

## Panthers provide medical care

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**SARAKANI**, Afghanistan – Lending a helping hand can help on many levels. For the villagers of Sarakani, a recent medical assessment provided some much-needed medical care and allowed soldiers and villagers to get to know each other a bit better.

Medics and infantrymen from 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 505<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment (Panthers), 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., based at Asadabad Fire Base made the trip to Sarakani to maintain and boost relations with the village.

“We planned this about a week in advance,” said Staff Sgt. Joshua Milam, platoon sergeant, Anti-Tank Platoon 5, 2-505. “It helps keep good relations with the village”

“One neighboring village isn’t the most pro-U.S., so by having friends here, it would be harder for the unfriendly people to do anything to us,” said 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Steve Griffin, AT-5 platoon leader. “Plus it’s just a good thing to do.”

While the AT-5 troops provided security, 2-505 medics examined the Sarakani villagers.

“We try and provide some type of medical care at that small level as best we can,” said 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. George Barbee, physician’s assistant, 2-505. “Their access to care is really bad.”

“They’re not accustomed to this level of care,” Barbee added. “Their level of care isn’t up to U.S. standards.”

The Sarakani trip was Barbee’s fourth medical assessment in country and he says he sees a lot of the same problems.

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1<sup>st</sup> Lt. George Barbee, physician’s assistant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 505<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., examines an Afghan girl during the Medical Assessment to Sarakani village.

## Military Security Observer Team at Konduz PRT

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**KONDUZ**, Afghanistan — Soldiers assigned to the Konduz Provincial Reconstruction Team’s Military Security and Observer Team are developing a model for others to follow when future PRTs open later this year. Their observations, contacts and progress in building a rapport with local officials is key to future success.

The Konduz PRT is comprised of approximately 40 soldiers from the regular Army, Army Reserves and National Guard units. These soldiers fill three components that comprise the PRT: the civil affairs section, the MSOT and the headquarters element. Included in the headquarters section are intelligence specialists and other supporting soldiers.

The soldiers live on a 10-acre compound located in the northwest part of Konduz. The Civil-Military Operations Center office is co-located on the PRT compound’s outer perim-

eter and was strategically located to be easily accessible to non-governmental organizations, local officials, contractors and the public-at-large.

The MSOT is responsible for developing relationships with the local police departments and provincial law enforcement officials, many of who are in dire need of leadership, equipment and guidance from the central government.

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# World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



## 14 Iraqis dead in ammo blast

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — Fourteen Iraqi residents are feared dead after an “attacker” fired flares into a large coalition-controlled ammunition dump south of Baghdad, a U.S. officer told CNN.

The flare triggered off a series of loud explosions and sent one errant missile into a Baghdad home, where residents say the 14 people are buried under the rubble.

The missile created a crater about three meters (10 ft) deep and eight meters (25 ft) wide. Iraqis dug with their hands in the belief that at least one person was trapped alive under the debris.

Equipment from the U.S. 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne unit was to later join them. But anger among the residents ran high, blaming the U.S. for storing the confiscated ammunition near the homes.

A soldier with the unit said the unit believes an assailant intentionally fired flares into the weapons cache, stored at a former Iraqi military base near the Baghdad neighborhood of Zafraniya. It is not clear if other caches are being stored around the city.

## South Korea: Nuclear North a ‘grave threat’

**SEOUL, South Korea** — A nuclear-armed North Korea would be a “grave threat” to peace in the Korean peninsula and East Asia region, South Korean Foreign Minister Yoon Young-kwan said Friday.

Yoon spoke to reporters after a debriefing from U.S. Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly on talks with North Korea in Beijing, China, where the United States says Pyongyang privately admitted having a nuclear weapon.

The talks — aimed at easing a tense standoff between Washington and Pyongyang — ended Friday after a brief trilateral meeting between Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhao Xing and the North Korean and U.S. delegations.

During the talks, North Korean representative Li Gun pulled aside Kelly to tell him the country has at least one nuclear weapon, a Bush administration official said.

The official said that Gun asked, “Now what are you going to do about it?”

North Korea did not officially comment, although in the past the country has stated it has the right to possess nuclear weapons. The U.S. delegation also revealed little about the talks.

Aside from posing a threat to South Korea, a nuclear North Korea would violate treaties between the two countries that call for a nuclear-free peninsula, Yoon said. It also would violate treaties North Korea has with the international community, he said.

