

Some PRT clarification

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — As the need for Provincial Reconstruction Teams grows in Afghanistan, so do the misconceptions and confusion about what they are.

Army Reservist, Col. Larry J. Clayton, commander for the Combined Joint Civil-Military Operations Task Force and the 321st Civil Affairs Brigade, San Antonio, offers some clarification on the subject.

“PRTs are a new concept in civil-military operations,” said Clayton. They are not even included in CA doctrine yet. “They are non-lethal power projection platforms.”

One of the misunderstandings people have about PRTs is the concept behind them, according to Clayton.

“One part of the concept is for the PRTs to maintain an understated presence that is non-threatening to the Afghan people. The teams have the same mission but tailor their efforts and capabilities to suit the region they are located in,” said Clayton.

There are three missions of PRTs, said Clayton. These are:

- To enhance security and promote stable environments
- Extend the legitimacy of the Afghan Central Government
- Reconstruction and stabilization

“The mere presence of short and long patrols gives local Afghans a sense of security,” said Clayton. Also, the integration of patrols with the Afghan National Army and the local police helps to accomplish this part of the mission.

PRTs conduct immediate action by winning the hearts and minds of the Afghan people with humanitarian assistance, such as build-

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Photo by Spc. Debralee P. Crankshaw

A weekday excursion...

Weekend Excursion, a rock band from Raleigh, N.C., performed for servicemembers and coalition forces Tuesday and Wednesday at the Civic Center. The band is on a Middle East tour and has already visited Uzbekistan and Kurdistan. They will also visit Kandahar and Pakistan on this tour.

Hospital improves for extended stay

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Cooler waiting areas, spacious wards and improved dental facilities are what troops and Afghan patients have to look forward to in the near future with the reconstruction of the Combat Support Hospital.

According to the hospital commander the original facility which has been up for more than a year, is no longer suitable for the level of care the hospital is providing and the length of time the CSH will be here.

“The hospital is operating out of a tent facility that has lasted longer than it was designed for and is in serious need of repairs,” said Col. Richard Stone, hospital commander, 452nd CSH, Task Force-44, Milwaukee. “For this reason and others, I made the decision

when we first arrived to renovate about 40 percent of the hospital’s facilities.”

The first phase of the reconstruction process includes the renovation of the sick call and dental wards.

“We are presently putting in a new floor, air-conditioning and heating systems in the sick call ward and expanding it for a larger waiting area,” said Stone. “We are also putting new ventilation systems in the dental ward and moving the ward to where sick call used to be located.”

“We also plan on redoing our intensive and intermediate care wards and our medical supply area by replacing the old tentage that is worn out,” Stone added. “In addition, we plan on making our vestibules and passage ways hard structured areas in place of the tentage to better retain cool air.”

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World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



Demonstrators outside the U.S. Embassy in Monrovia Wednesday encouraged the U.S. to send peacekeeping forces to Liberia.

Bush may send 500-1,000 troops to Liberia

WASHINGTON — President Bush could announce later this week that he is sending 500 to 1,000 peacekeeping troops to Liberia, two senior officials told CNN.

Facing mounting international pressure to have the United States lead a Liberia mission that also would include West African peacekeepers, Bush discussed such a deployment Wednesday, the officials said.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and others have talked of a U.S. deployment of 2,000 troops, but U.S. officials told CNN any deployment would be no more than half that.

Bush warns militants who attack U.S. troops in Iraq

WASHINGTON — Challenging militants who attack U.S. forces in Iraq, President Bush said Wednesday they would be dealt with harshly, and declared, “Bring them on.”

For the second day in a row, Bush vowed that attacks on U.S. troops in Iraq will not shake his administration’s resolve to stay in that country until a strong and stable democratic government takes root.

“Anybody who wants to harm American troops will be found and brought to justice,” Bush said. “There are some that feel like if they attack us that we may decide to leave prematurely. They don’t understand what they are talking about if that is the case. Let me finish. There are some who feel like the conditions are such that they can attack us there. My answer is, bring them on.”

