

## Crackers for kids on Kabul road

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**BAGRAM**, Afghanistan — A child stands by the road, patiently waiting for a Sport Utility Vehicle to approach him. As the vehicle gets closer to him, the driver turns the engine off.

“Here is a Meal Ready to Eat for you,” says the driver as he hands plastic-contained peaches to the curious, hungry child.

On the road between Bagram and Kabul, DHL International hands out water and MREs to Afghans sweltering in the desert, summer sun. It is a daily duty while driving to Kabul every night from Bagram. David Crook, Bagram Air Base’s DHL station manager, came up with the idea.

“There’s never going to be enough



Photo by Robert Merrick

*Afghan children hold Meals Ready to Eat given to them Friday by DHL worker, Robert Merrick, Afghanistan operations manager.*

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## Female MPs patrol as ‘just another Joe’

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**SHKIN**, Afghanistan — Paratroopers from the 82<sup>nd</sup> Military Police Company, Fort Bragg, N.C., perform presence patrols, escort convoys and act as a Quick Reaction Force at fire bases along the Pakistani border in Afghanistan.

Among the diverse group of soldiers that make up the MP unit are two female soldiers, a rare sight to see in a fire base because of the concentration of combat assets.

Platoon Sergeant Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Jim Alexander said that the Military Occupational Specialty of military police officer falls under combat support so females can hold the MOS.

“Were no different than anyone else,” said Pfc. Anna Wear. “We don’t want any special treatment. We’re just another Joe.”

“We never have any problems working with our guys,” said Spc. Stephanie Pavliska. “Sometimes it’s awkward when we do missions with the infantry, not because they don’t want to work

with women but because they aren’t use to it. After a little while things settle in.”

Afghans are offended if a male soldier searches a female. This creates a need for woman on combat operations. Wear and Pavliska help to ensure security while in the field, while at the same time remaining sensitive to the Afghan people.

The soldiers may not be surprised to see women on combat operations but the locals find it interesting.

“Some of them are amazed, some of them don’t seem surprised and then there are some that seem indifferent,” said Wear. “We do get a lot of questions like, ‘Are you a woman?’ ‘Are you a soldier?’ ‘Are you married?’”

Both Wear and Pavliska agree that the time they spend interacting with villagers is what they enjoy most about their job. Both soldiers save things that people send to them from home and enjoy giving them to children in the villages.

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# World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



Lumber is strewn around the wreckage of the derailed freight cars.

## Runaway freight train derails near Los Angeles

COMMERCE, Calif. — A runaway freight train carrying lumber through Southern California derailed after being switched to a side track Friday in suburban Commerce, which sent its cargo crashing into three homes and left 13 people injured, the Los Angeles Fire Department said.

At 12:01 p.m., 18 of the train's 30 cars went off the tracks. A Union Pacific spokeswoman said the cars broke loose during a switching operation and rolled 27 miles before railroad officials switched the cars to side tracks to stop them from reaching heavily populated downtown Los Angeles.

"There was no other option to stop the train," said Kathryn Blackwell, a spokeswoman for the Union Pacific.

Railroad workers used a remote system to switch the train to the siding, Blackwell said. A siding is a length of railway track used to store trains.

Blackwell said they knew that the maneuver was "likely" to cause a derailment, but it would have been more dangerous to allow the train to continue moving into central Los Angeles.

## U.S. Embassy in Kenya closed after threat

WASHINGTON — U.S. intelligence agencies have uncovered information about a possible al-Qaida terrorist plot on the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, Kenya, prompting the embassy to close, intelligence and diplomatic sources said.

On Thursday, the Defense Intelligence

Agency issued a report to government agencies and officials in the East Africa region, warning of a threat to U.S. interests in Kenya, intelligence sources said.

The threat is deemed specific, credible and continuing, and the United States is "taking it very seriously," officials said.

## Intelligence indicates Saddam may be in Iraq

WASHINGTON — Two U.S. intelligence agencies have made an assessment that deposed Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein is alive and inside Iraq, intelligence officials told CNN.

The assessment — which officials stress is not proven fact — was based on recent communications among Saddam loyalists, as well as interviews with individuals in custody, Iraqis on the street and plausible accounts of Saddam sightings, the officials said.