South Korea will continue its diplomatic efforts to resolve the issue peacefully, he said. The two Koreas meet Sunday for inter-Korean cabinet meetings. South Korea is expected to make the case that giving up nuclear ambitions is in North Korea’s best interest.

## Russian rocket blasts off

**MOSCOW, Russia** — The first manned flight to the International Space Station since the Columbia disaster has blasted off from Kazakhstan.

The Russian Soyuz rocket lifted off from Baikonur Cosmodrome early Saturday morning, trailing a tail of fire as it thundered into the cloudy sky and then reached orbit.

The spacecraft is taking 39-year-old U.S. astronaut Edward Lu and Russian cosmonaut Yuri Malenchenko, 41, to the space station to replace the current team and keep it operating.

Wearing black armbands in memory of the Columbia astronauts, they are expected to dock at the space station on Monday, where they are due to spend six months.

The crew was supposed to fly the Atlantis shuttle to the station in March, but

NASA grounded all flights until they can work out the cause of the Columbia tragedy.

Seven astronauts died when Columbia broke up on re-entry on February 1, and the disaster left Russia with the bulk of the work in ferrying crews and equipment to the 16-nation station.

The Soyuz is now Earth’s only link with the space outpost.



*A busy day of mask sales in the Philippine capital of Manila.*

## Asian leaders meet over SARS

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia** — Ministers from across Asia are meeting in Malaysia to consider ordering strict new measures to deal with the threat from SARS, which has killed scores of people and disrupted life in the region.

Health ministers are expected to approve a plan that will introduce pre-travel checks on passengers at airports and seaports in an attempt to stop the spread of the epidemic, which has already killed more than 270 people and infected about 4,600.

Draft proposals before the ministers also include boosting airport screening, imposing travel bans on suspected SARS sufferers, monitoring people who have contact with them and getting health declarations from travelers from affected countries.

“We must use every weapon at our disposal,” the regional director of the World Health Organization (WHO), Shigeru Omi, told representatives from Southeast Asia, China, Hong Kong and Japan, on Saturday.

The virus, which is thought to have originated in southern China in November, has spread around the world quickly thanks to the ease of air travel, affecting people in 28 countries.

# Nibbio Task Force Target Acquisition Detachment

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Photo courtesy of the Nibbio Task Force

*The flat Afghan terrain allows 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Michele and Corporals Maro and Fabio, Nibbio Task Force Target Acquisition Detachment, to easily calculate data for fire.*

**BAGRAM, Afghanistan** — The Italian Nibbio Task Force has to fight the War on Terror as a self-sufficient contingent of Combined Joint Task Force-180.

The nearly 1,000-strong force headquartered in Bagram and forward deployed in Salerno executes all facets of its mission through CJTF-180 with strict coordination.

1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Massamiliano Finamore, deputy commander for the Target Acquisition Detachment, explained the split-second communication and coordination necessary to concert artillery, aerial or naval fire to bear on the enemy.

“The Afghanistan landscape affords us maximum line of sight for search and surveillance of important command targets,” said Finamore. “We can direct and observe fire and damage on targets anywhere in our area.”

With three eight-person teams, two in Forward Operating Base Salerno

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*Sarakani villagers wait to be screened by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 505<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82<sup>nd</sup> Ariborne Division, medics.*



*Sgts. Mark Watson and Chet Wilson, 403<sup>rd</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion, Syracuse, N.Y., attempt to teach Afghan children how to play tic tac toe while they wait to be seen by the medics.*

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“There are a lot of fungal infections, a lot of bacterial, a lot of malnutrition and a lot of gastrointestinal problems. Burns are very common, we see a lot of them,” he explained.

While not able to solve major problems, Barbee explained that one of the things he’s able to accomplish during these missions is patient education. “We talk to the folks about

making sure they have clean water. We try to educate them about their problems. It would help a lot if they could improve their sanitation and if they had better access to care.”

Also assisting the medical assessment to run smoothly were soldiers from the 403<sup>rd</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion, Syracuse, N.Y. “We basically just assist the medics and soldiers work with the civilians,” said Capt. Dennis Greco, 403<sup>rd</sup> CA Bn.