AlAqsa leader killed by Israeli troops

JERUSALEM — A local head of the Al Aqsa Martyrs Brigades in the West Bank was killed in an exchange of gunfire with Israeli forces early Thursday, Palestinian medical sources said.

Mahmoud Ahmad Shawar, 31, was the head of the militant group in Qalqilya, the sources said. He was shot in the head, they said.

Another Palestinian man was wounded in the exchange of fire and arrested by the Israeli forces, the Palestinian medical sources said.

FBI: Al-Qaida has blank Saudi passports

WASHINGTON — Osama bin Laden’s al-Qaida network, whose operatives have used fraudulently obtained passports for international travel, has acquired stolen blank Saudi passports, the FBI said Wednesday.

In its weekly intelligence bulletin to local law enforcement officials, the FBI said the unissued Saudi passports are authentic and have key security features that allow them to pass routine examination.

“Numerous al-Qaida terrorists have also carried Saudi passports issued in the Holy Capital, another term for the city of Mecca,” the FBI said.

Creation of human ‘she-males’ sparks outrage

MADRID — Scientists in the United States have created hybrid human “she-males,” mixing male and female cells in the same embryo, outraging fertility experts and anti-abortionists.

Dr. Norbert Gleicher of the Foundation for Reproductive Medicine in Chicago and a colleague injected male cells into female embryos in research which they believe could lead to better treatments or cures for single gene disorders.

But their work provoked revulsion when they presented it to the annual meeting of the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology.

4 killed in fireworks explosion

BONITA SPRINGS, Fla. — A fireworks display being assembled for a Fourth of July celebration erupted in flames Wednesday, setting off massive explosions that killed four people and injured two others, one critically, authorities said.

It was not immediately clear what caused the blasts.

“A tragedy of this sort is devastating to a community like Bonita Springs,” said Debbi Redfield with Bonita Springs Fire Control. “People who were working to give us a beautiful holiday celebration were killed doing their jobs, and we mourn for their friends and families.”



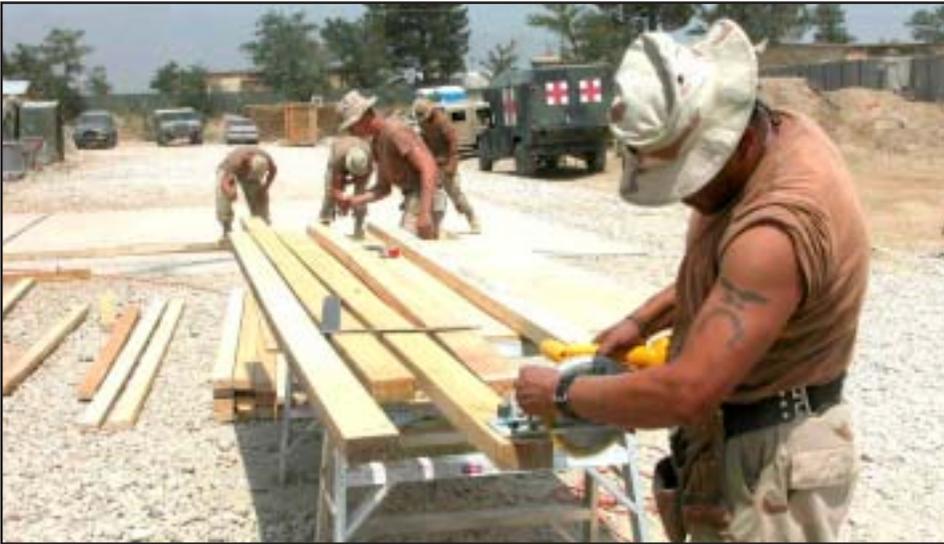
Scientists are hoping to find answers from DNA samples.

Chilean scientists work to ID mysterious sea creature

CNN — Is it a fabled giant octopus, a monster squid, or perhaps a piece of a rotting whale?

