



FREEDOM WATCH



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News briefs

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Spain deploys army to battle oil

MADRID, Spain — Three thousand Spanish soldiers have joined the battle to clean the country's oil-covered northwest coast. The deployment came as the government warned that the tanker *Prestige*, which sank 210 km (130 miles) off the Spanish coast on Nov. 29, was still leaking oil. France has remained on high alert after oil slicks rounded the tip of Northern Spain, blackening dozens of previously untouched Spanish beaches and closing in on the French coast near Biarritz. Deputy Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy said Monday that experts have located three additional cracks in the stem of the *Prestige*, a day after confirming that the stem was leaking with two other cracks.

Iraq dossier hints at 'dirty bomb'

UNITED NATIONS — Iraq's declaration of its weapons programs

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CENTCOM troops live large for Qatar exercise

By Kathleen T. Rhem
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WASHINGTON — Troops from the U.S. Central Command Headquarters in Tampa, Fla., may be in the tiny Persian Gulf nation of Qatar for only a few weeks, but they say they're "living large" while they're there.

About 1,000 headquarters staff members are in Qatar this month for Exercise Internal Look. The computer-based and assisted exercise is designed to test how well CENTCOM can run operations from a forward-deployed location.

"What this exercise is going to do is test and exercise our ability to communicate on the modern battlefield," a senior CENTCOM official

in Tampa said Wednesday. Internal Look will not involve combat forces.

CENTCOM officials in Tampa and Qatar arranged a conference call with reporters in the Pentagon and other places to answer questions. Exercise dates are still being set. The official in Tampa called it a "rolling exercise," and said the actual exercise kicked off Friday and will run 10 or 11 days.

A main focus of the exercise is to test the command's newly built deployable headquarters, set up in As Sayliyah, Qatar. The deployable facility consists of climate-controlled modular shelters equipped with cutting-edge technology that allows staff officers to "compete on the

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New Web portal tests begin

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON—The next generation of the Air Force Portal debuted at Langley Air Force Base, Va., Friday.

Air Force people assigned to Air Combat Command headquarters and several other units at Langley participated in the first command- and base-level test of the redesigned portal.

The portal is a vital part of the Air Force's effort to transform and improve the way people work, said John Gilligan, the Air Force's chief information officer.

"While progress has been made, there is still a lot to be accomplished, and the Air Force people at Langley and Wright-Patterson will make an important contribution toward making sure we get it right on behalf of the entire Air Force," Gilligan said.

"The Air Force Portal gives Air Force people the ability to view information needed to do their job without regard to the system managing that information," said Col. Norris Connelly, director of systems and technology in the office of the Air Force's chief information officer. "Ultimately, this means a maintainer stationed anywhere in the world could log on to a computer, check e-mail, get the status of

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Photo by Kenn Mann, Air Force Print News

A winter wonderland

A row of KC-10A Extenders sits idle on a snow-covered flightline at McGuire Air Force Base, N.J. The base was hit by a winter storm that struck most of the eastern region of the United States on Thursday.

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modern battlefield,” the official in Tampa said.

The equipment includes advanced computer connectivity and video-teleconferencing technology. CENTCOM Commander Gen. Tommy Franks could do in Qatar virtually anything he does in Tampa, the official said.

A CENTCOM official deployed to Qatar said troops there are happy with their working conditions in the

deployable headquarters. “From a human perspective, the shelters are very conducive to doing the work that we need to do out here,” the official in Qatar said.

Deployed staff live in two-man climate-controlled “containers” and air-conditioned tents. “I can honestly tell you the quality of life for the folks who are participating in the exercise is very good and has allowed us to be very functional,” the Qatar official said.

“For an Army guy, that’s pretty

good living,” the official joked. “Maybe the Air Force (doesn’t like it so much), but for an Army guy, we’re living pretty large out here.”

News reports have speculated the exercise is a cover to set up a headquarters in the Gulf before military action against Iraq, but military officials stressed the need to test the new facility and the headquarters’ ability to communicate throughout the CENTCOM area of responsibil-

ity, which includes Afghanistan as well as the Persian Gulf region.

