

Field sanitation raises awareness

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Deployed soldiers don't have to worry about the condition of their food, water or catching a disease from an insect or a rodent because there are soldiers who learn to control this and advise their commanders on these situations.

These soldiers go through a field sanitation team certification class. This class is usually a week in garrison, but in a deployment situation, the class is condensed into two days.

"The class is shortened because, while in the field, we cannot spend a week teaching the class and other soldiers cannot be away from their job for a week," said Cpt. Cory Campora, commander, 791st Preventive Medicine Detachment.

"It is better here because soldiers

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Photo by Pfc. Debralee P. Crankshaw

Spc. Juliet Kirkpatrick, 791st Preventive Medicine Detachment, Preventive Medicine specialist demonstrates how to use a heat category test.



Photo by Sgt. Valerie Dey-Bolejck, 109th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Staff Sgt. Deric Ritchey, 450th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne), surveys the ruins of Al Bironi University in Kapisa, Afghanistan.

Fighting a quiet war

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — The war against terrorism in Afghanistan is being fought on more than one front. At Bagram the soldiers of the 450th Civil Affairs Battalion (Airborne) fight a quiet, second battle against over 20 years of devastation using paper, pen and tape measure.

The first stop of the day is the village of Murad Khuwaja. As soon as the team arrives, all the men of the village gather around the civil affairs specialists. The team chief of Civil Affairs Team Alpha, Maj. Mark Cepiel, talks through his interpreter, to ask the men about their community. One important fact he finds out is that the village has no clean water source.

They are forced to get all their water from irrigation ditches and puddles in the dirt road. Cepiel recommends the village receive three wells.

The next stop is in the city of Kapisa and the site of what used to be the second largest college in Northern Afghanistan. The Al Bironi University taught a variety of subjects such as medicine, agriculture, science, and political science to students throughout the region. The Taliban seized the university and used half as a headquarters and barracks and blew up the other half. The university was the front line in the battle between the Northern Alliance and the Taliban. The Taliban held the college until December 2001.

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World News

(Compiled from CNN.com)

2003: tight security, celebrations

NEW YORK — Americans awoke to a new year Wednesday, after nearly 1 million people welcomed the arrival of 2003 at New York's Times Square. Tightened security mixed with cheering as the famous rooftop ball dropped to mark the occasion.

It was the 99th annual New Year's Eve celebration in Times Square, and security was tight in the post-9/11 era. Plainclothes police officers were scattered throughout the crowd, and manhole covers in the streets had been welded shut.

Security also was beefed up in New York Harbor after authorities received a threat of a maritime attack. Officials downplayed the threat as "uncorroborated, unsubstantiated information of suspect credibility," and a ban on pleasure craft off New York was lifted on Wednesday.

New Year's Eve celebrations in Times Square began in 1904 when the owners of One Times Square began holding rooftop parties with fireworks, according to a Web site detailing the annual party.

The huge, glittering crystal ball that descends the flagpole on top of the building to count down to midnight was built by Waterford Crystal and weighs about 1,070 pounds, according to an Internet fact sheet about the orb.

Actor Christopher Reeve set the count-down ball in motion.

Coalition aircraft bomb Iraqi defense radar site

MACDILLAIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — Operation Southern Watch aircraft struck an Iraqi air defense radar site southeast of Baghdad early Wednesday, the U.S. Central Command said.

The Iraqi military, however, said the coalition planes hit a civilian site, killing one civilian and wounding two others, according to the Iraqi News Agency.

The U.S. military said the strike — against a site at Al Qurnah, about 130 miles southeast of the capital — was a response to "Iraqi threats against coalition aircraft monitoring



Photo by U.S. Air Force Tech Sgt. Adam Johnston, 455th Expeditionary Operations Group

Media savvy ...