A huge, gelatinous sea creature found in the Southern Pacific Coast of Chile continued to baffle scientists Wednesday while they waited for a DNA analysis. Elsa Cabrera, director of the Center for Cetacean Conservation in Santiago, received inquiries from around the world.

The more they looked at the creature, the more they became convinced it was a giant octopus known as *Octopus Giganteus*. A specimen of that octopus was believed to have washed up on the Florida Coast in 1896, but the samples were lost and its species was never confirmed, said Dr. James Mead, a zoologist at the Smithsonian Institution.



Photos by Pfc. Christina Carde



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Unlike many other reconstruction projects underway on the air base, the hospital project was not given to Afghan contractors.

“All of the renovations are being done by hospital personnel and military engineers,” said Stone. “We know exactly what needs to be done, so it is part of our job to do it ourselves and to do it right.”

Even though much of the reconstruction can be handled within the task force, some things that are needed require higher approval.

“We put in a request to the Surgeon General’s office for more equipment to better care for patients who will be having an extended stay here,” said Stone. “Ventilation equipment for patients who can’t breathe on their own and equipment that is more geared towards pediatric needs were two of the main things on the list.”

According to Stone, renovations should be complete within the next three months with minimal inconveniences to patients.

“We have the reconstruction scheduled in phases so it causes little discomfort for troops and other patients,” said Stone. “The only slight inconvenience that may be caused is sick call patients having to walk from where the ward is currently located to inside the main hospital area for X-rays and laboratory work.”

Once the hospital renovations are complete, hospital personnel will be better able to provide the quality of care troops and Afghan citizens all over the country depend on daily.

“We are currently the main 911-system in Afghanistan for servicemembers and Afghan citizens,” said Stone. “We don’t know how long the hospital will be needed, but the facility will be cleaner, cooler in the summer, warmer in the winter and more suitable for patients for at least the next two years.”

Top: Engineers, 348th Engineer Detachment, Waco, Texas, work on their latest project - the reconstruction of the hospital. According to the hospital commander, Col. Richard Stone, all of the renovations are being done by the engineers and hospital personnel to ensure the best quality product possible.

Left: Soldiers from the 348th work on the foundation for the new sick call ward. Sick call is just one of many hospital areas being renovated in an effort to improve the quality of care for patients over the next couple years.

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ing wells, schools, medical clinics and conducting Cooperative Medical Assistance events, said Clayton. Projects such as these are coordinated with different international and non-government organizations.

“During the past couple of months, quite a few nations have expressed their interest in heading a PRT. The British government has announced its intention to stand up the next PRT in Mazar-i-Sharif,” said Clayton. Other countries, including New Zealand and Germany are also looking into operating future PRTs.

Currently there are three PRTs located in Gardez, Bamian and Konduz. Five additional PRTs are scheduled for establishment in Mazar-i-Sharif, Jalalabad, Kandahar, Herat and Parwan.

Since their involvement, PRTs have branched out significantly, said Clayton.

“It has been a great learning experience for everyone involved and without a doubt PRTs will prove to be a successful model for future civil military operations,” said Clayton.

People are also confused about the difference between CJCMOTF and PRTs, said Clayton.

“CJCMOTF is the command and control headquarters for the PRTs and the civil-military operations center,” said Clayton.

“The purpose of the CJCMOTF is to support (Combined Joint Task Force-180’s) mission by promoting the legitimacy and stability of the Afghan national government to diminish the destabilizing effects of regional, tribal and ethnic elements resisting the legitimacy of the Afghan government,” said Clayton. It also promotes international efforts for Afghanistan’s reconstructing economy.

It is important to understand the difference between the CJCMOTF and the PRT for many reasons, said Clayton.

“A PRT is the link between the CJCMOTF and the people of Afghanistan. It is the means through which we will assist the nation of Afghanistan with reconstruction. PRTs are the direct civil-military facilitator for civil-military activities promoting economic recovery and the Afghan government to Afghan citizens residing in the diverse provinces,” said Clayton.

