

Principals and schools getting ready for new year

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lowing the kids to teach their instructors a few things about technology. He said they are also starting a newspaper program.

Sixty-one students enrolled on Monday, Mull said, including three new ones. He said he knows of at least four students who have moved out of the district.

Sharon Gregory, Central Elementary School principal, said 45 students enrolled on Monday, including three new ones. She said one student is transferring to a school in Canada.

Besides some painting and a few touch ups, Gregory said, there are no major changes at the school. She noted

the building had a major face lift last year.

The principal said one of the classrooms is being transformed into a science room open to all students and teachers. The room will be stocked with science equipment, she said, so teachers don't have to haul in their own.

Steve Raymer, North Elementary School principal, said there have been no major renovations at the school this summer.

He said staff has several challenges facing them in the coming year, including meeting new testing guidelines. It will help, Raymer said, that teachers focused on following state standards when developing curriculum last year.

"We will attack the challenges," he said, "and come out on top."

Jerry Burkett, West Elementary School principal, said the Head Start instructors are moving into their new building east of the school.

The Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center in Oakley recently paid to put in the modular building for Head Start, a program to help prepare kids for school.

Burkett said the new building is being painted and a railing is being put up.

He said teachers are returning with positive attitudes and new ideas. Forty students enrolled on Monday, Burkett said, including the new math teacher's son, the school's only new student so far.

Harvey Swager, Goodland High School principal, said 60 seniors enrolled on Monday and 40 juniors. That may sound like a lot, he said, but at least 60 more students need to enroll in those grades. He noted it's not unusual for students to wait until the last minute to enroll.

Swager said custodians haven't had as much work to do to prepare for the new year because there is no construction project at the school. Last year, the second floor was being remodeled and custodians did a lot of work for that project.

Swager said he has talked to some of the students who enrolled on Monday and said he's looking forward to having them in school.

"I think we have some super young men and young ladies coming up," he said.

Dick Liess, high school assistant principal and athletic director, said a new ice cube machine was installed at Max Jones Fieldhouse thanks to a donation from the Topside Tip-off Committee.

The Topside Tip-off is a basketball tournament held in Goodland each winter.

To accommodate new sports trophies, Liess said, the display cases at Max Jones have been expanded.

He said there were several sports camps held at the fieldhouse this summer, including ones for basketball, volleyball and football, and custodians

did a good job of keeping the facility clean.

The school board has talked with Swager and Liess about improving the discipline policy at the high school because there have been complaints it's too lenient and unfair.

Liess said they are planning to develop a teacher training session based on techniques for disciplining students in the classroom.

He and Swager said at an earlier meeting that discipline begins in the classroom, but a teacher disagreed, saying it starts at home.

Liess said he's also looking into programs outside the district and he and Swager plan to talk to teachers during the year to find solutions.

Dresden homes and hospitals evacuated in face of flood

By the Associated Press INTERNATIONAL

DRESDEN, Germany (AP) — A fresh swell of water rolled toward the historic city of Dresden today, forcing the evacuation of hospitals and homes as southeast Germany became the focus of flooding that has left at least 99 people dead across Europe.

In Prague, Czechs crowded onto riverfront lookout points to watch the waters of the muddy Vltava River recede today. At least 99 people have died in the torrential downpours on the continent, including 11 in Germany.

Heavy rain have turned the Danube, the Elbe and their tributaries along the Czech and Austrian borders into torrents that have blocked roads, swept away houses and cut off electricity in some towns. With only a few scattered showers across the region, European forecasters said the torrential rains that unleashed the catastrophic flooding were mostly over.

But more flooding was expected in Slovakia, east of the Czech Republic, where officials declared a state of emergency Wednesday in the capital, Bratislava. Authorities there expect the Danube River to reach its highest point on Friday.

In Dresden, the Elbe River burst its banks this week, leaving some of the historic city's cultural treasures under water. The river was expected to rise Thursday to 28 feet — close to an all-time high of 29 feet reached in 1845.

KRAKOW, Poland (AP) — His body frail but spirit strong, Pope John Paul II returns this week to the places he inhabited as a young priest on a sentimental journey to his native Poland, the ninth of his papacy and many fear his last.

A visit from Pope John Paul II, born Karol Wojtyla, is an affair of the heart for Poles and a unifying event of national proportions. He arrives Friday for a four-day visit.

In this overwhelmingly Roman Catholic country, a full 86 percent consider a papal visit an important personal event, according to a June survey by the private CBOS polling agency.

Up to 4 million pilgrims are expected to greet the holy father during his homecoming, including retired dressmaker Janina Krzeluk, 61, who

around the world

will travel from Warsaw to Krakow.

"I'm really afraid it's the last chance," she said, voicing fears shared by many.