They said they are very wary, however, that some communications and information could have been faked in order to lead the United States astray.

The White House said Friday it remains unsure of the Iraqi leader's status and that his whereabouts still are unknown.

"We don't know whether he's alive or dead," deputy spokesman Scott McClellan told reporters.

## Powell urges Israelis, Palestinians to move forward

JERICHO, West Bank — U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell on Friday called on Israel to transfer responsibility for Gaza's security to the Palestinian Authority and urged Palestinian officials to control radical Islamic groups such as Hamas.

Powell pushed for these steps as he met separately with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon in Jerusalem and Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas in Jericho to bolster the U.S.-backed road map to peace.

Powell said talks leading to a transfer of security control in Gaza from Israel to the Palestinian Authority would be a "powerful and important first step" toward stemming the violence that killed dozens of people in

Israel, the West Bank and Gaza since the Aqaba summit two weeks ago in Jordan.

"In our conversation today, most of the time was spent not on esoteric subjects but practical aspects of security: how to arrange for the transfer of responsibility for Gaza, the details of the transfer, what are the outstanding issues that have to be dealt with before we can go forward with this transfer," Powell said.

## Faris under surveillance before approached about cooperating

WASHINGTON — Federal agents had al-Qaida operative Lyman Faris under surveillance for "a time" before they approached him in March about cooperating with the government, federal law enforcement sources said.

One official said agents had determined that the Ohio-based truck driver was "a good candidate to flip," or turn against al-Qaida and begin providing information to the United States, though sources would not explain what led them to that conclusion.

Faris represents the first public case in which a suspected al-Qaida operative not already in custody was approached by agents seeking cooperation.

Once Faris agreed to cooperate, sources said, he was instructed to fly from his home in Ohio to Virginia to turn himself in. The plea deal the government reached with Faris was handled by the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia, just outside Washington.

## Dozens hurt in Chechen blast

MOSCOW — A truck bomb has exploded near a government building in Chechnya's regional capital in a failed attack that killed two suicide bombers and wounded dozens of others, officials said.

Emergency officials said at least 36 people were injured in Friday's blast that left a huge hole in the street. Four were taken to hospital.

"The truck was driving towards the complex of government buildings, but exploded before it got there," Khamid Adayev, deputy head of Chechnya's Interior Ministry, said.

# New CSM talks safety to troops

Story and photo by  
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**BAGRAM**, Afghanistan — As reconstruction, renovations and improvements continue to turn Bagram into a more garrison-like environment, troops may begin to feel more relaxed and put basic safety procedures on the “back burner.” According to the new Combined Joint Task Force-180 command sergeant major, this is the wrong answer.

Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis Carey, CJTF-180 sergeant major, said that even though his goal is to keep post safety policies simple, it is crucial to the troops’ safety that these policies are followed correctly so that one careless accident doesn’t result in an unnecessary tragedy.

“Anyone can basically stand at Four Corners at any point during the day, and I guarantee they will observe a safety violation of some sort,” said Carey. “Vehicle, weapon and other safety violations have been happening too frequently and it’s important troops maintain a higher state of



*Command Sgt. Maj. Dennis Carey, Combined Joint Task Force-180 sergeant major, talks to one of his military police officers about upcoming daily events. Carey said one of the things he stresses the most is safety, and troops should take safety issues seriously.*

situational awareness to keep accidents from happening. Let’s not forget – the road we travel on daily was named after a soldier who died as a result of an accident.”

selves with the safety areas that need the most attention, Carey said there are three safety issues that he stresses the most.

To help soldiers to better associate them-

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# Quiet professionals celebrate birthday

Story and photo by  
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CJSOTF-A Public Affairs

**BAGRAM**, Afghanistan — Celebrating past accomplishments and an evolving future, members of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Forces Group celebrated the 51<sup>st</sup> birthday of Special Forces at a small ceremony here Thursday.

The ceremony featured a cake cutting, with 3<sup>rd</sup> SFG’s oldest member, Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Carl W. Notter, 54, and its youngest member, Staff Sgt. Levi T. Darnell, 24, doing the honors with the “Yarborough Knife,” the official-issue combat knife of Special Forces.

