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News briefs

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Multiple caches discovered in Afghanistan

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — On two separate occasions Sunday, forces conducting searches found weapons and other materials hidden by Afghan women.

Conventional forces operating in an area east of Khowst, captured an assortment of weapons, laptop computers, propaganda related to Osama bin Laden, passports and other documents. Weapons recovered included 11 rocket-propelled grenade rounds, 19 cases of SSHK ammunition, 300 .303 Enfield rifle rounds, 300 x 7.62mm rifle rounds, one box of 7.62 linked machine gun ammunition and 26 Soviet hand grenades. Female soldiers involved in the search discovered some of the hand grenades hidden under women's clothes.

Also on Sunday, Special Operations Forces in the vicinity

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NYC mayor visits troops in Bagram

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg is used to having dinner with fellow New Yorkers, with their black ties and sports uniforms, but Sunday's feast was peculiar, if not compelling, because these Yankees wore desert camouflage uniforms.

Several soldiers gathered outside the Bagram Air Base administration building to hear the mayor's comments about New York and America's newfound patriotism



Photo by Sgt. Reeba Critser

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg gives Combined Joint Task Force Commander Lt. Gen. Dan K. McNeill a New York state flag, which he signed "thank you from 8 million New Yorkers." Bloomberg visited American troops at Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan Sunday to show his support for the war against terrorism.

and gratitude for service members across the globe.

"Everyone has

been so nice to New York," Bloomberg said. "There's a lot of people here, who are

defending us back home, and the least we

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Photo by Spc. Ron Reeves, 300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment Lt. Col. James C. Post, 339th Combat Support Hospital, examines an Afghan child in the Kohi Sofi region.

Reservists provide health care for local Afghans

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — In a time when Afghanistan isn't stable enough to fight off the common cold, an Army Reserve medical unit from Philadelphia is taking important steps to help Afghans combat those viruses.

For the first time ever, 21 soldiers from the 339th Combat Support Hospital traveled to

the Kohi Sofi region to provide level-one health care and to train villagers on proper personal hygiene.

"It was fun coming here," said Staff Sgt. Shon Smith, S-3 noncommissioned officer in charge of operations. "Besides, we're here doing our part in the war effort."

The villagers eagerly greeted the soldiers, readily

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can say is thank you.”

Bloomberg’s visit started with him joining soldiers, all of whom were from New York, in an average Army meal of ham, corn and salad.

“(The dinner) was a great morale builder for us,” said Staff Sgt. Joe Tinker, headquarters platoon noncommissioned officer, Company B, 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment. “It’s refreshing to see someone (political figure) here from New York.”

“I’m glad he’s here,” said 1st Lt. Frank Tedeschi, task force topographic officer, 27th Engineer Battalion. “It ties people from New York with us here, in Afghanistan.”

After feasting with the troops, Bloomberg and his as-



Photo by Sgt. Reeba Critser
Michael Bloomberg, New York City mayor, talks to fellow New Yorker Lt. Col. Patrick Mahaney, 7th Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, N.C., at Bagram Air Base during his visit Sunday.

sociates passed out New York Police Department, New York Fire Department and New York Yankees baseball caps to the crowd.

“New Yorkers are very proud,” Bloomberg said. “And I’m sure every one of

them says a prayer for you.”

Tedeschi, from Fresh Meadows, N.Y., presented the mayor with a flag that flew over the base Sept. 11.

“It’s a great honor,” Tedeschi said. “I’m very happy to do it and it sort of

heals some of the wounds.”

He lost 50 friends in the attacks, including two close friends who worked in the World Trade Center.

“I’m happy to know he will give New York the opportunity to see what we are doing over here,” Tedeschi continued.

Bloomberg presented Lt. Gen. Dan McNeill with a New York state flag and a key to the city.

“We still don’t know what it opens,” Bloomberg joked.

After the gift exchange, soldiers assembled to shake Bloomberg’s hand, offering appreciation and posing for pictures.

“I just want to say thanks from the 8 million citizens of New York,” Bloomberg concluded.

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awaiting their turn for medical care. Just the sight of the two Chinook helicopters landing near the province 20 miles north of Bagram was enough for the onlookers to flood the hospital.

“This is generally not our primary mission,” Smith said. “But we are more than glad to be part of this humanitarian operation.”

Furthermore, with limited equipment and personnel, the unit examined and treated 800 villagers, including 400 children, many of whom des-



Photo by Pfc. Nathan Akridge
An Afghan soldier waits in line to receive medical aid and supplies from U.S. troops Sept. 21 at an undisclosed location in the Kohi Sofi region of Afghanistan. Personnel from the 339th Combat Support Hospital conducted a medical capabilities exercise to improve the quality of medical care for Afghans in the region.

perately needed medical attention.

