

Korean clinic serves locals

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan – As the Bagram Korean Clinic opened its doors for business Saturday morning, dozens of blue, white and yellow burqas poured into the hallways and benches outside. With their small children in their arms, local women waited patiently to be seen.

The women and children, escorted by male family members, come from many different villages every week to be examined for various types of illnesses.

“These women come from Bagram, Shamoli, Kabul and many other villages to be treated here,” said Maj. Jeon Sangsin, the clinic’s chief physician. “We moved the clinic from outside of the base for security reasons, so now all of our patients must come on post if they want to be seen.”

Although the clinic usually treats a manageable number of patients, the number has rapidly increased in the past few days.

“We usually see between 150 to 200 patients a week, half of which are women and children,” said Sangsin. “However, due to illnesses associated with the cold season, we have seen more patients today alone than we’ve seen in weeks.”

Most of the women and children share the same types of illnesses, according to Sangsin.

“Respiratory infections, gastritis and fevers are some of the common illnesses we have been seeing on a regular basis,” he said. “Many of these illnesses are easily treated, but these people, especially the women and children, have other issues such as malnutrition and infections due to unclean water which makes matters worse.”

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Photo by Pfc. Debralee P. Crankshaw

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Pvt. 2 James Elledge (front) and Staff Sgt. Chris Killeen, both welders from the 527th Engineer Battalion, Ruston, La. repair a septic tank to be used by the North Dining Facility.

U.S., Philippines to operate against Abu Sayyaf terrorists

By Jim Garamone
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WASHINGTON — U.S. and Philippine forces will conduct combined operations against the Abu Sayyaf terrorist group in the Southern Philippines, DoD officials said Friday.

Philippine and U.S. officials have been discussing the situation for several months, DoD officials said. A high-level U.S. team worked out the final details earlier this month.

About 350 U.S. special operations personnel from the Army, Navy and Air Force will work with Philippine soldiers in the Sulu Archipelago. Another 750 Americans will provide logistics support from the headquarters in Zamboanga on Mindanao Island.

In addition, elements of the 31st Marine

Expeditionary Unit, based in Okinawa, Japan, and the USS Essex Amphibious Ready Group will provide additional support if needed. The forces afloat bring quick reaction teams, command and control assets, aviation support and medical support to the effort.

Officials said U.S. assessment teams are ready to deploy to Jolo Island in the center of the archipelago. The area is the new center of Abu Sayyaf activity. DoD officials said “hundreds” of Abu Sayyaf terrorists are in the area. Abu Sayyaf is linked with Osama bin Laden’s al-Qaida terrorist network.

While the group styles itself as working toward a Muslim country in the southern Philippines, it operates like an outlaw gang.

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World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



Law enforcement officers and others stand in front of a makeshift memorial Sunday where The Station nightclub stood.

Families visit scene of fire

WEST WARWICK, R.I. — About 200 family members visited the charred remains of the Rhode Island nightclub Sunday afternoon to mourn at the spot where 97 of their loved ones died.

Rhode Island Gov. Don Carcieri said after the visit that many of the relatives expressed thanks for the chance to visit the charred remains of The Station club, which burned to the ground Thursday night after pyrotechnics from the rock band Great White's stage show ignited soundproofing material behind the stage and quickly engulfed the building.

The relatives were taken to the site in buses, and reporters were barred from the area.

Carcieri said the families thanked the media for respecting their privacy and various federal, state, local and private agencies for offering them help and support after the disaster.

Officials put black fabric over chain-link fences around the club to shield family members from spectators and the media.

Carcieri announced that the official death toll had risen to 97 because a body had been found during a search of the building but excluded from the original total.

Carcieri said 42 victims had been identified. He said forensic teams were working around the clock and that he hoped all of the victims would be identified by Monday.

White House pushes on with new U.N. resolution

WASHINGTON—As U.S. officials worked Sunday to lay the groundwork for passage of a new U.N. resolution that would declare Iraq to be flouting its obligation to disarm, a defiant Saddam Hussein said the United States would not humiliate his country.

While U.S. officials worked on the final wording of the resolution, the administration was also working through numerous diplomatic channels to ensure passage of the measure. In a meeting with a Lebanese envoy broadcast on Iraqi television, Saddam said, "Iraqis are not easy to deal with when they're angry."

"They're angry now because their enemy did not even show the minimum of chivalry and manliness. The Americans can damage and destroy buildings and installations, but they will not be able to humiliate Iraq."

