

Operation Camp Civi underway

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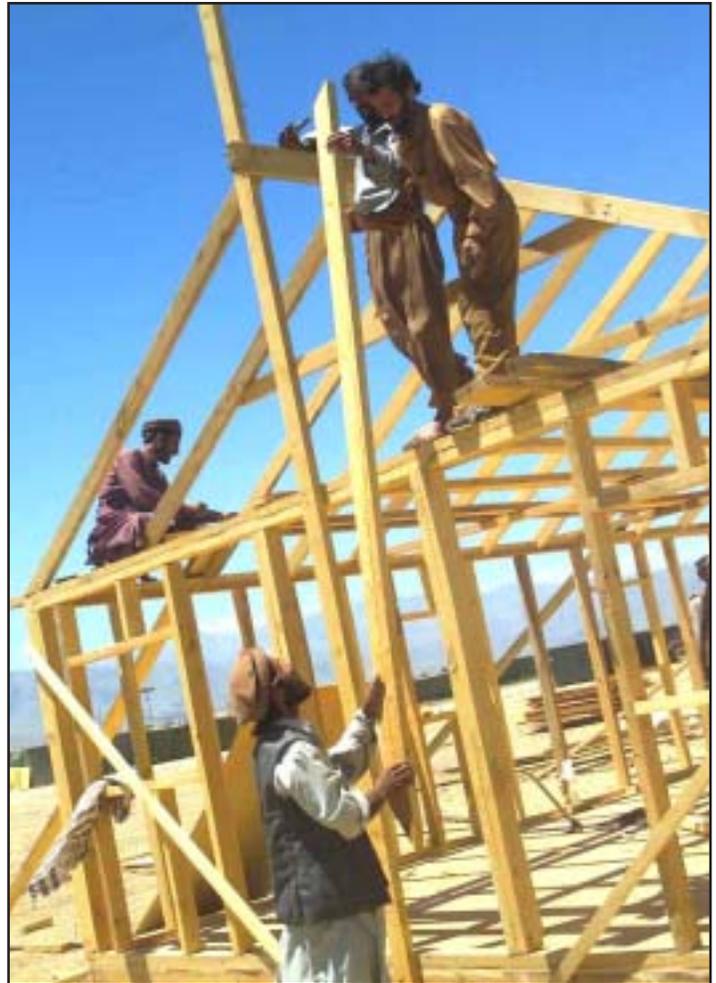
BAGRAM, Afghanistan — As the population of the air base continues to expand, the number of troops on Bagram is not the only thing increasing. The demand for civilian contractors is growing as well.

Due to the number of civilian workers residing on Bagram, a project is currently underway to better facilitate their needs and better monitor where they are living.

“Between the (Kellogg), Brown and Root contractors, media and other civilian employees, there are over 300 non-military personnel on Bagram,” said Maj. Erwin Blancaflor, chief of plans and designs, Combined Joint Task Force-180. “As of right now these civilians are spread all over the base living amongst the servicemembers.”

According to Blancaflor, this causes a problem for a couple different reasons.

“Because most of the civilians are out here for an extended period of time, their needs are different than those of the troops,” said Blancaflor. “In addition, their standard of living is a little higher than the standard that the military provides for servicemembers, so other



A few local contractors work on a B-Hut frame at the new Camp Civi site. The newly constructed B-Huts will house all of the civilian contractors on Bagram.

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Heavy equipment bypass to lessen Disney traffic

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — The traffic on Disney Road will soon see less heavy equipment.

The engineers here are in the process of building the RRR Bypass Road for forklifts, cargo trucks and other heavy equipment to travel straight from the airfield to the 264th Logistics Task Force.

“The road will improve traffic circulation base wide by creating a separate lane for

delivery vehicles,” said Maj. Erwin Blancaflor, chief of plans and design, San Francisco team, 416th Facility Engineer Group.

The road parallels the rapid runway repair, which is why it acquired the name RRR Bypass Road.

Instead of this traffic traveling on Echo and Disney the new road runs behind Viper City straight to the supply support area.

The Republic of Korea engineers were chosen to complete it under the supervision of the 527th Engineer Battalion, Ruston, La.

“The Koreans were chosen for their available equipment and manpower,” said Capt. Kevin Baxter, operations officer, 527th.

According to Baxter, a lot of debris and some HESCOS had to be moved, as well as an office and several tents.

In addition to the road, the Korean engineers are also repairing a drainage ditch along the road as a second part of the project.