Fortunately, for those with more serious ailments, the unit plans to conduct other similar missions in the

future.
“We are proud of what we have done here,” Smith said. “It was a very successful mission and I can’t wait to come back.”



Photo by Spc. Ron Reeves, 300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment
2nd Lt. Amy E. Walters, 261st Area Support Medical Battalion, gives ringworm medication to an Afghan child.

HIND SIGHT

1788

After having been dissolved, the French Parliament of Paris reassembled in triumph.

1947

The World Women's Party met for the first time since World War II.

1956

The first transatlantic telephone cable system began operation.

1960

The *Enterprise*, the first nuclear powered aircraft carrier, was launched.

1970

The Soviet *Luna 16* landed, completing the first unmanned roundtrip to the moon.

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of Deh Rawod identified two high frequency-type antennas and investigated. Their search turned up five AK-47s, a PKM Russian machine gun, a rocket-propelled grenade launcher with 50 rounds, 10 Soviet-type grenades, one DSHK spare barrel, assorted ammunition, a large bag containing official documents including a Pakistan border crossing pass and matching stamps, passport-type photos, a 20-inch model 757 plane with Air China markings, U.S.-made radio chargers and batteries, and infrared chemical lights stored in new U.S. kit bags. Additionally, two AK-47s, an 82mm mortar sight and aiming stakes were found under a blanket women were sitting on.

Grenade explodes near U.S. Embassy property in Jakarta

JAKARTA, Indonesia — An abortive grenade attack on a U.S. Embassy property in Jakarta has killed one of the attackers and resulted in the capture of another. A grenade exploded in a car outside a U.S. Embassy warehouse in the center of Indonesia's capital before dawn on Monday, police said. The incident came at a time of heightened security at U.S. embassies worldwide following what Washington called credible threats of terrorist attacks marking the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. "It was a grenade which was to be thrown at a warehouse owned by the U.S. Embassy but exploded in the car," Indonesian National Police Chief Da'i Bachtiar told reporters. He said there were three men in the car in addition to the man who died. The driver was captured and two escaped. An embassy source confirmed the incident took place "near an unoccupied U.S. Embassy warehouse" and said the embassy was cooperating with police.

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Dusty</i> H: 84F L: 61F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 81F L: 57F
Kandahar:	<i>Haze</i> H: 95F L: 57F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 93F L: 55F
Kabul:	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 81F L: 57F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 77F L: 54F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Clear</i> H: 85F L: 50F	<i>Clear</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: Snake bit?

Is this any way to defend a title? The D-Backs have lost four in a row, seen their magic number go into deep freeze at three, and now have lost Luis Gonzalez to a separated shoulder, which hurt even worse than the 13-1 beating suffered Monday against the Cards. Bob Brenly might need to rethink his final-week rotation once again.

NFL: Rams snuffed again

Remember when you couldn't blink without missing a touchdown by the Rams? Those days are gone. Tampa Bay smacked St. Louis around in a 26-14 victory over the former Super Bowl champs on Monday Night Football. The defeat spiraled the Rams to 0-3.

Golf: Americans win Solheim — with class

The U.S. rallied from two matches down Sunday to beat Europe 15½-12½ and take back the Solheim Cup. Perhaps just as significant, the Americans pulled out the win without the malice that had tainted past events.

Soccer: Spanish inquisition

AC Milan could find out Tuesday if its hot start to the new season is for real or just a stroke of luck as the club plays dangerous Deportivo La Coruna on Matchday 2 of the Champions League. A win in Spain would give the Italian giants an early advantage in Group G, which many consider to be the 'Group of Death' in the first phase of this year's competition.

RPM: Sweep dreams

Jimmie Johnson won Sunday's MBNA All-American Heroes 400 at Dover, Del., to sweep both races this season at The Monster Mile. The rookie, who finds himself in the middle of both the championship and rookie of the year hunt, held off Mark Martin for his third career win. Martin is holding onto a precarious 30-point advantage over Johnson with eight races remaining.

Tennis: Under pressure

There's only one more thing Yevgeny Kafelnikov craves: A Davis Cup trophy for Russia. For months, Kafelnikov has said he would retire if Russia were to win Davis Cup. Russia has a shot as it faces France in the final. "I want it so badly that it puts pressure on me," Kafelnikov said. Also, contemplating quitting is Michael Chang, who might be making his last appearance in Hong Kong.

NBA: Kandi man takes 1-year deal

Add another big fish to the 2003 free agent pool. Michael Olowokandi accepted a one-year qualifying offer from the Clippers, making him unrestricted next season.

NHL: But can he play the off-wing?

