

Secretary of the Army visits Bagram



Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee and Maj. Gen. John R. Vines, commander, Combined Joint Task Force-180, walk off of the flight line after Brownlee's arrival to Bagram Friday.

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee visited Afghanistan Friday evening to talk to military leaders and visit troops throughout the country.

This was the secretary's first visit to the country as the acting Secretary of the Army to assess the progress the country has made and commend troops on their continued efforts in the reconstruction of Afghanistan.

"I came here to see the soldiers and speak to their leaders about the progress they have made since my last visit," said Brownlee. "This is my fourth visit to Afghani-

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Finance glitch stops deployed entitlements for thousands

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Soldiers currently deployed here may want to check their June end of month Leave and Earning Statement to make sure the recent erroneous collection of deployment entitlements hasn't affected them.

According to soldiers in the Combined Joint Task Force-180 finance department, a mass input was entered to stop the deployment entitlements of thousands of soldiers in different components, but they are working to fix the problem as quickly as possible.

"More than 8,400 active duty and 1,700 reserve soldiers have had their deployed entitlements stopped due to a erroneous input of data," said Capt. Monica Sneed, commander, A Detachment, 126th Finance Battalion, Fort Bragg, N.C. "This has affected soldiers deployed in support of both (Operation Enduring Freedom) and (Operation Iraqi Freedom).

The benefits that were stopped include everything a soldier is entitled to while deployed to this area of responsibility.

"The soldiers who have been affected are no longer receiving hostile fire pay, combat zone tax exclusion or their hardship duty

pay," said Maj. Loren Darmofal, officer in charge, CJTF-180 finance department. "According to 336th Finance Command in Kuwait, the erroneous input was made due to a mass listing composed by 3rd Personnel Command, stating certain soldiers had departed the theatre of operations. Once 336th FINCOM input the data, all of these soldiers stopped receiving their entitlements."

According to Darmofal, the system error occurred in two main batches.

"Four hundred soldiers from CJTF-180 were affected in the first batch that was stopped some time between February and March," said Darmofal. "The second batch contained everyone else who stopped receiving their entitlements in June."

Even though this error has affected the finances of thousands of soldiers, Darmofal said they are successfully fixing the problem.

"Kuwait is making provisions to have everyone's entitlements back in their mid-month LES for July," said Darmofal. "If soldiers are not sure if this error concerns them, they should contact their unit Personnel Accounting Center for a list of those who have been affected."

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World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



Chante Mallard.

Motorist given 60-year sentence in windshield murder trial

FORT WORTH, Texas — Jurors Friday evening sentenced Chante Mallard to 50 years for the murder of a homeless man she hit with her car and then left to die embedded in the windshield.

Mallard was sentenced to 10 years for tampering with evidence. Her sentences will be served concurrently. She was not fined for either conviction.

Under Texas law a person must serve half the term before becoming eligible for parole.

Mallard reacted with silence and tears. She tightly shut her eyes.

Hundreds of thousands sign on for 'do-not-call' registry

CNN — The federal government Friday launched a national "do-not-call" registry aimed at stopping most telemarketing phone calls to people who regard the sales pitches as invasive and want them blocked.

By 2:30 p.m. EDT 635,000 phone numbers had been registered, the Federal Trade Commission said. Officials said they expect 60 million people to register eventually.

Consumers can join the registry online at <http://www.donotcall.gov> or by phone west of the Mississippi River (1-888-382-1222). Some Internet users reported trouble accessing the site on Friday, presumably because of heavy traffic. Nationwide registration by phone will be available next month.

Sources: Israel to implement Gaza security transfer

JERUSALEM — Israel will begin the process of transferring security in Gaza back to



Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat has said he expects a declaration regarding a cease-fire with Israel.

the Palestinians as early as Sunday, and Palestinian militants plan to announce a three-month cease-fire of attacks against Israel, sources tell CNN.

The developments come as U.S. national security adviser Condoleezza Rice prepares to visit the region in an effort to help jumpstart the road map peace plan.

