



FREEDOM WATCH



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News briefs

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Sailors used Navy credit to hire prostitutes

WASHINGTON — Navy personnel used government credit cards to hire prostitutes at brothels, buy jewelry, gamble and attend New York Yankees and Los Angeles Lakers games in fraudulent purchases exceeding \$200,000, Congressional investigators have found. The study shows the abuses continued many months after the investigators first publicly reported on problems with the travel cards. From October 2000 through March 2002, the new survey found 1,180 Navy transactions for personal items totaling \$206,700.

Bush makes case against Iraq

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Warning of war but expressing hope for peace, President Bush outlined his case Monday night against Saddam Hussein's "arsenal of terror," saying the Iraqi leader must disarm or face a possible mili-

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U.S., Russia partner against terror

By Linda D. Kozaryn
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WASHINGTON — The United States and Russia are partners in the war against terrorism and both share the strategic goal of seeing Iraq disarmed of its weapons of mass destruction, Secretary of State Colin Powell said Thursday.

Speaking at the U.S.-Russia Business Council's annual meeting, Powell highlighted the strategic partnership that President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin have established and that they plan to deepen in

the years ahead. "Russia is becoming a full participant in the international system," Powell said.

"Today, across the globe, Russia and the United States are working together on issues of shared concern, rather than vying for spheres of influence," he said. "The global chessboard of the Cold War, with red pieces for Soviet communism and white pieces for the Free World has been overturned once and for all."

Recalling that as a U.S. soldier he'd spent most of his adult life preparing for war with the Soviets, Powell said he still finds himself

"astonished at the reality of this new situation." As a second lieutenant all the way to serving as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he was concerned with the Fulda Gap, the most likely point of a Soviet attack on the East-West German border.

"I was kidding with someone the other day," Powell noted, "and I said, 'You know what the Fulda Gap is, don't you? It's a store that sells Levi's somewhere near the town of Fulda.'"

The United States and Russia are now cooperating to defuse tensions between India and Pakistan, to consolidate peace in the Balkans

and to end violence in the Middle East. Powell said he talks about these and other issues almost daily with Russia's Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov.

"We want to make sure that we are inside one another's pocket in the decision process," the secretary said. "We share the strategic goal of an Iraq disarmed of its weapons of mass destruction, and we are working together to achieve it."

The United States and Russia are partners in the war against terrorism.

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Operation Goodie Bag

Tech. Sgt. Michael Sullo (left) and Staff Sgt. Steven Brettler, both from the 81st Services Division, Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., load candy, snacks, toiletries and other items donated by base exchange and commissary shoppers for deployed service-members. American Red Cross sponsored the effort, dubbed Operation Goodie Bag.

Outlook improves for Afghan women

By Kathleen T. Rhem
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WASHINGTON — The plight of women in Afghanistan under the Taliban regime ranked among the worst endured by any group of humans in modern history. But international aid organizations and the U.S. government are working hard to help these women learn to help themselves.

"Women, who just one year ago

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Counterterrorism cooperation is now a key element of the relationship, and Russia has made invaluable contributions to the global anti-terror coalition. This includes military assistance, over-flight clearance, search and rescue assistance, intelligence sharing and law enforcement cooperation.

Powell said he'll never forget Putin's response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. "He came out, and he stood with us against a common enemy," the secretary said. "He responded to President Bush's call for all of us to unite against terrorism."

U.S. relations have gone from being based on a balance of fear, Powell said, to one based on mutual interests. When the United States pulled out of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty last December, he noted, there "was no crisis in U.S.-Russia relations, no new arms race began."

Powell recalled that even though Putin disagreed with the U.S. decision, the Russian president did not let it change the relationship between the two countries because they had important work to do. Six months later, both sides signed the Treaty of Moscow, a historic strategic arms-reduction treaty to slash strategic offen-

sive weapons arsenals over the next 10 years, and a declaration redefining the U.S.- Russian agenda emphasizing cooperation and joint action to meet 21st century challenges.

A few days later in Rome, the United States joined the North Atlantic Alliance in forming the NATO-Russia Council to foster Russia's full integration into the Euro-Atlantic community. Heading into NATO's Prague summit scheduled for November, Powell said, there is "a great deal more calm atmosphere than would have been expected."

"Russia's new partnership with NATO and the admission of new members," he said, "will strengthen the alliance's ability to meet new security threats."

Even though ties between the United States and Russia are now focused on cooperation and partnership, Powell noted, there are still areas of serious disagreement. U.S. officials are concerned about Russian nuclear weapons and ballistic missile technology that is still finding its way to Iran. U.S. officials are also concerned about Chechnya and terrorist activities in the Republic of Georgia's Pankisi Gorge.

"These disagreements, however," Powell said, "should not cause us to lose sight of the dramatic changes that have occurred in our relationship on the security front."

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were prisoners in their own homes, are now free," said Secretary of State Colin Powell. "They are judges and educators, broadcasters, economists, business women (and) government ministers."

