



FREEDOM WATCH



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News briefs

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Shots fired to stop Scud ship

WASHINGTON — About a dozen Scud missiles were found aboard a ship that was stopped by a Spanish frigate after it fired warning shots to keep the ship from fleeing. The ship now sits under the watchful eyes of a number of warships in the Indian Ocean and weapons experts don't want to move the vessel to port until its explosive cargo can be stabilized. Although the ship did not have a flag, its crew was North Korean. The ship had been monitored by U.S. intelligence since leaving North Korea. The ship was stopped during a coalition maritime intercept several hundred miles off the coast southeast of Yemen in the Indian Ocean. Pentagon officials believe the ship was headed to the Horn of Africa. The Spanish crew found containers buried in cement in the ship's cargo hold. U.S. officials said there is no belief that the ship was headed to Iraq.

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U.S. Navy photo by Photographer's Mate 2nd Class H. Dwain Willis
Sailors aboard the Harry S. Truman, the Navy's newest aircraft carrier, raise the Colors as the ship pulls away to support Operation Enduring Freedom.

Harry S. Truman deploys for OEF

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ABOARD USS HARRY S. TRUMAN, At Sea — USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) left its homeport of Norfolk, Va., Dec. 5 for a regularly scheduled six-month deployment, the ship's second since its commissioning in 1998.

The ship and embarked Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 3 are deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

According to Execu-

tive Officer Capt. Ted Carter, there is no need for anything extra to inspire the crew.

"Everybody here is self-motivated," Carter said. "No job is less important than any other. I've never felt the need to give the crew any 'artificial motivation.'"

Preparing for a six-month stint away from their homes and families, Harry S. Truman (HST) Sailors made sure to have their last-minute necessities and comforts packed and ready to go.

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Telepathology connects Germany to Walter Reed

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Army News Service

WASHINGTON — A pathologist in Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany, turns off the lights and shuts the door as he leaves his office. His work for the day is over. Shortly after his departure, the microscope on his desk comes to life, adjusts itself and starts examining a slide resting on its specimen plate. It was as if an invisible man was at the controls.

It's not magic and the microscope is not possessed, it is being remotely controlled thou-

sands of miles away at Washington, D.C.'s Walter Reed Army Medical Center where the day is just beginning. It's one of the Army's new technologies.

"Now we are able to do what would normally involve mailing slides or taking a bunch of pictures. We are able to control a microscope at a remote site and make interpretive diagnosis," said Maj. Keith Kaplan, medical director of cytopathology at Walter Reed.

This breakthrough technology comes at a time when the Army is faced with a shortage of, among other things, pathologists.

Kaplan said telepathology allows pathologists to do more with less, while improving the quality of care to the patients.

A pathologist's job is to study tissues removed from patients for diagnostic purposes. Pathologists use microscopes to take a closer look at suspicious tissue in order to form a diagnosis.

"Now we do regular teleconferences with Landstuhl. The strength of it is that you get to look at the same slide at the same time and discuss the case and the

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slide. That's a lot different than mailing a case off to a consultant and waiting three weeks for a letter to come back to see what their diagnosis was," Kaplan said.

The telepathology system uses \$60,000 modified microscopes equipped with computerized servers to control movement. A camera on top sends real-time images to the computer. The images are then transmitted over the Internet and through secure Army networks back to Walter Reed or the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology for closer examination. The transfer delay is measured in seconds instead of days, providing almost immediate feedback to the inquiring, remotely located pathologist.

"Everything you would do at your own microscope you can do on this system," Kaplan said.

Everything from adjusting magnification power to moving the slide around to view the entire specimen can be per-

formed.

"As a patient if you have a cancer, blood or other problem, it gives another set of eyes, another expert opinion," said Maj. Joseph M. Flynn, Chief of the hematology and oncology clinic at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center. "People don't realize what it means to be in a remote setting. Walter Reed has some expertise that we don't normally have available."

Kaplan said the system brings to the Army many other benefits. He expects savings in shipping costs, paperwork and the amount people required to ship slides to the various institutions.

