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News briefs

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Five die in Dallas shooting

DALLAS, Texas — Five people, including three children, were shot dead at a Dallas house Sunday evening, police said. A sixth person was shot but survived. Police detained a man near the house in south Dallas as he drove away. The suspect's name has not been released, but he is believed to be a relative of some of the victims. Baker said the victims — including a teenager, a 5-year-old and an infant — were shot with an automatic weapon, but was unsure of the exact type.

Latest terror attacks kill 12

JERUSALEM — A series of terror attacks killed 12 people and wounded dozens of others in the Mideast since Sunday. The most recent terror attack came early Monday morning when a car carrying an Israeli couple and their two children was ambushed on a main road in the West Bank, the Israel Defense Forces said.

U.S. must reveal names of most 9/11 detainees

CNN.com

WASHINGTON—A federal judge has ordered the government to reveal within 15 days the names of people detained in the investigation of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The order by U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler allows only two exceptions: if the detainee is a material witness to a terror investigation and if the person being held does not want to be identified. Kessler also ordered that the names of the detainee's attorneys be released, but she denied requests for dates and locations of arrests and detentions, and dates of release.



Photo by Sgt. Reeba Critser

General relations

Combined Joint Task Force - 180 Commander Lt. Gen. Dan McNeill shares a laugh with Afghan Gen. Daoud Khan (left) during a visit to Konduz Wednesday. The two discussed the progress of Afghanistan since President Hamid Karsai took over.

Khan is responsible for the provinces of Konduz, Takar, Baglan and Badakshan. He spoke about the improvements made in the area since the presence of the Coalition, like better schools and health care.

McNeill also visited with U.S. Special Forces soldiers in the area.

Military looks for new ways to find al Qaeda

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military is constantly trying to find new ways to find and kill al Qaeda and Taliban terrorists, Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke said today during a briefing.

Clarke was talking about news reports that

allege Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld is impatient with the pace of progress against the terrorists. She said Rumsfeld is constantly reminding military and civilian personnel about the urgency of taking the battle to the terrorists.

"It is no secret that the secretary wants everyone to understand the sense of urgency about what we're doing," Clarke

said. "The threats are real and, despite the success thus far in Afghanistan, we have a long way to go."

She also said that Rumsfeld has full and total confidence in U.S. Central Command chief Gen. Tommy Franks. "He has done an extraordinary job of prosecuting what has been a very unconventional war," she said. "The secretary

remains confident that the performance will be terrific going forward."

Clarke and Air Force Brig. Gen. John Rosa of the Joint Staff said the U.S. military continues to search for ways to improve operations against al Qaeda and Taliban. "We've said all along the hunt for these people would get harder the fur-



Photo by Capt. Timothy Beninato
A CH-47 Chinook from Company B, 7-101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) from Fort Campbell, Ky., flies over a small town in Afghanistan.

Scenes of Afghanistan

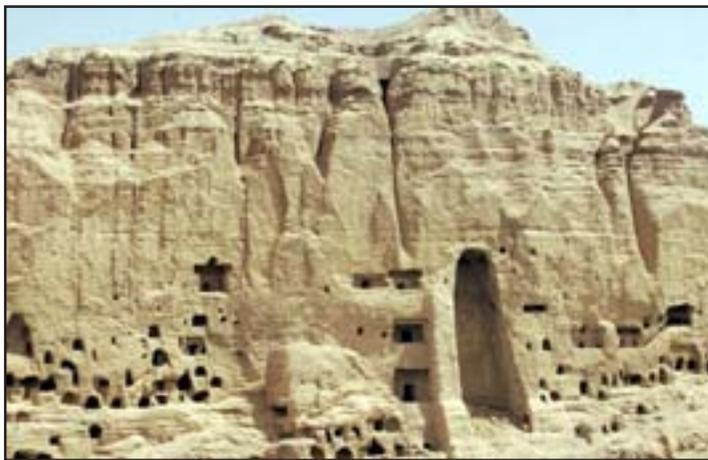


Photo by Capt. Timothy Beninato
Houses inside of a mountain still stand in the city of Bamian, Afghanistan.