However, the United States expects the wording of the new resolution to be ready by Monday or Tuesday, and would like to see it put to a vote in the U.N. Security Council during the week beginning March 10, a senior administration official told CNN.

Administration officials expressed confidence they can get the nine votes — with no vetoes — needed to pass, even though three of the five veto-wielding permanent members say they want to give weapons inspectors more time to work in Iraq. France, Russia and China have all expressed opposition to war. But even if they do not support the new resolution, they might abstain rather than veto.

Gas prices climb higher

CAMARILLO, Calif. — Americans are digging deeper at the gas pump.

The average price of a gallon of gasoline increased 7 cents in the past two weeks and is up 55 cents over the price last year, according to a survey released Sunday.

Americans paid an average of \$1.66 for a gallon of self-serve regular, the Lundberg Survey said. Two weeks ago, the average price was \$1.59. One year ago, it was \$1.11.

The pace of increase slowed from the

previous two-week period, when the price went up more than 11 cents per gallon, survey publisher Trilby Lundberg said. Lundberg says several factors are behind the rising prices.

Concerns over a possible war with Iraq have contributed to higher prices for crude oil. Iraq, with the world's second-largest proven oil reserves, is the ninth-largest exporter to the United States, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

In addition, supplies of crude oil have dropped because of a months-old oil industry strike in Venezuela, Lundberg said. Venezuela was the fourth-largest exporter of crude oil to the United States in November, before the strike began.

U.S. ups military in Colombia

CRAWFORD, Texas — A senior Bush administration official told CNN on Saturday that additional U.S. military personnel have been dispatched to Colombia, where leftist rebels have acknowledged holding three Americans captive.

The official declined to provide details of how many U.S. military forces were in the South American nation but said they were part of "contingency planning."

The official said any discussions of a possible rescue operation were premature and that U.S. authorities were focused on providing intelligence and other support to Colombian authorities, who were taking the lead.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer told reporters here that, "I'm not going to describe any additional deployments, but suffice to say that we work closely with Colombia. We have before. We will continue to do so."

Colombia's largest rebel group has said the lives of the three U.S. citizens are at risk if the government does not halt military operations in rebel-held territory.

In a communiqué posted Saturday on its Web site, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia — known by its Spanish acronym, FARC — acknowledged for the first time that it had captured three Americans who survived a plane crash Feb. 13 in rebel-held territory.

Army siblings meet for brief reunion

By Pfc. Debralee P. Crankshaw
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BAGRAM, Afghanistan – Reunions are happy times of hugging and remembering the past; two Army siblings received this opportunity recently.

Staff Sgt. Vanessa Moak, communications, Company D, 50th Signal Battalion, Fort Bragg, N.C. and Staff Sgt. Martin Doyel, military police, 984th Military Police Company, Fort Carson, Colo., had a brief reunion, while Doyel was here on a short mission.

When he descended from the plane, their eyes met and a smile formed on their faces as he ran to hug his sister. They laughed and hugged as they tried to catch up in the few minutes they had.

The two grew up in Hanford, Calif., working on local dairies with their mother and father. Working closely with their parents strengthened their brother/sister bond.

“We were always around cows and

farms. We were also always around family,” said Moak.

Moak and Doyel have not seen each other since April 2001, due to military schools and then both received deployment orders — Moak left for Bagram, Nov. 14 and Doyle to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Nov. 1.

“I miss him a lot,” said Moak.

But the importance of family and the constant communication with her brother and the rest of her family has “kept her sane,” she said.

At 30, Doyel is two years older, but Moak joined the Army first.

“A recruiter called for him. My brother wasn’t home and I ended up going to see him. My brother joined about two months after I did,” said Moak. “I didn’t really have any plans after school and I needed some-



Photo by Pfc. Debralee P. Crankshaw

Staff Sgts. Martin Doyel and Vanessa Moak pose during their brief meeting at Bagram Air Field.

thing to do, so I joined.”

Both have been in the military 11 years.

“My time in the Army makes me enjoy the time I spend with my family a little more,” said Moak.

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The clinic is adequately staffed with practitioners and medication to deal with many issues that come through their wards, but not all.

“Most of these sicknesses we can treat with antibiotics, repertory drugs and cough suppressants,” said Sangsin. “Certain things such as mine injuries, acute blindness and gunshot wounds, which we see about three times a month, we send to the American combat support hospital.”

