

Bagram hosts Engineer Conference

Story and photo by Sgt. Greg Heath
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BAGRAM, Afghanistan – A group of engineers representing over 20 different organizations within the Central Command Area of Responsibility gathered yesterday for an Engineer Sync Conference.

They came together to talk about engineer issues that affect Combined Joint Task Force 180, and to view first-hand the new equipment and techniques engineers are employing here at Bagram Air Field.

“This was a great opportunity for networking, meeting the other engineers, and seeing some of the challenges they face out here,” said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Paul McComb, J-4 staff engineer, who came all the way from CENTCOM Headquarters in Tampa, Florida.

The group of engineers was given a tour of Bagram and given briefings by soldiers deployed here on all of the different engineer missions that are underway.

One project that is “breaking ground” for Army engineers is their mine clearing operations, according to Capt. Mike Baker,



Attendees of the Engineer Sync Conference at Bagram Airbase watch as Spc. Timothy Kuriger, Co. C, 27th En. Bn. holds a demonstration on the "Spider Boots," which are used to distribute the soldier's weight more evenly when conducting demining operations.

Co. C commander, 27th Eng. Battalion (Combat Airborne).

“Our company is the first ever countermine company,” Baker said. “And Bagram has more mines than any other part of Afghanistan and Afghanistan is the most

heavily mined country in the world.”

Co. C, 27th Eng. Bn., out of Fort Bragg, N.C., has been here for six months, and as a countermine company, they do route and

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Re-deploy defensively: A physical guide

Story by Sgt. Stephanie Hall
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Editor note: This is the first part of a two-part series on re-deployment.

BAGRAM, Afghanistan – Troops preparing to re-deploy out of Afghanistan experience more than hassles of packing, the monotony of out-processing and the general elation of going home. They must realize the physical threats of returning home from a combat environment in a foreign land.

“Going back home, you have to re-adjust to everything you just got adjusted to,” said Spc. Monica Register, the 1469th Medical Detachment.

The Bagram Air Field preventive medicine team helps smooth the transition by teaching personnel how to cope with the physical stress of returning home. Many service members receive a re-deployment medical threat briefing when they out-process, but the briefing can also be requested during the deployment. The briefing covers the medical threats for this region and

how it can still affect you once you get back home.

A lot of people may not realize that once they return home, they are still in danger of contracting many of the diseases and illnesses they were exposed to while here in Afghanistan, according to Register.

“If you (contract) malaria over here, then get back home, you may think, ‘oh I just have the flu’, because the symptoms are very similar,” said Register. With the briefings, “you already know that it’s a threat over here, so

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World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



U.S. Army Sgt. Cortez Jackson plays with Iraqi children at his position in Baghdad this week.

Speed crucial for coalition in rebuilding Iraq

WASHINGTON — A team of outside experts assessing reconstruction efforts in Iraq warns that “the potential for chaos ... is becoming more real every day” unless the U.S.-backed Coalition Provisional Authority moves quickly.

A five-member panel, headed by former Deputy Defense Secretary John Hamre, issued a report on the coalition’s progress Thursday after spending 11 days in Iraq at the invitation of Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and L. Paul Bremer, the head of the Coalition Provisional Authority.

Noting progress has been made, the report said that the next year will be “decisive” and the next three months “crucial” and that the United States should “be prepared to stay the course in Iraq for several years” to stabilize the country.

“This is a turbo-charged moment. If we don’t pick it up, there’s a real risk of not succeeding here,” said team member Frederick Barton, co-director of the Center for Strategic and International Studies’ Post-Conflict Reconstruction Project.

Report prompts questions about Iran’s nuclear program

CNN — A news agency reported Friday that International Atomic Energy Agency inspectors had found enriched uranium in samples taken in Iran, but the U.N. nuclear

watchdog would say only that it is investigating “a number of unresolved issues” about the country’s nuclear program.

IAEA spokeswoman Melissa Fleming said she could not comment “on the findings of ongoing safeguards inspections.”

A Reuters news agency report cited diplomats as saying IAEA inspectors found enriched uranium — a key component in developing nuclear weapons — in environmental samples taken in Iran.

The IAEA said the inspection process is ongoing. It neither confirmed nor rejected Reuters’ report.

