



# FREEDOM WATCH



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## News briefs

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### Sixth arrest made in Buffalo terror cell

LACKAWANNA, N.Y.

— The FBI has arrested a sixth man in connection with five other Buffalo, N.Y.-area men charged with providing material support to the al Qaeda terrorist network. Mokhtar al-Bakri is being held at a federal detention center outside of Buffalo after being taken into custody in Bahrain, where he was to have been wed in an arranged marriage. Al-Bakri's home was one of the locations searched by the FBI in a series of raids in Lackawanna that began Friday night after a criminal complaint was filed.

### FBI: Copy machines may spread anthrax

BOCA RATON, Fla.

— FBI investigators believe photocopy machines were the reason anthrax spores were spread throughout an office building

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Photo by Spc. Erica Leigh Foley

## Airborne!

A parachutist glides to the ground in a practice jump in Karshi-Khanabad, Uzbekistan.

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**BAGRAM, Afghanistan**—The Veterinary Service Corps at Bagram Air Base does more than just inspect food. They also do the job most people think of when they hear Veterinary service.

They provide care to animals, usually dogs, belonging to the Department of Defense, Coalition forces and the military contractors. Animal Care Specialists assist Veterinary Corps officers with basic

care, diagnosis, treatment and surgery of military working dogs.

Military, Coalition and contractor dogs perform vital missions for Operation Enduring Freedom, including bomb and explosive detection, patrol and attack and mine detection.

Technicians check on the dogs daily, but veterinary personnel are on call 24 hours a day in case of emergencies.

Spc. Joseph Thomas, an animal care specialist from Duarte, Calif., visits the dogs and talks to the dog handlers' everyday.

## WMD pose real danger, Iraq not the only concern

By Jim Garamone  
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Press Service

**WASHINGTON**, — While Iraq's weapons of mass destruction program poses the most immediate danger, other countries are also of concern, said a senior defense official Sept. 13.

Iran, North Korea, Syria, Libya, Sudan and Cuba have active WMD programs, said the official.

But what is of more concern is the nexus between such states and terrorist organizations.

The briefer, who spoke on background,

said most of these nations possess chemical and biological capabilities. North Korea possesses a nuclear capability and Iraq can develop a nuclear weapon "within a year" of getting fissile material.

These states also work closely with terrorist group. One of the briefer's slides contained a quote from al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden. "If I seek to acquire these weapons, I am carrying out a duty."

The official said the United States knows the

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## Vet service helps keep working dogs healthy

"The mood of the dog tells you everything. The handlers know the dogs better than we do, so they usually tell us if something is different," said Thomas.

During an exam, which only occurs if the dog shows signs of something wrong, includes palpation of the bladder, ribs and stomach. The temperature, heart and respiration rate is also noted. After that, if little is known about the problem, a uri-

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Photo by Sgt. Reeba Critser  
**Sadou, an explosive detector German shepherd, sniffs at vehicles looking for explosives.**

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nalys and blood work can be done here.

“If I come across something that I haven’t seen before, the veterinarian comes to look at the dog,” Thomas said.

He said there hasn’t been any real problem with the dogs; just a few minor cases, such as dry skin and diarrhea.

The dogs get everything the human soldiers get. The same procedures are made for the dogs as any DoD worker, he said.

“I like caring for everybody, — dogs and humans — I just like caring for things,” said Thomas, who is also a combat lifesaver.

The team also provides veterinary services to local populations as part of humanitarian assistance. They also assist medical personnel, especially during mass casualty situations. This may range from litter-bearing

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— **Spc. Joseph Thomas**

Animal care specialist

to triage assistance. Veterinary assets are assigned to major installations in the theater; there they are responsible for food safety and animal care on that specific installation. Occasionally veterinary personnel may be tasked with providing services to local populations and at smaller posts that lack veterinary assets.

So although the veterinary services are tasked to do many different jobs, they continue to do the traditional trade of caring for the animals that make life safer for deployed troops.

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terror networks have been hurt, but they are not destroyed and are active. The groups — including al Qaeda — are trying to rebuild and are planning other attacks.

If these groups acquire chemical, biological or nuclear weapons the casualties could run to the tens of thousands or hundreds of thousands.

The official said intelligence on any terror group and WMD capabilities is hard to come by. These groups are, of course, working to keep this capability secret. By the time coalition intelligence services hear of the threat, the threat has probably been under development for a

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number of years. The briefer used the example of an Egyptian Islamic Jihad operative arrested in Cairo in 1998. He told authorities that his group had chemical and biological weapons. When they started work is a mystery, and how far the group has come since is also unknown.

Another problem is that information on terror networks work toward realizing

WMD capabilities is “that the information is always going to be incomplete, it is always going to be pieced together with great difficulty over time.” Terror organizations are fragmented into cells and few people have the complete picture of any operation or endeavor.

The obvious point, then, is that what the United States may know of this WMD danger may be just the tip of the iceberg. Just prior to and during the Persian Gulf War, for example, experts thought Iraq was six to 10 years away from developing a nuclear weapon. In 1995 it came out that Iraq was within a year of developing such a device.



