you between \$80 and \$100," he said. "I got these for \$15. I just made over a \$50 profit by coming here and buying from them."

Spc. Sonia Kendrick, 1034<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Battalion, said the secret is taking a buddy along with you.

"Some people are experts when it comes to picking out certain items," she said. "Take them along and listen to what they say. It will pay off."

She explained that some people who go to the bazaar could tell a defective or phony product from an original.

"There are people who collect coins, jewelry, guns, etc.," she said.



*Capt. John Bowman, Coalition Joint Task Force 180, bargains with a local vendor on the price of a wooden camel figure at the Bagram bazaar.*

"They can tell which one is a good buy and which one isn't."

Loosli said he's just not buying for himself. He's buying for loved ones as well.

"I've got four sisters and two brothers," he said. "My plan is to eventually buy them something and I'm trying to see what is down here."

For now, though, he says he will stick to his game plan and haggle as long as it takes.

"When they give a price and act like it is their final offer, walk away," he said. "They will chase after you, bring you back to their tent and lower the price. In the end, they will always come down on the price (of the goods)."

# Music Notes (Compiled from MTV.com)



## Britney Raps On New Album, Teaches P. Diddy A Thing Or Two



Britney Spears

MTV – Britney Spears has kept most things about her upcoming album under wraps, but at least one of the producers she’s collaborated with confirmed what many have speculated — that the singer, like her recent head-turning photo spreads in the *New York Times*, *W* and *Elle*, is definitely going in a more adult direction.

“We went in the studio and cooked up something hot for the dance floor, made something real sexy,” P. Diddy told MTV News backstage at the Video Music Awards last week. “It’s going to be great.” Diddy declined to give song titles, since the tracks aren’t finished and the album isn’t due until November. While other producers who have worked with the singer — including Rodney Jerkins, the Neptunes, 7 Aurelius, the Matrix and Fred Durst — have described Britney’s new material as having a hip-hop vibe reminiscent of Madonna’s “Ray of Light”, Diddy said Spears actually has a wider range on the upcoming album, which MTV got a sneak preview of earlier this summer.

Besides ballads, dance tracks and Middle Eastern rhythms, Spears also raps on one track, “Brave Girl.” “I think she’s giving you a lot to work with,” Diddy said. “She’s broke out of that just pop [style], just being a pop artist. She’s being a trendsetter. She has many styles. You don’t know how she’s going to come and hit you next.” “As a performer, as an artist, as a songwriter, she ain’t no slouch,” he said. “It was great working with her. She was real quick, real quick. I wouldn’t go into the studio with nothing that wouldn’t motivate me. The way

she did it her way, that motivated me to get with her and give her a bit of my flavor mixed with hers.”

## Damon Dash charts new territory as beats maker

NEW YORK — You might have witnessed his unabashedly self-gratuitous showing last week during the VMA pre-show: Dame Dash holding up bottles of his



Dame Dash

Armada vodka on the red carpet. It seems the Roc-A-Fella Records CEO isn’t bashful about pushing any of his products — liquor, the artists on his label, his clothing line or his relentless pursuit to get “all the money.”

And now Dash is planning to bring one of his rarely used hustles to the forefront — he’s going to try his hand at record production.

“I bring the producer the idea and they arrange it so I get co-production [credit]. I did [Jay-Z’s] ‘It’s All Right’ [and] ‘Champions’ with Kanye West. Every record I did was a hit, I just keep [on the] low with it.”

Dash isn’t being shy about his production anymore. Not only is he executive producing the new album by Victoria Beckham (better known as Posh Spice), but he also masterminded a few beats on her project as well.

“I said, ‘You know what? It’s time I get my creative grind going on and get into uncharted territories,’ “he continued. “When you want to make a billion dollars, you gotta find a billion things to do and a billion ways to make money. That’s what we’re doing.”