Darnell said in addition to the sense accomplishment of being in the elite ranks and fulfilling a purpose, it’s also a way of paying tribute to those who served before him.

“I look at people like Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Notter and all of the SF guys who had been here before me, and it’s my way of paying tribute to them,” Darnell said. “I want to do justice to those who earned the SF



*Coalition Joint Special Operations Task Force’s oldest and youngest soldiers cut the Special Forces birthday cake during a ceremony Thursday.*

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Not all their missions involve interaction with villagers. Sometimes the combat support role of an military police officer involves direct engagements with the enemy.

Pavliska said she was on Quick Reaction Force for Fire Base Shkin when they were called out because enemy were moving into place to set up a rocket attack.

When the QRF went to a location where they expected to find the enemy because rocket attacks had been launched there in the past, they made contact.

“They started firing on us,” said Pavliska. “You could see all the flashes and frag (grenades) blowing up.”

During the contact two American soldiers were killed and six American and one Afghan Militia Force soldier were wounded.

Pavliska talked more about the actions of her fellow soldiers than she did herself.

“I can’t explain what it’s like,” she said. “Everything goes through your mind but at the same time you ... you just do it.”

With the austere conditions of life on a fire base and the hazards they face performing their duties both soldiers agree that they are where they want to be.

They don’t seem phased by the fact that there are few women and are very proud to be part of the team.

“Everyone here joined for the same reason,” said Pavliska. “In a lot of ways were all the same.”

**Right:** *A convoy of military police from the 82<sup>nd</sup> Military Police Company, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., approach an Afghan compound during a routine presence patrol near Fire Base Harriman, Orgun-E, Afghanistan.*



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tab long before I did.”

On June 19, 1952, after several years of advocating the need for an unconventional warfighting force within the Army, Col. Aaron Bank, “the Father of Special Forces,” founded the 10<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Bragg, N.C.

Bank was one of the original members of the Office of Strategic Services, an unconventional World War II fighting force that parachuted deep behind enemy lines of the Nazi Third Reich. OSS members linked up with local forces, trained and supplied them, then fought alongside them. This force multiplier concept became a trademark of the Special Forces.

Although Special Forces draws its roots from the OSS and the joint Canadian-American Devil’s Brigade 1<sup>st</sup> Special Service Force, it has been widely accepted that Special Forces traces its roots nearly 200 years before.

Robert Rogers was a colonial farmer who was recruited by the British in 1755 during the French and Indian War. By 1756 he created Rogers Rangers, and developed unconventional tactics known as Rogers Ranging Rules. Tactics that Rogers developed are still used today.

Unconventional warfare continued through American history, from the “Swamp Fox” Marion Mosely and his South Carolina guerrilla fighters against the British during the Revolutionary War to John Singleton Mosby, a Confederate who led partisan raiders during the Civil War.

Group Commander Col. Joseph D. Celeski said unconventional warfare works because of its agility and flexibility.

“They (SF soldiers) can adapt in fluid and changing situations — all within the intent of overall U.S. objectives,” he said. “They act decentralized, with broad parameters and guidance, and think unconventionally to solve a problem, and that brings tremendous capability to the battlefield.”

In light of successes in Afghanistan and most recently Iraq, the American public, and more importantly, young Americans, have become more aware that special operations forces play a key role in overall military success.

Moreover, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has called for additional special operations troops. With the Army’s recent push to recruit high school and college students straight into Special Forces, attention will remain at the forefront of the organization that has typically avoided publicity.

# FREEDOM'S VOICES

*Don't look at progress with Western eyes*

## Just my Opinion

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A couple hundred yards outside the perimeter, loudspeakers blasting Afghan music permeate the night air. Faintly, the sounds of laughter and shouting come from the compound housing the local Afghan Militia Force there.

For the past three hours I've been stretched out on my cot, tossing and turning and trying to sleep despite the noise. It's now 1 a.m. in the morning and my first thought is, 'man, in the States they'd be getting a visit from the police for partying like this.'

Then, upon reflection, playing loud music — any music for that matter — would have resulted in a lot more than a \$100 fine two years ago in Afghanistan under the Taliban regime. In fact, a ticket would be a blessing in a country that only two years ago ruled with an iron fist.