“It’s good exposure for the (82<sup>nd</sup> soldiers). When the villagers see the ‘helmeted ones’ they’ll remember that they were helped by them.”

The event wrapped up after a couple of hours as the medics ran out of supplies and the Afghans began to disperse. “I love doing medicine,” said Barbee. “I know my primary job is taking care of soldiers, but doing this for them as well is great.”

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The MSOT covers the Konduz, Baghlan, Takhar and Badhakshan provinces, which are the four most northern provinces bordering Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Pakistan and China. One of the first things that the MSOT established was the Security Coordination Center to track all contacts, log progress and follow up with assessments. The MSOT is responsible for establishing and maintaining relationships with official law enforcement and intelligence personnel within their region.

The 14-man MSOT is tasked with observing, assessing and reporting the capabilities of local military forces, border, regional and local police to the Coalition Joint Civil-Military Operations Task Force headquartered in the capital city of Kabul. Those at CJCMOTF then relay the information to the Ministry of Interior and other ministry officials as needed.

“Our goal is to facilitate improvements of capabilities within the local municipalities to bring reassurance to the people that Afghanistan is striving to implement a rule of law,” according to Staff Sgt. Marvin Patterson, MSOT member.

Patterson’s team conducts weekly assessments of Afghan acceptance of rule of law, intra-regional fighting, security and stability in region and border crossing and transportation regulations. They also monitor regional disputes within the factional, local and national government officials.

“Kabul is the link to providing guidance in developing laws and municipal codes for the entire country and we are here to assist in any way we can,” Patterson said. We’re getting out and meeting local law enforcement leadership everyday. We just let them know we are here to assist.”

Patterson, a Rochester, N.Y. police officer, explained how his team is providing for the first time, a link between the central government to the most rural towns and villages of Afghanistan. “Based on feedback from the meetings we’ve had with officials so far, they seem to be responding to our approach,” he said.

Patterson, a trained civil affairs soldier from the 401<sup>st</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion from Webster, NY, is one of two NCOICs of the MSOT. The CMOC leadership designated him for that billet based on the experience he brings from his civilian profession.

The Konduz MSOT is in the ‘assessment’



Photo by U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Amy Forsythe, CJCMOTF PAO

*Staff Sgt. Marvin Patterson, MSOT member, shakes hands with a local who guards the Konduz Provincial Reconstruction Team compound. He and his team work closely with local police officials to better assist them in eventually establishing a rule of law.*

phase in which they are still making initial contacts with towns and villages, some taking up to 12-hours by car to reach. Once they’ve conducted a thorough assessment of their designated regions, the MSOT will implement the training phase where an exchange of ideas and training will occur.

“We’re asking what they need in hopes of providing equipment such as radios and uniforms. We are also assisting them in outlining a fair salary structure.” Additionally, they are very curious as to how the U.S. is going to implement any plan, Patterson added.

We are striving to stabilizing the central government, ridding it of corruption and enforcing the law. However, they don’t have the applicable means or the manpower to enforce municipal codes or laws.

One of the biggest frustrations for the MSOT is a lack of any technological communication systems amongst the Afghan municipal offices. “If there is a change to our schedule we can’t call them to reschedule and I don’t want them to think that we forgot about them,” Patterson said.

The PRT concept was developed as a total integration concept of reconstruction, from the ground up. “By interacting with law enforcement officials gives us the internal knowledge. Plus, it will help us help them establish a rule of law.”

Staff Sgt. Eric Fulton, NCOIC of a 10-man

team of combat military police. They come from the 113<sup>th</sup> Military Police Company, Mississippi National Guard from Brandon, Miss., who arrived on March 7, for a six-month deployment.

“We didn’t know what to think since the civil affairs mission is new to us. But we quickly learned the importance of civil affairs and how best to support that,” Fulton said.

For most of the National Guardsmen from Mississippi, it’s their first deployment so this is an entirely new experience for them. “We get to interact with the locals and we’re seeing dramatic results and an improvement in cooperation,” Fulton added.

The MPs conduct supporting missions for the CA teams such as securing the air field, convoy security and liaison with police for special events.

The MSOT is laying the ground work for future PRTs by describing lessons learned with detailed information in situational reports. “Being a part of the PRT is definitely career and life enhancing,” Patterson added.