The project has taken three weeks and should be complete by Saturday. It is currently 92 percent complete, according to Baxter.

World News (Compiled from CNN.com)



Israeli soldiers search the home of the suicide bomber who killed 16 people in Jerusalem.

Hamas bombing, Israeli strikes test peace efforts

JERUSALEM — The fledgling road map to Middle East peace was put to a bloody test Wednesday, when a Hamas suicide bomber blew up a bus in Jerusalem and Israeli forces attacked Hamas militants in Gaza, leaving more than two dozen people dead and 100 others wounded.

The latest episode in a week of violence came late Wednesday night. Two Palestinian militants were killed in a neighborhood east of Gaza City after a missile attack launched from Israeli helicopter gunships, Palestinian hospital and security sources said. Another person was wounded, sources said.

A spokesman for the Israel Defense Forces said members of a terrorist cell preparing to launch mortar shells from an area near the Jewish settlement of Netzarim were the targets of the attack.

An earlier Israeli attack on Hamas targets killed seven people.

The two helicopter strikes were not retaliation for Wednesday's suicide bombing of a bus in Jerusalem, which killed 16 people and the bomber, the IDF said.

Despite Wednesday's carnage, President Bush and other key leaders involved in pushing the road map insisted the violence should not be allowed to derail the process begun with high hopes last week at a summit in Jordan.

Senate closed hearings to probe Iraq intel

WASHINGTON — The head of the U.S. Senate Intelligence Committee said Wednesday

that his panel will hold closed-door hearings next week as part of its ongoing review of U.S. intelligence on Iraq.

The hearings won't be a formal joint inquiry sought by Democrats. The move comes amid questions about whether the Bush administration manipulated intelligence data to bolster its case for war in Iraq.

U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kansas, made it clear he has seen no evidence any intelligence data was slanted or politicized, but he said allegations from anonymous officials saying they were under pressure to "skew their analysis" were serious and "must be cleared up."

"I can tell you, however, that the committee has yet to hear from any intelligence official expressing such concerns," Roberts said. "If any officials believe, however, that they have been pressured to alter their assessment, they have an obligation, and I encourage them to contact the committee."

He said criticism of the intelligence agencies has been divisive and could hurt national security.

The Bush administration has come under fire from some Democrats and critics abroad because no weapons of mass destruction have been found in Iraq. U.S. and British statements before the war asserted that Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was harboring and developing such banned weapons.

Stock losses cull millionaire ranks

NEW YORK — Stock losses contributed heavily to a decline in the number of North American millionaires last year, even as the world's richest people are getting richer, according to a new report.

The survey, by Cap Gemini Ernst & Young and Merrill Lynch, found that the United States and Canada had 100,000 fewer millionaires in 2002 than 2001. The report defines millionaires as people with financial assets worth at least \$1 million, excluding real estate.

There are still 2 million people in the category, but their worth declined over the last year to \$7.4 trillion — a \$200 billion drop, or

2.1 percent. The report attributes the bulk of the loss to stock market declines.

Overall, global wealth grew by 3.6 percent to \$27.2 trillion, the study found. Nearly 200,000 more people made the cut in 2002, bringing the total number of millionaires to 7.3 million worldwide.

Asia had the most significant growth, with almost 5 percent more individuals in that category.

Latin America was the only other region to see a decline in the ranks of the rich. But Latin America's rich saw a slight growth in the value of their assets; only in North America did total wealth fall.

Miami police link 4 rapes to serial rapist

MIAMI — DNA evidence links a serial rapist to four Miami rapes, and two more attacks are probably connected, police said Wednesday.

The suspect, whom police said spoke to his victims in Spanish, is described as having an accent that is either Mexican, Honduran or Nicaraguan.

Police said the attacker wore the same piece of jewelry and the same article of clothing in some of the incidents. Miami Police Deputy Chief Frank Fernandez said his department will release details of the items Thursday.

DNA evidence has linked the man to the sexual assaults of two girls and two women in a Miami neighborhood in recent months.

On May 15 a 13-year-old girl was attacked and on June 2 an 11-year-old girl was attacked. Both children were home alone after returning from school.

The attacks all happened in Shendoah, a neighborhood in southwest Miami.

DNA evidence links the same man to the sexual battery of a 21-year-old woman and a 55-year-old woman in September and December.

Police said they consider two other attacks "probable." One was reported Monday on a 12-year-old girl who also was home alone after school — police await the results from DNA testing in that case — and the other happened to a 79-year-old woman May 23, police officials said.

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accommodations had to be made.”

