



FREEDOM WATCH



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News briefs

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Bush presses case against Iraq

WASHINGTON — President Bush plans to address the American people today, at 8 p.m. ET, to present his case against Iraq. He returned Sunday to Washington after a weekend at his parents' home in Kennebunkport, Maine, where he worked on the speech. He is expected to discuss the role of U.N. weapons inspections and the U.S. argument that inspectors should not return to Iraq before the passage of a new Security Council resolution threatening the use of military force if Iraqi officials deny having weapons of mass destruction. Iraq's U.N. ambassador, Mohammed Aldouri, suggested Sunday his country could allow inspectors access even to the presidential sites not covered by last week's agreement with the U.N. weapons inspection team.

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USAF reduces deployed security forces

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SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. — Air Force officials have reduced the number of security forces needed at deployed locations by 10 percent, allowing more than 200 airmen to come home earlier than originally planned.

The adjustment was the result of a manpower assessment and helps reduce the operations tempo for this critically manned career field. Following the review, officials determined more than 300 additional SF

positions can be reduced from future air and space expeditionary force deployments.

Technological advances and the findings of an operations review are some of the reasons behind the reductions, said Lt. Col. Troy Robinett, U.S. Central Command air forces' chief of force-protection operations. Guardsmen and reservists currently fill about 95 percent of the reductions identified.

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said.

The reductions, while primarily affecting Reserve forces, will affect active-duty forces in the long term. Active-duty forces would eventually have to fill the positions as the Reserve forces are demobilized, said Chief Master Sgt. Ezzard Luke, a security forces sched-

uler at the Air and Space Expeditionary Force Center at Langley Air Force Base, Va.

"We mobilized a lot of Guard and Reserve forces to meet the initial demand," Luke said. "Even though Reserve forces may be tasked in future

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Policy change increases tuition assist.

By Michelle Bard
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Soldiers now have more money to pay for their education because of changes to the Department of Defense's tuition-assistance policy.

As of Tuesday, the Army's Tuition Assistance program pays up to \$250 per semester hour of credit and an annual ceiling of \$4,500 to soldiers enrolled in a post-secondary school. The policy also covers textbooks if they are included in the school's tuition rates.

Under the old policy, the tuition-assistance grant was up to 75 percent of tuition, capped at \$187.50 per semester hour and \$3,500 a year.

"This policy offers greater opportunities for those who want to continue their education," said Janice Yoo, Tuition Assistance program manager at the Total Army Personnel Command, Alexandria, Va.

The increase was in response to changes made in law

(10 USC 2007) two years ago. A revision to Army Regulation 621-5 is currently being staffed, officials said.

Yoo said the policy could not be implemented immediately when it was enacted.

"We couldn't snap our fingers and change it," Yoo said. "Additional funds had to be programmed to support the

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rotations, the overall burden would still fall to the active force.”

Many of the troops who filled these positions have already been sent home while another large chunk of the positions were eliminated before airmen left for deployed locations.

Senior Air Force officials directed the manpower assessment as they continue to look for ways to minimize tour lengths and tour-length extensions. Officials plan reviews of other “stressed” specialties soon.

A seven-person team led by Robinett carried out the operations review. It consisted of members from CENTAF, the AEF Center, Air Combat Command, Combined Forces Air Component Commander Security Forces and the Air Force Security Forces Center.

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change.”

There is a misconception that the new tuition assistance will always cover 100 percent of tuition, Yoo said. However, the Army will pay 100 percent only if the institution’s fees are \$250 per semester hour or less. If the fees exceed \$250, the Army will not pay more to cover the difference, she

said.

“If you are really strapped for cash, federal grants are available. You can still apply for Pell grants,” Yoo said.

Enrolled soldiers may also draw funds from their Montgomery GI Bill. Active-duty soldiers can receive up to \$32,400 for 36 months or more of service effective Oct. 1.

Soldiers enrolled in the MGIB, and who

have also been on active duty for at least two years, can elect to use part of their MGIB entitlement to cover tuition costs which exceed the Tuition Assistance cap. This add-on benefit is called “Top-Up.”

The Tuition Assistance Program was introduced in 1947 to showcase the Army’s commitment to educating its soldiers, officials said.



Bagram Air Base MWR movies

The Bagram Air Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff present “Life or Something Like It” tonight at 1530Z at the MWR building.

Tomorrow’s movie will be “Sixth Sense,” showing at the same time.



Army/Navy football game

The search is on for units with video skit ideas for the upcoming Army/Navy football game Dec. 7. A public affairs video team will film the skits at Afghanistan this month and November. The tapes will then be aired on national television during the football game.

For more information, call the 28th Public Affairs Detachment at 318-231-4239 or e-mail lawsonr@baf.cjtf180.army.mil.

HIND SIGHT

1849

Edgar Allan Poe, at age 40, died a tragic death in Baltimore. Never able to overcome his drinking habits, he was found in a delirious condition outside a saloon that was used as a voting place.