The MSOT hopes that the momentum of their outreach continues for each deployment cycle so the government will flourish. “I never get discouraged because I get to see kids going to school and I’m particularly encouraged by progress we’d made in just the last eight weeks,” said Patterson.

# FREEDOM'S VOICES

## Six month deployment — maybe

### Just my Opinion

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**BAGRAM, Afghanistan** — “Unit will be deployed for 180 days or until mission complete.” I’m sure everyone has seen this sentence on their orders. Not because it’s in the first paragraph or in bold print, but because it’s the first thing everyone looks for when they get that piece of paper. Face it. You hadn’t even left yet and you already wanted to know when you were coming back.

But there’s nothing wrong with that. Everyone knows deployments come at the worst times. Grandma’s sick, finances are a mess, you’re just getting settled into a new place or for most of us in the third rotation of Operation Enduring Freedom, Christmas is right around the corner. Then just like that, you’re on a C-17 thinking, “what have I gotten myself into now.”

However, just like everything else in the military, you suck it up and drive on, and after a few weeks things aren’t that bad. You’re getting to know your surroundings, the people you work and live with, your Leave and Earning Statement starts getting fatter and you start to think, “yeah, I can do this for six months.”

Soon, just like everything else in life, it starts to get boring. The people you work with are on your last nerves, the port-a-potties reek

more than usual, and if one more person back home asks you “when are you coming back,” you’re going to throw the phone right out of the Morale Welfare and Recreation window.

Finally, things start winding down to the last 60 days and leaving is the only thing that matters. You start talking to your buddies about what you’re going to do, where you’re going to go, and what you’re going to do with all that deployment cash.

As the days start to dwindle, the *anxiousness* starts to turn into worry and eventually into anxiety. Your replacements haven’t received orders yet, rumors about stop movements begin to surface, and dignitaries from Washington D.C. decide to make surprise visits to the base. Coincidence, you think not.

All of a sudden saying you only have X amount of days left is more to convince yourself than other people. Your palms begin to sweat and heart races every time your commander says “sometime today, I need to talk to everyone.” Bottom line, this is a guaranteed way to drive yourself nuts.

As we all know, there are certain things in the military that nothing can be done about. With all the rumors of stop movement, frozen in place and any other term they use to say “get comfortable,” no one can know what’s true and what’s not. Worrying about the unknown will do no good. Until you get that piece of paper similar to the one you received before you came out here that says you’re staying, keep counting the days until you go home.

## STREET TALK

*What do you think’s the most important part of your mission at Asadabad?*



“When these guys get the systems we prepared for them, it’ll improve their capabilities.”

**Sgt. Brian Verstrate**  
307<sup>th</sup> Logistics Task Force,  
Fort Bragg, N.C.

“Making sure the trucks are up and greedy to go. If the that truck doesn’t roll, we can’t get more weapons.”



**Pfc. Eric Carlson**  
AT-3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. 505<sup>th</sup> PIR,  
Fort Bragg, N.C.



“Making sure everything’s executed to standard. Making sure that everyone gets back alive.”

**1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Sonny Rosales**  
AT-3, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn., 505<sup>th</sup> PIR  
Fort Bragg, N.C.

“Everything we do is pretty important. But, I’d have to say the Quick Reaction Force. You go from being racked out to rolling out in three minutes.”



**Staff Sgt. Lester Kinney**  
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# PX employs 24-hour surveillance system

By Spc. Debralee P. Crankshaw  
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**BAGRAM**, Afghanistan –The Post Exchange installed two 24-hour surveillance cameras to watch for shoplifters last month.

The system will be upgraded in the future, but according to Larry Falk, branch manager, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, the current system has already paid for itself by catching one soldier changing ticket prices, which is the same as theft, he said.

If a servicemember is caught shoplifting, the Provost Marshal's office is called and the individual's commander is contacted.

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and one in Bagram, the 185<sup>th</sup> Regiment TAD of the Folgore Airborne Brigade manages an air support operation center to test capabilities and procedures for tactical and strategic contingencies.

Language and cultural barriers do not compare to the task of marrying up national doctrines to fire for effect. "Transposing North Atlantic Treaty Organization procedures to U.S. Army doctrine has made for the greatest learning curve in the mission," said Finamore, a Taranto, Italy native.

