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News briefs

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Inspectors say Iraq equipment missing

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.N. weapons inspections in Iraq hit a snag Monday when a search of a military-industrial complex near the heart of Baghdad revealed that equipment tagged by previous inspectors was missing. Weapons inspectors in 1996 used numbered stickers to tag the equipment, which could have dual use in weapons production or civilian work, to be able to track it. “None of these are currently present at the facility,” said Hiro Ueki, a spokesman for the current inspection team. “It was claimed that some had been destroyed by the bombing of the site; some had been transferred to other sites.” The inspectors asked Iraqi officials if they can see the equipment elsewhere. Some cameras left to monitor the Al Karama General Co. complex also could not be found.

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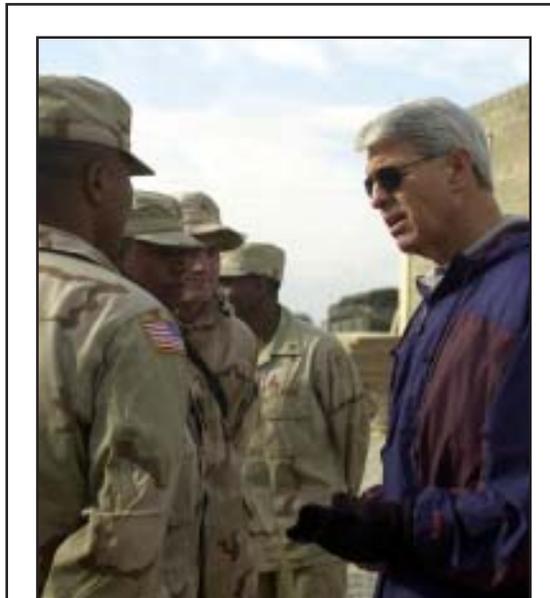


Photo by Spc. Erica Leigh Foley

VIP visit

Undersecretary of the Army Les Brownlee visits soldiers at the Bagram Air Base’s Supply Support Activity Monday. Brownlee also visited Combined Joint Task Force - 180 leadership and received an operational update.

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INCIRLIK AIRBASE, Turkey — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper met recently with airmen here who support operations Northern Watch and Enduring Freedom.

The stop was one of many Jumper and Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald Murray are making to observe overseas operations and visit troops during the holiday season.

“You could argue Incirlik may be the most important base we use, and it will continue to be so,”

Jumper said. “If you put Incirlik Air Base in the middle of a map and look at the neighbors, you can tell instantly what the importance of this place is. It’s surrounded by strategically significant countries that play a big part in the day-to-day politics of the entire world and, in the future, they’re just going to get more and more important.”

Incirlik’s location also places it in the middle of the war on terrorism.

“We’re flying over Iraq with Northern Watch day in and day out,” Jumper said. “We’ve seen (Saddam Hussein) over the years pursue weapons of mass destruc-

Wolfowitz meets with NATO officials

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WASHINGTON — Deputy Defense Secretary Paul D. Wolfowitz departed here Sunday to meet with officials in NATO headquarters, and with leaders in Great Britain and Turkey, a senior U.S. official announced today.

The four-day trip is the first of a series that senior American government officials will be making over the next several weeks to various regions across

the globe to enhance support for the disarmament of Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein’s regime, the official noted.

It is hoped, the official emphasized, that the elimination of Hussein’s chemical, biological and nuclear weapons of mass destruction programs can be accomplished peacefully.

However, the official added, another purpose of these trips will be to sound out which na-

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Jumper emphasizes total force development

tion. You don’t have to look much further than that to talk about the importance of Turkey in the war on terrorism.”

And, said Jumper, Incirlik airmen could not carry out their vital missions without the total force concept.

“We have Guard units from Iowa and Pennsylvania mixed in with our active-duty forces all getting the same job done,” Jumper said. “It’s an amazing thing to see. We couldn’t do our job today without the Guard and Reserve and the sacrifices that they make as they

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leave their homes and regular jobs. Many are activated and have to leave higher paying jobs for long periods.”

That’s why one of Jumper’s primary focuses is the continuing evolution of the air and space expeditionary force. World events are putting more demand on the Air Force, he said. The more demand that is put on our forces, the more people have to get into a “rhythm of deploy-

ment, so that there’s some notion of predictability in the lives of our people.”

Jumper is also focusing on getting the people needed to perform competently in today’s expeditionary world through total force development.

“We want to make sure that those who have ambitions to be commanders or program directors have the background and knowledge to do that,” he said,

Total force develop-

ment would also give those that would like to remain in their chosen specialty in a hands-on capacity, such as scientists and engineers, the opportunity to advance to the highest level of achievement that they can as a specialist.

“If we think you need a master’s degree to do that, then we give you the opportunity to do that and we don’t require people to spend all weekend or three nights a week like I did in night school to go get a

master’s degree just to be competitive for promotion,” he continued. “We want a master’s degree, an advanced academic degree, to have meaning. We want it to blend with professional military education and we want our PME to be relevant and useful to the Air Force we live in today.”

