

Budget tops retreat list

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practices are held, but ended up keeping it after taking bids twice and not receiving an offer they considered acceptable. They also agreed to cut an assistant coach from all sports programs, but are now allowing the third coach to preserve freshman teams. The board will have a lot more to talk about than the budget at the retreat. Members have a list of 21 items which they have prioritized. Selby said they will discuss the most important topics first, and then cover as many others as time permits. It will be a

brain-storming session only, he said, so the board will not vote on any decisions. The most important topics are budget changes, possibly closing one school to save money, improving faculty morale and teacher recruitment. The second most important are cutting the number of administrators, class size, dropping or adding classes, replacing the high school's leaky roof and reporting academic changes to the board. The third include changing block class scheduling, the high school's drop-out recovery program, teaching

standards and teacher retention. Other topics are facility updates, installing air conditioning in schools, transportation problems, reducing the number of board meetings, the chain of command, the Edson gym, affiliation with the North Kansas League and repairing or replacing bleachers at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Selby said the last time the board held a retreat was two years ago. He said it gives members a chance to figure out what are the most serious problems and think about solutions. "It lets me know the direction they want me to move in," he said.

Gov. Graves to announce cuts

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Now, faced with an even deeper hole, Graves has met with his staff and Gov.-elect Kathleen Sebelius to make additional cuts before leaving office on Jan. 13. As part of her campaign, Sebelius promised to hold public schools harmless from cuts. But Graves said that could be hard to do. "Making the amount of reductions significant is much easier to do if you've got K-12 and higher ed on the table," Graves said. In August, Graves cut aid to the 303 school districts by \$17.5 million, or about \$27 per pupil. He declined to say how much further schools could be cut. Senate President Dave Kerr said he didn't expect Graves' next round of cuts to close the entire shortfall, but wouldn't speculate how much more cuts might be needed. "I'll leave that to the governor," said Kerr, R-Hutchinson.

Kerr said there was an advantage to making the cuts as soon as possible and not waiting until Sebelius takes office in January. "It gives agencies an opportunity to react," Kerr said. Graves and Sebelius met over the weekend to discuss the budget cuts as they traveled to a National Governors Association conference. However, Graves said Wednesday that he would be alone at the microphone when the next round of cuts are announced. Sebelius spokeswoman Nicole Corcoran-Basso said the governor-elect has had discussions with Graves, but he has not talked specifics. She said that Sebelius was sticking to her position that the 2003 budget was still Graves' responsibility. Even so, her proposed budget to lawmakers next year will be affected by what Graves does. "Whatever he presents next week, that is his decision to make and she certainly would not second guess him," Corcoran-Basso said. Corcoran-Basso said Sebelius "would wait and see what happens" next week before making any comment about further cuts, or restoring any of the reductions in the upcoming 2004 budget. As part of her transition, Sebelius created teams to conduct a top-to-bottom review to find ways to cut state spending and make government more efficient. Kerr said it was "unrealistic" that Sebelius' review could produce huge amounts of savings. Sebelius has until Feb. 3 to submit her budget proposals. That package must include a proposed budget for fiscal 2004 and a revised budget for fiscal 2003. In the past, incoming governors have dealt with current fiscal problems. For example, in 1987, Gov. Mike Hayden had \$60 million in budget cuts ready for legislators during their first week of session.

Bomber in Israel kills high schoolers

By the Associated Press INTERNATIONAL

JERUSALEM — A Palestinian wearing a bomb belt blew himself up today on a Jerusalem city bus packed with high school students and soldiers, killing 11 passengers and wounding dozens in a morning rush hour suicide attack. Sandwiches and schoolbooks lay scattered in the street. There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but Israeli officials said the assailant came from Bethlehem, which raised the possibility Israel might retake the West Bank town from which it withdrew in August. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon convened his security Cabinet for an emergency meeting later today. Islamic militants said attacks would continue, despite efforts by Egypt and the Palestinian Authority to negotiate a freeze in attacks at least until Israel's Jan. 28 election. A continuation of bombings and shootings — there have been scores in the past 26 months of fighting — would strengthen Israel's right-wing parties. The assailant, wearing a bomb belt around his waist, set off the explosives in the middle of the bus at about 7:10 a.m. as it was stopped in Jerusalem's residential Kiryat Menachem neighborhood, police said.