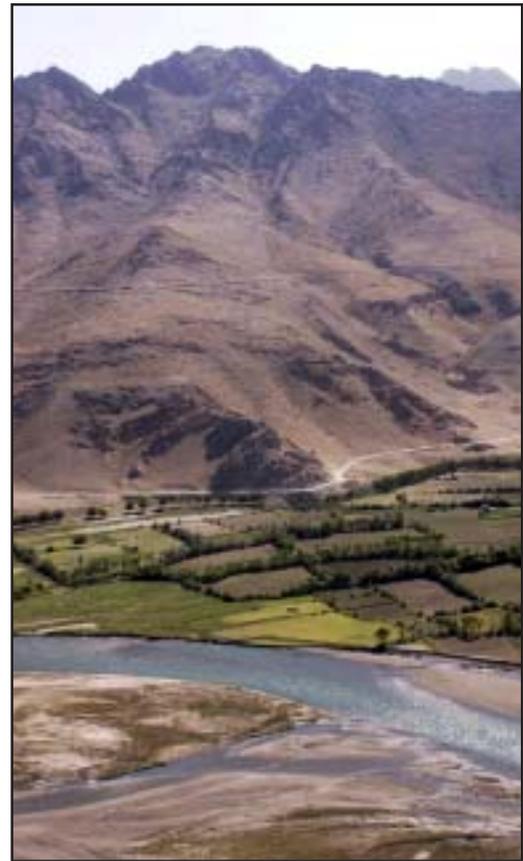


Photo by Sgt. Reeba Critser
The Hindu Kush mountain range overlooks the Kabul River Valley.

HIND SIGHT

1497

John Cabot returns to England after his first successful journey to the Labrador coast.

1890

William Kemmler becomes the first man to be executed by the electric chair.

1942

The Soviet city of Voronezh falls to the German army.

1945

Paul Tibbets, the commander of *Enola Gay*, drops the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan. It was the second atomic bomb, dropped on Nagasaki, that induced the Japanese to surrender.

1965

President Lyndon B. Johnson signs the Voting Rights Act, outlawing the literacy test for voting eligibility in the South.

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ther along we went,” she said. “Every single day, hopefully, we’re learning lessons. Every single day hopefully, we’re improving the way we prosecute this war.”

She said this follows along with Rumsfeld’s greater vision for the U.S. military. “Secretary Rumsfeld’s direction all along is that we’re in a very different world and we face very different threats,” she said. “It means we need a faster, more adaptive, more flexible, more lethal force. We’re always looking at ways to make that happen.”

Published reports said the U.S. Special Operations Command would take on a new, more direct, role in the global war on terrorism. “Our special operations forces have been key to the operation since Day 1,” Rosa said. He said he would not discuss operations.

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—Victoria Clarke,
Pentagon spokes-
woman

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Mostly sunny</i> H: 100F L: 75F	<i>Mostly sunny</i> H: 100F L: 77F
Khandahar:	<i>Dusty</i> H: 108F L: 73F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 108F L: 73F
Kabul:	<i>Dusty</i> H: 100F L: 77F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 100F L: 68F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Sunny</i> H: 104F L: 67F	<i>Sunny</i> H: 104F L: 67F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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COALITION SPORTSZONE

The Day in Sports

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Longtime announcer Hearn dies three days after a fall

LOS ANGELES — Play-by-play announcer Chick Hearn, who made phrases like "slam dunk" and "air ball" common basketball expressions during his 42-year career with the Los Angeles Lakers, died Monday night, three days after suffering a fall. He was 85.

Hearn, the only play-by-play announcer the Los Angeles Lakers have ever had, died at 6:30 p.m., at Northridge Medical Center Hospital, team spokesman Bob Steiner told a grim-faced news conference outside the hospital.

