



FREEDOM WATCH



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News briefs

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Coalition forces under fire

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — At a Combined Joint Task Force - 180 press brief this morning, it was announced that Coalition Special Operations Forces received machine gun fire 200 meters north of their Gardez perimeter last night. The fire base requested close air support in response. There were no casualties or damage. Saturday night, the Lwara fire base received a rocket attack. A quick reaction force and close air support were launched. No injuries were reported. That same night, the Khowst forward operating base reported a single 107mm rocket impacting inside the outer perimeter. Two U.S. trucks were damaged in the attack. No injuries.

Iraq: U.S. wants excuse for war

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Even as the U.N. advance team prepared for today's arrival of the first weapons inspectors, Iraq complained Sunday to the

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Bush says terrorists will face justice

By Linda D. Kozaryn
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WASHINGTON — Al-Nashiri is a killer who has been brought to justice, President Bush said Friday.

Americans and all freedom-loving people “are one person safer as a result of us finding this guy,” Bush said in St.

Petersburg, Russia, after meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

According to press reports, Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri is the suspected mastermind behind the bombing of the USS Cole that killed 17 sailors during a stop in Yemen in October 2000. U.S. officials said he was arrested earlier this month. He is considered one of the

highest-ranking al Qaeda leaders captured to date.

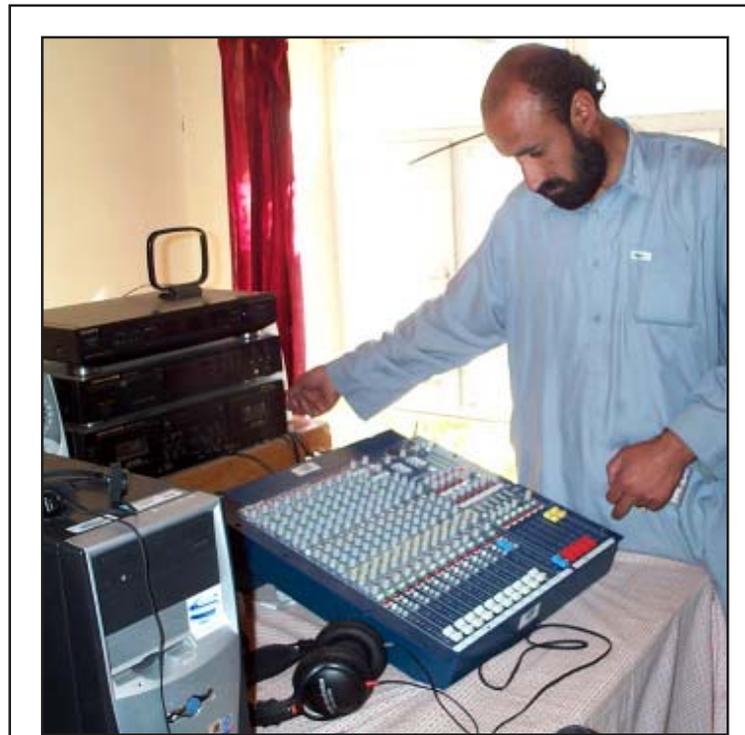
Al-Nashiri's capture sends the message that the United States and its partners are “making progress on the war against terrorists,” Bush said.

“We're going to hunt them down one at a time; that it doesn't matter where they hide,” he said. “As we work with our

friends, we will find them and bring them to justice.”

Bush stopped in Russia after attending the NATO summit in Prague, Czech Republic, where the alliance invited seven new members into its fold: Latvia, Estonia, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

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Courtesy photo

Voicing peace

An Afghan looks at a radio transmitter U.S. soldiers delivered in Jabal Sarat Tuesday. It will be part of the “Voice of Peace” radio station opening Sunday — the only female-run station. The station can be heard on 96 mhz broadcasting Indian, American and Afghan music 1030Z to 1230Z and 1930Z to 2130Z daily.

Proud to be a father, soldier

By Staff Sgt. Rhonda M. Lawson
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KARSHI-KHANABAD, Afghanistan — When Isaac Marshall first opened his eyes to the world in Womack Hospital at Fort Bragg, N.C., his mother and two siblings were there to greet him.