Under the National Contingent Commander, Gen. Giorgio Battisti, the FOB Salerno TAD coordinates its training missions through its Bagram headquarters at Tobruk compound, CJTF-180, the forward observer, and finally the branch of military requested to fire. This training trace is cut in half for live fire as the FO will communicate directly with the fire team.

Just three years ago the TAD was just a paratroop artillery regiment using 105mm Howitzers. The unit was then trained in ground forward air control and how to keep in contact with targets and mark them with laser target designators. Courses in target acquisition and battle damage assessment got them combat ready as an operative detachment.

The TAD paratroopers are trained in mountain tactics like the Alpini soldiers, which affords them the ability to be inserted behind enemy lines. "We are a fully functional fighting force capable of bringing devastating fire to the enemy within minutes of contact," said Finamore.

The commander usually imposes the punishment, which can include being banned from the PX to being federally prosecuted.

"In the States, if you were caught at your local store, you would receive a citation, but here it is a federal offense because we are a federal institution," said Falk.

The cameras are not the only reason soldier should be wary to shoplift.

"Most of the managers have been around long enough that they are usually able to tell when someone is more likely to stick something in their pocket," said Falk. "The Afghan workers keep an eye on people, too. They help out a lot."

To help deter shoplifters, the military police also walk through during peak hours.

Servicemembers should look out for shoplifters also, because the shoplifters take away from the other servicemembers.

"The more things are stolen, the higher prices will go," said Falk. "When (servicemembers) steal, they are stealing from themselves. All the profits go to (Morale, Welfare and Recreation) and back to the soldiers."

Falk has advice to soldiers who are considering stealing.

"It's not worth it – loss of rank, loss of pay, loss of career. It's just not worth it."



Photo courtesy of the Nibbio Task Force

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# Entertainment

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## March inspires soldier to return to flight status

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**BAGRAM, Afghanistan** – Spc. Crystal Osterholt is an avionics specialist for Company C, 159<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, Fort Bragg, N.C. Even before she joined the Army, she wanted to be a pilot. Then an experience in June 2002 changed her mind.

Osterholt was flying on a Chinook back to Fort Bragg after completing a rotation at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif. with about 25 other soldiers. As they were flying over Arizona near a town named Globe, the cabin pressure dropped. The Chinook tipped forward and a piece was knocked off the bird causing an oil leak. An emergency landing was necessary, but the pilot couldn't find anywhere to put the aircraft down.

With the bird coming down, all Osterholt could think of was her 2-year-old daughter.

"I said a prayer for her. I was just hoping and praying she would be safe."

The pilot brought the bird down safe and hurried everyone away from the Chinook in case it exploded. Everyone aboard escaped with only bumps and bruises.

"(The Chinook) was smoking really badly. The pilots had five minutes to land and did it in three. At first I thought they were just doing maneuvers," said Osterholt.

After three days, the Chinook was repaired and the crew returned to Fort Bragg on it. After touching down, Osterholt asked to be removed from flight status.

"At the time, there were other people to do missions, so my command was okay with it," she said.

Osterholt did not step into a Chinook since the incident.

But March 30 she wanted to take part in the Women's History Month Road March. Originally, she didn't know the road march involved a flight on a Chinook. When she found out, she wanted to meet the other

women at the start point, but was told if she was going to take part in the road march, she had to take the flight also.

With encouragement of other soldiers, Osterholt took the flight and is happy she did.

"When I got on the Chinook I was fine. I tensed up for a second. We used to have so much fun. I had forgotten that. If not for the road march, I don't think I would have got-

ten on one so soon," said Osterholt. "It helped me out a lot."

Osterholt is slotted for a mission next week on a Chinook.

"I'm a little nervous, but I'm excited," she said.

Osterholt has now put in her packet to become a pilot.

"I'm hoping to be a Chinook pilot because I'm familiar with them."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Christina Bhatti

*Spc. Crystal Osterholt participated in the Women's History Month Road March held at Bagram March 30. It was the first time she'd ridden in a CH-47 Chinook since June 2002.*

# Chaplain's corner

By the CTF-82 Chaplain

Easter has come and gone. But with the coming of Easter and its passing three questions remain for each of us to answer. These questions in my view are the three most important questions one will ever answer in their life. They provide the framework from which we build our lives and construct our future.

