# Reportsays Iraq serious threat

bv the Associated Press INTERNATIONAL

LONDON — Iraq has military plans for the use of chemical and biological weapons, and has tried to acquire "significant quantities" of uranium from Africa, Britain said today in a dossier of evidence about Iraq's development of weapons of mass destruction.

"Iraq's current military planning specifically envisages the use of chemical and biological weapons," said the dossier, which said President Saddam Hussein directly controls

It argues that Iraq continues to develop chemical and biological weapons, is trying to acquire nuclear weapons and has extended the range of its ballistic missiles.

The report outlined extensive Iraqi efforts to rebuild chemical plants and other facilities that could be used to manufacture weapons of mass destruc-

"I am in no doubt that the threat is serious and current, that he has made progress on (weapons of mass destruction), and that he has to be stopped," Prime Minister Tony Blair said in an introduction to the dossier.

#### **NATIONAL**

LOS ANGELES — California has become the first state in the country to enact a comprehensive paid family leave program that allows workers to take six weeks off to care for a newborn, a newly adopted child or ill fam-

Under the new law, which expands the state's existing disability insurance program, employees will be eligible to receive 55 percent of their wages during their absence, up to a maximum payment of \$728 a week.

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add the options.

In other business:

the board approved the resolution to

• Jolly said the new mobile Magnetic

uses a different transformer than the

hospital had for the old machine. In-

### around the world

"This bill will make it easier for Californians to help their loved ones through a health crisis without going broke in the process," said Gov. Gray Davis, who signed the law Monday.

Supporters hope the law will serve as a nationwide model, while business groups, such the California Chamber of Commerce, denounce it as too costly for employers. The group led a coalition that tried to kill the measure.

major speech about Iraq, former Vice President Al Gore issued a harsh criticism of President Bush for wanting to go to war with Saddam Hussein, warning of ominous and untold conse-

Like other leading Democrats, Gore has expressed reservations in recent Adelphia Communications Corp. months about military action against Iraq, suggesting the diplomatic costs would be extremely high.

But his speech Monday at the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco was much more critical.

"After Sept. 11, we had enormous sympathy, goodwill and support around the world," Gore said. "We've squandered that, and in one year we've replaced that with fear, anxiety and uncertainty, not at what the terrorists are going to do but at what we are going to do.'

to the creation of legions of enemies angry and fearful about U.S. domination and also prompt a short-term \$1 million a month, prosecutors power vacuum that could increase the charge. danger of chemical and biological at-

Ambulance rates to raise stalling a new machine would cost

\$15,000, he said, but the company with

the new machine agreed to pay to install the transformer if the hospital would extend its contract.

 the board approved the surgery Resonance Imaging (MRI) machine policy and procedure update.

• the board set the next meeting for 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 28.

"If we end the war in Iraq the way we ended the war in Afghanistan, we could easily be worse off than we are today," said Gore, who told the crowd he would decide in December whether to challenge Bush again for the presidency in 2004.

NEW YORK — Prosecutors described it as "one of the most elaborate and extensive corporate frauds" in U.S. history: Executives allegedly looting SAN FRANCISCO — In his first corporate accounts, building a golf course with company money and flying in corporate jets for personal busi-

> The allegations were included in a 24-count indictment filed Monday against the founding family and two executives of bankrupt cable company

> The indictment on charges of conspiracy, securities fraud and wire fraud names Adelphia founder John J. Rigas, 77; his sons, Timothy, 46, and Michael, 48; James R. Brown, 40, former vice president of finance; and Michael C. Mulcahey, 45, former director of internal reporting.

> The 103-page document charges that the Rigas family engaged in rampant self-dealing, often funneling huge sums from the company directly into their personal accounts.

John Rigas was taking so much Gore said war with Iraq could lead money under the table that his son Timothy instructed Mulcahey not to allow his father to withdraw more than

Members of the Rigas family received more than \$50 million in unauthorized secret transfers from Adelphia, the indictment said.

America's Roman Catholic bishops may receive a measure of Vatican support for their new clerical sex abuse policy despite criticism from some in the church that the plan was unfair to

The Vatican is leaning toward accepting the bishops' reforms on an experimental basis, a senior Vatican official said Monday.

# Bleeding for a good cause



A total of 107 people were at the United Methodist Fellowship Hall on Thursday afternoon to donate for the Red Cross blood drive. Ron Degreis, of Hays, was one of the medical staff and John Creche, a technical college student, donated his share. There were 11 first time donors, and several high school students. A total of 95 units of blood were collected. Photo by Doug Stephens / The Goodland Daily News

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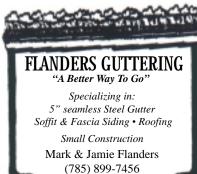
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