Officials noted Exercise Internal Look has been held before, in 1990, 1996 and 2000. This is the first time it has been held outside the United States. Changing technology requires the command to keep testing its abilities, the Tampa official said.

Some contingencies the exercise will test involve Iraq, “but that is not the only consideration,” the official said.

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ordered parts, find out the scheduled take-off time for the aircraft that needs those parts, and get information pushed to him based on individual interests and profile, with nothing more than a Web browser loaded on a desktop computer with network access.”

When fully operational, the portal will provide a single point of access to the right information, at the right time, in the right format and from any location, Gilligan said.

Portal users will be able to:

- ❖ Personalize the display and delivery of portal information;
- ❖ Take favorite Web site links with them when they travel; and
- ❖ Readily access the best of Air Force content, tools and applications, all organized in a user-friendly format.

The new portal sports a standard look and feel, and standard index and navigation, said Connelly.

The portal also allows access to integrated con-

tent from desktops and new features so users will not have to remember a laundry list of user names and passwords when they use multiple Air Force sites.

One popular tool that will continue to be universally available — the Air Force White Pages — allows users to look up contact information on Air Force people.

Plans call for the Air Force Portal to serve as the entry point to the Internet for all airmen and civilian employees while at work. Although the current portal is limited to .mil users on the unclassified network, future enhancements will include portal access to classified information via the secure network and access to the unclassified portal via the Internet from any commercial .com Internet service provider, Connelly said.

“The new Air Force Portal represents a great leap forward, providing airmen and civilian employees one-stop information shopping for essential online information,” Gilligan said.

WHEN BUILDING YOUR LIST OF OPSEC COUNTERMEASURES

DON'T BUILD IT WITH HOLES



Mailing Antique Weapons

Anyone wishing to send an antique firearm home needs to understand the rules before mailing it.

The Domestic Mail Manual 57, section C024.2.0, states “*Antique Firearms sent as curios or museum pieces may be accepted for mailing.*” The weapons must include proper documentation signed by United States Customs officials.

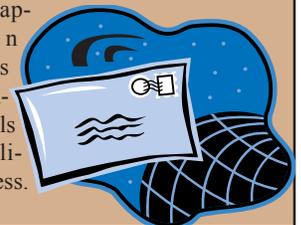
Without the *signed* documents, the mailer is sending the weapon at their own risk, allowing U.S. Customs officials to confiscate the weapon.

Since each weapon is unique, each requires certain forms. It is the responsibility of the individual to obtain all the required forms for their particular weapon before shipment or it will prevent the mailer from making a claim against the United States Postal Service, if the weapon is confiscated.

According to DMM 57, section C024.4.0, “*postmasters are not authorized to give opinions on the legality of any shipment of rifles or shotguns.*”

Post office personnel are not trained Customs officials, and will not question anyone mailing home what looks like an antique weapon. It is not the responsibility of the post office to ensure you have all the required documents.

To import a firearm, visit the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Web site at www.atf.treasury.gov and download the ATF F-6 Part II (5330.3B) application form. This form also includes details on the application process.



HIND SIGHT

1898

The United States and Spain signed the Treaty of Paris, ceding Spanish possessions, including the Philippines, to the United States.

1917

The Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to the International Red Cross.

1918

U.S. troops were called to guard Berlin as a coup was feared.

1919

Capt. Ross Smith became the first person to fly 11,500 miles from England to Australia.

1943

Franklin D. Roosevelt signed a bill that postponed a draft of pre-Pearl Harbor fathers.

1949

150,000 French troops massed at the border in Vietnam to prevent a Chinese invasion.

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could identify countries or firms that supplied its nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programs. In a letter that accompanies the nearly 12,000-page document, Foreign Minister Naji Sabri called the report “currently accurate, full and complete,” but told the U.N. Security Council it contains information that could aid countries seeking to develop nuclear, chemical or biological weapons. The nine-page preface to the report being circulated among council members Monday refers to a terminated “radiation bomb project” — possibly a so-called radiological weapon, or “dirty bomb.” Contents pages also include references to procurement of petrochemicals for Iraq’s nuclear weapons program and to “foreign technical assistance” and “relations with companies, representatives and individuals” under its chemical weapons declaration.

