



# FREEDOM WATCH



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## News briefs

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### Bush reaches out to Congress on Iraq

**WASHINGTON** — President Bush plans to meet Wednesday with congressional leaders at the White House to discuss his administration's policy on Iraq, before articulating the policy on a world stage, senior advisers said Tuesday. In addition, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld will meet Wednesday with senators on Capitol Hill — at his request — to discuss Iraq, Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-South Dakota, told reporters. A senior administration official described the meetings as the beginning of a concerted White House effort to counter critics who say either that the president is in a rush toward a military confrontation or that the administration is sending confusing or conflicting signals about its policies and intentions.

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## Father, son reunite in Kandahar



Photo by Spc. Kevin Buckley, 300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

**Col. Gilbert W. McIntosh gives his son Capt. Travis L. McIntosh a hug before boarding a plane at Kandahar Air Field.**

## Soldiers bench press way to championship

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**BAGRAM, Afghanistan** — More than 30 service members representing different units, branches and countries came together to flex their muscles in the 2002 Bagram Bench Press Championships Monday at the Bagram Air Base Gymnasium.

The three-hour event gave the competitors a rare opportunity to compete for bragging rights in their respective weight classes, and allowed the service members time to interact with each other.

"It was good for morale," said Sgt. Maj. Kurt Phoenix, 35<sup>th</sup> Signal Brigade, Fort Bragg, N.C. "I really appreciate all the participants who came out for the event."

"They were very impressive," said Master Sgt. Ennis White, spectrum manager, Combined Joint Task Force - 180, Fort Bragg, N.C. "I hope all of them had a great time like I did."

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ing Freedom.

**KANDAHAR, Afghanistan** — Fishing, hunting, learning to drive and playing baseball are just some of the things that a father and son do together.

But the McIntosh family is a little different. They did all of the above and, to top it all off, they are both serving in Operation Endur-

Col. Gilbert W. McIntosh, deputy chief of Logistics, from 3rd Medical Command, and his son, Capt. Travis L. McIntosh, battalion adjutant, 2nd Battalion, 82nd Aviation Regiment, are both serving at Kandahar Air Field.

McIntosh is an Army Reserve soldier based in Atlanta, Ga., and his son Travis is an

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

## Fire in the hole

Sgt. Matthew Brandt and Pfc. Robert Paisley (kneeling), both from Company B, 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, N.C., kneel as a 60mm mortar shell fires from the mortar tube while training in the Afghan desert in the Kandahar region.

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The extravaganza began with a prayer, followed by a motivational speech by Lt. Gen. Dan McNeill, commander of CJTF - 180.

Not skipping a beat, the competition began with remarkable bench presses by several soldiers while the capacity crowd went wild.

"I just wanted to do my best," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Richard Diaz, 712th Air Support Operation Squadron, Fort Hood, Texas.

Diaz's best included an imposing lift of 265 pounds, which tied him for first in his weight class, but he lost in the weigh-in playoff.

"I'm surprised," Diaz said. "I thought the competition was going to be tougher than it was."

The best performance was by Tony Lucas in the 199-220-pound weight group by lifting an extraordinary 350 pounds.

Many soldiers tried in vain to top him, but to no avail, Lucas was in a class by himself.

**Bagram Bench Press Championship winners**

Weight	Champion	Lbs
149-165	Nayanda Williams (F)	90
166-181	Lisa Blackwell (F)	150
123-132	Harry Moseby	225
133-148	Jovanny Ramirez	245
148-165	Harry Young	265
166-181	Rafat Nowak (Poland)	315
182-198	Johny Eliscar	335
199-220	Tony Lucas	350
221-242	Tony Henry	320



Photo by Spc. Alfredo Jimenez Jr.  
**A Coalition service member benches more than 250 pounds at the Bagram Bench Press Championship.**

**HIND SIGHT**

**1666**

The Fire of London is extinguished after two days.

**1664**

After days of negotiation, the Dutch settlement of New Amsterdam surrenders to the British, who will rename it New York.

**1877**

The great Sioux warrior Crazy Horse is fatally bayoneted at age 36 by a soldier at Fort Robinson, Neb.

**1878**

Bat Masterson, Wyatt Earp, Bill Tilghman and Clay Allison, four of the West's most famous gunmen, meet in Dodge City, Kan.

**1910**

Marie Curie demonstrates the transformation of radium ore to metal at the Academy of Sciences in France.

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active-duty soldier out of Fort Bragg, N.C.

