



FREEDOM WATCH



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News briefs

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Iraq report arrives at United Nations

NEW YORK — Iraq's declaration on weapons of mass destruction has been delivered to the United Nations in New York by Hans Blix, chief of the U.N. Monitoring, Verification and Inspections Commission, Sunday evening. Arabic translators have been called to the United Nations to translate some of the documents immediately. A copy was delivered to the International Atomic Energy Agency offices in Vienna, Austria, earlier in the day. The voluminous report is supposed to provide a detailed accounting of Iraq's chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs and its long-range missile programs both before and after the 1991 Persian Gulf War. The U.N. Security Council will allow weapons inspectors to analyze and redact parts of the report before distributing it to council members.

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Officials release Hawk accident report

ACC News Service

LANGLEY AIR FORCE BASE, Va. — Air Force investigators have determined mechanical failure caused an Air Force RQ-4A Global Hawk aircraft to crash July 10 during a surveillance mission supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

The Global Hawk, an unmanned reconnaissance aircraft, was destroyed upon impact in an unpopulated area in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility. No one was injured in the accident. The aircraft was assigned to the 12th Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron, but its parent unit is the 9th Reconnaissance Wing at

Beale Air Force Base, Calif.

According to an Air Combat Command Accident Investigation Report released Friday, the primary cause of the accident was the failure of a single fuel nozzle in the high-flow position that eventually caused internal failure of the engine. The aircraft crashed during an attempted emergency landing.

Traveling Army hospital visits Tadokhiel



Spc. Brandy Kaputa, with the 339th Combat Support Hospital, Pittsburgh, administers de-worming medicine to an Afghan boy. She was one of more than 750 patients treated last Tuesday in the village of Tadokhiel. The medical capabilities mission was aimed at checking the overall health of the villagers and administering basic, level one care.

Story & photo by Spc. Marie Schult
XVIII Airborne Corps

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Tuesday more than 750 Afghans and 65 farm animals were treated for minor medical ailments at the Higher School of Hazratmasab in Tadokhiel by medical teams from Bagram Air Base.

"We just had a great time, especially with all the kids," said Navy Lt. Tim Marra, flight surgeon with VMA 513 out of Yuma, Ariz.

Lt. Col. Donna Hershey, head nurse, 339th Combat Support Hospital, Pittsburgh, said the purpose of the medical capability mission was to provide basic, level one care for the villagers.

"We are here to take

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Photos by Spc. Marie Schult, XVIII Airborne Corps

Lt. Col Marilyn Goodbary and Cpt. Rick Parsons, 476th Civil Affairs Battalion, administer de-worming medicine to a cow as part of a medical capabilities mission in the village of Tadokhiel. Roughly 65 farm animals were examined for general health, given de-wormers and vitamin shots over the course of the day.

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care of minor stuff, stomach aches, headaches, bandage wounds and clean up infections,” said Hershey.

Every patient was also treated for worms, which can account for some of the stomach problems, according to Navy corpsman Jacob Rottsoik, VMA 513. In addition to minor problems the medical teams gained experience they could not get in the states, said Hershey. They saw patients with Malaria, rashes and problems that are easily preventable in America.

Although most problems were minor, Hershey said there were two who had issues which required further medical attention. A woman was gorged by her



Navy Lt. Tim Marra, flight surgeon, Marine Attack Squadron, VMA 513, Yuma, Ariz., checks an Afghan boy for abnormal swelling in the right side of his face.

family bull and was brought by her husband in a wheelbarrow. Another woman had serious complications with childbirth.

Both women were treated and given antibiotics to ward off infection.

In addition to providing medical care, a team of 20th

Special Forces Group, Colo., veterinarians treated the animals for worms, minor skin irritations, malnutrition and for visible signs of disease.

Next to their setup a farmer was using two cattle for plowing. As Capt. Tim Settle, a veterinarian with 20th SF Group, watched them he

pointed out obvious signs of the animals malnutrition, a common problem among Afghan animals.

“By helping the animals we are helping the people,” said Settle.

The vets are only prepared to treat minor ailments. One cow brought in was pregnant with pneumonia and also suffered from malnutrition. Settle administered antibiotics but stated the prognosis was not good even if he could do more to help.

“I think we provided a useful service to them,” he said. “The animals are their livelihood.

“If we can provide a period of time where they (the animals) are more productive, then we’re helping the people,” Settle continued.

He acknowledged the parasites will more than likely return without further medical care and the skin irritations will persist because the animals get little relief from the yokes they pull to plow.

“We do what we can,” Settle said, noting that the animals most helped by the de-worming are the young calves.

In addition to providing care for the villagers and their animals, the medcap also provided useful training to three doctors and 30 medical students from the Kapisa School in Kabul.

Col. James Post, commander of 339th CSH, said the training was similar to the way morning rounds are conducted in a hospital. Everyone present heard the patients symptoms and gave an evaluation.

