



# FREEDOM WATCH



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## News briefs

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### Bin Laden sought Indonesian base

MANILA, Philippines — Intelligence officials tell *CNN* that Osama bin Laden wanted to move the base of operations for his al Qaeda terrorist network from Afghanistan to Southeast Asia in 2000. The plan, according to these officials' intelligence report, was to move the base to Aceh in Indonesia, where members of the Free Aceh movement (or GAM) were working with al Qaeda

### FBI probing videotaped beating

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — The FBI is conducting its own investigation of the videotaped beating of a handcuffed black teen-ager in this Los Angeles suburb, officials said Tuesday. The amateur videotape of the Saturday incident, which aired on local and national television Monday, shows a white police officer

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## Air Force pioneer dies

By Tech. Sgt. Scott Elliott  
*Air Force Print News*

WASHINGTON — Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Jr., the Air Force's first black general, died July 4 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center here of Alzheimer's disease at age 89.

Davis, promoted to the rank of general by President Bill Clinton on Dec. 9, 1998, is recognized for his role in breaking the color barriers in both the Army and Air Force. He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery on July 17.

Born Dec. 18, 1912, in Washington, Davis was the son of an Army cavalry officer. At age 14, following a flight with a barnstorming pilot at Bolling Field, he decided he wanted to fly.

Davis' long battle with military racial segregation began in 1932 when he became only the eighth black to enroll at West Point. In an attempt to force him to quit, upperclassmen ordered other cadets to give him the silent treatment. During his four years at West Point,



Photo by Helene Stikkel

President Bill Clinton (left) and Elnora Davis McLendon (right) pin the fourth star on the epaulets of retired Gen. Benjamin O. Davis during a White House ceremony Dec. 9, 1998. Davis, who commanded the famed Tuskegee Airmen during World War II, died July 4 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington of Alzheimer's disease at age 89.

Davis never had a roommate, never shared a tent when in the field and ate his meals in silence.

The young cadet persevered.

When he received his diploma and commission in 1936, he was only the fourth black cadet to graduate, ranking 35th in a class of 276. Following graduation, he joined his father as one of the few black officers in the Army.

The newly minted second lieutenant tried to follow his dream of flying, applying for flight school with the recommendation of the West Point superintendent. The Army, however, accepted no blacks into its air corps in any ca-

capacity — flying or support. What followed was an assignment to the infantry as the commander of a segregated service company at Fort Benning, Ga.

Two years later, he became an ROTC instructor at the all-black Tuskegee Institute of Alabama. He served briefly at Fort Riley, Kan., as aide to his father, Brig. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis Sr., the first black to earn a general's star.

When President Franklin Roosevelt ordered the creation of a flight training program for blacks at Tuskegee, then-Capt. Davis was se-

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## ANA overcomes odds with impending graduation

By Spc. Jason Allgood.

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BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan — With help from several nations, a fledgling compound on the outskirts of Kabul is turning into a formidable military training facility.

The Afghan National Army's first battalion is about to graduate in a matter of days. The second battalion just started basic rifle marksmanship and a third is forming. First constructed by the Soviets in the 1960's as an officer-

training academy, the school has fallen into disrepair over the past decades due to war and neglect. Now, in 2002, international coalition forces have begun a process of rebuilding that will transform this mass of destroyed and unusable buildings into the training center for the new Afghan National Army.

This 10-week training course on how to be a soldier starts with basic soldier skills, marching and

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lected to lead the first class of 13 student pilots — thereby becoming the first Tuskegee Airman.

But first, Davis had to fight through that first segregation breakthrough; he had to take two flight physicals because the first doctor he saw, who had not heard about Roosevelt's directive, failed him for a disease he never had — epilepsy.

Davis and the four others who graduated March 7, 1942, from Tuskegee's first class, formed the nucleus of the 99th Pursuit Squadron. With Davis in command, the 99th completed its combat training, then waited until the spring of 1943 before a warfighting command would accept the unit.

The 99th flew its first combat mission June 2, 1943, with then-Lt. Col. Davis in the cock-

pit of the lead P-40 Warhawk.

Promoted to colonel, Davis returned to the United States to form and take command of the 332nd Fighter Group. The 332nd, which ultimately consisted of the 99th, 100th, 301st and 302nd squadrons, became known as the "Red Tails" and achieved a combat record unmatched in World War II — no Allied bombers under their protection were downed by enemy fighters.

By war's end, the 332nd was credited with 111 downed enemy aircraft, another 150 destroyed on the ground, 600 boxcars and other rolling stock destroyed or disabled, and a German navy destroyer and 40 other boats and barges sunk.