"But those are greatly outweighed by the intangible benefits, that is the ability to get this real-time consultation without having to jump through all of those hoops," Kaplan said. "We can serve patients much more effectively over a shorter time span. It has certainly made strides in terms of the care we provide our beneficiaries."

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"I brought all my favorite CDs and pictures of my family on board," said Interior Communications Electrician 2nd Class (SW/AW) Noah A. Cook of HST's combat systems division. "These little things help me escape the daily routine when we are out to sea."

Apart from the books, photo albums, blankets, CDs and other material possessions that will bring a "little slice of home" under-

way, Sailors have different ways of coping with being away from their loved ones for six months.

"Even though this is my second deployment, it's going to be difficult to be away from my loved ones again," said Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd Class (AW) Andrew J. Hill, a member of the ship's aircraft intermediate maintenance division. "So I plan on constantly keeping in touch with my girlfriend and fam-

ily throughout the next couple of months."

The emotional stress felt by both the Sailor and their families can be lessened through regular contact via mail, e-mail and telephone calls. Sailors who left children behind will be able to remain close thanks to the "United Through Reading" program.

The United Through Reading program will give deployed Sailors and Marines the unique chance to read stories aloud on video. The

video is then send home so their children can listen to their favorite stories as told by their parent.

"I think this is a fantastic opportunity to help deployed families keep in touch," said Chief Disbursing Clerk (SW) Nancy McNeil, who oversees the program. "It's a comforting feeling knowing that my family will miss me when they see the video. It helps me focus on what's out here by giving me peace of mind."

The carrier pulled

away from the pier at Norfolk with a new underway song. Instead of their usual song, the theme from the movie "Superman," the ship and air wing were ushered along to the tune of "Living on the Edge" by the rock band Aerosmith. The legendary rock group had visited the ship in October while in Norfolk as part of a concert tour.

HST is scheduled to relieve USS George Washington (CVN 73), whose return date has not been determined.



U.S. military deployment entitlements

- ❖ **Hostile Fire Pay** — You will be authorized **\$150** per month for every month that you are in designated areas.
- ❖ **Combat Zone Tax Exclusion** — Designated areas in theater have been deemed non-taxable (**federal taxes only**) for any pay up to **\$5,532.90** a month and leave earned.
- ❖ **Hazardous Duty Pay Location** — Starts the day of arrival and ends the day of departure. You will be authorized up to **\$100** a month (\$3.33 a day if not in theater the entire month).
- ❖ **Basic Allowance for Subsistence** — All soldiers will receive the standard rate of BAS. This rate will be **\$241.60 for enlisted** and **\$166.37 for officers**.
- ❖ **Family Separation Allowance** — Starts effective the day you departed your home station. However, you must be separated from your dependent for 30 days for this to start. You will be authorized up to **\$100** a month (\$3.33 a day if not in theatre the entire month).
- ❖ **Per Diem**: You are authorized **\$3.50 a day** for everyday you spend in theatre. **Upon completion of your tour you will need to file a travel voucher (DD form 1351-2).**

Additional info on Reserve pay issues

- ❖ **Allotments** — Reservists CANNOT start any allotments. This is because the DJMS-RC system is not capable of inputting allotments.
- ❖ **Leave** — Reservists must cash in leave upon separation from active-duty status. In addition leave accrued is not reflected on the LES.
- ❖ **Pay Day** — Paid twice per month. Thus entitlements will show up half on the 15th and half on the first.
- ❖ **HDP-L** — This entitlement will not be reflected on your LES until the following month.
- ❖ **CZTE** — Paid the month following the entitlement. Also, as is the case with HDP-L upon termination of active duty, servicemember will receive one final LES reimbursing the prior months' entitlements.

HIND SIGHT

1882

A production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *Iolanthe* at Boston's Bijou Theatre became the first performance in a theatre lit by incandescent electric lights.

1927

Nearly 400 world leaders signed a letter to President Calvin Coolidge asking the United States to join the World Court.

1945

A Boeing B-29 Superfortress shattered all records by crossing the United States in five hours and 27 minutes.

1967

The Concorde, a joint British-French venture and the world's first supersonic airliner, was unveiled in Toulouse, France.