CAION, Spain — Fierce winds reaching 65 mph were pushing fuel oil spilled from a sunken tanker toward Spain's scenic Galicia coast, threatening its lucrative shellfish industry. Particularly vulnerable was the Muros Inlet, where officials say they have no floating barriers to keep out the toxic sludge. The oil has contaminated 90 beaches along 180 miles of coast since the Bahamas-flagged tanker Prestige ruptured Nov. 13. It finally split in two and sank in the Atlantic Ocean on Tuesday. Seeking to ease fears of an Exxon Valdez-style catastrophe, the Interior Ministry said no more oil had spilled since the vessel sank. It also offered assurances that the oil would probably solidify two miles down in frigid water, limiting damage. Altogether the Prestige spilled about 1.6 million gallons of the 20 million gallons of fuel oil it was carrying. The total load it carried was more than twice the amount of crude oil spilled by the Exxon Valdez off Alaska in 1989. NATIONAL BOSTON — A cervical cancer study with dramatic results is fanning enthusiasm that the disease can someday be routed with the same kind of weapon that stamped out diseases like smallpox and polio: a vaccine. A cervical cancer vaccine worked on 100 percent of the women who took injections in its first big trial. "If the promise implicit in the study... is realized, we could, in our lifetime, see the gradual but progressive dismantling to the barriers to preventing cervical cancer," said Dr. Christopher Crum, a pathologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

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It remains unclear how long the protection might last. Even so, researchers say a vaccine could reach the market within five years or so. The findings were published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine. CHICAGO — Mired in an industry-wide slump, United Airlines has extracted an unprecedented \$5.8 billion in tentative labor concessions from its employees. Now, the cash-strapped carrier hopes that Washington will provide some more help by approving a \$1.8 billion loan guarantee that could stave off a bankruptcy filing. United secured the key remaining link to its financial recovery plan Wednesday when its machinists' union leaders agreed to \$1.5 billion in wage and benefit concessions over 5 1/2 years following similar pacts with pilots, flight attendants and other employees. The 37,500 mechanics, baggage handlers and public contact workers could still reject the tentative deal on wage cuts when they vote on it next Wednesday. And the Air Transportation Stabilization Board could reject or significantly shrink the amount United seeks in federal backing for a private loan. But getting its largest and most resistant union to sign off on steep cuts was the most noteworthy achievement yet for United in its quest to slash costs and restructure its finances to set the stage for recovery. GOSHEN, Ind. — An escaped inmate wanted in a multistate crime spree was captured in Indiana, but a woman he is suspected of abducting remained missing today. Chadrick E. Fulks, 25, was arrested Wednesday afternoon after he came out of his brother's house in this northern Indiana city and got into a car. He was caught by a police officer after a short chase on foot. Federal agents had notified Goshen officials that Fulks might be headed there because his father and brother live in the area. Fulks' brother and a woman driving the car were being questioned, and agents were checking the car and home for clues. FBI agent Tom Van Wormer said it was unclear whether authorities were any closer to finding 44-year-old Alice Donovan. Investigators believe Donovan was kidnapped last week from a Wal-Mart parking lot in Conway, S.C., by Fulks and another escaped inmate, L. Branden Basham, who was captured Sunday. Police said the woman's ATM card had been used near Raleigh, N.C., last week. Fulks and Basham, 21, broke out of the Hopkins County jail in Kentucky on Nov. 4.

