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Obituaries

PHOEBE A. HICKS
Phoebe A. Hicks, 92, Osawatomie, died Jan. 15, 1999 at Ransom Memorial Hospital. Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Ruhamah Baptist Church, Rantoul. Burial will be in the church cemetery.
She was born March 23, 1906 in Burlington, Colo. to Issacc Harrison and Elda Florence (Nash) Helmick.
She married Preston Young Mangus on March 27, 1923 in Burlington, Colo. They divorced in 1930.
She married Lloyd W. Kern in California in 1931 and lived in Los Angeles until 1940 when they moved to Louisburg. They divorced in 1952.
She married Raymond Hicks in Miami, Okla. in the early 1960s and the couple lived in Osawatomie. They divorced in 1964.
She worked at the Dutch Boy Sandwich Factory and in a leather factory in California. In Kansas, she worked at the Osawatomie State Hospital as a psychiatric aid and was a foster grandparent at the hospital. She was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary of Osawatomie for 44 years and a member of the hobby club for 22 years.
She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, two grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, three brothers and an infant sister.
Survivors include two sons, Preston Young Mangus Jr., Penrose, Colo., and Lloyd William Kern Jr., Rantoul; two sisters, Ellen Wootton, Kentucky, and Mabel Virgene Bonner, Colorado Springs, Colo.; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.
Family will meet with friends from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the Eddy-Birchard Funeral Home, Osawatomie. Memorials may be made to the Ruhamah Baptist Church.

FLOYD DEMORET
Floyd Demoret, 72, Williamsburg, died Jan. 15, 1999 at Olathe Medical Center. Service arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by Dengel & Son Mortuary.

HAZEL M. STEVENSON
Hazel M. Stevenson, 84, formerly of Ottawa, died Jan. 14, 1999 at Olathe Medical Center. Service arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by Dengel & Son Mortuary.

RICHARD RIKEL
Richard Rikel, Paducah, Ky., died January 13, 1999. Memorial services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at the Milner-Orr Funeral Home, Paducah.
He was the father of Margi Harris, Ottawa.

Ad Briefs

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Wall Street

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks surged today, bouncing back from four days of losses as investors cheered Brazil's plan to stop defending its troubled currency.
At noon on Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 135.43 at 9,256.36. Broad-market indexes also rose today. The NYSE composite index was up 7.85 at 588.92, and the American Stock Exchange composite index was up 6.09 at 704.25.

LOCAL STOCKS
Casey's Gen St 13 7/8 -5/16
Comm Fed Corp 23 3/8 +1/16
Dollr Gen 25 -5/16
H&R Block 44 3/8 +1/2
O'Reilly Auto 49 3/16 +3/16
WalMart 79 7/8 +1/8

[Stocks courtesy of Edward D. Jones]

LOCAL MARKETS
Quotations for Thursday afternoon at the Ottawa Co-op were: hard wheat, 2.70; corn, 1.84; milo, 2.92; soybeans, 5.06; oats, 1.60.
Posted county prices for grains this morning at Franklin County Consolidated Farm Services were: wheat, 2.77; corn, 1.92; milo, 2.79; soybeans, 4.99.

Russia: lift Iraq embargo

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Russia today offered its own proposal to solve the Iraq impasse, echoing French calls to lift the oil embargo on Baghdad after instituting a new monitoring mechanism that could use outside experts.

The embargo could be lifted, the Russian initiative says, once the council receives a report from an assessment team on the status of Iraqi cooperation with disarmament and decides to start the monitoring system.

The Russian proposal, being distributed to Security Council members, suggests that the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, based in The Hague, Netherlands, could monitor suspected chemical weapons sites in Iraq.

That task had been carried out by the U.N. Special Commission, or UNSCOM, which was formed after the Gulf War in 1991. According to U.N. resolutions, the embargo cannot be lifted before the inspectors determine Iraq is free of its weapons of mass destruction.

Moscow has repeatedly criticized the work of UNSCOM and its executive chairman, Richard Butler, as having provoked the December U.S.-British airstrikes on Iraq.

The airstrikes, the Russian proposal says, "resulted in actual termination of UNSCOM activities" in disarming Iraq. "UNSCOM in its present format obviously cannot any longer work in Iraq."

The International Atomic Energy Agency would continue in its role monitoring Iraq's nuclear weapons programs.

The proposal was the third concrete initiative submitted to the council this week in a bid to restart discussions on Iraq that deadlocked following the Dec. 16-19 airstrikes.

France was the first, suggesting an immediate lifting of the embargo while instituting a monitoring mechanism designed to prevent Iraq from acquiring any new banned weapons. That would be a shift from the work of UNSCOM, which was designed to find and destroy weapons Iraq was believed to already possess.

