

Clinic takes level 1 care to next level



Two Korean Doctors, Bagram Korean clinic, remove growth from an Afghan patient through minor surgery. Even though the clinic is only responsible for level 1 care, they have minor surgical capabilities for injuries such as burns and other minor illnesses.

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — As the 452nd Combat Support Hospital works around the clock to save life, limb and eyesight, the Korean clinic works equally hard to provide quality outpatient care for Afghans and to create a comfortable environment for often not so comfortable situations.

Even though the clinic is only a level 1 hospital, receiving cases that go beyond their level of care occurs on a weekly basis. According to the hospital commander, they do their best to take care of everyone received even if there is little they can do.

“Since last year, the Korean coalition medical forces have seen over 55,000 Afghan patients from all over Afghanistan consisting of men, women, children and Afghan soldiers,” said Col. Soohyun Kim, hospital commander. “Most of these cases have been

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Getting power to people a high order in Afghanistan

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KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Coalition civil affairs specialists and engineers visited the Kajaki Dam Hydroelectric Plant Monday to find out how to get more electricity to power-starved southern Afghanistan.

Making matters worse, the dam feeding the power needs of nearly one million people hasn’t been properly maintained for more than 30 years — and it shows.

Soldiers from the 450th Civil Affairs (Airborne) Battalion, Riverdale, Md., and Romanian 812th Infantry Battalion found that while the dam was in good condition structurally, one of the turbines converting water power into electrical power was in danger of shutting down.

That would be bad news for the residents of Kandahar city and the Helmond province that depend on the hydroelectric power for

irrigating their fields, powering their electric wells and heating their homes in the wintertime.

“If this dam goes out, many parts of southern Afghanistan go dark,” said Sgt. Michael Rathje, a civil affairs sergeant with the 450th CA Bn. A power plant and electrical controls expert, he found the bearings used in one of the two massive turbines almost completely worn out and in need of immediate replacement.

The shutdown of even one turbine would have immediate ramifications for Afghans in the region. Two turbines supply 33 megawatts of power to southern Afghanistan, which coalition and government officials here agree is not nearly enough; the shutdown of one would halve that figure, making a dire situation.

The dam was built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the 1950s, one of many projects of the time to bring infrastructure to under-developed countries around the world. Because the massive

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World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



An Apache attack helicopter provides air cover for a U.S. military convoy near Hit, Iraq, on Sunday.

Senators hopeful U.S. 'scored' Saddam kill

BAGHDAD — The U.S. military's Task Force-20 struck a convoy of Iraqi military vehicles last week, killing and capturing people with ties to the deposed Saddam Hussein regime, U.S. defense officials said Sunday.

Leaders of the Senate Intelligence Committee are hopeful that Saddam was in the convoy but said there has been no confirmation.

Sen. Pat Roberts of Kansas, the Republican chairman of the Intelligence Committee, said on "Fox News Sunday" that an aggressive effort is under way to find the deposed Iraqi president.

"I will not be surprised at any military action that would lead to the possibility that we have now finally killed Saddam Hussein," Roberts said.

Dam engineers open spillgate on fast-filling lake

BRADENTON, Fla. — Engineers managed to manually crank open one of three spillgates on the Lake Manatee dam in an effort to speed drainage from the lake, which had reached record levels and threatened Manatee County's riverside and lakeside communities.

Two of the dam's spillgates opened late Saturday night, but the third jammed, prompting emergency officials to order hundreds of homes evacuated as water approached the top of the 50-foot-high dam.

"We do have some homes that have some damage," said Capt. Larry Leinhauser of the Manatee County Department of Public Safety, noting that some older houses in the rural area between the lake and Tampa Bay were not elevated, as construction codes now require.

Quartet resolute on Mideast peace

AMMAN, Jordan — Representatives of the so-called Mideast quartet presented a united front Sunday in support of the road map for peace in the Middle East, despite an increase in violence in the region.

"We have to keep moving forward," U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell told reporters after meeting with leaders from the United Nations, the European Union and Russia as a World Economic Forum was getting under way on the shores of the Dead Sea.

"I regret that we continue to find ourselves trapped in this action and counteraction."

"The international community is united in working towards peace," said Greek Foreign Minister George Papandreou, whose country heads the European Union's rotating presidency.

