

## DHL betters lives of local youth

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**Bagram, Afghanistan** — Bagram personnel are making a difference in the surrounding community everyday by passing out contents of Meals Ready-to-Eat to children located between Bagram Air Field and Kabul.

Members of Dalsey, Hillbloom and Lynn, DHL, are taking advantage of their 45-minute daily trip home to Kabul by handing out excess food from troops' MREs to hungry children along the way.

The program has both short term and long-term benefits, said David Crook, Bagram's DHL station manager. "It gives (the children) some food, and I hope that it helps to build a relationship with what's always been their oppressors. Now, hopefully, they'll start to trust people again."

The children need the help and DHL personnel love helping out, said Crook. Over time, they have noticed a change in the children's attitude towards them.

"They've become more friendly," Crook said. "They're more forthcoming and we feel more relaxed with them."

When we drive through Bagram, all of the children wave, he said. "They recognize the van and they are all shouting 'How are you.' It's just wonderful."

The idea emerged for the program more than six weeks ago when DHL personnel decided to put a donation box in the reception area of the American Red Cross here. The box has been full ever since.

Any item from a soldier's MRE can be donated, as long as it's



Courtesy Photo

*Local Afghan youth displace the MRE portions they from DHL program.*

not harmful to the children, said Crook. Some of the troops even began putting boxes of cereal into the donation box.

"The kids had breakfast one day. It was fantastic," said Crook.

Shortly after Crook began this program, he took leave, and when he returned, he found the donations to be so generous that it took him weeks to pass out the food. "I went to the Red Cross and there were masses and mountains of food," he said. "There was so much."

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## Afghan National Army Recruits Begin Inprocessing

**KABUL, Afghanistan** – Recently there's been an influx of Afghan citizens volunteering to serve in the Afghan National Army. New recruits are being trained at the Kabul Military Training Center where they are receiving a 10-week basic training course.



Courtesy Photo

*New recruits await inprocessing at KMTC*

They will be assigned to the 11<sup>th</sup> Kandak, the most recent basic training battalion.

The training center is processing about 150 recruits daily.

As part of their initial entry process the recruits are receiving medical checkups, and are being screened to develop a personnel data record. The personnel data record will have the recruits name, ethnicity, date of birth, hometown, medical history, education level, any special skills and previous military training.

Recruits are being trained solely under the supervision and direction of the ANA. However, Coalition Forces are providing support to the ANA military training cadre.

After graduating from basic training, soldiers will join the ANA Combat Service Support Battalion of 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, ANA Central Corps. *(Information from CJTF Press Release)*

# World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



Uday Hussein and his brother, Qusay, left, were killed Tuesday in a firefight with U.S. troops in Mosul, according to the U.S. military.

## Saddam's sons are dead

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — The sons of ousted Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein were killed by U.S. troops in the northern city of Mosul after a tipster betrayed their hideout, the commander of U.S. ground forces in Iraq said Tuesday.

The bodies of Uday and Qusay Hussein were identified from "multiple sources," Army Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez told reporters in Baghdad.

A U.S. official told *CNN* that Abid Hamid Mahmud al-Tikriti, Saddam's personal secretary, who was captured last month, helped identify the bodies.

In addition, this official said, other visual evidence helped identify the remains, including wounds on Uday's body from previous assassination attempts.

DNA tests are planned, but the official said he has no quibble with Sanchez' assessment that the bodies are those of the sons.

Four coalition troops were wounded in the six-hour operation at a residence on the northern edge of Mosul, Sanchez said.

## Stance on N. Korea unchanged, U.S. official says

**WASHINGTON** — The Bush administration's previously stated willingness to provide a nonaggression guarantee to North Korea remains in effect, but the option is not under active consideration, the U.S. State Department has said.

The administration's position on such a guarantee "still stands," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Tuesday, but he added that it was not something dis-

cussed last week during talks with China on how to find a diplomatic solution to the standoff with North Korea.

