

# Outfitting the Afghan National Army

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**BAGRAM, Afghanistan** — In addition to the many training requirements essential to building the Afghan National Army, equipping the new Army remains a constant challenge.

The coalition forces and the Afghan Ministry of Defense are committed to the principle of boosting the local economy whenever and wherever possible while building the ANA. One recent initiative brought into play a non-governmental organization — Morning Star Development — committed to providing employment opportunities to needy Afghans.

Currently, employees affiliated with an ANA project, are in the process of completing the last 800 of 2,000 battle dress uniforms



Photo courtesy of CJTF-180 Information Operations

See **UNIFORM**, Page 4 *Trained employees work on uniforms in the Morning Star sew shop.*

## Bagram EO and IG — ready to help troops

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**BAGRAM, Afghanistan** — Whether in a garrison or deployed environment, soldiers and civilians alike may find themselves in a situation that needs assistance outside of their immediate supervisors or chain of command.

For these issues the Equal Opportunity and Inspector General's office here have some tips and guidelines for troops and Department of Defense employees who may be having problems and don't know where to turn.

"As an equal opportunity officer, my job is to assist troops and DoD civilians with any issues they have regarding harassment due to their race, religion, gender, ethnicity or nationality," said Maj. Thomas McGeachy, EO officer, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Infantry Division (light), Fort Drum, N.Y. "I am also responsible for mediating disputes between two or more parties and conducting command climate assessments."

Due to the fact that the military is made up of people of many

different backgrounds, EO is also in charge of functions that help troops and DoD civilians better relate to others and understand their coworkers' cultures.

"Every month we try to organize a function based on a heritage or holiday such as Hispanic Heritage Month to keep soldiers educated about the cultures and traditions of those around them," said McGeachy. "By doing this, we ensure that soldiers are given a broader scope than what they are used to which may help avoid discrimination issues due to race or ethnicity in the future."

Even though the EO office deals with many issues regarding discrimination and harassment, there are certain cases that they don't handle. For these, there is the Inspector General's office.

"Any discrimination or harassment issue that doesn't have to do with race, religion or ethnicity is dealt with by our personnel," said Lt. Col. John Elwood, IG officer, HHC, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain. "We always try to solve problems by first assisting troops with their issues, conducting inspections and investigations of the matter if required and teaching and training commanders and soldiers on

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# World News (Compiled from CNN.com)

## Democrats step up criticism of Bush on Iraq

**WASHINGTON** — On Capitol Hill and on the campaign trail, Democrats are stepping up their criticism of President Bush on Iraq, sensing what they believe to be a vulnerability in the administration's rationale for the war that ousted Saddam Hussein from power.

Democrats also are raising questions about continued U.S. casualties in Iraq, more than two months after Bush declared an end to major combat, and the continued occupation of the country.

"Now clearly it's time for the president to step forward and tell the truth, that the war is continuing and so are the casualties," said Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, one of nine Democrats seeking his party's 2004 presidential nomination.

## Powell: Bush to make Liberia decision in a few days

**PRETORIA, South Africa** — President Bush will decide in the next few days whether to send U.S. troops to Liberia to enforce a cease-fire, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell announced Thursday.

Powell said Bush is looking at how the United States can assist in the transfer of power as Liberian President Charles Taylor steps down, but Bush has not yet made any decisions about the level of support or whether combat troops will be involved.

A U.S. team in Liberia has "just about finished its work" to determine what is needed, Powell said.

## Suspect released in California family slayings

**CNN** — Hours after arresting the primary suspect in the deaths of a family of five, police Wednesday released Vincent Brothers because of a lack of evidence as well as "new information," according to police Capt. Neil Mahan of Bakersfield, Calif.

Brothers, 41, was arrested Tuesday night in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, on probable cause for five counts of homicide in connection with the deaths of his estranged wife, mother-in-law and three children, who

were all found shot to death Tuesday in California, according to police.

