

# North Korearattlesword around the world

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INTERNATIONAL  
SEOUL, South Korea — A defiant North Korea warned that sanctions against it would “mean a war,” as thousands of people rallied today in the communist capital to support the country’s military.

The threat came as South Korea dispatched another top diplomat to Washington today to seek a peaceful solution to the nuclear standoff. National security adviser Yim Sung-joon is to meet his U.S. counterpart, Condoleezza Rice, and other White House officials.

Yim’s mission coincides with talks already underway in Washington among other senior diplomats from South Korea, Japan and the United States.

A day earlier, the U.N. nuclear watchdog gave North Korea a second chance to abandon its suspected weapons program — delaying the possibility of U.N. sanctions.

“Sanctions mean a war, and the war knows no mercy,” said the North’s official Korean Central News Agency.

In the North Korean capital, about 100,000 people attended a communist party rally and were urged to give “top priority to military affairs as the maxim of their life,” KCNA said in a report that could not be independently verified.

BADHDAD, Iraq — U.N. arms experts took to the air today in their search for evidence of banned weapons, using helicopters for the first time as they began their seventh week in Iraq.

Western journalists were told they could not cover the take-off of the U.N. helicopters since it was from a military base, but the Arabic satellite TV channel Al-Jazeera showed white U.N. helicopters lifting off from Baghdad’s Al-Rashid military air base. It said three U.N. aircraft were tailed by two military choppers carrying the Iraqi liaison officers who work with the inspectors.

The helicopters were said to be making an aerial survey, but U.N. officials have said the choppers also would make it easier to swoop down on potential weapons sites.

Today, Iraq’s official newspapers reacted with skepticism to President Bush’s latest statement suggesting war was not inevitable. Bush said Monday that Saddam has still “got time” to eliminate all chemical, biological and nuclear weapons and long-range rockets.

The daily Al-Iraq said it was too early to say whether Bush’s statement represented “a change or a deception.” But it added the U.S. Administration “may have discovered, even if it is late, that any aggression on our homeland will be costly.”

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NEW YORK — A self-imposed deadline on a genetic testing decision has passed for a company that claims to have produced the first human clone. Still, there’s been no DNA proof, and no baby is forthcoming.

The journalist who said he would oversee DNA testing to verify the company’s claim said Monday he has abandoned the effort and could not rule out the possibility of “an elaborate hoax.”

Officials with Clonaid, the company that announced the birth of the world’s first clone on Dec. 27, first promised DNA testing, then backed off. Clonaid said the parents of the 7-pound baby girl have refused to

allow it.

“The team of scientists has had no access to the alleged family and, therefore, cannot verify firsthand the claim that a human baby has been cloned,” said Michael Guillen, a former ABC science editor who had offered to arrange the testing.

Experts who had been demanding independent verification said Clonaid has never had credibility with the scientific community.

Clonaid was founded by the Raelian religious sect, which believes space aliens created life on Earth. Clonaid chief executive Brigitte Boisselier acknowledges outside DNA testing would be needed to make the claim credible.

NEW YORK — Republicans say bringing their 2004 convention to New York will give the party a new advantage in the Democratic stronghold and provide a lift to a city recovering from the 2001 terrorist attacks.

The GOP announced on Monday that New York would host its first Republican national convention in 2004. The party also had considered New Orleans and Tampa, Fla.

Republicans say the choice sends a message about the 2004 presidential race.

“I think what they’re saying here is that ‘We believe George Bush can carry New York State,’” said Republican strategist Jay Severin.

Other party insiders say the convention will bring a much-needed boost to the city as it moves past the terrorist attacks that killed 2,800 people.

“I think this is good for New York and I think symbolically important, too, that the president is coming back to the place where the country was attacked,” said Kieran Mahoney, a Republican strategist. “Past political considerations, it sends the right message.”

LOS ANGELES — Strong wind raked Southern California again, fanning wildfires across Malibu hillsides, overturning trucks, and toppling trees and power poles.

Two deaths were reported: a woman killed when a eucalyptus tree fell on her in San Diego, and a passenger in a car hit by a flying fiberglass pickup truck cover on a freeway in Riverside east of Los Angeles.

Two California Highway Patrol officers who were operating a roadblock near the blaze were hit by a car and seriously injured Monday night, officials said.

Hundreds of homes in Malibu were threatened by a 1,200-acre wildfire in the Santa Monica Mountains. Wind whipped another blaze in brush near Norco, 45 miles east of Los Angeles. An estimated eight homes had been damaged by the fires — three in Malibu and five near Norco.