Photo by Pfc. Matthew Acosta, 49th Public Affairs Detachment Abn.

**Champions**

**Army Spcs. David Simon (near) and William Hunker, both riflemen, 1st Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, N.C., provide security for soldiers engaged in Operation Champion Strike in the Brmeil Valley of Afghanistan.**

*Effective immediately, weapons are no longer required in the Bagram Air Base gym. However, they must be properly guarded. (Base official)*

# HIND SIGHT

**1630**

The town of Boston is founded by John Winthrop as an extension of the colony at Salem. It is named after the town of the same name in Lincolnshire, England.

**1787**

The Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia approves the constitution for the United States of America.

**1902**

U.S. troops are sent to Panama to keep train lines open over the Isthmus as Panamanian nationals struggle for independence from Colombia.

**1947**

James Forrestal is sworn in as the first U.S. Secretary of Defense.

## BRIEFS, from Page 1

where a tainted letter was mailed in last year's attacks, according to a published report. Federal investigators returned last month to the American Media Inc. building for 12 days, armed with new techniques for detecting large quantities of anthrax. They found anthrax spores in all the copy machines in the three-story, 68,000-square-foot building, and an anonymous source familiar with the investigation told The Palm Beach Post for its Sunday editions. Investigators believe the microscopic spores spread from the first-floor mailroom, where the letter was opened, and onto reams of copy paper stored there, the source said. The spores then spread into the air by fans inside the machines loaded with the copy paper.

## Montgomery breaks 100-meter dash world record

**PARIS** — Tim Montgomery, who only turned to track after injury ended his dreams of a football career, broke the 100-meter world record Saturday, becoming the new king of sprint after years in the shadows. Montgomery's time of 9.78 seconds, helped by a strong wind and a devastatingly quick start, shaved 0.01 of a second off the record set three years ago by Maurice Greene, the Olympic and world champion who watched from the stands. Montgomery, who until Saturday had not fulfilled all the promise he showed as a teen-ager, stunned the small crowd at the half-empty Stade Charlety, who were not expecting fast times from the late-season IAAF Grand Prix Final. But the South Carolina native suspected all along he was destined for greatness. "I knew something special was in me," Montgomery said. "I can say I'm the fastest man to ever run the 100 meters."

# Local weather

## TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
<b>Bagram:</b>	<i>Dusty</i> H: 90F L: 69F	<i>Scattered showers</i> H: 91F L: 62F
<b>Kandahar:</b>	<i>Clear</i> H: 99F L: 57F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 97F L: 57F
<b>Kabul:</b>	<i>Dusty</i> H: 88F L: 54F	<i>Scattered showers</i> H: 88F L: 54F
<b>Uzbekistan:</b>	<i>Sunny</i> H: 92F L: 52F	<i>Sunny</i> H: 90F L: 52F

*Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team*

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# COALITION SPORTSZONE

## The Day in Sports

(Compiled from *ESPN.com*)

### **NFL: No fun for 'Skins**

The fun stopped for Steve Spurrier on Monday Night Football. A winner in his NFL debut, Spurrier saw his 'Skins get dismantled 37-7 by Donovan McNabb and the Eagles, who played their version of Fun 'N Gun. He also heard boos from fans, who fought in the stands late in the fourth, causing police to use pepper spray that had players gasping and suspended play for five minutes.

### **MLB: Tejada to the rescue**

Miguel Tejada keeps making his case for MVP, and is keeping his Oakland Athletics in the race for the AL West crown. Tejada singled up the middle in the bottom of the ninth inning as the A's came from behind to post a 4-3 victory over Anaheim to jump back into a tie for first. The Angels went up 3-0 in the first when Troy Glaus hit his fourth consecutive homer over two games, but didn't score the next eight innings.

### **Golf: Forsman's Eagle Has Landed**

With a 22-foot eagle putt on the final hole, Dan Forsman went 64-65 on the weekend to win the Pennsylvania Classic Sunday. Forsman finished 14-under, a stroke better than Billy Andrade, who closed with a 69.

### **Soccer: Encore performance?**

Real Madrid's quest for a 10th European Cup title starts today with a rematch against a very familiar foe in Roma. The two clubs met in the Champions League first group stage last year with Real prevailing in Italy and Roma notching a tie in Madrid. The defending champs will be without new signee Ronaldo, but look for their star-studded lineup to go all out for a winning debut.

### **RPM: Simply The Best**

Sam Hornish Jr. won Sunday's Chevy 500 at Texas, edging Helio Castroneves at the finish to clinch the IRL title. Hornish nipped Castroneves by .0096 seconds, the second closest race in Indy Racing League history, trailing only last week's race at Chicagoland. Hornish's second straight IRL crown also solidifies him as America's top open-wheel driver.

### **Tennis: Clay challenge**

American Andy Roddick is throwing rackets already — and it's still only practice. This weekend in a Davis Cup semifinal, the United States takes on France on its own turf — the terre battue of Roland Garros. It's not comfortable ground for Roddick, who has only won two matches on the site the past two years. The U.S. last played France at Roland Garros in Davis Cup in 1932.