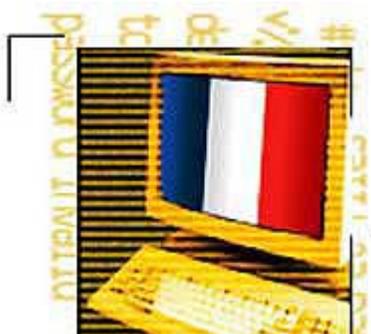
“Results of environmental sample analyses are being reviewed at the agency, and we expect to take more samples over the next few weeks,” Fleming told CNN in an e-mail message.

“Only the IAEA will be in a position to judge the significance of the analysis results in the context of our overall verification effort in Iran.

“At this point, we are still in the middle of a complex inspection process in Iran in which we are investigating a number of unresolved issues.”

The next comprehensive report on the results of the inspections in Iran will likely be released on September 8 at a meeting of the IAEA’s board of governors, she said.

The Reuters report cited unnamed diplomats as saying the initial analyses showed enrichment levels possibly consistent with an attempt to make weapons-grade material.



France bans ‘e-mail’ from vocabulary

PARIS — Goodbye “e-mail”, the French government says, and hello “courriel” — the

term that linguistically sensitive France is now using to refer to electronic mail in official documents.

The Culture Ministry has announced a ban on the use of “e-mail” in all government ministries, documents, publications or Web sites, the latest step to stem an incursion of English words into the French lexicon.

The ministry’s General Commission on Terminology and Neology insists Internet surfers in France are broadly using the term “courrier électronique” (electronic mail) instead of e-mail — a claim some industry experts dispute. “Courriel” is a fusion of the two words.

“Evocative, with a very French sound, the word ‘courriel’ is broadly used in the press and competes advantageously with the borrowed ‘mail’ in English,” the commission has ruled.



A makeshift memorial marks the site of Wednesday’s tragedy.

Infant 10th fatality in farmers’ market crash

SANTAMONICA, Calif. — A 7-month-old boy died Thursday of injuries suffered Wednesday when an 86-year-old man drove his car through a crowded farmers’ market in Santa Monica, California.

The boy was the 10th fatality. More than 50 people were injured when Russell Weller drove his car through the pedestrians-only, three-block stretch crowded with shoppers, police said. Weller may face manslaughter charges, police said Thursday.

Despite the tragedy, officials said a farmers’ market will be held as scheduled Saturday at the same location, along with an interfaith service to mourn those killed and injured.

New runway effort of multiple nations

Story and photos by
Air Force Staff Sgt. Russell Wicke
455th Expeditionary Operations Group
Public Affairs

BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan – Multiple nations are making headway working together in the reconstruction of the runway here.

Completion of this Army funded project is anticipated to be in November thanks to the combined efforts of the Thai, Korean, Polish and Slovakian militaries, U.S. Army engineers and the 455th Civil Engineer Squadron, said Capt. Elton Sledge, 455th CES chief.

The reconstruction of this runway is necessary because of its current dilapidated condition, said Sledge.

“This runway has been here a long time,” said Sledge, “and it wasn’t maintained very well by the Taliban. There are drainage prob-



A member from the Thai military pours concrete into a mold for the reconstruction of the runway at Bagram Air Base. The project is being funded by the Army and coordinated by the 455th Civil Engineer Squadron.



A member from the Thai military pounds a concrete mold support spike into the ground for the reconstruction of the runway at Bagram Air Base. The project is being funded by the Army and coordinated by the 455th Civil Engineer Squadron.

lems and sections of the runway are sliding, sinking and cracking.”

Because this runway is the only one here, half of it must remain open for incoming and departing aircraft.

“We’re working on the west side of the runway right now replacing pads,” said Master Sgt. David Lennemann, 455th CES superintendent for airfield repair and operations. “Right now aircraft are using a 90-foot wide landing strip, which is pretty tight.”

Lennemann explained a standard width for runways is about 180 feet, which is about how wide the finished product will be here.

“August 4 will be about the time we’ll open up the west side and start working on the eastern half,” he said.

Although the project is now running seamlessly, it hasn’t always been without its challenges.

“Everything is pretty simple

now that we’ve started construction,” said Senior Airman Joe Bauer, 455th CES main escort, “but it was organizing all the efforts that was difficult.” It is not all without challenges now.

“Because of the different people from different countries out here, sometimes communication is a challenge,” said Bauer.

Despite the bumps in the road, however, Bauer said a quality product is what Bagram will receive.