LOS ANGELES — The murder rate in the nation's second-largest city is on an alarming rise, with 13 people killed over a recent four-day span, officials said. Gang violence has been a major contributor to the surge. Police officials and community leaders met publicly Wednesday to speak out against the escalating violence. They were especially troubled by the 13 killings that occurred from Friday to Monday, which Police Chief William J. Bratton described as "four horrific days." "The message is, the community isn't going to tolerate the violence that's going on out here and we're going to work with them," said Capt. James Miller, commander of a police station in gang-plagued South Los Angeles. There have been 583 homicides in Los Angeles so far this year, said Miller. That is about as many as all of last year. Bratton asked commanding officers last week to develop an ongoing strategic plan to deal with the rise in crime. The multiagency approach would involve state and federal law enforcement agencies as well as community involvement. Bratton also called for detectives to respond to more crime scenes. Community leaders said they would work with police to stop the violence. CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — With a final check complete, NASA cleared space shuttle Endeavour for a Friday liftoff and said its damaged robot arm would be safe to use for space station construction. The decision came Wednesday night, less than 24 hours after the countdown clocks began ticking. Mission Control quickly relayed the good news to the three residents of the international space station. They have been on board since June, and Endeavour is their ride home. "All right!" astronaut Peggy Whitson said. Shuttle program manager Ron Dittmore said extensive testing found Endeavour's 50-foot robot arm to be sturdy despite damage inflicted last week by workers. He also expressed confidence that a leaking oxygen line aboard Endeavour is fixed. Thursday was the 169th day in orbit for Whitson and her two Russian crewmates, who should have been back on Earth long before now. Their mission was extended more than a month because of this summer's grounding of NASA's entire space shuttle fleet. Endeavour will carry up their replacements.

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Thursday Evening										
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
KLBY/ABC	Extreme Makeover	Primetime Thursday			Local	Nightline	Up Close	Local	Local	Local
KBLS/CBS	CSI: Crime Scene	Without a Trace			Local	Late Show		Late Late Show		Local
KSNW/NBC	Will & G	ER			Local	Tonight Show		Conan		Local
KUSA/NBC	Friends	Will & G		TBA	ER		Local	Tonight Show		Conan
KDVR/FOX	30 Secon	30 Secon	Stupid Behavior Caug		Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local
Cable Channels										
A & E	Murder, She Wrote	Murder, She Wrote			Third Watch		Biography			Murder, She Wrote
AMC	The Trip to the Bountiful				Mississippi Masala			The Trip to the Bountiful		
CMT	CMT Prime!				Most Wanted Live		CMT 3rdShift		Best of Showcase	
CNN	Larry King Live	Newsnight			Connie	Lou Dobb	Larry King		Newsnight	
DISC	Untamed Indonesia	FBI Files			Dangerous Sea		Into the Death Zone		SWAT Team	
E!	The Life and Death of Sam Kinison				AnnaNicol	AnnaNicol	Howard Stern		Wild on Wants You	
ESPN	Thursday Night College Football						Season	The Life		SportsCenter
ESPN2	National Hockey League						NFL2Nigh	NHL2Nigh		The Season
FAM	Down Periscope				700 Club		The Caroline Rhea Sh		Paid Prog	Paid Prog
FX	Strange Days					Married	Married	Strange Days		
HGTV	Dsgn4Sex	Challenge	Hunters	Hunters	Warriors	Landscap	Dsgn4Sex	Cahllenge	Hunters	Hunters
HIST	Blind Man's Bluff				Save Our History		The Lost Ark		Blind Man's Bluff	
LIFE	Survive the Night				Golden Gr	Golden Gr	Nanny	Mad Abou		Any Day Now
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NICK	TBA	TBA	Arnold!	Rugrats	Spong Bob	Ginger	Cosby	Cosby	Cheers	Cheers
SCI	Sabretooth			J Edward	J Edward		Twilight Z	Twilight Z		Stargate:SG-1
TBS	U.S. Marshals					The Whole	Nine Yard	U.S. Marshals		
TCM	Nevada Smith					The Ox-B	Rancho Notorious			
TLC	Grand Illusions	Daring Capers		Super Structures			Monster Hunters		Understand Paranorm	
TNN	Our Majesty's Secret Service						VIP			Baywatch
TNT	NBA Houston Rockets @ Dallas Mavericks					NBA Portland Trailbla	Inside the NBA			Mortal Co
TRAV	Alaska's Nat'l Parks	Alaska: Walk on the		Jules Sylvester's		Alaska's Nat'l Parks	Alaska: Walk on the			Alaska: Walk on the
TV LAND	Gilligan's	Munsters	Andy Griff	Beaver	Bev Hill	Lucy	Archie B	Jeffersons		The Rockford Files
USA	Waterworld						Nash Bridges		Martin	Liv Single
VH1	Behind the Music	Rock the	Behind the Music		Porn to Rock		Where Are		They Now	Rock the
WGN	L.A. Story			Heat of the Night			Matlock		StrtSmrts	Susan
Premium Channels										
HBO	All the Pretty Horses			Inside the NFL		Black Knight				
MAX	Red Planet			Miss Congeniality					Planet of the Apes	
SHOW	One Kill			The Score					Street Time	