Some say Jesus was a bad fisherman, others a politician, poet, magician, healer and some say he was the son of God, a man above

all men. Since the resurrection of Jesus Christ men and women have had to answer the question of who is Jesus to me? It is a personal question regarding a personal relationship with Jesus.

The second question is linked to the first. Once you decide who Jesus is you must act on that decision. If you believe that he is the son of God you must do something with that belief. Regardless of your belief everyone must decide what they will do with Jesus in their life.

The final question is "how will you now

live?" The real purpose of Christ's coming, living and rising again was to give us a better life here as well as in heaven. It is called abundant life. If a trial were held today and the charge was that you were a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you? We must all decide how we will live our lives in the light of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

I look forward to seeing you around Bagram Air Base and my prayer is that you will answer these three questions today. See you on the street.



## Music Notes (Compiled from MTV.com)

**DJ: Tells  
50 Cent, Ja  
Rule: one  
more dis record,  
then quit it**

When a war of words is becoming too dramatic for the Drama King himself, maybe the situation is getting out of hand.

"If you have some other drama, I ain't gonna front, I'mma hit it," DJ Kay Slay said during his "Double Drama Hour" show on New York's Hot 97. "But this beef in particular with Ja Rule and 50, this is it for me."

The rivalry between Ja Rule and 50 Cent recently elevated on Slay's show, and if the mixtape don has his way, it will end on his show.

Three weeks ago, Slay premiered Ja's freestyle, which the streets have dubbed "Loose Change." In it, Rule comes at the Shady/Aftermath camp, Busta Rhymes, Lil' Mo and manager Chris Lighty. A retaliation came the next week via the Em and 50 freestyle "Hail Mary." Last week the saga continued when Kay played a new Benzino dis record aimed at Shady/Aftermath as well as Ja's abrasive retort "Guess Who Shot Ya."

Now Slay is saying enough is enough.

### Mariah Carey tour in June

More than three years since she last hit the road, Mariah Carey has announced the details of an upcoming world tour.

The singer will launch the trek June 24 in Osaka, Japan, and play 10 other dates in Japan before beginning a North American leg July 18 in Anchorage, Alaska.

The *Charmbracelet* world tour will play at least 20 cities across the U.S., according to an Island Records spokesperson.

After the North American leg, Carey will visit Asia and Europe. A November 4 date in Paris is the only one of those dates so far confirmed.

### Member of Cam'ron's Diplomats wounded in deadly shootout

Freaky Zeeky, a member of Cam'ron's Diplomats crew, was shot and wounded in New York Friday morning during a shootout that left one unidentified man dead.

Around 3:30 a.m., a minor traffic accident escalated into violence, and shots were fired at the car carrying Freaky Zeeky (born Ezekiel Jiles) and three other passengers, according to police. Both of the men who were shot were taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, where Freaky Zeeky, who was hit in the torso, was listed in stable condition. The other victim, who was

hit in the chest, was pronounced dead on arrival.

### JC Chasez says Weird Al's got nothing on Joey Fatone

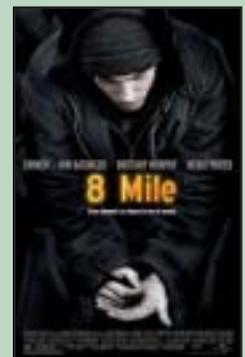
**GLENDALE, Calif.** — Joey Fatone's decision to record an album of song parodies may seem odd, but it makes perfect sense to fellow 'NSYNC star JC Chasez.

"I thought it was the best idea in the world, because he does that anyway," Chasez said during a break from his own solo project "People don't know that Joey has spoofed every song that we've ever recorded. Every time we go into the studio, he sings the whole song off the top of his head, a whole stupid version of the song, and makes up his own words and does all these dumb things."

## Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the MWR building, "8 Mile." A young rapper (Eminem) in Detroit struggles with his anger through music.

Tomorrow's movie will be "Mission:Impossible."



# Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from ESPN.com)



AP Mike Mussina

## The best won't rest

ARLINGTON, Texas — Mike Mussina struck out nine over eight sharp innings and Nick Johnson hit a tiebreaking homer to lead the New York Yankees over the Texas Rangers 3-2 Friday night.

Playing against former manager Buck Showalter for the first time, the Yankees rebounded from Thursday's 6-2 loss at Anaheim, which ended a seven-game winning streak, and improved their record to 19-4, the best in the major leagues.