1972

Challenger, the lunar lander for *Apollo 17*, touched down on the moon's surface, the last time men visited the moon.

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Carter accepts Nobel Peace Prize

OSLO, Norway — Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter accepted the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize Tuesday, an award that recognized a life of public service. In his acceptance speech, Carter urged people everywhere to work for peace in a world that has become "a more dangerous place." He urged respect for the United Nations and said the U.S., as the last superpower, has "not assumed that super strength guarantees super wisdom." Carter's nomination for the Nobel Prize is in recognition of decades of work for peace, human rights and democracy, from Cuba to North Korea.

Iraq accuses U.S. of 'blackmail'

UNITED NATIONS — Iraqi officials Tuesday accused the U.S. of "unprecedented blackmail" for obtaining an unedited copy of Iraq's dossier on its weapons of mass destruction. White House officials called the statement "ludicrous." An Iraqi Foreign Ministry statement said the U.S. received a copy before any other U.N. Security Council member and that "America aims to manipulate the U.N. documents to find a cover for aggression against Iraq." Though Iraq said the declaration proves the nation has no prohibited weapons, U.S. Defense Department officials repeated assertions that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein does have them and has hidden the evidence.

Bagram Air Base MWR movies

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

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

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	Today	Thursday
Bagram:	Cloudy H: 48F L: 34F	Rain H: 52F L: 36F
Kandahar:	Haze H: 68F L: 32F	Rain H: 50F L: 35F
Kabul:	Rain H: 46F L: 34F	Rain H: 46F L: 34F
Uzbekistan:	Rain H: 50F L: 36F	Snow H: 46F L: 35F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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The Day in Sports

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Pierce, Walker overcome magic in Monday night OT

BOSTON— The Boston Celtics outdueled the Orlando Magic when it counted.

Paul Pierce scored 30 points, including 10 of Boston's final 12 in regulation, and Antoine Walker added 28 points as the Celtics beat the Orlando Magic 114-109 in overtime on Monday night.

"We feel overtime is our time to win games especially on our home floor," Walker said. "We haven't been great defensively all year, but we are a stingy team late in the game and it showed tonight."

Orlando's Tracy McGrady led all scorers with 31 points, Mike Miller added 29 and Grant Hill had 20 points, 14 rebounds and seven turnovers.

The Magic had a drought of 6:59 without a field goal starting with 2:52 left in regulation. Miller, who was 6-for-9 from 3-point land, was held scoreless in that stretch.

"When you have a guy going like Miller was tonight, we call it 'Feed the pig,'" Magic coach Doc Rivers said. "When the pig is hungry and running, you need to keep feeding him and we did a poor job of that tonight."

Tony Delk scored 20 points for the second consecutive game for Boston.

With the Celtics trailing 85-83 with 5:14 remaining in the fourth, Pierce scored 10 straight points for Boston to help the Celtics tie the game at 93 with 2:39 remaining.

"We were outstanding defensively with the game on the line," Celtics coach Jim O'Brien said. "I thought we played tough mentally and showed a tremendous amount of intensity."

2002 Bowl Championship Series

TEAM	TOTAL
1. Miami, Fla.	2.93
2. Ohio State	3.97
3. Georgia	8.37
4. USC	10.51
5. Iowa	10.79
6. Washington St.	16.14
7. Oklahoma	16.79
8. Kansas St.	20.13
9. Notre Dame	20.93
10. Texas	21.08
11. Michigan	23.91
12. Penn St.	26.97
13. Colorado	33.27
14. Florida St.	33.95
15. West Virginia	35.97



Grossman says he hasn't made a decision yet

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida quarterback Rex Grossman is still deciding whether to leave college for the NFL or stay with the Gators for his senior season.

"I actually haven't made up my mind yet," he said Tuesday.

Grossman, a junior, also said he probably won't submit his name to the NFL Draft Advisory Board, which informs players where they will likely be drafted. Grossman said he has information from last year that he can rely on.

"I'm still 6-foot-1, I'm still not the prototypical NFL quarterback," he said. "They know what I can do."

No. 22 Florida is preparing for the Outback Bowl against No. 12 Michigan, on Jan. 1. Grossman said he will decide on his future over the next few weeks. Most underclassmen announce their decisions after the bowl game.