NHK cameraman Iqbal Sapord videotapes weapons crews arming munitions at a taxiway on an A/OA-10 Thunderbolt II deployed with the 455th Expeditionary Operations Group at Bagram Monday during a media visit at the air field. Reporters and camera crews from the Asian broadcast giant toured Air Force Village and videotaped A-10 flight line operations here. The A-10 provides close air support and airborne forward air control and is deployed here from the 110th Fighter Wing at W.K. Kellogg Airport, Mich.

compliance of United Nations Security Council resolutions over Southern Iraq."

There was no immediate U.S. response to the Iraqi claim, but U.S. military officials have repeatedly denied targeting civilian facilities.

"Coalition aircraft never target civilian populations or infrastructure and go to painstaking lengths to avoid injury to civilians and damage to civilian facilities," a statement from the U.S. Central Command said.

The no-fly zones, designed to protect Kurds in northern Iraq and Shiites in the southern part of the country from the Iraqi regime, have been contested spots between the United States, Britain and Iraq since they were established after the 1991 Gulf War.

Iraqi officials insist that the zones violate the country's sovereignty and territorial integrity, and they refuse to recognize them.

Senator offers Frist aid

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Incoming Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, a surgeon, gave medical care Wednesday to six people ejected from an Isuzu SUV when it rolled over on Interstate 75 in western Broward County, officials said.

A 10-year-old girl died at the scene, according to Broward County Fire Rescue Assistant Chief Todd Leduc. Two women were

in critical condition and two men were in serious condition at Broward General Medical Center in Fort Lauderdale, said spokeswoman Jenny Pudwell.

A child was later transferred to Memorial Regional Hospital in nearby Hollywood, Pudwell said. A spokeswoman there could not give any information on the child's condition.

The Isuzu was east-bound around 3:30 p.m. on the section of I-75 known as "Alligator Alley" that runs across the Everglades when a tire blew out and the entire tread came off, officials said.

Nick Smith, a spokesman for Frist, said the Tennessee Republican was spending time with his family in Florida and was driving with two of his sons when he came upon the scene shortly after the accident.

Leduc said Frist, along with some off-duty firefighters and paramedics who also were driving by, aided the victims until Broward County Fire Rescue vehicles and personnel could respond.

"[Frist] helped assess victims and did some medical procedures, including putting people on life support systems, and helped get the medical equipment in order," Leduc said.

"It made all the difference, his help was invaluable," Leduc added.

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get to see first-hand, and get a chance to experience it as a real-world problem, but that's usually not the case at home station," he added.

The first day is classroom and the second is hands on.



Photo by Pfc. Debralee P. Crankshaw

Cpt. Cory Campora, 791st Preventive Medicine Detachment commander, demonstrates how to use a pesticide sprayer in a field sanitation class.

Testing the water consists of checking the chlorine levels and learning to use chlorine tablets.

To look at sanitation in the field, the class inspects porta potties and washing stations.

"Company-sized units should have at least one non-commissioned officer and one junior-enlisted soldier trained in field sanitation," said Campora.

"We give these classes to train soldiers to advise their commanders on how to keep troops healthy from diseases and non-battle injuries," said Campora. "We want everyone to be aware of sanitation themselves and be able to take care of their own dirty work."

Preventive medicine holds the class at the end of every month with a limit of 20 soldiers. To sign up for the class, call preventive medicine at 231-4641.

In the classroom, the soldiers are taught about controlling disease carrying insects and rodents, food service sanitation, field water safety, waste disposal and weather-related injuries.

On the second day, the class does a walk through of the dining facility, tests the water at a water point and looks at sanitation in the field.

While at the dining facility, the soldiers check cleanliness, electrical hazards, food conditions and freezer and refrigerator temperatures.

Bagram Air Base MWR presents

2000 hrs. at the MWR building: "The Scorpion King." A desert warrior rises up against the evil army that is destroying his homeland. He captures the enemy's key sorcerer, takes her deep into the desert and prepares for a final showdown.

Tomorrow's movie will be "The Mummy Returns."



Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

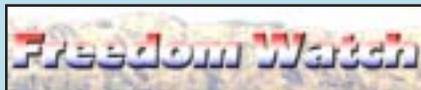
	<i>Today</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 50F L: 18F	<i>Haze</i> H: 48F L: 16F
Kandahar:	<i>Haze</i> H: 59F L: 32F	<i>Haze</i> H: 52F L: 28F
Kabul:	<i>Haze</i> H: 46F L: 23F	<i>Haze</i> H: 46F L: 23F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Fog</i> H: 44F L: 20F	<i>Fog</i> H: 48F L: 23F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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The 450th Civil Affairs is evaluating the college for reconstruction by the U.S. Army. While Afghanistan is addressing immediate issues, such as clean water and adequate food, in order to rebuild their own country, education is critical. The country has only an 11 percent literacy rate.

Everywhere the team goes, both children and men run to the side of the road, smiling and giving the team thumbs up. Cepiel says that they are greeted everywhere they go, "They know we are not here to occupy. We are here to rebuild. They don't view us like the Soviets."

"It is one of the more fulfilling jobs of my civil affairs career. I actually have the means and backing." Here the civil affairs team can make a life and death difference for people each and every day. Cepiel adds, "We support the overall war on terrorism"

The team is one of twenty-four teams working throughout Afghanistan.



Photo by Sgt. Valerie Dey-Bolejack, 109th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

The 450th Civil Affairs visits villages like Murad Khuwaja and helps the village assess what assistance they require.

National Guard, reserve mobilized

DoD Press Release

This week the Army and Marine Corps each announced an increase of reservists on active duty in support of the partial mobilization. The Air Force announced a decrease while the Navy reports no change. The collective result is 599 more reservists than last week.

At any given time, services may mobilize some units and individuals while demobilizing others, making it possible for these figures to either increase or decrease.

A cumulative roster of those who are currently on active duty can be found at <http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Dec2002/d20021231ngr.pdf>

Pakistan man says his pic in FBI alert

From CNN.com

LAHORE, Pakistan — A Pakistani jeweler said Wednesday his picture is among those of five suspects who the FBI says may have entered the U.S. on falsified passports. The man said he has never visited the U.S.

An Associated Press photograph of Mohammed Asghar taken at his shop in Lahore on Wednesday was a near-perfect match for the one included on the FBI list under the name Mustafa Khan Owasi, down to the prominent mole on Asghar's left cheek.

Asghar, 30, told AP that he was surprised to open a local newspaper and see his picture with another man's name beneath it.

Asghar said his only attempt at traveling abroad was frustrated when police in the United Arab Emirates discovered he had a forged visa. He suggested that the document forgers he once patronized could have



Asghar, pictured right Wednesday, claims the picture on the left also is of him.

used his picture to create false travel documents for another man.

"I am a Pakistani and am living in my country, but American authorities have released my picture among those who are being traced by the FBI for entering America," Asghar said. "I have no links with any terrorist organization."

Correction

In the story: "Bagram hospital offers host of medical care" that ran Wednesday, the last two paragraphs carried wrong information. The decision whether or not to leave the hospital here has not been made.



Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from ESPN.com)



Sooners QB Nate Hybl was named MVP for completing 19 of 29 passes for 239 yards and a pair of TDs.

Sooners make hay in their first Rose Bowl

PASADENA, Calif. — This Rose Bowl presented by PlayStation 2 was one to remember for the Sooners.

And it was one Mike Price would sooner forget.

Price chose to coach seventh-ranked Washington State in the bowl game after accepting the Alabama coaching job two weeks ago. But No. 8 Oklahoma gave him rude send-off, winning 34-14 Wednesday.

“It’s not the way we wanted to end it, by any means,” said Price, leaving after 14 years on the job. “It’s a disappointing way to finish.”

Washington State (10-3) was held to a season-low 243 yards — just 4 on the ground — and didn’t score until the final six minutes, by which time Oklahoma had a 27-0 lead.

Jason Gesser, the Cougars’ star quarterback, was 17-of-34 for 239 yards and two interceptions, and was sacked six times.