“Some day the U.S. is going to be out of here, but those doctors are going to be here for the rest of their careers,” said Post.

The days training did not end with the medical students. The 339th CSH also brought people who had no prior medcap experience to the field in order to give them hands on experience.

“It’s a profound lesson for the soldiers to see the challenges of life that the Afghan people deal with on a daily basis,” said Post, “and it shows how fortunate we are as Americans.

“Through this action the 339th CSH leaves a legacy of learning for Afghanistan,” he added.

HIND SIGHT

1861

The U.S. Senate approved establishment of a committee that became the Joint Committee on the Conduct of War.

1867

The capital of Colorado Territory was moved from Golden to Denver.

1908

A child labor bill passed in the German Reichstag, forbade work for children under age 13.

1950

Harry Gold got 30 years imprisonment for passing atomic bomb secrets to the Soviet Union during World War II.

1990

Lech Walesa was elected president of Poland.

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Kidnapped boy found six years later

VALLEJO, Calif. — A boy kidnapped when he was two weeks old has been found six years later living with the woman accused of killing his mother. The child, Le-Zhan Williams, has been attending a school in Vallejo and living in the town under a false name. Latasha Brown, 22, was charged with murder and kidnapping Friday morning. Her mother, Delores Ann Brown, 44, was arrested and charged with concealing a child. One of the suspects led detectives to the boy after an anonymous tip Monday directed them to the two women. Williams, the son of local rap singer Lathan “Young Lay” Williams, has been missing since May 17, 1996, the day his mother, Daphne Boyden, 17, was killed and the home she shared with her grandmother was set on fire.

Al Qaeda statement threatens Israel, its allies

ATLANTA — A new statement attributed to a man known to be close to Osama bin Laden threatened the “Jewish-Crusader alliance,” promising that Israel and its allies will not feel safe “on land, at sea and in the air.” The statement, attributed to Kuwaiti Sulaiman Abu Ghaith, also claimed that bin Laden’s al Qaeda network was responsible for the attacks last month against an Israeli-owned hotel and an Israeli airliner in Mombasa, Kenya, though it provided no proof.

Bagram Air Base MWR movies

The Bagram Air Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff present “High Crimes” tonight at 1530Z at the MWR building.

Tomorrow’s movie will be “Erin Brockovich,” showing at the same time.

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Mostly cloudy</i> H: 52F L: 27F	<i>Rain</i> H: 54F L: 28F
Kandahar:	<i>Haze</i> H: 68F L: 28F	<i>Haze</i> H: 66F L: 32F
Kabul:	<i>Haze</i> H: 50F L: 30F	<i>Rain</i> H: 50F L: 34F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Rain</i> H: 59F L: 31F	<i>Rain</i> H: 54F L: 36F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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Week 14 NFL scores

Tennessee 27, Indianapolis 17
 Kansas City 49, St. Louis 10
 New England 27, Buffalo 17
 San Francisco 31, Dallas 27
 Houston 24, Pittsburgh 6
 Tampa Bay 34, Atlanta 10
 N. Y. Giants 27, Washington 21
 Carolina 52, Cincinnati 31
 Cleveland 21, Jacksonville 20
 New Orleans 37, Baltimore 25
 Arizona 23, Detroit 20 (OT)
 Philadelphia 27, Seattle 20
 Oakland 27, San Diego 20

Today's Game

Chicago at Miami

The Day in Sports

(Compiled from ESPN.com)

Chiefs end Rams' playoff hopes

It ended with a big, loud thud for the St. Louis Rams. Their three-year postseason run, which included two Super Bowl appearances and one championship, came crashing to a halt Sunday in one of the most lopsided losses in the history of a proud franchise. Dante Hall returned two kicks for touchdowns and Priest Holmes ran for 132 yards and two more TDs, leading Kansas City and coach Dick Vermeil to a 49-10 victory over the injury-battered Rams.

Ravens fail to overcome miscues

The New Orleans Saints had enough working in their favor that they didn't need to risk further injury to Aaron Brooks. They pulled their starting quarterback and finished off the Baltimore Ravens without him. Deuce McAllister ran for 127 yards and three touchdowns, and the Saints capitalized on a litany of Baltimore miscues in a 37-25 victory Sunday. Brooks left in the third quarter with New Orleans up 20-7. Because he bruised his right shoulder one week earlier, Saints coach Jim Haslett benched him.

Patriots beat Bledsoe again

Drew Bledsoe threw four interceptions, and Tom Brady, his former understudy, threw two touchdown passes as the New England Patriots beat the Buffalo Bills 27-17 Sunday. That put the Patriots (8-5) in first place in the AFC East by a half-game over Miami, which hosts Chicago on Monday night. The Bills (6-7) trail by two games with just three to play. This was Bledsoe's first game at New England since the team traded him following their Super Bowl win.