Laying there I considered how my "Western" eyes looked at everything going on in the country right now, most especially the progress of coalition forces to bring peace and stability to a region that in many ways came to a stop decades ago.

It's easy to look around and say Afghanistan today is exactly the same as it was 100 or even 500 years ago, a living breathing time capsule in the middle of

technological and social advances throughout the rest of the world.

Most Afghan cities don't have decent plumbing, electricity or adequate housing; most women still walk about town in full abaya and won't speak or look at anyone but their husband or immediate family and wouldn't even think twice about baring their faces or any part of their body, despite the lifting of that ban by the central government. Despite their own standing army for the first time since the 1960s, in many remote areas regional commanders still rule over their particular tribe or region.

Progress doesn't seem to have come to the country, despite the time and effort coalition forces have put into stabilizing the region so far. But that measure of progress is seen through the eyes of a Westerner, and doesn't necessarily apply here.

Exactly one hundred years ago, the Wright brothers conducted their first airplane flight. It would be another 17 years before the first commercial radio goes live, 24 years before the first television and 36 years before the first digital computer.

I can remember like it was yesterday when I first saw cable TV and it's whopping 36 channels; my parents remember when they saw the first color TV broadcast; my grandparents remember the first

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## STREET TALK

*What do you think of the chow here?*



"Better than T-rats, better than MRES."

**Spc. William Horn**  
705<sup>th</sup> EOD  
Fort Polk, La.



"It's pretty good for the most part."

**Sgt. Barbara Cwiok**  
D Co. 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. 229<sup>th</sup>  
Aviation Reg.  
Fort Bragg, N.C.



"It's better than Kandahar."

**Sgt. Francis Collins**  
2-505 PIR  
Fort Bragg, N.C.



"The chow is ten times better than it was when I was here a year ago — two thumbs up to (Kellogg), Brown and Root."

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“Vehicle safety is a big concern of mine and of other senior commissioned and non-commissioned officers,” said Carey. “Over the past three weeks I have observed numerous safety violations in vehicles such as no seatbelts, speeding and not wearing a helmet or wearing it improperly. Troops need to obey the speed limits and if they’re not running, stay on the sidewalk.”

“Another violation which can lead to an accident is weapon safety negligence,” Carey added. “Because there are so few accidents, troops are starting to become complacent when draping their weapons across their back or swinging them around. The selector switch can become easily moved this way resulting in an accidental discharge. Also if a soldier carries a (Squad Automatic Weapon) he must be sure to keep the rounds out of the weapon in the bandolier.”

Another issue Carey addressed is troops being sensitive to the cultural differences for the theatre they are in.

“We have a lot of local nationals who work on this post daily and certain things like soldiers with no shirts on or cut-offs T-shirts can be offensive to them,” said Carey.

“Troops need to understand that we are in a country with different religious and cultural traditions and we don’t want to unintentionally offend anyone,” he explained.

Since there haven’t been many accidents due to safety violations lately, troops

may start to think they can never happen. Carey said this is not the case.

“In the past few weeks we have had several accidental discharges and a few vehicle accidents in the Combined Joint Operations Area,” said Carey.

“Thankfully, no one was seriously injured but that was due to nothing more than luck. Accidents do happen and they can be fatal,” he said.

To help remedy some of the frequent safety violations, Carey said certain measures have been taken.

“I just had a meeting with all of the U.S. and coalition senior NCOs on Bagram to talk to them about safety issues and have them stress the importance to their troops,” said Carey.

“We have also changed the speed limits around the entire perimeter to no more than 25 kph to try to keep drivers at a decent speed. There is too much activity going on here to take any chances,” he added.

Even though Carey understands the reason troops may neglect certain safety policies, all it takes is one second for someone to have “a life altering experience.”

“After being deployed for six months or more, troops begin to get lax and not care about simple things such as seatbelts or speed limits,” said Carey. “However, it is one of the worst things in the world to explain to a family that after six months in combat zone the reason for their soldier’s death was due to a careless accident that could have been avoided. It’s one of the biggest tragedies that can befall a troop in the service of their country. Be safe.”