Comic gatecrashed William's 21st

LONDON — Britain's Home Secretary David Blunkett has ordered an immediate inquiry after a comedian managed to gatecrash Prince William's 21st birthday party at Windsor Castle.

The whole of Britain's royal family was present at the time and Scotland Yard said they regarded the breach of royal protection as "serious."

The man was detained by police at around 11:30 p.m. Saturday while more than 300 guests joined William and the rest of the royal family for an "Out of Africa"-theme fancy dress party.

Scotland Yard said the 36-year-old man was not armed when he was arrested and was now in custody at a Thames Valley police station.

Police declined to name the man, but his father identified him as stand-up comedian Aaron Barschak. Fred Barschak told report-

ers he recognized his son as the man being led away by police following the incident.

Greece seizes explosives ship

ATHENS, Greece — Greek special forces, acting on a tip from an unnamed country, boarded and seized a ship loaded with 680 tons of explosives as it sailed through Greek territorial waters Sunday, said a spokesman from Greece's Merchant Marines Ministry.

The Greek coast guard escorted the cargo ship Baltic Sky to the commercial port of Platigialio on that country's west coast, where judicial and guard officials are investigating it, said Merchant Marines spokesman Panayotis Tsianos.

The Comoros-flagged vessel is owned by Alpha Shipping, registered in the Marshall Islands.

Greek officials would not reveal where the ship began its voyage or where it was believed to be bound. The nature of its cargo was described only as including 680 tons of explosives.

Pope urges forgiveness in Bosnia

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Pope John Paul II asked God's forgiveness Sunday for "so much suffering and bloodshed" inflicted by his own Roman Catholics and others in this embittered Balkan land during two 20th-century wars.

As NATO peacekeeping troops provided security, the frail 83-year-old pope urged Bosnia's rival Muslims, Roman Catholic Croats and Orthodox Serbs to put their differences behind them and forge a lasting multiethnic society.

He stressed the need for a "genuine purification of memory through mutual forgiveness," a dominant theme of his nearly 25-year papacy.

John Paul, weakened by Parkinson's disease and crippling knee and hip ailments, looked drawn and uncomfortable as he sat under a yellow canopy during an open-air Mass for 50,000 pilgrims. The temperature reached into the 30s C but he held up during the nearly three-hour service, slurring his words at times.

BBQ encourages plans for another

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Morale, Welfare and Recreation held a barbecue for servicemembers, coalition forces and civilians Saturday at the Civic Center.

They served 630 cheeseburgers and 200 hot dogs that were left over from Father's Day.

"We wanted to give something back to the soldiers. Father's Day showed us the soldiers appreciate when you give back so we had another barbecue to finish the meat off," said Arthur Chandler, senior MWR coordinator for Afghanistan.

MWR was happy with the turnout.

"(The turnout was) very good. We expected it because we put out fliers and had it put out in the sergeants major meeting," said Chandler.

Jimmy Ferrazas, Kellogg, Brown and Root labor foreman/Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff agreed.

"(The barbecue) was a success. The



Spc. Cassie Blair, 433rd Personnel Support Detachment, Indianapolis helps cook and serve at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation barbecue Saturday. Volunteers served 630 burgers and 200 hot dogs at Saturday's barbecue.

turnout encourages the thought of other events like this to come," he said.

In addition to the barbecue there were other activities for servicemembers to enjoy including horseshoes, washers, cards,

Monopoly, Risk and other board games.

"(We) thought it would be something for (the soldiers) to do — give them a better time," said Chandler.

According to Chandler, the barbecue went very smooth because the Father's Day one helped planning this one.

A few soldiers also volunteered to help with this barbecue as well as on Father's Day. One of these soldiers was very happy she was able to help.

"I thought (the barbecue) was awesome. It was great for morale. I volunteered because I love to see people smile. As a soldier I really appreciate what (MWR does) and I'm happy to help out in any way I can," said Spc. Cassie Blair, promotions clerk, 433rd Personnel Support Detachment, Indianapolis.

MWR was also happy with the reactions of servicemembers.

"This was a great day," said Ferrazas. "Soldiers, coalition forces and civilians alike were appreciative of the hard work and efforts of the volunteers and MWR staff."



Photo by Spc. Jim Wagner, 109th MPAD

U.S. and Romanian engineers inspect the structure of the turbine house at the Kajaki Hydroelectric Plant in southern Afghanistan.

