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News briefs

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Bush outlines first-strike doctrine

WASHINGTON—The Bush administration released a report Friday outlining an aggressive national security policy that says the U.S. must adapt its forces and planning toward favoring pre-emptive action against terrorist groups and hostile states that possess or are developing weapons of mass destruction. The document, titled “The National Security Strategy for the U.S.A.” says the U.S. would prefer to act within international bodies and with international allies. But it also is blunt, saying, “We will not hesitate to act alone, if necessary, to exercise our right of self-defense by acting pre-emptively.” In addition, it says administration policy envisions perhaps “compelling states” to stop actions the White House considers to be of assistance to terrorists. The report, which was required by law, has been in the works for months. It makes clear that the Bush administration

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20th SFG takes over CJSOTF-A

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Col. Joe Celeski, commander of 3rd Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, N.C., handed the reins to Col. Gregg Champion, 20th Special Forces Group, Birmingham and Fort

McClellan, Ala., in a ceremony on Bagram Air Base, Wednesday.

“The plumes of smoke and dust from the Twin Towers and the Pentagon cast a shadow over the globe,” the narrator said. “The shock of those blows called to arms soldiers throughout the United States and much of the world.”

In March 2002, 3rd Special Forces Group unfurled its colors at Bagram Air Base answering that call by taking in hand the newly created Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force-Afghanistan, he said.

The 3rd SFG has helped transform a cold, dusty field of wreckage into a func-

tioning area.

Many accomplishments have been achieved since 3rd Group arrived. They assumed the mission of training the Afghan National Army, conducted combat operations in other regions of Afghanistan disrupting remaining Taliban forces.

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Photo by Capt. Tim Beninato

New fuel capabilities

Lt. Col. Stephen Smith, Logistics Task Force 129 commander, and Sgt. 1st Class Lydia Gause, LTF-129's Petroleum, Oils, and Lubricants Platoon sergeant, both from Fort Campbell, Ky., conduct an official ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday afternoon at the opening of Bagram Air Base's new Fuel System Supply Point. The FSSP will increase the base's fuel storage capacity, allow aircraft to be quickly refueled with engines running and enhance base force protection by keeping civilian fuel trucks from coming onto the base. See Monday's Freedom Watch for the full story.

Iraq part of global war on terrorism

By Jim Garamone
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WASHINGTON,—Iraq is not separate from the global war on terrorism, it is part of it, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told the Senate Armed Services Committee Friday.

The secretary and Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, returned to Capitol Hill for the second time in two days to discuss the Bush administration's position on Iraq.

Rumsfeld said stopping rogue states from developing

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CJSOTF – Afghanistan has worked with Canadian, Danish, German, New Zealand and Norwegian Special Forces. In addition they have worked side-by side with forces from the United Kingdom and Australia.

Over the past six months, the CJSOTF – Afghanistan conducted more than 1,100 combat operations and killed or captured scores of al Qaeda and Taliban and support-

ers.

They have found and destroyed 1000's of tons of weapons and munitions along with guiding thousands of Afghan Military Forces in every province.

“From the training grounds of Kabul, through skyward streaming tracers on Deh Rawod, to the smoking compound at Ayubkhel, and here at Bagram Airfield, the soldiers of (Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force) – Afghanistan conducted themselves with

valor and maturity. Often with one hand on a pistol grip and the other holding a glass of Chai, they lived up to their reputation as ‘quiet professionals.’ Afghanistan, the United States, and indeed the World are safer today, our enemies scattered and bleeding, thanks to the efforts and sacrifice of our soldiers. Some paid the ultimate price of freedom, all gave generously of themselves,” the narrator said.

“To the 20th, we wish you the best, safe passage

“To the 20th we wish you the best, safe passage for all of your forces, and success in battle.”

— **Col. Joe Celeski**,
3rd SFG commander

for all of your forces, and success in battle. We will watch from afar, proud of our brothers, and will be right next to you in spirit,” Celeski said.

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and using weapons of mass destruction is a key aspect of the global war on terrorism. “We can fight the various elements of the global war on terror simultaneously,” he said.

He stressed that Bush has not made a decision on use of force against Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. But he said the administration continues to believe that Iraq is a “grave and growing danger” to the United States and the world.

Rumsfeld said that while other nations are dangerous and are looking at weapons of mass destruction, no terrorist state in the world poses a more immediate threat to the security of America than the regime of Saddam Hussein.

He urged the senators to work with the president and members of the

House to craft a resolution insisting that Iraq comply with U.N. Security Council resolutions. He said delay would signal Hussein that he can continue to violate the will of the world — expressed through the United Nations — with impunity.

Rumsfeld said that the Iraqi letter delivered Sept. 16 to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan is no excuse for the United States or United Nations to stop pressing for resolutions against Iraq.