“Everyone working this project is doing a great job,” said Sledge, “but one particular group that stands out is the Thais. They are very hard workers – very dedicated.”

Moreover, everyone involved in this project have been a valuable asset to the end result, added Sledge.

But he isn’t the only one who’s proud of the progress so far.

“Without a doubt, we have a great team of people and a good quality product,” said Lennemann. “We work hard and we play hard.”

Sledge said he believes ingredients like that will result in a good future runway for military operations and a commercial Afghan airport.

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large areas mine clearance based on military necessity. Their demining allows for safe military operations, according to Baker.

To accomplish their mission they've employed new equipment such as the AMPSS-14, the Army's newest mine detector, mine detection dogs, and the foreign built demining machines, the Hydrema mine clearing vehicle, which digs up antitank mines, and the Interim Vehicle Mounted Mine Detector (IVMMD), to name a few.

We don't have any of this stuff in Kandahar, so I'm seeing it for the first time, said Capt. John Checco, Co. A, 307th Eng. Bn. "It was a great to meet the different personnel from across the theater and to see some of the different systems we have in

place."

The visiting engineers were also taken to Bagram Airfield to observe the major Coalition Joint effort to repair and expand its runway and taxiways.

They observed batch plant operation, where they receive rock, sand, cement, and mix it to make concrete.

With three batch plants on base, Bagram can produce a total capacity of 120 cubic meters of concrete per hour, according to Capt. Kevin Baxter, 527th Eng. Bn.(combat heavy).

On the airfield, the Thai Army are adding 2000 square feet to the active runway, Korean engineers and U.S. soldiers from Co. B, 527 Eng. Bn, are widening taxiways, and the Slovaks are creating a 200 by 200 square foot hazardous cargo pad, Baxter said.

"The coalition is great, even today it's been awesome to see the Koreans, Thais, and Slovaks working with us," said. McComb. "People have been praising their work up and down, we appreciate all the work the coalition has done."

With all of the coalition and joint engineer operations taking place at Bagram, the conferences main goal was to show how they can all do different projects and still meet the vision of strategic synchronization.

"I hope (visiting engineers) understand what's happening out here in Afghanistan a little bit better," Baker said. "When the CJTF-180 engineer staff is communicating with them, there's now a shared baseline of information because they've seen it. And so it allows the engineers to more effectively work together."

Fox News joins with Coalition Forces during Afghanistan visit

Story by Sgt. Greg Heath
4th Public Affairs Detachment

BAGRAM, Afghanistan – A Fox News crew stopped in Bagram Air Field this week as part of their stint in Afghanistan covering ongoing humanitarian aid efforts by coalition forces, Afghan reconstruction, development of the Afghan government and Afghan National Army.

During their visit, Fox News producer Paul Tyson and correspondent Chris Kline shared their thoughts on working closely with coalition forces during the two-weeks they've been in country.

"(We've had) a very enthusiastic reception from just about everyone we've met," Kline said. "Even outside of the context of us working on our stories soldiers would approach us, speak to us and befriend us."

The news crew recently fin-

ished a stint working extensively with Coalition forces covering the war in Iraq for the past four-and-a-half months, so they are no strangers to working closely with military personnel.

While in Afghanistan, the crew has covered events such as an Army hospital providing treatment to Afghan citizens, an Air Force Special Forces Para Jumper live-fire exercise, and also pieces on Italian Paratroopers and Romanian forces in country.

In addition to covering events and operations, similar to their experiences in Iraq, they always manage to befriend troops along the way.

"After we came back after (covering the exercise) with the Air Force P.J.'s they invited us to their hooch to have a meal with them," Kline said.

While covering the war in Iraq, Kline said he basically lived

with SF troops who were operating in the northern part of the country. Although he wasn't officially embedded with the soldiers like his news counterparts were in Southern Iraq, he was still able to work closely with them and tell their story.

"There is a real need in time of conflict for embedded reporters, and also those that are not imbedded to work closely along side the military to create a more complete picture," Kline said about his experience.

"As journalists that have to travel a lot and spend a great deal of time away from our homes and family and friends, we're very empathetic to the aspect of hardship the soldiers face being separated from their loved ones," Kline said. "In that respect, maybe when we actually live with the soldiers and feel what they feel, it makes it easier for us to bond with them and for them to

open up to us. And for that particular moment we are sharing everything with them, entering their world."

