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Sci-fi suit set to be a reality for GIs

By Anne Barnard

The Army Wednesday chose the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to design futuristic combat gear for U.S. soldiers, announcing a new \$30 million research center that aims to take "a quantum leap" in technology.

The center plans to marry engineering, medicine, chemistry and other fields to design a last-mile suit that sounds like something out of science fiction. It would not only protect soldiers from bullets, but also track their location and physical condition. For the wounded, it would automatically administer medicine, turn from soft fabric into a cast or tourniquet, and transmit vital signs to distant medics. It might change color on command, or even manipulate light to make soldiers virtually invisible.

Although much of this technology is years away, the Pentagon chose MIT because it considers the school a leader in nanotechnology, the molecular-scale engineering needed to create such equipment.

The Pentagon will spend its \$30 million in funding over five years. Defense companies including Raytheon and DuPont

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Bush berates Israel over incursions in West Bank

By David E. Sanger

WASHINGTON — President Bush delivered a harsh rebuke to Israel Wednesday for its deadly military operations against Palestinians in the West Bank, saying the actions of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's government were "not helpful" and suggesting that they went well beyond self-defense.

Bush's comments at a White House news conference were not accompanied by the usual urgings that Yasser Arafat, the chairman of the Palestinian Authority, crack down on suicide bombings and other acts of violence. Bush never mentioned Arafat and seemed to direct all his warnings to Sharon's government.

"Frankly, it's not helpful what the Israelis have recently done in order to create conditions for peace," Bush said. "I understand someone trying to defend themselves and to fight terror. But the recent actions aren't helpful."

In another sign that the administration may be deepening its involvement in the Middle East, Bush said "we helped engineer" a U.N. Security Council

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2002 NCAA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Raring to go



Give me 20: From left, Isaiah Fox, Phil Torres, coach Lane Olson, Dennis Lattimore and Channing Frye tell other UA players to do pushups for losing a shoot-around game.

By Bruce Pascoe - ARIZONA DAILY STAR

—ALBUQUERQUE

No body knows the meaning of March Madness better than the Arizona men's basketball team. The third-seeded Wildcats begin play at approximately 8:10 tonight in the West Region against 14th-seeded UC-Santa Barbara. A win for the Wildcats would pit them against the winner of today's Gonzaga-Wyoming game in the second round on Saturday.

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Which way to the Final Four? UA player Michael Schawrtley has some fun with station in downtown Albuquerque.

NCAA ROUND 1

FIRST ARIZONA GAME

- 9:00 a.m.: UC-Santa Barbara
- 12:00 p.m.: Albuquerque
- 7 p.m.: CBS, Channel 13 (Ch. 7 on cable)
- Radio: KSTZ (750 AM)

ON TV TODAY

- 10:25 a.m.: Kentucky vs. Valparaiso
- 12:42 p.m.: Wake Forest vs. Pepperdine
- 3:12 p.m.: Oregon vs. Montana
- 5:30 p.m.: USC vs. UNC-Wilmington
- 8:00 p.m.: Arizona vs. UC-Santa Barbara

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High 70 / Low 36
Wednesday: High 65 / Low 30
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'Credit scoring' under fire

Bill would make insurers tell of use when rates go up

By David Wichner

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Insurance companies would have to tell consumers when they are charged higher auto or home-owners' premiums because of a bad credit report, under compromise legislation designed to rein in the use of credit information by insurers.

The bill wouldn't ban the practice — known as "credit scoring" or "insurance scoring" — but would require insurers to notify policyholders if they are placed in a higher-risk category because of bad credit or a lack of credit and allow them to correct mis-



Brewer, left, aids client James Brown. Brewer deplores credit reports' use.

take on their credit reports. The bill also would require insurers to state what type of bad credit marks led to the rate decision, such as past-due balances or large revolving balances.

The proposed legislation would do little to help folks like Matthew O'Brien, who was shocked when his insurance premiums

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