Bolting through the sky

5/11/2005 - NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. -- An A-10 Thunderbolt II releases chaff and flares during a close-air support mission May 5. A-10s are specially designed for close-air support of ground forces. They are simple, effective and survivable twin-engine jet aircraft that can be used against ground targets, including tanks and other armored vehicles. This aircraft is assigned to the 66th Weapons Squadron here. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Kevin J. Gruenwald)