The two sides met Thursday night at the U.S. ambassador's residence in Herzliya, near Tel Aviv, and reached an agreement in principle to transfer security in Gaza back to Palestinian control from the Israeli military.

U.S. evaluates success of 'Desert Scorpion'

BAGHDAD — A U.S. soldier was shot in the back of the head Friday, the latest in a string of attacks against the coalition that shows no sign of slowing despite Operation Desert Scorpion, the military operation designed to crack down on Iraqi insurgents.

The wounded soldier is being treated in a combat support hospital, military officials said.

A day earlier, two U.S. troops were killed and eight wounded, the military said.

Meanwhile, U.S. troops detained six Iraqis in connection with the intense search for two soldiers missing since Wednesday from their post about 25 miles north of Baghdad, a spokesman with the Coalition Public Information Center said.

Warrants to stay sealed

CNN — A state appeals court in Fresno, Calif., blocked the unsealing of search warrants Friday in the Scott Peterson murder trial.

The warrants were issued during the investigation into the disappearance of Peterson's wife, Laci.

Judge Roger Beauchesne ruled June 12 that information in the warrants authorizing searches of the couple's home and other locations be made public on July 8, a victory for a news media consortium seeking access to the documents.

The prosecution and defense in the Peterson case oppose the release of the warrants.

Feds charge 11 men with conspiracy in overseas jihad

WASHINGTON — The FBI Friday issued a 41-count indictment against 11 men charged with conspiracy to train for and participate in a violent jihad overseas.

"It was part of the conspiracy that the defendants and their conspirators prepared to become mujahedeen and die 'shaheed' — that is, as martyrs in furtherance of violent jihad," the indictment said.

Nine of the defendants, who are ages 23 to 35, are U.S. citizens, and the others are a Yemeni and a non-resident alien from Pakistan, said Paul McNulty, U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia.

He identified the five men born in this country and arrested Friday morning as: Randall Todd Royer (who goes by the name of Ismail), 30; Masoud Ahmad Khan, 31; Hammad Abdur-Raheem, 35; Donald Thomas Surratt, 30; and Caliph Basha Ibn Abdur-Raheem, 29.

A sixth man, Mohammed Aatique, 30, the Pakistani national and H-1 visa holder, was arrested in the Philadelphia area.

The indictment also charges two men who were already in custody: Ibrahim Ahmed al-Hamdi, the Yemeni national and non-resident alien who was being held on a weapons charge; and Yong Ki Kwon, 27, a naturalized U.S. citizen born in South Korea who was being held on immigration charges.

The remaining three men are believed to be in Saudi Arabia, McNulty said. He identified them as U.S. citizens Sabri Benkhala, 28, and Seifullah Chapman, 30, and Khwaja Mahmood Hasan, 27, a naturalized U.S. citizen born in Pakistan.

PRT headquarters new site better overall

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — After the Provincial Reconstruction Team headquarters held residence in Kabul for more than a year, is relocating to Bagram in Motel 8 tentatively by July 24.

“We are moving from Kabul to Bagram so that we can be with the (Combined Joint Operations Task Force-180) headquarters,” said Lt. Col. Stephen Walker, PRT director and commander, 450th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne), Riverdale, Md.

There are many pros to this move according to a few of the 60 or so personnel who are taking residence here.

“We are command and control for all PRTs in the field. This will better able us to have better coordination with the (CJTF-180) staff,” said Walker.