At 82, the pope has been struggling with the symptoms of Parkinson's disease — heavily slurred speech and trembling hands — and is slowed by knee and hip ailments that make it difficult for him to walk or even stand.

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CHICAGO (AP) — United Airlines says it's in danger of heading to an undesirable new destination: bankruptcy court.

In an urgent bid to avoid Chapter 11, the financially ailing carrier is imposing a one-month deadline to slash costs through agreements with its employee unions and business partners. If unsuccessful, the nation's No. 2 carrier said it would declare bankruptcy.

"The changes we need to make are urgent, significant and immediate," CEO Jack Creighton said in announcing the intensified recovery effort.

United's announcement came just three days after US Airways filed for bankruptcy and a day after American Airlines disclosed drastic cutbacks, including 7,000 layoffs.

Two smaller carriers, Midway Airlines, Vanguard Airlines, also have filed for bankruptcy since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks that decimated the airline industry.

NEW YORK (AP) — Officials put out a call for new design ideas for World Trade Center site, with one board member acknowledging that the six proposals released last month struck the public as "mundane, boring, pedestrian."

Board member Roland Betts of the Lower Manhattan Development Corp., a city-state agency in charge of the project, said Wednesday that a final plan for the site wouldn't be chosen until February or March. That leaves architects plenty of time to submit fresh plans for redeveloping the trade center.

"We are looking for excitement, creativity, energy," Betts said, acknowledging the public's lack of enthusiasm for the earlier proposals.

Betts said new proposals would include some popular components featured in the design plans released last month, such as a promenade from the trade center to Battery Park, a skyline element to echo the lost towers and a preference for keeping the "footprints" of the towers free from development.

NEW YORK (AP) — AOL Time Warner announced that about \$49 million in transactions at its America Online unit may have been booked improperly, in a departure from the company's previous assertions that its accounting was sound.

The company said Wednesday that it was examining the transactions at America Online, whose accounting practices are being scrutinized by federal regulators.

AOL Time Warner said in a statement that the transactions in question occurred from the last quarter of 2000 through the first quarter of this year. The company said it has not made a final determination whether the accounting was proper.

The announcement followed word earlier Wednesday that an executive who negotiated many deals for America Online that are being investigated has left the company.

AOL Time Warner's finances were called into question last month when The Washington Post published a series of articles outlining unusual techniques the AOL division used for accounting revenue, including booking ads sold on behalf of eBay as revenue for itself.

WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rattled investors may have gotten an infusion of confidence from the torrent of CEOs swearing to the accuracy of their companies' recent financial reports.

After waiting until the last minute, scores of major corporations rushed to comply Wednesday with a new government order requiring executives to attest in writing to the veracity of the

reports.

Investors appeared unfazed as several big companies restated their finances.

The unprecedented requirement was designed to restore confidence in corporate America that was hurt by the accounting scandals at Enron Corp., WorldCom Inc., Adelphia Communications Corp. and many other big companies, and the downfall of the Arthur Andersen LLP accounting firm.

But William Lerach, an attorney who has sued several companies embroiled in accounting failures on behalf of shareholders, sounded a note of caution. "There's so much wiggle room in the language of the certification that we may not be getting what we think we're getting. ... I'm just afraid that we may get a false sense of confidence," he said.

The sworn statements by the chief executive officers and chief financial officers begin with "To the best of my knowledge."

WASHINGTON (AP) — Aircraft from the U.S.-British coalition patrolling southern Iraq bombed two Iraqi air defense sites Wednesday, the U.S.

Central Command said.

The attack with precision-guided weapons at about 5 p.m. EDT was a response to Iraqi actions threatening coalition planes patrolling the southern no-fly zone, a Central Command statement said.

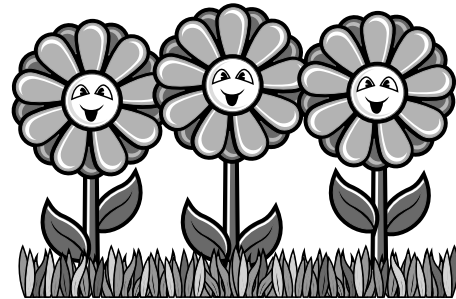
The strike was the latest in a series of incidents in the no-fly zones over northern and southern Iraq. Coalition planes struck an Iraqi military communications facility on Aug. 5.

The no-fly zones were created after the 1991 Gulf War to protect Iraqis from President Saddam Hussein's military. Saddam says the zones are a violation of Iraqi sovereignty and his military often tries to shoot down warplanes patrolling the areas.

Central Command says Iraq has fired on coalition planes 85 times this year. The command, based in Tampa, Fla., is responsible for the region.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite President Bush's tough line on Cuba, support for trade sanctions is crumbling in Congress, with anti-Castro activists struggling to preserve an embargo that has lasted more than 40 years.

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