Apart from the three PRTs, the CJCMOTF currently has four Civil Military Operations Centers and 13 Civil Affairs Teams-A.

Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the MWR building: “Kangaroo Jack.” Two childhood friends, a New York hair-stylist and a would-be musician, get caught up with the mob and are forced to deliver \$100,000 to Australia, but things go haywire when the money is lost to a wild kangaroo.



Tomorrow’s movie will be “25th Hour.”

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER FORECAST:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Mostly clear</i> H: 99F L: 68F	<i>Haze</i> H: 97F L: 68F
Kandahar:	<i>Dust</i> H: 109F L: 81F	<i>Dust</i> H: 104F L: 77F
Kabul:	<i>Dust</i> H: 95F L: 66F	<i>Haze</i> H: 95F L: 66F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 108F L: 70F	<i>Sunny</i> H: 95F L: 68F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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Coalition Sports Zone

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Bonds watches the first of his two homers clear the fence.

San Francisco 4, St. Louis 1

ST. LOUIS — Barry Bonds homered twice and scored three times, leading rookie Jerome Williams and the San Francisco Giants over the St. Louis Cardinals 4-1 Wednesday night.

The NL West-leading Giants have won three straight in a series that ends Thursday. The Cardinals lead the NL in hitting, but have been held to exactly one run for three games in a row.

Bonds has 637 career home runs, 23 behind Willie Mays for third on the lifetime list. Bonds had his 63rd multihomer game, moving past Hank Aaron and matching Mays for third place.

Bonds hit his 460th homer for the Giants on a low liner to right leading off the fourth, passing Mays for second on the franchise list and pulling nine behind Willie McCovey for first overall.

He hit his 24th homer of the season against Jason Isringhausen leading off the ninth. The homer was the first allowed by Isringhausen since Aug. 22, 2001, a stretch of 81 games and 88 2-3 innings.

Dotson 'not running' in Dennehy case

WACO, Texas — The roommate of missing Baylor basketball player Patrick Dennehy is not in hiding and hired an attorney because of all the media attention, not because of questions from police, his cousin said Wednesday.

Carlton Dotson's cousin, Chris Waters, said Dotson is in his hometown of Hurlock, a rural community on Maryland's Eastern Shore, and hasn't been contacted by investigators since last week.

"I know he's well. I know he's not running and hiding," Waters said.

Dotson has been under investigation regarding Dennehy's disappearance, but he has not been charged.

Before Dennehy disappeared three weeks ago, he told a friend he was concerned about threats to his and Dotson's safety, a long-time friend said Wednesday.

Daniel Okopnyi said he urged Dennehy to come stay with him in Fort Worth so he could avoid trouble, but Dennehy at first refused, saying he had to protect roommate Carlton Dotson.

"He said, 'I've got Dotty's back,'" Okopnyi told ABC's Good Morning America.

Dennehy changed his mind about going to Fort Worth a few days later, saying on June 14 he would come and bring Dotson along, Okopnyi said. Okopnyi said Dotson had a shotgun they were using for protection, but they were "trying to trade it in for two handguns," he said.

Okopnyi said on Tuesday that Dennehy said in that telephone conversation that "someone is out to get me." But Okopnyi said the person who had allegedly threatened Dennehy wasn't Dotson. "Patrick told me that he and Dotson got the guns to keep themselves safe," said Okopnyi, who lives in the Fort Worth area.

That was the last contact anyone has publicly reported having with Dennehy.



If Tim Henman were to win Wimbledon, he could become a 'Sir.' But no pressure.

Rains once again afflict Henman

WIMBLEDON, England — In between the cracks of a thin, watery day of tennis at the All England Club, Tim Henman played backgammon in the players' lounge with Ilie Nastase and Mark Philippoussis.

A pence for his thoughts?

Henman, the pride of Oxford, England, trailed Frenchman Sebastien Grosjean 6-7 (8), 6-3, 3-6, 2-1 in their quarterfinal match when a fourth and final rain delay intervened. Referee Alan Mills sent the players home at about 7:20 p.m., local time, more than six hours after they began.