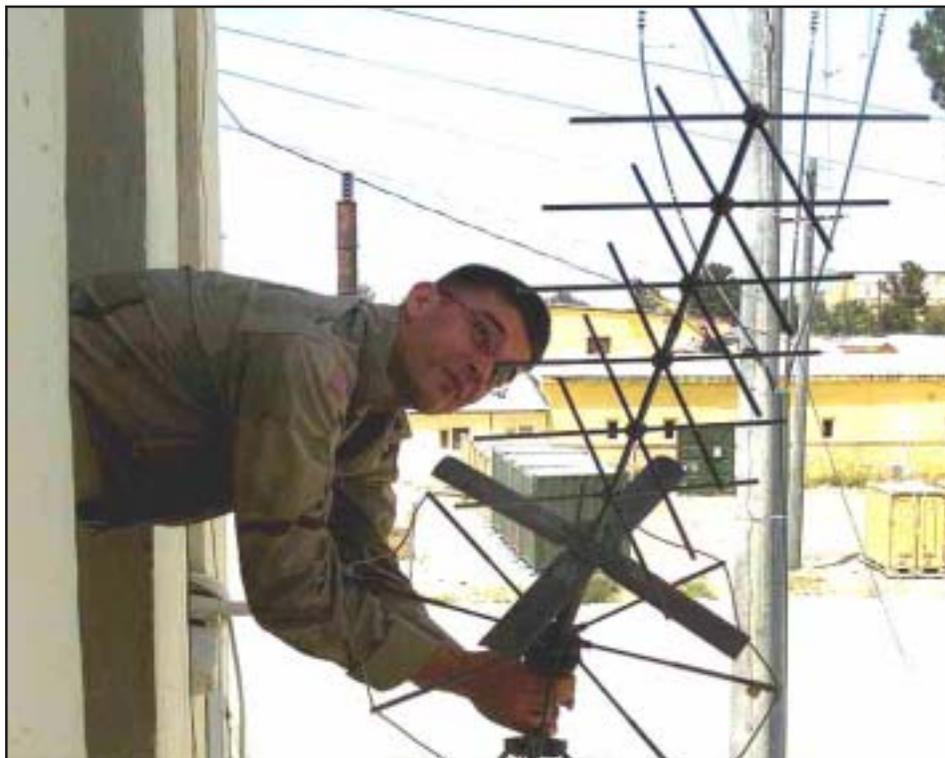
“It will vastly improve our ability to work with (CJTF-180) and synchronize with them for support,” said Lt. Col. William M. Kehrer, plans, Coalition Joint Civil-Military Operations Task Force.

This is also going to be easier for the PRT personnel to attend meetings here, said Walker. Instead of having to drive an hour to and from Bagram, now they won’t have to waste two hours of their day.

There will be additional benefits, since the airfield is right here also, said Kehrer.

“It will be much easier to move people to remote locations. It was harder at Kabul because we had to rely a lot on ingenuity. Now it is a lot easier,” said Kehrer.

Because Bagram has re-supply aircraft



Spc. Robert Kohrs, webmaster for the 321st Civil Affairs Brigade (Airborne), San Antonio, Texas, fixes a satellite communications antenna outside a window at Motel 8. Motel 8 is the new location for the Provincial Reconstruction Team's headquarters.

going to Bamian and Gardez PRTs, Civil Affairs Team-As and Civil-Military Operations Centers spread throughout the country, this will help us make sure stuff gets to them, said Walker.

“We’re excited about being here. Of course you have the normal difficulties when moving, but so far the move has gone relatively smoothly,” said Kehrer.

Kehrer said there are also other benefits.

“A lot of our counterparts are here,” he said. This will help with coordination.

Plus Bagram has many more Morale, Welfare and Recreation things to do com-

pared to the previous location in Kabul, said Kehrer.

As far as the present PRT headquarters, there are plans to house Office of Military Cooperation for Afghanistan, former Civil-Military Action Center and portions of the CJCMOTF, said Walker.

“PRTs are going to be the main focus. We are switching from combat operations to secure and stable environments. We’re not in Phase 4 yet, but it’s going to be a focal point and with (CJTF-180) located here. At a moments notice we can give information and get feedback (here),” said Walker.

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stan and I plan to see troops in Kabul and Kandahar as well before I leave.”

Even though combat operations in Afghanistan are coming to an end, Brownlee said the troops’ presence here is still important.

“We came into this country to drive out the terrorists that were oppressing the Afghan people and to rid them of their corrupt government,” said Brownlee. “Those same efforts still continue today in conjunction with assisting the Afghan government in their reconstruction efforts.”