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turbines play such an important role bringing electricity to the people, they were constructed with the expectation of a major maintenance overhaul every 10 years.

But because of a number of reasons — civil war, Russian occupation and the Taliban regime to name a few — it has only been overhauled once, when the U.S. Agency for International Development completed one in the early 1970s.

One of only four dams in the country, the shutdown of the Kajaki dam or even the loss of one turbine would grind southern Afghanistan's fledgling industries and Army projects to a halt. Three major manufacturing companies in the province — blanket, vegetable oil and plastics factories — would have to rely on generator power for electricity, a prohibitively expensive alternative, Rathje said.

Also affected would be CA's mission in Afghanistan, which is to rebuild the country through funding support for projects. All of the agricultural wells funded by CA run on electrical power.

Rathje's initial assessment of the dam and power plant calls for more power.

"The fastest way to alleviate the problems in Afghanistan is to put another turbine in to bring more power online," he said. "It was originally built to house three, so the room's there."

Funding for the turbine, which would cost millions to install, fall well outside the purview of the CA mission in Afghanistan, requiring the central government in Kabul to come up with the financing.

In the meantime, however, Rathje has e-mailed Siemens-Westinghouse, the dam's parts manufacturer, to find out more information on the bearings and cooling system and come up with a way for a temporary fix to the failing turbine.

Officials plan to visit the dam and power plant in the near future to conduct more assessments.

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level 1 or outpatient problems, but some of them have required a higher level of care that was a challenge for us to provide.”

The most challenging of these services would be the performance of minor surgery.

“For most injuries or illnesses that require surgery, we refer the patient to the CSH,” said Kim. “However, performing minor surgeries on things like burns, growth removals or sealing wounds are procedures we try perform in house before we send them to the next level of care.”

In an effort to try to make their patients feel as relaxed as possible, the Korean doctors and medics have improved some of the clinic’s facilities.

“Until recently, checking for respiratory problems was limited to the use of a stethoscope, but now we have an X-ray room for patients who need further testing instead of sending them to the CSH,” said Kim. “We’ve also started building a covered waiting area outside of the hospital where patients can sit in the shade while they wait to be seen.

“In addition, we’ve laid carpet throughout the clinic and ask that everyone remove their shoes before entering,” Kim added.

According to Kim, providing shade and carpet for the patients are not the only projects the hospital is working on to improve their level of care.

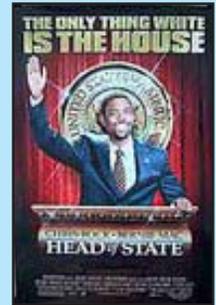
“I have requested that a couple more doctors be sent with next rotation of soldiers in the fall to keep up with the large number of patients we are receiving,” said Kim. “We try to take care of everyone that comes through our gates but sometimes the load is too great and we have to send them away. It’s not a good feeling.”

Even after working six days a week examining patients in the morning and cleaning the clinic in the afternoon, Kim said his soldiers enjoy the work and understand that it’s their mission.

“The soldiers derive their morale from helping the local people in any way they can,” said Kim. “I feel that we can sympathize with these people more than anyone else because we were in their shoes 50 years ago. It’s nice to know that we finally have the capabilities to help ease some of their pain, even if the level of care is only minor.”

Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the Dragon Palace, “Head of State.” When a presidential candidate dies unexpectedly in the middle of the campaign, the Democratic party unexpectedly picks a Washington, D.C. alderman, Mays Gilliam as his replacement.



Tomorrow’s movie will be “National Security.”

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER FORECAST:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Mostly clear</i> H: 93F L: 63F	<i>Clear</i> H: 91F L: 64F
Kandahar:	<i>Clear</i> H: 106F L: 72F	<i>Mostly clear</i> H: 106F L: 73F
Kabul:	<i>Dust</i> H: 93F L: 63F	<i>Haze</i> H: 95F L: 66F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Sunny</i> H: 99F L: 63F	<i>Sunny</i> H: 101F L: 65F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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Coalition Sports Zone

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Ronaldo helped Madrid stay two clear of Sociedad for the title.

For 29th time, Madrid rules roost

MADRID — Real Madrid won the Spanish league title for the 29th time on Sunday as two goals from Ronaldo and a thunderous Roberto Carlos free kick earned them a 3-1 victory over Athletic Bilbao.

