



# FREEDOM WATCH



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## News briefs

(Compiled from CNN.com)

### B-52 returns to Afghan skies

**KABUL, Afghanistan**— An AB-52 bomber was called into combat for the first time in five months Sunday to protect U.S. Special Forces battling armed Afghans outside an American base. No U.S. soldiers were injured during the shootout in western Afghanistan, but at least 11 Afghans were killed in factional fighting. The battle began when a group of U.S. Special Forces patrolling outside Shindand air base stopped a group of armed Afghans on the roadside, U.S. military spokesman Col. Roger King said. When the patrol stopped, the Afghans opened fire, King said. The Americans returned fire, and then called for air support while making their escape, King said. The Americans returned fire, and then called for air support while making their escape, King said. The B-52 bomber dropped seven 2,000-pound laser-guided bombs.

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— 2nd Lt. Ray Youngs  
277th MP Co.



Mine Field Marathon runners ran around Bagram Air Base air field while aircraft frequently passed by.



Some of the marathon participants carried their ruck sack and weapons throughout the marathon.

## Marathon caps holiday weekend

Story & photos by Spc. Erica Leigh Foley  
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**BAGRAM, Afghanistan** — In a land accustomed to war, people from around the world came together. At Bagram Air Base not only did these servicemembers fight the war on terror, they gathered

Friday morning for Afghanistan's first marathon. Troops from Poland, Germany, Korea, United Kingdom, Slovakia and the United States took off when a mine detonated, echoing through the Hindu Kush Mountains.

With high mobility multi-purpose wheeled ve-

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## USO brings stars of Hollywood to Afghanistan

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**BAGRAM, Afghanistan** — What do a principal, a soap star, a sports reporter and a graying mayor all have in common?

Everything, if you count them having a sincere passion to visit and thank every one fighting the war on terrorism in Afghanistan.

"It's important for us to let you

know how we feel about your service," said Dennis Haskins IV, the actor who portrayed the principal in "Saved by the Bell." "We have been overwhelmed by meeting all of you."

"We respect and love you," said Johnny Grant, the mayor of Hollywood.

The Hollywood entourage arrived at Bagram with Gen. Tommy Franks Friday morning to visit and sign autographs for thousands of

American and coalition soldiers on Bagram Air Base.

"This trip is very special for me," said Catherine Kellick-Linder, an actress who has played the same character on "The Young and the Restless" for 20 years. "It's an absolute joy to see the smiles on all the faces."

Grant, who has visited soldiers

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Photo by Sgt. Reebea Critser

As U.S. Central Command Commander Gen. Tommy Franks (in black beret) Hollywood Mayor Johnny Grant (from left) introduces the latest morale booster to Bagram Air Base — Dennis Haskins IV, Catherine Kellick-Linder and Leann Tweeden.

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spanning more than 50 years, got the visit started by sharing funny stories about his duties as mayor of Hollywood. He also told jokes that had everyone, including Franks, rolling on the ground.

But everything wasn't all laughter.

"I'm so grateful for meeting you," said an emotional Leann Tweeden, a model who reports for Fox Sports. "My father served in Vietnam, so I know exactly how you all feel out here.

"I'm here to let you know that America hasn't forgotten you. We

wanted to see you because I am proud to be an American."

Grant tried to stamp out the emotional scene by telling another joke.

"We got them mixed up. I think she's the soap opera star," he said.

Soldiers gathered around the Hollywood group after the presentation ended to shake hands and have their pictures taken with them.

"We are all in this thing together," yelled Kellick-Linder. "Our freedom depends on what you are doing out here."

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hicles on either side of the road and a blackhawk hovering, the runners set off for 26.2 miles of dust and dirt.

"We are having the Minefield Marathon to give soldiers a chance to challenge themselves, and the novelty of running a marathon in Central Asia," said Lt. Col. James Post, 339<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital commander, Pittsburgh.

Mine Field Marathon came about because the course lies over previously cleared sections of the mass mine-filled area surrounding Bagram Air Base.