Although the reconstruction of Afghanistan is steadily pro-

gressing, there is still a lot of work to be done, according to Brownlee.

“As much as we would like see things progress at a faster pace, we know that it is a slow process that will take time,” said Brownlee. “No one can know how long the reconstruction process will take or how long the U.S. presence will be needed but we will be here as long as we have to be.”

Brownlee said he is very impressed by the job troops are doing and to keep up the good work.

“The troops are doing a marvelous job in seeking out terrorists and helping to rebuild Afghanistan,” said Brownlee. “I appreciate the sacrifice the soldiers and their families have made to support this operation and to serve their country.”

Army's 'top doc' makes house call

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — The Army's top doctor visited Bagram Air Base Friday "to ensure servicemembers are receiving the care they deserve."

Lt. Gen. James B. Peake, the 40th Surgeon General of the Army toured the Combat Support Hospital and spoke with troops about the level of care given and received from the hospital. This is Peake's fourth visit to Afghanistan to assess the progress the hospital is making. He visited with acting Secretary of the Army Les Brownlee.

"We are making steady progress here," he said. "This hospital is tailored to a mission and I am committed to make sure troops are getting what they deserve."

With the limitations and level of care of the hospital constantly increasing, Peake said that the CSH is "making the footprint" for future combat hospitals.

"It's amazing what this hospital can do," Peake said. "It is more capable than a lot of clinics on military installations in the States."



Photos by Spc. Debralee P. Crankshaw

Lt. Gen. James B. Peake, the Army's 40th surgeon general, assessed the care of the Combat Support Hospital Friday. He visited four wards and talked to more than 20 soldiers during the visit.

Peake also reinforced that the hospital is an integral part to servicemembers' readiness and that they deserve only the best care.

"It is part of the Army's commitment to

the soldiers and their families," he said. "Readiness is a major concern and troops have to be healthy."

But readiness is not limited to just the personnel at the hospital.

"Troops' health is everyone's concern," Peake said. "It is up to commanders and (non commissioned officers) to ensure that their soldiers are healthy and are staying healthy."



Peake was also introduced to some of the care given to Afghans by the CSH.

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The soldiers of the CJTF-180 finance department apologize for the inconvenience and said they are willing to help soldiers who are having financial problems as a result of this error.

"To decrease the financial burden of the erroneous collection, CJTF-180 finance offices will be able to make casual payments up to the erroneous amount collected, via (electronic fund transfer) to the respective soldier's direct deposit bank account," said Darmofal. "Soldiers interested in receiving CP's should contact their servicing CJTF-180 finance office."

FREEDOM'S VOICES

Independence on my mind

Just my Opinion

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As we near the Fourth of July, and my organization gets prepared to redeploy, I have had some occasion to think about the topic of independence.

Having traveled to different areas of the world, it's interesting to see different countries' takes on the subject. The basic idea of being "free from the influence, guidance or control of another or others (Webster's New Riverside University Dictionary)" appears to be prevalent throughout most countries. Having spent more than six months here, I'm beginning to understand our own independence even more.

We're lending a hand to this struggling nation, Afghanistan, to gain its own freedom. Not just freedom from oppression, but freedom from influence and guidance. It's a long process. And they have a lot of ground to cover.

Our own independence came with its own set of problems. And we had our share of assistance. France, notably, throwing its hat into our ring in our time of need. However, other than having help to gain self-reliance, most similarities between the U.S. and Afghanistan seem to end.

Here we're working to rebuild a coun-

try. To free them from oppressors and bring them out of decades of warfare. We were a wilderness nation, with barely any history of our own. And here we're in an area of the world with more history than much of the rest.

I guess what I'm trying to get at is the care with which we have to tackle the situation. To paraphrase Henry David Thoreau, the United States is a relatively new tradition, trying to carry itself on to posterity. It seems now that we're trying to bring others with us.

