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**LEFT:** Midge Bechem holds a picture of her son, Spc. Robert E. Hall Jr., who was killed in action June 28 in Iraq. **RIGHT:** Diane Davis Santoriello's son, 1st Lt. Neil Santoriello Jr., was killed Aug. 14 in Iraq.

## New Delhi blasts kill dozens

Explosions rip through a bus and crowded markets

*Police declare a state of emergency and the prime minister urges calm.*

BY MATTHEW ROSENBERG  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**NEW DELHI** — Near-simultaneous explosions rocked the Indian capital Saturday evening, tearing through a bus and two markets crowded with people shopping for gifts for a Hindu festival. At least 58 people were killed and dozens wounded in the blasts, which the government blamed on terrorists.

Police declared a state of emergency and closed all city markets. Prime Minister Manmohan Singh urged calm while denouncing the apparently coordinated bombings, which did not prevent an unprecedented India-Pakistan agreement to open the Kashmir border to facilitate aid for survivors of the region's devastating Oct. 8 earthquake.

"These are dastardly acts of terrorism," Singh said in a brief televised statement. "We shall defeat their nefarious designs and will not allow them to succeed. We are resolute in our commitment to fighting terrorism in all forms."

Asked who was responsible, he would only say "there are several clues." The Indian government faces opposition from dozens of militant groups — particularly Kashmiri separatists, some of whom also oppose the peace process between Pakistan and India.

The first explosion hit at 5:45 p.m. in New Delhi's main Paharganj market, leaving behind bloodstained streets and mangled stalls of wood and twisted metal. Within minutes came an explosion at the popular Sarojini Nagar market and the bus blast in the Govindpuri neighborhood. Police said at least 60 people were wounded in the first blast and dozens in the other two.

The attacks targeted the many people shopping just days before the festival of Diwali, a major Hindu holiday during which families exchange gifts, light candles and celebrate with fireworks. The markets where the blasts occurred often sell fireworks that are elaborate and potentially dangerous.

"When I got up, there were people everywhere — they were bleeding and screaming," Anil Gupta said about 45 minutes after the blast as he sifted through the wreckage of his

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## 'You do not get over this'

Moms of killed soldiers have differing views on Iraq

As the number of U.S. soldiers who have died in Iraq reached 2,000 last week, it heightened the national debate over how long America's armed forces should remain in the war, and at what cost.

The 2,000th death placed a symbolic marker in

the history of the war, but it also represents 2,000 individual stories of the Americans who have died, their loved ones' grief, and differing views about the war among the families of the fallen soldiers.

Here are two of those stories.

### Spc. Robert E. Hall Jr.

Midge Bechem last spoke to her son, Army Spc. Robert E. Hall Jr., the day before his death in Iraq.

"I wished I had recorded it," she said, recalling those final moments with tears glistening in her eyes as she stood near a memorial to her son in the front yard of her Ross home. "We talked about when he was coming home, and I

told him I wanted to have him a party.

"I never thought anything would happen to him. My heart broke."

Bechem gets chills each time she hears another American soldier has been killed in action, as she did Tuesday when it was announced that

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### 1st Lt. Neil Santoriello Jr.

In one of her final letters, Diane Santoriello told her son, Army 1st Lt. Neil Santoriello Jr., that she was planning a homecoming celebration when he returned from Iraq.

"I told him that I was proud of him," said Diane Santoriello, 56, of Penn Hills, a school teacher. "I often told him that."

Santoriello Jr. never made it home to celebrate his 25th birthday on Sept. 19, 2004. Instead, he became the 930th U.S. soldier to die in the war when a roadside bomb exploded Aug. 13, 2004, near his tank outside Khaldiya, Iraq.

The U.S. military death toll reached 2,000 on Tuesday,

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## 'Scooter' Libby: Man on vendetta or public servant?

*The CIA leak case ensnares Cheney aide in war and the law.*

BY LARRY MARGASAK  
AND PETE YOST  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The prosecution's conclusion: Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff pursued information about a critic who said the Bush administration manipulated intelligence to make the case for war.

The view of the president and vice president: I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby is a dedicated public servant who has worked tirelessly on behalf of his country.

Is Libby an influential White House adviser who lied? Or is he a man with a hectic schedule who happens to remember events differently from the reporters and administration figures who will eventually be called to testify against him?

"As lawyers, we recognize that a person's recollection and memory of events will not always match those of other people, partic-

ularly when they are asked to testify months after the events occurred," Libby's lawyer, Joseph Tate, said in a statement.

Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald drew his detailed portrait of Libby based on a two-year investigation that pulled dozens of witnesses in for questioning, including President Bush and Cheney.

Libby, the indictment against him concludes, received information from Cheney, the State Department and the CIA about

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