The secretary was speaking to the Afghanistan Reconstruction Steering Group meeting at the World Bank headquarters in Washington.

"Afghanistan under the Taliban gave the world a sobering example of a country where women were denied their rights and their place in society," first lady Laura Bush said in March.

American and Afghan leaders have agreed that women need a role in Afghan society much broader than in the past.

"We all know, and it's to be sure, that there is a long road ahead for the women of Afghanistan and for their country," Powell said Sept. 24 in welcoming 14 Afghan women to the United States for a four-week Educational Leadership Program.

The program hosts women employees of various Afghan government agencies to study computer skills; train in proposal development, communications and leadership management; and participate in familiarization tours of community programs.

The U.S.-Afghan Women's Council's Web site at usawc.state.gov notes it "facilitates public-private partnerships that empower

Afghan women to play a critical role in the rebuilding of Afghanistan."

The three main issues facing Afghan women today are poor health care, education and financial opportunities. The council is working with the Afghan Ministry of Women's Affairs to build women's development centers in each of the country's 32 provinces, the Web site says. These provincial centers would help women gain access to job training, childcare resources, adult literacy and human rights awareness programs, and basic health services.

Quality health care for women is one of the most desperate needs in Afghanistan today. More than 90 percent of Afghan women give birth at home, most without the aid of a physician or trained midwife. The council Web site explains the country has one of the world's highest rates of maternal deaths.

Afghanistan also has one of the world's highest mortality rates for infants and children.

With such physical health care crises, Afghan women's mental health issues might be overlooked, but the problem is equally dramatic. The council Web site says the aid group Physicians for Human Rights estimated in 2001 that more than 70 percent of women exposed to the Taliban's policies met the diagnostic criteria for major depression.



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 in Afghanistan this month and November to 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

1855

Arrow, a ship flying the British flag, is boarded by Chinese who arrest the crew, thus beginning the Second Chinese War.

1897

Journalist Charles Henry Dow, founder of the *Wall Street Journal*, begins charting trends of stocks and bonds.

1906

Karl Ludwig Nessler first demonstrates a machine in London that puts permanent waves in hair. The client wears a dozen brass curlers, each wearing two pounds, for the six-hour process.

1956

Don Larson of the New York Yankees pitched the first perfect game in World Series history against the Brooklyn Dodgers.

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tary strike. "The time for denying, deceiving and delaying has come to an end," Bush told civic leaders at the Cincinnati Museum Center. "Saddam Hussein must disarm himself or — for the sake of peace — we will lead a coalition to disarm him." The president offered no major revelations in his speech, but much like a prosecutor delivering a closing argument, Bush calmly and forcefully laid out the administration's case against Iraq. Such a resolution, Bush said, should not suggest that military action is "imminent or unavoidable," only that the United States was speaking with "one voice."

School shooting linked to sniper

BOWIE, Maryland — Police Monday linked the shooting of a 13-year-old boy gunned down outside a middle school in Prince George's County to sniper attacks in the Washington area last week that left six people dead and another wounded. "The projectile is identical to those that have been recovered from other scenes," said Joe Riehl, a special agent for the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. Prince George's Police Chief Gerald Wilson refused to discuss the sniper's possible motive. Authorities said the reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the killer or killers has risen to \$160,000 — \$100,000 from the state, \$50,000 from Montgomery County and another \$10,000 from a victims' rights foundation.

Bagram Air Base MWR movies

The Bagram Air Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff will present "Sixth Sense" tonight at 1530Z at the MWR building.

Tomorrow's movie will be "Tombstone," showing at the same time.

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	Today	Wednesday
Bagram:	Mostly clear H: 84F L: 48F	Mostly clear H: 82F L: 45F
Kandahar:	Haze H: 91F L: 52F	Dusty H: 91F L: 54F
Kabul:	Mostly clear H: 82F L: 48F	Mostly clear H: 81F L: 45F
Uzbekistan:	Clear H: 86F L: 53F	Clear H: 83F L: 51F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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COALITION SPORTSZONE

Struggling coach shouldn't be judged by this season's performance

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The dynasty died when he left. So there shouldn't be any gaping mouths in Gainesville.

Everyone knew it was going to be bad this season. Seven wins and maybe a competitive bowl appearance was all that experts predicted for the colorful Florida Gators.

Ron Zook, who was given the insurmountable task of filling probably the biggest shoes in college football history when he signed on to replace Steve Spurrier, had a plan for this year. It all started with his quarterback, Rex Grossman.

It has been widely reported that Grossman, who almost became the first sophomore to win the Heisman Trophy last season, wanted to pack his bag and join his coach in Washington. A sports magazine went as far as writing that Grossman called Spurrier, asking him if he would draft him in the NFL Draft (Washington selected Tulane quarterback Patrick Ramsay) if he would leave school.

