

# Leaders agree there are too many weapons

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new ground and to improve relations that are already good," Fleischer said. Both leaders affirmed Tuesday they had too many nuclear weapons. Both spoke of slashing their arsenals of long-range warheads to about one-third the current size. Bush prefers an informal arrangement; Putin prefers a traditional arms control accord. But both also are signaling they are flexible, giving every indication that procedure will not block their intent to do away with thousands of nuclear

weapons. Bush, who took the first step at a White House news conference after meeting with Putin for three hours in the Oval Office, said his proposal to set a new U.S. ceiling of 1,700 to 2,200 long-range warheads over the next decade was "fully consistent with American security." "The current levels of our nuclear forces do not reflect today's strategic realities," he said before leaving for his home in Crawford, Texas. Putin matched him in a speech later at the Russian Embassy.

"Security is created not by piles of metal or weapons," Putin said. "It is created by political will of people, nation-state and their leaders." So, the Russian president said, in light of a new and warm U.S.-Russian relationship, Russia can afford to reduce its arsenal to one-third or less. The United States now has about 7,000 intercontinental-range nuclear warheads and Russia about 5,800. Still, Putin said, he preferred codifying the reductions in formal agreements. "The world is far from having international relations based solely on

trust, unfortunately," he said. And Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said Russia would keep pushing for a formal agreement. "To make it more reliable, we need to put it down in a treaty," he said. "It doesn't mean we distrust anyone. Just the opposite. It would consolidate and boost our relations." Bush, on the other hand, said he saw no need for "endless hours" of negotiations. But both leaders signaled their willingness to compromise. Swinging a deal on anti-missile defenses is likely to be more difficult. Senior administration officials told The Associated Press they did not expect an agreement on missile defenses before the summit talks end Thursday in Texas. Bush wants to go ahead with a testing program that inevitably will run up against the prohibitions of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty. Putin, who considers the treaty a cornerstone of arms control, said "the

position of Russia remains unchanged." Even so, there apparently is room for bargaining, if not this week then when Bush goes to Moscow, possibly in January. "Let's look together at what tests you need," Ivanov said. "If such tests don't violate the treaty, why discard it? We don't think that the ABM treaty is outdated." If they were at a dead end, Bush likely would assert the right to withdraw from the treaty. But a senior U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the president would not take that final step during the current talks. Bush hopes to persuade Putin to allow the United States to proceed with research and development of a missile shield without declaring the work a violation of the 1972 pact. In exchange, Bush promised Putin to keep Russia informed of the tests. U.S. officials said the proposal would give both men what they want: Bush could

begin developing a missile shield and Putin could tell his public that he kept the ABM intact. Finding common ground in other areas, the two leaders formalized a series of agreements to combat bioterrorism, bolster the Russian economy, battle money laundering that finances terrorism and strengthen Russia's ties to NATO—the 19-member military alliance formed to counter Moscow in the Cold War. Meanwhile, the Council for a Livable World, a private group that advocates arms control, said Bush's decision to reduce the U.S. arsenal was "a good first step that has been a long time in coming." But, the Council said, there needs to be verification, counting rules and a procedure for dismantling the retired weapons. "President Bush may be able to see into President Putin's soul, but today's verbal agreement can become tomorrow's misunderstanding," the Council said in a statement.

# County invited to join

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week, on Monday, Nov. 26. Commissioner Frankenfeld reported on the meeting he attended in Leoti on Wednesday, and said that the group had invited Sherman County be part of the program. He said the regional group would possibly include Greeley, Hamilton, Kearny, Logan, Scott and Wichita counties and that this would be about 21,000 in population base to support the business development program. The plan is to create a regional proposal to be submitted to the Kansas Department of Commerce and Development for a "special enterprise facilitation grant." The state and will pay for two-thirds of the total cost over a three-year period. Frankenfeld said there would need to be an intergovernmental agreement, and the county would have to commit

to spending about \$5,000 a year. Frankenfeld made the motion to pursue the project, and Rasure seconded the motion. Commissioner Tiede made it unanimous. The next step will be to get a draft of an intergovernmental agreement, and determine what support information may be needed as part of the regional proposal to be submitted to the state by Dec. 19. County Attorney Bonnie Selby told the commissioners the preparation for the property tax sale is moving forward, and she was hoping to hold the sale in December. County Treasurer Shelby Miller said she did not believe there would be enough time to hold the sale at the end of December because of the Christmas and New Years holidays. Selby said the next step will be to hire an independent contractor to provide the personal service of the tax sale

notices, and that she has a person who is willing to handle this. She said there must be a time for response after the people have been served with the final notice. She said she will be holding a meeting with Miller, Terry Ballard, county assessor and Rumpel to review the listing and create a map of the properties being listed for sale. Miller said a number of people who owe taxes have been in, and some have paid up all the taxes they owe while others have only paid a minimum to keep them out of the tax sale. "This will go smoother next year," Selby said. "It will be more current, and the list can be determined after the first Tuesday in September." The commissioners suggested the goal should be to have the sale by the end of January. Both Selby and Miller said they felt that was a good time, and would work for that.