While total force development will help the Air Force grow tomorrow’s leaders, Jumper said he won’t let them lead through e-mail.

“People probably know folks who sit behind their desk for hours generating tasks for other people so that they’re kept behind their desks answering those tasks or answering that e-mail,” he said. “What that does is dilute leadership.

Leadership is an analog skill in this digital world we live in. There’s no substitute for getting off your butt and getting out there, face-to-face, human-to-human. Contact, that’s leadership.”

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tions might contribute militarily or in other ways as part of an possible assault on Iraq if Saddam fails to comply with U.N. Resolution 1441.

U.N. inspection teams in Iraq have started searching for weapons of mass destruction. The next deadline to comply with the U.N. resolution is Sunday, when Iraq must give full, accurate declarations of any weapons of mass destruction.

Wolfowitz’s first stop will be Brussels, Belgium, for consultations with NATO officials, the U.S. official said. He noted Wolfowitz is then slated to fly to London for same-day meetings with British government officials.

Turkey is the next stop, the official noted, where the U.S. deputy defense secretary is expected to discuss the topic of Iraq and other issues with senior Turkish officials.

Wolfowitz is scheduled to return to Washington Wednesday.

National Guard and Reserve mobilized Wednesday

This week the Air Force and the Marine Corps each announced an increase of Reservists on active duty in support of the partial mobilization, while the Army announces a decrease, and the Navy reports no change. The net collective result is 451 more reservists than last week.

The total number of Reservists currently on active duty in support of the partial mobilization for the Army National Guard and Army Reserve is 24,677;

Naval Reserve, 5,330; Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, 16,544; Marine Corps Reserve, 3,843; and the Coast Guard Reserve, 679. This brings the total Reserve and National Guard on active duty to 51,073 including both units and individual augmentees.

At any given time, services may mobilize units and individuals while demobilizing others. It possible for these figures to either increase or decrease.

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Photo by Spc. Marie Schult, XVIII Airborne Corps

Lighting up the night

Marine technicians prepare a Harrier for take off at night. The 513th VMA, Yuma, Ariz., are deployed to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan.

HIND SIGHT

1762

France cedes to Spain all lands west of the Mississippi—the territory known as Upper Louisiana.

1915

The United States expels German attaches on spy charges.

1965

The National Council of Churches asks the United States to halt the massive bombings in North Vietnam.

1977

The State Department proposes the admission of 10,000 more Vietnamese refugees to the United States.

1989

Presidents George Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev announce the official end to the Cold War at a meeting in Malta.

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Bankruptcy talk stirs Boston Catholics

BOSTON, Mass. — The Boston Catholic Archdiocese is considering filing bankruptcy rather than face years of costly legal battles over hundreds of claims that priests sexually abused children has sparked furor among parishioners and litigants. The report might reflect a legal tactic on the part of the archdiocese designed to pressure plaintiffs into agreeing to lower settlements. It came on the eve of the expected filing Tuesday of thousands of pages of documents that will describe in graphic detail the sexual offenses that dozens of Boston-area priests are accused of.

Affirmative action case awaits Supreme Court review

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court Monday will decide whether affirmative action programs in the nation’s universities should continue to help minorities, or whether they represent “reverse discrimination.” The court will decide by next June if race can be used in college admissions, an issue that the justices have dealt with only once before, in a cloudy 1978 ruling that led to more confusion. At issue is whether race can be used as a factor in admissions to state-funded colleges, to increase diversity in the student body. The cases involve admission policies at the University of Michigan undergraduate program and its prestigious law school.

Bagram Air Base MWR movies

The Bagram Air Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff present “Remember the Titans” tonight at 1530Z at the MWR building. Tomorrow’s movie will be “15 minutes,” showing at the same time.

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Rain</i> H: 48F L: 23F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 46F L: 18F
Kandahar:	<i>Dusty</i> H: 63F L: 36F	<i>Sunny</i> H: 61F L: 36F
Kabul:	<i>Rain</i> H: 45F L: 27F	<i>Haze</i> H: 37F L: 23F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Snow</i> H: 26F L: 18F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 35F L: 17F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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2002 Bowl Championship Series

TEAM	TOTAL
1. Miami, Fla.	3.53
2. Ohio State	4.01
3. Georgia	9.03
4. USC	9.84
5. Iowa	10.55
6. Washington St.	17.67
7. Oklahoma	18.87
8. Kansas St.	20.05
9. Texas	20.28
10. Notre Dame	20.73
11. Michigan	24.08
12. Colorado	25.97
13. Penn St.	27.69
14. Florida St.	36.12
15. West Virginia	38.43

Top 25 Scoreboard

- (1) Miami 49, Syracuse 7
- Oklahoma St. 38, (4) Oklahoma 28
- (5) Georgia 51, Georgia Tech 7
- (6) USC 44, (7) Notre Dame 13
- (10) Texas 50, Texas A&M 10
- (22) Florida St. 31, (11) Florida 14
- UNLV 36, (13) Colorado St. 33
- (15) Colorado 28, Nebraska 13
- Arkansas 21, (17) LSU 20
- (21) West Virginia 24, (18) Pittsburgh 17
- (19) Virginia Tech 21, Virginia 9
- (23) Maryland 32, Wake Forest 14
- Alabama 21, (24) Hawaii 16
- Cincinnati 31, UAB 23
- Southern Miss. 24, East Carolina 7
- TCU 27, Memphis 20

The Day in Sports

(Compiled from ESPN.com)

Texas A&M fires legendary coach Slocum

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Texas A&M head coach R.C. Slocum, the winningest coach in Texas A&M history, was fired Monday after the Aggies went a disappointing 6-6 in the regular season, capped by a 50-20 loss to Texas.

