



# FREEDOM WATCH



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## News briefs

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### U.N.: Iraq vows to hit deadline

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — Iraq has promised to declare any weapons of mass destruction by its next U.N.-imposed deadline of Dec. 8, a U.N. official says. Iraqi officials made the commitment during talks on Monday night with chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix and other members of his team, Mohamed El Baradei told *Associated Press Television News* and Egypt's *Nile* television. "Iraq is committed to declare all it possesses regarding weapons of mass destruction, if it still has any of them ... and will also declare all of its activities in the chemical, biological and nuclear fields, even those of civilian use," said El Baradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the U.N.'s nuclear control body. "Iraq is committed to delivering this report before Dec. 8."

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## CAT scan helps military doctors

Story & photo by Spc. Erica Leigh Foley

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**BAGRAM, Afghanistan** — With a bullet wound in the abdomen, finding where the bullet is and the extent of internal injuries are essential in determining the level of care needed. Military doctors in Afghanistan have a tool to help them evaluate the situation — a computerized axial tomography scan more commonly known as a CAT or CT scan.

CT scans take x-ray images from different angles with the help of a computer and generate cross-section views. These views display images of

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Spc. Jason Chmielewski, medical equipment repair technician, 339th Combat Support Hospital, from Eerie, Penn., lays on the CT machine before it takes pictures of his brain.



Cpl. Phil McDonald mixes the cement before it is poured into the base of the flagpole base.

## Marines build Sept. 11 memorial in Bagram

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**BAGRAM, Afghanistan** — Twin Towers, the Pentagon, Pennsylvania, eagle, globe and anchor along with Old Glory are all part of the Sept. 11, 2001, memorial displayed by 513th Marine Attack Squadron on Bagram Air Base.

Lance Cpl. Richard Miley was tasked to put up a flagpole, when two other Marines lent their

*"We just wish the people who it's dedicated to could see it."*

— **Cpl. Joseph Barr**

513th Marine Attack Squadron

helping hands.

"We aren't real sure who came up with what idea, but (Cpl. Phil)

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the internal organs and other parts in the body.

Doctors use these scans to define normal and abnormal structures in the body.

"It can show damage to body organs such as gun shot wounds," said Col. Howard Harcke, 339<sup>th</sup> Medical Corps Combat Support Hospital. "It can be used to study any area of the body, for example, the head, chest or abdomen."

Patients are placed on a gliding table which slides just as a mechanic slides on a creeper. The patient lays in the center of the doughnut-shaped machine while x-ray images are taken. The procedure takes about one minute. The patient remains still and is asked to hold off breathing for a short while so the images come out clean and precise.

In the pictures, a thin section of the body part is shown, much like a piece of bread. If the whole body were a loaf, the sections would be slices. The images are viewed on a computer monitor and can be printed on film to accompany the patient if he needs to be evacuated.

"After the image data is acquired the computer processing occurs in seconds and the images are available for interpretation by the radiologist," said Harcke.

The radiologist is a physician specially trained in the use of x-rays for diagnosis.

"The CT brings a higher level of diagnostic capability than the regular x-rays, this is especially helpful for soft tissue body parts, such as the brain and organs of the abdomen," said Harcke.

The CT is used to identify trauma, illness and to determine who needs to be evacuated. The sophistication of the equipment brings more information faster to doctors in the war zone.

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McDonald and I started helping Miley out with putting up the flagpole and we just started adding to the idea," said Cpl. Joseph Barr.

Equipped with a hammer, shovel, ply wood and 18 bags of cement the three Marines put together not only a flagpole, but a memorial for the family and friends of those who perished in the attacks.

The Twin Towers are marked with names of the Marines who died in the attacks. The flagpole base has five sides representing the Pentagon. The words "Let's Roll" are ingraved into the cement at the base of the flagpole making reference to words spoken on the plane that went down in Pennsylvania.

Although the memorial there for all to see, the Marines who built it want more.

"We just wish the people who it's dedicated to could see it," said Barr.



Photo by Spc. Erica Leigh Foley

The U.S. flag is raised on the Marine compound at Bagram Air Base with the memorial to Sept. 11 victims placed at its base.



Photo by Pfc. Matthew Acosta, 49th Public Affairs Detachment (Airborne)

## ***Follow the trail***

**Spc. Sergio Salgado, medic, Company C, 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, N.C., advances up a riverbed trail, followed by fellow soldiers in Southeastern Afghanistan. They conducted patrols in the early morning hours during Operation Alamo Sweep.**

# HIND SIGHT

**1928**

Glen Hyde became the first woman to dare the Grand Canyon rapids in a scow (a flat-bottomed boat that is pushed along with a pole).

**1945**

The Nazi war crime trials begun at Nuremberg.

**1962**

President John F. Kennedy barred religious or racial discrimination in federally funded housing.

**1967**

U.S. census reported the population at 200 million.

