



FREEDOM WATCH



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News briefs

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Walker Lindh sentenced to 20 years

ALEXANDRIA, Va.—A tearful John Walker Lindh was sentenced to 20 years in federal prison Friday. Walker Lindh, the so-called “Taliban American,” told U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis III that he “made a mistake by joining the Taliban” and “had I realized then what I know now about the Taliban I would never have joined them.” “Life is making choices and living with the consequences,” Ellis said. “You made a bad choice to join the Taliban.” Walker Lindh sniffled, paused several times and nearly broke down during his 14-minute statement to the court before he was sentenced to spend two decades behind bars. The judge gave him credit for the entire time he has been in custody, including the almost two months that he was in military custody, and good behavior could further reduce his sentence by 54 days each year.

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3rd BANA graduates in Kabul

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KABUL, Afghanistan — The Afghan National Army grew as another battalion of more than 360 trainees graduated Thursday from the Kabul Military Training Center and



Photo by Staff Sgt. Rhonda M. Lawson

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The Afghan National Army color guard carries the nation's colors.

Maintenance in the desert

The desert tortures your equipment. Preventative maintenance becomes a full-time job. Check everything. Then check it again. Leave nothing to chance. Do all the PMCS in your TM.

Oil and water—measure all fluid levels often. Liquid-cooled engines need frequent inspections for leaks. Even a tiny leak can lead to disaster.

Lube—extra lubing is needed in some spots. Greasing seals on U-joints and suspension systems won't keep out fine desert dust. That dust mixes with the grease to create a grinding compound that will chew your equipment to bits. In these cases, you must lube more often to flush out the old grease. Clean grease is essential.

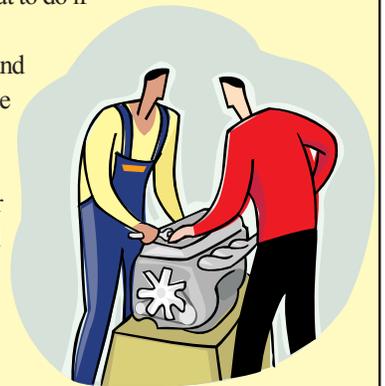
Gages—keep a constant watch for warning signs of trouble. Know what to do if you get a warning.

Batteries—look for cracked cases. Check electrolyte level often. Keep sand and dirt brushed away. Low battery electrolyte will kill the cells, causing the battery to become unserviceable.

Glass surfaces—cover those not in use.

Air filters—filters can plug up with dust in only a few hours, even quicker when sand is blowing. Air filters need to be checked constantly and cleaned regularly. Check with maintenance personnel, reference filter servicability.

Fuel filters—drain fuel filters often. Draining removes dirt. Drain after using equipment.



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departed for their post at a Ministry of Defense facility outside the city.

The graduation marked the completion of a 10-week program of instruction that culminated in a company-size raid exercise, which included livefire.

This was the first battalion in the program to conduct an exercise of this complexity, said Capt. Mike, a U.S. Army Special Forces officer responsible for conducting the graduating battalion's training.

Mike is identified only by his rank and first name for security reasons.

The exercise included the use of 82 mm mortars, PKM machine guns and SPG-9 recoilless rifles. Mike's soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group, Fort Bragg, N.C., observed the exercise as safeties, he said.

The Special Forces battalion has trained two of the three battalions that have graduated from the program. French soldiers, who are supporting the efforts to train an Afghan National Army, trained the second battalion to graduate.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Rhonda M. Lawson

Afghan vice president Mohammed Fahime prepares to review the troops during the graduation ceremony.

Afghan cadre members also conducted individual task training for the new battalion.

Special Forces soldiers said this marks progress in the program, which is designed to train enough Afghan soldiers to take

over the training for the Ministry of Defense.

A fourth battalion, under French instruction, began training early September and a fifth battalion is forming for a projected start date of Oct. 21.

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U.S. may be softening on Iraq compromise at U.N.