"Part of the reason we made that probable cause arrest is because information that we had at the time was sufficient enough to do that," Mahan told reporters late Wednesday. "We have conferred with the district attorney's office, we have new information, and this, again, is the best decision we think at this time."



Price: Williams "was a victim too."

## Girlfriend: Plant shooter was victim

**MERIDIAN, Miss.** — The girlfriend of the factory worker who killed five fellow employees this week interrupted a memorial service Thursday by standing up in the church and saying the gunman also should be viewed as a victim.

Mayor John Robert Smith was speaking during the community service when Shirley Price stood and spoke: "Excuse me. Don't criticize this man. He was human too ... don't exclude him. He was a victim, too. ... He was a kind and loving human being."

Price broke into tears and left the church. Her boyfriend, Doug Williams, committed suicide after shooting 14 co-workers, killing five, at the Lockheed Martin aircraft parts plant Tuesday.

## House: Bush can proceed with overtime rules

**WASHINGTON** — The House voted Thursday to let the Bush administration

move ahead with proposed rules that could stop at least 644,000 white-collar workers from receiving overtime pay, heeding a White House veto threat and taking the side of business in its battle against unions.

Lawmakers voted 213-210 to reject a Democratic provision that would have derailed the regulations. Unless Congress prevents it, the proposed rules could take effect later this year.

Senate Democrats had been planning a similar effort to block the regulations. But with the outcome in the House vote, a Senate attempt would seem to be little more than a political statement.

The House vote was a victory for President Bush and Congress' Republican leaders. With the ranks of jobless Americans growing, Democrats are hoping to use Bush's stewardship of the still-weak economy in next year's presidential and congressional elections by arguing that the GOP has inadequately protected workers.

## Teen can't recall much of violent arrest caught on videotape

**LOS ANGELES** — A teenager who was punched by a Southern California police officer and slammed onto a squad car while handcuffed testified Thursday that he could not remember many details of his videotaped arrest last year and passed out after an officer choked him.

Donovan Jackson, who was 16 at the time, said he was afraid of the officers when he first saw them and felt it was wrong that they asked him to get in their police car because he hadn't done anything.

"Donovan, did you understand why any of this was happening to you?" said prosecutor Michael Kenneth Pettersen.

"No," said Jackson, now 17.

Jackson spoke haltingly in a low voice and appeared confused by many of the questions, asking attorneys to repeat them.

A bystander's videotape of the violent arrest of the black youth by the white officer triggered condemnations by black leaders, but the prosecutor made no mention of race in his opening statement Wednesday.

# Bush, Rumsfeld confident Iraq had WMD

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**WASHINGTON** — President Bush and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld stand firm in their conviction that Saddam Hussein’s regime posed a threat to world peace.

Speaking in South Africa Wednesday, Bush said he is “absolutely confident” removing Saddam Hussein from power was the “right thing” to do. Countering charges that he misled the public regarding Iraq’s weapons of mass destruction program, the president said he is confident the Iraqi dictator had a WMD program.

“In 1991, I will remind you, we underestimated how close he was to having a nuclear weapon,” he told reporters. “Imagine a world in which this tyrant had a nuclear weapon. In 1998, my predecessor raided Iraq, based upon the very same intelligence.”

Now that the Iraqi dictator is gone, Bush said, “the world is a much more peaceful and secure place.”

Appearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee later in the day, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said one of the challenges facing the coalition is the “sizable and complex” task of finding Iraq’s weapons of mass destruction.

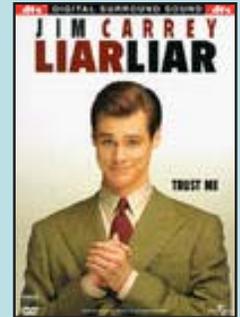
“The Iraqi regime had 12 years to conceal its programs, to move materials, hide documents, disperse equipment, develop mobile production facilities and sanitize known WMD sites, including four years with no U.N. weapons inspectors on the ground,” Rumsfeld told the committee.