Because of the dust, rough terrain, desolation and uncontrollable diet, many runners found this marathon more difficult than others.

"This was different than any other marathon, it was much more mentally challenging," said the winner, 2nd Lt. Ray Youngs, 277<sup>th</sup> Military Police Co., Fort Bragg, N.C., who ran



Photos by Spc. Erica Leigh Foley

Let the race begin. Army, Air Force, Marine and Coalition servicemembers take off for 26.2 miles after a nearby land mine was detonated to officially start the Bagram Air Base Minefield Marathon.

the marathon in 3:01:65. "Here you don't get to train or eat the right way."

Most runners had never run in a marathon and had no idea what to expect other than a lot of dust and fulfilling a goal. The terrain was rough. Rocks and dust were the surface for most of the route; scattered potholes decorated the pavement.

For most servicemembers, it was back to work

after the marathon. 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Kirsten Lafond, 118<sup>th</sup> Military Police, Co., Fort Bragg, N.C., came in third overall and first for females with the time of 3:08:30.

After finishing her eighth marathon, the Bogota, N. J., native had the rest of her day planned.

"I am going to go check on my platoon and find a shower that is open."



A mask helps keep the dust from one runner as she passes the overturned armored vehicle.

# HIND SIGHT

**1804**

Napoleon Bonaparte crowns himself Emperor of France in Notre Dame Cathedral.

**1823**

President James Monroe proclaims the principles known as the Monroe Doctrine, “that the American continents, by the free and independent condition which they have assumed and maintained, are henceforth not to be considered as subjects for future colonization by European powers.”

**1867**

People wait in mile-long lines to hear Charles Dickens give his first reading in New York City.

**1909**

J.P. Morgan acquires majority holdings in Equitable Life Co. This is the largest concentration of bank power to date.

**1928**

Dentist Barney Clark receives the first permanent artificial heart, developed by Dr. Robert K. Jarvik.

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### U.S. warns of Yemen terror threat

WASHINGTON—The U.S. State Department has warned Americans against traveling to Yemen because of terror threats following a suicide bombing at a resort in Kenya. The department also advised travelers of an increased risk of terrorist attacks in east Africa, particularly Djibouti, where U.S. forces are training for antiterrorist operations.

### Disabled man faces murder charges

SPARTANBURG, S.C. — Jerry James Carruth was indicted in 1984 on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol, but he wasn’t prosecuted because, a note written on the indictment says, he was “severely handicapped and paralyzed. He will not be able to drive a car again.” But the injuries didn’t prevent Carruth from getting back behind the wheel. He continued driving and has been convicted of drunken driving a half-dozen times in the past 11 years. Now a prosecutor has taken the unusual step of charging Carruth with murder in a fatal auto crash in an effort to keep the 55-year-old off the streets for good. On Monday, Carruth goes on trial in the April death of Tony Howard, a 42-year-old father of three whose pickup was hit head-on by Carruth’s Buick.

## Bagram Air Base MWR movies

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

Tomorrow’s movie will be “Remember the Titans,” showing at the same time.

## Local weather

### TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>
<b>Bagram:</b>	<i>Rain and snow</i> H: 54F L: 22F	<i>Rain and snow</i> H: 46F L: 18F
<b>Kandahar:</b>	<i>Partly sunny</i> H: 64F L: 34F	<i>Mostly sunny</i> H: 61F L: 35F
<b>Kabul:</b>	<i>Rain and snow</i> H: 45F L: 27F	<i>Haze</i> H: 41F L: 25F
<b>Uzbekistan:</b>	<i>Snow</i> H: 40F L: 27F	<i>Cloudy/snowy</i> H: 34F L: 25F

*Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team*

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# COALITION SPORTSZONE



## Week 13 NFL scores

Pittsburgh 25, Jacksonville 23  
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 Baltimore 27, Cincinnati 23  
 Carolina 13, Cleveland 6  
 Kansas City 49, Arizona 0  
 Atlanta 30, Minnesota 24 (OT)  
 Indianapolis 19, Houston 3  
 San Diego 30, Denver 27 (OT)  
 San Francisco 31, Seattle 24  
 Philadelphia 10, St. Louis 3  
 Dallas 27, Washington 20  
 New England 20, Detroit 12

