



News briefs

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Iraq won't interfere with War on Terror

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell said Tuesday the Bush administration can continue placing international pressure on Iraq despite an increase in attacks believed linked to al Qaeda. Powell denied the administration's emphasis on Iraq in recent weeks has been a distraction from the war against al Qaeda, the terrorist group that attacked New York and Washington on Sept. 11, 2001. He said Iraq is "very much a part of this overall campaign."

Witnesses describe suspect

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — Three witnesses in the vicinity of two of the Washington area sniper shootings saw an olive-skinned man in a white van, law enforcement sources said Tuesday. The accounts — including one in

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Combat stress can affect soldiers of any age, rank or nationality. The 113th Medical Company, Combat Stress Control, is designed to provide assistance to these soldiers.

Medical unit combats stress in warzone

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — *"I just can't take it anymore. My wife is cheating on me and then I have to deal with doing details three times a week. I am deployed to a war zone and I don't even get to do the job I signed up to do."*

These are common complaints seen daily by the 113th Medical Company, Combat Stress Control in Afghanistan. The unit is

a combination of troops from the 42nd Combat Stress Control from Pittsburgh, Pa., attached to the 113th from San Diego, Calif.

"There is a boundary between being mentally ill and being stressed from the ups and downs in life. We are here to separate the two," said 113th commander Lt. Col. Ansar M. Haroun, M.D., from San Diego, who is also a clinical professor of Psychiatry.

The 113th, available

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North dining facility opens in Camp Dragon

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Soldiers on the north side of Bagram Air Base no longer have to walk to Camp Viper for their meals.

The north dining facility, located east of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation

building, opened Tuesday morning with Col. Christopher S. Pritchett, base commander, cutting the ribbon.

Cooks from Fort Bragg's 18th Airborne Corps, 229th Aviation Regiment, 35th Signal Headquarters and Headquarters Company and 264th Corps Support Battalion, as well as the 769th Engineer Battalion from Baton Rouge,

La., currently man the facility until Brown and Root takes over Nov. 15. The facility is set up to serve about 2,000 soldiers per meal.

Construction began on the facility in April and will continue to receive improvements. Currently, the food is prepared in the tents behind the building and soon, the preparation

will move inside the building.

"The dining facility was needed due to the expansion of the base. We went from 2,000 soldiers to 7,000. We needed something at this end of the base to serve soldiers," said Pritchett said.

The North dining facility's hours are 0130-0430Z, and 1200-1600Z.

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via satellite to soldiers in Kandahar, Karshi-Khanabad, Uzbekistan, and the U.S. embassy in Kabul, provides combat psychiatry, counseling, consultation and medication management services to prevent and treat troops with battle fatigue and neuropsychiatric conditions.

Combat stress is usually described as a state of being overwhelmed in combat situations. Common

symptoms include depression, anxiety, sleeping problems and psychosomatic problems, such as breaking out in a rash or excessive urination when there is no physiological explanation, said Maj. Valvincent Reyes, licensed clinical social work officer.

"Anybody in a combat zone who has a brain can suffer from combat stress; nobody is immune," Haroun said.

"A lot of people talk out their frustrations, and when they come here they get the

opportunity for support and to ventilate," he added.

He said they work with the patient to develop better problem solving skills.

Also, for enlisted soldiers, specialists who can relate to what they are going through are available.

"As an enlisted soldier on the combat stress team, we bring the ability to identify with the types of the things they go through," said Sgt. Jason De Witt, a mental health specialist from Pittsburgh, Pa.

Patients can expect a

prompt opinion of level of emergency, and to be given an appointment. From there, a clinician sees them.

Treatments vary from in- and outpatient, and from psychotherapy to medical therapy. If psychotherapy is chosen, it could be in group or individual sessions, depending on the situation.

"We are not here to judge (people) and confidentiality is of the utmost importance to us," said DeWitt.

Combat stress isn't

the only situation the 113th is trained to deal with. Substance abuse, such as alcohol and tobacco, anger management and suicide prevention classes are also available. In addition, the team gives redeployment screenings to everybody.

The team works seven days a week and regular hours are from 12:30 - 9:30 p.m., Zulu. However, they are available 24 hours a day for emergency cases.

For more information, call 318-231-4639.

Kandahar vet team protects health of dogs, soldiers

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KANDAHAR AIRFIELD, Afghanistan - One might assume from the name that a Veterinary team's sole area of concern would be the health and welfare of animals.

Of course, you can't always judge a book by the cover. The Reserve 109th Medical Detachment (Veterinary Services), Stanton, Calif., is a perfect example of that.

Not only does the 109th provide medical service to all Coalition Force dogs, including Army military dogs and contract dogs (mine clearing), but they are also responsible for the food health of Coalition service-members.

"We have three primary jobs in the 109th. The Veterinary Corp Officers, who are actually Veterinarians, food inspector specialists and animal care specialists," explained Capt. Mark Dierberger, Veterinary Corp Officer, 109th Med Det (VS) and a civilian Veterinarian and instructor in Redding, Calif.