“Needless to say,” he said, “uncovering those programs will take time.” He then reminded committee members that “major combat operations ended less than 10 weeks ago.”

The United States did not go to war in Iraq because of “new, dramatic evidence of Iraq’s pursuit of weapons of mass murder,” Rumsfeld added. “The objective in the global war on terror is to prevent another terrorist attack like Sept. 11th — or a biological, nuclear or chemical attack that would be worse — before it happens,” he said. “We can say with confidence that the world is a better place today because the United States led a coalition of forces into action in Iraq.”

## Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the MWR Building: “Liar Liar.” A fast track lawyer can’t lie for 24 hours due to his son’s birthday wish after the lawyer turns his son down for the last time.



Tomorrow’s movie will be “Bruce Almighty.”

## Local weather

### TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER FORECAST:

	Today	Saturday
<b>Bagram:</b>	Haze H: 91F L: 72F	Dust H: 93F L: 68F
<b>Kandahar:</b>	Dust H: 108F L: 79F	Dust H: 104F L: 77F
<b>Kabul:</b>	Dust H: 95F L: 68F	Dust H: 91F L: 70F
<b>Uzbekistan:</b>	Partly cloudy H: 106F L: 64F	Sunny H: 99F L: 61F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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how best to deal with problems.”

Whether the complaint is and EO or IG matter, both offices said there are things they can't do no matter what the case.

“The IG office doesn't investigate criminal allegations or any issues that have a means of redress,” said Elwood. “All legal matters that are subject to (Uniformed Code of Military Justice) action we can't touch.”

“Our office can advise a command investigation but we can't recommend any punitive action,” said McGeachy. “Once we have investigated a matter it is up to the individual commander how the situation will be handled.”

In both cases, McGeachy and Elwood shared the same sentiments about confidentiality.

“We do our best to keep everything that is said to us confidential,” said Elwood. “Of course there are some exceptions to every rule, but we do everything in our power to keep matters within the confines of the office.”

Unlike many EO and IG offices in the states there is an added convenience to the EO and IG offices here.

“Soldiers can find both IG and EO personnel in the same office,” said Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Tyrun Johnson, IG noncommissioned officer, HHC, 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain. “It makes things a whole lot easier for both us and the individual with the problem because whether it's an IG or EO issue, it can be handled right here in the

same room.”

Even though the IG and EO personnel said troops should feel free to come to them with any problem, they did ask that they explore other options first.

“Before a soldier comes into our office, they need to first go through their chain of command at the lowest level to try to resolve the problem,” said Johnson. “If troops feel that there is no one in their chain of command they can talk to, they can contact their EO representative and then our office if they have no other recourse.”

Whether the job is one for EO or IG, both offices said their mission is to assist soldiers in solving their problems as smoothly as possible.

“My goal is to make sure soldiers and DoD civilians can work in an environment that is as hassle free and comfortable as possible,” said McGeachy. “No one should have to work in a hostile situation where they are being harassed.”

“IG is an impartial fact finder that works to clear someone's good name and to seek out the truth,” said Elwood. “Troops should know they should never feel intimidated by their chain of command for coming to see us. Any reprisal on the command's part is illegal and punishable by UCMJ.”

The IG and EO offices said their doors are open but they appreciate troops notifying their chain of command before coming into the office. For more information on EO and IG resources call (318) 231-4027/28.

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for the ANA. Additionally, they are completing the remaining 4,000 exercise uniforms of a 10,000 piece order.

Morning Star is now discussing with the coalition forces future contracts for additional BDUs and items such as coveralls, gym bags, sweatshirts and berets. These orders will allow Morning Star to continue to regularly employ over 150 women and 50 men, with employment peaking at 750 during periods of high demand.

This project is not only outfitting the ANA, but it also improves labor skills and provides much needed job opportunities to the local community. The tailoring training course has 50 women attending the class, and graduates 50 new students every six months. After graduation, the women are skilled tailors able to gain employment with Morning Star's tailoring project, secure jobs with other tailoring businesses or operate their own business outside their home.