Mussina (5-0), the first five-game winner in the major leagues, held Texas to one run on five hits and matched his best season start, for Baltimore in 1992.

Since giving up four runs in a win at Toronto in his first game this season, Mussina has allowed just three earned runs over 31 innings. He has won his last seven regular-season starts, one short of his career best.

Juan Acevedo pitched the ninth for his fourth save in as many chances. With one out, third baseman Robin Ventura climbed onto the tarp and reached into the stands to snare Juan Gonzalez's foulout. Ruben Sierra followed with an RBI double and Michael Young hit a spectacular game-ending smash.

The ball bounced off Johnson's glove at first and went to second baseman Alfonso Soriano, whose long underhand toss to first just beat Young as Acevedo covered the bag.

After Soriano's two-out double in the fifth, Johnson hit an opposite-field homer to break the 1-1 tie. His fourth homer just cleared the 14-foot wall in left.

That was the only homer in the game featuring the majors' top two home run-hitting teams. The Yankees have outthomered opponents 45-7, and Texas has 39 home runs this season.

Mussina struck out the side in the eighth, the first three batters in the Texas lineup. He threw 71 of his 102 pitches for strikes, and walked just one.

Mussina's win came a night after Andy Pettitte became the first Yankees' starter to lose this season. The rotation's 16-0 start was the longest winning streak by a starting staff in the majors since 1900.

Colby Lewis (3-1) gave up three runs, six hits and five walks in six innings, but the walks didn't cost him.

Showalter was facing some familiar uniforms. He spent 19 years with the Yankees as a minor league player, minor league manager and was their major league manager from 1992-95. But he never faced the Yankees while Arizona's manager from 1998 to 2000.

In 1995, he led the Yankees to the playoffs for the first time 1981, but they lost to Seattle in the first round and he was replaced by Joe Torre, who has managed them to four World Series titles and five AL pennants.

The teams traded runs in the third.

## Martinez (4), Fassero (3), La Russa (1) disciplined, too

NEW YORK — Arizona pitcher Miguel Batista was suspended for 10 games and St. Louis first baseman Tino Martinez for four games for their fight last weekend.

In addition, Cardinals pitcher Jeff Fassero was suspended for three games and St. Louis manager Tony La Russa for one game by Bob Watson, baseball's vice president in charge of discipline. All four were fined, as were Cardinals catcher Mike Matheny and Arizona coach Eddie Rodriguez.

"I don't understand how Miguel could get 10 games and Tino get only four," Arizona manager Bob Brenly said.

Batista and Martinez appealed, meaning any penalties will be delayed until after a hearing before Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer.

La Russa will sit out Saturday against Florida.

"My only comment is (about) the perception fans get, because we had more guys fined, that the bad guys Sunday were the Cardinals," La Russa said. "It's the opposite. The bad guy was the Arizona guy [who] instigated the whole thing."

Batista was penalized for "inciting a bench-clearing incident, fighting and throwing a baseball at the head" of Martinez, who was cited by Watson for "charging the mound and fighting."

Watson penalized Fassero "for intentionally throwing at and hitting Luis Gonzalez" after a warning, and La Russa was punished for "comments directed at Batista" and for Fassero's "intentional pitch at Gonzalez after a warning."

Fassero declined to comment.

"I thought I'd get two or three games at the most," Martinez said. "I'm going to appeal it and see if I can get my side of the story in, and see if I can get it reduced by a game or two."

Batista hit Martinez in the right shoulder blade in the fifth inning of Arizona's 1-0 win. The two had words from a distance, and Martinez went to first. After Martinez was forced at second, he suddenly made a right turn to attack Batista.

## Sexson homers thrice, Vander Wal twice in romp

**ATLANTA** — Richie Sexson tied a career high with three home runs and John Vander Wal homered twice to lead the Milwaukee Brewers over the Atlanta Braves 12-5 Friday night.

Sexson hit a three-run homer in the first off Shane Reynolds (1-1), a solo shot in the third and another solo drive in the sixth off Trey Hodges. Sexson, who doubled in the fourth, grounded out in the ninth. He finished with five RBIs and a franchise-record 14 total bases.

Vander Wal had a two-run homer in the third and added a grand slam in the fourth, giving him six RBIs. The Brewers, who led 11-0 in the fourth, had lost three in a row and hadn't homered in a week.