According to Spc. Napoleon

Guevaiza, an animal care specialist, 109th Med. Det. (VS) and a civilian computer programmer in Norwalk, Calif., they usually see the dogs every couple of days and check the animals' health by performing visual exams.

"As far as health care goes, the dogs are in great shape. They have some great handlers," Dierberger said. "The Army spends a lot of time and money on these dogs and we treat them that way."

The vet team is equipped to handle any medical situation that may occur with the in-theater dogs.

"Dog care is very similar to human care here, at Kandahar Airfield. We provide basic emergency and surgical care," explained Dierberger. "If they need more advanced care, we can do major surgery in Bagram."

The 109th Med Det works closely with the prevent medicine unit, here, to inspect the quality of incoming food.

"We are on call 24-7 for food deliveries. We inspect all the food that comes in. We look for good quality and try to make sure the Army gets what it paid for," said

Sgt. Edwardo Gonzalez, a food inspection specialist, 109th Med. Det., and a route salesman in his civilian job in Walnut, Calif.

"We also inspect the food labels to make sure the manufactures are from a pre-inspected and pre-approved group back in the states," added Staff Sgt. Randy Arbelo, food inspection NCO and a equipment operator for the city of Colton, Calif.

In Afghanistan, where temperatures can reach more than 100 degrees, food inspection is very important.

"We have to be very careful because of food temperatures," explained Gonzalez. "It's our job to protect the health of soldiers. We do that by making sure the food is wholesome and right for consumption."

Training always plays a part in the success of any unit's mission. The 109th Med. Det. is no different.

"Being in the reserves is a big part of our success. Our training has been great. We go on numerous real world missions during annual training," said Dierberger. "We don't do annual training as unit. We

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109th Medical Detachment
(Veterinary Services)

are all going in different directions. We may have a crew in Peru in July and another crew in Alaska in Feb. We bring all that mission knowledge on deployment with us."

According to the 109th Med Det, their mission here is far from being over.

"We are trying to coordinate some humanitarian missions with Civil Affairs," said Dierberger. "We want to get out and maybe help the local Afghans with their live-stock. It's all a part of winning the hearts and minds."

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which a witness saw two men in the van — were being used by investigators to develop a composite sketch of a sniper suspect. They marked the first time law enforcement has described a suspicious person in the case. One of the witness accounts came from the site of Monday night's fatal shooting of 47-year-old Linda Franklin, an FBI intelligence analyst from Arlington, Va., outside a Home Depot in Falls Church.

Mauna Loa feared to erupt

VOLCANO, Hawaii — Mauna Loa is stirring after 18 years of inactivity, and an eruption could devastate the neighborhoods built on the volcano's slopes in the intervening years, scientists warned this week. Lava could reach Hilo on the eastern side of the island of Hawaii and the Gold Coast resorts of Kona in the west, and inundate neighborhoods in the southwest rift zone above South Point — possibly without much warning, said Peter Cervelli, a research geophysicist at the U.S. Geological Service's Hawaiian Volcano Observatory. Mauna Loa has erupted 33 times since 1843. In 1984, Mauna Loa erupted for three weeks, sending a 16-mile lava flow toward Hilo.

HIND SIGHT

1793

Queen Marie Antoinette is beheaded by guillotine during the French Revolution.

1859

Abolitionist John Brown, with 21 men, seizes the U.S. Armory at Harpers Ferry, Va. U.S. Marines capture the raiders, killing several. John Brown is later hanged in Virginia for treason.

1901

President Theodore Roosevelt incites controversy by inviting black leader Booker T. Washington to the White House.

1940

Benjamin O. Davis becomes the U.S. Army's first African-American Brigadier General.

Bagram Air Base MWR movies

The Bagram Air Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation theater will present "Training Day" tonight at 1530Z at the MWR building.

Tomorrow's movie will be "The Majestic," showing at the same time.

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Thursday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Mostly cloudy</i> H: 77F L: 45F	<i>Mostly cloudy</i> H: 77F L: 45F
Kandahar:	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 88F L: 55F	<i>Haze</i> H: 88F L: 57F
Kabul:	<i>Foggy</i> H: 73F L: 46F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 73F L: 46F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Mostly cloudy</i> H: 72F L: 45F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 75F L: 48F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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The Day in Sports

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Tennis: Srichapan dominates courts

Paradorn Srichaphan took out another top player. So far this year, Srichaphan has upset Andre Agassi, Marat Safin and Lleyton Hewitt. On Tuesday, he eliminated Gustavo Kuerten in the first round in Madrid with a 6-4, 6-4 victory. Marat Safin also made an early exit falling to qualifier Agustin Calleri 7-6 (6), 7-6 (5), while Carlos Moya hung on through two tiebreaks.