With the end of winter approaching and warm months ahead, Sangsin said the cold and flu epidemic will start to subside and a new and more deadly problem will begin.

“Over the past few years the local villages have lost many people due to a reoccurring epidemic of cholera,” said Sangsin. “I am expecting the number of people we see to increase by double during the summer months.”

Even though the locals who come to the clinic are already ill, the doctors and nurses try to educate the locals on how to keep themselves healthy for the future.

“Many of the illnesses recurrent in these women and children are the results of weakness and poor immune systems,” said Sangsin. “We hand out bars of soap and tell them that cleanliness, clean water and a proper diet will help to stop infections before they start.”



Photo by Pfc. Christina Carde

A local woman has her blood pressure taken as she waits to see a physician. Weight, height and blood pressure checks are conducted on each patient before examination.

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It kidnaps for ransom, extracts tribute from civilians in the area and threatens stability in a predominantly Muslim area.

This is the second time in the global War on Terror that U.S. forces have aided the Philippines against Abu Sayyaf. Last year, U.S. Special Forces trainers worked with the Philippine military on Basilan Island.

In May 2001, the group kidnapped 20 tourists from a Dos Palmas Island resort. The hostages included three Americans, Martin and Gracia Burnham and Guillermo Sobero. Abu Sayyaf beheaded Sobero. In a June 2002 raid, Philippine forces rescued Gracia Burnham.

Later that month, Philippine forces overran several Abu Sayyaf camps and reportedly killed a major group leader, Abu Sabaya, in a predawn gunfight in boats at sea between Mindanao and Basilan islands. Witnesses said Sabaya was shot dead and fell overboard; his body was not recovered.

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According to Moak, being separated from her brother isn't terrible.

"It was our choice to join the Army, so we knew we wouldn't see each other a lot. It is not too bad," said Moak.

With the common bond of the military, Moak and Doyel are closer than they have ever been, according to Moak.

"When we are home, we can talk about the same things. We might talk about our soldiers and other Army topics," said Moak.

Doyel and Moak have not always been close.

"We fought a lot when we were growing up," said Moak. "Now, we mostly joke around."

Even though they fought, they had no rivalries and still don't, according to Moak.

Moak tried to get stationed at Fort Carson with her brother so she could be near him, but they were overstrength in signal.

"It's nice to be near family – I feel more at home," explained Moak.

According to Moak, their mother is proud and doesn't let them know if she is worried about her children.

"She is just glad we did something with ourselves. She's pretty happy we're both in (the Army)," said Moak.

Moak and her brother communicate through email at least once a week. He told her he would visit twice on missions.

It was difficult because they had to be vague when sending the emails, according to Moak. She coordinated through the military police to greet her brother when he arrived.

"It was nice of everybody to help me out because they didn't have to organize anything," said Moak.

This was Doyel's first visit, but Moak is not concerned about his next visit.

"If I get to see him again, it will be a bonus," said Moak.

The siblings were very happy they were allowed this opportunity.

"This was a rare chance to get to see her. I'm glad they gave us this chance," said Doyel.

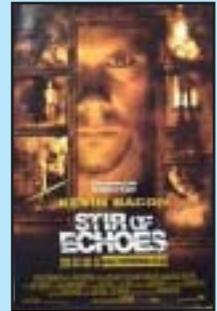
Moak agreed.

"It didn't last long, but it was nice. I felt like a little kid – just so happy," said Moak.

Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the MWR building: "Stir of Echoes." After being hypnotized by his sister-in-law, a man begins seeing haunting visions of a girl's ghost and a mystery begins to unfold around her.

Tomorrow's movie will be "Mission Impossible II."



Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER FORECAST:

| | Today | Tuesday |
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| Bagram: | Mostly cloudy H: 54F L: 32F | Mostly cloudy H: 48F L: 36F |
| Kandahar: | Haze H: 72F L: 48F | Haze H: 72F L: 46F |
| Kabul: | Fog H: 46F L: 27F | Fog H: 50F L: 28F |
| Uzbekistan: | Mostly cloudy H: 57F L: 34F | Mostly cloudy H: 42F L: 32F |

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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Soccer/European football (Compiled from ESPN.com)

Duel to continue atop Serie A



Christian Vieri scored twice for Inter Milan.

MILAN — Three goals in the space of three minutes, two of them from Christian Vieri, gave Inter Milan a 3-1 win over Piacenza on Sunday to keep it level at the top of Serie A with Juventus.