About 100 people left their homes as mandatory evacuations were ordered for Encinal and Decker canyons in Malibu.

The dry, warm Santa Ana wind started blowing Sunday night and gusted to 79 mph. It was expected to continue through midday Tuesday.

NEWARK, N.J. — Police hunted for a go-go dancer Monday after a 7-year-old boy in her care was found dead in a plastic storage bin and his two brothers were discovered, beaten and starving, in a

locked basement room.

An arrest warrant was issued for the 41-year-old woman police allege beat and burned the three boys, who had been entrusted to her by their mother — her cousin — months earlier.

The surviving boys, ages 4 and 7, were being treated at a hospital for starvation and dehydration and were reported in fair condition. Newark Mayor Sharpe James said one of them had burns from his neck down.

The dancer, Sherry Murphy, has been charged with three counts of child endangerment and could face more serious charges in the case of 7-year-old Faheem Williams, whose death has been characterized by prosecutors as a homicide.

The grisly case began to unfold Saturday, when Faheem’s twin brother, Raheem, and another brother, Tyrone, 4, were found in a basement room in Murphy’s two-story Newark rowhouse.

One of the boys said at the hospital that his brother had been missing for weeks. That led police to Faheem’s body, stuffed in a storage bin in the same basement.

WASHINGTON  
WASHINGTON — The 108th Congress is commencing with Republicans at the helm on both sides of the Capitol hoping to swiftly pass a 13-week extension of unemployment benefits so they can shift their focus to President Bush’s plan for stimulating the economy and overdue budget bills.

With Bill Frist of Tennessee poised for his first day as Senate majority leader, Republicans planned to begin Senate debate on the jobless assistance package on today and hoped to finish by Thursday. House passage could come Wednesday, reflecting a GOP desire to quickly quiet Democratic criticism that Republicans have ignored victims of the struggling economy.

Democrats complained that the GOP plan was too skimpy and were preparing alternatives that would last longer and cover more people, raising questions about quick enactment.

The political combat was a counterpoint to the pomp and parties expected to dominate the first day of the new Congress.

WASHINGTON — Former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo is pushing the Democratic Party to sharpen its differences with the Republicans on issues such as tax cuts and Iraq.

Cuomo, responding to the Democrats’ dismal showing last November, said the party lost the Senate and failed to win the House because it didn’t offer an alternative to President Bush and the GOP.

“We virtually ceded the terrorism and Iraq issue, and then we didn’t make the case on the tax cut because some Democrats had voted for it,” Cuomo said in an interview. “You didn’t make a really strong case on the domestic issues. Those domestic issues gave Al Gore more votes than George Bush. We could have done that again but we walked away from the issues.”

Cuomo was beginning a series of speeches on the Democrats’ future with a nationally broadcast luncheon address at the National Press Club today.



Cuomo said he made a similar speaking tour after the Republicans captured both houses of Congress in 1994.

# Prime time TV schedule

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	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KLBV/ABC	Life with	Less Than	NYPD Blue		Local	Nightline	Up Close	Local	Local	Local
KBSL/CBS	The Guardian		Judging Amy		Local	Late Show		Late Late		Local
KSNW/NBC	Frasier	Hidden	Dateline NBC		Local	Tonight Show		Conan		Local
KUSA/NBC	Shoot Me	In-Laws	Frasier	Hidden	Dateline NBC		Local	Tonight Show		Conan
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SCI	The X-Files			The X-Files		J Edward		J Edward	Twilight Z	Twilight Z		Stargate SG-1															
TBS	Heat									The Corruptor			Heat														
TCM	Meet Me In St. Louis						The Courtship of Andy			Little Women																	
TLC	Bob Vila	Bob Vila	Premature Burial				Private Eye			The Human Animal			Mysteries of Mating														
TNN	The Naked Gun					Star Trek: Generation		Blind Date	Blind Date	Real TV	Real TV																
TNT	Law & Order			Charmed		Law & Order		X-Files			X-Files																
TRAV	Probable Cause			Probable Cause		The Concorde Story			Probable Cause			Probable Cause															
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USA	Loser						Loser			Nash Bridges			Martin	Liv Sngle													
VH1	Driven: Pink			One Hit	One Hit	Driven: Pink			Where Are They Now			VH1 Goes Inside															
WGN	Rockford Files			WGN News		Celebrity		Heart of the Night	Matlock				Susan														