During his 14-year tenure as head coach, Slocum's 123 career wins were the most in school history.

But A&M fans were disappointed that the Aggies have become less competitive in the Big 12 South — their 3-5 finish was their first losing record in league play since 1984.

"It was with great sadness and disappointment that I learned today that I was being fired as the head football coach at Texas A&M," Slocum said in

a prepared statement.

"We had a season where we lost several close games that could have gone either way and no one was more disappointed than me with our record. However, we have some really outstanding young players and I felt our future was bright," he said.

In a statement, the school said A&M President Robert M. Gates asked Slocum to step down as head football coach Monday and assume the role of special adviser to the president.

"Coach Slocum is one of the most respected and admired members of the Aggie family, and he has much still to offer the university he has served so long with rare integrity and skill," Gates said.

Husker shakeup: Solich fires three assistants

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska coach Frank Solich fired three of his defensive assistants and said Monday that he no longer will call the team's offensive plays.

Defensive coordinator Craig Bohl, secondary coach George Darlington and rush ends coach Nelson Barnes were let go.

The announcement came three days after the Cornhuskers finished their worst regular season in 41 years. With a 7-6 record, Nebraska barely became eligible for a postseason bowl game.

Solich said he has not decided who will take his spot as offensive coordinator. Solich, like his predecessor Tom Osborne, had served in that role while also head coach.

"We are taking the necessary steps to get this program turned back around," Solich said.

He said hiring a new defensive coordinator is his top priority.

Solich said defensive line coach Jeff Jamrog and graduate assistant Jimmy Burrow will handle the defensive game plan for the Cornhuskers' upcoming bowl game. Nebraska will accept a bowl invitation for an NCAA-record 34th straight year, probably to the Dec. 27 MainStay Independence in Shreveport, La., against an opponent from the SEC.

The university will honor all terms of the fired coaches' contracts, which run until June 30, 2004, and pay a combined \$525,356. Bohl will receive \$207,600, Darlington \$179,120, and Barnes \$138,636.

2002 Heisman Trophy candidates



Brad Banks, QB, Iowa
Brad Banks directed the Haweyes to an 11-1 record and at least a share of the Big Ten crown.

Ken Dorsey, QB, Miami

He continues to be the guy who makes the Hurricanes offense go and has them one win away from a Fiesta Bowl bid.

Larry Johnson, RB, Penn St.

After becoming just the ninth player in I-A history to rush for 2,000 yards in a season, Johnson can only sit and wait for the Heisman folks to invite him to NYC.

Willis McGahee, RB, Miami

Opposing coaches have said Willis McGahee is a threat to go all the way every time he touches the ball. He confirmed their fears Saturday with two TD runs over 50 yards against Syracuse.

Ball State fires coach Lynch after .500 season; Cardinals finishes 6-6

MUNCIE, Ind. — Bill Lynch was fired as Ball State's football coach Monday after producing only two winning seasons in his eight years at the school.

He will be reassigned to an unspecified job within the university for the final year of his contract, athletic director Bubba Cunningham said.

Lynch had a 37-53 record at Ball State, with his only winning seasons coming in his first two years. The Cardinals lost 21 straight games in 1998-00, which at the time was the nation's longest losing streak.

Ball State finished 6-6 this season after Saturday's 38-14 loss to Marshall.

Bill has brought in good students and good people," said Cunningham, who became athletic director in August. "However, we also expect to excel on the field. We have not achieved the success we had hoped we would."



Telephone messages were left at Lynch's home and office.

In 2001, the Cardinals finished 5-6 overall and 4-1 in the Mid-American Conference West for a share of the division championship.

Former athletic director Andrea Seger announced at the time that Lynch's contract would be extended to January 2004.

SEC gives Georgia more tickets for title

ATHENS, Ga. — The Southeastern Conference gave Georgia 2,200 more tickets for Saturday's Southeastern Conference championship game, and they'll be split evenly among students and boosters.

No. 4 Georgia, in the title game for the first time, plays No. 22 Arkansas.

Last week, students protested a lack of tickets for the game at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. Originally, they were allotted 1,500 tickets from the school's total of 15,900.

Only students who signed up for the ticket lottery are eligible for the extras, which will be sold Tuesday. The cost will be \$50, double the cost for the first 1,500.

More tickets could be headed Georgia's way, too. Arkansas sports information director Kevin Trainor said the school doesn't expect to sell all of its tickets, and any leftovers will be returned to Georgia or sold to the public.

"Waiter, I do believe I asked for the no-smoking section."



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