

# Principal will fill activity director job in January

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money by not hiring another full-time administrator at mid-year. The district has a tighter budget because of declining enrollment and state money problems. Liess also acted as assistant principal at the high school, and Selby said today that Principal Harvey Swager will cover those duties during the second semester.

"Mr. Swager and Mr. Raymer will both be doing some double duty for now," he said. Selby said Raymer won't have everything dumped in his lap because Liess has already organized many activities for the second semester and Raymer will start training right away. Raymer said today that one reason the board hired him two months before Liess plans to leave is so he has time to learn the job.

"The athletic director does a lot no one knows about," he said. Raymer noted that he'll be taking classes on legal issues and attending the Kansas State High School Activities Association conference in Topeka in November. "I've got a lot of learning to do in a short amount of time," he said. Liess attends just about every sporting event, and Raymer said he'll try to do the same.

"With two jobs," he said, "I'll try to get to as many events as I can. I want to keep the good things that Liess has done going." One thing Raymer won't be able to do is continue coaching at the high school. He is the head boys golf coach in the spring and an assistant football coach in the fall. Raymer said he will finish out the football season, but he won't be coach-

ing golf and he will give up coaching altogether if he stays on as activities director next year. Raymer said he has been a coach for more than a decade and he'll miss it. He said he coached while he taught in Colorado and then coached one year at the junior high after he moved to Goodland to teach third grade. He said he has been a varsity coach for nine years. "I've been lucky that Selby and the

board have allowed me to continue coaching," he said. "I've enjoyed the ups and the downs." Raymer said whether he stays on next year depends on what he thinks of the job, what the school board thinks of his performance and whether enrollment drops. "Right now, the Board of Education wants an administrator in every building," he said.

# Top weapons inspectors support warning Saddam around the world

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**UNITED NATIONS** — Giving some needed support to the United States, top weapons inspectors backed delivering a tough U.N. warning to Saddam Hussein, but insisted it was up to the Security Council, not inspectors, to decide on war or peace in Iraq.

At a Security Council meeting on Monday, the inspectors also made clear they'd like some changes in the new inspection regime envisioned by the United States. But the key issue remains the dispute in the council over whether a new U.S. draft resolution gives a green light for the use of force against Iraq.

The inspectors comments laid the basis for ongoing negotiations, beginning in capitals of key Security Council nations today and wrapping up late in the day at another full council meeting.

The United States has been pressing for a vote this week on its draft resolution, but administration officials said Monday it could be pushed back a week. That would delay a high-stakes showdown in the divided council until after the Nov. 5 U.S. congressional elections.

**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia** — North Korea rejected demands that it give up its nuclear weapons program today, marring the country's first talks with Japan in two years on establishing diplomatic ties, Japanese officials said.

Since the North admitted earlier this month that it had a project for developing nuclear arms, Japan has insisted that scrapping the program was a precondition for normalization between the longtime rivals. During the talks, the North "com-

pletely denied" calls for the country to give up its nuclear weapons program, a senior Japanese delegation official said on condition of anonymity. The North blamed the concerns over its nuclear weapons program on the United States, saying the headline U.S. stance was the "root of the problem," he said.

North Korea's No. 2 delegation official, Pak Ryong Yeon, said today that Pyongyang wants the matter of the nuclear program dealt with as normalization talks continue, not as a precondition for normalization.

**NATIONAL**

**TUCSON, Ariz.** — Robert Stewart Flores Jr. struggled as a nursing student at the University of Arizona. Classmates said he tangled with instructors and annoyed fellow students.

"He came across as very aggressive and mean and seemed to have a lot of issues with being angry," said Lori Schenkel, a fellow nursing student.

Authorities said Flores' anger boiled over Monday when he allegedly shot three of his professors to death during a rampage at the College of Nursing that sent dozens of terrified students diving for cover.

Officials said the 41-year-old Gulf War veteran had been carrying five handguns and at least 200 rounds of ammunition. After shooting the three staff members, Flores turned one of the guns on himself.

Flores worked at the Veterans Administration hospital in Tucson as a licensed practical nurse and was studying to become a registered nurse. Flores failed a pediatric nursing class and was struggling in a critical

care class this term, said University Vice Provost Elizabeth Irvin.