Even with the tough conditions the coalition forces experience thousands of miles away from home, the service members surprised the news crew with the positive attitudes.

"They have a very strong sense of identity, very high esprit de corps," Kline said. "P.J.'s are proud of being P.J.'s, Marines are proud to be Marines, and Airborne is Airborne, and that's felt and understood very readily."

News producer Tyson witnessed similar attitudes with service members.

"It was quite surprising the feeling of high morale from nearly every guy we spoke to," said Tyson. "Everyone was happy and proud to be here; it seems important to them all."

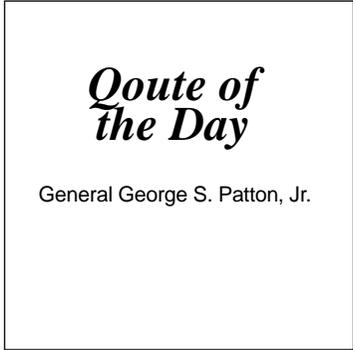
FREEDOM'S VOICES

Now I want you to remember that no bastard ever won a war by dying for his country. You won it by making the other poor dumb bastard die for his country.

Men, all this stuff you've heard about America not wanting to fight, wanting to stay out of the war, is a lot of horse dung.

Americans traditionally love to fight. All real Americans, love the sting of battle. When you were kids, you all admired the champion marble shooter, the fastest runner, the big league ball players, the toughest boxers ... Americans love a winner and will not tolerate a loser. Americans play to win all the time. I wouldn't give a hoot in Hell for a man who lost and laughed. That's why Americans have never lost and will never lose a war. Because the very thought of losing is hateful to Americans.

Now, an army is a team. It lives, eats, sleeps, fights as a team. This individuality stuff is a bunch of crap. The biggest bastards who wrote that stuff about individuality for the Saturday Evening Post, don't know anything more about real battle than they do about fornicating. Now we have the finest food and equipment, the best in the world. You know ... My God, I actually pity those poor bastards we're going against. My God, I do. We're not just going to shoot and use them to grease the treads of our tanks. We're going to murder those you boys, I know, are wonderful and you'll chicken out under fire. Don't worry about it. I can assure you that you'll all do your duty. The Nazis are the enemy. Wade into them. Spill their blood, shoot them in the belly. When you put your hand into a bunch of goo, that a moment before was your best friend's face, you'll know what to do. Now there's another thing I want you to remember. I don't want to get any messages saying that we are holding our position. We're not holding anything, we'll let the Hun do that. We are advancing constantly, and we're not interested in holding onto anything except the enemy. We're going to hold onto him by the nose, and we're going to kick him in the ass. We're going to kick the hell out of him all the time, and we're going to go through him like crap through a goose. Now, there's one thing that you men will be able to say when you get back home, and you may thank God for it. Thirty years from now when you're sitting around your fireside with your grandson on your knee, and he asks you, What did you do in the great World War Two? You won't have to say, Well, I shoveled shit in Louisiana. I will be proud to lead you wonderful guys into battle anytime, anywhere. That's all.



Route of the Day

General George S. Patton, Jr.

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STREET TALK

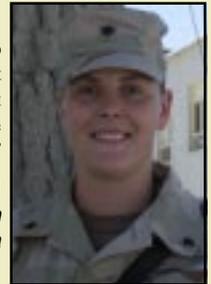
What would you add to Bagram Air Field?



"I would add more laundry facilities because some people don't have three days to wait for laundry."
Staff Sgt. Laura Putze
 321st Civil Affairs Brigade
 San Antonio, TX.

"Hooking everybody up with AC because not everyone has it and it would be nice for people who sleep during the day."

Spc. Lisa Bergstrom
 407th Affairs Battalion
 Arden Hills, Minnesota



"I think the portopoties need to be replaced and we need a bigger gym because it gets too crowded."

Sgt. Cylenia Harvey
 326 Military History Det.
 Columbus, OH

"I would add transportation from the camp to the PX and other areas."

Sgt. James O'Quin
 3/62 Air Defense Artillery.
 Fort Drum, N.Y.



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you know not to dismiss things; not to overlook the little things.”

The three most commonly reported health problems for this region are upper respiratory illness, diarrhea and dermatological problems.

“We have to deal with upper respiratory problems because there is a lot of dust here,” said Register. “The stomach problems usually come because our bodies have to re-adjust to the food we were used to.”