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food for the kids, but it’s such a great feeling of satisfaction when you give something,” said Robert Merrick, Afghanistan’s DHL operations manager.

“I was shocked to see the poverty. I’m from the (United Kingdom) and as most, I took what I had for granted. (On) the first trip from Bagram to Kabul I was holding back tears,” said Crook.

Crook said he always sees parts of MRE’s lying around and thought he should do something about it.

“Some kids wave you down if they want food or water and you stop,” said Merrick.

Some children are scared and run away when they see the SUV approach them, while others free load and take advantage in as much as they can, said Merrick.

Merrick said if everything works out, he plans to donate more than MREs and also have drop-boxes where people can donate anything for the Afghans.

“It’s in the very early stages ... but I think it will work out. There are so many troops here,” said Merrick.

“People ask me, ‘You drive down to Kabul everyday?’ It is just the perception of the Bagram road.

“A lot of people drive it with the windows up and their heads down. But we’ve been doing this for six months. We stop for kids and never had any trouble,” said Merrick.

The very grateful children’s faces are what keep the colleagues wanting to help, said Crook.

“In this country, it is very easy to make others happy. The smallest gesture makes such a difference. I’m not the only person to give out water.

“DHL is not the only company to do so either. It’s simple and if it’s delivered straight to the person in need.” said Crook.

He said the Red Cross already agreed to collect unwanted meals.

To donate unwanted MRE’s or anything else, take them to the DHL warehouse here.

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TV; my great-grandparents remember a time before both TV and radio.

More than one-third of the past 100 years in Afghanistan has been spent in constant warfare. When it wasn’t civil war, it was the Russian invasion and occupation, or the Taliban rule that drove off or murdered most of the intellectual elite in the country. It’s no wonder they are behind the curve when their progress is measured against Western standards of today.

Progress is taking shape in Afghanistan — incrementally, but it’s coming. According to many experts true progress will take at least a couple of generations; or about the generational difference between my grandparent’s ‘talking picture box’ in the living room to my MTV.

Outside, the AMF compound has grown quiet and the music has stopped. It’s reassuring to know I and all the soldiers, airmen, Marines and sailors here have played a part in making sure progress hasn’t also stopped.

# Entertainment

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## 82<sup>nd</sup> instructors help jumpmasters refresh skills



*Capt. Jeremy Riegel, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade, Fort Bragg, N.C., checks the static line on a parachute during the jumpmaster refresher course here.*

Story and photo by  
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*... Stand up. Hook up. Shuffle to the door. My knees got weak and I fell to the floor. Jumpmaster picked me up with ease and threw my knees into the breeze...*

**BAGRAM, Afghanistan** — There is more to being a jumpmaster than “throwing” a paratrooper out of a plane. There is giving them the courage to make that crucial step into the air 800 feet above the ground, and also ensuring their equipment is safe and they have a safe jump.

It takes intense training and sustainment. To be a jumpmaster, a soldier must not only be on jump status, but also a noncommissioned officer with at least 12 jumps and then they must pass a pre test to get into the school. They then attend a 15-day course to learn what it takes.

Instructors from the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division Advanced Airborne School, Fort Bragg, N.C. are here to give jumpmasters a refresher course

to brush up on lost skills before they return to Fort Bragg within the next couple of months.

The team will be here approximately a month and teach seven jumpmaster refresher courses and give 10 jumpmaster school pre tests throughout the theater.

“It will give them a head start when they get back,” said Staff Sgt. Matthew Sluss-Tiller, instructor, AAS. “The class here is a day-long course, where as the refresher on Fort Bragg is three. By doing the refresher here, they will be able to get back and jump right in with their duties.”

All of the jumpmasters are certified, but have not pulled a duty in 180 days and must go through the refresher. During the day, they brush up on commands inside an aircraft and the sequence of the jumpmaster personnel inspection, which is the inspection of the jumpers’ parachute, reserve and other combat equipment.

There are many steps involved before a paratrooper will exit a perfectly good aircraft and it all starts with the jumpmaster.