On a nerve-jangling final night of a long Spanish league season, second-placed Real Sociedad won 3-0 at home to Atletico Madrid to ensure that nothing less than victory would be good enough for Real Madrid.

With Real leading 2-1 at halftime in Madrid that was far from a formality, but a second strike from Ronaldo just past the hour mark gave them the breathing space they needed.

Real Madrid coach Vicente del Bosque had the luxury of substituting Ronaldo to an ear-splitting ovation in the closing minutes before his side were crowned champions amid a spectacular firework display at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium.

Real Madrid finish the season with 78 points from 38 matches, two points ahead of runners-up Real Sociedad.

France cruises into Confed semis

PARIS — France coach Jacques Santini was content with his side's efforts after a 5-0 demolition of New Zealand booked the Confederations Cup hosts a semifinal berth on Sunday.

"One of our goals was to keep our winning streak going and to play our semi-final here in Paris," said Santini. "It wasn't an easy challenge as we had a very tight schedule."

Victory gave France their third win out of three in Group A and Santini's side will now play the runner-up of Group B on Thursday in a semifinal at the Stade de France.

Cameroon, on six points, need only a draw on Monday against the United States to finish top of Group B, while the other semifinalists will be either Turkey (3pts) or Brazil (3pts), who also meet on Monday.

"All the guys have played at least one match so far and we will have time now to prepare for the next tie. I'm happy with the way we

dealt with the schedule," added Santini.

"We are improving swiftly and I'm pretty sure we will be in an even better shape on Thursday.

World champs KO Americans

LYON, France — Even after last year's World Cup, there's still a big gap between the United States and the soccer powers.

World Cup champion Brazil dominated the Americans on Saturday night, winning 1-0 and ending the U.S. team's chance to advance in the Confederations Cup.

Adriano scored the only goal in the 22nd minute, stripping the ball from defender Gregg Berhalter and coming in alone on goalkeeper Tim Howard, who made the initial save but had no chance to stop Adriano's shot off the rebound.

"They're the best team in the world," American midfielder Earnie Stewart said. "We're not near as close to where they are."

The United States was outshot 6-1, with Brazilian goalkeeper Dida diving to his right in the 61st minute to push aside Landon Donovan's shot. Donovan also had a chance in first-half injury time, taking a pass from Stewart about 8 yards out. Donovan's shot went wide as he was tripped up by Brazilian defender Kleber, but only after the shot had been taken.

Brazil so thoroughly controlled the match that it often seemed as if the field was tilted toward Howard, who made several outstanding saves, including a leaping stop on Ronaldinho in the 76th. The U.S. team used just one player at forward in the first half, at first Donovan, then Clint Mathis, who was just wide with a curled free kick in the 43rd minute.

Officials may decide \$80M plan's fate

HARRISON, N.J. — Financing plans for a proposed \$80 million soccer stadium for the MetroStars could wind up in front of town officials for a vote July 1.

The financing arrangement is expected to be presented to the town this week, Mayor Ray McDonough said.

McDonough and Peter Higgins, chairman of the Harrison Redevelopment Agency, said MetroStars owner Anschutz Entertainment Group will put up \$30 million toward the 25,000-seat stadium.

The town would be responsible for the balance, which would come from bonds purchased from the Hudson County Improvement Authority. The bonds would be covered by property taxes paid to the town by the developer.

The town would own the stadium and AEG would operate it. McDonough said ground could be broken in spring 2004 with completion scheduled for 2006.

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Whistling louder against Brazil

LYON, France — For the second straight game, fans at the Confederations Cup booed when the “The Star-Spangled Banner” was played before the United States took the field.

The whistling sounded louder at Saturday night’s 1-0 loss to Brazil than it was before the Americans lost to Turkey 2-1 on Thursday in Saint-Etienne.

“I think it’s disrespectful,” U.S. coach Bruce Arena said. “We respect the national anthem of every country, so I was disappointed with that.”

U.S. players said the whistling disturbed them.

“It’s upsetting,” said Earnie Stewart, the U.S. captain Saturday. “On the other hand, it gets you a little riled up, too. We came out of there, everybody had the same feeling, that you want to give 110 percent to make sure that they think about it twice when they do that.”

Forward Landon Donovan was among the more outspoken American players after Thursday’s game and again was angered.