"I came here to Kandahar Air Field to meet with the veterinarians and the medics," said McIntosh. "I was very fortunate to be able to see my son on my visit here."

The last time the McIntosh family was together was for a few days in June. Before that, it was for a four-

*"... how does the tip of the spear not go in first?"*

— **Capt. Travis McIntosh**

Battalion adjutant

day pass that McIntosh received at Christmas following his mobilization in November.

"No one, as a father, thinks that he would be in the same combat zone as his son," said Col.

McIntosh.

"Before I deployed, my dad called me and asked me why he deployed while I was still sitting in Fort Bragg," Capt. McIntosh said with a grin. "He said how does the tip of the spear not go in first?"

Family support is a great motivator in the McIntosh family, and the father and son team said they could not get through this deployment or any

other without strong family support.

"Our family is very supportive of the United States military," Col. McIntosh said.

"I believe fate has brought me and my father together in this land so far away from home," Capt. McIntosh said. "It is truly an honor to be able to serve in Operation Enduring Freedom alongside my father."

**Where were you Sept. 11?**

If you have an interesting Sept. 11 story, please share it with us.

The 28th Public Affairs Detachment staff will be at the Bagram Air Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation tent today, 0630-0830 (Z) and 1430-1630 (Z), to hear your story.

In addition, Home-town News Releases can also be filled out by those wishing to do so.

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## 10 injured in South Korea preschool attack

**SEOUL**, South Korea — A man wielding a knife and claiming to be driven by voices urging him to kill, slashed and injured at least 10 children at a church preschool in Seoul, police say. The injured children, ages 3 to 5, were taken to the hospital for treatment, police said. The suspect, a 53-year-old jobless man, was arrested 30 minutes after Wednesday's attack in the South Korean capital's Gunja neighborhood, the *Yonhap* news agency reported. The knife assault took place as 45 children and three adults were eating lunch in the church cafeteria.

## Clinton 'full of regret' bin Laden got away

**NEW YORK** — Former President Bill Clinton is "full of regret" that the United States did not stop Osama bin Laden before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, he told *CNN* Tuesday, but is confident about the end result of the U.S. war on terrorism. In a wide-ranging interview on *CNN*'s "Larry King

Live," Clinton said his former adviser, Bruce Lindsey, narrated the events to him, as he was overseas at the time. "He said, 'How can you be sure?' I said, 'Because only bin Laden and the Iranians could set up the network to do this, and they (the Iranians) wouldn't do it because they have a country and targets. Bin Laden did it.'"

## Fisherman killed after whale lands on boat

**MORROBAY**, Calif. — A California fisherman was killed after a large whale unexpectedly breached over his boat, smashing into the deck and hurling him into the water, a Coast Guard official said on Tuesday. Chief Michael Saindon of the Morro Bay Coast Guard Station said the body of Jerry Tibbs, 51, was recovered Monday, more than 12 hours after the accident. "I've had countless calls where boats hit whales, but this is the first time I've ever had a whale breach and hit a boat," Saindon said. "They were just two big things in the wrong place at the wrong time." Tibbs, the owner of Mr. Tibb's Ribbs in Bakersfield, Calif., and several companions were on a tuna fishing trip several miles offshore Sunday when the whale

breached with a spectacular leap out of the water right over their boat, a 22-foot motor vessel named the "BBQ."

## U.S. Navy dismisses Kitty Hawk captain

**TOKYO** — The U.S. Navy's Seventh Fleet, in a rare move, has dismissed the captain of an aircraft carrier based in Japan due to a loss of confidence in his ability to lead the crew, a Navy spokesman said Wednesday. The dismissal of Capt. Thomas Hejl, commanding officer of the 85,000-ton USS Kitty Hawk, whose home port is Yokosuka, southwest of Tokyo, came after six crew members were arrested by Japanese police last month. "We had a deficiency and it wasn't getting any better," said Cmdr. Matthew Brown, a spokesman for the Seventh Fleet. Issues that factored into Hejl's dismissal included equipment breakdowns on the ship that occurred apparently because crew members failed to follow correct procedures, Brown said. Another factor was the Kitty Hawk's collision with a buoy in Singapore earlier this year that damaged one of the ship's propellers and shaft, he said.