**1978**

In Jonestown, Guyana, American Rev. Jim Jones leads his followers in a mass suicide.

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### Senate approves homeland bill

WASHINGTON — Capping months of debate, the Senate Tuesday approved 90-9 a bill that would create a Department of Homeland Security — a massive reorganization of the federal government sparked by the devastating Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. President Bush praised the Senate in a statement issued shortly after the vote and said he looked “forward to signing this important legislation,” which he may sign early next week.

### Crippled fuel oil tanker sinks

OFF CAPE FINISTERRE, Spain — A crippled tanker carrying more than 19.6 million gallons of heavy fuel oil sank 130 miles off Spain’s northwest coast Tuesday. Spanish authorities are scrambling to protect the coastline in a region where fishing is the primary industry. The Bahamian-flagged tanker Prestige broke in half, its stern sinking quickly with little seepage of fuel from its tanks. Its bow stayed afloat for several hours but later sank. The World Wildlife Fund warned that if all of the oil had leaked, it would have been one of the largest oil spills ever — more than twice the size of the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill in Alaska’s Prince William Sound.

## Bagram Air Base MWR movies

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

Tomorrow’s movie will be “Orange County,” showing at the same time.

## Local weather

### TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Thursday</i>
<b>Bagram:</b>	<i>Mostly clear</i> H: 66F L: 28F	<i>Mostly clear</i> H: 64F L: 34F
<b>Kandahar:</b>	<i>Dusty</i> H: 64F L: 34F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 70F L: 37F
<b>Kabul:</b>	<i>Haze</i> H: 63F L: 34F	<i>Haze</i> H: 64F L: 36F
<b>Uzbekistan:</b>	<i>Clear</i> H: 63F L: 32F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 62F L: 34F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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# COALITION SPORTSZONE

## Kidd, McGrady, Duncan verbally commit to Olympics

USA basketball plans to select a core group of nine players by February to represent the United States at both next summer's qualifying tournament and the 2004 Olympics, but several NBA stars have already given verbal commitments.

Tracy McGrady, Tim Duncan, Jason Kidd and Ray Allen have already contacted the federation to say they're willing to play.

As they did in 1999, the U.S. federation will fill the final three or four spots on the qualifying team roster with players who will not be guaranteed spots on the 2004 Olympic team.

## The Day in Sports

(Compiled from ESPN.com)

### Woman countersues Jordan over alleged deal; seeks \$5 million from superstar

**CHICAGO**—The woman accused of extortion by Michael Jordan responded with her own lawsuit Tuesday, saying he offered her \$5 million to keep quiet about their relationship.

Karla Knafel asked the court to force Jordan to pay her the money because he was in breach of contract.

Jordan filed a lawsuit in October, contending he had a relationship with Knafel more than 10 years ago and paid her \$250,000 "under threat of publicly exposing that relationship."

Jordan's lawsuit said Knafel tried to extort another \$5 million.

On Tuesday, Knafel's lawyer, Michael Hannafan, said: "It was Jordan who initially offered to pay

her \$5 million in the spring of 1991 for her agreement not to file a public paternity proceeding and for keeping their sexual relationship publicly confidential."

Knafel alleges she gave birth twice — once to a stillborn child that was Jordan's offspring and a second time to a daughter who is not Jordan's child, sources told ESPN's Shelley Smith.

That daughter is now 11 years old.

Knafel's lawyer said his client and Jordan had a sexual relationship from 1989 to 1991 in Chicago, Indianapolis and Phoenix. Knafel discovered she was pregnant shortly after being with Jordan in November 1990, Hannafan said.

At that time, she believed the

child was Jordan's, he said.

Jordan then offered her \$5 million to buy her silence about their relationship and about the child she thought was his, said Hannafan.

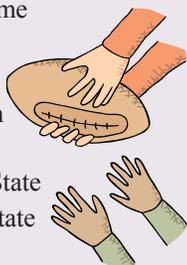
He said Knafel is not today claiming the child is Jordan's.

"I will tell you that the alleged claim of extortion by Michael Jordan and his lawyers is nothing but baloney," Hannafan added.

Jordan's attorney, Frederick Sperling, said Tuesday that the basketball great authorized him "to state that the papers Karla Knafel filed with the court today are full of lies. Any allegation that Michael Jordan is the father of any of Karla Knafel's children is completely untrue."