Other threats to keep an eye out for are sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis

and malaria. Malaria is an important one to watch out for, according to preventive medicine professionals. It is critical to continue to take all anti-malaria medications exactly as prescribed, or you run the risk of still becoming infected.

Malaria has an incubation period of eight to 14 days and the symptoms include chills, headaches, muscle aches and fatigue.

Some other threats included in this theatre are Rabies and the Foot and Mouth diseases.

Rabies is 100 percent fatal unless treated. The preventive medicine professionals here warn that wild dogs roaming troop areas in

Afghanistan could be carrying rabies and say that if you’ve been bitten by a dog or any other animal to see a health care provider.

The preventive medicine teams here give these briefings to help soldiers stay healthy so they can enjoy being back home and not have to worry about becoming sick, said Register.

“When you’re leaving the country, and you get back home, the last thing you want to worry about is being sick,” said Register. “But we also don’t want you to overlook things that may be a problem.” She said to just stay aware of these precautions so you can enjoy being back home.

First Baghdad police graduate civil retraining

Story and photo by Sgt. Mark S. Rickert
Army News Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Ninety-six Iraqi police officers graduated July 16 from a three-week retraining course in Baghdad that stressed human rights and modern techniques.

It was the first Baghdad city police graduating class since the war.

The next retraining class starts July 26 and is expected to have 200 students, officials said. They said classes will continue until all 8,000 police officers in Baghdad have been retrained, with emphasis on human rights, including women’s rights, and modern police procedures and techniques.

Much of the curriculum and the classroom training was developed and presented by U.S. Army military police officers of the 382nd Military Police Detachment, an Army Reserve unit out of San Diego, Calif. The 382nd is attached to the 18th MP Brigade, based in Germany.

The graduation ceremony began with remarks by the dean of the Baghdad Public Safety Academy, Baghdad police officer Brig. Gen. Ahmid Ibrahim, followed by Ambassador L. Paul Bremer, who is head of the U.S.-led Coalition Provisional Authority in Baghdad.

Next, Bernard Kerik, senior policy advisor, Ministry of Interior, called the “top cop” in the United States, gave a short speech, and, after comments from a leader of the class,



Ambassador L. Paul Bremer, head of the Coalition Provisional Authority, and Baghdad police Brig. Gen. Ahmid Ibrahim, center, present a certificate to an unidentified Baghdad police officer, one of 96, at the Baghdad Public Safety Academy July 16.

the commander of the 18th Military Police Brigade, Col. Teddy R. Spain, gave encouraging remarks to graduates.

The three-week retraining program focuses on international standards for human rights, modern police patrol procedures and techniques and applicable Iraqi criminal laws, procedures and laws of arrest and detention.

“The new (newly retrained) police understand better the rights of humanity,” said Ibrahim, “and justice and freedom.”

“Police in any country have a very important role to play,” said Bremer. “In Iraq, a country that is emerging from totalitarian

rule, the role of police is crucial.”

The students of this first cycle are prior Iraqi police officers. Bremer said the new wave of “retrained” officers must set the path for a new police force, one that is just and free of corruption.

“You must overcome the distrust of Iraqis toward officers and officials in this state,” said Bremer. “In the old regime, the secret police, Baath party loyalists, the Fedayeen, and all the thugs that worked for the former regime, have scarred this country and its people. You have to show your fellow citizens that you have broken with this terrible past.”

Comedic relief comes to Bagram

Story by Pfc. Kelly Hunt
4th Public Affairs Detachment

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Hundreds of troops gathered in the Civic Center last night for some laughs when members of The Comedy Tour, As Funny As It Gets, made their way to Bagram to entertain and show their support for the troops.

The two-hour MWR event featured established comedians, Joe Recca, Miss Gayle, William Troxler and Kenny Rob, who had the whole auditorium in non-stop laughter during their performances.

The tour was meant to relieve stress for the troops and to give them a chance to just have fun, two things that aren't always easy to do during a deployment such as this, said Andrew Solomon, Department of Defense, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Coordinator for base.

"There are a lot of things troops sacrifice when they come out here that they would normally receive at home," said Solomon.

"So any form of entertainment that will bring a piece of home to Bagram is a plus."

For a few hours, the distance from home didn't seem so great for troops who put



Photo by Sgt. Stephanie Hall

Soldier got some much need relief Friday when, As Funny As It Gets, performed in Bagram.