Lazio's title hopes faded as it was held to a goalless draw at home to Atalanta, while AS Roma's poor season continued with a 2-1 loss at Udinese.

Inter and Juventus share the lead on 48 points with AC Milan in third place on 43 points after its game at Torino on Saturday was abandoned in the 64th minute due to crowd trouble.

Milan was leading 3-0 and if, as expected, the result stands it will have 46 points.

Following the 3-1 win by Juventus at Como on Saturday the pressure was on Inter to keep up with the pace.

Although they labored throughout the first half it produced a blitz after the break.

Gabriel Batistuta put Inter ahead, with his first goal for the club, turning in a low drive from Stephane Dalmat in the 64th minute.

A minute later Vieri doubled the advantage as the Piacenza defense backed off and allowed the Italy striker room for a shot from the edge of the penalty area.

The result was put beyond doubt in the 67th minute with Vieri's 21st goal of the season, the burly striker slotting home from close range after good work from Domenico Morfeo.

With an eye on Wednesday's Champions League game with Barcelona, Inter coach Hector Cuper promptly substituted Vieri with Mohammed Kallon.

Nine minutes from the end Kallon missed a penalty for Inter after he had been brought down in the area by Filippo Cristante.

Piacenza grabbed a consolation goal just before the end through Dario Hubner.

"It was very difficult for us in the first half as Piacenza did well and caused us some problems in midfield and we couldn't provide the right service to Vieri and Batistuta," said Cuper.

Juve wins, but Inter Milan still to play

MILAN — Italian champion Juventus moved three points clear after a convincing 3-1 win away to Como on Saturday but its victory was overshadowed by crowd violence in Torino's home match against Milan which caused the game to be abandoned.

After Milan took a 3-0 lead at the break, Torino fans attempted to invade the pitch shortly after the restart and the game was briefly halted.

But after continued clashes between fans and police, who used tear gas spray, the match was stopped in the 64th minute with several players affected by the gas.

The players and match officials then returned to the dressing rooms and after waiting around half an hour, referee Luca Palanca called the game off.

The clashes mean few will recall an excellent first-half display from Milan.

Carlo Ancelotti's side went ahead in the second minute after Serginho burst down the left flank and found Paolo Maldini in the inside-right position and the defender slipped the ball into the path of Filippo Inzaghi who slotted home from close range.

Two minutes before the break Clarence Seedorf curled a free kick from more than 20 meters out into the top corner of Torino keeper Alex Manninger's goal.

Seedorf made it 3-0 just before the break with a delightful goal, latching on to a fine pass from Fernando Redondo and dancing past two defenders before shooting past Manninger.

Any chance of repeating its 6-0 win over Torino earlier in the season was wrecked by the violence and while the goals and the three points will probably stand, Milan will take little satisfaction from the match.

Juve's seventh win in eight games moves it on to 48 points but it can be rejoined at the top by Inter Milan on Sunday if they beat lowly Piacenza at home.

Owens ends drought, but Liverpool loses

LONDON — West Ham United midfielder Trevor Sinclair scored twice and goalkeeper David James made several fine saves to secure a precious 2-1 victory at fellow relegation strugglers West Bromwich Albion on Sunday.

Michael Owen ended an eight-match scoring drought but Liverpool's indifferent form continued as it slumped to a 2-1 defeat at Birmingham City in the day's other game in the English premier league.

West Ham's win, its first away since Oct. 23, lifted them above West Brom to third from bottom of the table on 23 points.

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Clinton Morrison scored what proved to be the winner for Birmingham who rise above Bolton Wanderers to fifth-from bottom on 29 points. Liverpool stay seventh on 43, five points adrift of the Champions League qualification places.

At The Hawthorns, Sinclair, who had earlier missed a sitter from five meters out, collected a Steve Lomas cross and thumped an angled drive into the corner of the net with seconds of the first period remaining to open the scoring.

Four minutes into the second half West Ham manager Glenn Roeder hauled off Italian striker Paolo Di Canio, to the volatile Italian's evident displeasure.

Di Canio had barely settled down on the substitutes' bench before West Brom equalized, striker Danny Dichio heading home a curling Jason Koumas cross.

Dichio had a second effort unluckily ruled out for offside soon after and West Ham made the most of their escape, with Sinclair heading home his second in the 67th-minute.

Mindful of Liverpool's UEFA Cup game against AJ Auxerre on Thursday and the League Cup final against Manchester United next Sunday, manager Gerard Houllier started with England striker Owen on the bench at St Andrews.