Hybl celebrates his 34-14 victory in the Rose Bowl.

“It doesn’t surprise me,” Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. “I answered questions all week about can we cover the pass. Our history proves that. You don’t win as much as we have the last three years without being able to do that.”

2002 Bowl Championship Series

TEAM	TOTAL
1. Miami	2.93
2. Ohio State	3.97
3. Georgia	8.37
4. USC	10.51
5. Iowa	10.79
6. Washington St.	16.14
7. Oklahoma	16.79
8. Kansas State	20.13
9. Notre Dame	20.93
10. Texas	21.08
11. Michigan	23.91
12. Penn State	26.97
13. Colorado	33.27
14. Florida State	33.95
15. West Virginia	35.97



2002 National Hockey League standings



Eastern Conference

Atlantic	
(2) New Jersey	36 pts
(6) Philadelphia	36 pts
Pittsburgh	38 pts
N.Y. Islanders	37 pts
N.Y. Rangers	41 pts
Northeast	
(1) Ottawa	37 pts
(4) Boston	37 pts
(5) Toronto	38 pts
(8) Montreal	38 pts
Buffalo	37 pts
Southeast	
(3) Tampa Bay	38 pts
(7) Washington	39 pts
Carolina	38 pts
Florida	38 pts
Atlanta	36 pts

Western Conference

Central	
(1) Detroit	38 pts
(5) St. Louis	38 pts
(7) Chicago	37 pts
Columbus	37 pts
Nashville	38 pts
Northwest	
(3) Vancouver	38 pts
(4) Minnesota	39 pts
(6) Colorado	38 pts
(8) Edmonton	38 pts
Calgary	38 pts
Pacific	
(2) Dallas	40 pts
Los Angeles	37 pts
Anaheim	38 pts
San Jose	37 pts
Phoenix	39 pts

Auburns tops Penn St. 13-9

ORLANDO, Fla. — While Larry Johnson clamored for the ball, Ronnie Brown kept getting it.

Brown scored on a 17-yard touchdown run with 2:19 left and outplayed the Heisman Trophy finalist as Auburn beat No. 10 Penn State 13-9 Wednesday in the Capital One Bowl.

The final tally: Brown 184 yards, Johnson just 72.

Johnson, who ran for 2,015 regular-season yards, couldn't break a long one among his 20 carries in his final Penn State game. The Nittany Lions (9-4) fell to 1-4 when he failed to reach 100 yards.

Johnson grouched that the offense was "trying to be too cute" instead of just giving it to him.

"You get 20 carries against a good defense, there's no way in the world you're going to go over 100 against a good defense," said Johnson, who lost 6 yards on his first five carries. "You pound it and pound it and pound it, and that's the outcome.

"If we'd have done that, maybe the score would be reversed."



Ronnie Brown carried the load all day, finishing with 184 yards on 37 carries and the MVP trophy.

Wolfpack cap best season in history

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — A little trickery on offense. A lot of jarring hits on defense, especially the one that knocked the quarterback on his back and out of the game.

That was all No. 17 North Carolina State needed to dissolve the Irish mystique Wednesday in the Toyota Gator Bowl and state its case as a program on the rise.

Led by quarterback Philip Rivers and a defense that didn't give up a touchdown for the second straight game, the Wolfpack (11-3) finished off the



Irish receiver Arnaz Battle is corralled by Terrence Holt, left, and Manny Lawson.

best season in school history with a 28-6 victory over Notre Dame.

"We had a great season, then we put a stamp on it," coach Chuck Amato said. "To have (victory) No. 11 be Notre Dame, to win back-to-back against Florida State and Notre Dame, two of the best programs in America ... It's hard to do."

The defense didn't allow a touchdown in the last two games, and while the trick plays were entertaining Wednesday, it was linebacker Dantonio Burnette who set the tone.



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COMBAT TRAINING NEVER PREPARED ME FOR THIS!!

By Kevin Kilgore

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