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News briefs

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U.S. forces pursue new clues of al Qaeda

WASHINGTON—U.S. forces in Afghanistan are pursuing clues that indicate al-Qaeda or Taliban figures may be hiding north of the area that has been the primary focus of air and ground searches in recent months, U.S. officials said Tuesday. The area of renewed interest is the Konar province, northeast of the city of Jalalabad, near the border with Pakistan.

UK, France debate future of refugee camp

LONDON, England—French Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy has said he wants to close the Sangatte refugee camp near the French entrance to the Channel

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An Afghan officer reviews the scenario during the weekly Ethics Training class at the Afghan National Army training compound near Kabul.

ANA officer training covers ethics study

Story & photo by Sgt. Don Dees
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KABUL, Afghanistan – For one hour each week during training at the Afghan National Army Compound outside Kabul, Afghan officers gather to discuss dilemmas they may face as leaders.

Ethics training plays a role in leadership development in the U.S. Armed Forces, and soldiers from 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group, charged with training the Afghan National Army, have incorporated it here.

“This may be the most important thing we do here,” said Chaplain Jack, who contributes to developing scenarios that the Afghan officers ponder during training.

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Peacekeepers find peace in Medjugorje

By Spc. Michelle Lunato
Army News Service

EAGLE BASE, Bosnia and Herzegovina — Soldiers participating in Operation Joint Forge are keeping the peace in Bosnia, but on one trip, they were able to bring peace to themselves.

After climbing up the jagged mountainside of Medjugorje, a place where the Virgin Mary is believed to have appeared in June 1981, sol-

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Photo by Sgt. Reeba Critser

Medical supply

“My job is important in Operation Enduring Freedom because we have a lot of patients,” said Lt. Raquel Moreno Gonzalez, 78th Wing, Spanish Air Force nurse. “My principal job is to repair coalition patients who have accidents at Bagram. After that, I focus on humanitarian aid for local Afghan residents.”

diers stopped to meditate and reflect on their lives. Even though they were surrounded by many people on the same spiritual pilgrimage, they said they felt they were alone with their thoughts.

The reasons for their trip were different, but all soldiers said they found spiritual peace.

“Something tragic happened in my life and I have a lot of pain in my heart,” said Sgt. Laurie Pimentel, assistant to the Multinational Division (North) command sergeant major, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 25th Infantry Division (Light), when she explained why she came on the “once in a lifetime” retreat. “It was a great opportunity for me to go up there and release some of that pain...”

For others, the retreat meant finding the meaning in their lives. “I feel that I have been changed,” said Spc. Ron Clobridge, operations battle update briefing operator, HHC, 25th ID. The time on ‘Apparition Hill’ allowed Clobridge to look at his actions and helped him develop some goals. “I have a better attitude ... it lightened my load.”

The site attracts 600,000 visitors a year.

The trip also allowed many of the soldiers to receive appreciation from American tourists who stopped them in the street to thank them and take their photographs.

“How would we know that out of all weekends there would be so many Americans there?” said Maj. Charles De Rivera, officer-in-charge, 1986th Combat Stress Control Detachment.

“The trip to Medjugorje reinforced the Stabilization Force message of peace because it is a place of peace,” said Capt. Kieran Morris, legal advisor, Joint Military Affairs, 25th ID (L).

“The visit invigorated the values of all the soldiers here,” he said. Morris said he only hopes these values could be given to all of the people of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

“This place will not see a lasting peace through the barrel of a gun,” Morris said, “but through a conversion of the hearts and minds of the people here.”

(Editor’s note: Spc. Michelle Lunato is the photo editor for the 305th PAD.)

Due to security concerns, Special Forces soldiers here are identified only by their rank and first name.

Chaplain Jack compares the new Afghan National Army to the early Continental Army under General George Washington.

“When I look around, this is Valley Forge. These guys are the minutemen; they are the ones who answered the call,” he said. “We had Baron Von Steuben come help us build a Non-Commissioned Officer’s Corps.”

And the Afghans have U.S. Special Forces to help mold their cadre.

At a recent session, the scenario found two lieutenants in charge of platoons in the same company patrolling an area known to be sympathetic to the enemy. During the patrol, one lieutenant’s platoon is pinned down by enemy fire. The other platoon comes to the rescue, saving the lives of all in the first platoon.

The patrol continues and both platoons search local houses for signs of the enemy. They find weapons and maps in some homes. In one, the soldiers find a large amount of money.

Instructions are given for confiscating the military items. One platoon

leader is called away to the radio as the items are being carted off.

Days later, the lieutenant who took the radio call, learns that a family from the village is claiming to have been robbed of their money during the raid. When the two lieutenants discuss it, the one who took the money promises to share the captured money if the other remains silent.

The question posed to the officers by the U.S. cadre was, “what do you do?”

After an interpreter read the scenario to the group, Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Kevin McDonnell called up the two most junior officers in the room to come and discuss the scenario and how they would react.

In turn, each said he would feel gratitude to the officer who saved his life, but would still have to notify the commander of the wrongly confiscated funds.

McDonnell congratulated the men on their choices.

“These two men should be proud of themselves for seeing the right solution, and each officer in this room should also be proud of these men,” he said.

In a land where media still report illegal police

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—Lt. Col. Kevin McDonnell,

1st Bn.,

3rd Special Forces

Group commander

checkpoints for motorist shakedowns, it is difficult for soldiers to see right from wrong.

“If leaders do what is right, soldiers see that and they do what is right. But if leaders do wrong, soldiers see that, and they will follow those examples,” said McDonnell.