While it's admirable, and it is truly amazing to be a part of such a strong voice for independence and democracy, let us not forget that we are not altruistic.

The rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air — these are the symbols of our independence. Our fireworks symbolize the former so strongly for us, yet they are also the reasons we fight so strongly to bring these struggling nations into democracy with us.

Lest we have to burst bombs continually, we want everyone to share the same freedoms we enjoy. So, as I watch the Afghans here work around base or in their village, I remind myself frequently, that they're on their own path to independence. It's with this thought that I truly come to cherish ours, and wish for a quick return of U.S. and coalition forces to our homelands so the Afghans might soon cherish their own.

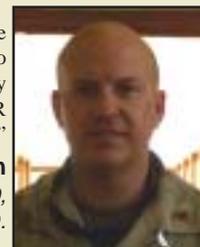
STREET TALK

What is your fondest Fourth of July memory?



"I was out with my family at a lake barbecuing and swimming, just having a good time."

Spc. Peter Urbina
Co. C, 327th Signal Bn.
Fort Bragg, N.C.



"In Germany they were closing down the post so they threw one last party using the rest of the MWR funds."

Maj. Byron Johnston
chief of operations, CJ-9,
CJTF-180.



"Last time I was home, which was about three years ago."

Spc. Christina Forbes
Co. K, 159th Aviation Regt.
Savannah, Ga.



"Being with my daughter while she's watching the fireworks."

Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Ledford
Co. D, 3^d Bn., 229th
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Marine volunteers at PX to stay busy

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Idle time is something most servicemembers value and want more of, but one servicemember here tries to have as little idle time as he can.

Marine Cpl. C.J. Young volunteers at the Post Exchange, runs a midnight lunch for the Harrier mechanics and is the aid to a sergeant major.

Young has been here almost 10 months and will be for another three or four.

He worked as a cook at the Dragon Dining Facility until Kellogg Brown and Root took over. When Brown and Root took over, he and the other four Marine cooks had nothing to do, so in October when the Post Exchange manager asked for Army and Marine personnel to help because there was not enough Afghan workers, they started helping. The Marines volunteered the cooks and the Army provided five soldiers. They started working at the old PX and helped move into the new one.

At that time, the PX had 12 Afghan workers, now they have more than 30.

When Operation Iraqi Freedom began, four of the Marines went to support it. Then the Army stopped sending support because of other obligations. Young was the only one left helping because he enjoyed it so much and it filled his idle time. He is currently the only military personnel volunteering at the PX.

Young likes working at the new PX better than the old one because now he is in charge of CDs while at the old PX he unloaded 18 wheelers.

"It looked like I cleaned barbeque pits (when I unloaded 18 wheelers). That's how dirty we'd look," he said.

Now Young orders, prices and stocks the CDs for the PX.



Marine Cpl. C.J. Young restocks the CDs at the Post Exchange. Young is the only servicemember who volunteers at the PX. "Since he started on the CDs, CD/DVD sales have increased by 30 percent. I think that's because we have what the young customers want," said Maria Schizas-Price, PX manager.

"It's a headache because there are so many different (varieties) and they have to be in alphabetical order, but I like it," said Young. "It's pretty nice. I wouldn't mind doing this full time."

Young began ordering the CDs because they seemed to be geared toward the older audience.

"When I first got here a lot of people were saying the music was intended for the older crowd so I tried to change that because the military is made up of a lot of younger (servicemembers)," said Young. "Because I live with some of the Marines, I have an idea of what they want so I wrote them down ... and ordered them."

The PX employees think his input has helped.

"Since he started on the CDs, CD/DVD

sales have increased by 30 percent. I think that's because we have what the young customers want," said Maria Schizas-Price, PX manager.

Young thinks the servicemembers appreciate what he does.

"The main thing Marines, soldiers and airmen do when they go back to their (tents) is listen to music, play video games and watch movies," he said. "I've had a lot of people come in and tell me there is a good selection of CDs."

According to Young, his chain of command has been very supportive in allowing him to volunteer at the PX.