### **NHL: Recovering or regrouping?**

A Statue of Liberty save gone awry in Game 6. A career-lowlight 7-0 shellacking in Game 7. Patrick Roy finished the 2002 Western Conference finals in ignominious fashion, prompting Terry Frei to wonder about the lasting effects as a new season approaches.

## 2002 Major League standings

<b>American League East</b>				<b>GB</b>
N.Y. Yankees	94-55	.631	-	
Boston	85-65	.567	9.5	
Toronto	69-81	.460	25.5	
<b>American League Central</b>				<b>GB</b>
x-Minnesota	87-63	.580	-	
Chicago (AL)	74-76	.493	13	
Cleveland	67-84	.444	20.5	
<b>American League West</b>				<b>GB</b>
Anaheim	94-56	.627	-	
Oakland	94-56	.627	-	
Seattle	85-64	.570	8.5	
<b>National League East</b>				<b>GB</b>
x-Atlanta	94-54	.635	-	
Montreal	74-76	.493	21	
Philadelphia	74-76	.493	21	
<b>National League Central</b>				<b>GB</b>
St. Louis	86-63	.577	-	
Houston	80-70	.533	6.5	
Cincinnati	74-76	.493	12.5	
<b>National League West</b>				<b>GB</b>
Arizona	92-57	.617	-	
San Francisco	85-65	.567	7.5	
Los Angeles	85-65	.567	7.5	

x- Clinched division

### Monday's scores

Boston 6-1 Cleveland  
 Cincinnati 4-3 Pittsburgh  
 Toronto 2-0 Baltimore  
 Florida 5-1 Atlanta  
 Detroit 5-2 Kansas City  
 Los Angeles 7-6 San Francisco  
 Cleveland 7-1 Boston  
 Oakland 4-3 Anaheim



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### NL

1. San Francisco .567
1. Los Angeles .567
3. Houston .533
4. Cincinnati .493
4. Montreal .493
4. Philadelphia .493

### AL

1. Anaheim .627
1. Oakland .627
3. Seattle .570
4. Boston .567
5. Chicago Sox .493
6. Texas .463

# College Game Day

(Compiled from yahoo.com)

## Associated Press Top 25

(as of Saturday)

TEAM	PTS	Last week	Next week
1. Miami, Fl. (3-0)	1,844	d. Temple 44-21	Idle
2. Oklahoma (3-0)	1,697	d. UTEP 68-0	Idle
3. Texas (1-0)	1,668	d. North Carolina 52-21	vs. Houston
4. Tennessee (2-0)	1,631	Idle	vs. Florida
5. Florida St. (3-0)	1,612	d. Maryland 37-10	vs. Duke
6. Ohio St. (3-0)	1,489	Idle	Idle
7. Virginia Tech. (3-0)	1,358	d. Marshall 47-21	@ Texas A&M
8. Georgia (2-0)	1,264	d. South Carolina 13-7	vs. Northwestern St.
9. Oregon (3-0)	1,167	d. Ohio 58-0	vs. Portland St.
10. Florida (2-1)	1,094	d. Ohio 34-0	@ Tennessee
11. USC (2-0)	1,051	d. Colorado 40-3	@ Kansas St.
12. Notre Dame (3-0)	984	d. Michigan 25-23	@ Michigan St.
13. Washington (1-1)	884	Idle	vs. Wyoming
14. Michigan (2-1)	839	Idle	vs. Utah
15. Penn. St. (2-0)	829	d. Nebraska 40-7	vs. Louisiana Tech.
16. Washington St. (2-1)	621	lost to Ohio St. 7-25	vs. Montana St.
17. No. Carolina St. (4-0)	583	d. Wake Forest 32-13	Idle
18. Nebraska (3-1)	476	lost to Penn. St. 7-40	Idle
19. Texas A&M (2-0)	434	Idle	vs. Virginia Tech.
20. UCLA (2-0)	407	Idle	vs. Colorado
21. Iowa St. (3-1)	301	Idle	vs. Utah State
22. Wisconsin (4-0)	276	d. Northern Ill. 24-21	vs. Arizona
23. California (3-0)	260	d. Michigan St. 46-22	vs. Air Force
24. LSU (2-1)	247	d. Miami Ohio 33-7	Idle
25. Kansas St. (3-0)	224	Idle	vs. USC

Dropped Out: No. 15 Michigan St.; No. 16 Marshall; No. 18 Colorado; No. 24 Colorado St.

### 2002 Heisman Trophy candidates

*Byron Leftwich, QB, Marshall*

Season stats: 58-for-90 for 875 yards, 7 TDs, 1 INT

*Ken Dorsey, QB, Miami*

Season stats: 44-for-80 for 623 yards, 9 TDs, 4 INTs

*Charles Rogers, WR, Michigan State*

Season stats: 22 RCP for 459 yards, 4 TDs

*Chris Simms, QB, Texas*

Season stats: 30-of-56 for 404 yards, 5 TDs

*Willis McGahee, RB, Miami*

Season stats: 51 RUS for 398 yards, 5 TDs

*Onterio Smith, RB, Oregon*

Season stats: 63 RUS for 248 yards, 2 TDs



By Kevin Kilgore

**Laugh Support**