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GUIDED MISSILE

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At the White Sands, New Mexico, guided missile center, the Army is getting ready to test its lightning punch.

The target gets a final inspection --

And the test rocket is fired. A hit!

The Navy's guided missile -- The Terrier -- is launched from the battleship Mississippi in another test, dropping its launching gear as it heads off to intercept and destroy a radio-controlled target plane. Finding the target, the missile circles it. The plane can't escape the rocket, ready for the kill --

The Navy will put its first two heavy cruisers, equipped as guided missile launchers, into service next year.

The Navy also demonstrates the Sparrow -- the first operational rocket for ~~guided~~ air-to-air guided missile combat. It's carried beneath the wing of the launching plane. Watch the amazing accuracy of the Sparrow as it seeks out accuracy and tremendous hitting power of the Sparrow as it seeks out a robot-controlled target. That's the Sparrow, upper right, trailing smoke:

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Another guided missile buzzes its target like a bumblebee -- then strikes;

An awesom aerial threat -- the guided missile.