“Sequence is extremely important,” said Staff Sgt. Rick Yates, instructor, AAS. “We

stress the importance of doing everything in a certain order. And speed is not a factor. It’s all about safety”

Yates has more than 70 jumps under his belt and said he enjoys jumping and the challenge of being a jumpmaster.

For 1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Christopher Andrade, 519<sup>th</sup> Military Intelligence Battalion, Fort Bragg, N.C., being a jumpmaster is one of the most important jobs a paratrooper can have.

“As a leader, it is important to make sure all of the soldiers are safe and have enough confidence to do what they need to do. As a jumpmaster, it is my job to ensure all of those things,” he said.

“It’s also important that the jumpmaster is confident in what they are doing. They never want to give the impression of being unsure about anything. It will have a negative impact on a soldier.”

Andrade has been on jump status since 1993 and a jumpmaster since 1995. The day-long course here is the third time he has attended a refresher.

“It is extremely important to stay on top of these skills,” Andrade said. “One mistake could be fatal.”



*Riegel performs a step in the jumpmaster personnel inspection under the watchful eye of Staff Sgt. Matthew Sluss-Tiller, instructor, Advanced Airborne School, Fort Bragg, N.C., during the jumpmaster refresher course here.*

# Music Notes (Compiled from MTV.com)



## Jam Master Jay probe looking at DJ's longtime friend Randy Allen

**NEW YORK** — An investigator on the Jam Master Jay case said Thursday that police are now looking into whether the DJ/producer's longtime friend Randy Allen, a.k.a. MDR



*Jam Master Jay.*

of the group Rusty Waters, was involved in the murder.

Innuendo about Allen and his sister Lydia's possible involvement was aired in public last month when the hip-hop legend's mother was interviewed by the *New York Daily News*. She said she was upset because she had not heard from Allen since her son's slaying and because Allen had not be cooperating with the police.

"That hurts me more than words will ever say," she told the paper. "All of these years, Jason [Mizell, (Jay's real name)] and Randy have been friends. We were all as close as close can be, and I haven't seen Randy since my Jason was killed. You're his friend for 20 years and you don't want to talk to the police about what happened? You don't come to my house after he died? You want to say you don't know anything?"

## Beyonce, Magic Johnson turn out For Jay-Z's 40/40 opening

**MTV** — Like he says in "Excuse Me Miss," Jay-Z's club opening on Wednesday was only for the "grown and sexy" as ballas from Hollywood, the music industry and professional sports came out to support Jigga in his latest endeavor.

Jay officially opened his sports bar,

dubbed the 40/40 Club, in New York and made it a prerequisite that all those who attended — Beyoncé, Magic Johnson, Michael Rapaport, the Dallas Mavericks' Nick Van Exel and Michael Finley, New Jersey Nets' all-star point guard Jason Kidd, Lil' Kim and members of Roc-A-Fella Records, among them — come wearing their finest.

"I'm real excited and I'm just here to show support for my man Jay-Z," said this year's probable NBA first draft pick, LeBron James, on the red carpet.

"It's incredible, I'm happy to be here, happy to enjoy this with Jay," Los Angeles Clippers' Lamar Odom said minutes later.

"I've partied with Jay, I've thrown some parties with him, I know it's going to be hot," Magic said before he walked in. "He knows how to do it, he knows how to please the people, he knows what to have inside, it (will be) classy. (I'm expecting) the ultimate party. Beautiful women, good men, all coming together and having good clean fun."

## Good Charlotte begs fans to 'Hold On'

**IRVINE, Calif.** — Good Charlotte are still deciding whether to put out a fourth single from *The Young and the Hopeless*, but if so, the band has selected "Hold On."

"It's my favorite song on the record," Benji Madden said backstage at Saturday's KROQ Weenie Roast. "I think it's sort of an anti-suicide song. It's about coping with life, and we feel like if we were to put out another single, we would want to put out a song that would actually maybe help people. So that'd probably

be the best bet."

Benji, brother Joel and the rest of the band are hesitant to overstretch their breakthrough album, but the guys will be touring through the year, which sort of calls for a follow-up to "Girls and Boys," which was released in the spring. An itinerary has not yet been announced for Good Charlotte's headlining fall tour, which they'll launch after spending the summer in Europe and Japan.