As the ANA gets outfitted with quality uniforms, they are one step closer to becoming the professional force they are striving to be. Additionally, the ANA is creating jobs for the very people its soldiers will serve.

**General advice...**

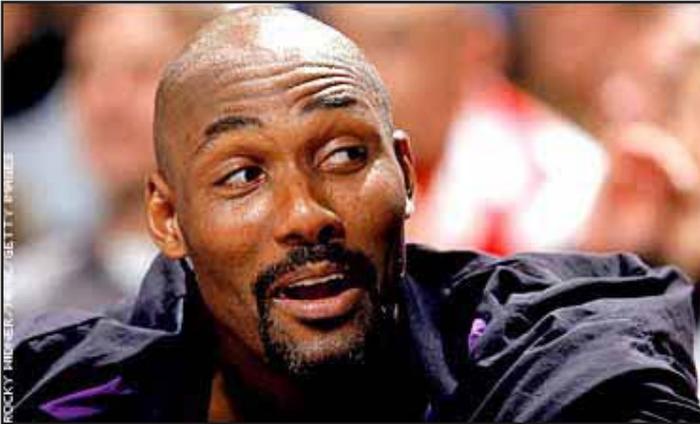
*Gen. Larry Ellis, commander of the U.S. Army Forces Command, had breakfast with troops here Thursday. He also answered any questions soldiers had and responded to their concerns. (Photo by Pfc. Terri Rorke.)*





# Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from ESPN.com)



Malone will be wearing a different shade of purple in the fall.

## Malone makes move, heads to Lakers

**LOS ANGELES** — Free-agent power forward Karl Malone, the NBA's second-leading all-time scorer, committed Thursday to join the Los Angeles Lakers, giving them a lineup with four superstars.

"We've agreed to it; he's going to become a Laker," Malone's agent, Dwight Manley, said Thursday. "In his mind, he's already a Laker. He's very excited."

Malone joins Shaquille O'Neal, Kobe Bryant and another newcomer, Gary Payton, a nine-time All-Star who agreed earlier this week to play for the Lakers.

Even though Payton and Malone have reached agreements with the team, the first day free agents can sign contracts is Wednesday.

The Lakers, who won three consecutive NBA titles before losing to eventual champion San Antonio in the second round this year, probably would have been a clear favorite to win it all next year merely by getting Payton. Malone obviously makes them even more imposing.

## Simon won't be charged

**MILWAUKEE** — In a bizarre scene during a popular costume race at Milwaukee Brewers games, Pittsburgh Pirates first baseman Randall Simon bopped a woman dressed as a huge Italian sausage with a bat and was arrested.

Prosecutors decided Thursday not to file criminal charges, though Simon was fined \$432 for disorderly conduct.

The incident happened during the seventh-inning stretch, as four team employees dressed as an oversized bratwurst, a hot dog and Italian and Polish sausages were racing past the Pirates' dug-out.

As they jogged by, Simon swatted the Italian sausage, who went down in a heap. The giant hot dog stumbled over the sausage and also tumbled to the ground. The two women wearing the costumes were treated for scraped knees.

The 18-year-old woman in the Italian sausage costume, Mandy Block, thought the whole thing was "kind of funny."

## Decision on charges put off until next week

**EAGLE, Colo.** — Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant talked to and flirted with the alleged victim in the ongoing sexual assault case when he checked into the Lodge & Spa at Cordillera on June 30, according to hotel employees, the Los Angeles Times reported Thursday.

One employee told the newspaper that hotel security, responding to complaints of noise from other guests, went to Bryant's room early in the morning on July 1. A report of the alleged attack was made to Eagle County law enforcement officials later that afternoon, hours after Bryant underwent arthroscopic knee surgery, according to the Times.