FBI: Hacker steals 80,000 credit cards

JERUSALEM — Israeli police, aided by the FBI, arrested an Israeli suspected of hacking into computers of a U.S.-based electronics company and stealing personal information, including the credit card numbers of some 80,000 customers. David Sternberg, 24, of the port city of Haifa, was arrested last week while driving in a stolen car, police said. Sternberg allegedly broke into the computers of a large U.S. company that sells CD-ROMs and DVDs.

Bagram Air Base MWR movies

The Bagram Air Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff present “Erin Brockovich” tonight at 1530Z at the MWR building.

Tomorrow’s movie will be “Fight Club,” showing at the same time.

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Rain</i> H: 48F L: 34F	<i>Rain</i> H: 52F L: 36F
Kandahar:	<i>Dusty</i> H: 68F L: 32F	<i>Cloudy</i> H: 57F L: 32F
Kabul:	<i>Rain</i> H: 48F L: 30F	<i>Rain</i> H: 48F L: 32F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Rain</i> H: 54F L: 43F	<i>Rain</i> H: 51F L: 40F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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COALITION SPORTSZONE

The Day in Sports

(Compiled from ESPN.com)

UCLA fires Toledo, will not coach bowl game

LOS ANGELES — Bob Toledo was fired by UCLA on Monday because first-year athletics director Dan Guerrero felt the program wasn't heading in the right direction and wouldn't turn around unless a coaching change was made.

"We need to raise the bar, we need to start winning Pac-10 championships again," Guerrero said at a campus news conference. "The issue was clearly one I had to make in the best interests of the program. The tough thing was this was Bob Toledo, he's a good man."

The Bruins are 7-5 this season, including a 52-21 loss to No. 5 Southern California on Nov. 23 and a 48-27 loss to No. 7 Washington State on Saturday.

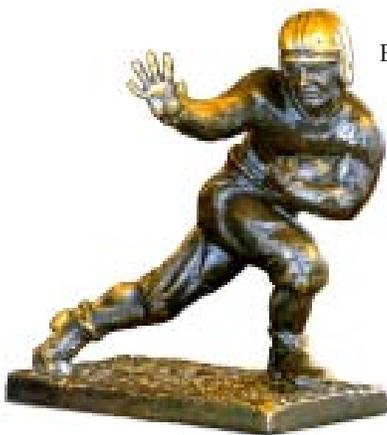
Toledo won't coach UCLA in the Dec. 25 Las Vegas Bowl, where the Bruins will play New Mexico. Ed Kezirian, assistant director of academic services, will serve as interim head coach.

Toledo wasn't available for comment, but issued a statement that read in part: "I came to UCLA with class and dignity and I will leave with class and dignity. I have nothing but great things to say about UCLA."

Toledo coached UCLA to a school-record 20-game winning streak in 1997-98, but the Bruins have gone 24-24 since and have lost four straight to rival Southern California — the last two by a combined 58 points.

The 56-year-old Toledo guided UCLA to a 49-32 record in seven seasons, the third-most wins for a football coach in school history. He succeeded Terry Donahue, who retired in 1995 after coaching the Bruins for 20 seasons and is now general manager of the San Francisco 49ers.

2002 Heisman Trophy candidates



Brad Banks, QB, Iowa

Brad Banks directed the Haweyes to an 11-1 record and at least a share of the Big Ten crown.

Ken Dorsey, QB, Miami

He continues to be the guy who makes the Hurricanes offense go and has them one win away from another title.

Larry Johnson, RB, Penn St.

After becoming just the ninth player in I-A history to rush for 2,000 yards in a season, Johnson can only sit and wait for the Heisman folks to invite him to NYC.

Willis McGahee, RB, Miami

Opposing coaches have said Willis McGahee is a threat to go all the way every time he touches the ball. He confirmed their fears Saturday with six TDs and 205 yards against a very good Virginia Tech team.