## Today's Game

N.Y. Jets at Oakland

## The Day in Sports

(Compiled from ESPN.com)

# Vick caps big day with 46-yard OT touchdown, beat Vikings

Michael Vick ran for a career-high 173 yards on 10 carries, including the winning 46-yard touchdown run in overtime to lead the Atlanta Falcons to a 30-24 victory over the Minnesota Vikings on Sunday.

Vick's yardage was the most by a quarterback since the 1970 NFL-AFL merger. The previous mark was 127 yards, set by the Chicago Bears' Bobby Douglass in 1972.

Vick accounted for 346 of Atlanta's 379 yards.

"Coach (Dan) Reeves is always telling me, 'Get down, get down,'" Vick said. "But I wasn't seeing that. I was thinking end zone."

The Falcons (8-3-1) are 7-0-1 since a

home loss to Tampa Bay on Oct. 6, and they won for the first time in three overtime games this year.

"This team is playing with unbelievable confidence right now," said linebacker Keith Brooking. "The sky's the limit for us."

Vick was just 11-for-28 for 173 yards passing, with a touchdown, an interception and two fumbles.

But he got his chance when Sam Rogers sacked Daunte Culpepper on the Vikings' first overtime possession to force a punt. On the Falcons' second offensive play of the extra period, Vick dropped back, rolled left and broke two tackles on his way to the end zone for his second rushing TD of the game.

## 2002 National Football League standings

### American Football Conference

#### East

(4)Miami	7-5	.583
(6)N. England	7-5	.583
N.Y. Jets	6-5	.545
Buffalo	6-6	.500

#### North

(3)Pittsburgh	7-4-1	.625
Cleveland	6-6	.500
Baltimore	6-6	.500
Cincinnati	1-11	.083

#### South

(2)Indianapolis	8-4	.667
Tennessee	7-5	.583
Jacksonville	5-7	.417
Houston	3-9	.250

#### West

(1)San Diego	8-4	.667
(5)Oakland	7-4	.636
Denver	7-5	.583
Kansas City	6-6	.500



### National Football Conference

#### East

(3) Philadelphia	9-3	.750
N.Y. Giants	6-6	.500
Dallas	5-7	.417
Washington	5-7	.417

#### North

(2) Green Bay	9-3	.750
Detroit	3-9	.250
Minnesota	3-9	.250
Chicago	3-9	.250

#### South

(1) Tampa Bay	9-2	.818
(5) Atlanta	8-3-1	.708
(6) N.Orleans	7-4	.636
Carolina	4-8	.333

#### West

(4) San Francisco	8-4	.667
St. Louis	5-7	.417
Arizona	4-8	.333
Seattle	4-8	.333

# Warner struggles as Rams can't contain Eagles' backup quarterback; team's playoff hopes dim

**PHILADELPHIA**—Backed by a dominant defense, the Philadelphia Eagles proved they can win with their No. 3 quarterback. The St. Louis Rams still haven't won without theirs.

Bobby Taylor returned an interception of Kurt Warner 23 yards for a touchdown, and third-string quarterback A.J. Feeley did just enough to help Philadelphia beat the Rams 10-3 Sunday in a rematch of last season's NFC championship game.

The NFC East-leading Eagles (9-3) shut down St. Louis' once-potent offense, forcing five turnovers and sacking Warner eight times, including four by backup defensive end N.D. Kalu.

"When we go out and play and there's no letdown in any quarter, there's no team we can't beat," All-Pro safety Brian Dawkins said.

Feeley, starting his first game since his junior season at Oregon in 1999, completed 14 of 30 passes

for 181 yards, and lost one fumble. He played because Donovan McNabb is out with a broken right ankle and Koy Detmer has a dislocated left elbow.