“In the grand scheme of things, whether an officer can shoot his rifle or not is not as important as whether or not he understands human rights in the context of his role as an officer and his commitment to the government,” said Capt. Stephen from Charleston, S.C., another of the Special Forces trainers.

The discussion continued even after the session was adjourned.

“Next time I want a harder scenario,” said McDonnell, “these guys are catching on too quickly.”

HIND SIGHT

1922

Newberry Medal first presented for kids literature to Hendrik Van Loon

1929

First color television demonstration takes place in New York City

1950

President Harry S. Truman orders the Air Force and Navy into the Korean conflict

1983

NASA launches space vehicle S-205

1986

In referendum, Irish uphold the ban on divorce

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Tunnel, but would only do so if Britain toughened its immigration laws.

Italy air strike in balance

ROME, Italy — The extent of a planned strike by air traffic controllers on Wednesday is uncertain after a last-minute deal was struck with most unions involved in the dispute. Unions representing 72 percent of air traffic controllers reached agreement on Tuesday evening and were considering calling off their involvement in the action.

Israeli tanks move into Hebron

HEBRON, West Bank — Israeli troops seized control of a seventh West Bank city Tuesday, sweeping into Hebron overnight, surrounding the governor's compound, arresting the head of Palestinian intelligence and fighting gun battles with Palestinian forces that left four Palestinian policemen dead.

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	Today	Friday
<u>Bagram:</u>	Partly cloudy H: 97F L: 70F	Partly cloudy H: 99F L: 66F
<u>Kandahar:</u>	Haze H: 104F L: 70F	Haze H: 108F L: 70F
<u>Kabul:</u>	Partly cloudy H: 91F L: 61F	Showers H: 93F L: 59F
<u>Uzbekistan:</u>	Clear H: 99F L: 50F	Clear H: 99F L: 51F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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COALITION SPORTSZONE

The Day in Sports

Cunningham retires from NFL

Randall Cunningham has decided to call it a career after 16 years in the National Football League.

Cunningham, 39, played last season with the Baltimore Ravens. He was one of the most prolific running quarterbacks in history, rushing for 4,928 yards and scoring 35 touchdowns.

Sampras, Agassi upset in Wimbledon 2nd round

Pete Sampras, who hasn't won a tourney since winning the 2000 Wimbledon title, and Andre Agassi, who was trying to set a record for most years between titles, both lost in stunning upsets at Wimbledon.

Sampras almost came back from two sets down, but lost to George Bastl 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 3-6, 6-4. Agassi lost in straight sets 6-4, 7-6(5), 6-2 to 67th ranked Paradorn Srichaphan of Thailand.

Germany ends S. Korea's dream run

Michael Ballack scored in the 75th minute to lead Germany to the 2002 World Cup final. It will be the first time a unified German squad will vie for the title. They won it as West Germany in 1956, 1974 and 1990.

They will seek to tie Brazil for the most World Cup titles as they meet in the final Sunday in Japan.

John McEnroe used steroids, says ex-wife

Tatum O'Neal says ex-husband John McEnroe used steroids while he was on the pro tour, and used cocaine and marijuana – but only off the court.

McEnroe, who won seven Grand Slam tournaments, is now a television commentator.

He and O'Neal divorced in 1992.

July 4th 10K run

Iron Rakkasan will host an Independence Day 10k Run at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan.

The entry fee is \$15, which includes a T-shirt.

To sign up, visit the 3rd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment S-4 shop; any 3rd Bn., 187th Inf. company headquarters in Viper City; at the mayor's office in Motel 6; or at the SSA.

For more information, call Capt. Christian Teutsch at 640-1116.

2002 World Cup First Round Standings

Group A			Group E		
x-Denmark	2-0-1	7	x-Germany	2-0-1	7
y-Senegal	1-0-2	5	y-Ireland	1-0-2	5
Uruguay	0-1-2	2	Cameroon	1-1-1	4
France	0-2-1	1	Saudi Arabia	0-3-0	0
Group B			Group F		
x-Spain	3-0-0	9	x-Sweden	1-0-2	5
y-Paraguay	1-1-1	4	y-England	1-0-2	5
South Africa	1-1-1	4	Argentina	1-1-1	4
Slovenia	0-3-0	0	Nigeria	0-2-1	1
Group C			Group G		
x-Brazil	3-0-0	9	x-Mexico	2-0-1	7
y-Turkey	1-1-1	4	y-Italy	1-1-1	4
Costa Rica	1-1-1	4	Croatia	1-2-0	3
China	0-3-0	0	Ecuador	1-2-0	3
Group D			Group H		
x-South Korea	2-0-1	7	x-Japan	2-0-1	7
y-United States	1-1-1	4	y-Belgium	1-0-2	5
Portugal	1-2-0	3	Russia	1-2-0	3
Poland	1-2-0	3	Tunisia	0-2-1	1

World Cup second round schedule

Germany 1-0 Paraguay
 England 3-0 Denmark
 Senegal 2-1, OT, Sweden
 Spain 1-1 Ireland (Spain advances 3-2 PKs)
 United States 2-0 Mexico
 Brazil 2-0 Belgium
 Turkey 1-0 Japan
 South Korea 2-1, OT, Italy

World Cup quarterfinals

Germany 1-0 United States
 Brazil 1-0 England
 Turkey 1-0, OT, Senegal
 South Korea 0-0 Spain (S. Korea wins 5-3 in PKs)

World Cup semifinals

Germany 1-0 South Korea
 Brazil 1-0 Turkey

World Cup Final @ Yokohama, Japan

June 30 — Germany v. Brazil