49ers clinch West title

Terrell Owens not only caught two touchdown passes in the fourth quarter, but he also rubbed it in with his words and his wardrobe after a 31-27 victory Sunday that clinched the NFC West title. Although Jeff Garcia led the 49ers (9-4) back from a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit. Owens stole the scene by getting wide open in the back of the end zone and catching an 8-yard pass with 12 seconds left.

2002 National Football League standings

American Football Conference

East

(3)N. England	8-5	.615
Miami	7-5	.583
N.Y. Jets	7-6	.538
Buffalo	6-7	.462

North

(4)Pittsburgh	7-5-1	.577
Cleveland	7-6	.538
Baltimore	6-7	.462
Cincinnati	1-12	.077

South

(2)Indianapolis	8-5	.615
(6)Tennessee	8-5	.615
Jacksonville	5-8	.385
Houston	4-9	.308

West

(1)Oakland	9-4	.692
(5)San Diego	8-5	.615
Denver	7-6	.538
Kansas City	7-6	.538



National Football Conference

East

(2) Philadelphia	10-3	.769
N.Y. Giants	7-6	.563
Dallas	5-8	.385
Washington	5-8	.385

North

(3) Green Bay	9-3	.750
Minnesota	3-9	.250
Chicago	3-9	.250
Detroit	3-10	.231

South

(1) Tampa Bay	10-3	.769
(5) N.Orleans	9-4	.692
(6) Atlanta	8-4-1	.654
Carolina	5-8	.385

West

(4) San Francisco	9-4	.667
St. Louis	5-8	.385
Arizona	5-8	.385
Seattle	4-9	.308

McNair shines for Titans

Steve McNair missed practice for a second straight week because of pain in his ribs. But he looked healthy Sunday, throwing for 237 yards and a touchdown as the Titans beat the Colts 27-17 Sunday to take control of the AFC South. "His play speaks for itself," Titans coach Jeff Fisher said. "It is hard to describe what he is doing."

Texans stun Steelers

Aaron Glenn scored twice on long interception returns and the Texans scored the first three defensive touchdowns in their history, all off Tommy Maddox turnovers, to stun the Pittsburgh Steelers 24-6 Sunday. The Steelers (7-5-1) were 6-1-1 in their previous eight games, the NFL's best record over that span except for Atlanta's 7-0-1, yet lost to a first-year team that completed only three passes and had only three first downs. The Texans were outgained 422-47, the fewest yards ever by a winning team in NFL history.

'Skins stopped by fumble

Backup safety Kato Serwanga, released last Monday from the Washington Redskins' injured reserve list and signed by New York on Wednesday, stopped a potential game-winning drive when he stripped the ball from receiver Darnerien McCants. Cornerback Ralph Brown, forced into starting duty because of injuries, had an interception and a fumble recovery in the first half. Altogether, the Giants forced five turnovers despite playing without five defensive starters to keep their minuscule playoff hopes alive with a 27-21 victory over the Redskins on Sunday.

Browns stay alive

Proving once again that none of their games are over until the clock reads :00 — and sometimes, not even then — the Cleveland Browns beat Jacksonville 21-20 when Quincy Morgan caught a desperation heave for a touchdown with no time left Sunday.

Panthers beat Bengals

Steve Smith, struggling on and off the field in a disappointing second season, scored three touchdowns — two on punt returns — and had a career-high 313 total yards to lead the Carolina Panthers to a 52-31 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals on Sunday. His scores earned him hugs and high-fives from his teammates, most of whom were slow to accept him when he returned last week from a suspension for beating up a teammate.

Raiders rout Chargers

SAN DIEGO — Jerry Rice wasn't having a good day, a 40-year-old receiver losing the battle to a rookie cornerback. With one catch by the future Hall of Famer, it all changed. Rice beat Quentin Jammer for a 56-yard gain and the momentum was all Oakland's en route to a 27-7 win over the San Diego Chargers on Sunday that gave the Raiders sole possession of first place in the AFC West.

Iowa, USC, Florida St. in; Notre Dame out of BCS bowl, get Gator bid

No surprise in the Fiesta Bowl: It's No. 1 Miami vs. No. 2 Ohio State in the BCS national title game. The final Bowl Championship Series standings released Sunday were just a formality in determining the title game since the Hurricanes (12-0) and Buckeyes (13-0) accepted bids to the Jan. 3 Fiesta Bowl. But the three other BCS games took on a surprising look when the Orange Bowl pulled off a coup with a Rose Bowl-like matchup of No. 3 Iowa vs. No. 5 Southern California Jan. 2. Washington State will play Oklahoma in the Rose Bowl Jan. 1. The Sugar Bowl on the same day will match SEC champion Georgia against ACC champion Florida State, a game featuring Bulldogs coach Mark Richt against his former boss, Bobby Bowden.

Something to think about ...

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Packages cannot:

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- ❖ Be bigger than 130 inches in length and width for Space Available Mail and Military Postal Service.
- ❖ Be bigger than 108 inches in length and width for Priority Mail.



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"I want a bike, a new computer and my own platoon."

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