This healthy newborn was held by family and friends and admired by all who saw him. But there was one person who didn't get to see him — his father.

Maj. Mark Stubbs was not in the hospital or rushing through traffic to get to the delivery room. He was much, much farther away for that. He is deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, several thousand miles away from home in Asia.

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But no one could be more content than Stubbs. His third child was born a healthy seven pounds and 14 ounces Aug. 15 in a country where freedom is a way of life.

"I know that Isaac is safe in the U.S. because thousands of troops are now on guard to protect our peaceful country," Stubbs said.

"There are a few things that happen in your life that you really don't want to miss," he continued. "The birth of your child is definitely one of them. But, so is

the opportunity to serve your country when called upon."

Stubbs serves in the U.S. Army as a member of the 44th Medical Command, Fort Bragg, NC. He is currently deployed as a member of the Joint Logistical Command, Camp Stronghold Freedom, Uzbekistan, as the medical liaison officer between the medical units in theatre and supply systems around the world.

"Neither my family or I regret that I am here (Uzbekistan) and we are proud to be part of Operation Enduring Freedom," he said.

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Bush said the mood of the NATO countries is that "Russia is our friend; we've got a lot of interests together; we must continue our cooperation in the war on terror; and the expansion of NATO should be welcomed by the Russian people."

After all," he noted, the new NATO member nations are "pledged to peace, and pledged to freedom."

Bush concluded his re-

marks by describing relations between the United States and Russia "as very good."

Putin said the two leaders had discussed "practically everything between the sky and earth." He said topics included cooperation in energy and high technology, Russia's relations with NATO, the problem of terrorism and cooperation on matters of strategic stability. The Russian president concluded that the meeting had been very productive and fruitful.

Armed Forces Network Radio Stations

National Press Radio
105.7FM

Power Rock (music & news)
107.5FM

AFN Europe (news, talk radio & music)
103.1FM

Thanksgiving Dinner

The Dining Facility hours at Bagram Air Base for Thursday are

- ❖ Continental breakfast — 1030Z to 1230Z
- ❖ Lunch — 1630Z to 2030Z
- ❖ Dinner — 2130Z to 0130Z



Photo by Spc. Erica Leigh Foley

Body search

Spc. Alan Terrill, 377th Military Police, Cinninnati, conducts a search on local workers coming onto Bagram Air Base.

Bagram Air Base MWR movies

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

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



HIND SIGHT

2348 BC

Biblical scholars have long asserted this to be the day of the Great Deluge, or Flood.

1901

Japanese Prince Ito arrives in Russia to seek concessions in Korea.

1923

Transatlantic broadcasting from England to America commences for the first time.

1947

The Big Four meet to discuss the German and European economy.

1951

A truce line between U.N. troops and North Korea is mapped out at the peace talks in Panmunjom, Korea.

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U.N. that the U.S. is looking for an excuse to go to war. Despite statements last week from chief U.N. inspector Hans Blix that full cooperation was expected from Iraq, Iraqi Foreign Minister Naji Sabri lashed out at the U.N. in 19-page letter to Secretary-General Kofi Annan dated Saturday. In it, Sabri repeated previous claims that Iraq has no weapons of mass destruction and that the inspections scheduled to start Wednesday are just a false pretense for the United States and Britain to attack his country.

Bush to sign Homeland Act Monday

WASHINGTON — When President Bush signs the Homeland Security Act Monday, he will create a department that will be the largest reorganization in the federal government in 55 years. The department is a direct result of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, which exposed security lapses and intelligence failures, and led to calls for sweeping changes to the nation's defense, intelligence and law enforcement sectors.

Senators question U.S.-Saudi ties

WASHINGTON — U.S. ties with Saudi Arabia are at a "crisis stage," strained by the showdown over Iraq and reports that a Saudi princess may have been the source of funds that went to two of the Sept. 11, 2001 suicide hijackers, Sen. Joseph Lieberman said Sunday. An inquiry by the joint House-Senate Intelligence Committee has suggested there is evidence that money from the Saudi government made its way to two Saudi students in the U.S. and to two of the hijackers — Khalid al Midhar and Nawaf al Hazmi. The report raises hard questions about Saudi cooperation with the war on terrorism.