## Quick news on Kid Rock, White Stripes, R. Kelly

**MTV** — Kid Rock was among those who performed for the troops Wednesday night at Camp Doha in Kuwait as part of the kick-off show of the USO's Project Salute 2003, the first large-scale entertainment tour in the Persian Gulf since Operation Iraqi Freedom began. A second show is scheduled for later this week at an undisclosed location. Others onboard for the tour include Bubba Sparxxx, Nappy Roots and Wayne Newton, athletes Ervin Johnson and Duce Staley and actress Alyssa Milano. ...

The White Stripes have chosen "The Hardest Button to Button" as the second single from their fourth album, *Elephant*. A video for the track will be shot next month, but the band has not yet decided on a director. ...

R. Kelly will be staking his claim to greatness this fall when he releases *The R.* in R&B, a collection of his greatest hits and remixes of some of his biggest singles.

**Dragon DFAC closure**  
The Dragon Dining Facility will be closed Monday - June 29 to facilitate renovations.

*Bagram Air Base*  
*MWR presents*

MWR's Dragon Palace is closed for renovations until further notice.

MWR will host a Barbecue 0730Z today behind the basketball clamshell at Four Corners.



# Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from ESPN.com)



Gordon, Earnhardt Jr., and Nextel are part of the future.

## NASCAR Nextel Cup Series begins in '04

**NEW YORK** — From Tobacco Road to Times Square, NASCAR has become so popular that a telecommunications giant is plunking down \$700 million to sponsor stock car racing's premier series.

Nextel will replace Winston in January as the name on the series that regularly draws six-figure crowds and high television ratings.

Nextel will pay \$40 million a year in rights fees and will spend another \$30 million a year promoting the series, an industry source close to the negotiations told The Associated Press on Thursday on condition of anonymity.

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco, through its Winston brand, spent about \$45 million a year and has sponsored the series for 32 years.

Nextel "will be able to promote our drivers, teams and tracks in every area," NASCAR chairman Bill France Jr. said during a news conference in Times Square, with Jeff Gordon's No. 24 car sitting outside. "This definitely will benefit every member of the NASCAR community."

RJR, citing marketing restrictions and an uncertain business climate in the tobacco industry, said in February it wanted out of the contract. A half-dozen companies made bids, but NASCAR vice president George Pyne said Nextel offered what the racing organization was seeking.

"Nextel has the highest profit margin in their category and they are recognized as No. 1 in America in the telecommunications industry," Pyne said. "This is a strategic decision to go into the telecommunications area."

Indeed, RJR cannot advertise Winston, its top cigarette brand, on radio or television and is forbidden to market to people under 18. Nextel already is well-entrenched in that area.

"They market to children and families, a market that is untapped," Pyne said. "This is a category for us where the opportunities are limitless."

## Jourdain fast on rainy track

**PORTLAND, Ore.** — CART series leader Michel Jourdain Jr. took the provisional pole on a wet Friday at Portland International Raceway.

Jourdain won the pole last week in Monterey, Calif., but it was taken away because his car was underweight. This time, he kept his point and is guaranteed a front-row start Sunday in the G.I. Joe's 200.

Jourdain's lap at 119.339 mph gave him 90 points, seven more than Bruno Junqueira. If Jourdain remains the fastest after final qualifying Saturday, he will have his second pole of the year and first since April 13 in Long Beach, Calif. - on another road course.

"We learned some other things in Laguna last weekend for these tires," Jourdain said. "Last weekend, when they took the pole position away from us, I said, 'Things happen for a reason. Maybe we didn't need to win that race to not get overconfident.'"

Rookie Ryan Hunter-Reay was second-fastest at 119.289, but his speed was disallowed because his car was underweight. His teammate, 1996 series champion Jimmy Vasser, was moved up to second off a lap at 119.267.

## Marlin's laps haven't translated to wins

**ESPN** — Here's your weekly *that's racin'* definition reminder:

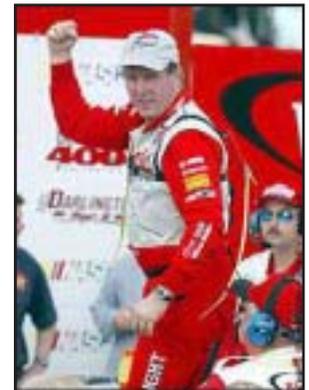
Sterling Marlin has led more laps over the last two races than any other driver. He has no trophy to show for it.