"Nothing has changed on that point, but nothing has become more active on that point," he said.

North Korea and the United States have been in a tense standoff since October, when Washington said Pyongyang admitted to having a covert nuclear weapons program, in violation of a 1994 pact.



In her first public remarks, Lynch remembered best friend Pfc. Lori Piestewa, 23, who died in the attack that led to Lynch's capture. "She fought beside me and it was an honor to have served with her," she said. "Lori will always remain in my heart."

## Pfc. Lynch returns home

**PALESTINE, West Virginia** — Thanking everyone who helped in her rescue and recovery, including Iraqi hospital personnel, U.S. Army Pfc. Jessica Lynch, returned to her home in West Virginia on Tuesday after nearly four months of painful recuperation.

The 20-year-old former Iraqi prisoner of war wore a green U.S. Army uniform with a black beret and sat in a wheelchair as she spoke to the media for the first time since her rescue, saying, "It's great to be home."

"I would like to thank everyone who hoped and prayed for my safe return," she said.

Lynch was wounded March 23 in Iraq after her unit, the 507th Maintenance Company, based at Fort Bliss, Texas, was ambushed. The unit had taken a wrong turn near the southeastern Iraqi town of Nasiriya.

A military report on the ambush said Lynch's Humvee was hit with a rocket-propelled grenade during the ambush and the vehicle crashed. She suffered three breaks

in her left leg, multiple breaks in her right foot, a fractured disk in her back, a broken right upper arm and lacerations on her head, according to family spokesman Randy Coleman.

Eleven soldiers died in the attack, and five others were taken prisoner. After the ambush, Lynch was taken prisoner and moved to a hospital in Nasiriya, where Iraqi doctors treated her.

Now back home in West Virginia, Lynch thanked her rescuers and said those soldiers quoted her correctly when they reported that her first words to them were that she was also a U.S. soldier.

"I'm proud to be a soldier in the Army. I'm proud to have served with the 507th," she said Tuesday, adding she was glad to hear some of the soldiers she served with in her company returned to the United States alive. "And it hurts that some of my company didn't."



Bodies wrapped in plastic lie in the street outside the U.S. Embassy.

## Liberian rebels call cease-fire

**MONROVIA, Liberia** — Rebels fighting to oust President Charles Taylor announced a cease-fire Tuesday following five days of carnage.

Charles Benny of the main rebel movement, Liberians United for Reconciliation and Democracy, or LURD, said, "Our troops are being told to cease fire."

Defense Minister Daniel Chea estimated Tuesday that 600 civilians died in the previous five days. Hospital and aid workers said at least 100 died in Monday's fighting alone.

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Crook separates the donations into categories and then hands them out one by one to the children. He said that's the only way to do it to make sure each child has some food.

"The hardest thing is that they don't share," said Crook. "If you have five in line and you give five to the first in line (to share), he'll run off with them."

The girls suffer the most, he said. "You almost have to keep them separate, give them a head start, and if they run and get away they're fine. But if they don't get away, the guys will take it off them."

"Females aren't as important as the males in their culture," said Crook. "It's just the way it is here."

The rewards outweigh the sadness, but Crook isn't about to take the credit for all the program does.

"We do nothing," he said. "The military (troops) are the ones doing it." We're just passing their donations out.

"I have the best job in the world when I drive up and give the food out," said Crook. "It's no hassle and it's not hard work."

The smiling faces are reward enough. I feel like I have a spot in heaven when I'm helping these children, he added.