Bagram in the back of their minds temporarily and gave the comedians their full attention.

"You don't get this treatment very often around here so you might as well enjoy it," said Spc. Louis Santiago, 213th Air Support Group, who was more than pleased with the comedian's performances.

"You're separated from your family and you're in a different environment, which isn't very pleasant, so little perks like this are well

worth coming to," he said. "This is one of the few privileges that we get and it's fun to come out to events like this when they have them. I enjoy comedy and I wish they would do this more often."

Both Solomon and Santiago agreed that they believe events like this improve morale of the troops here and give them a treat from the ordinary routine. Though far from home, troops can slip back for a moment with entertaining events like the Comedy tour.

Afghan National Army improve quality of life

Story by Maj. Craig Doescher
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Bagram, Afghanistan -- In mid-May, the Afghan National Army's first tank battalion moved into their newly renovated barracks, quickly followed by the ANA's first mechanized infantry battalion moving in mid-June.

Soldiers living in these barracks are the first ANA soldiers to have indoor plumbing, including hot and cold water, and electricity.

Projects like these and many others them, make a considerable economic contribution to the Afghan economy. This year, more than \$250 million will be spent on numerous projects ranging from building new barracks to building new weapons ranges.

Each project creates jobs fostering confidence and hope for the Afghan people.

The ANA continues to evolve into a professional force manned by proud soldiers, non-commissioned officers, and officers.

Contributions such as these construction projects, serve as another example of the Coalition's long-term commitment to building a professional army and ensuring its ultimate success.

Music Notes (Compiled from MTV.com)



Ashanti edges out Beyoncé for second week

MTV — For the second week in a row, R&B vixens Ashanti and Beyoncé will gallop neck and neck to a photo finish on the Billboard albums chart, and once again,



Ashanti will edge her out On next week's *Ashanti*

chart, the Murder Inc. chanteuse's Chapter II will be listed as having sold 135,000 copies, besting the Destiny's Child singer's *Dangerously in Love* by fewer than 4,000 copies, according to SoundScan figures released Wednesday (July 16). This narrows the gap from last week, when Ashanti beat Beyoncé by about 10,000. Almost all of last week's top 10 artists will remain near the top of the chart, though half will shift positions.

Diaphanous metal quartet Evanescence will climb four places to #3, matching their highest position since the March release of their debut, *Fallen*. The group sold just over 72,000 records last week, an increase of more than 3,000 from the week before. An appearance on "The Tonight Show With Jay Leno" and the band's second single, "Going Under," impacting at radio could account for the sales jump.

Luther Vandross' new album, *Dance With My Father*, will dip one slot to #4 with 68,000 in sales, a numeric decrease of more than 33,000. 50 Cent's *Get Rich or Die Tryin'* hangs in at #5, but drops almost 10,000 in sales to 66,000, echoing the continuing chartwide sales decline.

The bottom half of the top 10 starts with Michelle Branch, whose second record, *Hotel Paper*, falls two more positions to #6 with sales of over 64,000. Metallica's *St. Anger* slips one spot to #7 and drops almost 9,000 in sales to 62,000 despite the successful launch of their *Summer Sani-*

tarium tour.

The final three top positions will be filled by Norah Jones, whose *Come Away With Me* sold more than 61,000, bringing her total past the 6.5 million mark; Trace Adkins, whose *Vol. 1 Greatest Hits* will debut at #9; and Cher, whose *Very Best of Cher* will climb eight positions to re-enter the top 10, largely because of her farewell tour, which goes on and on and on ...

Limp Bizkit guitarist injured in New York Concert

MTV — Limp Bizkit guitarist Mike Smith injured his back in



Limp Bizkit's Mike Smith performs at New York's Webster Hall.

Webster Hall when he jumped while playing and landed wrong. Despite being hurt, he finished the band's entire set before entering an ambulance outside. Doctors ordered Smith to rest for a couple days, and said he should be good to go for Friday's *Summer Sanitarium* show in Landover, Ma. Because Thursday was an off-day, Limp Bizkit didn't have to miss a gig.

Smith, who used to play with Snot, joined the band in March. He replaced original guitarist Wes Borland, who left the group in October 2001 to form the more experimental outfit *Eat the Day*. "I ran into [drummer] John Otto at a bar one night and they were still looking for a guitar player," Smith said in Philadelphia during a moment of downtime at *Summer Sanitarium*. "I thought I might come

down and jam with them if he wanted. And we kind of made that happen."

