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News briefs

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N. Korean nuclear reactor work begins

KUMHO, North Korea — Concrete has been poured to mark the start of construction on a landmark nuclear reactor project in North Korea — despite continued White House reservations about the communist nation's leadership. The commencement of foundation work for the light-water power plant on Wednesday harbors back to a 1994 deal with the U.S. to freeze Pyongyang's nuclear weapons program.

Europe, U.S. divided over Iraq

LONDON, England — U.S. determination to achieve a "regime change" in Iraq — and President George W. Bush's apparent readiness to invade Iraq to topple Saddam Hussein — is splintering relations between Washington and European capitals. It is also dividing

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SOF defeat enemy forces

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BAGRAM AIR BASE, Afghanistan — U.S. Special Operations Forces operating in the Konar province earlier this week successfully defeated enemy attackers in two separate engagements.

A U.S. SOF team was conducting a mounted reconnaissance patrol north of Asadabad Monday afternoon when they received small arms fire from a nearby hilltop, said Col Roger King, Combined Joint Task Force-180 public affairs officer. The unit immediately returned fire and began assaulting the hilltop.

Although close air support was available, the U.S. SOF team ra-

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Photo by Spc. Jason B. Baker, 49th Public Affairs Detachment (Airborne)

Community relations

Spc. Philip Parenti, military policeman and **Pfc. Mike Stewart**, military policeman, 82nd Airborne Division Military Police Company, hand out snacks to local children during a stop in an Afghan village during a patrol south of Khandahar.

NCOs, officers can apply for White House Fellowships

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — An officer assigned to Korea has been selected to be a White House Fellow beginning in September, and applications for next year are now being accepted by the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command.

Maj. Barry K. Williams, until recently assigned to the 2nd Engineer Brigade in Camp Howze, Korea, will serve at the White House for a year. He will write speeches, help review and draft proposed legislation, answer congressional inquiries, chair meetings, conduct brief-

ings, and otherwise assist high-level government officials.

Williams was selected by the President's Commission on White House Fellows, and will work with senior White House officials, cabinet secretaries, or other deputies.

Currently, Maj. Rich Morales, an armor officer, is working at the White House as a fellow. He encourages officers and noncommissioned officers to consider applying for the program.

"This year provided me an amazing

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opportunity to develop both personally and professionally," Morales said. He is one of only three active-duty military fellows alongside nine civilian professionals from academia, business, medicine, law, and the diplomatic community. Williams will replace Morales in September.

Former Army White House Fellows include Secretary of State Colin Powell, retired Gen. Wesley Clark, retired Brig. Gen. Pete Dawkins, and the current superintendent at West Point, Lt. Gen. Bill Lennox.

Eligible Army officers and NCOs must first request and receive permission from their assignment officer prior to competing, according to Army Personnel Command officials. The last day for nominations

for next year is Jan. 16. The final selection of fellows by the White House Commission is scheduled for June 2003. The fellowship year begins in September 2003 and ends August 2004.

Noncommissioned officers who wish to apply must meet certain eligibility criteria. They must be a U.S. citizen; not have more than 22 years of active-Army service as of September 2003; and if serving in recruiting or drill-sergeant duty, it must be scheduled to be completed no later than the start of the fellowship. Also, soldiers serving as advisers to the reserve component must be scheduled to finish their tour no later than the start of the fellowship.

Additionally, NCOs must have completed appropriate noncommissioned officer edu-

cation programs for grade and years of service; must be able to complete the full fellowship and a two-year follow-on utilization assignment; and not be pending any Uniform Code of Military Justice action. While competing for a White House fellow, they may not apply for any other Army sponsored program, fellowship or scholarship.

All NCOs must meet Army height and weight requirements; hold the rank of sergeant first class or higher; and have a graduate degree. Eligible NCOs must submit a Department of the Army Form 4187 requesting permission to compete for the White House Fellowship Program. The application must be: signed and approved by a colonel or above in their chain of command; and enclosed with a current copy of

DA Form 2A and 2-1; copy of last five evaluation reports; copy of college transcripts; and current military photo.

Officers must also be a U.S. citizen and not have more than 19 active-federal-commissioned years of service as of September 2003. Warrant Officers must have no more than 24 active warrant officer service years and other than regular Army warrant officers must have no more than 16 active-federal-service years as of September 2003.

Eligible officers interested in becoming a fellow must submit a DA Form 4187 to their career assignment officer at PERSCOM no later than Jan. 16, 2003. The specifics for applying can be found at www.perscom.army.mil/opfamacs/FELLOWS11.htm

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Photo by Sgt. Reeba Critser



Building bridges

An American soldier and an Afghan local read the plaque by the newly-erected Bagram Bridge. The Coalition employed Freedom Construction Company to build the bridge, and it was completed four and a half months later. The bridge, which opened Aug. 5, will cut the time it takes to travel to Kabul from Bagram by one hour. See Friday's edition of *Freedom Watch* for the full story.

died for mortar support from a nearby firebase. The teamwork paid off, resulting in two enemy soldiers being killed with no U.S. or civilian casualties.