But Liverpool again looked strangely lackluster and Birmingham profited.

Sociedad snaps three-match skid

MADRID — Real Sociedad re-established its two-point lead at the top of the Spanish first division with a composed 2-0 victory at home to Osasuna on Sunday.

Sociedad, without a win in three matches and under pressure following Real Madrid's victory at home to Valladolid on Saturday, recovered its poise with goals from Darko Kovacevic and Mikel Alonso.

The result gave the Basques 47 points from 23 games and took them back ahead of second-place Real Madrid on 45.

Valencia kept pace with the top two, joining Real Madrid on 45 points with a spectacular 4-0 win at Rayo Vallecano.

Miguel Angel Angulo put Valencia ahead on 12 minutes with a break from midfield and neat finish and Viktor Onopko turned a Juan Sanchez cross into his own net to provide the second.

Ruben Baraja's free kick made it 3-0 just before the break, Mista added a fourth from close range on 59 minutes and the reigning champions, who stay third behind Real Madrid on goal difference, finished at a canter.

Black History Month

February is Black History Month. In light of all the accomplishments made by African-Americans, every day this month the *Freedom Watch* will highlight an individual.

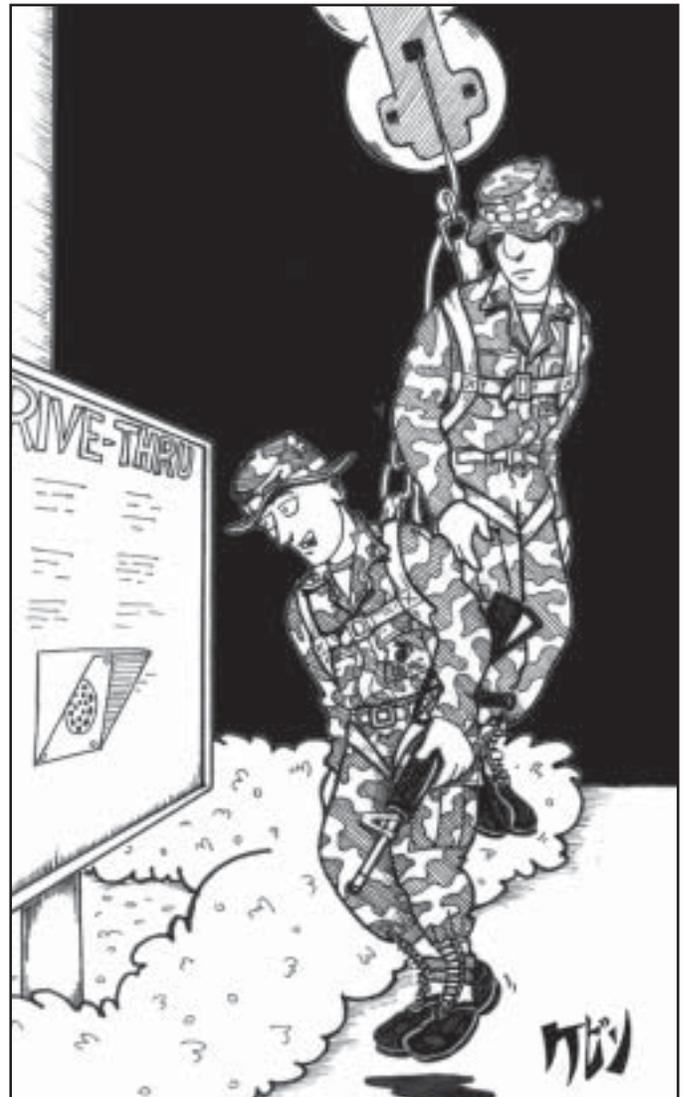
Norbert Rillieux, inventor

Born: 1806 **Birthplace:** New Orleans, La.

Born to a French father and an African-American mother, Norbert Rillieux studied at Catholic schools in Louisiana before traveling to France to study at L'Ecole Centrale in Paris. He became an expert in applied mechanics, teaching and publishing numerous papers on steam technology before returning to the United States in 1840, where he patented an evaporating pan, which improved the speed and safety at which sugar from cane and beets was refined. Plantations in Louisiana, Mexico, and the Caribbean soon adopted its use. When life for African Americans became less tolerable in the South, Rillieux returned to France and became headmaster of the L'ecole Centrale, where he deciphered hieroglyphics.

Died: 1894

"I'll have a number one and an apple pie, please."



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