2002 Bowl Championship Series

TEAM	TOTAL
1. Miami, Fla.	2.93
2. Ohio State	3.97
3. Georgia	8.37
4. USC	10.51
5. Iowa	10.79
6. Washington St.	16.14
7. Oklahoma	16.79
8. Kansas St.	20.13
9. Notre Dame	20.93
10. Texas	21.08
11. Michigan	23.91
12. Penn St.	26.97
13. Colorado	33.27
14. Florida St.	33.95
15. West Virginia	35.97



Banks nabs AP Player of Year award

For a guy who never started a college football game before this season, Iowa quarterback Brad Banks caught on pretty fast.

Not only did Banks become the nation's top-rated passer, he also led the Hawkeyes (11-1) back to national prominence and into the Fedex Orange Bowl.

"I can't imagine a better success story," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "Brad wasn't on anyone's radar screen in late August. But he improved every week, and played his best in our biggest games."

Other than two fumbles in a loss to Iowa State, Banks was nearly perfect in No. 3 Iowa's winningest season ever. The miscues did nothing to take away from his sensational play, and Banks was chosen Monday as The Associated Press College Player of the Year.

"I'm kind of shocked to hear I've won this," said Banks, among the leading Heisman Trophy contenders. "I'm very happy the way the season went, and the way everyone on this team made Iowa a household name. I'm glad to play a part in all this."

Notre Dame shut out of BCS bowl bid, will play Gator Bowl

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Notre Dame's large fan base, storied past and turnaround season under first-year coach Tyrone Willingham were not good enough to gain a berth Sunday in the lucrative Bowl Championship Series.

The No. 11 Irish (10-2) settled for an invitation to play No. 17 North Carolina State (10-3) in the Gator Bowl on Jan. 1 with its \$1.6 million payout after being passed over by the BCS with its payout of up to \$13 million.

Notre Dame's last shot at earning a BCS berth ended when Washington State beat UCLA 48-27 on Saturday. That win meant USC, which beat the Irish 44-13 on Nov. 30, was out of the Rose Bowl. But the Trojans were guaranteed an at-large BCS berth because they finished ranked No. 4 in the final BCS standings.

Iowa (11-1), No. 5 in the BCS standings, was the other at-large selection, joining six conference champions who were automatic qualifiers for BCS games.

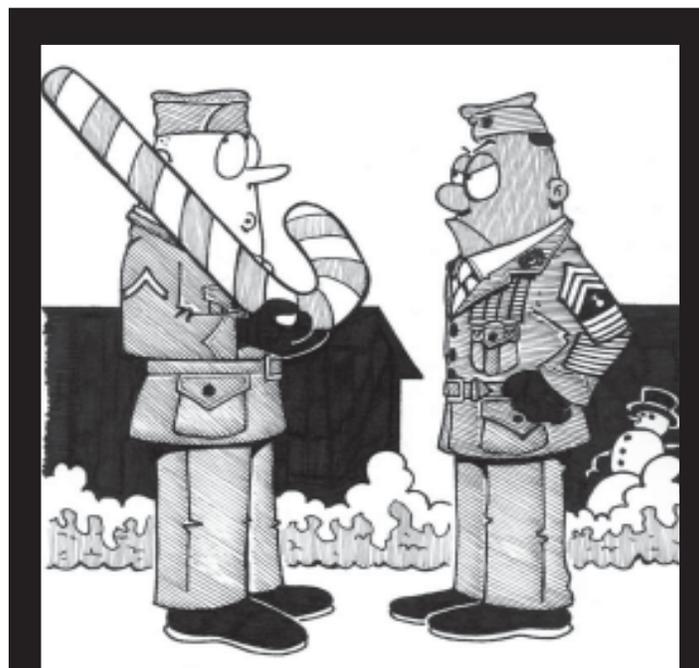
The Wolfpack accepted an invitation to the Gator Bowl on Nov. 26 after beating Florida State 17-7.

Under Willingham, the Irish doubled their win total from a year ago. Notre Dame also beat four ranked teams this year.

The Irish will go for their first bowl win and first top-10 finish since ending the 1993 season No. 2 after beating No. 7 Texas 24-21 on Jan. 1, 1994, at the Cotton Bowl.

