



# FREEDOM WATCH



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## News briefs

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### Afghans vow assassination won't derail peace

The Afghan and U.S. governments vowed Saturday that the assassination of one of the country's deputy presidents will not derail efforts to bring peace and stability to the country. Afghan Deputy President Haji Abdul Qadir and his driver died in a hail of bullets outside the gates of a government ministry Saturday in Kabul. Two men jumped from behind some bushes and opened fire. After firing their shots, a car which looks like a taxi cab ... came and picked them up and fled.

### 'Friendly fire' raid kills 48, injures 117, U.S. confirms

Coalition authorities in Afghanistan will launch a formal investigation to find out how U.S. forces unintentionally killed at least 48 civilians and in-

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## CHCL delivers school supplies

By Spc. Ron Reeves

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KABUL, Afghanistan—Textbooks recently delivered to Chehelton School here were rescued from a place where time stood still with only the dust, creaky doors and machine gun holes upon the outer walls to signify the passage of 13 years.

A group from Coalition Humanitarian Liaison Cell in Kabul, led by Chief Warrant Officer Timothy Mueller, spearheaded the delivery of books and desks to the Chehelton School.

The place: the former U.S. Embassy compound. Once inside the rooms, analogous to time capsules, books such as *Walt Whitman: Poet of Democracy*, a collection from Robert Frost, *America as a Civilization*, *Review Your English*, with a copyright date of 1967, and a myriad of other text and reference books were retrieved.

Textbooks, along with desks and reams of writing paper, were removed from the abandoned U.S. Embassy compound, which was vacated in 1989 amidst heavy fighting in Afghanistan's capital city.

Little did the Chehelton teachers and students realize that they were receiving, not only a part of Afghan history, but pieces of American



Photo by Staff Sgt. Zelda Thomas-Gates  
Army Spc. Spivey collects books to be given to the students at Chelhelton.

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## Reservist uses trumpet to show patriotism

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KABUL, Afghanistan—Still in his workman's clothing, a battered cap, oil stained, worn shirt, pants and boots in front of an audience of hundreds of U.S. and foreign dignitaries, he stood on the left side of the stairs at

the U.S. Embassy with an old Afghan trumpet and played American patriot songs for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

Spc. Nathan Thompson is a mechanic with the 489<sup>th</sup> Civil Affairs Battalion, an Army Reserve Unit from Nashville, Tenn. The 489<sup>th</sup> CA battalion forms the core of the Coalition Joint Civil Military Operations Task Force, a

military unit conducting humanitarian assistance projects throughout Afghanistan.

The next day, in Kabul, Thompson sat very calmly with a half smile on his face while working on a Bible crossword puzzle, looking up momentarily to see who was watching him. He finally spoke in a very quiet voice.

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history as well. They received recorded history in some of the textbooks, yet each was a part of history.

The CHLC personnel who delivered the books, paper and desks are part of the Coalition Joint Civil-Military Operations Task Force (CJCMOTF).

Its mission is to facilitate continued good relations with the Afghan people as well as to identify and coordinate

civil-military projects throughout Afghanistan. The rebuilding of schools is a CJCMOTF priority, especially the return of girls to the educational system in Afghanistan. Amir Mohammed, headmaster of Cheheltan School said that he is happy that the United States realizes the importance of rebuilding Afghan schools. Cheheltan serves 12 surrounding villages and nearly 600 youngsters from these villages. The CJCMOTF rebuilding project of the school is almost

60 percent complete. Students use cabs from old Soviet vehicles, metal shipping containers and tents for classrooms. Once the coalition's civil-military project is complete, the Afghan boys and girls will have a fresh, new building. Eighteen school projects have been completed in Heart, Mazar-e-Sharif, Konduz, Bamian, Kabul and Khandahar and over a dozen other school projects are earmarked for completion in the weeks and months ahead.

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"I don't want to be known, I just want to do my job," Thompson said.