After jamming with the Bizkit, Smith was invited to play at their *Wrestlemania* appearance in March. That was the moment everything jelled.

'Bad Boys II' attempts to slay 'Pirates' at Box Office

MTV — Two bad boys and a good girl are hoping to give pirates a run for their treasure this weekend at the box office.



Will Smith in "Bad Boys 2"

Will Smith and Martin Lawrence, reprising their roles as detectives Mike Lowrey and Marcus Bennett, and will compete for

moviegoers with "Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl," last weekend's top grossing flick.

In "Bad Boys II," the experts in action and comedy investigate a Miami kingpin whose ecstasy drug ring has caused an underground war in the city. And to make matters worse, Smith's Lowrey is having a hard time concentrating, as he's fallen for his partner's sister Syd, played by Gabrielle Union.

Bagram Air Base MWR presents

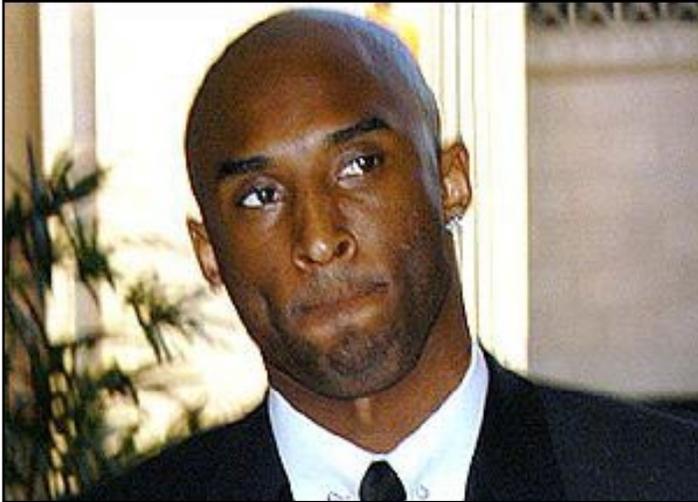
1530Z at the MWR building: "Darkness Falls." A vengeful spirit has taken the form of the Tooth Fairy to exact vengeance on the town that lynched her 150 years earlier. Her only opposition is the only child, now grown up, who has survived her before.

Tomorrow's movie will be "Daddy Day Care."



Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from ESPN.com)



"I made the mistake of adultery," said Kobe Bryant.

Kobe Charged in Colorado

EAGLE, Colo. — Kobe Bryant was charged Friday with sexually assaulting a 19-year-old woman in a case that is bound to tarnish the career of the NBA superstar.

The 24-year-old Bryant faces four years to life in prison if convicted on the single felony count, Eagle County District Attorney Mark Hurlbert said during a news conference.

Bryant's Denver-based attorney, Pamela Mackey, has scheduled a news conference at 9 p.m. ET time tonight at the Staples Center in Los Angeles, but there is no word whether Bryant will be there. Mackey also released a statement on Bryant's behalf shortly after the announcement.

"I am innocent of the charges filed today. I did not assault the woman who is accusing me," Bryant said in the statement. "I made the mistake of adultery. I have to answer to my wife and my God for my actions that night and I pray that both will forgive me. Nothing that happened June 30th was against the will of the woman who now falsely accuses me."

The woman worked the front desk at the resort where Bryant was staying while in the state for knee surgery.

Bryant's wife, Vanessa, also released a statement, saying she stood by her husband. "He is not a criminal," she said.

NBA Commissioner David Stern released a statement Friday afternoon. "As with all allegations of a criminal nature, the NBA's policy is to await the outcome of a judicial proceeding before taking any action," he said.

Heat hurts Lance during 'crisis' stage

CAP'DECOUVORTE, France — An exhausted Lance Armstrong is the first to admit it: He's no longer the man to beat in the Tour de France.

Parched and weak after a ride on a scorching day, the four-time champion ran out of energy — and water — on a key stage leading to the Pyrénées.

The Texan finished second in an individual time trial Friday and lost precious time to one of his main rivals — stage winner Jan Ullrich of Germany, who moved into second place overall.

Not since Armstrong overcame cancer to return to the Tour in 1999 has his grip on cycling's most prestigious race looked so tenuous.

He barely kept the overall lead after a crucial time trial in which riders unleash every bit of force to beat the clock.