## Gwen Stefani Works On Solo LP With Outkast, Missy Elliott

MTV – Sure, she’s already collaborated



Gwen Stefani

with Eve, but if two of her more recent partnerships are any indication, Gwen Stefani is in even more of a hip-hop

state of mind than previously expected as she continues to work on her solo debut. Outkast and Missy Elliott spilled the beans on their collaborations to MTV News at this year’s VMAs, but both stressed that the No Doubt singer’s album is still a work in progress and that their contributions may not make the final cut. They also said they’re encouraged by Stefani’s open-mindedness in exploring new directions.

“I think the album will sound totally different than her No Doubt stuff,” Outkast’s Andre 3000 said. “And that’s cool. Step out and do something new sometime. It could be interesting.”

As for Elliott, she said that she and Stefani were still discussing concepts and didn’t have any finished tracks yet. “When we get together, when she does this record, it’s not going to be just another record,” Elliott said. “It’s going to be an event.”

## Bagram Air Base MWR presents

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“Ballistic.” Jesse Gavin is no ordinary policewoman; she knows how to handle herself in any situation. She’s an undercover cop, part of an elite police team and highly skilled in lethal martial arts!

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# Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from ESPN.com)



*John Hall of the Washington Redskins kicks a game-winning field goal against the New York Jets with five seconds remaining.*

## Redskins win with last second kick

**LANDOVER, Md.** — The JetSkins let their feelings be known when the grudge game was finally over and they had won.

Kicker John Hall confessed that he dreamed “the whole offseason” about making a game-winning kick to beat his old team in the NFL’s season opener. He did just that Thursday night, nailing a 33-yarder with 5 seconds left to give the Washington Redskins a 16-13 victory over the New York Jets.

“It’s pretty much one of those stupid things you do when you’re done practicing,” said Hall, who also had kicks of 50 and 22 yards. “You make up those situations where you have this or that — and I’m sure you know which team it was against.”

Guard Randy Thomas, who has spoken politely of his ex- teammates, snatched a moment of glee as he watched the ball sail through the uprights.

“To see those guys with their faces down when the kick went in, it was a lovely feeling,” Thomas said.

The other two JetSkins — the spoils of an audacious offseason raid by Redskins owner Dan Snyder — did their parts in an instant rivalry created by the offseason player tug-of-war. Laveranues Coles

danced and scowled his way for 106 yards receiving on five catches — all in the first half, and Chad Morton was solid in his debut as the Redskins’ return man.

“Thank goodness Mr. Snyder went out and got us a heck of a kicker,” said coach Steve Spurrier, who went through three kickers last year. “The way our kicking situation was last year, I don’t see us winning this game.”

## Worthy, Parish induction echoes epic battles

**SPRINGFIELD, Mass.** — Entering the Hall of Fame together didn’t end the rivalry between Robert Parish and James Worthy, stars of the 1980s showdowns between the Boston Celtics and Los Angeles Lakers.

“Robert,” Worthy said Friday night, “I think I still owe you a couple of elbows.”

Parish, known for his stoic on-court demeanor, actually smiled at the remark. And he poked fun at himself in his acceptance speech.

“You might not believe this, but I hated basketball” as a 6-foot-6 seventh-grader in Shreveport, La. “I couldn’t catch it. I couldn’t hold it. I couldn’t pass it. I couldn’t shoot it.”

He credited his junior high school coach, Coleman Kidd, with seeing “something in me that I didn’t see in myself.”

By the time he joined the Boston Celtics in 1980, there was no doubt about his talent. Worthy’s skills were equally evident at North Carolina and as the top pick in the 1982 draft by the Lakers.

Parish and Worthy joined five other new members for the induction ceremony — Meadowlark Lemon of the Harlem Globetrotters, NBA pioneer Earl Lloyd, longtime Louisiana Tech women’s coach Leon Barmore, Italian player Dino Meneghin and the late Chick Hearn, who broadcast 3,338 straight Lakers’ games.

Like Parish, Worthy was a reluctant basketball player.