"It felt great. It's been a long time since I played a whole game," said Feeley, who started eight games his junior season, before getting hurt and losing his job to Joey Harrington.

Warner, the NFL MVP last season, was 20-for-42 for 218

yards and two interceptions. He also lost a fumble in the first quarter, and lost 9 yards when he dropped the ball on a pump fake.

The Rams (5-7), who beat the Eagles 29-24 in the conference title game 11 months ago, are 0-6 when Warner starts.

They won five straight when No. 3 quarterback Marc Bulger stepped in after backup Jamie Martin went down in his first game playing for Warner, who broke his pinkie in Week 4.



## Something to think about ...

Before you mail a package, be aware that there are size and weight restrictions when using the United States Postal Service. Packages cannot:

- ❖ Weigh more than 70 pounds.
- ❖ Be bigger than 130 inches in length and width for Space Available Mail and Military Postal Service.
- ❖ Be bigger than 108 inches in length and width for Priority Mail.

## Red-hot Packers clinch division title, beat battered Bears

The Green Bay Packers won the NFC North by beating the Chicago Bears 30-20 Sunday, despite losing running back Ahman Green to a knee injury after he had produced 123 yards of offense.

Rookie Tony Fisher, an undrafted free agent from Notre Dame, ran for 91 yards and a touchdown on 17 carries as the Packers (9-3), who were coming off two straight losses, became the first team to clinch a playoff spot and remained the only team without a loss at home.

They couldn't have done it without rookie receiver Javon Walker, who chased down a cornerback headed for the end zone to prevent the Packers' halftime deficit from reaching 15 points.

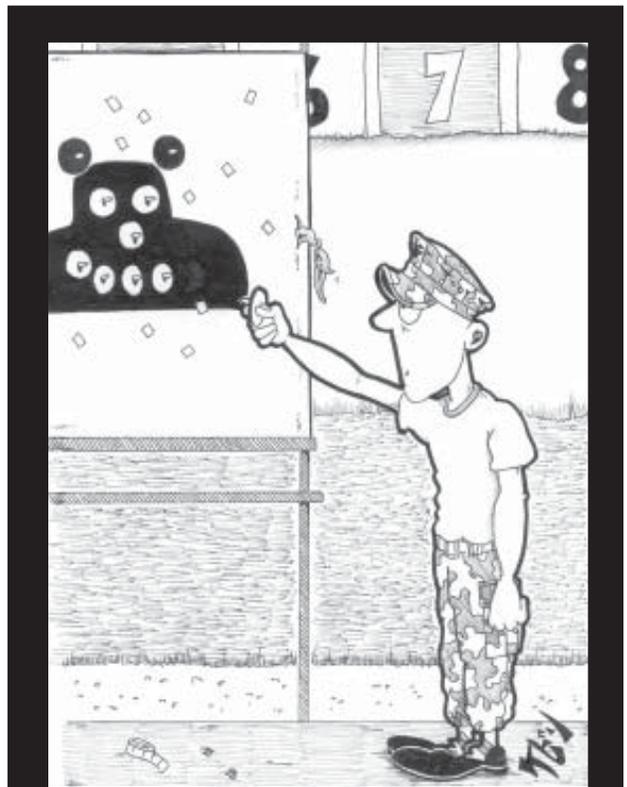
Then nose tackle Rod Walker forced a fumble from the Bears' center on first-and-goal at the Packers' 1 in the third quarter.

"The Walkers rep-re-sent-ed today!" defensive end Vonnie Holliday said.

On a cold, windy day at Lambeau Field, Brett Favre threw two second-half touchdown passes and improved to 33-0 at home when the temperature is 34 or below. He beat the Bears for the 18th time in 22 tries.

The Packers trailed 14-6 at halftime after Javon Walker ran about 100 yards and chased down Roosevelt Williams as he was about to dance into the end zone at the end of the first half.

"It would have been devastating to have them score like that right before the half," Packers coach Mike Sherman said.



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