Lt. Gen. Ira Eaker, deputy commanding general of the Army Air Forces, selected Davis to command the 447th Medium Bombardment Group as it prepared for action against the Japanese. Shortly af-

ter Davis took command, the 447th became a composite group, as two of its B-25 Mitchell squadrons disbanded and were replaced by fighter squadrons.

The Japanese surrendered before the 447th saw action in the Pacific theater.

Davis was known as a rigid disciplinarian, but that enabled the men under his command to persevere during the still-segregated post-war years.

Davis did not believe active protest was the way to defeat segregation. Called to testify before a board of general officers to determine the best use of blacks in the U.S. military, Davis attacked segregation and its inherent inefficiency. The men under his command, and blacks in general, he said, could have been used much more effectively in combat had they been assigned according to ability rather than by race.

As stirring as Davis' testimony was, it was not his words that helped

end segregation in the military, it was his performance.

Air Force leaders recognized that the men and units led by Davis in World War II served as capably as any line unit. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Hoyt Vandenberg announced the racial integration of the U.S. Air Force in April 1948, making it the first military branch to do so.

In the years following desegregation, Davis ultimately rose to the rank of lieutenant general, retiring from active duty Feb. 1, 1970.

Following his military retirement, Davis served as safety director for Cleveland, commanding the city's police and fire departments. He later became director of civil aviation security and was named by President Richard Nixon as assistant secretary of transportation, where he helped cut the number of airline hijackings in the United States from 34 to zero in less than two years.

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personal appearance. Upon arrival, the new recruits were issued uniforms, pistol belts and canteens. The course is taught in three languages, and the recruits gradually progress from individual skills, and move on to more advanced squad-level tactics.

Once the soldiers demonstrate squad-level proficiency, they move on to platoon-level tactics. At the platoon-level, soldiers learn basic rifle marksmanship. The faint echoes of "buddy set, buddy moving" resonate through the camp as the recruits learn three- to five-second rushes.

"Each battalion has officers assigned to it who have been in other organizations and have pledged loyalty to the central government," said Sgt. Don Dees, public affairs officer for the ANA Training Center.

After a rocky start of not having enough weapons to train with, the first battalion, consisting of 315 soldiers, is fast approaching graduation July 23. The miscommunication about what to expect is all behind them, and the school has received a donation from the Romanian government of 1,000 refurbished AK-47s, that will stay at the school for use by future classes.

Painted on the wall inside the barracks of the first battalion are the words "Duty to Allah, Duty to Country, Selfless Service." That belief reverberates the similar ideals of so many militaries around the world to include the U. S. Marines Corps, "God, Country, Corps."

"These guys are committed to the greater good of the central Afghan government," said Dees. "The Afghan soldiers are associating with people they train with, and not with ethnic groups."

These men have defeated the odds, and are learning the value of what it means to be a soldier serving their country.



Photo by Pfc. Matthew Acosta, 49th Public Affairs Detachment (Abn.)

## Good Samaritan

Army Pfc. Christine Skelonc, 108th Military Police Company, Fort Bragg, N.C., hands out pieces of candy to the children of the local village of Mowman, Afghanistan. She said small acts of goodness aid in building a rapport with the people of the villages.

# HIND SIGHT

1798

U.S. Marine Corps created by an act of Congress

1804

Vice President Aaron Burr kills Alexander Hamilton in a pistol duel near Weehawken

1934

Franklin Delano Roosevelt became first president to travel through Panama Canal

1962

First transatlantic TV transmission via satellite (Telstar I)

1979

U.S. Skylab enters atmosphere over Australia and disintegrates

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throwing Donovan Chavis, 16, against a police car and punching him in the face.

### A Michelangelo found in the maid's room

**WASHINGTON**—A Michelangelo drawing that may be worth \$12 million was unearthed among sketches of Renaissance lighting fixtures in what used to be a New York maid's room, museum officials said Tuesday. The unsigned drawing is a design for a seven-branched candelabrum done in black chalk, brush and brown wash on cream-colored paper in the mid-1500s, according to officials at the Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum in New York City.

### CJCMOTF helps Afghanistan

**BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan** — The Combined Joint Civil Military Operations Task Force, based in Kabul, has worked throughout Afghanistan over the past six months to help the Afghan people to re-establish services and improve their communities. Since January, the task force has helped to:

- ❖ Rebuild 50 schools, benefiting 62,100 students;
- ❖ Rebuild 15 medical facilities, benefiting 526,000 people;
- ❖ Rebuild a veterinarian facility, benefiting 90,000 people dependent on agriculture;
- ❖ Complete 12 water projects, benefiting 259,000 people (a total of 89 wells dug); and
- ❖ Employ over 18,000 Afghan workers.