1913

In attempting to find ways to lower the cost of the automobile and make it more affordable to ordinary Americans, Henry Ford took note of the work of efficiency experts like Frederick Taylor, the "father of scientific management." The result was the assembly line that reduced the time it took to manufacture a car, from 12 hours to 93 minutes.

1957

A fire in the Windscale plutonium production reactor (later called Sellafield) north of Liverpool, England, spread radioactive iodine and plutonium through the countryside and into the Irish Sea. Livestock in the immediate area were destroyed, along with 500,000 gallons of milk.

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Karzai: bin Laden 'probably' dead

KABUL, Afghanistan — "I would come to believe that (bin Laden) probably is dead," said Afghan President Hamid Karzai Sunday. "But still, you never know. He might be alive. Five months ago, six months ago, I was thinking that he was alive. The more we don't hear of him, and the more time passes, there is the likelihood that he probably is either dead or seriously wounded somewhere." But he said former Taliban leader Mullah Omar is certainly alive. "We know of that," he said. "And we have come close to arresting him several times, but he's been able to escape."

U.S. soldiers get talking translators

OWEGO, N.Y. — If U.S. troops soon storm into Iraq, they'll be counting on computerized language translators to help with everything from interrogating prisoners to locating chemical weapons caches. Besides converting orders like "put your hands up" into spoken Arabic or Kurdish, military officials hope to enable quick translations of time-sensitive intelligence from some of the world's most difficult tongues — normally a painstaking task. Besides Arabic, units are in the works capable of translating Kurdish and Farsi, two languages also spoken in the region. The devices, some already tested in the Balkans and Afghanistan, range from Palm-style handhelds that use English-language cues to play prerecorded foreign phrases, to a two-way voice translator developed partly at Lockheed Martin's Owego plant that allows speakers of English and Serbo-Croatian to hold a shaky conversation.

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 86F L: 48F	<i>Mostly sunny</i> H: 84F L: 46F
Kandahar:	<i>Haze</i> H: 91F L: 52F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 91F L: 54F
Kabul:	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 82F L: 52F	<i>Mostly sunny</i> H: 82F L: 48F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 88F L: 54F	<i>Sunny</i> H: 86F L: 53F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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COALITION SPORTSZONE

MLB playoff game summaries

(Compiled from ESPN.com)

Twins survive A's rally, advance to first ALCS since 1991

OAKLAND, Calif.-- Not only are the Minnesota Twins here to stay, now they're going home — to open a most unlikely AL championship series.

Brad Radke pitched 6 2/3 dominant innings to beat Oakland again, and the Twins survived a late rally to top the Athletics 5-4 Sunday in the decisive Game 5 of their Division Series.

The Twins made their first playoff appearance in 11 years despite a tiny payroll and baseball's offseason plan to eliminate them. But facing consecutive elimination games, the Contraction Kids won 11-2 at the Metrodome on Saturday, then crossed half the continent to win the tense clincher about 30 hours later.

Giants rout Braves, force deciding game

SAN FRANCISCO -- Livan Hernandez boasted about his postseason perfection, then went out and backed it up.

Hernandez won again in October and the San Francisco Giants battered Tom Glavine for the second time to beat the Atlanta Braves 8-3 Sunday and even their NL division series at 2-2.

Barry Bonds drove in the first run and the Giants led all the way, sending both teams back to Atlanta for a decisive Game 5 on Monday night. Buses to carry the clubs to the airport for cross-country flights were lined up before it ended.

Kevin Millwood, already waiting at home in Atlanta, will pitch for the Braves on three days' rest against a fully rested Russ Ortiz.

Handed a 7-0 lead, Hernandez — the 1997 NLCS and World Series MVP — improved to 6-0 in the postseason. Even after a disappointing record of 12-16 in the regular season, he was confident before his first outing of this series.

"I never lose in October," he said.

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The right-hander carried a no-hit bid into the fifth, but Vinny Castilla hit a high popup that dropped between Hernandez, third baseman David Bell and shortstop Rich Aurilia for a single.

Bell charged in too far and the ball fell behind him. Keith Lockhart followed with another base hit.

