



# FREEDOM WATCH



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## News briefs

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### Gas killed 115 Moscow hostages

**MOSCOW** — The 115 hostages killed in the raid that ended a three-day Moscow theatre standoff died of health problems stemming from the gas used, the city's chief doctor has said. The mystery gas was pumped into the building through the air ventilation system to "neutralize" the Chechen rebels captors before special Alpha anti-terrorist forces stormed the building on Saturday. All of the 50 hostage-takers, who had been holding about 800 captives to back their demands for the withdrawal of Russian troops from their breakaway republic, died in the raid including their leader. But Moscow's chief doctor, Andrei Seltsovky, said on Sunday that 63 of the male hostages and 54 female hostages also died. A further 150 are in critical condition more than 36 hours after they were released early Saturday.

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## 505th trains on Tarnak grounds



The Scout Platoon, HHC, 1st Bn., 505th PIR, prepare to fire a variety of weapons on Tarnak Range.

Story & photo by Staff Sgt. Zelda Thomas-Gates  
300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

**KANDAHAR**, Afghanistan — Osama bin Laden made Afghanistan his home in 1996, establishing terrorist training camps throughout the country. Authorities on terrorism estimate 50,000 militants from more than 50 countries have received training and sanctuary in bin Laden camps over the years.

The Tarnak Farm Range is one such camp. Located outside of Kandahar Air Field, it is heavily damaged and loaded with mines. The range, once used by bin Laden and his al Qaeda force, is used regularly today by Coalition task forces.

Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, NC., recently used the range for training.

"It is better that we get to practice and to train here, rather than the al Qaeda," said Pfc. Nick A. Schuld, Mortar Platoon.

Tarnak Farm Range was not only a training camp, it also housed the al Qaeda. It was abandoned shortly after the bombing of the World Trade Centers and the Pentagon.

"I think it's sort of funny that we are using the range that the al Qaeda trained on," said Capt. Marcos U. Alaniz, commander. "They are cowards."

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## Female MPs join infantry on the front line

Story & photo by Sgt. Reeba Critser  
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**KHOWST**, Afghanistan — To this day, the U.S. military has its doors closed to women to perform combat arms duties like infantry and cavalry. Nevertheless, three women in Southeastern Afghanistan are breaking barriers as military police.

"Taking females out on missions was new to the infantrymen," said



Sgt. Nicola Hall, 21st MP Co., and Cpl. Jill Osowski, 972nd MP Co., observe a vehicle drive by their perimeter during a presence patrol in Southeastern Afghanistan.

Sgt. Nicola Hall, 21st Military Police Company, Fort Bragg, N.C.

Hall is the first woman

to accompany the infantry in combat operations in theatre. The female MPs assist infantrymen

when Afghan women are searched.

"It's tough work what they do," said Cpl. Jill Osowski, 972nd Military Police Company, Massachusetts National Guard, Melrose, Mass. "It's a privilege to do it with them."

The three travel with the men on almost every mission.

"I like doing what the guys do," said Sgt. Stephanie Blazo, 972nd

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MP Co. “I get a better appreciation of their job.”

Although working with infantrymen can be fun, Osowski said the MPs take their job seriously and play hard.

“You have to make sure you’re in good physical condition,” said Osowski, from Chicopee, Mass. “On my last mission, we walked 18 clicks will all of my gear on.”

“I’m learning what grunts do,” said Hall, native of Alpharetta, Ga. “They learn what I do.

As MPs, we search people and look for weapons. It’s our SOP. I never thought we would be walking for hours or be on the front.”

“They’ve (82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne) been nothing but respectful to us,” she continued. “As long as you walk, carry your own weight and don’t whine, you’re respected.”

Because Afghanistan is a male-dominated country, the trio get a lot of attention when they conduct their missions.

“The men and kids are shocked to see us carry a weapon,” said Blazo, from Revere, Mass. “But we haven’t had trouble with them so far.”

The need for

women in Afghanistan combat operations has risen.

“I’m not surprised that they’re (82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne) using females,” Hall said. “Females play a bigger part in combat now. In Israel, women are strapping bombs on themselves – suicide bombers. It’s come to be true here.”

For the last two months, Hall was the only female performing searches on Afghan women. She was the MP that discovered Afghan women hiding weapons under their burkas last month. Since then, Osowski and Blazo have joined her from Uzbekistan.