WASHINGTON — In an effort to speed the return of weapons inspectors to Iraq, the Bush administration has softened its position on a compromise approach involving two U.N. Security Council resolutions, State Department officials told CNN on Friday. The news of a potential compromise came hours before the chief U.N. weapons inspector was to meet with U.S. officials in Washington. On Thursday, Hans Blix suggested he might delay the return of his inspectors until the Security Council passed a new resolution. The compromise, two-step approach would eliminate the section calling for a threat of force from the U.S.-British draft resolution now circulating among Security Council members. Dropping this language would represent a major concession to Russia, China and France, which oppose including the threat of force in any resolution passed prior to the inspectors' return to Iraq.

Dow ends at a five-year low

NEW YORK — Stocks wrapped up their sixth consecutive losing week with a down session Friday that saw investor confidence shot by the latest round of corporate profit warnings. The Dow Jones industrial average (down 188.79 to 7528.40) sank 2.5 percent, bringing the world's most widely watched stock index to its lowest close since mid-November 1997, during the Asian financial crisis. The Nasdaq Composite (down 25.66 to 1139.90) lost 2.2 percent to hit another six-year low, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index (down 18.37 to 800.58) also fell 2.2 percent. For the week, the Dow lost 2.2 percent, the Nasdaq fell 4.9 percent and the S&P dropped 3.2 percent.

Army/Navy football game

The search is on for units with video skit ideas for the upcoming Army/Navy football game Dec. 7. A public affairs video team will film the messages later in October. The taped messages may then be aired on national television during the football game.

For more information, call the 28th Public Affairs Detachment at 318-231-4239 or e-mail lawsonr@baf.cjtf180.army.mil



HIND SIGHT

1795

The day after he routed counterrevolutionaries in Paris, Napoleon Bonaparte accepted their formal surrender.

1813

U.S. victory at the Battle of the Thames, in Ontario, broke Britain's Indian allies with the death of Shawnee Chief Tecumseh, and made the Detroit frontier safe.

1880

The first ball-point pen was patented on this day by Alonzo T. Cross.

1915

Germany issued an apology and promised payment for the 128 American passengers killed in the sinking of the British ship *Lusitania*.

Lost and found

Lost: One black backpack

Where: The backpack was misplaced on a pallet from Kandahar Air Field to Bagram Air Base.

Items: Inside is a phone book and papers in French. If found please contact 1st Lt. Tina Kroske at 303-640-1230.

Bagram Air Base MWR movies

The Bagram Air Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff present "Widow Maker" tonight at 1530Z at the MWR building.

Tomorrow's movie will be "Memento," showing at the same time.



Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

| | <i>Today</i> | <i>Sunday</i> |
|--------------------|--|--|
| Bagram: | <i>Mostly sunny</i> H: 88F L: 48F | <i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 88F L: 52F |
| Kandahar: | <i>Sunny</i> H: 91F L: 50F | <i>Sunny</i> H: 90F L: 50F |
| Kabul: | <i>Mostly sunny</i> H: 82F L: 45F | <i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 82F L: 48F |
| Uzbekistan: | <i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 90F L: 51F | <i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 88F L: 50F |

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COALITION SPORTSZONE

MLB playoff game summaries

(Compiled from *ESPN.com*)

A's hand Twins rare playoff loss at Metrodome

Ray Durham led off the game with a sinking liner that let him circle the bases and Scott Hatteberg followed with a drive over the right-field wall, sending the Oakland Athletics past the Minnesota Twins 6-3 Friday for a 2-1 lead in their AL division series.

"There's no reason to be intimidated here — baseball is won between the lines," said Terrence Long, who had one of four home runs off Twins starter Rick Reed.

Barry Zito struck out eight in six innings for the win. Ricardo Rincon pitched two scoreless innings in relief and Billy Koch closed for the save.

"Winning today was huge," left fielder David Justice said. "Now we know at worst, if we lose tomorrow, we go home and play in front of our crowd again."

Game 4 of the best-of-five series is Saturday, with Tim Hudson starting for the A's against Eric Milton.

Game 3 drew 55,932 — a Metrodome playoff record. Fans loudly cheered and twirled their Homer Hankies before the Twins' first home postseason game since the 1991 World Series.

Oakland turned down the volume in a hurry, though, and handed the Twins only their second loss in 13 postseason games at the ballpark.

Angels rally to beat Yankees

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The New York Yankees just can't put away these Anaheim Angels.