He went to a Bible college for a while before deciding to attend Pellissippi State College for music. Col. Roland DeMarcellas informed him of the event at the Embassy and said he would like to hear him play. He agreed and they went into town and purchased a used trumpet.

"I can learn to play any instrument within five to 10 minutes," said Thompson.

He knows how to play 10 different instruments from the guitar to the French horn. Thompson started playing the harmonica at age 8. He received his first trumpet at 12 from his best friend's father, Mr. Blake. His mother bought his second horn at age 13 and the CJCMOTF bought his third horn at the age of 23. Anyone who can learn to read music and scale his fingers can play any instrument, said Thompson. He played *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, *The Star Spangled Banner*, *America the Beautiful* and *God Bless America* by memory.

"I didn't know if the trumpet would play.

The trumpet valves wouldn't move. I tried to play it, but it wouldn't get past the C note, said Thompson. It took about an hour to clean and grease the trumpet. Now it can go to a high D."

He had to accommodate the lack of range by taking it down to the third on *America the Beautiful* and *God Bless America*.

Thompson said someday he would like to be a high school music teacher because by high school, students have the basic fundamentals.

He would like to see one of his students play at the London Philharmonic with Winton Marcellus.

## Soldiers celebrate July 4th in K2

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*And the rockets red glare,  
the bombs bursting in air,  
gave proof through the night,  
that our flag was still there.*

There were no red-glaring rockets, and no bombs bursting, but Old Glory was there through the night watching over the Independence Day celebration in K2, Uzbekistan.

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation tent hosted the first of the competitions on the Fourth. Early in the day, tournaments kicked the fun into action. Spades, dominos and ping-pong tournaments started the patriotic party.

The meal of the evening, provided by Brown and Root, was similar to what many would have had with their friends and families back home. It included barbeque ribs, New York strip steaks, hamburgers and hotdogs.

"I thought the meal was really good, it was basically the same thing they had back home," said Spc. Earnest Jones, 54th Mortuary Affairs specialist.

The Star-Spangled Banner invited the rest of the competitions into the evening. Airmen, soldiers and Marines competed in holiday events such as basketball, volleyball and horseshoes.

Spc. Ricardo Jefferson, a mail clerk with 175th Postal Company, said, "This was a great opportunity to get my mind off of being deployed. I think the events helped the morale of the soldiers by just giving them something to do other than work. They could relax and have fun."

"It really meant something to be in a combat zone for the Fourth of July. It made me proud. It made me really think about what the fourth of July is all about, especially when we sang *Proud to be an American*," he said.

He added the crowd all chimed in and the words were really felt.



**Sgt. 1st Class Joe Freimuth, 63rd Ordnance Company, celebrates July 4 with a game of horseshoes after dinner.**

# HIND SIGHT

**1693**

New York City authorizes police uniforms in American colonies.

**1835**

The Liberty Bell cracks (again).

**1969**

U.S. troop withdrawal begins in Vietnam.

**1990**

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**1990**

West Germany beats Argentina 1-0 for World Cup title

**1990**

Italy beats England for third place

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jured another 117 during an air attack over central Afghanistan, officials said Saturday. The village is in an area where the U.S. military has been targeting suspected al Qaeda and Taliban remnants.

### U.N., Iraq disagree on return of arms inspectors

**VIENNA, Austria** — Top diplomats called the third round of talks between the United Nations and Iraqi officials “constructive,” but the two-day meeting ended Friday without an accord on the return of arms inspectors to Baghdad. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan had said he hoped that the two days of talks, which began Thursday, would lead to “conclusive decisions” on the return of the arms experts.

# Local weather

## TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	Today	Tuesday
<b>Bagram:</b>	Sunny H: 93F L: 66F	Sunny H: 93F L: 68F
<b>Kandahar:</b>	Dusty  H: 109F L: 77F	Haze  H: 111F L: 77F
<b>Kabul:</b>	Vicinity showers  H: 88F L: 64F	Vicinity showers  H: 86F L: 64F
<b>Uzbekistan:</b>	Clear  H: 95F L: 67F	Clear  H: 95F L: 67F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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# COALITION SPORTSZONE

## Hewitt routs Nalbandian to capture Wimbledon; biggest since 1984

Lleyton Hewitt, who is ranked number one in the world, made sure this upset-riddled Wimbledon didn't end with one.