It began Saturday as a run-of-the-mill trade, Ottawa defenseman Sami Salo to Vancouver for left wing Peter Schaefer. It proved to be more valuable that night after Senators tough guy — and right winger — Chris Neil broke his leg in a loss to the Sabres.

2002 Major League standings

American League East				GB
x-N.Y. Yankees	98-58	.628	-	
Boston	90-66	.577	8	
Toronto	72-84	.462	26	
American League Central				GB
x-Minnesota	89-66	.574	-	
Chicago (AL)	79-77	.506	10.5	
Cleveland	70-86	.449	19.5	
American League West				GB
z-Oakland	99-57	.635	-	
Anaheim	96-60	.615	3	
Seattle	90-66	.577	9	
National League East				GB
x-Atlanta	97-57	.630	-	
Montreal	79-77	.506	19	
Philadelphia	78-78	.500	20	
National League Central				GB
x-St. Louis	92-64	.590	-	
Houston	83-74	.529	9.5	
Cincinnati	75-81	.481	17	
National League West				GB
Arizona	94-62	.603	-	
San Francisco	90-66	.577	4	
Los Angeles	88-68	.564	6	

x- Clinched division
z-Clinched playoff berth



Monday's scores

Boston 5, Baltimore 4
Houston 8, Milwaukee 6
Tampa Bay 3, N.Y. Yankees 2
St. Louis 13, Arizona 1

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1. San Francisco .577
2. Los Angeles .564
3. Houston .529
4. Montreal .506
5. Philadelphia .500
6. Florida .481

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AL

1. Anaheim .615
2. Boston .577
3. Seattle .577
4. Chicago Sox .506
5. Toronto .462
6. Cleveland .449

College Game Day

Associated Press Top 25
(as of Saturday)

TEAM	PTS	Last week	Next week
1. Miami, Fla. (4-0)	1,845	d. Boston Coll. 38-6	Idle
2. Oklahoma (3-0)	1,717	Idle	Idle
3. Texas (3-0)	1,699	d. Houston 41-11	@ Tulane
4. Florida St. (4-0)	1,661	d. Duke 48-17	Idle
5. Virginia Tech. (4-0)	1,501	d. Texas A&M 13-3	@ W. Michigan
6. Ohio St. (4-0)	1,436	d. Cincinnati 23-19	vs. Indiana
7. Florida (3-1)	1,369	d. Tennessee 30-13	vs. Kentucky
8. Georgia (3-0)	1,312	d. Northwestern St. 45-7	vs. New Mexico St.
9. Oregon (4-0)	1,213	d. Portland St. 41-0	Idle
10. Notre Dame (4-0)	1,170	d. Michigan St. 21-17	Idle
11. Tennessee (2-1)	1,070	lost to Florida 13-30	vs. Rutgers
12. Penn. St. (3-0)	998	d. Louisiana Tech. 49-17	vs. Iowa
13. Washington (2-1)	887	d. Wyoming 38-7	vs. Idaho
14. Michigan (3-1)	805	d. Utah 10-7	@ Illinois
15. Kansas St. (4-0)	732	d. USC 27-20	Idle
16. Washington St. (3-1)	668	d. Montana St. 45-28	@ California
17. No. Carolina St. (5-0)	657	d. Texas Tech. 51-48	vs. Georgia Tech.
18. USC (2-1)	528	lost to Kansas St. 20-27	vs. Oregon St.
19. Iowa St. (4-1)	485	d. Troy State 42-12	vs. Nebraska
20. Nebraska (3-1)	477	Idle	@ Iowa St.
21. Wisconsin (5-0)	470	d. Arizona 31-10	Idle
22. LSU (2-1)	255	Idle	vs. Miss. St.
23. Oregon St. (4-0)	228	d. Fresno St. 59-19	@ USC
24. Texas A&M (2-1)	207	lost to Virginia Tech. 3-13	Idle
25. Colorado St. (3-1)	189	Idle	@ Nevada

Dropped Out: No. 20 UCLA; No. 23 California

2002 Heisman Trophy candidates

Maurice Clarett, RB, Ohio State

Season stats: 64 carries, 469 yards, 6 TDs

Ken Dorsey, QB, Miami

Season stats: 57-of-106 for 828 yards,
11 TDs, 4 INTs

Rex Grossman, QB, Florida

Season stats: 73-of-138 for 1,054 yards, 6 TDs, 6 INTs

Byron Leftwich, QB, Marshall

Season stats: 28-of-49 for 340 yards, 2 TDs, 2 INTs

Willis McGahee, RB, Miami

Season stats: 68 carries, 135 yards, 7 TDs

Charles Rogers, WR, Michigan

Season stats: 29 RUS for 634 yards, 6 TDs



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