Now, it's the four-time defending AL champions who are one loss from going home in early October.

Darin Erstad hit a tiebreaking double in the eighth inning and Tim Salmon followed with a two-run homer as the Angels again rallied, overcoming a five-run deficit to beat the Yankees 9-6 on Friday night.

Anaheim took a 2-1 lead in the best-of-five AL division series. The Angels can clinch it when their ace, Jarrod Washburn, faces David Wells in Game 4 Saturday.

The Yankees, however, faced an even more desperate situation last year in the first round against Oakland. After dropping the first two games at home, New York came back to advance.

The Angels have been one of baseball's least successful teams since they began as an expansion franchise in 1961, appearing in the playoffs only three times before this year and failing to win a postseason series.

Anaheim blew a 2-0 lead in the 1982 AL championship series against Milwaukee and was one strike away from the World Series in 1986 before losing the last three games to Boston.

Now, the Angels are one win away — again.



2002 Major League playoffs

American League

New York vs. Anaheim

Tuesday

N.Y. Yankees 8, Anaheim 5, Yankees lead 1-0

Wednesday

Anaheim 8, N.Y. Yankees 6, Series tied 1-1

Friday

Anaheim 9, N.Y. Yankees 6, Angels lead 2-1

Saturday

New York (Wells 19-7) at Anaheim

Sunday

Anaheim at New York, if necessary

Minnesota vs. Oakland

Tuesday

Minnesota 7, Oakland 5, Twins lead 1-0

Wednesday

Oakland 9, Minnesota 1, Series tied 1-1

Friday

Oakland 6, Minnesota 3, A's lead series 2-1

Saturday

Oakland at Minnesota

Sunday

Minnesota at Oakland, if necessary

National League

Atlanta vs. San Francisco

Wednesday

San Fran. 8, Atlanta 5, Giants lead 1-0

Thursday

Atlanta 7, San Fran. 3, Series tied 1-1

Saturday

Atlanta (Maddux 16-6) at San Fran. (Schmidt 13-8)

Sunday

Atlanta at San Francisco

Monday

San Francisco at Atlanta, if necessary

Arizona vs. St. Louis

Tuesday

St. Louis 12, Arizona 2, Cardinals lead 1-0

Thursday

St. Louis 2, Arizona 1, Cardinals lead 2-0

Saturday

Arizona (Batista 8-9) at St. Louis (Williams 9-4)

Sunday

Arizona at St. Louis, if necessary

Monday

St. Louis at Arizona, if necessary

Gophers surpass last season's win total; Illini still struggling

MINNEAPOLIS — With a short week to prepare, Minnesota rebounded nicely from a poor showing in its Big Ten opener.

Defending conference champion Illinois continued to struggle.

Terry Jackson II rushed for a career-high 159 yards and Thomas Tapeh added 113 yards and a touchdown Thursday night to lead the Golden Gophers past the Fighting Illini 31-10.

After the offense sputtered in a 28-15 loss to Purdue last week, Minnesota was much better.

"I'm pleased," coach Glen Mason said. "We did fairly well."

Illinois coach Ron Turner obviously wasn't able to be as positive.

"We need some success — we've got to fight through it," Turner said. "We're frustrated — we've got to keep fighting and turn this thing around."

Asad Abdul-Khaliq was 15-for-27 for 144 yards, throwing one TD pass and an interception. He also ran for a touchdown for the Gophers (5-1, 1-1).

Solution from Friday's Check Crossword in the *Freedom Watch*

(Courtesy of QUIZLAND.com)

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Stanford, Notre Dame wait to name QBs

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Notre Dame backup quarterback Pat Dillingham, the son of the San Francisco 49ers' team physician, knows a little about sports injuries. He knows they can happen anytime, so he has to be ready to play Saturday against Stanford.

Even if starter Carlyle Holiday's left shoulder is healed enough for him to play, Dillingham, a former walk-on, knows he's one hard hit away from being called on again to help No. 9 Notre Dame (4-0) try to extend its unbeaten record.

Dillingham said he would decide after pregame warmups whether Holiday is healthy enough to start.



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Laugh Support

"For the last time, Miley, I said bring the S.A.W.!!!"