## Local weather

### TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<b><u>Bagram:</u></b>	<i>Sunny</i> H: 90F L: 72F	<i>Sunny</i> H: 93F L: 70F
<b><u>Kandahar:</u></b>	<i>Haze</i> H: 102F L: 73F	<i>Haze</i> H: 106F L: 75F
<b><u>Kabul:</u></b>	<i>Thunderstorms</i> H: 86F L: 70F	<i>Thunderstorms</i> H: 90F L: 70F
<b><u>Uzbekistan:</u></b>	<i>Clear</i> H: 97F L: 69F	<i>Clear</i> H: 97F L: 70F

*Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team*

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# COALITION SPORTSZONE

## The Day in Sports

### All-Star game called after 11 innings

Legends began the night celebrating their most the memorable moments. By the time the game ended, it had another.

Despite Barry Bonds' homering, and being robbed of another by a spectacular catch by Twins outfielder Torii Hunter, fans booed and threw debris onto the field after the 73rd Midsummer Classic ended in the first tie Tuesday after all the pitchers were used up. It was the first tie since weather cut short the game in 1961.

Amid worries about a players' strike and steroids, the bizarre ending may just have been the first work stoppage this season.

The sellout crowd of 41,871 at Miller Park loudly chanted "Let them play!" and "Refund!" as Freddy Garcia struck out Benito Santiago to end the game.

No MVP was selected.

### Selig says team might not make payroll

As baseball prepared for an impending strike, Bud Selig announced a team might not make payroll Monday, and another team is so far in debt that it might not finish the season.

Selig didn't identify the teams and there was no way to corroborate his claims.

He was reached at home, but refused to discuss the issue.

### Nicklaus withdraws from Senior Players Championship

Jack Nicklaus has withdrawn from this week's Senior Players Championship because of muscle spasms.

Nicklaus said he enjoyed nine holes of golf on Tuesday in Ohio with family and friends. However, he was in pain Wednesday morning and it lingered until he withdrew from the pro-am after nine holes later in the day.

The \$2.5 million Senior Players championship starts Thursday.

Nicklaus, who won 70 tournaments from 1962 to 1986 on the PGA tour, including a record 18 majors, has not won a Senior tournament since 1996.

"It's always frustrating when you can't play," Nicklaus said Wednesday after pain forced him to stop an afternoon practice session.

(Excerpts taken from [www.sports.yahoo.com](http://www.sports.yahoo.com))

## Past All-Star MVPs

- 2002 — None
- 2001 — Cal Ripken Jr., Baltimore Orioles
- 2000 — Derek Jeter, N.Y. Yankees
- 1999 — Pedro Martinez, Boston Red Sox
- 1998 — Roberto Alomar, Baltimore Orioles
- 1997 — Sandy Alomar, Cleveland Indians
- 1996 — Mike Piazza, Los Angeles Dodgers
- 1995 — Jeff Conine, Florida Marlins
- 1994 — Fred McGriff, Atlanta Braves
- 1993 — Kirby Puckett, Minnesota Twins
- 1992 — Ken Griffey Jr., Seattle Mariners
- 1991 — Cal Ripken Jr., Baltimore Orioles

## 2002 Major League standings

American League East		GB
N.Y. Yankees	55-32 .632	-
Boston	52-33 .612	2
Baltimore	42-43 .494	12
American League Central		GB
Minnesota	50-39 .562	-
Chicago (AL)	42-46 .477	7.5
Cleveland	39-47 .453	9.5
American League West		GB
Seattle	55-33 .625	-
Anaheim	51-35 .593	3
Oakland	50-38 .568	5
National League East		GB
Atlanta	56-32 .636	-
Montreal	46-41 .529	9.5
Florida	45-43 .511	11
National League Central		GB
St. Louis	47-38 .553	-
Cincinnati	46-41 .529	2
Houston	41-45 .477	6.5
National League West		GB
Los Angeles	54-34 .614	-
Arizona	51-36 .586	2.5
San Francisco	49-38 .563	4.5

## Past All-Star results

- 2002 — American 7-7 (11) National (tie) (Miller Park)
- 2001 — American 4-1 National (Safeco Field)
- 2000 — American 6-3 National (Turner Field)
- 1999 — American 4-1 National (Fenway Park)
- 1998 — American 13-8 National (Coors Field)
- 1997 — American 3-1 National (Jacobs Field)
- 1996 — National 6-0 American (Veterans Stadium)
- 1995 — National 3-2 American (The Ballpark in Arlington)
- 1994 — National 8-7 American (Three Rivers Stadium)
- 1993 — American 9-3 National (Camden Yards)
- 1992 — American 13-6 National (Jack Murphy Stadium)