Young volunteers to keep his mind occupied.

"When I first got here they sent me home on emergency leave because my mom was in the hospital. She passed away while I was there and I did not have enough money to cover a funeral so I asked to be sent back out here," said Young. "I don't really like to have idle time here because then I think of my mom. (Volunteering at the PX) helps out a lot."

Young had the opportunity to take 10 days leave so he took the opportunity to go home and have a funeral for his mother.

Although he volunteers to keep his mind off his mother, Young likes working with the PX personnel.

"It's nice to work with these people. I've never worked like this with (Afghans) and civilians from the States. In my three and a half years in the military I've always worked with only other military so it's different," said Young. "It's relaxing to get out of the camp."

Schizas-Price has seen nothing but positive reactions to Young's volunteering.

"We hear about a lot of negative feedback of servicemembers volunteering and (stealing merchandise) but we have nothing but positive comments with (Young) working here."

Music Notes (Compiled from MTV.com)



Destiny's Child may get a new member next year

MTV — Another child may be on her way to Destiny.

When Beyoncé Knowles, Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams reconvene next year, the independent women will likely be joined by another singer.

Destiny's Child manager Mathew Knowles said Thursday (June 26) he's considering adding his other daughter, Solange, to the group.

Solange has been in the group before, when she temporarily filled in after Rowland broke two toes in the fall of 2000. She's also opened for Destiny's Child as a solo act and collaborated with Beyoncé and Rowland in the studio.

50 Cent takes out Old Blue Eyes, Jay-Z R-O-Cs the mic



50 Cent.

H A R T - F O R D, Conn. —

The ctnow.com Meadows Music Centre was on fire Wednesday night, not only because of the sweltering summer temperature, but also because a hip-hop heat wave had just taken over the town.

Jay-Z handled the pressure, 50 Cent made people believe the hype, Bonnie shook her bon-bon and the Chairman of the Board was left lying in a pool of blood. The Roc the Mic Tour, one of hip-hop's most anticipated shows in years, officially opened the curtain on its road trek.

Co-headliner Jay-Z knows that even

though he'll be taking the stage last during the tour, his is not necessarily the name with the most drawing power.

Durst admits Bizkit album titles were fakes

MTV — With a string of scrapped titles and release dates in its wake, the new Limp Bizkit album may seem like it's getting farther from completion with each passing day. In a recent e-mail, however, Fred Durst insists that the LP, which is in the final stretch of production, "rocks."

"It's so ready to rip the heads off any haters out there," he wrote in a letter sent to subscribers to the band's e-mail list.

Despite multiple postings on the Limp Bizkit Web site, www.limpbizkit.com, that announced album titles that ranged from *Bipolar* to *Panty Sniffer*, Durst said that the title of the band's first album of new material in three years is none of the above.

Rusty Waters member, sister say they're innocent in Jam Master Jay's murder

MTV — Randy Allen, a childhood friend of Jam Master Jay's, and Allen's sister, Lydia High, spoke out on New York radio station Hot 97 Wednesday morning (June 25) to proclaim their innocence in the legendary DJ's murder.

Since Jay's death last October, published reports have speculated that the two may have conspired to kill him for various reasons, the most prominent being an alleged plan to cash in on a large life-insurance policy that Jay and Allen, who was an artist Jay produced, took out on each

other. The policy allegedly named Allen as the beneficiary in the event of Jay's demise, but since then, both he and the police have dispelled that theory.

Eminem dangles his 'baby' Jacko-style, gives fan his 'M'



Eminem holds a baby doll over a crowd in Glasgow, Scotland.

MTV — Eminem has one-upped Michael Jackson.

Spoofing the pop star's infamous baby-dangling incident that

took place last November in Germany, Slim Shady actually tossed his "baby" up in the air on Tuesday in Glasgow, Scotland.

No, it wasn't his daughter, Hailie — this baby was a life-size blonde-haired baby doll, seemingly masked, which a surgical-mask-wearing Em held above the crowd, tossed up, and caught by its head. Of course, he was on a first-floor balcony at the Arthouse Hotel.