“Another reason we are relocating the civilians is for force protection,” Blancaflor added. “If there is an exercise or we are attacked, it makes it easier on military personnel to have all of the civilians located in one area so we can give them the proper instruction all at once.”

To consolidate all civilian personnel in an organized manner, one compound is being constructed to house every civilian on Bagram.

“About a month ago, we began the construction of Camp Civilian that will consist of 60 B-huts complete with air-conditioning, latrines and four Stratex shower units,” said Blancaflor. “The compound is expected to be complete by the end of July, but we will begin relocating civilian employees in about two weeks or whenever the first of the huts is available.”

Once the city is complete, it will be able to accommodate almost 400 civilian contractors.

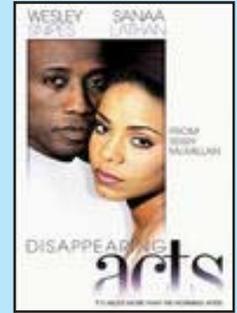
“Each hut is designed to accommodate eight people, but realistically there will about six per unit,” said Blancaflor. “There will be more than enough room to facilitate the need of the contractors here and any more who will be arriving.”



The newly constructed B-Huts in Camp Civi will house all of the civilian contractors on Bagram.

Bagram Air Base MWR presents

1530Z at the MWR building: “Disappearing Act.” A couple in the midst of a tumultuous relationship fight to stay together.



Tomorrow night there will be a King and Queen of Spades Tournament.

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER FORECAST:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Dust</i> H: 86F L: 64F	<i>Haze</i> H: 88F L: 63F
Kandahar:	<i>Dust</i> H: 100F L: 64F	<i>Mostly clear</i> H: 102F L: 66F
Kabul:	<i>Dust</i> H: 93F L: 63F	<i>Mostly clear</i> H: 91F L: 66F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 86F L: 50F	<i>Sunny</i> H: 91F L: 48F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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Kabul U. opens new vet sciences building

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KABUL, Afghanistan — The opening of the Veterinary Science Building at the University of Kabul was celebrated Tuesday by staff, students and representatives of the Coalition Joint Civil Military Operations Task Force.

Originally established in 1974, much of the building was destroyed during two decades of fighting. CJCMOTF engineers nominated the school as a project, and local contractors rebuilt it — much from the ground up.

“Reconstruction of the veterinary college is crucial for an agricultural country like Afghanistan,” CJCMOTF Commander Col. Larry Clayton said during the ceremony. “Work that is done here will increase agricultural productivity and the quality of the

food supply.”

A large section of the three-story structure had to be rebuilt from the foundation. It had been destroyed in several rocket attacks. Contractors also installed electrical wiring, painted the interior, installed bathrooms and plumbing and replaced many of the windows. The \$143,000 project took about eight months to complete.

“The students and staff members and all the intellectuals of the country will never forget the help of the American people,” Dean of the Veterinary Facility Dr. Noor Ahmad Ahmad said.

“(The new veterinary college) will increase the quality of the health and life of animals and humans,” he said.

“The administration will have a quality building for educating veterinarians and preventing dangerous diseases,” Clayton said.

Minister of Higher Education Dr. Sharif Faiz also appeared at the ceremony.



Veterinary Facility Dean Dr. Noor Ahmad Ahmad speaks at the opening ceremony of the Veterinary Science Building at University of Kabul.

Rumsfeld: Iraqi attacks may have ‘element of organization’

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

LISBON, Portugal — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld does not believe that the recent spate of attacks on U.S. soldiers in Iraq is the result of any “well-organized nationally directed campaign,” he said Monday.

But, he noted, there are people who say that in certain parts of Iraq “it looks as though it has an element of organization to it as opposed to being random.”

The attacks on coalition forces north and west of Baghdad are not just a criminal enterprise, Rumsfeld said on the plane flying here. He said his impression is that the attacks are coming from the paramilitary Fedayeen Saddam, die-hard Baath Party members, Iraqi Republican Guards and other sympathizers with Saddam Hussein’s former regime.

He said coalition forces do not have the same problems in the southern part of the country, because most of the battles were fought there. “The regime sympathizers (in the north) did not get into a battle and, therefore, a lot of them didn’t get killed as they did down south,” he said. “So there are probably more of them per square mile in the northern portion of the country between Baghdad and Tikrit than there are in other portions of the country.”

Rumsfeld said the United States is talking to 41 countries about support to the coalition effort in Iraq. On June 6, he said there was the possibility of up to three divisions’ worth of troops would ulti-

mately join the U.S., British, and Australian coalition.