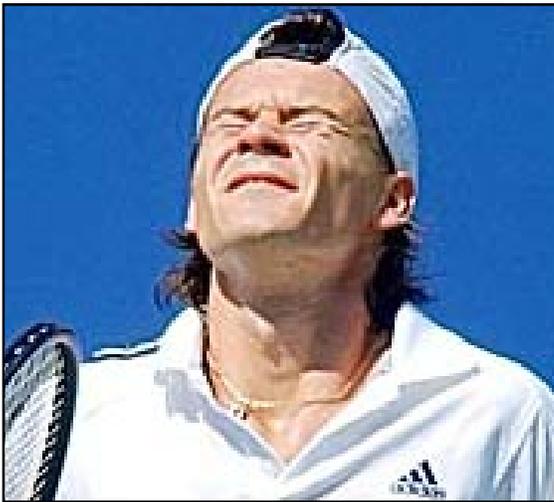
“I just hated the sport” as a youngster, he said. But he played so he could get a scholarship and help his parents, who were supporting his two older brothers in college.

“That was the only reason I wanted to play basketball,” Worthy said.

As their careers progressed, there were other reasons to play. One was the desire for a championship. Parish won three with the Celtics, Worthy won three with the Lakers, but both played third fiddle on their teams.

Parish was just one part of “The Big Three” of the Boston Celtics with Larry Bird and Kevin McHale. Worthy had a supporting role in “Showtime” with the Los Angeles Lakers with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Magic Johnson.

The others drew more headlines and honors, but Parish and Worthy played huge roles in their teams’ success and all six are among the NBA’s top 50 players of all time.



Guillermo Coria, of Argentina, reacts to a missed point against Andre Agassi, of the United States, at the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York Friday.

### Agassi beats hobbled Coria to reach semifinals in U.S. Open

**NEW YORK** — Andre Agassi used fresh legs to breeze into the U.S. Open semifinals with a 6-4, 6-3, 7-5 victory against fifth-seeded Guillermo Coria on Friday.

Playing on two days' rest — a rare notion in the second week of this rain-plagued U.S. Open — the world's top-ranked man pounded groundstrokes deep into the corners, easily moving Coria around the court, and mixed in some finesse with pretty drop volleys which Coria struggled to chase down.

Another American star, No. 4 Andy Roddick also reached the semifinals, beating No. 12 Sjeng Schalken 6-4, 6-2, 6-3. Like Agassi, Roddick also had the day off Thursday.

After Coria's forehand sailed out on match point, Agassi waved, blew kisses and bowed for the crowd, which included his pregnant wife, Steffi Graf, and the couple's toddler son, Jaden.

"I wanted to make the match physical and make him step up and hit big shots consistently, and I did," said Agassi, who avenged a loss to the Argentine on clay in the quarterfinals of this year's French Open.

Coria, who needed four sets to finish his delayed fourth-round match against Jonas Bjorkman on Thursday evening, was treated for a cut on his right thumb and then grabbed his left hamstring several times after stretching for shots. He cut himself reaching into his racket bag on a tool used to remove calluses from his feet.

Agassi will face French Open champion Juan Carlos Ferrero in the semifinals Saturday. The third-seeded Ferrero reached his first Open semifinals by beating 2001 champion Lleyton Hewitt 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (5), 6-1

## Solution from Friday's Percussion Session Crossword in the Freedom Watch

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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**

- ☐ 0530Z — 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**

- ☐ 0700Z — Catholic mass
- ☐ 1430Z — Gospel Bible study

**Friday**

- ☐ 0700Z — Catholic mass
- ☐ 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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*TF Phoenix chapel hours*

**Daily**

- ☐ 1430Z— Estudio Biblico En Espanol

**Sunday**

- ☐ 1330Z — Catholic Mass
- ☐ 1600Z — Latter Day Saints (DFAC)

**Tuesday**

- ☐ 1530Z — Bible Study

**Friday**

- ☐ 0530Z — Protestant Service
- ☐ 1230Z —Choir practice

All events are held in Chapel or DFAC.