

Summer News

Hot events that struck the world

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COLLAPSING ON THE SET OF HIS CURRENT TV SERIES, "8 Simple Rules for Dating My Teenage Daughter," John Ritter died September 11. Ritter was the voice of Clifford on the PBS animated series "Clifford the Big Red Dog," and won an Emmy award for his role as Jack Tripper on the 1970's sitcom, "Three's Company." He was 54 years old.



COMEDIC LEGEND BOB HOPE dies at the age of 100. Hope first earned fame on the vaudeville circuit, starred on the Broadway stage, and appeared in more than 75 films, starred in more than 475 TV programs and 1,000-plus radio programs. As the master of the one-liner, he often used himself as the target, he is also synonymous with entertaining U.S. troops, during World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the 1991 Persian Gulf War. President Kennedy presented him with the Congressional Gold Medal, and in 1998 Britain's Queen Elizabeth awarded him honorary knighthood. "The King of Comedy" passed away peacefully at his home on July 27.

Bombs over Baghdad

Dates and Dollars

- 19th** of March American anti-aircraft fire and explosions, called "Shock and Awe" marks the start of the War in Iraq.
- 9th** of April the city of Baghdad fell. Statue of Saddam Hussein is torn down.
- 1st** of May, President Bush addressed the nation from the USS Abraham Lincoln under a banner reading "Mission Accomplished," and declared an end to major combat operations.
- 87** billion dollars President Bush requested to reconstruct and occupy Iraq and Afghanistan.



What happened in Iraq?

July 22, a tipster betrayed the location in Mosul of Saddam Hussein's sons, Uday and Qusay. A strategic raid and firefight killed them, considered two of the most notable faces of the Baathist regime in Iraq.

President Bush called their deaths proof "the former regime is gone and will not be coming back." The Pentagon released photos and video of the dead bodies of the two brothers, in order to convince a disbelieving Iraqi public. These deaths did not end the Iraqi resistance, as attacks on coalition forces actually increased in the late summer and into the fall.