# Karnal bunt spread uncertain

WICHITA (AP)—Months after the first confirmed cases of Karnal bunt were found in northern Texas, it's not clear whether the spores have traveled into the U.S. wheat belt. Samples from the top wheat-producing states have shown no evidence of the damaging fungus so far. But any spores in fields now would be dormant until the plants start to flower, meaning they wouldn't turn up until the 2002 harvest. Meanwhile, some agriculture officials are concerned about a sharp dropoff in Oklahoma in grain elevators submitting samples to be tested for the fungus as part of a national Karnal bunt survey.

di, arrived in the United States in 1996, when it was found in Arizona and California. The next year it was found in Texas. About 8,000 acres were infected in Arizona, California and the San Saba area of Texas until the discovery last summer of the first cases in Throckmorton, Young, Archer and Baylor counties in Texas. The USDA has since quarantined 400,000 wheat acres in north Texas after finding 17 fields containing the disease, said Hallie Pickhardt, spokeswoman for the USDA's Animal and Plant Inspection

Service. Because Karnal bunt was not found until harvest had begun, the agency was unable to determine how many acres were infested because the crop had already been shipped, she said. That means the USDA must wait until the 2002 wheat crop is harvested before it can measure the infected acreage, and perhaps loosen regulation of non-infested acres. Meanwhile, millions of bushels of Karnal bunt-infected wheat remains in storage as elevators and the government scrambles to decide what to do.

# Writing can be done anywhere

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home, or out of Starbucks. He runs into a lot of authors at Starbucks, Gardiner said, because it's a popular place to write. "You can write anywhere," the author said, "as long as you have the discipline." And at Starbucks, he added, the caffeine helps. He is married and has three daughters, ages 18, 19 and 20. Two of his daughters are published authors. Gardiner spoke at North Elementary and Central Elementary today

as part of National Children's Book Week. The fee for these talks was paid by a grant from Wal-Mart, Smith said. Gardiner spent Monday and Tuesday at Colby Grade School, he said, and will go to Brewster and Herndon this afternoon. He will be at schools in Rexford and Hoxie this week as well. The elementary schools have activities planned for the week, Librarian Marcia Smith said, including a poster contest and the Reading is Fundamental Program. For the poster contest, Smith said,

the students were asked to illustrate a part of Gardiner's *Stone Fox*. Michael Ledesma won the contest at North Elementary and received an autographed copy of the book, and Gardiner signed his poster as well. Dane Frazier won the contest at Central. The reading program is a national effort, Smith said, which gives three free books per year to each student at elementary schools to encourage them to build their own library. The books are being given to students at the Central library Thursday afternoon and Friday morning.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2001  
STORE TOURS: 12 - 4:00 P.M.  
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"AIR BUD 2: GOLDEN RECEIVER"

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2001  
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THEATRE: 1 - 1:30 & 3 - 3:30 P.M.  
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STORE TOURS: 1 - 4:00 P.M.  
THEATRE: 1 - 1:30 & 3 - 3:30 P.M.  
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2001  
STORE TOURS: 12 - 4:00 P.M.  
THEATRE: 1 - 1:30 & 3 - 3:30 P.M.  
"GALAXY QUEST"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2001  
STORE TOURS 1 - 4:00 P.M.  
THEATRE: 1 - 1:30 & 3 - 3:30 P.M.  
"GALAXY QUEST"

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2001  
STORE TOURS: 12 - 4:00 P.M.  
THEATRE: 1-1:30 & 3 - 3:30 P.M.  
"SHREK"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2001  
STORE TOURS: 1 - 4:00 P.M.  
THEATRE: 1 - 1:30 & 3 - 3:30 P.M.  
"SHREK"

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2001  
STORE TOURS: 12-4:00 P.M.  
THEATRE: 1 - 1:30 & 3 - 3:30 P.M.  
"HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS"

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2001  
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Dr. Martin	Dec. 12	8:30 - 12:00	
	Dec. 26	8:30 - 2:00	
<b>Audiology</b>			
L. Young, MA, CCC-A	Dec. 12	8:30 - 12:00	
<b>Cardiology</b>			
Dr. Godfrey	Dec. 5	8:30 - 4:30	
	Dec. 20	2:00 - 4:30	
<b>Dermatology</b>			
Dr. Kornfeld	No Clinic in Dec.		
<b>Ear/Nose/Throat</b>			
Dr. Barron	Dec. 12	8:30 - 12:00	
<b>Gastroenterology</b>			
Dr. Jones	Nov. 20	8:45 - 4:00	
Dr. Roller	No Clinic in Dec.		
<b>General Surgery</b>			
Dr. Robinson	Dec. 12	8:30 - 12:00	
<b>Neurology</b>			
Dr. Mazowiecki	Dec. 19	9:00 - 4:00	
Dr. Miller	Dec. 20	8:30 - 2:00	
<b>OB/GYN</b>			
Dr. Womack			
<b>Oncology</b>			
Dr. Rubiniowitz	Dec. 5	10:30 - 6:00	
<b>Orthopedic</b>			
Bob Allen PA-C	Dec. 12	8:30 - 12:00	
Dr. Leo	Dec. 12	8:30 - 12:00	
Dr. Reiss	Dec. 20	1:00 - 4:30	
Dr. Friermood	Dec. 19	8:30 - 2:00	
<b>Pathologist</b>			
monthly			
<b>Podiatry</b>			
Dr. Ouder Kirk	Dec. 13	8:30 - 3:30	
<b>Pulmonary Medicine</b>			
Dr. Weisiger	Dec. 4	8:30 - 4:00	
	Dec. 13	8:30 - 3:30	
	Dec. 19	8:30 - 2:00	
<b>Radiologist</b>			
weekly			
<b>Urologist</b>			
Dr. Abernathy	Dec. 12	8:30 - 12:00	

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