A decision on whether to charge Bryant with the assault will not be announced until sometime next week, prosecutors said Thursday. Eagle County District Attorney Mark Hurlbert did not immediately return a call, but his spokeswoman said there will be no word until then.

## Thorn said no demands were ever made

**ESPN** — Rod Thorn denied it. Jason Kidd denied it. Even Jason Kidd's wife is denying it.

### Sports on local Armed Forces Network TV

#### Saturday's schedule (AFN Sports)

- ❖ MLB: Minnesota Twins @ Anaheim Angels (live) 0200Z
- ❖ ESPNNews (live) 0500Z
- ❖ 54321 (live) 0530Z
- ❖ SportsCenter (live) 0600Z
- ❖ MLB: Pittsburgh Pirates @ Houston Astros (tape delayed) 0700Z
- ❖ SportsCenter (tape delayed) 1000Z
- ❖ MLB: Los Angeles Dodgers @ Colorado Rockies (tape delayed) 1100Z
- ❖ Baseball Tonight (tape delayed) 1400Z
- ❖ Wire to Wire (tape delayed) 1430Z
- ❖ SportsCenter (live) 1500Z
- ❖ Cycling: 2003 Tour de France (tape delayed) 1600Z
- ❖ WNBA Shootaround 2003 All-Star Edition (live) 1930Z

#### Sunday's schedule (AFN Sports)

- ❖ NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series (live) 0000Z
- ❖ World Championship Boxing - World Welterweight Championship: Vernon "The Viper" Forrest vs. Ricardo Mayorga II (live) 0230Z
- ❖ ESPNNews (live) 0430Z
- ❖ 2003 Air & Sea Show (live) 0500Z
- ❖ SportsCenter (live) 0600Z
- ❖ NASCAR Busch Series (tape delayed) 0700Z
- ❖ SportsCenter (tape delayed) 1000Z
- ❖ PGA TOUR: Greater Milwaukee Open: Third Round (tape delayed) 1100Z
- ❖ WNBA: 2003 WNBA All-Star Game (tape delayed) 1300Z
- ❖ SportsCenter (live) 1500Z
- ❖ Baseball Tonight (live) 1630Z

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News reports that Kidd demanded that the New Jersey Nets fire coach Byron Scott as a means of preventing Kidd's free-agent defection to the San Antonio Spurs have been dismissed on both sides.

Kidd and his wife, Journana, told ESPN The Magazine's Ric Bucher that the request was ever made during a meeting with Kidd's agent, team owners the Thorn, the Nets president.

Thorn also denied the report in a statement released late Thursday afternoon.

"I want to categorically refute the story in several of today's papers that Jason Kidd demanded that Nets head coach Byron Scott be fired as a pre-condition to his returning with the New Jersey Nets basketball team," read Thorn's statement. "I want to state emphatically that at no time, in any conversation that I have had with Jason, has he demanded that coach Scott be fired.

### D'backs right-hander broke his hand

**PHOENIX** — Arizona's Curt Schilling was cleared to return from the disabled list Thursday and will make his first start in almost six weeks against the San Francisco Giants on Saturday.

Schilling, the right-hander in the Diamondbacks' two-ace tandem with Randy Johnson, broke his pitching hand May 30.

No roster move involving Schilling was made immediately.

Schilling (4-3), who was second to Johnson in last year's NL Cy Young Award voting, won't be available for interviews until Friday afternoon. But manager Bob Brenly obviously was pleased with Schilling's progress.

"With what he's accomplished the last couple of years, it gives me a big boost knowing he's going to be back out there on the mound," Brenly said. "But I think the rest of our team is just going to keep doing what they've been doing."

### Pena still overall leader

**NEVERS, France** — Lance Armstrong's team has plenty of champagne in stock.

But while the four-time champion is in good position for another Tour de France victory, he is not about to start popping corks with more than two weeks of racing left.

The Texan remained in second place overall behind teammate Victor Hugo Pena, playing it safe and finishing 53rd in Thursday's fifth stage of cycling's showcase event.