Although Marlin's most-laps-led performances at Pocono and Michigan the last two weekends earned him a pair of sixth-place finishes, the Tennessean isn't frustrated. After all, he knows the deal.

*That's racin'.*

On top of which, he knows there's plenty of racing left in the season, and he's determined to prevail in the long run. Last season Marlin got off to a torrid start and led the points standings for more than 20 weeks. He was injured late in the year, though, and was forced to sit out the final portion of the season.

This year, he got off to a horrid start, finishing 29<sup>th</sup> in the Daytona 500 and sitting in 24<sup>th</sup> in the points standings after five races. He knew that after five races last season he had already won twice. But then, as now, he was able to put things in perspective.



Sterling Marlin led 102 of the 200 laps last week at the Sirius 400.

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“We started out strong and ended up bad last year; this year it might be the opposite,” he said.

And, indeed, it might. Marlin’s consecutive sixth-place finishes have him ninth in the points standings. He’s trying to emphasize that point to his team, as well as one other point: Sorry.

“We could have easily won both races,” Marlin said last Sunday about Pocono and Michigan. “This Dodge should have won today. I just messed up, and that’s really all that I can say about it.”

**Junqueira strong as Papis returns**

**PORTLAND, Ore.** — As the Champ Cars make their annual stop at Portland International Raceway this weekend, Bruno Junqueira finds himself in a familiar position — second in the point standings — but in some unusual circumstances: winless and without a pole position.

Considering the 26-year-old Brazilian was runner-up to Cristiano da Matta in the 2002 CART championship and the only consistent challenger to his good friend and countryman, it seemed likely “Junky” would rule in 2003.

Especially since he took over da Matta’s seat at Newman-Haas Racing and CART’s depth had been depleted with several big team defections to the Indy Racing League.

But, heading into the eighth race of this season, Bruno has amassed 83 points on the strength of two seconds, a pair of thirds, a fourth and a fifth.

“Yeah, it’s kind of strange,” said Junqueira, who trails Michel Jourdain Jr. by six points following his runner-up effort at Laguna Seca last Sunday. “Everybody thought I would be winning a lot of poles and races. I think in at least half of the races so far I’ve been fast enough to win but it didn’t happen.”

**Finding right formula for U.S.**

**ESPN** — Bernie Ecclestone has grand ideas for making his Formula One racing series a success in the United States: He wants a TV deal on a major network, a successful American driver that fans can follow, and one race a year through the streets of Manhattan.

Short of that, Ecclestone knows making F1 a force outside of Europe will always be a challenge.

With just two races a year in North America — last week’s Canadian Grand Prix in Montreal and the U.S. Grand Prix in Indianapolis in September — and a field full of foreign drivers, the interest in America for Formula One is severely lagging.

“We need more races in America. I’d do 10 a year if I could,” Ecclestone said in an interview at last week’s Canadian Grand Prix. “But it is never going to happen. So we need to try some other things to catch the attention.”

**Solution from Friday’s She Songs  
Crossword in the *Freedom Watch***

(Courtesy of QUIZLAND.com)



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 — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 0630Z — Protestant worship
- ❖ 0830Z — Latter-Day Saints worship
- ❖ 1400Z — Gospel service

**Monday**

- ❖ 0700Z — Rosary and prayers

**Tuesday**

- ❖ 0700Z — Rosary and prayers
- ❖ 1430Z — Protestant Bible study

**Wednesday**

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

**Thursday**

- ❖ 0700Z — Rosary and prayers
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel Bible study

**Friday**

- ❖ 0700Z — Rosary and prayers
- ❖ 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
- ❖ 1500Z — Rosary and prayers

### 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

### CJCMOTF chapel hours

**Sunday**

- ❖ 1100Z — Christian service
- ❖ 1430Z — U.S. Embassy service

- ❖ 1900Z — Christian service

**Wednesday**

- ❖ 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.