The secretary said he had a meeting June 8 with Indian officials and sounded out the possibility of India providing troops in Iraq. “We feel good about it,” he said. “We’re hopeful that we’ll get a sizable set of forces in Iraq. The first ones would likely be in September.”

He said the composition of U.S. forces in the country — which now number about 145,000 — is being changed. “We’ve been adding ground forces in Iraq,” he said.

U.S. Central Command has moved out air and naval forces from the region. CENTCOM is mixing and matching for the forces it will need in the months ahead. The secretary said that at this stage there isn’t a great need for heavy armor, artillery or rocket battalions.

“There is a need for presence — ground forces,” he said. And those ground forces will be heavy with military police, civil affairs personnel, interpreters and infantrymen.

Rumsfeld also addressed the perception that many Iraqis are not cooperating because they still fear Saddam Hussein. He said the Iraqi people were afraid of the vicious and repressive dictator. “And if they fear he might come back, they might be somewhat slower to say what they know,” he pointed out.

The thought of Saddam returning to power may be fueling the attacks on coalition forces, but they will not succeed, the secretary said.

In the meantime, coalition forces will “just keep looking for him. We’ll find him,” Rumsfeld said.



Coalition Sports Zone

(Compiled from *ESPN.com*)



The Devils celebrate a third Cup in nine years.

Devils dominant at home again to win Cup

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Never has the Stanley Cup felt more at home than in the New Jersey swamp.

The Devils, riding the greatest home-ice advantage in NHL playoffs history and a goal from one of the unlikeliest Game 7 stars ever, ended the Anaheim Mighty Ducks' remarkable postseason run and won the Cup with a 3-0 victory Monday night.

Mike Rupp, who hadn't appeared in a playoff game until being called on in Game 4, scored the first goal and set up Jeff Friesen for the other two. Friesen scored five goals in the series, all at home.

The Devils swept all four games at home — all with the second period proving decisive — in the first finals since 1965 and only the third in which the home team won every game. The Ducks rallied from 2-0 and 3-2 deficits to force a Game 7 by winning all three games in Anaheim.

"It's been a bumpy ride, with a great deal of adversity," goalie Martin Brodeur said.

Never has the home-ice edge been more important to a Stanley Cup winner. The Devils were a record 12-1 at home, allowing only 13 goals. They outscored the Ducks 15-3 in four games in New Jersey, all decided by three goals.

"We feel really at ease playing in our own building. The only reason we won the Stanley Cup is because we were so dominant in our own building," said Brodeur, who turned aside 24 shots in his third shutout of the series, all at home.

The Devils' John Madden credited coach Pat Burns with establishing the need to win at home.

"It starts with Pat," Madden said. "Previously our record at home was terrible. But he said we were going to compete hard and play hard ... in our building."

And who says there wasn't a triple crown winner this year?

The Devils, despite lacking the huge payroll and plethora of stars that Detroit does, won their third Stanley Cup in nine seasons — matching the Red Wings for the most since the Edmonton Oilers

won their fifth Cup in 1990.

"This makes up for that bad time against the Colorado Avalanche," said Devils captain Scott Stevens. The Devils would have had a fourth Cup if they hadn't lost a 3-2 series lead and the Cup to Colorado in 2001.

Brodeur outdueled Jean-Sebastien Giguere, whose remarkable goaltending earned him the Conn Smythe Trophy as most valuable player in the playoffs. He was only the fifth player to win the Conn Smythe on the losing team and first since Philadelphia's Ron Hextall in 1987.

Giguere never smiled as he accepted the MVP trophy to the boos of the New Jersey fans and the applause of the Devils players, immediately leaving the ice in tears. He was almost in tears even before the game ended.

"It's tough to lose like that," Giguere said. "It was really tough to see them (the Devils) cheer. ... Like I said, this is not the one you want. You want the big silver one."

Hockey hall says Fuhr first black to be elected

TORONTO — Grant Fuhr made his living as the last line of defense on one of hockey's great offensive powerhouses. He did it so well that he was elected to the Hockey Hall of Fame on Wednesday.

The goaltender became the third player from the Edmonton Oilers' dominating teams of the 1980s to make the Hall. He won five Stanley Cups with Edmonton while the Oilers were playing a wide-open style. "It's a fabulous honor," said Fuhr. "It's the topping on which was the most enjoyable of things to do for a living. This is the ice cream on the cake."