But Zook somehow convinced the talented quarterback to stick around because the offense would still revolve around him. Nothing would change; the game plans would be the same as when Spurrier, who won the Heisman in 1966 as a Florida Gator, was running the show.

The voters also were convinced Zook would do a good job.

Remember, last year Miami lost its coach (Butch Davis) to the NFL, but the replacement (Larry Coker) without any coaching experience ended up leading the Hurricanes to the national title. Fact is Coker has yet to lose a

game!

The Gators were ranked in the top 10 in both polls heading into their first test against a superior team – the Hurricanes. The school had an opportunity to silence all the detractors by dismissing the defending national champions.

It wasn't even close.

The whispers became louder as the team plummeted in the polls. *Steve would have won that game.*

A couple of weeks later, the team had another chance to show the nation that Spurrier wasn't missed. By beating Tennessee, the Gators would bolt back to prominence. The season would be saved!

Whew! They dismantled the fourth-ranked Volunteers in the soggy, soaked field known as "the Swamp." Rex was king, Zook looked like a genius and all was well in Gator Nation with a number six ranking.

That was until this past weekend.

The Gators couldn't even beat Mississippi. Eli Manning, Peyton's younger brother, finally delivered a blow to the Gators' already fragile season. With a 4-2 record and still another date with the vaunting Florida State Seminoles, it seems Zook and his quarterback, who are ranked 16th, will be left out in the cold during the upcoming BCS rankings.

Well, one thing is certain. Super Spurrier won only a single title in his legendary tenure at Florida (1996), so even if Zook loses the rest of his games, he shouldn't be criticized for not maintaining the school's tradition of winning games. Heck, he already has done something Spurrier could rarely do – beat Tennessee.

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



College GameDay

(Compiled from yahoo.com)

Associated Press Top 25

(as of Saturday)

TEAM	PTS	Last week	This week
1. Miami, Fla. (5-0)	1,849	d. U.Conn 48-14	Florida St. (5-1)
2. Oklahoma (4-0)	1,707	d. Missouri 31-24	Texas (5-0)
3. Texas (5-0)	1,698	d. Ok. State 17-15	Oklahoma (5-0)
4. Virginia Tech (5-0)	1,632	Idle	Boston Coll. (3-1)
5. Ohio St. (6-0)	1,552	d. Northwestern 27-16	San Jose St. (4-2)
6. Georgia (5-0)	1,485	d. Alabama 27-25	Tennessee (4-1)
7. Oregon (5-0)	1,390	d. Arizona 31-14	UCLA (4-1)
8. Notre Dame (5-0)	1,349	d. Stanford 31-7	Pittsburgh (5-1)
9. Florida St. (5-1)	1,182	d. Clemson 48-31	Miami (5-0)
10. Tennessee (4-1)	1,132	d. Arkansas 41-38	Georgia (5-0)
11. Iowa St. (5-1)	1,000	Idle	Texas Tech (4-2)
12. Washington St. (5-1)	998	d. USC 30-27	Stanford (1-3)
13. Michigan (4-1)	986	Idle	Penn State (4-1)
14. N. Carolina St. (6-0)	877	Idle	N. Carolina (2-3)
15. Penn State (4-1)	710	d. Wisconsin 34-31	Michigan (4-1)
16. Florida (4-2)	687	lost to Mississippi 17-14	LSU (4-1)
17. Iowa (5-1)	582	d. Purdue 31-28	Michigan St. (3-2)
18. LSU (4-1)	569	d. La Lafayette 48-0	Florida (4-2)
19. Kansas St. (4-1)	435	lost to Colorado 35-31	Ok. State (2-3)
20. USC (3-2)	301	lost to Wash. State 30-27	California (4-2)
21. Air Force (5-0)	298	d. Navy 48-7	BYU (3-2)
22. Washington (3-2)	293	lost to California 34-27	Arizona (3-2)
23. Wisconsin (5-1)	223	lost to Penn State 34-31	Indiana (2-3)
24. Auburn (4-1)	222	Idle	Arkansas (2-2)
25. Mississippi (4-1)	173	d. Florida 17-14	Arkansas St. (4-3)

Dropped Out: No. 22 Alabama; No. 23 Texas A&M; No. 25 Colorado State

2002 Heisman Trophy candidates

Seneca Wallace, QB, Iowa St.

Season stats: 92-of-145 for 1,358 yards, 7 TDs, 6 INTs

Ken Dorsey, QB, Miami

Season stats: 76-of-132 for 1,043 yards, 14 TDs, 5 INTs

Rex Grossman, QB, Florida

Season stats: 101-of-179 for 1,634 yards, 10 TDs, 10INTs

Byron Leftwich, QB, Marshall

Season stats: 117-of-184 for 1,592 yards, 11 TDs, 5 INTs

Willis McGahee, RB, Miami

Season stats: 79 carries, 640 yards, 10 TDs

Charles Rogers, WR, Michigan

Season stats: 32 receptions for 687 yards, 7 TDs



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