Just in case that stunt seemed a little nasty, Eminem practiced a little preemptive redemption the night before. During his performance Monday in England as part of the U.K. leg of his Anger Management Tour, the rapper bestowed a gold necklace upon one lucky fan, after denying tabloid reports that he'd gone on a half-million-dollar spending spree.

Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the Dragon Palace: "The Good Thief." An aging gambler (Nolte) on a losing streak attempts to rob a casino in the South of France. But someone's already tipped off the cops before he even makes a move.

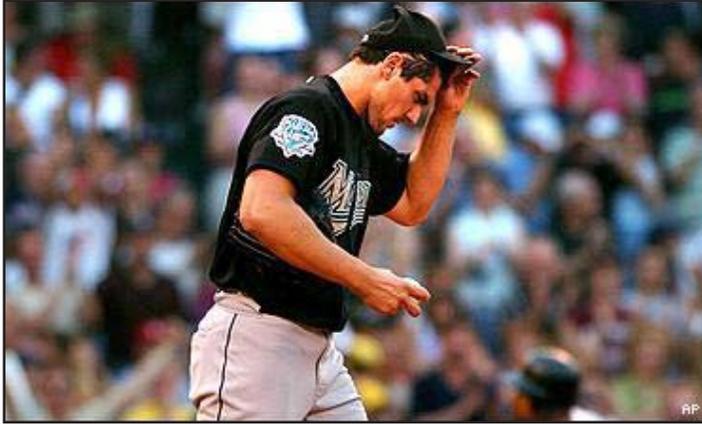
Tomorrow's movie will be "Kung Pow."

Do you like rock and roll?

Weekend Excursion will be performing 1430Z Tuesday at the Bagram Civic Center/Four Corners Stage. The band has five CDs released and their music has been featured on *Dawson's Creek*.

Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from ESPN.com)



Florida's Carl Pavano gave up six runs to start things off.

Boston sets one record, ties AL mark with 14-run first

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox set a major league record by scoring 10 runs before making an out against the Florida Marlins and led 14-1 after the first inning Friday night. Boston topped Florida 25-8.

The 14 runs tied an AL record for most in the first inning, and Johnny Damon equaled a major league mark with three hits in an inning. His single, double and triple left him just a homer short of the cycle.

Boston roughed up starter Carl Pavano, Michael Tejera and Allen Levrault for 13 hits, six for extra bases, and drew four walks.

Manny Ramirez hit a three-run homer, and Todd Walker, Kevin Millar, Bill Mueller and Jason Varitek each drove in two runs. Every Red Sox batter had at least one hit, and seven scored in the inning.

All that took 50 minutes and lasted 91 pitches as 19 Red Sox went to the plate.

According to the Elias Sports Bureau, the previous record for runs scored before making an out was nine, set by the Philadelphia Phillies on Aug. 13, 1948, against the New York Giants.

The 14 runs tied the AL record for most in the first inning, set by the Cleveland Indians on June 18, 1950, in the second game of a double-header against the Philadelphia Athletics. The major league mark is 15 by the Brooklyn Dodgers on May 21, 1952, against the Cincinnati Reds.

Show seeks talent

Come show off your talent or just watch at the Talent Show 0230Z Saturday at the Civic Center. Sign up at Dragon Palace or at the show. Refreshments will be served and prizes will be awarded to everyone who participates. There will also be an after party following the show.

Dennehy missing since June 11; foul play suspected

WACO, Texas — Some of Patrick Dennehy's teammates might be suspects in the disappearance of the Baylor basketball player, police said Friday.

Dennehy, a 6-foot-10, 230-pound center, has not been seen or heard from in more than two weeks.

While police have not found a body, department spokesman Steven Anderson said they "have received information from several sources that would lead investigators to believe that foul play was involved."