Fuhr is the first person of color to be so honored, according to the hall. His fellow new members are forward Pat LaFontaine, Detroit Red Wings owner Mike Ilitch and junior team coach Brian Kilrea. The other Oilers of that era in the Hall of Fame are Wayne Gretzky and Jari Kurri. Fuhr helped the Oilers to championships in 1984, '85, '87 and '88 and was a backup on the 1990 Stanley Cup winner. He helped Canada win the Canada Cup tournament in 1987 and was a first team all-star and Vezina Trophy winner in 1988. Glen Sather, who coached Fuhr in Edmonton, called him one of the best goalies of the '80s.

"He played on an offensive team and had the ability to win games when the team had to win," said Sather, now the general manager of the Rangers and also a Hall of Famer. "He was a low-profile guy who just wanted to be part of the team. He was a great team guy ... the last

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one to take credit for what he did and the first one to take blame for what he didn't do." LaFontaine had 468 goals and 545 assists in 865 career games with the New York Islanders and Rangers and the Buffalo Sabres.

He had his best season in 1992-93, totaling 53 goals and 95 assists. He was the third American with 1,000 career points. LaFontaine was plagued by concussions during his career and played his final NHL season with the Rangers in 1998.

"To be in such an exclusive club is overwhelming," he said. "Growing up in St. Louis, I always played for the love of the game and never dreamed this could ever lead to my being a member of the Hockey Hall of Fame." Iltich, whose empire also includes baseball's Detroit Tigers and the Little Caesars pizza chain, purchased the Red Wings in 1982.

They won Stanley Cups in 1997 and '98, then again in 2002. "I am proud to have supported amateur hockey and proud of the Red Wings organization we have built in Detroit over the past 20 years," Iltich said. Kilrea reached 1,000 wins this season behind the Ottawa 67s' bench, making him only the second hockey coach to surpass that mark, behind the NHL's Scotty Bowman. Kilrea, 68, just finished his 26th season coaching the 67s. The Canadian Hockey League's coaching award was renamed the Brian Kilrea Trophy.

Lindros to remain in New York

TORONTO — Eric Lindros has exercised his \$3.3 million contract option for next season and will remain with the New York Rangers. He could earn another \$6 million in bonuses, unless his contract is restructured during talks this summer between general manager Glen Sather and Carl Lindros, who is his son's agent.

The Rangers would like to raise the base pay and tie bonuses to performance rather than games played. The team has said it has no intention of buying out the contract for \$2.2 million by the July 1 deadline, which would make Lindros an unrestricted free agent. Lindros, whose career has frequently been interrupted by concussions, missed just one game last season because of a suspension.

But he only had 19 goals and 34 assists both career lows.

Game 7 earns highest NHL ratings for ABC

NEW YORK — Game 7 of the Stanley Cup finals Monday night on ABC drew the highest rating for an NHL game since broadcast networks began carrying the finals in 1998.

The New Jersey Devils' 3-0 victory over the Anaheim Mighty Ducks garnered a 4.6 rating with an 8 share.

The previous rating high was 4.2, earned by three games including Detroit's Cup-clinching Game 5 win over Carolina last season, which also had an 8 share. Colorado's Game 7 defeat of New Jersey in 2001 got a 4.2 with a 9 share, while New Jersey's clinching Game 6 win over Dallas in 2000 got a 4.2 rating with a 10 share, the network said.

Monday night's Game 7 also produced the highest rating — 3.4 with a 10 share — for male viewers aged 18-49 since 1998.

The rating is the percentage of all homes with TVs, whether or not they are in use. The share is the percentage of televisions in use tuned to a program.

Oilers will play Canadiens in outdoor game

EDMONTON, Alberta — The Edmonton Oilers and Montreal Canadiens will play an outdoor game at Commonwealth Stadium in November that could draw more than 55,000 fans.

"The NHL has approved it," Oilers president Patrick LaForge told the Edmonton Journal, saying he had spoken with Bob Goodenow, head of the Players' Association.

"He's cool. There's no hurdle there that hasn't been handled." The Oilers officially made the announcement during a news conference at the stadium Tuesday.

The game will be part of the team's 25th anniversary celebrations. An afternoon old-timers' game that will likely feature Wayne Gretzky is also on the schedule. Gretzky had said in the past he wasn't interested in suiting up in old-timers' games but when former teammate Kevin Lowe, now the general manager of the Oilers, came calling Gretzky couldn't say no.

The idea for the novel game took root after Michigan State and the University of Michigan drew 74,554 spectators to Spartan football stadium on Oct. 6, 2001.