**LOS ANGELES** — Harland Braun, the lawyer who has represented Robert Blake since his wife was shot to death last year, announced his resignation Monday, saying he objected to the actor's decision to grant a jailhouse interview to ABC.

Hours later, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said it would not allow the on-camera interview with ABC's Diane Sawyer to take place.

Braun said he had met with Blake and expressed his opposition to the interview.

"He insists on doing an interview on camera with Diane Sawyer," Braun said. "I think it's insane for a person charged with a crime to go on camera to answer questions about the case. No lawyer in the country would allow a defendant to do this."

Late Monday night, the Sheriff's Department issued a statement saying it had reviewed a request for the interview and turned it down. It wasn't immediately clear if that would affect Braun's decision to resign. It is up to the judge presiding over the Blake case to decide whether to let Braun resign.

Blake is charged with murdering his wife, Bonny Lee Bakley, last year outside a restaurant where they had dined.

**BOSTON** — A Roman Catholic bishop has acknowledged helping promote a priest now accused of raping children despite considering him a "troubled priest" who endorsed sex between men and boys. Bishop Thomas V. Daily, a once top-

ranking official in the Archdiocese of Boston, said in a deposition made public Monday that he was aware of complaints about the Rev. Paul Shanley, yet promoted him anyway.

Daily, now leader of New York's Brooklyn Diocese, picked Shanley to become administrator and acting pastor at St. Jean's parish in Newton in 1984, where he allegedly went on to molest and rape boys.

Shanley, 71, was indicted in June on 10 counts of child rape and six counts of indecent assault and battery for allegedly sexually abusing boys from 1979 to 1989. Shanley has pleaded innocent to the charges.

In the deposition, Daily acknowledges that he considered Shanley a "troubled priest" who needed help. He said he knew Shanley had attended a meeting of the North American Man-Boy Love Association and had spoken in favor of the group.

**WASHINGTON**

**WASHINGTON** — A new FBI report showing an increase in crime nationally for the first time in a decade demonstrates that fighting terrorism must not completely overshadow the war on domestic crime, a senator says.

"This report is a shot across the bow," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. "To make people more safe from terrorists as they become less safe from criminals is counterproductive."

The FBI reported Monday that the nation's crime index rose 2.1 percent in 2001 compared with the year before, coinciding with an economic downturn that many experts say played a key role. Murder, armed robbery, rape and burglary all were higher in 2001, the

FBI reported Monday.

"The economy has to be the prime suspect," said James Lynch, professor at American University's Department of Justice, Law and Society.

The increase in 2001 was the first from year to year since 1991. Still, the number of crimes is 18 percent lower than a decade ago and 10 percent lower than in 1997.

**WASHINGTON** — President Bush is signing legislation to revamp the nation's voting system and protect against the kinds of errors that threw his own election into dispute two years ago.

The White House scheduled a morning bill-signing ceremony for today, starting Bush's two-day respite from campaigning for GOP House, Senate and gubernatorial candidates in next Tuesday's elections.

Under the Martin Luther King Jr. Equal Protection of Voting Rights Act of 2002, states will receive \$3.9 billion in federal money over the next three years to replace outdated punch-card and lever voting machines or improve voter education and poll-worker training.

The new law's protections against voting error will not affect next week's balloting.

## Board finds center still losing money

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pital had done a survey, and less than 30 percent of patients were interested in having their names published.

"Only a very small, minute portion of patients would want it," she said.

Dale Schields, personnel director for the hospital, said he had spoken to representatives from American Family Life Assurance Co., known as AFLAC, about supplemental insurance employees can buy.

The plan would add a better selection of benefits than the hospital has offered before, Schields said, including cancer insurance, disability

insurance, accident insurance, dental insurance and others.

Because it's supplemental, he said, the benefits would be paid directly to the employee. And the policy would not cost the hospital anything, he said, aside from the cost of administering it.

Schields said area hospitals with the plan have been pleased with it, claims are processed quickly and sometimes the company hand delivers the checks. The plan could save the hospital \$15,000-\$18,000 per year, he said, and help with recruiting and retaining employees.

In other business, the board scheduled its next meeting for 6:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 9.

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