

Venezuela reopens banks

around the world

By the Associated Press INTERNATIONAL

CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuelan opposition leaders accused President Hugo Chavez of threatening the nation's bankers to make them abandon a general strike aimed at toppling him.

The National Banking Council said Wednesday that its members will return to normal operating hours on Monday. For two months, thousands of people have waited in long lines while banks opened just three hours a day. Other sectors, including workers in the state oil company, will remain on strike.

"This is a government that, one way or another, acts with pressure and repression. This influenced the decision," said strike leader Carlos Fernandez.

Fearing effects of the work stoppage — shortages of food, medicine, fuel and cash — could hurt their cause, many businesses plan to reopen next week.

The possibility of having to declare bankruptcy by remaining closed also prompted owners of shopping malls, restaurants, franchises and schools to soon open their doors to the public.

Dissident executives at state-run oil monopoly Petroleos de Venezuela S.A., or PDVSA, said the strike will continue in the oil industry despite the government's success in raising production.

HEBRON, West Bank — Israeli troops swept through Hebron, closing Palestinian police and TV stations, searching homes and blocking major roads in a crackdown on suspected militants.

The military said it carried out the operation in response to a series of shooting ambushes in Hebron. Since Nov. 15, 18 Israelis have been killed in such attacks.

The Hebron sweep came two days after Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's election victory. In a sign that he will stick to his tough policies against the Palestinians, Sharon rebuffed Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's offer to meet and resume peace talks.

In a statement Wednesday, Sharon reiterated allegations that Arafat encourages attacks on Israelis. Sharon said he would only negotiate with Palestinians not engaged in violence.

Palestinian Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat said today that Sharon's refusal to talk with Arafat "is a reflection of the policies of the next government of Israel — a frozen peace process, deterioration and escalation, and attempts to dictate rather than negotiate."

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. —

Israel's first astronaut, Ilan Ramon, says viewing the world from space makes him realize how fragile the planet is — and how important it is to strive for peace in the Middle East.

"The world looks marvelous from up here, so peaceful, so wonderful and so fragile," Ramon said Wednesday. "Everybody, all of us down there, not only in Israel, have to keep it clean and good."

The 48-year-old colonel in Israel's air force is aboard Columbia for a 16-day scientific research mission that ends Saturday.

Crewmate Laurel Clark said it was "magical" watching a rose bloom in orbit and a silkworm cocoon blossoming into a moth. The rose and moth are among more than 80 experiments flying aboard Columbia.

The fragrance industry hopes to develop new space scents with the miniature rose plant and a jasmine-scented Asian rice flower growing in the shuttle's greenhouse, while Chinese students want to see how silkworms develop and produce silk in weightlessness.

NEW YORK — Closing the books on a year that saw an astonishing \$99 billion in losses, AOL Time Warner Inc. revealed that Ted Turner is stepping down as vice chairman of the beleaguered media giant.

Turner founded Turner Broadcasting and CNN before selling out to Time Warner in 1996.

Economic council adds banking spots

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News At a special meeting Monday evening the Sherman County Economic Development Council voted to request the county to expand the board membership by adding four banking positions.

Council Chairman Dave Daniels said the discussion about the need to expand the board was that having the bankers as members would speed up some of the economic development contacts that have been made.

He said the main proponents of the idea were John Garcia, vice-chairman, and Royal Reid, former chairman.

The motion was to add four members to the board, and that each bank could appoint someone to represent them. The seven-member council would review the appointments and approve them before forwarding to the county commissioners for their approval.

A question was raised about the fact that the original resolution, and the sentiment of the steering committee was that all board members

should be residents of Sherman County. Daniels said the bank positions would not be subject to this provision which would allow a banker to serve who did not live within the county.

The motion passed on a majority vote, 4-2, and Daniels did not vote on this because there was not a tie.

However, Daniels did break a tie on a related motion which set the terms of the bank positions to be staggered in a manner similar to the original board members. Daniels voted to break the 3-3 tie and pass the motion to set staggered terms.

Under the motion one of the bank positions would serve a one-year term, one would be a two-year term and the other two would be three-year terms. After the terms have completed the first appointment the new terms would also be three-years with a two-term limit.

Daniels said the formal request would be sent to the county commissioners for their input and to be reviewed by the county attorney. He did not expect the formal request to be made before the first meeting in February.

County Agenda

The Sherman County commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Friday and will

- Discuss the general obligation bonds for the Kanorado bridge project.
- Sign a contract for spraying noxious weeds along the state highways.
- Get an update on the status of grant projects on asbestos removal at the old Southwest Bell building and a new rural fire station.
- Review the elevator maintenance contract for Good Samaritan Center.
- Sign the juvenile detention agreement with Trego County.
- Approve the claims vouchers for the last half of the month.