“Some people have asked the question now that Iraq has agreed to unconditional inspections, why does Congress need to react?” he asked. “If we want to measure the depth of (Iraq’s) so-called change of heart, I suggest we watch what they do, not what they say.”

Immediately after Iraq delivered its letter to Annan pledging coopera-

tion with U.N inspectors, its air defense gunners and missileers began firing on coalition patrol aircraft, Rumsfeld said.

He told the senators two inspection regimes are in play — ground inspections and air inspections. Iraq threw ground inspectors out in 1998.

“The air inspections — operations Northern Watch and Southern Watch — have been flying at the risk of their lives,” he said. “Since delivering the letter promising unconditional access, (the Iraqis) have fired at coalition aircraft somewhere between 15 and 20 times — a considerable increase from the period before the letter.”

Further, Iraqi officials are setting conditions for the “unconditional” inspection regime. Rumsfeld said the Iraqi foreign minister suggested in a speech to the United Nations “that the

inspections must operate within guidelines in a manner that respects Iraqi sovereignty and security.”

He said this is a further example of Iraqi willingness to play with the international community. “When it’s the right moment to lean forward, they do,” he said. “When it’s the right moment to lean back, they do. It’s a dance. They go on for months and, indeed, they’ve gone on for years jerking the U.N. around. When they find things are not going their way, they throw out a proposal like this.”

Rumsfeld said the issue is not inspections, the issue is disarmament and the problem is a lack of compliance. “As the president made clear in his U.N. address, we require Iraq’s compliance with all 16 U.N. resolutions,” he said.

He said there is a place for inspections, but

not with this regime. Inspections are effective if the country cooperates and wants to prove to the world it is complying.

“They tend not to be as effective in uncovering deceptions and violations, when the target is determined not to be disarmed,” he said. “Iraq’s record of the last decade is that it wants weapons of mass destruction and that it is determined to develop them.”

Iraq already has offensive biological and chemical weapons, and it’s working to develop a nuclear capability, Rumsfeld said. Saddam’s regime also maintains ties to a number of terrorist groups. The combination of a rogue state with weapons of mass destruction and terrorist groups that wish to use those weapons is a danger the United States and the United Nations cannot ignore, he said.

HIND SIGHT

1937

The women's airspeed record is set at 292 mph by American pilot Jacqueline Cochran.

1941

The German Army cuts off the Crimean Peninsula from the rest of the Soviet Union.

1942

British forces attack the Japanese in Burma.

1944

U.S. troops of the 7th Army, invading Southern France, cross the Meuse River.

1978

Two Soviet cosmonauts set a space endurance record after 96 days in space.

1989

Gen. Colin Powell is confirmed by the U.S. Senate as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

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has no plan to cede the military superiority the US has built up since the collapse of the Soviet Union. "Our forces will be strong enough to dissuade potential adversaries from pursuing a military buildup in hopes of surpassing or equaling the power of the U.S.," it says.

Arafat office building under fire

RAMALLAH, West Bank—Fresh explosions and heavy machine gun fire erupted at Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's compound late Friday as Israelis continued to besiege the area. Israeli forces also erected a barbed wire fence encircling Arafat's office building, and said explosions went off in the Palestinian presidential information center and the building where Arafat holds news conferences and town hall meetings. The Israel Defense Forces confirmed an operation. Ra'anana Gissin, an Israeli government official, said Arafat will not be personally harmed in the operation. The military operation, aimed at isolating Arafat, began after a bomb attack on a bus in Tel Aviv Thursday left six dead. The IDF said it has demolished 10 buildings at Arafat's compound.

Yemen captures 5 al Qaeda suspects

SANAA, Yemen—Yemeni intelligence forces captured at least five suspected al Qaeda members early Saturday in a gun battle at a suspected terrorist hideout in a northern suburb of the capital Sanaa. At least two of those in custody were wounded in the shootout. Two Yemeni policemen also were wounded in the gunfight. The gun battle began shortly after midnight between armed Yemeni forces and the al Qaeda suspects in Al-Rawdah. Yemeni forces were still exchanging gunfire with other suspected al Qaeda members inside the building. The source said the captured suspects were taken to an unidentified location, and that U.S. military did not take part in the operation. Yemen is the ancestral home of al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden.

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Dusty</i> H: 90F L: 54F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 88F L: 59F
Kandahar:	<i>Sunny</i> H: 95F L: 59F	<i>Sunny</i> H: 93F L: 61F
Kabul:	<i>Dusty</i> H: 81F L: 46F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 84F L: 51F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Sunny</i> H: 88F L: 51F	<i>Sunny</i> H: 86F L: 51F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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COALITION SPORTSZONE

The Day in Sports

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MLB: Defeating adversity

In one of the most emotional seasons in the franchise's history, the Cardinals have persevered despite the passing of legendary broadcaster Jack Buck and ace pitcher Darryl Kile. St. Louis clinched the NL Central title Friday night with a 9-3 win over the Astros.