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In the other quarterfinal, Alexander Popp and Philippoussis were dead even at 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 3-6, 2-all.

The matches will be concluded on Thursday, weather permitting, beginning at noon, along with the other two quarters: Andy Roddick vs. Jonas Bjorkman and Roger Federer vs. Sjeng Schalken.

The Henman-Grosjean match will be wedged between the women's semifinals — Serena Williams vs. Justine Henin-Hardenne and Venus Williams vs. Kim Clijsters.

It has been 67 years since a British man (Fred Perry, no relation to Matthew) has won The Championships and, at least for another night, it might not be 68 years. Henman, in his seventh quarterfinals, is trying to reach his fifth semifinal in six years.

What if, God save the Queen, Henman should win?

Considering his age, 28, and the dramatic emptying of the draw — the top three seeds and all of the Grand Slam champions are out — this represents Henman's best chance ever. In all four previous appearances in the semifinals, the future champion defeated him: Pete Sampras in 1998 and '99, Goran Ivanisevic in 2001 and Lleyton Hewitt in 2002. They are gone, all gone.

Lewis-Klitschko II all the talk

NEW YORK — Get ready for Lewis-Klitschko II.

Lennox Lewis and Vitali Klitschko seem headed for a WBC heavyweight title rematch before the end of the year, WBA champ Roy Jones Jr. notwithstanding.

Jones looks to be the logical next opponent for Lewis, who defended his title last month by cutting Klitschko badly around the

left eye and forcing the fight to be stopped in the sixth round. Instead, Lewis is more interested in fighting Klitschko again.

"I definitely want a rematch," he said during a conference call Wednesday. "I'm opting for a rematch."

Lewis trailed on the cards of all three judges when the fight ended, and was widely criticized for his performance.

"It's amazing that they go to the scorecards and say he was leading," Lewis said. "He won the first two rounds. I won the next four. He was lucky. He would have been KO'd. I enjoyed that fight. We went at it."

One available date for Lewis-Klitschko II is Dec. 6. That would leave time for Klitschko to recover from the cuts that stopped the first fight.

Jones is still on Lewis' agenda. Lewis said he talked with Jones and was intrigued with the man who has held titles in four divisions.

"Jones is like Superman — faster than a locomotive, flies higher than a plane, can leap tall buildings," he said. "This is what they say. I'm looking at other options. One of them is Roy Jones, Jr."

NASCAR in peak condition

ESPN — Take a look at the headlines halfway through this season and you might get a little apprehensive. But fret not: NASCAR is as solidly grounded and in control now as ever before.

With fans up in arms over recent departures from tradition, and teams going out of their heads over recent yellow-flag controversies, things really couldn't be better for big-time stock-car racing.

Race tracks steeped with tradition continue to lose race dates; heck, even race dates steeped with tradition have been plucked and planted in unthought of locations. The sanctioning body has made some bad scoring calls and the yellow-flag racing situation has become an issue. And then there's the biggest change of all: Everybody start practicing now and maybe, five years from now, it won't sound so strange ... The NASCAR Nextel Cup Series.

But take a deep breath. The sport is fine. It's dealt with change and controversy before and has become the fastest growing sport in the country. So you can be sure that the safe bet is that decades from now two race dates — including Labor Day — at California Speedway won't feel weird, saying NASCAR Nextel Cup won't sound strange, and touring North Carolina only four times a year won't seem so wrong.

"What's that, chief? No, I haven't seen your cup of coffee."



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By Kevin Kilgore

Laugh Support

Fourth of July run/walk/march

Celebrating July 4, Bagram Air Base is hosting an 11.2 kilometer run, walk or march tomorrow starting at Four Corners.

The walk and march starts at 0030Z, marchers uniform: DCUs, boonie cap, weapon and ruck sack. Runners start at 0115Z in standard PT uniform.

All participants must report to Four Corners 30 minutes before their event's start time to sign in.