“We’re invading their houses and searching persons,” Osowski said. “The males are not expecting the women to be searched. So we’re sending out the message that the behavior will not be tolerated.”

Although these women are pioneers in their field, none of them want to pursue the option of women in the combat military occupational specialties.

“It’s difficult, vigorous, mentally stressful,” Hall said. “I know as females that we can do it. But for cohesion, it’s not good. Cohesion is what makes the Army click. It’s not women’s lib, I’m just here doing my job.”

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While we train on their range, they are hiding somewhere in this country.”

In December, U.S. Marines took over the range and found a wealth of intelligence to include an al Qaeda library and documents.

The range is well guarded by an Afghan Militia Force. The locals are not allowed on the range — only U.S. and Coalition forces.

“I feel no different training on this range than any other range,” said Staff Sgt. Robert Hoskins, Mortar Platoon. “It would make a difference only if the bad guys were down range.”

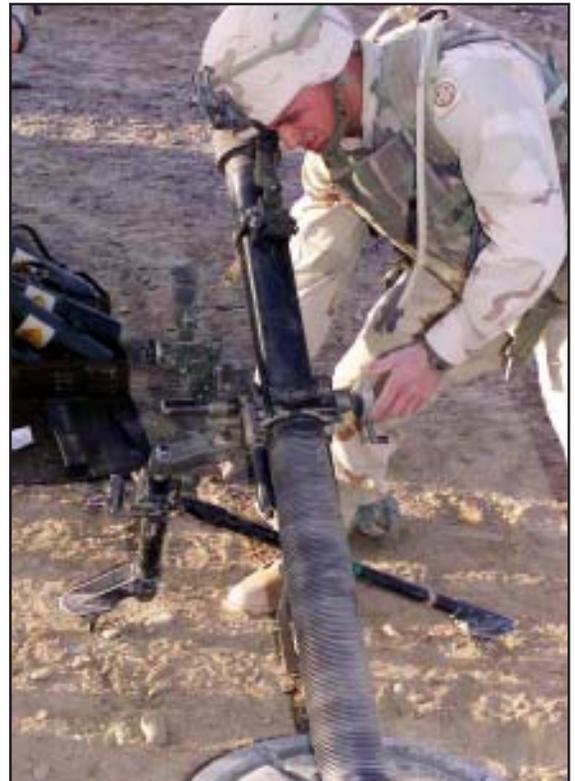


Photo by Staff Sgt. Zelda Thomas-Gates, 300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment  
**A soldier from HHC, 1st Bn., 505th PIR, adjusts the grid and elevation on the 81mm mortar during a training exercise on Tarnak Farm Range.**



Photo by Sgt. Reeba Critser

## ***Music to the ears***

**In the confines of their tent, Spc. Panupong Butsingkon (right), Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, Fort Bragg, N.C., plays a Chinese flute. Pfc. Michael Reynolds, also with HHC, listens to the tune. Butsingkon and Reynolds, with his Afghan flute, are learning to play their instruments at a forward operating base in Southeastern Afghanistan.**

# HIND SIGHT

1636

Harvard College, the oldest institution of higher learning in the United States, is founded in Cambridge, Mass.

1793

Eli Whitney applies for a patent on the cotton gin — a machine which cleans the tight-clinging seeds from short-staple cotton easily and effectively — a job which was previously done by hand.

1886

The Statue of Liberty, originally named *Liberty Enlightening the World*, is dedicated at Liberty Island, N.Y., formerly Bedloe's Island, by President Grover Cleveland.

1904

The St. Louis police try a new investigation method — fingerprints.

1914

George Eastman announces the invention of the color photographic process.

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## Israel allows scholars to take relic abroad

**JERUSALEM** — Israel said Sunday it has granted a four-month export license for an ancient burial box that may be the oldest archaeological link to Jesus. The limestone box bears the inscription “James, son of Joseph, brother of Jesus” in Aramaic. The box is expected to be exhibited in Toronto this fall, at a gathering of religious scholars.

## Scientists: Brain cell production may affect depression

**NEW YORK** — It was one of the most startling brain discoveries in recent history. The finding announced in 1998 that people keep making new brain cells well into adulthood. Now, scientists are looking into another surprising idea, that waning and waxing of this brain-cell birthing contributes to depression and the effects of anti-depressants. If it's true, it could help unlock the riddle of just what goes wrong in the brain to bring on the mood disease. And it could help lead to better treatments, like faster-acting antidepressants.