## 2002 Bowl Championship Series

TEAM	TOTAL
1. Miami, Fla.	3.69
2. Ohio State	3.70
3. Washington State	9.11
4. Oklahoma	10.75
5. Georgia	12.16
6. Notre Dame	13.13
7. Iowa	13.66
8. USC	15.54
9. Michigan	22.82
10. Texas	25.46
11. Kansas State	29.07
12. Florida State	29.25
13. Colorado	32.65
14. Florida	33.27
15. Penn State	36.48



## 2002 NBA standings

### Eastern Conference

Atlantic	
(2) New Jersey	8-3
(4) Philadelphia	7-3
(7) Boston	6-4
Orlando	6-5
Washington	6-5

### Central

(1) Indiana	8-1
(3) Detroit	8-3
(5) New Orleans	7-3
(6) Atlanta	6-4
(8) Milwaukee	5-4

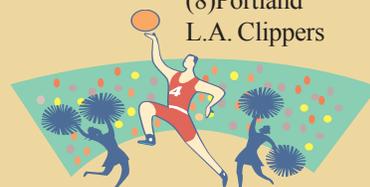
### Western Conference

#### Midwest

(1) Dallas	10-0
(4) San Antonio	7-4
(5) Houston	5-3
(7) Minnesota	5-6
Utah	4-7

#### Pacific

(2) Seattle	8-2
(3) Sacramento	7-4
(6) Phoenix	5-3
(8) Portland	4-6
L.A. Clippers	4-7



## 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](http://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.



## NCAA upholds Cal bowl ban, restores scholarships

**BERKELEY, Calif.** — The NCAA upheld its one-year bowl ban on California's football team Monday, but restored nine scholarships it revoked in June after an investigation into academic fraud and other infractions.

The ruling ended the unlikely bowl hopes of the Golden Bears (6-5), whose revival under first-year coach Jeff Tedford has been a remarkable success story in college football this season.

Three months ago, the bowl ban seemed superfluous for a team that went 1-10 last fall and hasn't had a winning season since 1993. Now, Cal can earn a winning record Saturday with a victory in the Big Game against Stanford (2-8).

"We've said all along that it was something we couldn't

control," Tedford said. "This will be the last week that this group of guys gets to be together as a whole. We're going to prepare as always, but I'm sure it'll be an emotional week for them."

Tedford and his players are being punished for multiple misdeeds committed under previous coach Tom Holmoe's watch. In restoring the scholarships, the NCAA said its original sanctions were excessive for an array of minor violations.

"It's disappointing, but now the Stanford game is our bowl game," quarterback Kyle Boller said.

Cal has been under investigation for more than two years by the Pacific-10 Conference and the NCAA. The school already fulfilled its self-imposed conference penalty by forfeit-

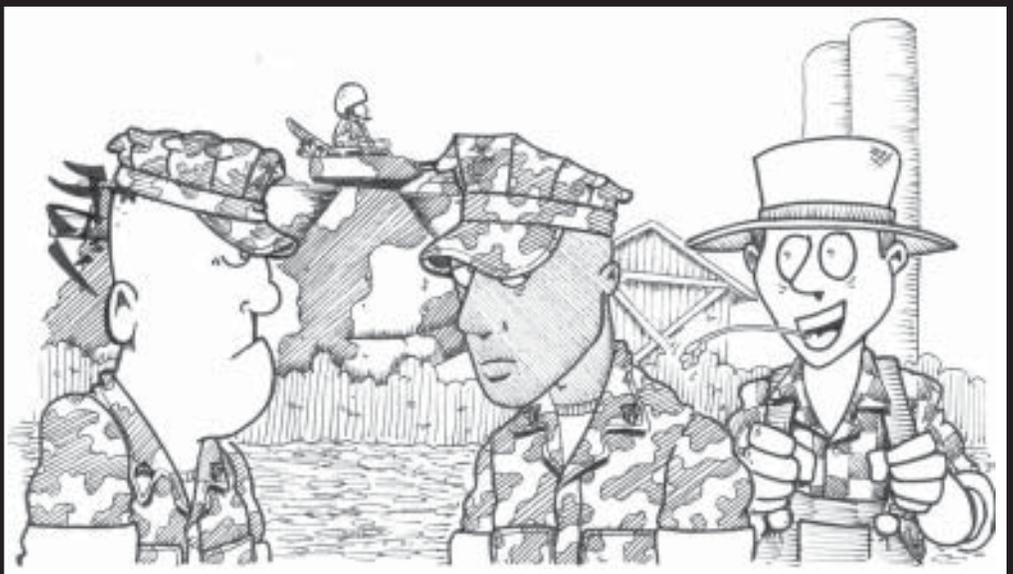
ing four scholarships in 2001.

Cal appealed the NCAA's ruling and school officials pleaded their case in Indianapolis two weeks ago. The Bears have completed nearly two years of their five-year NCAA probation stemming from the case.

The NCAA's appeals committee acknowledged the unfairness of the current players' predicament, but upheld the bowl ban based on Cal's status as a repeat violator, university chancellor Robert Berdahl said. A Cal basketball player was paid during the tenure of former coach Todd Bozeman in the mid-1990s.

Cal's players, including the seniors who have been in Berkeley through three or four losing seasons, were told the news in a team meeting Monday.

*"How many acres can ya' plow with that there amphibious tractor?"*



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