Golf: Americans fighting back

One European said beforehand that Michele Redman has no talent. Well then, using no talent, Michele Redman found a way to knock off the world's top player as Redman and Meg Mallon beat Annika Sorenstam and Maria Hjorth in the biggest upset Friday afternoon as the U.S. came back to forge a 4-4 tie in the Solheim Cup.

Soccer: Dallas beats United

D.C. United's valiant push for an MLS playoff spot ended in dramatic style Thursday as the Dallas Burn scored an overtime golden goal to win 4-3 at RFK Stadium. After a defensive opening 45 minutes in which the Burn took a 1-0 lead, the match really opened up after the break with six goals coming fast and furious. United staved off elimination with an Ali Curtis goal in stoppage time, but the Burn regrouped and grabbed the game-winner off an Eddie Johnson strike in the second overtime period.

RPM: Rusty Rolls At Dover

Rusty Wallace captured his first pole since 2000 on Friday for the MBNA All-American Heroes 400 in Dover, Del. Wallace hopes to improve on his sixth-place standing in the points with a good finish Sunday. Wallace's teammate, rookie Ryan Newman, has been the series' hottest driver of late and is also focused on this year's title chase.

Tennis: Down but not out

The United States was depending on its youth regain Davis Cup prominence. So far, experience has paid off more. Andy Roddick lost his first Cup match to veteran Arnaud Clement and James Blake rallied too late against Sebastien Grosjean as the Americans trail 2-0 in the semis on Friday at Roland Garros.

Horses: Super Derby wide open

Godolphin Racing's Essence of Dubai will join a field of six others in this Saturday's \$500,000 Super Derby at Louisiana Downs, where he will likely vie for favoritism with Arkansas Derby winner Private Emblem and The Judge Sez Who. A yearling sales reject who worked his way up from the claiming ranks, "The Judge" might play spoiler off his breakout performance in last month's Oklahoma Derby at Remington Park.

WNBA: Challenges ahead?

There hasn't been any drama yet, just rout after rout for the U.S. women's national team. France was the latest victim, getting steamrolled 101-68 at the world championships on Friday by a United States team that said its defense needs to get sharper. A day earlier, the U.S. players said the games will get tougher. The U.S. takes on Spain next week in a quarterfinal.

2002 Major League standings

American League East				GB
N.Y. Yankees	95-57	.625	-	
Boston	87-66	.569	8.5	
Toronto	71-83	.461	25	
American League Central				GB
x-Minnesota	89-64	.582	-	
Chicago (AL)	77-77	.500	12.5	
Cleveland	69-85	.448	20.5	
American League West				GB
Oakland	96-57	.627	-	
Anaheim	95-58	.621	1	
Seattle	88-65	.575	8	
National League East				GB
x-Atlanta	96-56	.632	-	
Montreal	78-76	.506	19	
Philadelphia	75-78	.490	21.5	
National League Central				GB
x-St. Louis	90-63	.588	-	
Houston	81-73	.526	9.5	
Cincinnati	75-78	.490	15	
National League West				GB
Arizona	94-58	.618	-	
San Francisco	88-66	.571	7	
Los Angeles	86-67	.562	8.5	

x- Clinched division



Friday's scores

Boston 4-2 Baltimore
 Pittsburgh 5-4 Chicago Cubs
 N.Y. Yankees 5-1 Detroit
 Montreal 6-1 N.Y. Mets
 Tampa Bay 11-7 Toronto
 Florida 6-2 Atlanta
 Chicago Sox 10-2 Minnesota
 Cleveland 6-2 Kansas City
 San Francisco 5-1 Milwaukee
 St. Louis 9-3 Houston
 Philadelphia at Cincinnati,
 postponed

NL

1. San Francisco .571
2. Los Angeles .562
3. Houston .526
4. Montreal .506
5. Philadelphia .490
6. Cincinnati .490

AL

1. Anaheim .621
2. Seattle .575
3. Boston .569
4. Chicago Sox .500
5. Toronto .461
6. Texas .458

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2002 National Football League standings

American Football Conference

East

N. England	2-0	1.000
Miami	2-0	1.000

North

Cleveland	1-1	.500
Pittsburgh	0-2	.000

South

Jacksonville	1-1	.500
Indianapolis	1-1	.500

West

Oakland	2-0	1.000
San Diego	2-0	1.000

National Football Conference

East

Philadelphia	1-1	.500
N.Y. Giants	1-1	.500

North

Chicago	2-0	1.000
Green Bay	1-1	.500

South

New Orleans	2-0	1.000
Carolina	2-0	1.000

West

Arizona	1-1	.500
San Francisco	1-1	.500

Have a nice day!!!!



Solution from Friday's Wanna Crossword in the Freedom Watch

(Courtesy of QUIZLAND.com)

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By Kevin Kilgore

Laugh Support