On Monday, the quarterback said: "I think I pretty much know whether I'll come out or not." But on Tuesday he said he hadn't made up his mind.

2002 NBA standings



Eastern Conference

Atlantic

(2)Philadelphia	15-6
(3)Boston	14-6
(5)New Jersey	14-7
(7)Orlando	12-10
Washington	9-11

Central

(1)Indiana	15-5
(4)New Orleans	15-7
(6)Detroit	12-7
(8)Atlanta	10-10
Milwaukee	9-11

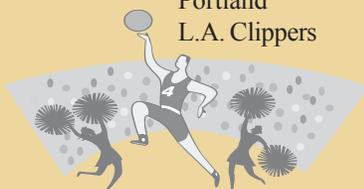
Western Conference

Midwest

(1)Dallas	18-2
(3)Houston	11-8
(4)San Antonio	12-9
(6)Utah	12-9
(7)Minnesota	12-10

Pacific

(2)Sacramento	18-5
(5)Seattle	11-9
(8)Phoenix	10-10
Portland	9-9
L.A. Clippers	9-12



Judge sets Webber trial after NBA season

DETROIT — Sacramento Kings star Chris Webber's federal perjury trial can wait until after the NBA season ends, a federal judge ruled.

Webber, father Mayce Webber Jr. and aunt Charlene Johnson are charged with obstruction of justice and perjury. They are accused of lying to a federal grand jury about their dealings with ex-University of Michigan basketball booster Eddie Martin.

Martin says he gave \$616,000 to Webber and four other Wolverines players while they were amateurs. Martin, who pleaded guilty to illegal gambling, said he gave Webber and his family \$280,000.

On Monday, U.S. District Judge Nancy G. Edmunds set the Webber family's trial for July 8.

Edmunds initially suggested the trial be held in May or June, before agreeing to a request from Webber's lawyer, Steven Fishman, to set it after the NBA playoffs end in June.

"There is no reason I can think of," said Fishman, to hold the trial in the middle of the season. He said that would be a hardship on the NBA, the Sacramento Kings and their fans.

A federal prosecutor strongly objected to the delay.

"Frankly, it is obscene," Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Convertino said. He said Martin's age of 68 could present a problem and said a delay might indefinitely postpone the trial.

Edmunds said the court often agrees to work around the schedule of "seasonal" employees, like Webber.

Brand's season-high 29 hands Hornets first home loss, fall behind Pacers

NEW ORLEANS — With his team on the brink of letting a strong road effort slip away, Elton Brand decided to take matters into his own hands.

Brand scored 13 of a season-high 29 points in the fourth quarter as the Los Angeles Clippers handed the New Orleans Hornets their first home loss of the season, 94-90 on Monday night.

Brand, surpassing 20 points for the sixth straight game, scored seven straight points after Baron Davis' 3-pointer gave New Orleans an 81-79 lead.

"I said, OK, they're up now. If I'm open, shoot," Brand said. "I'm just getting a stroke going. We have a

lot of plays called for me and I'm just getting some confidence."

Clippers coach Alvin Gentry said he wanted the ball in Brand's hands even though he had played all but two minutes.

"He doesn't get much rest, but he's a warrior," Gentry said. "When we were struggling and really needed a basket, he was the guy."

The Hornets, meanwhile, uncharacteristically fell apart in the final three minutes, turning the ball over twice and missing a pair of long jump shots.

Jamal Mashburn, who started 2-for-16 shooting, suddenly got hot, hitting a 3-pointer and a couple of jump shots between Clippers free

throws to pull New Orleans within 92-90 with eight seconds left.

But Quentin Richardson, after being fouled on the ensuing inbound pass, made a pair of free throws to put the game away.

The Hornets had won their first 11 home games and the loss also snapped a four-game winning streak. The Clippers have won three straight.

"This is the best we've played against a team of this caliber, especially considering that we played on the road," Gentry said.

Andre Miller scored 18 for Los Angeles, including some key free throws in the final minute, and Richardson added 16.

"Honey, I'm ready to go Christmas shopping."



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