**Now you see it ...**

Photos by Sgt. Stephanie Hall

*(Left) Staff Sgt. Barry Peterson, 797<sup>th</sup> Ordnance Company (Explosive Ordnance Disposal), takes one last look at the pile of different ordnance ready for disposal. The pile includes 82mm Chinese Mortars, several rocket-propelled grenades, and other miscellaneous ordnance and demolition materials. The ordnances were stockpiled into a Safe Holding Area until they were ready to be properly disposed of Saturday. The cache is a build up of ordnances gathered around Bagram Air field as well as bought back from the local population. (Right) The big boom – The pile of ordnances explodes into a massive fireball after being remote-detonated by the EOD team.*

**BSU helps sustain life in Afghanistan**

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**BAGRAM**, Afghanistan – Because Afghanistan is a war-torn country where landmines and firearms are an everyday fact of life, casualties are brought to the U.S. Army Hospital on Bagram Air Field on a daily basis.

Most of these casualties are local nationals, said Capt. Scott R. Cvecko, 452<sup>nd</sup> Combat Support Hospital and commander of the Blood Support Unit. "The locals, step on landmines, get gunshots, motor vehicle accidents, and things of this nature," he said. "They come through here and require surgery to repair whatever damage that they have."

Many times, these surgeries require blood transfusions, and the Blood Support Unit provides the blood.

The blood supply is the only thing keep-

ing these people alive because "this is a third world country, and they don't have the means to perform a blood transfusion," he said. Cvecko visited a local national hospital, and said that, "they really don't have the means to store blood and process it the way Americans do."

The BSU has to store and process their blood supply through an intricate system of logistics.

"We receive, store, ship, and if need be, perform emergency blood drives in the area," said Staff Sgt. Gwendolyn McFadden, 32<sup>nd</sup> Medical Logistics Battalion, and the noncommissioned officer in charge of the BSU.

The BSU receives 100 units of red blood cells weekly from the Armed Services Whole Blood Processing Laboratory. They then send out the blood to their eight customers, to include the 452<sup>nd</sup> CSH on Bagram,

two forward surgical teams and other medical units littered throughout the country.

"Forward surgical teams and combat support hospitals have surgical assets that require blood," said Cvecko.

"They see the same things we see," said Cvecko. "Local nationals who acquire traumatic injuries and require a great deal of blood."

Almost all of the blood is used on trauma patients who arrive at Bagram or the medical teams spread out over Afghanistan, said Cvecko. "I'm coming from a civilian hospital and I've never seen the amount of trauma that comes through here."

Cvecko said that providing trauma care and blood transfusions to the local population is "a good humanitarian move that we made to treat injured patients at our facility because we have the means to do it."

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Besides receiving, storing and shipping blood out, the BSU also has the means to perform emergency blood drives at the hospital.

McFadden said that the only way an emergency blood drive would be needed was if a “mass casualty situation depletes whatever I have left on the shelf and what (Cvecko) has left on his shelf.” She said that a blood drive conducted here would be a last resort because of the difficulty and the uncertainties surrounding the would-be donations.

“All the blood we get in theatre (from the United States) has been tested for infectious diseases like HIV and all that stuff,” said McFadden. “Here we have no means of testing the blood.” She said that her unit is ready for it, but, “we don’t really think that will ever happen, but you never know.”

The hardest part of working in a BSU is the logistics of getting the blood from the United States to the units the BSU supports, and making sure those units get the right amount of red-blood cells, said McFadden.

An example of the difficulty is that a lot of medical supplies need to be refrigerated, but blood needs to be refrigerated at specific temperatures. “It needs to be stored between one and six degrees and needs to be shipped between two and ten degrees,” said Cvecko. “The blood support people really need to be on top of how the blood is shipped and stored, because if it is not stored at the proper temperature, the blood can harm the patient more than it can help them.”

That is why the BSU must be on top of its game, said Cvecko.

Blood is what the patient needs, said Cvecko. “That oxygen carrying capacity” is a vital tool to helping medical teams reach their objectives.

One of the main objectives of the medical teams “here is to provide surgical care, and that wouldn’t exist without blood,” said Cvecko.