## Bagram Air Base MWR movies

The Bagram Air Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff present “K19 Widow Maker” tonight at 1530Z at the MWR building.

Tomorrow's movie will be “Life Or Something Like It,” showing at the same time.

# Local weather

## TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>
<b>Bagram:</b>	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 77F L: 43F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 75F L: 41F
<b>Kandahar:</b>	<i>Haze</i> H: 82F L: 50F	<i>Haze</i> H: 84F L: 55F
<b>Kabul:</b>	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 68F L: 36F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 70F L: 39F
<b>Uzbekistan:</b>	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 72F L: 45F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 72F L: 43F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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# COALITION SPORTSZONE

## The Day in Sports

(Compiled from ESPN.com)

### Angels win first World Series in franchise history

ANAHEIM, Calif. — This is definitely movie material — and the stars are the never-say-die Anaheim Angels.

They came out of nowhere to reach their first World Series, rallying past every team in their way.

Their rookie pitcher wins Game 7.

And the best hitter in the world watches from the losers' dugout, knowing he was once just six outs away from winning the only title he has ever wanted.

John Lackey, Garret Anderson and the Angels made it all come true, beating Barry Bonds and the San Francisco Giants 4-1 Sunday night for the franchise's first championship in its 42 years.

Plus the most amazing thing — the Angels didn't even need to rely on their Rally Monkey.

Instead, the highest-scoring Series in history came down to pitching. Behind Lackey and the bullpen, Anaheim had too much to win baseball's first all wild-card matchup.

The Angels became the eighth straight home team to win Game 7 of the World Series. History was on their side from the start and so was an omen — a skywriting plane put a gigantic halo over Edison Field before the first pitch.

A day after it blew a 5-0 lead in the seventh inning, San Francisco never got close to winning its first title. Bonds went 1-for-3 with a walk to close out one of the most dominant Series performances ever, yet it wasn't enough.

Lackey wasn't even with the Angels, stuck in Triple-A, when they went 6-14 for the worst start in team history. But with both staffs worn down, the 24-year-old righty gave Anaheim exactly what it needed with five innings of one-run ball.

Anderson, finally due to get the recognition he's always deserved, hit a three-run double off Livan Hernandez in the third for a 4-1 lead. The monkey mascot made a brief, early appearance on the video board to celebrate the moment, then sat back and let the sellout crowd of 44,598 bang their ThunderStix like crazy.

Brendan Donnelly, Francisco Rodriguez and Troy Percival closed it for manager Mike Scioscia's bunch. Percival escaped a two-on, one-out jam for his third save of the Series.

And when it was over, Southern California, the land of celluloid stars, had just added a whole teamful of them while Hollywood luminaries Pierce Brosnan and John Travolta watched from the stands.

Before this year, the Angels were known mostly for heartbreak. Beloved owner Gene Autry never saw his team get this far before passing away, and it didn't look like these guys would do it, either, especially after finishing 41 games out of first place last season.