Horse racing: Pat Kelly continues winning ways

Two weeks after upsetting the Jockey Club Gold Cup with Evening Attire, trainer Pat Kelly was at it again, this time with Riskaverse in Saturday's \$500,000 Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup at Keeneland. The 7-1 shot edged Zenda by a neck at the wire, and may have earned herself a spot in the Oct. 26 Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf at Arlington. Co-favorites Wonder Again and Megahertz finished fifth and sixth respectively in the field of nine.

Boxing: Who will fight De La Hoya?

Everyone wants to know who Oscar De La Hoya will fight next. Is it Vernon Forrest? Does he lure Felix Trinidad out of retirement? Take on Bernard Hopkins? Max Kellerman discusses Oscar's many choices, and how they affect his legacy and other fighters.

College Basketball: Duke still has a chance

Duke is still a young team. It's still going to struggle at times on the road in the ACC. It's still not a favorite to win it all in New Orleans next April. But by breaking the mold on Midnight Madness and jetting off to London this past weekend, the Blue Devils laid a solid foundation, writes *ESPN.com's* Andy Katz. One Coach K can build on this season.

College football: Iowa in to win it

Iowa State's Seneca Wallace once thought he was destined to be a defensive back. Instead, the Cyclones QB looks like a lock to be a Heisman Trophy finalist. Wallace, who's being trailed by MTV and chased by Big 12 defenders, leads No. 13 Iowa State against No. 2 OU.

- ❖ Danielson: Grading Wallace | Wallace tops Heisman poll
- ❖ Big East/MAC: Are there chinks in Miami's armor?

It's Barry's time

For the first time since 1989, the World Series will feature two teams from California. Barry Bonds leads the NL champion Giants against the upstarts south of San Francisco, the Angels — who are the new darlings of the usually sedate Southern California crowds.

World Series schedule

San Francisco vs. Anaheim

Game 1:

Saturday at Anaheim

Game 2:

Sunday at Anaheim

Game 3:

Tuesday at San Francisco

Game 4:

Oct. 23 at San Francisco

Game 5:

Oct. 24 at San Francisco

Game 6:

Oct. 26 at Anaheim

Game 7:

Oct. 27 at Anaheim



Did you know ...

This year will be the first year since 1997 that the New York Yankees have not competed in the playoffs. In 1997, Florida defeated Cleveland 4-3.

Before losing 4-3 in Arizona last year's World Series, the Yankees won three straight years against San Diego, Atlanta and New York, respectively.

Leslie, Americans to face Russia in final

Associated Press

NANJING, China — Lisa Leslie had 24 points and 13 rebounds to lead the defending champion United States past Australia 71-56 Tuesday and into the finals of the Women's World Basketball Championship.

Shannon Johnson scored 15 of her 17 points in the second quarter, and Sheryl Swoopes added 13 points and nine rebounds for the Americans, who will face Russia in the title game Wednesday. The Russians advanced with a 70-53 victory over South Korea.

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The U.S. team limited Lauren Jackson of the Seattle Storm to nine points. The Australians were led by Suzy Batkovic's 13 points.

Leslie, playing in her third champi-

onship tournament, became the U.S. team's all-time leading scorer and rebounder in the championship. Her 376 points surpassed the previous mark of 371, set by Teresa Edwards from 1986 through '94, and her 181 rebounds surpassed Katrina McClain's record of 180 from 1986-94.

"We played pretty good defensively, and really shut Lauren Jackson down, who is really the key player to their team," Leslie said. "I thought Penny Taylor played well and really tried to take it to us, but overall our defense prevailed."

The game was tied at the end of the one period, and Australia built a seven-point lead early in the second quarter.

Johnson led the Americans' rally in the second, and her layup

gave the U.S. team a 27-25 lead. The United States closed the half with a 12-5 run for a 39-29 advantage at the break.

Leslie scored 10 straight points to start the third quarter, including a hook shot and a jumper from the top of the key, giving the Americans a 49-37 lead.

The Australians closed within seven points, but couldn't complete their comeback try.

Jackson and Taylor were benched for much of the second quarter because of foul trouble.

Leslie, who spent much of the night covering Jackson, said the time on the bench made it tough for Jackson to get back into the game.

"In the second half, I think I was probably more in my rhythm than she was because she had been sitting, so I was able to continue to

score," Leslie said.

A 3-pointer by Tamika Catchings in the final minutes extended the Americans' lead to 10 points, 66-56, and put the game out of reach.

Australia stayed close enough that U.S. head coach Van Chancellor stuck with his starters and used just two subs.

"It's the first time I played Lisa and Sheryl over 35 minutes. Yeah, we were pushed tonight," he said.

Leslie said the Russian's offense should pose a threat in the final.

"They have a lot of weapons out there, with (Elena) Baranova leading the way," Leslie said. "She's a very good offensive player, she has great hands around the basket, she blocks shots well and she's also a very good rebounder. I think we definitely have to contain her."

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"Be a good lad and escort me to first class."

By Kevin Kilgore

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