2002-03 bowl schedule

- ❖ New Orleans Bowl — Cincinnati (7-6) vs. North Texas (7-5)
- ❖ GMAC Bowl — Marshall (10-2) vs. Louisville (7-5)
- ❖ Mazda Tangerine Bowl — Clemson (7-5) vs. Texas Tech (8-5)
- ❖ Sega Sports Las Vegas Bowl — UCLA (7-5) vs. New Mexico (7-6)
- ❖ ConAgra Foods Hawaii Bowl — Hawaii (10-3) vs. Tulane (7-5)
- ❖ Motor City Bowl — Boston College (8-4) vs. Toledo (9-4)
- ❖ Insight Bowl — Pittsburgh (8-4) vs. Oregon State (8-4)
- ❖ Houston Bowl — Southern Miss (7-5) vs. Oklahoma State (7-5)
- ❖ MainStay Independence Bowl — Nebraska (7-6) vs. Mississippi (6-6)
- ❖ Pacific Life Holiday Bowl — Kansas State (10-2) vs. Arizona State (8-5)
- ❖ Continental Tire Bowl — West Virginia (9-3) vs. Virginia (8-5)
- ❖ 2002 Alamo Bowl — Colorado (9-4) vs. Wisconsin (7-6)
- ❖ Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl — Arkansas (9-4) vs. Minnesota (7-5)
- ❖ Seattle Bowl — Oregon (7-5) vs. Wake Forest (6-6)
- ❖ Crucial.com Humanitarian Bowl — Iowa State (7-6) vs. Boise State (11-1)
- ❖ Wells Fargo Sun Bowl — Purdue (6-6) vs. Washington (7-5)
- ❖ AXA Liberty Bowl — Colorado State (10-3) vs. TCU (9-2)
- ❖ Silicon Valley Football Classic — Georgia Tech (7-5) vs. Fresno State (8-5)
- ❖ Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl — Tennessee (8-4) vs. Maryland (10-3)
- ❖ Diamond Walnut San Francisco Bowl — Air Force (8-4) vs. Virginia Tech (9-4)
- ❖ Outback Bowl — Florida (8-4) vs. Michigan (9-3)
- ❖ SBC Cotton Bowl — Texas (10-2) vs. LSU (8-4)
- ❖ Toyota Gator Bowl — NC State (10-3) vs. Notre Dame (10-2)
- ❖ Capital One Bowl — Penn State (9-3) vs. Auburn (8-4)
- ❖ Rose Bowl — Oklahoma (11-2) vs. Washington State (10-2)
- ❖ Nokia Sugar Bowl — Georgia (12-1) vs. Florida State (9-4)
- ❖ FedEx Orange Bowl — Iowa (11-1) vs. USC (10-2)
- ❖ Tostitos Fiesta Bowl — Ohio State (13-0) vs. Miami (12-0)



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By Kevin Kilgore

Laugh Support

Top teams remain the same in USA Today/ESPN poll

ARLINGTON, Va. — Miami, which wrapped up a spot in the Fiesta Bowl with a 56-45 victory over Virginia Tech, was a unanimous No. 1 pick in the final regular-season *USA Today/ESPN* college football coaches' poll released Sunday.

The Hurricanes collected all 61 first-place votes and 1,525 points in a nationwide poll of Division I-A coaches. Last week, Miami received all but one first-place vote.

Miami (12-0) stretched its winning to 34 games, setting up a showdown with No. 2 Ohio State (13-0) for the national championship. The Buckeyes concluded their regular season on Nov. 23 with a 14-9 win over Michigan.

A final poll will be released after the national championship on Jan. 3. The top five remained unchanged with Ohio State second, followed by Iowa (11-1), Georgia (12-1) and Southern California (10-2). Georgia won the Southeastern Conference championship Saturday with a 30-3 victory over Arkansas. Completing the top 10 were Kansas State (10-2), Washington State (10-2), Oklahoma (11-2), Texas (10-2) and Penn State (9-3).

Washington State captured the Pac-10 Conference championship and a trip to the Rose Bowl with a 48-27 victory over UCLA. Oklahoma won the Big 12 Conference title game with a 29-7 victory over Colorado. Michigan (9-3) is 11th, and is followed by Notre Dame (10-2), West Virginia (9-3), Colorado (9-4), Boise State (11-1), Florida State (9-4), North Carolina State (10-3), Maryland (10-3), Virginia Tech (9-4) and Florida (8-4).