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Thursday Evening		January 30, 2003									
	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30	
KLBY/ABC	Columbo Likes the Nightlife				Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel	Local	Local		
KBSL/CBS	CSI: Crime Scene	Without a Trace			Local	Late Show		Late Late Show	Local		
KSNW/NBC	Scrubs	Will & G	ER		Local	Tonight Show		Conan	Local		
KUSA/NBC	Friends	Scrubs	Will & G	ER			Local	Tonight Show	Conan		
KDVR/FOX	Behavior	Behavior	The Pulse		Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	
Cable Channels											
A & E	Columbo				Third Watch		Biography		Columbo		
AMC	To Catch A Thief				Desk Set		To Catch A Thief				
CMT	Inside Fame	Top 20 Countdown					CMT 3rd Shift				
CNN	Larry King Live	Newsnight	Connie	Lou Dobb			Larry King		Newsnight		
DISC	Hippo Talk	FBI Files			Devil's Island		Stolen Every 23 Seco		Evidence Special		
E!	Saturday Night Live			AnnaNicol	Star Dates		Howard Stern		Wild On Sexy South		
ESPN	ESPN Thursday Night Hockey				SportsCenter		College Hoops		SportsCenter		
ESPN2	2003 Australian Open				2003 Australian Open				NHL2Night	Pardon	
FAM	Phenomenon						The Caroline Rhea Sh		Paid Prog	Paid Prog	
FX	Grumpier Old Men				Reality		The Practice		Grumpier Old Men		
HGTV	Dsgn4Sex	Challenge	Hunters	Hunters	Warriors	Landscap	Dsgn4Sex	Challenge	Hunters	Hunters	
HIST	Ku Klux Klan: A Secret History				Murder	Murder	Cain and Abel		Ku Klux Klan: A Secre		
LIFE	Outrage				Golden Gr	Golden Gr	Nanny	Nanny	Mad About	Once and	
Premium Channels											
HBO	City of Joy				Inside the		Training Day				
MAX	Heist				Evolution		Sniper 2		The Pelican Brief		
SHOW	Nobody's Perfect		Quick Flick		Unforgettable				Nurse Betty		

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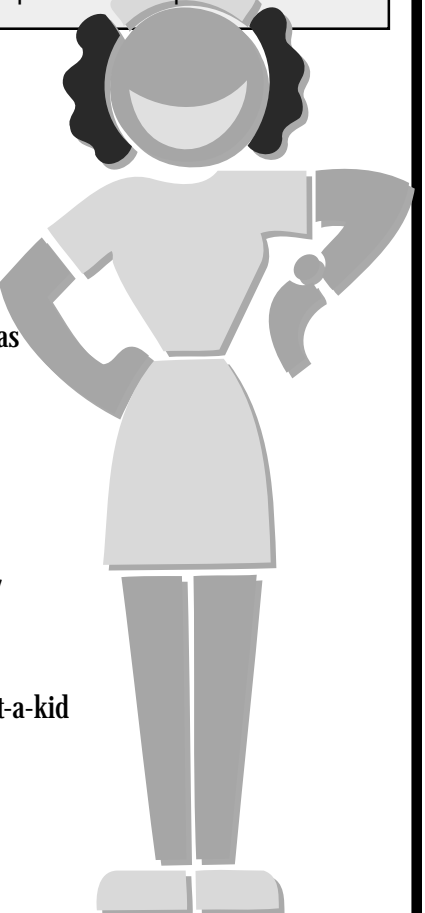
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The Goodland Police Department will be doing the IDENT-A-KID from 8 to 11 a.m. during the fair.

The Ident-a-kid process:

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KLBY/ABC	Funniest Home Videos				Local	Nightline	Jimmy Kimmel	Local	Local		
KBSL/CBS	Hack	Queens Supreme			Local	Late Show		Late Late Show	Local		
KSNW/NBC	Dateline NBC	Law & Order: SVU			Local	Tonight Show		Conan	Local		
KUSA/NBC	Mister Sterling	Dateline NBC			Local	Local	Local	Tonight Show	Conan		
KDVR/FOX	Fast Lane	John Doe			Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	Local	
Cable Channels											
A & E	Hauntings	Best of Both Worlds			Third Watch		Expedition Egypt		Hauntings		
AMC	Chinatown						Mad Dog and Glory		Tales Cry	The Serpent and the	
CMT	Beverly Hills Cowgirl Blues			MWL	MWL	MWL	CMT 3rd Shift				
CNN	Larry King Live	Newsnight			Connie	Lou Dobb	Larry King		Newsnight		
DISC	Arctic Survival	Animal Attacks			Talking to Animals		I Survived!		Roots of Racing		
E!	Robert Blake	O.J. Simpson					Howard Stern		Wild On Panama		
ESPN	NBA Friday						SportsCenter		NFL Man	SportsCenter	
ESPN2	2002 Pop Warner	NBA: Nets vs Lakers					Pardon	NHL2Night	NFL2Night		
FAM	Police Academy 2: 1st Assignment				700 Club		The Caroline Rhea Sh		Paid Prog	Paid Prog	
FX	Tightrope					Reality		Tightrope			
HGTV	Curb Appl	Curb Appl	Curb Appl	Curb Appl	Flea Mrkt	Inspector	Curb Appl	Curb Appl	Curb Appl	Curb Appl	
HIST	The Little Big Horn: The Untold Story				TBA		Final Frontier of Spac		The Little Big Horn: T		
LIFE	Prison of Secrets				Golden Gr	Golden Gr	The Neighbor				
Premium Channels											
HBO	A Very Brady Sequel				Inside The		Black Knight		Oz		
MAX	The Crow				The Last Castle				The Mothman Prophe		
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