



# FREEDOM WATCH



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## News briefs

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### Bush: 'A disappointing day' for peace

**WASHINGTON** — President Bush Friday said the Iraqi arms declaration “was not encouraging” and that the United States “will fulfill the terms and conditions” of the U.N. resolution calling on Saddam Hussein to disarm.

Thursday, the United States declared Iraq in “material breach” of U.N. Security Council Resolution 1441 because of “flagrant omissions” in that nation’s declaration on weapons of mass destruction.

Gen. Tommy Franks, the head of the U.S. Central Command, met with Bush and his national security team for a second consecutive day. At the top of the agenda was to put the troop deployment plans in place, and to discuss which troops will head

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## ROWPU makes water safe for soldiers

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**BAGRAM**, Afghanistan — In a field environment, the Army has an effective way of filtering raw well water into safe drinking water. Since bottled water use has declined in theater, some have questioned how safe the water in the water buffalos is and why it’s safer than bottled water.

The Reverse Osmo-

sis Water Purification Unit at Bagram Air Base has a specialized filtration system to help them make potable water. The process is called reverse osmosis and involves obtaining water from a local well and pumping it into a large storage container.

During the test for impurities, bottled water resulted in 140-150 parts per million of impurities, compared to three or four parts per million from the ROWPU water,

said Spc. Rommel Towatao, 791st Preventive Medicine specialist in Bagram.

Even though Army veterinarians inspect bottled water, sometimes the water is slightly damaged during shipment or is stored improperly. This can allow bacteria or other contaminants to get inside the bottle and grow, possibly making someone sick after drinking, said Lt. Col. Steve Horosko, Preven-

tive Medicine science officer.

The ROWPU sends well water through three levels of filtration. The first is the multimedia filter, which removes matter such as sand, dirt and chemicals.

“This filter is made up of varying grain sizes. The objective is to remove gross particulate matter with the sand, chemicals and activated charcoal,” said

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Photo by Spc. Erica Leigh Foley, 28th Public Affairs Detachment

### Hard work

**Lance Cpl. Brian Johnson and Sgt. Andrew Calime, both plane captains with the 513 Aviation Marine Corps, work on an AV-8B Harrier at Bagram Air Base.**

## USO to entertain Coalition members

**Navy News Service**

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — The Army’s senior leadership and the USO are teaming up to take a Christmas show on the road to entertain troops serving in Operation Enduring Freedom. The show is being sponsored by Secretary of the Army Thomas White, Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Eric Shinseki and Sergeant Major of the Army Jack Tilley.

Tilley, along with coun-

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try music singer Daryl Worley, comedian Kathy Griffin from “Suddenly Susan” and “J.A.G.” star Karri Turner, are headlining the seven-day trip to boost morale for the thousands of servicemembers spending the holidays away from home.

In addition, World Wrestling Federation star Bradshaw, the U.S. Army Band and cheerleaders from the Jacksonville Jaguars will also be joining the tour.

Worley will be the musical headliner on the tour. His second album, “I Miss My Friend,” debuted at number one on the country music charts this summer. The title track also hit number one on the singles chart. He is currently on tour with Brad Pais-

ley.

Griffin, who has appeared in more than a 30 movies and two-dozen television shows, will serve as the emcee for the show. She is also known for her hard-hitting stand-up routines that have been featured on HBO and as the host of the 2000 Billboard Music Awards.

Turner stars as Lt. Harriet Sims-Roberts on the CBS drama “J.A.G.” She will be celebrating a birthday during the tour.

This will be the Army Band’s first trip to a combat theater since World War II. The Band received a battle streamer for their efforts during the Rhineland Campaign and is the only Washington-based military band to have participated in a theater of foreign combat operations.

## **Christmas at Kabul Military Training Center**

- ❖ Caroling on the compound — Sunday and Monday — 1900 at the chapel
- ❖ Christmas eve candlelight services — Tuesday — 1800 and 2300 in the Conference Room
- ❖ Christmas day party and White Elephant gift exchange — Wednesday — 1000 in the Chapel and Conference Room

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Horosko.