## Local weather

### TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<b>Bagram:</b>	<i>Dusty</i> H: 82F L: 50F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 84F L: 52F
<b>Khandahar:</b>	<i>Dusty</i> H: 100F L: 66F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 97F L: 66F
<b>Kabul:</b>	<i>Dusty</i> H: 79F L: 46F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 81F L: 48F
<b>Uzbekistan:</b>	<i>Clear</i> H: 89F L: 52F	<i>Clear</i> H: 91F L: 50F

*Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team*

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# COALITION SPORTSZONE

## The Day in Sports

(Compiled from ESPN.com)

### NBA: 58-and-oh, no!

After 10 years in which the United States went 58-0, Team USA lost for the first time since it began sending NBA players to world tournaments. Argentina never trailed and led by as many as 20 points in an 87-80 upset Wednesday at the World Championships. The U.S. finished with just four fast-break points.

### MLB: Johnson Gets No. 20

Randy Johnson picked up his 20th victory Wednesday, holding the Dodgers to three hits in the D-Backs' 7-1 win. The complete-game victory also helped Arizona extend its NL West lead to five games.

### Soccer: Galaxy eye oldest U.S. prize

It's not the MLS Cup, but it's certainly got a longer shelf life. The L.A. Galaxy beat the Dallas Burn 4-1 on Tuesday, earning a spot in the U.S. Open Cup final against either the Columbus Crew or the Kansas City Wizards. The competition, played since 1914, is one of the world's oldest soccer tournaments. This year, 147 American teams from Major League Soccer to semi-pro competed, and each of the final four came from MLS.

### RPM: Richmond revenge

Rusty Wallace has a warning to the rest of the field in Saturday night's Chevy Monte Carlo 400 at Richmond, Va.: If he's in a position to win, they better look out. After being on the losing end of a bump-and-run move two weeks ago at Bristol, Tenn., Wallace won't be afraid to return the favor.

### Tennis: Capriati out

Jennifer Capriati put herself in a position to win at the U.S. Open on Wednesday, but could not finish off Amelie Mauresmo. Capriati served for the match in the second set, but Mauresmo rallied for a 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3 victory. Mauresmo, the 10th seed, has now beaten Capriati three straight times. Mauresmo will play Venus Williams, who defeated Monica Seles, in the semifinals.

### Men's college basketball: Lemons Leaves Sweet Legacy

Former college coaching great Abe Lemons, who engineered 599 victories in 34 years at Texas, Oklahoma City (twice) and Pan American, died Monday at 79 after a long illness. Lemons, who retired in 1990, had suffered from Parkinson's disease for several years.

### Women's college basketball: Barmore says goodbye

The last time he retired, Leon Barmore stayed away just one month. This one looks to be a long-lasting decision. Barmore, Louisiana Tech's head coach for the past 20 years, announced his retirement on Thursday, the second time in two-and-a-half years he has stepped away from a program he led to nine Final Four appearances, five NCAA title games and the 1988 national championship.

## 2002 Major League standings

<b>American League East</b>				<b>GB</b>
N.Y. Yankees	86-52	.623	-	
Boston	77-60	.562	8.5	
Baltimore	64-73	.467	21.5	
<b>American League Central</b>				<b>GB</b>
Minnesota	81-59	.579	-	
Chicago (AL)	68-71	.489	12.5	
Cleveland	61-77	.442	19	
<b>American League West</b>				<b>GB</b>
Oakland	87-51	.630	-	
Anaheim	84-54	.609	3	
Seattle	81-58	.583	6.5	
<b>National League East</b>				<b>GB</b>
Atlanta	88-50	.638	-	
Philadelphia	69-69	.500	19	
Montreal	69-70	.496	19.5	
<b>National League Central</b>				<b>GB</b>
St. Louis	78-61	.561	-	
Houston	73-65	.529	4.5	
Cincinnati	67-72	.482	11	
<b>National League West</b>				<b>GB</b>
Arizona	86-53	.619	-	
Los Angeles	81-58	.583	5	
San Francisco	78-59	.569	7	

### Tuesday's scores

Minnesota 3-2 Seattle  
 Chicago Cubs 3-0 Milwaukee  
 Baltimore 8-3 Texas  
 Arizona 7-1 Los Angeles  
 Cleveland 9-3 Detroit  
 Atlanta 6-0 Pittsburgh  
 N.Y. Yankees 3-1 Boston  
 Montreal 8-5 Philadelphia  
 Toronto 6-2 Chicago Sox  
 N.Y. Mets 11-3 Florida  
 Anaheim 4-2 Tampa Bay  
 St. Louis 10-5 Cincinnati

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