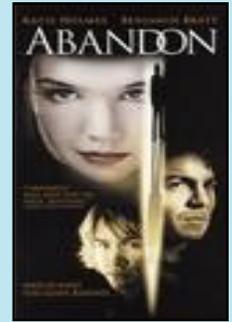
“It’s the BSU makes sure that we have enough blood here so we can meet our objectives.”

## **Bagram Air Base MWR presents**

1530Z at the MWR building: “Abandon.”

A senior at an elite college, already under severe pressure to complete her thesis and land a prestigious job, must confront the sudden reappearance of her old boyfriend, after his two year, unexplained absence...

Tomorrow’s movie will be “Blue Crush.”



## **Local weather**

### **TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER FORECAST:**

	<b>Today</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Bagram:</b>	Dusty H: 99F L: 72F	Dusty H: 99F L: 72F
<b>Kandahar:</b>	Dusty H: 106F L: 84F	Dusty H: 108F L: 84F
<b>Kabul:</b>	Dusty H: 97F L: 64F	Haze H: 97F L: 64F
<b>Uzbekistan:</b>	Dusty H: 99F L: 72F	Dusty H: 96F L: 69F

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# Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from *ESPN.com*)



*Carlton Dotson, charged with the murder of Patrick Dennehy, is led into the Kent County, Md., district court house on Tuesday.*

## Police continue search just outside Waco

**WACO, Texas** — Investigators on foot and horseback searched a gravel pit near the Brazos River on Tuesday for the body of missing Baylor basketball player Patrick Dennehy as authorities said a teammate admitted shooting the athlete.

The teammate, Carlton Dotson, was charged with murder Monday in Chestertown, Md., near his hometown. He was ordered held without bail Tuesday, and his attorneys said they would oppose his transfer to Texas.

Law enforcement sources confirmed for ESPN earlier Tuesday an MSNBC report that a body had been found just outside of Waco, but there was no immediate word at that time whether it was Dennehy.

Later, Waco police Sgt. Ryan Holt said at a news conference that no body had been found, adding that he could not reveal why officials were led to believe that a body had initially been discovered.

The search for the body was centered just miles from the Baptist university where Dotson and Dennehy both were on the basketball team last season. The search began Monday night after Dotson spent about two hours with authorities in Maryland, where he lives.

Asked if he thought a discovery would be made soon, Holt said, "For the family of Mr. Dennehy, we certainly hope so."

Dotson, 21, admitted to FBI agents that he shot Dennehy in the head "because Patrick had tried to shoot him," according to an arrest warrant released Tuesday.

Dotson told a reporter outside the Chestertown courthouse Monday: "I didn't confess to anything."

Dotson attorney Grady Irvin said Tuesday afternoon that he had not spoken with Dotson since his arrest.

"I don't think he's in a mental state right now to be speaking to anyone in any lucid fashion," Irvin said.

Irvin said he would examine the arrest warrant and see whether any comments that Dotson made in recent weeks were included.

"If it is, there is a significant likelihood that his competency to make those statements are in question," he said.

## Curtis pulls out of GHO after winning British

**CROMWELL, Conn.** — Ben Curtis, the surprise winner of last weekend's British Open, withdrew from the Greater Hartford Open on Tuesday.

The 26-year-old apologized in a statement for his withdrawal, saying he was disappointed to miss the GHO but wanted to spend time with his family and friends.

"The overwhelming experience of winning the Open championship last week has finally caught up with me and I am exhausted," Curtis said. "Given my family wasn't in attendance at Royal St. George's, I am looking forward to sharing my Open championship victory with my family and friends at home."

Curtis said he looks forward to playing the GHO in the future.

The tournament begins Thursday.

On Sunday, Curtis became the first player since 1913 to win a major golf championship on his first try. He shot a 2-under 69 in the final round at Royal St. George's, leaving him the only player to break par at 1-under 283. That was one shot better than Thomas Bjorn and Vijay Singh and two ahead of Tiger Woods and Davis Love III.