The large container of varying sand sizes is mostly full of the filtrating sands, but air at the top constantly provides a high level of pressure that forces the water moved downward, leaving behind impurities.

Cartridge filtration provides the second stage for water treatment after it is processed through the multimedia filter.

“The cartridge filter consists of woven fabric that are inserted into

a cartridge. The filter tubes act as micron filters removing fine particulate matter carried over from the multimedia filter,” Horosko said.

The filters look like white cotton yarn wrapped around a tube in a crisscross pattern. The water is moved through the yarn, which screens the contaminations.

The final stage of filtration is a process in which the water is pumped against a semi-permeable membrane under great pressure. The membrane allows

product water to pass through while rejecting the impurities, both suspended and dissolved, said Horosko.

Although the water is clean and drinkable, calcium hypo-chlorinate, similar to what is used in swimming pools, is added.

There is only about two parts per million added to the ROWPU water. This residual is sufficient to protect the water in unit storage and distribution systems such as the delivery trucks and the water buffalos, and it acts as an in-

dicator of recontamination after initial disinfections, Horosko said.

Chlorine has a real strong taste, but with the low concentration used in the ROWPU, it is completely safe. The ROWPU operators perform daily quality control checks and preventive medicine personnel from the 791 Medical Detachment in Bagram do weekly tests on the raw well water and finished ROWPU water. Some of the items tested for are bacteria, ph, total dissolved solids, turbidity and chlorine re-

sidual. Preventive medicine personnel also test for NBC agents.

“Given the ROWPU water purification process, and all of the quality control checks and tests conducted before the water gets to the unit, ROWPU water is actually safer to drink than bottled water,” Horosko said.

“Since Desert Storm, Preventive Medicine personnel have found more problems/contamination causing illness with bottled water than with ROWPU water during deployments,” he said.



Photo by Sgt. Reeba Critser, 28th Public Affairs Detachment

## *Proud to be American*

**A Chinook sports the U.S. flag on its tail as its 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.,-crew prepares to board at a forward operating base in South-eastern Afghanistan.**

# HIND SIGHT

**1620**

The first group of colonists disembark from the *Mayflower* at Plymouth Rock.

**1913**

The *New York World* newspaper prints the first modern crossword puzzle in the United States.

**1937**

The animated motion picture *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* premieres.

**1956**

The U.S. Supreme Court rules that segregation on public buses is unconstitutional.

**1968**

Apollo 8, the first manned mission to the moon, is successfully launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida, with astronauts Frank Borman, James Lovell, Jr., and William Anders aboard.

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first to the region and what targets are to be selected for any possible war on Iraq, the sources said.

### Lott steps down as majority leader

**WASHINGTON** — Wounded by the political firestorm over his comments criticized by many as racially divisive, Sen. Trent Lott announced Friday he was stepping down as Republican leader in the Senate.

Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tennessee, appears to have enough votes to replace Lott, who had been under increasing pressure to step aside because of the furor, which Republicans feared would distract from their congressional agenda.

“In the interest of pursuing the best possible agenda for the future of our country, I will not seek to remain as majority leader of the United States Senate for the 108th Congress, effective January 6, 2003,” Lott, 61, said in a statement.

Frist, 50, had announced his “likely” candidacy Thursday night, and support for him grew quickly.

## Bagram Air Base MWR movies

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

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

## Local weather

### TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
<b>Bagram:</b>	<i>Mostly Sunny</i> H: 54F L: 25F	<i>Rain</i> H: 46F L: 32F
<b>Kandahar:</b>	<i>Haze</i> H: 68F L: 41F	<i>Rain</i> H: 63F L: 39F
<b>Kabul:</b>	<i>Haze</i> H: 54F L: 32F	<i>Haze</i> H: 50F L: 28F
<b>Uzbekistan:</b>	<i>Snow</i> H: 31F L: 22F	<i>Partly Cloudy</i> H: 45F L: 25F

*Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team*

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# COALITION SPORTSZONE

## The Day in Sports

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### Why Iverson belongs on Team USA

If USA Basketball truly wants to put together a team of the best American players, Philadelphia 76er's guard Allen Iverson should be a lock for a roster spot.