### 2002 World Series

*San Francisco vs. Anaheim*

**Oct. 19**

San Francisco 4, Anaheim 3, Giants lead 1-0

**Oct. 20**

Anaheim 11, San Francisco 10, Series tied 1-1

**Tuesday**

Anaheim 10, San Francisco 4, Angels lead 2-1

**Wednesday**

San Francisco 4, Anaheim 3, Series tied 2-2

**Thursday**

San Francisco 16, Anaheim 4, Giants lead 3-2

**Saturday**

Anaheim 6, San Francisco 5, Series tied 3-3

**Sunday**

Anaheim 4, San Francisco 1, Angels win 4-3

### Past World Series results

2002- Anaheim (AL) 4, San Francisco (NL) 3

2001- Arizona (NL) 4, New York (AL) 3

2000- New York (AL) 4, New York (NL) 1

1999- New York (AL) 4, Atlanta (NL) 0

1998- New York (AL) 4, San Diego (NL) 0

1997- Florida (NL) 4, Cleveland (AL) 3

1996- New York (AL) 4, Atlanta (NL) 2

1995- Atlanta (NL) 4, Cleveland (AL) 2

1994- Series cancelled

1993- Toronto (AL) 4, Philadelphia (NL) 2

1992- Toronto (AL) 4, Atlanta (NL) 2

1991- Minnesota (AL) 4, Atlanta (NL) 3

1990- Cincinnati (NL) 4, Oakland (AL) 0

1989- Oakland (AL) 4, San Francisco (NL) 0

1988- Los Angeles (NL) 4, Oakland (AL) 1

1987- Minnesota (AL) 4, St. Louis (NL) 3

1986- New York (NL) 4, Boston (AL) 3

1985- Kansas City (AL) 4, St. Louis (NL) 3

1984- Detroit (AL) 4, San Diego (NL) 1

1983- Baltimore (AL) 4, Philadelphia (NL) 1

1982- St. Louis (NL) 4, Milwaukee (AL) 3

1981- Los Angeles (NL) 4, New York (AL) 2

1980- Philadelphia (NL) 4, Kansas City (AL) 2

1979- Pittsburgh (NL) 4, Baltimore (AL) 3

1978- New York (AL) 4, Los Angeles (NL) 2

1977- New York (AL) 4, Los Angeles (NL) 2

1976- Cincinnati (NL) 4, New York (AL) 0

1975- Cincinnati (NL) 4, Boston (AL) 3

1974- Oakland (AL) 4, Los Angeles (NL) 1

1973- Oakland (AL) 4, New York (NL) 3

### Week 8 scorecard

Kansas City 20, Oakland 10  
 Pittsburgh 31, Baltimore 18  
 Tampa Bay 12, Carolina 9  
 Buffalo 24, Detroit 17  
 Tennessee 30, Cincinnati 24  
 Atlanta 37, N.Orleans 35  
 Cleveland 24, N.Y. Jets 21  
 Seattle 17, Dallas 14  
 Minnesota 25, Chicago 7  
 San Francisco 38, Arizona 28  
 Houston 21, Jacksonville 19  
 Denver 24, N.England 16  
 Washington 26, Indiana 21

#### Monday's game

N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia

### Smith passes Payton

**IRVING**, Texas — Emmitt Smith cut left, saw a hole and plunged ahead. When an arm smacked his legs and sent him stumbling, Smith put down his right hand to keep his balance and rumbled for an 11-yard gain. And the NFL career rushing record.

With that fourth-quarter run Sunday, the Dallas Cowboys running back reached 16,728 yards, passing the late Walter Payton to become No. 1 on the all-time list and accomplishing a goal he'd set before his rookie season.

"Once I broke the line of scrimmage, I knew that had to be the one," Smith said.

He capped the drive with a game-tying 1-yard touchdown run, then stood grim-faced minutes later when Seattle's Rian Lindell kicked a 20-yard field goal with 25 seconds left to give the Seahawks a 17-14 victory.

While the loss put a damper on the day, it couldn't overshadow what Smith had done — in the game and over his prolific career.

Smith finished with 109 yards on 24 carries.

## 2002 National Football League standings

### American Football Conference

#### East

(2)Miami	5-2	.714
(6)Buffalo	5-3	.625
N.England	3-4	.429
N.Y. Jets	2-5	.286

#### North

(4)Pittsburgh	4-3	.571
Cleveland	4-4	.500
Baltimore	3-4	.429
Cincinnati	0-7	.000

#### South

(3)Indianapolis	4-3	.571
Tennessee	3-4	.429
Jacksonville	3-4	.429
Houston	2-5	.286

#### West

(1)San Diego	6-1	.857
(5)Denver	6-2	.750
Oakland	4-3	.571
Kansas City	4-4	.500

### National Football Conference

#### East

(4)Philadelphia	4-2	.667
N.Y. Giants	3-3	.500
Washington	3-4	.429
Dallas	3-5	.333

#### North

(1)Green Bay	6-1	.857
Chicago	2-5	.286
Detroit	2-5	.286
Minnesota	2-5	.286

#### South

(2)New Orleans	6-2	.750
(5)Tampa Bay	6-2	.750
Atlanta	4-3	.571
Carolina	3-5	.375

#### West

(3)San Francisco	5-2	.714
(6)Arizona	4-3	.571
St. Louis	2-5	.286
Seattle	2-5	.286



By Kevin Kilgore  
**Laugh Support**

*“Can you guys come back? I left my MRE on the helo.”*



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