Atlanta had won nine of its previous 10 games.

Ben Sheets (2-2) made the most of the run support, scattering 11 hits and giving up five runs in seven innings.

Reynolds, who had not allowed a run in his first two starts after signing with Atlanta earlier this month, gave up 10 runs and 10 hits in 3 1/3 innings as his ERA rose to 5.74.

## Fan accused of biting officer's finger

**OAKLAND, Calif.** — A man at an Athletics game nearly bit off a police officer's pinky this week, according to authorities, the second problem this month with a fan in Oakland. Police said Joseph Cooper, a 21-year-old from Martinez, was arrested Wednesday night along with his sister, Rachele Cooper, a 24-year-old from Pleasant Hill.

On April 19, a Union City man allegedly threw a cell phone at Texas Rangers outfielder Carl Everett. The Coopers apparently got into an argument with another man. When Oakland police officer Dan Royal tried to help Coliseum security, Joseph Cooper bit his pinky finger to the bone, police said. Royal said he lost feeling in the finger before Cooper finally let go.

Royal was taken to a hospital where he was treated and referred to a hand specialist. Sgt. Tom Hogenmiller said the normal game-time presence of more than two dozen officers will be increased.

Police also plan to meet with representatives of one Coliseum bar and ask them to curtail sales of liquor inside the stadium, Hogenmiller said. Joseph Cooper, who police said had been drinking, was arrested on suspicion of attempted mayhem, felony battery on a police officer and resisting arrest. He is scheduled to appear in court Monday.

His sister was arrested on suspicion of battery and resisting arrest. She was released after posting a \$3,000 bail.

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

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By Mark Baker

## Pvt. Murphy's Law

### Kandahar chapel hours

**Sunday**

- ❖ 0500Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 0630Z — Protestant worship
- ❖ 0830Z — Latter-Day Saints worship
- ❖ 1130Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel service

**Monday**

- ❖ 1130Z — Rosary and prayers
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel choir practice

**Tuesday**

- ❖ 1130Z — Orthodox/Catholic Bible study
- ❖ 1430Z — Protestant Bible study

**Wednesday**

- ❖ 1130Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Protestant mid-week service

**Thursday**

- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel Bible study

**Friday**

- ❖ 0830Z — Islamic Jumaa'h prayer
- ❖ 1130Z — Orthodox Christian hymn service
- ❖ 1430Z — Jewish prayer

**Saturday**

- ❖ 0530Z — Seventh-Day Adventist worship
- ❖ 1130Z — Orthodox Christian Divine Liturgy
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel Choir practice

### Bagram chapel hours

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- ❖ 0500Z — Roman Catholic mass
- ❖ 0630Z — Protestant worship
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- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel service

**Monday**

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

**Wednesday**

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- ❖ 1430Z — Protestant mid-week service

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- ❖ 1130Z — Orthodox Christian Divine Liturgy
- ❖ 1430Z — Gospel Choir practice
- ❖ 1500Z — Rosary and prayers

### K2 chapel hours

**Sunday**

- ❖ 0330Z — Liturgical service
- ❖ 0430Z, 1200Z — General protestant service
- ❖ 0600Z — Roman Catholic Mass
- ❖ 1300Z — Latter Day Saints

**Monday**

- ❖ 0430Z — Devotions and prayer
- ❖ 1245Z — Catholic Rosary and Mass

**Tuesday**

- ❖ 0430Z — Devotions and prayer
- ❖ 1245Z — Catholic Rosary and Mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Bible study

**Wednesday**

- ❖ 0430Z — Devotions and prayer
- ❖ 1245Z — Catholic Rosary and Mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Midweek Praise service

**Thursday**

- ❖ 0430Z — Devotions and prayer
- ❖ 1245Z — Catholic Rosary and Mass

**Friday**

- ❖ 0430Z — Devotions and prayer
- ❖ 1245Z — Catholic Rosary and Mass
- ❖ 1430Z — Bible study

**Saturday**

- ❖ 0430Z — Devotions and prayer
- ❖ 1200Z — Roman Catholic Mass

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**Sunday**

- ❖ 0630Z — Nondenominational service

**Tuesday**

- ❖ 1430Z — Catholic service (every other Tuesday)

**Wednesday**

- ❖ 1430Z — Bible study



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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.