*Curtis*

## Lance declared fit following blood test

**PAU, France** — Overall leader Lance Armstrong and the rest of the top six riders in the Tour de France passed blood tests in their hotels Tuesday, the second rest day of the race, organizers said.

Armstrong, Germany's Jan Ullrich, Kazakhstan's Alexander Vinokourov, Spain's Haimar Zubeldia and Iban Mayo, and Italy's Ivan Basso were tested with their teammates.

The tests found that the cyclists' level of hematocrite — red blood cells — was below the 50 percent legal limit and they were all declared fit to continue the Tour.

During a 21-month investigation that was completed last year, French investigators found no proof that Armstrong's U.S. Postal Service team used banned substances during the 2000 Tour de France.

The investigation was launched after a French TV crew filmed U.S. Postal officials disposing of medical waste far from the team hotel during the 2000 Tour.

Armstrong, 30, has never failed a drug test and denies taking banned substances. He is trying to equal Miguel Indurain's record of five straight Tour victories.



*Sprewell would go to Minnesota in the four-team deal.*

### Deal would ship Sprewell to Timberwolves

**ESPN** —A four-team trade involving the Timberwolves, Knicks, 76ers and Hawks has been agreed to and likely will be completed on Wednesday, *ESPN The Magazine's* Ric Bucher reports.

In the deal, the Wolves would pick up Knicks' forward Latrell Sprewell. In turn, the Knicks would get Keith Van Horn from the 76ers.

Philadelphia would get a legitimate No. 2 scorer, Glenn Robinson, to complement All-Star guard Allen Iverson. The Hawks would receive point guard Terrell Brandon's contract from Minnesota.

A source with the Timberwolves told Bucher that the trade was complete, but 76ers general manager Billy King told Bucher that it was close but not done.

Another NBA source said that it was his belief that the trade would be finalized on Wednesday.

It is the second major move that the Wolves have made this offseason. Minnesota, hoping to make a big move in the tough Western Conference, signed big man Michael Olowokandi on July 16. A lineup including Kevin Garnett, Olowokandi and Sprewell should give the Wolves a more dynamic offense next season.

Sprewell, a fan favorite in New York, has spent the last five seasons with the Knicks.

Playing out of position at small forward, the 6-5 Sprewell averaged 16.4 points last season. He spent the first six years of his career with the Warriors, and is a career 19.1 points-per-game scorer.

### U.S. ready for Brazilian challenge

**MIAMI** — The United States has beaten Brazil just once in 11 meetings and was thoroughly outplayed in a 1-0 loss at last month's Confederations Cup.

The Americans haven't allowed a goal in five games since that defeat on June 21, and the World Cup champions are being represented by their under-23 team in Wednesday's semifinal of the CONCACAF Gold Cup.

"It's a more difficult opponent than we've played in the last three games, but the fear of playing Brazil isn't what it used to be for us," U.S. goalkeeper Kasey Keller said. "You still have to respect them tremendously, but we know we can compete now."

The winner of Wednesday's game will advance to the final of the tournament, the championship of North and Central America and Caribbean. Costa Rica plays Mexico at Mexico City on Thursday in the other semifinal.

Keller is the only U.S. goalkeeper to beat Brazil, an invited guest to the Gold Cup. He made 10 saves in a 1-0 win at the 1998 Gold Cup semifinals. That, however, came on a chilly, rainy night in front of a pro-U.S. crowd of 12,298 in Los Angeles.

Brazilian fans probably will outnumber American supporters Wednesday. The United States is 2-9-3 in Miami, where the city's large Latin population tends to result in a home-field disadvantage.

"Playing in front of a big crowd, whether they're for or against you, is motivating for me," said Landon Donovan, who scored four goals Saturday in a 5-0 quarterfinal rout of Cuba. "If there's 1,000 American fans and nobody else in the stadium, I'd rather play in front of 30,000 Brazilians. It's incentive and motivation to just quiet them."

"Sir, I think we need to readjust your mask."



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