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# U.S. delays testing missile defense

■ National weapons strategy influenced by international events

By Jonathan S. Landay  
Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON (KRT) — The Pentagon has postponed several missile defense tests to avoid violating a 1972 accord barring Washington and Moscow from developing nationwide anti-missile shields, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld announced Thursday. The tests would have assessed the ability of a ship-borne radar to track ballistic missiles in space, something that is forbidden by the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

Rumsfeld insisted that the tests were not postponed to reward Russia for supporting the anti-terrorism campaign launched by the Bush administration after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in Washington and New York.

But the decision was clearly aimed at avoiding an anti-U.S. uproar at a time when the Bush administration needs all the international goodwill it can get amid charges that U.S.-led air strikes are claiming a growing number of civilian lives in Afghanistan.

Furthermore, the postponement announcement came just weeks be-

fore Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin are to meet in Washington and at Bush's ranch in Texas to continue talks on replacing the ABM Treaty with a new framework. The United States wants an agreement that would allow the testing and deployment of a system that would protect the United States from attacks by a limited number of intercontinental ballistic missiles.

The two leaders said after talks last weekend in Shanghai, China, that they had made some progress toward a deal in which the United States would trade deep cuts in offensive nuclear arsenals for Russia's acceptance of a U.S. national missile defense.

Moscow, however, has yet to agree to junking the ABM Treaty, which it regards as a cornerstone of international arms control. Bush has said the United States would withdraw from the treaty if the talks with Putin collapse, but he pledged to adhere to a requirement that he give notice six months in advance.

"We will not violate the treaty while it remains in force," Rumsfeld said at a news conference. "In recent days, to keep from having it suggested that we might not be keeping that commitment, we have voluntarily restrained our ballistic

missile defense test program." "On test activities such as these ... it is possible that someone could raise an issue because of ambiguities in the treaty, and we do not want to get into that debate," he said.

The Bush administration had said in recent months that at some point the missile tests would conflict with the treaty. "That has now happened," Rumsfeld said.

Russia, China and some U.S. allies fear that doing away with the treaty could ignite a new nuclear arms race.

The ban on systems capable of defending national territories from intercontinental ballistic missile attacks was designed to avoid nuclear war. At its core is the idea that one side will not launch a devastating nuclear strike if it cannot be assured of destroying its opponent's ability to retaliate.

Under the treaty, Moscow and Washington are prohibited from testing sea-, air-, space- and mobile land-based national missile defense systems. They are permitted to test and deploy one fixed land-based system that can defend a limited slice of territory.

Bush has called the treaty a relic of the Cold War.

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## News briefs

### Technology safari looks at ancient arts

Archaeologists and traditional artists will train people how to create ancient cave paintings, jewelry and basketry during the Traditional Technologies Safari. The safari runs Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. at the Museum of Natural History.

Jon Erlandson, anthropology professor at the University, will explain how ancient people used ochre and other red pigments to stencil and draw on cave walls. Safari guests will also be invited to create their own historically correct cave art.

Guests will also learn traditional

basket techniques from Bud Lane and Thomas Connolly. Lane, a famed basket artisan, and Connolly, director of archaeological research, will also instruct safari guests to create their own baskets.

Cost for the safari is \$3 per person or \$8 per family.

— John Liebhardt

### Philosophy conference focuses on contemporary experience

Keeping philosophic traditions alive and allowing these traditions to speak to modern life will be the focus of a conference today and Saturday, sponsored by the University philosophy department and Honors College.

The conference, "Thinking the

Traditions: Keeping Philosophy Vital in the 21st Century" will be held at the Honors College library, 301 Chapman.

Invited speakers and University faculty will present on such topics as "Philosophy as Means and End," delivered by Professor John Lachs of Vanderbilt University, "Making Philosophy American," delivered by University Professor Scott Pratt and "Midwifery and Housewifery: Caring for the Feminist Canon's Home," presented by University Professor Barbara Andrew.

The conference takes place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday and in three sessions between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 346-5547.

— John Liebhardt

## McEwen

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He watched his brother, Jon, suit up in the team's black trousers and jerseys and play his heart out.

"When you grow up in Medford, all there is is football," McEwen says. "I always looked up to the Black Tornado. It was a huge deal."

Seth dreamed of the day he could step on the field. He didn't have long to wait.

In his sophomore year at North Medford, Seth secured a starting job as a tight end and a linebacker. He set a school record with 91 tackles and made the most of the looks he got on offense, too, snaring 10

passes for 165 yards and two touchdowns in his high school career.

Chris Parnell, the Black Tornado secondary coach, remembers Seth for his soft-spoken demeanor and fierce intensity on the field.

"Nobody worked harder than Seth," Parnell said. "He worked his ever-loving butt off."

In his free time, Seth rides his butt off. He's got a 1979 Harley Davidson and loves "hogs," even though "they break down a lot." He'd like to go to a bonafide rally someday, like the one that drew more than 550,000 riders to Sturgis, S.D., in 2000, but football and school occupy most of his time. He loves riding for the same reason, it

would seem, that he loves football.

"If you crash, it's going to be hard-core," McEwen says. "It's a good adrenaline rush. It's the way it feels, like you're flying on a highway. It's a very peaceful feeling."

The chaos of football and motorcycles provide a nice juxtaposition to Seth's dream home: A cabin near the banks of a rushing river, with plenty of acres. He's thinking somewhere outside Bozeman, Mont., where the Bitterroot Mountains could cast shadows on his haunts once again.

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