In a written statement, Anderson said police were looking into whether Dennehy might have been killed in the Waco area. A sport utility vehicle belonging to Dennehy was found this week in Virginia Beach, Va.

"From that lead and others, potential suspects in the disappearance of Dennehy potentially include fellow Baylor basketball players," Anderson said. "Information about possible crime scenes are currently being investigated."

The statement did not elaborate on the possible connection of Baylor players to Dennehy's disappearance.

Gonzalez: 'Texas is a very special place to me'

HOUSTON — Texas slugger Juan Gonzalez rejected a trade to the Montreal Expos on Friday, exercising a no-trade clause in his contract three days after the teams agreed to a deal.

Rangers general manager John Hart made a deal Tuesday to send the two-time AL MVP to the Expos for prospects, possibly three, if the 33-year-old outfielder accepted the trade. Montreal general manager Omar Minaya, who has a long history with the slugger, traveled to Texas on Wednesday in hopes of persuading Gonzalez to accept the deal.

But in a statement before Friday night's game against the Houston Astros, Gonzalez said he would remain with the Rangers.

"During my career, I've learned a lot," Gonzalez said. "I signed with Texas as a kid. Texas is a very special place to me. Also, Omar Minaya is a very special person in my life, and I want to thank Montreal and him for their interest. However, I have a no-trade clause and respectfully decline the trade to Montreal."

No matter what Miami decides, Va. Tech is in

ESPN — Regardless of what Miami decides, Virginia Tech accepted the ACC's invitation and will officially become the 10th member of the league at a news conference Tuesday at the ACC head-

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quarters in Greensboro, N.C., ESPN.com's Andy Katz reported Friday.

Virginia Tech athletic director Jim Weaver confirmed to ESPN.com that the Hokies accepted the bid to the ACC.

"Virginia Tech isn't doing anything but going to the ACC," Weaver said. "Whether the actual agreement has been signed (as of late Friday) is a matter of semantics. There is no turning back. If it wasn't signed by the end of the day Friday, then it will be by Monday.

"We have no problems," Weaver said.

Miami, which is pondering counterproposals from the Big East, is expected to make its decision Monday, and the ACC hopes to announce both schools by Tuesday's news conference.

Roddick reaches fourth for first time

WIMBLEDON, England — Andy Roddick advanced to the second week at Wimbledon for the first time, winning every game he served Friday and beating Tommy Robredo 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-4.

The No. 5-seeded Roddick, who has yet to lose a set in three matches, is seeking his first Grand Slam title.

"The first one is always the toughest to get," said Roddick, 20. "The biggest fear is the fear of the unknown — if you haven't done it before, you don't know yet. But I'm starting to believe in myself, and I'm definitely here to try to win this tournament."

Roddick's fourth-round opponent Monday will be player No. 12 Paradorn Srichaphan, who beat promising 17-year-old Spaniard Rafael Nadal 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.

Cassell will play at both guard spots for Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Timberwolves traded forward Joe Smith and guard Anthony Peeler to the Milwaukee Bucks on Friday for guard Sam Cassell and center Ervin Johnson.

Cassell, 33, averaged 19.7 points per game for the Bucks last season, his 10th year in the league. He became expendable for Milwaukee when the Bucks acquired veteran Gary Payton from Seattle last season.

"We want to put players on the floor, and that's what Sammy is," Timberwolves coach Flip Saunders said.

The Timberwolves expect Cassell to play alongside current point guard Troy Hudson as well as to relieve Hudson at the point.

Solution from Friday's Smasheroo 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

- ❖ 0500Z — Catholic mass
- ❖ 0630Z — Protestant worship
- ❖ 0830Z — Latter-Day Saints worship
- ❖ 1400Z — Gospel service

Monday

- ❖ 0700Z — Catholic mass

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

- ❖ 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

CJCMOTF
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Sunday

- ❖ 1100Z — Christian service
- ❖ 1430Z — U.S. Embassy service
- ❖ 1900Z — Christian service

Wednesday

- ❖ 1900Z — Bible study

2nd & 4th 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.