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KLBY/ABC	Drew Car	Whose Lin	20/20		Local	Nightline	Up Close	Local	Local	Local
KBLS/CBS	Hack		RHD/LA		Local	Late Show		Late Late Show		Local
KSNW/NBC	Dateline NBC		Law & Order: SVU		Local	Tonight Show		Conan		Local
KUSA/NBC	Providence		Dateline NBC		Law & Order: SVU		Local	Tonight Show		Conan
KDVR/FOX	Happy Gilmore				Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local
Cable Channels										
A & E	True Lies						Biography			True Lies
AMC	Access	Hollywood	The Bounty					Revenge of the Creature		
CMT	Austin City Limits		Top 20 Countdown				Most Wanted Live		Austin City Limits	
CNN	Larry King Live	Newsnight		Connie	Lou Dobb	Larry King		Newsnight		
DISC	Pythons	Deadly Bugs				Kids Behind Bars				
E!	Whitney & Bobby				Sean & Madonna	Howard Stern		Wild on Wants You		
ESPN	NBA Friday					NBA Friday		SportsCenter		
ESPN2	Friday Night Fights				SportsCenter		NFL2Nigh	NHL2Nigh	Pardon	ESPN Mot
FAM	Police Academy 2				700 Club		The Caroline Rhea Sh		Paid Prog	Paid Prog
FX	Striptease					Married	Son of	Son of	Striptease	
HGTV	Decor Ce	Decor Ce	Decor Ce	Decor Ce	Flea Mrkts	Inspector	Decor Ce	Decor Ce	Decor Ce	Decor Ce
HIST	Search for Atlantis				Shark Attack 1916		Daredevils and Risk		Search for Atlantis	
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NICK	TBA	TBA	Arnold!	Rugrats	Spong Bob	Jimmy	Fairly Odd	ChalkZon	Cosby	Cosby
SCI	The Roswell Crash: Startling New Evidence				The Roswell Crash: Startling New Evidence			Kids Behind Bars		Abduction Diaries
TBS	The Negotiator						Switchback			The Corruptor
TCM	One is a Lonely Number				Kramer Vs. Kramer			Child Of Divorce		
TLC	Grand Illusions		FBI: Critical Incident				Medical Detectives		What Were You Think	
TNN	Star Trek: Generation	Star Trek: Generation			Star Trek: Generation		Oblivious	Ultm Revn	Fame 15	Conspirac
TNT	Demolition Man				Blade			Spawn		
TRAV	Airport: On Alert				Jules Sylvester's		Airport: On Alert			
TV LAND	Gilligan's	Munsters	Andy Griff	Beaver	Bev Hill	Lucy	Martian	Fernwood	Flying Nu	Tabitha
USA	Black and Blue				Law & Order: CI		Monk		Monk	
VH1	Where Are They Now	Secret Wrl	Behind		Porn to Rock		Porn to Rock II		Graveside Groupies	
WGN	L.A. Story				Heat of the Night		Matlock		StrtSmrts	Susan
Premium Channels										
HBO	Best in Show			Inside the	Behind Enemy Lines				OZ	
MAX	Sweet November				Don't Say a Word				Kiss of the Dragon	
SHOW	Fatal Instinct				Made				Odyssey 5	

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