“It’s sad,” he said. “True colors show.”

Donovan also was upset Portuguese referee Lucilio Cardoso Batista didn’t award a penalty kick to the United States after Donovan was tripped up by Brazilian defender Kleberston in the penalty area during first-half injury time. Replays appeared to show the trip occurred after Donovan took the shot, which went wide.

Fire’s two-game win streak snapped

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Preki scored a goal and assisted on three others as the Kansas City Wizards beat the Chicago Fire 4-2 Saturday night.

Damani Ralph scored the game’s first goal in the eighth minute for Chicago (5-3-3), which had a two-game winning streak snapped.

Kansas City (5-2-5) then took control as Preki assisted on goals by Jimmy Conrad in the 27th minute, Francisco Gomez in the 33rd minute and Alex Zotinca in the 42nd minute.

Preki, who turns 40 on Tuesday, scored a goal in the 70th minute from the penalty spot. Chicago’s Evan Whitfield tripped Kansas City’s Igor Simutenkov in the penalty area and the referee awarded a penalty kick to Kansas City.

Ante Razov, the MLS’ leading goal scorer, scored his eighth goal of the season from a free kick in the 78th minute. That cut Kansas City’s lead to 4-2.

Razov has five goals in three games. It was the first game the Fire has lost when Razov has scored.

Baxter scores first goal of career

BOSTON — Erin Baxter scored her first goal in 45 career games as the Carolina Courage climbed out of the WUSA basement by beating the first-place Boston Breakers 1-0 Saturday night.

After winning the Founders Cup in 2002, Carolina (4-5-

2) started the season 0-4. But the Courage have now gone five straight games without a loss, and with the win pushed them past Philadelphia and San Jose into sixth place.

Neither team generated much offense in the first 34 minutes of play, combining for just one shot on goal. But Baxter capped a Carolina surge in the 35th minute, knocking in a header off a corner kick from Brooke O’Hanley.

The Breakers (5-4-2) were shut out at Nickerson Field for the first time since August 5, 2001, when they lost to San Diego 1-0.

Boston did not put a shot on net until the 50th minute.

Kiwis still winless in Confed Cup

LYON, France — Colombia kept alive its hopes of qualifying for the Confederations Cup semifinals when the team fought back to beat New Zealand 3-1 on Friday.

The New Zealanders, chasing their first victory in the eight-nations tournament, went in front with a crisp 18-meter shot by striker Raffaele De Gregorio in the 27th minute.

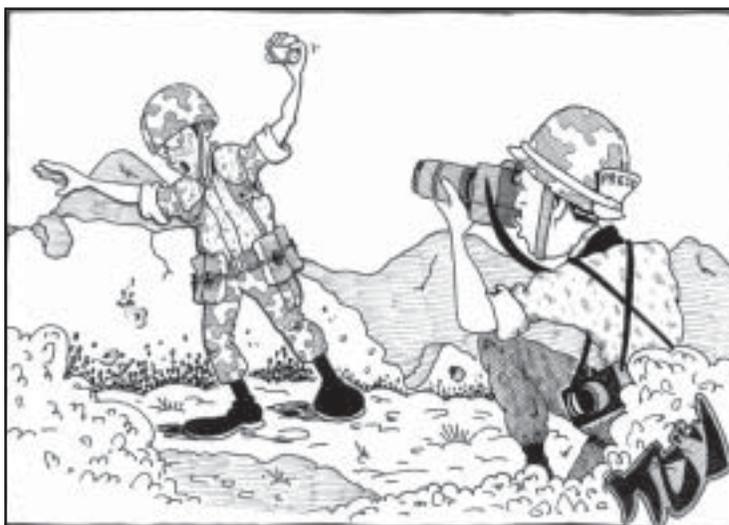
The South American champions levelled thanks to a 25-meter strike by Jorge Lopez just before the hour, Colombia’s first goal in its last six games.

The New Zealanders were reduced to 10 men when striker Chris Killen was sent off for a second bookable offense 20 minutes from time.

Looking tired after its 3-0 defeat by Japan in the opening match in Paris on Wednesday, New Zealand struggled to hold the Colombians at bay.

Defender Mario Yopez slotted a fine volley from inside the box to give his side the lead in the 75th before midfielder Giovanni Hernandez wrapped it up 10 minutes later.

“Hold that pose!”



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