When talking about the NBA's best American players, you can't mention Shaquille O'Neal, Tracy McGrady, Kobe Bryant, Jason Kidd, Tim Duncan, Gary Payton and Kevin Garnett without dropping Iverson's name. Only after he complained publicly this week was Iverson mentioned as a strong prospect for the 2003 USA Basketball men's senior national team.

"I've heard a lot of names of people who should be picked for the team, and mine is never mentioned," Iverson told reporters after the Sixers' win over the Denver Nuggets last Monday night. "Anyone in their right mind who has seen me play for seven years knows that wouldn't be fair."



Allen Iverson is as tough as they come on the basketball court.

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### 2002 Bowl Championship Series

TEAM	TOTAL
1. Miami	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 State	20.13
9. Notre Dame	20.93
10. Texas	21.08
11. Michigan	23.91
12. Penn State	26.97
13. Colorado	33.27
14. Florida State	33.95
15. West Virginia	35.97



### Money stolen from Raptors' bus

**CHICAGO** — The Toronto Raptors lost more than a game — they lost \$1,500 in cash.

The money apparently was stolen from the Raptors' team bus during Wednesday night's 96-83 defeat at the Chicago Bulls.

Four players and one coach discovered that their money was missing when they returned to the bus, Chicago police spokesman Carlos Herrera said Thursday.

Chicago Bulls spokeswoman Sebrina Brewster would not comment on the incident.

No arrests had been made and an investigation was continuing, Herrera said.

NBA spokesman Tim Frank said the league's security department also was investigating.

"I can confirm there was an incident and I can confirm there has been a complaint by the members of the Raptors that some money was stolen," Frank said. "But any parts of our investigation we would keep internal."

### 2002 NBA standings



#### Eastern Conference

##### Atlantic

(3)Philadelphia	18-9
(4)Boston	17-9
(6)New Jersey	17-9
(8)Orlando	15-13
Washington	12-13

##### Central

(1)Indiana	19-7
(2)Detroit	18-7
(7)New Orleans	17-10
Atlanta	10-15
Milwaukee	10-15

#### Western Conference

##### Midwest

(1)Dallas	22-4
(3)San Antonio	16-10
(4)Houston	15-10
(8)Utah	13-12
Minnesota	14-13

##### Pacific

(2)Sacramento	21-7
(5)Phoenix	14-11
(6)Portland	13-11
(7)Seattle	14-12
L.A. Clippers	11-15



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So why wasn't Iverson being talked about? One reason is his valid reputation as a shoot-first, pass-second player. And with USA Basketball wanting no drama, Iverson causes concern with his off-the-court problems and his disrespect for practice. Also, A.I.'s hip-hop persona just might be too intimidating.

If such is the case, USA Basketball better get over it. Especially considering its current downtrodden state after going from being King Kong of international hoops to embarrassingly falling flat last August on the Conseco Fieldhouse floor during the World Championships.

No doubt, Iverson has never seen a shot he didn't like. But let's go back 10 years ago to the inaugural Dream Team. Michael Jordan, Larry Bird, Clyde Drexler, Karl Malone, Chris Mullin, Patrick Ewing and David Robinson all joined USA as their respective NBA team's No. 1 scoring option. But once the games began in Barcelona, each superstar gave up his own personal agenda for the gold. The Dream Teamers knew that the only stat that mattered was how many points they whipped Angola and Yugoslavia by.

In the end, expect Iverson to be donning red, white and blue and standing next to Shaq and T-Mac with a gold medal dangling from his neck in Greece.

**Solution from Friday's Upward Crossword in the *Freedom Watch***

(Courtesy of QUIZLAND.com)

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By Kevin Kilgore

“Gunny,  
is  
that  
you?”

*Laugh Support*