Armstrong did extend his overall lead from 21 seconds to 34, but he had been counting heavily on using this stage to distance himself from the field.

Instead, Ullrich is lurking.

Ullrich, a 1997 Tour winner and twice runner-up to Armstrong, powered across the 29 miles of rolling vineyards in 58 minutes, 32 seconds to take the Tour's 12th stage. He was the only rider of 167 to finish in less than an hour.

Ullrich, of Team Bianchi, shaved more than 1½ minutes from Armstrong's lead as the Tour enters the lung-wrenching Pyrénées.

"Now he's the big favorite," Armstrong said.

Armstrong looked stunned when he ascended the podium to accept the leader's yellow jersey. Afterward, he seemed spent — physically and emotionally.

Tampa Bay cornerback shows up for camp

ESPN — Tampa Bay Buccaneers cornerback Brian Kelly, who contemplated not reporting to camp after being rejected in a bid to restructure his contract, decided Friday afternoon to report on time.



Kelly

"The only way to let people know about my contract situation was to consider not reporting," Kelly said. "I haven't said anything bad about the team and wouldn't. Before this, though, I don't think anybody knew that my salary was that low in comparison to others."

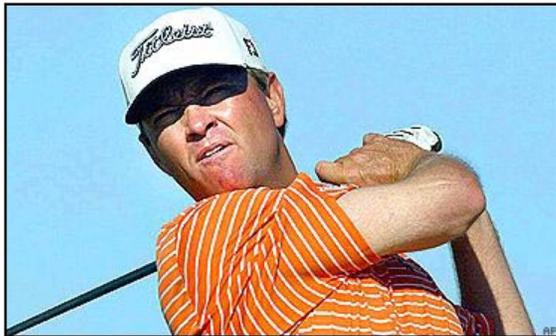
In 20002, Kelly signed a six-year, \$15.23 million contract. He is scheduled to make \$1 million this season. He ranks 27th among cornerbacks in terms of average salary (\$2,504,167) and compensation in the first two years of a contract (\$3.825 million). Kelly estimates that he is making 40 percent less than current Bucs cornerback Ronde Barber and former Bucs cornerback Donnie Abraham during the first two years of their contracts. Barber made \$6 million in the first two years of his current

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contract and Abraham, whom Kelly replaced as a starter, made \$6.5 million.

Last season, Kelly led the NFL with eight interceptions and had 21 pass defenses, more than any cornerback who went to the Pro Bowl.

“My biggest complaint is that a team can come to a player after a bad season and ask him to take a pay cut,” Kelly said. “But if a player has a good season, it’s hard for him to ask a team to increase his salary if he has a good season. There is no way of leveling out the contract from the player’s perspective.”



Love struggled on the back, but hung on.

Love only player under par

SANDWICH, England — This is one tournament where Tiger Woods in the rearview mirror is not nearly as daunting as the road ahead.

Davis Love III, the sole survivor to par at Royal St. George’s, used a lucky bounce and three clutch putts to build a two-shot lead in the British Open.

Already worn out from battling the humps and hollows of the quirky links, Love spoke cautiously about heading into the weekend with 27 players — Woods and defending champion Ernie Els among them — within five shots of his lead.

“This is one that gets you focused on the task at hand,” Love said after his 1-over 72. “It keeps you from thinking about other players. That’s why this tournament is going to be so hard to win. It’s not going to be just a golf shot, or a putting contest.

“It’s going to be a big mental test.”

Love passed the first two stages and was at 1-under 141, giving him his first lead on the weekend at a major since he won the 1997 PGA Championship at Winged Foot.

Woods was closing in on the lead as he stood over a routine 3-footer for par on the 12th hole. Three putts later, he had a double bogey and staggered home to a 72, four shots out of the lead.

“I hit a lot of good shots, made a ton of putts,” Woods said after a 72. “I just had the one hole where I hit more putts than I should have.”

**Solution from Friday’s Compress
Crossword in the Freedom Watch**

(Courtesy of QUIZLAND.com)

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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

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chapel hours

Sunday
□ 1100Z — Christian service
□ 1430Z — U.S. Embassy service

Wednesday
□ 1900Z — Christian service
□ 1900Z — Bible study

2nd & 4th Thursdays
□ 1900Z — Roman Catholic mass



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Monday



Hi — 95F
Lo — 72F



Hi — 106F
Lo — 69F



Hi — 93F
Lo — 64F



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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.