A second attack occurred Tuesday in the same region.

Five individuals opened fire on the SOF team from their vehicle as the U.S. patrol was passing by. The U.S. patrol returned fire, killing four enemy and wounding the fifth.

Following the attack, U.S. forces searched their attackers' vehicle and found a large amount of money.

The wounded enemy was evacuated to a local hospital and there were no U.S. or civilian casualties, King said.

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Europe. Opening his campaign for re-election, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder on Monday provided the sharpest rejection yet of the Bush line. After Schroeder met recently with President Jacques Chirac of France, the two leaders insisted there must not be any invasion of Iraq without a clear new U.N. mandate.

School raid suspects ‘blow themselves up’

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistani police say three men who blew themselves up near a checkpoint may have connections with an attack at a Christian school earlier this week. The attackers barged into the school on Monday armed with assault rifles and killed six people before escaping. Police at a checkpoint in northern Pakistan stopped three men in a car Tuesday. After fleeing, the men blew themselves up nearby with a grenade.

Cisco sends stock market climbing

NEW YORK – Cisco Systems may route investors right back to the stock market Wednesday after the Internet systems developer released generally positive quarterly results. Stock futures were broadly higher in early trading, signaling a strong opening for the major indexes. Cisco Systems reported a sharply higher profit for its fiscal fourth quarter late Tuesday, with operating earnings coming in 2 cents a share above analysts’ estimates. Sales rose 12 percent to \$4.8 billion.

HIND SIGHT

1306

King Wenceslas of Poland is murdered.

1786

Jacques Balmat and Dr. Michael-Gabriel Baccard become the first men to climb Mont Blanc in France.

1844

Brigham Young is chosen to head the Mormon Church, succeeding Joseph Smith.

1876

Thomas Edison patents the mimeograph.

1899

The first household refrigerating machine is patented.

1963

The “Great Train Robbery”

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<u>Bagram:</u>	<i>Thunderstorms</i> H: 100F L: 68F	<i>Showers</i> H: 100F L: 66F
<u>Khandahar:</u>	<i>Dusty</i> H: 108F L: 73F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 108F L: 73F
<u>Kabul:</u>	<i>Mostly clear</i> H: 97F L: 73F	<i>Mostly clear</i> H: 93F L: 73F
<u>Uzbekistan:</u>	<i>Clear</i> H: 105F L: 70F	<i>Clear</i> H: 105F L: 70F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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COALITION SPORTSZONE

The NFL wants 'you' for their campaign

The National Football League is looking for a few good men and women for a special mission.

The NFL will produce a series of commercial spots called "Postcards from Home," profiling deployed service members keeping in contact with loved ones and friends back home. The "Postcards From Home" campaign will consist of 15-20 commercials altogether. The first four to five spots will air Sept. 5 through the fall, with additional ads for Thanksgiving, Christmas and the Super Bowl.

The NFL film team is looking for heartwarming, dynamic and visually stunning stories of service men and women who are communicating often with their families to help illustrate both sides of personal dedication and sacrifice.

Some examples of story ideas include:

- ❖ A sports coach who is serving but keeps in touch with his team.
- ❖ Military personnel who left a corporate job but e-mail their co-workers often.
- ❖ A farming family who will be missing their son or daughter during harvest time while he or she serves.
- ❖ A class of inner city children who write often to a particular service member.

Recommendations must include the service member's name, rank, unit, installation, age, current duty location, hometown and contact information (DSN/e-mail). It must also include the service member's current deployment duties, who and how that service member keep in touch with those back home and the nature of the relationship shared (parents, friend, students, spouse, etc.). In addition, include the submitter's name, DSN number and e-mail where, the unit's location (in theatre) and the unit commander or first sergeant's name.

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For more information, call DSN 318-231-4239.

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2002 Major League standings			
American League East			
N.Y. Yankees	70-42	.625	-
Boston	65-46	.586	4.5
Baltimore	54-57	.482	15.5
American League Central			
Minnesota	69-46	.600	-
Chicago (AL)	53-61	.465	15.5
Cleveland	50-62	.446	17.5
American League West			
Seattle	70-44	.614	-
Anaheim	67-45	.598	2
Oakland	65-48	.575	4.5
National League East			
Atlanta	74-38	.661	-
N.Y. Mets	56-56	.500	18
Montreal	56-56	.500	18
National League Central			
St. Louis	59-50	.541	-
Houston	58-53	.523	2
Cincinnati	58-53	.523	2
National League West			
Arizona	69-44	.616	-
San Francisco	62-50	.550	6.5
Los Angeles	62-51	.549	7.5
Monday			
Baltimore 6-4 Minnesota			
Milwaukee 6-0 N.Y. Mets			
Oakland 3-2 Boston			
Houston 7-2 Florida			
Cleveland 6-2 Tampa Bay			
Montreal 3-1 St. Louis			
Texas 7-2 Detroit			
Colorado 3-2 Cincinnati			
N.Y. Yankees 6-2 Kansas City			
Seattle 5-4 Toronto			
Anaheim 6-2 Chicago W. Sox			
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			