"Chick, we'll miss you dearly, quite simply, you're the best," said Mitch Kupchak, the team's general manager and a former player.

Hearn was rushed to the hospital Friday night after falling and striking his head in the backyard of the Encino home he shared with his wife, Marge. The two would have celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on Aug. 13. Surgeons operated twice Saturday to relieve swelling in his brain, but he never regained consciousness.

Hearn called a record 3,338 consecutive Lakers games starting in 1965 before missing a game because he had to have an operation in December 2001 for a blocked aortic valve.

2002 Major League Leaders

<i>Batting Average</i>		<i>Wins</i>	
1. L. Walker, Col	.364	1. C. Schilling, Ariz	18-4
2. M. Sweeney, KC	.355	2. B. Zito, Oak	15-4
3. I. Suzuki, Sea	.353	2. R. Johnson, Ariz	15-4
4. B. Bonds, SF	.350	2. D. Lowe, Bos	15-5
5. J. Kent, SF	.329	5. T. Glavine, Atl	14-6
<i>Home runs</i>		<i>Earned Run Average</i>	
1. A. Rodriguez, Tex.	37	1. D. Lowe, Bos	2.13
2. S. Sosa, CHC	33	2. P. Martinez, Bos	2.25
3. J. Thome, Cle	32	3. G. Maddux, Atl	2.45
4. L. Berkman, Hou	31	4. E. Dessens, Cin	2.67
5. B. Bonds, SF	31	4. B. Colon, Cle/Mon	2.67
<i>Runs Batted In</i>		<i>Strikeouts</i>	
1. A. Rodriguez, Tex	94	1. C. Schilling, Ariz	219
2. N. Garciaparra, Bos	91	2. R. Johnson, Ariz	215
3. M. Tejada, Oak	90	3. P. Martinez, Bos	188
3. J. Giambi, NYY	88	4. A. Burnett, Fla	163
3. M. Ordonez, CHW	87	5. R. Oswalt, Hou	146

2002 Major League standings

American League East			GB
N.Y. Yankees	69-41	.627	-
Boston	65-45	.591	4
Baltimore	52-56	.481	16
American League Central			GB
Minnesota	69-44	.611	-
Chicago (AL)	53-60	.469	16
Cleveland	48-62	.436	19.5
American League West			GB
Seattle	69-43	.616	-
Anaheim	66-45	.595	2.5
Oakland	64-48	.571	5
National League East			GB
Atlanta	73-38	.658	-
N.Y. Mets	55-56	.495	18
Montreal	55-56	.495	18
National League Central			GB
St. Louis	59-49	.546	-
Cincinnati	58-52	.527	2
Houston	57-53	.518	3
National League West			GB
Arizona	69-43	.616	-
Los Angeles	62-49	.559	5.5
San Francisco	61-50	.550	6.5

Monday

Kansas City 12-4 Minnesota
 Philadelphia 7-5 Los Angeles
 Toronto 7-1 Baltimore
 Arizona 2-0 N.Y. Mets
 Chicago W. Sox 4-3 Tampa Bay
 Anaheim 6-3 Detroit

Today

Minnesota at Baltimore
 Oakland at Boston
 Tampa Bay at Cleveland
 Texas at Detroit
 Kansas City at N.Y. Yankees
 Seattle at Toronto
 Anaheim at Chicago W. Sox
 N.Y. Mets at Milwaukee
 Florida at Houston
 Montreal at St. Louis
 Cincinnati at Colorado
 Philadelphia at San Diego
 Atlanta at Arizona
 Pittsburgh at Los Angeles
 Chicago Cubs at San Francisco

NL Wild Card race

1. Los Angeles .559
 2. San Francisco .550
 3. Cincinnati .527
 4. Houston .518
 5. N.Y. Mets .495

AL Wild Card race

1. Boston .591
 2. Anaheim .591
 3. Oakland .571
 4. Baltimore .481
 5. Chicago (AL) .464