Hewitt won his second career Grand Slam title, beating David Nalbandian 6-1, 6-3, 6-2 Sunday. It was the most lopsided Wimbledon final since 1984. At age 21, Hewitt becomes the youngest tournament champion since Boris Becker won it a second time in 1986 at age 18.

Hewitt finished 2001 ranked as the youngest number-one player in the world.

## Serena and Venus play again; this time both win as doubles champions

A day after Serena defeated Venus for the singles championship, both were back on the court.

This time, they both came out on top.

The sisters beat French Open champions Paola Suarez and Virginia Ruano Pascual 6-2, 7-5 to capture the doubles title.

It was the sisters' second title in three years and fifth Grand Slam title overall. This year, the Williams sisters went 19-1 during Wimbledon. Their only loss came in the final.

## Inkster rallies to upset Sorenstam in the 2002 Women's U.S. Open

The storyline couldn't be any better than a 40-something lurking in the shadows of today's best female player.

Annika Sorenstam, leading by two strokes heading into the final round, fell apart as Julie Inkster shot a 66 to capture her second U.S. Open championship.

It was the best closing round of any champion in the 57-year history of the championship.

Sorenstam, already a winner in six of her 12 tournaments, shot a 70 for a final score of 278.

## Johnson opts to sit out All-Star game; says he needs to be ready for the second half

Randy Johnson became the latest ace to back out of the All-Star game.

Tom Glavine, Matt Morris and Pedro Martinez will also be missing the midsummer classic.

Replacements for the pitchers are: Mike Remlinger, Rob Nenn and Vicente Padilla.

Padilla joins shortstop Jimmy Rollins and Scott Rolen, both elected as starters to give the last-place Philadelphia Phillies three representatives for the first time since 1999.

## 2002 Major League standings

<b>American League East</b>		<b>GB</b>
N.Y. Yankees	55-32 .632	-
Boston	52-33 .612	2
Baltimore	42-43 .481	12
<b>American League Central</b>		<b>GB</b>
Minnesota	50-39 .562	-
Chicago (AL)	42-46 .477	7.5
Cleveland	39-47 .451	9.5
<b>American League West</b>		<b>GB</b>
Seattle	55-33 .625	-
Anaheim	51-35 .593	3
Oakland	50-38 .568	5
<b>National League East</b>		<b>GB</b>
Atlanta	56-32 .636	-
Montreal	46-41 .529	9.5
Florida	45-43 .511	11
<b>National League Central</b>		<b>GB</b>
St. Louis	47-38 .553	-
Cincinnati	46-41 .529	2
Houston	41-45 .477	6.5
<b>National League West</b>		<b>GB</b>
Los Angeles	54-34 .614	-
Arizona	51-36 .586	2.5
San Francisco	49-38 .563	4.5

## Past Wimbledon champions

2002 Lleyton Hewitt	Serena Williams
2001 Goran Ivanicevic	Venus Williams
2000 Pete Sampras	Venus Williams
1999 Pete Sampras	Lindsay Davenport
1998 Pete Sampras	Jana Novotna
1997 Pete Sampras	Martina Hingis
1996 Richard Krajicek	Steffi Graf
1995 Pete Sampras	Steffi Graf
1994 Pete Sampras	Conchita Martinez
1993 Pete Sampras	Steffi Graf
1992 Andre Agassi	Steffi Graf
1991 Michael Stich	Steffi Graf
1990 Stefan Edberg	Martina Navratilova
1989 Boris Becker	Steffi Graf
1988 Stefan Edberg	Steffi Graf
1987 Pat Cash	Martina Navratilova
1986 Boris Becker	Martina Navratilova
1985 Boris Becker	Martina Navratilova
1984 John McEnroe	Martina Navratilova
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