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Haze</i> H: 63F L: 27F	<i>Haze</i> H: 63F L: 28F
Kandahar:	<i>Mostly clear</i> H: 70F L: 36F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 70F L: 36F
Kabul:	<i>Haze</i> H: 59F L: 32F	<i>Haze</i> H: 57F L: 32F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 62F L: 33F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 64F L: 33F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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COALITION SPORTSZONE

Falcons add to Panther's many woes

CHARLOTTE, N.C.—Michael Vick scanned Carolina's sideline and saw heads hanging—an unmistakable sign of defeat. He pointed this out to his Atlanta teammates and told them it was time to pounce.

The Falcons did, racking up eight sacks and forcing six turnovers Sunday in a 41-0 victory over Carolina—the Panthers' eighth straight loss.

"It was like 21-0, and the Panthers had this empty look in their eyes, like they knew it was over and hopeless, and they weren't coming back," Vick said. "We were in the huddle and I said, 'Let's go out and finish these guys.'"

The Falcons (7-3-1) proved their dominance over Carolina (3-8) by beating the Panthers for the sixth straight time and ninth time in the last 10 meetings. Atlanta outscored Carolina 71-0 this season.

"I think it's fairly evident we're not a very good football team when we play the Atlanta Falcons," coach John Fox said. "Basically, I told (the team) that I was ashamed of our performance, and they ought to be, too."

The Day in Sports

(Compiled from ESPN.com)

Rams' late hopes dashed as Warner loses ball

LANDOVER, Md.—The St. Louis Rams were just a chip shot away from overtime when Kurt Warner lost the ball.

LaVar Arrington made the strip, and Daryl Gardener made the recovery at the 13-yard line. The Washington Redskins won 20-17 Sunday, giving coach Steve Spurrier an improbable victory based on defense, ball control and an error-free game from Danny Wuerffel.

"We would like to have had a little less drama, but we'll take the win any way we can," said Wuerffel, who completed 16 of 23 passes for 235 yards with no interceptions and no sacks.

Stephen Davis scored three

touchdowns and ran for 88 yards on 31 carries. The Redskins (5-6), who had an 86-37 pass-run ratio in their two-game losing streak, passed just 24 times and ran 39.

"Now we're in position to go to Dallas with a little bit of momentum," Spurrier said. "Hopefully we'll play a little better than we did today and try to get back into whatever play-off race there is."

The Rams are also 5-6, and now their playoff hopes are just as faint as the Redskins'.

Both teams said as much in the locker room.

Rams receiver Torry Holt: "It's a five-game season. We have to go 5-0 no matter how we win it: 3-zip or 2-zip."

2002 National Football League standings

American Football Conference

East

(2) Miami	7-4	.636
(6) N.Y. Jets	6-5	.545
N. England	6-5	.545
Buffalo	5-6	.455

North

(4) Pittsburgh	6-4-1	.591
Cleveland	6-5	.545
Baltimore	5-6	.455
Cincinnati	1-10	.091

South

(3) Indianapolis	6-4	.600
Tennessee	6-5	.545
Jacksonville	5-6	.455
Houston	3-8	.273

West

(1) Denver	7-3	.700
(5) San Diego	7-4	.636
Oakland	7-4	.636
Kansas City	5-6	.455



National Football Conference

East

(4) Philadelphia	7-3	.700
N.Y. Giants	6-5	.545
Washington	5-6	.455
Dallas	4-7	.364

North

(2) Green Bay	8-3	.727
Minnesota	3-8	.273
Detroit	3-8	.273
Chicago	3-8	.273

South

(1) Tampa Bay	9-2	.818
(5) Atlanta	7-3-1	.682
(6) N. Orleans	7-4	.636
Carolina	3-8	.273

West

(3) San Francisco	7-3	.700
St. Louis	5-6	.455
Arizona	4-7	.364
Seattle	4-7	.364

Johnson makes Heisman case with 2,000-yard season

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Larry Johnson’s late-season surge has given him a chance to become a member of another exclusive club.