Alessandro Petacchi, an Italian proving to be the sprint king of this centennial Tour, took the stage. It was his third stage victory in five days.

Armstrong is preserving his strength for the mountains, using his U.S. Postal Service teammates to shield him from accidents — a clear risk in the flat and fast early races.

"We're in good shape," teammate George Hincapie said. "Our main strategy is to keep Lance out of trouble, and let him do the least work possible. Keep him out of trouble and out of the wind."

### Sorenstam still worn out

**VANCOUVER, British Columbia** — Heather Bowie shot a 6-under 66 on Thursday to take the first-round lead at the Canadian Women's Open and her chances at staying in front improved when Annika Sorenstam withdrew after six holes.

Sorenstam, the LPGA's top money-winner, said she was worn out by a busy schedule over the last two months and a cold that has bothered her since last week's U.S. Open.

"I feel bad for the fans and the tournament, but my whole body feels ill," she said.

### Lawyer not happy with handling of case

**FORT WORTH, Texas** — A former teammate of missing Baylor basketball player Patrick Dennehy will not talk to police again unless he is ordered to by a judge because of how Waco authorities are handling the case, his attorney said Wednesday.

Carlton Dotson has been questioned once by a Waco detective who went to Virginia Beach, Va., after Dennehy's sport utility vehicle was found in a mall parking lot two weeks ago. Dotson had already returned to his Hurlock, Md., home for the summer.

**"Hey chief, I've got the new guy testing the AERPS gear."**



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By Kevin Kilgore

**Laugh Support**

# Tuning crossword

(Courtesy of QUIZLAND.com)

## Across

1. Marked for removal
6. Grabbed the tab
10. Morsels in fried rice
14. Rudimentary seed
15. Not fooled by
16. \_\_\_ arms (angry)
17. Show as similar
18. Musical shootout site?
20. Send to Washington
21. Sidelines yell
22. Country's Haggard
23. Beer source
25. Have a \_\_\_ interest
26. Musical literary detective?
32. \_\_\_ sapiens
33. Geneticist's study
34. Tie the knot
37. "The Virginian" author Wister
38. Slower, in mus.
39. Stir up
40. Check endorser's need
41. Like the Six Million Dollar Man
44. "If all \_\_\_ fails ..."
45. Musical voting method?
47. Strut showily
50. \_\_\_-mo
51. At full speed, on the briny
52. Margery of nursery rhyme
55. Shell games
59. Musical city and its surroundings?
61. Ankle bones
62. "Put a lid \_\_\_!"
63. Tailless cat
64. Playful swimmer
65. Fruity drinks
66. \_\_\_-bitty
67. Has to have



## Down

1. Loser to Clinton in '96
2. Devil's work
3. Skywalker of sci-fi
4. Nucleus orbiter
5. Kind of plate or implant
6. Flat busted
7. "Puppy Love" singer Paul
8. Scratch inducer
9. Cry from Homer Simpson
10. Least tainted
11. Dizzying designs
12. Lunar valley
13. Knock-\_\_\_
19. Signs to heed
24. Orchestra's place
25. Vintner's vessel
26. Right away, when doubled
27. Hockey great Gordie
28. Prayer closer
29. Fielding average lowerer
30. Queeg's ship
31. Jazzman's "go!"
34. Humorist Rogers
35. "Born Free" lioness
36. Scout's doing
39. Move with one's job
41. Form of bingo
42. Hazardous for driving
43. "60 Minutes" network
45. Tees, e.g.
46. Longtime Dodgers skipper Walter
47. Mead research site
48. Make changes to
49. Abstract composer Erik
52. "Shucks!"
53. "... and that \_\_\_ hay!"
54. Like artificial fruit
56. Johnson of "Laugh-In"
57. Teacher's deg.
58. Lancelot and others
60. "\_\_\_ seeing things?"

*Solutions will be posted in Saturday's Freedom Watch*