2002 Major League playoffs

American League

New York vs. Anaheim

Tuesday

N.Y. Yankees 8, Anaheim 5, Yankees lead 1-0

Wednesday

Anaheim 8, N.Y. Yankees 6, Series tied 1-1

Friday

Anaheim 9, N.Y. Yankees 6, Angels lead 2-1

Saturday

Anaheim 9, N.Y. Yankees 5, Angels win series 3-1

Minnesota vs. Oakland

Tuesday

Minnesota 7, Oakland 5, Twins lead 1-0

Wednesday

Oakland 9, Minnesota 1, Series tied 1-1

Friday

Oakland 6, Minnesota 3, A's lead series 2-1

Saturday

Minnesota 11, Oakland 2, Series tied 2-2

Sunday

Minnesota 5, Oakland 4, Twins win 3-2

National League

Atlanta vs. San Francisco

Wednesday

San Fran. 8, Atlanta 5, Giants lead 1-0

Thursday

Atlanta 7, San Fran. 3, Series tied 1-1

Saturday

Atlanta 10, San Francisco 2, Braves lead 2-1

Sunday

San Francisco 8, Atlanta 3, Series tied 2-2

Monday

San Francisco at Atlanta

Arizona vs. St. Louis

Tuesday

St. Louis 12, Arizona 2, Cardinals lead 1-0

Thursday

St. Louis 2, Arizona 1, Cardinals lead 2-0

Saturday

St. Louis 6, Arizona 3, Cardinals sweep series 3-0

American League Championship Series

Minnesota vs. Anaheim

National League Championship Series

St. Louis vs. San Fran./Atlanta



2002 National Football League standings

American Football Conference

East

Miami	4-1	.800
N.England	3-2	.600
Buffalo	2-3	.400
N.Y. Jets	1-4	.200

North

Baltimore	2-2	.500
Cleveland	2-3	.400
Pittsburgh	1-3	.250
Cincinnati	0-5	.000

South

Jacksonville	3-1	.750
Indianapolis	3-1	.750
Houston	1-3	.250
Tennessee	1-4	.200

West

Oakland	4-0	1.000
Denver	4-1	.800
Oakland	4-1	.800
Kansas City	3-2	.600



National Football Conference

East

Philadelphia	3-2	.600
N.Y. Giants	3-2	.600
Washington	2-2	.500
Dallas	2-3	.400

North

Green Bay	3-1	.750
Chicago	2-2	.500
Detroit	1-3	.250
Minnesota	0-4	.000

South

New Orleans	4-1	.800
Tampa Bay	4-1	.800
Carolina	3-2	.600
Atlanta	1-3	.250

West

San Francisco	3-1	.750
Arizona	3-2	.600
Seattle	1-3	.250
St. Louis	0-5	.000

NFL scoreboard: Week 5

Tampa Bay 20, Atlanta 6
 Oakland 49, Buffalo 31
 N.Y. Giants 21, Dallas 17
 Washington 31, Tennessee 14
 Indianapolis 28, Cincinnati 21
 Miami 26, New England 13
 New Orleans 32, Pittsburgh 29
 Arizona 16, Carolina 13
 Kansas City 29, N.Y. Jets 25
 Denver 26, San Diego 9
 San Francisco 37, St. Louis 13
 Jacksonville 28, Philadelphia 25
 Baltimore 26, Cleveland 21

Top Performers

Passing

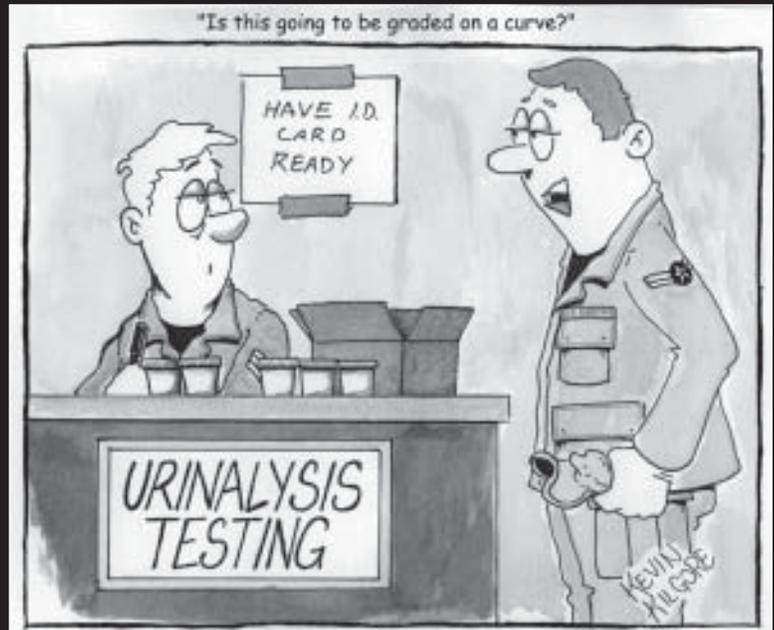
Bledsoe, BUF, 417 yards, 2 TDs, 3 INTs
 Gannon, OAK, 357 yards, 3 TDs, 0 INTs
 Griese, DEN, 316 yards, 2 TDs, 1 INT

Rushing

Lewis, BAL, 26 carries for 187 yards, 0 TDs
 Dillon, CIN, 23 carries for 164 yards, 2 TDs
 Holmes, KC, 23 carries for 152 yards, 1 TD

Receiving

Northcutt, CLE, 8 catches for 165 yards, 2 TDs
 Harrison, KC, 9 catches for 145 yards, 1 TD
 Johnson, TB, 6 catches for 131 yards, 1 TD



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