Johnson became the first Penn State back and just the ninth player in NCAA Division I-A to rush for more than 2,000 yards Saturday. The senior ran for 279 yards and four touchdowns on just 19 carries in Penn State’s 61-7 drubbing of Michigan State, giving him 2,015 yards rushing for the season.

His recent success has him right in the middle of the Heisman Trophy hunt. Only one other player in Penn State history has won the award — John Cappelletti in 1973 — and no back has ever run for 2,000 yards on a 9-win team and not won college football’s most prestigious award.

Yet Johnson isn’t even thinking about the Heisman.

“It’s great for today, but this season’s

not over,” Johnson said, playing down his own achievements. “We’ve still got the bowl game and stuff like that. Celebrating is good, but the season is still not over.”

Johnson’s Heisman campaign is over because Penn State’s win Saturday was its regular-season finale. But his numbers make a good case for the award. Even before his performance against Michigan State, Johnson set Penn State single-season records for rushing and all-purpose yards. His 341 receiving yards this season are the most ever by a Nittany Lion running back. And his 8.02 yards per carry are an NCAA record, easily beating the 7.81 yards averaged by Nebraska’s Mike Rozier in 1983 — when Rozier won the Heisman.

“He is one of the best backs I’ve seen in a while,” Michigan State coach Morris Watts said. “He’s a big, strong back, and he had a big ball game.”

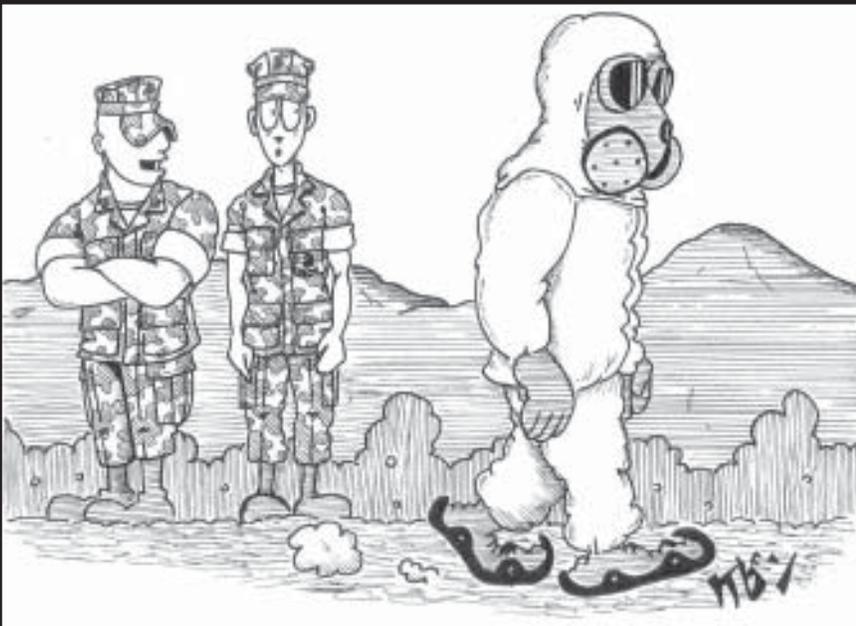
Week 12 NFL scores

Miami 30, San Diego 3
 N.England 24, Minnesota 17
 Cleveland 24, N.Orleans 15
 N.Y. Jets 31, Buffalo 13
 Chicago 20, Detroit 17 (OT)
 Dallas 21, Jacksonville 19
 Pittsburgh 29, Cincinnati 21
 Washington 20, St. Louis 17
 Atlanta 41, Carolina 0
 Baltimore 13, Tennessee 12
 Seattle 39, Kansas City 32
 Oakland 41, Arizona 20
 Tampa Bay 21, Green Bay 7
 Houston 16, N.Y. Giants 14

Monday’s game

Philadelphia at San Francisco

“There’s no biological threat, he’s just going to the port-o-john.”



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By Kevin Kilgore

Laugh Support

Mine Field Marathon



The 26.2-mile Mine Field Marathon will be held this Friday. To register, visit the Bagram Air Base 339th Combat Support Hospital.

All runners participating are required to attend the safety brief Thursday, 0330Z, at the Bagram Air Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation Building. T-shirts will be handed out then.