Washington came up with its own initiative Thursday but focused purely on the humanitarian side. The plan would allow Baghdad to sell unlimited amounts of oil but would maintain the controls in place requiring that the proceeds go toward buying food and medicine for Iraqis.

The proposal would streamline the bulky U.N. bureaucracy, allowing contracts to bring food and medicine into Iraq to be automatically approved. Washington would also work to improve contract approval for spare parts to improve Iraq's oil infrastructure.

And the plan would allow Baghdad to borrow against a U.N. escrow fund to buy such goods, encourage humanitarian contributions and strengthen UNICEF and other U.N. programs already there.

Deputy U.S. Ambassador Peter Burleigh took pains to distance the U.S. initiative from the French, repeating U.S. concerns that U.N. resolutions require Iraq to be completely disarmed before the oil embargo can be lifted.

"We do not believe that Iraq is disarmed," Burleigh told reporters after presenting the plan to the council. "And it appears that the French proposal makes that assumption."

Baghdad responded to the earlier initiatives with a statement Thursday carried by the official Iraqi News Agency saying: "Sanctions against Iraq in all their facets should be lifted immediately."

Benon Sevan, head of the U.N. humanitarian program in Iraq, wouldn't comment on the U.S. or French proposals but welcomed the "flexibility shown by all members" in trying to help the Iraqi people.

Meanwhile, new council member Canada suggested the 15-member body receive two comprehensive reports assessing the disarmament and humanitarian situation in Iraq, council diplomats said.

Snow, ice a heavy burden; temperatures to rise

By CAROLYN THOMPSON
Associated Press Writer

Snow and freezing rain fell again early today across the East, where storm after storm has collapsed roofs, grounded hundreds of flights and knocked out power to hundreds of thousands of people.

"These roads are all horrendous," said Karl Sutton, head of emergency services for Hancock County, W.Va. "My guys are working 12 hours a day, seven days a week, and they're dying. They're just beat."

Three people were killed early today when their car swerved on ice and snow and smashed into a tractor-trailer near Clarksburg, W.Va., said Sgt. Robert Crawford of Harrison County Bureau of Emergency Services. Another man was killed in an accident Thursday in West Virginia.

In Maryland, icy weather was blamed for at least two fatal accidents Thursday. A man was killed when his car ran into a guard rail on Interstate 70 near Hagerstown, and a Pennsylvania man died after his car skidded off I-70 and hit a tree.

Major power outages were reported in suburban Washington, with 195,000 Pepco customers without electricity in Maryland and 119,000 Virginia

Power customers in the dark in northern Virginia. And more than 100,000 customers were without power in the Baltimore area.

There were less widespread outages in New Jersey, New York and Washington, D.C., and around Philadelphia.

In New York City, streets that were coated and slippery before dawn today turned to streams of slush as rain fell and rising temperatures melted snow and ice.

"This weather is for the birds — ducks," said Efrain Burgos, a Manhattan doorman. "But if it wouldn't have rained, we'd have 2 feet of snow by now."

Franklin resigns as human resources secretary

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Wayne Franklin plans to resign as secretary of human resources to return to Southwestern Bell Telephone Co., Gov. Bill Graves said today.

Graves told reporters about Franklin's plans only minutes after talking with him. The governor sought out reporters because had told them earlier today that he did not know of any coming resignations or retirements in his cabinet.

Franklin worked for Southwestern Bell for 17 years, mostly in public relations, when Graves took office in January 1995 and named him to the human resources post.

The governor said Franklin's new job with Bell will have him doing public relations national-ly.

Franklin is an ordained minister and was founding pastor of the St. Paul Church of God in Christ in Topeka.

The Department of Human Resources has a budget of more than \$200 million and more than 1,000 employees. Among other things, it administers job training, unemployment benefits and various federal programs.

weather

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Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly cloudy.	Partly sunny and mild.	Snow, ice and rain in the morning.	Mostly sunny and pleasant.	Clouds and sun; mild.	Mostly cloudy.	Clouds, sun with snow and rain.	Clouds and sun; mild.	Partly sunny and mild.	Clouds and sun; mild.
31	51/31	49/27	51/30	50/26	43/26	42/22	47/27	48/27	48/18

National Summary
Heavy rain and mountain snow will pelt the Northwest tomorrow. In contrast, it will remain dry and mild in the Southwest and the southern Rockies. Sunshine is in store for areas from Texas to the Carolinas with a mild afternoon. Some snow will fall across New York and northern New England, with dry weather along the mid-Atlantic Coast.

National Forecast for Saturday, January 16

Ray-Ban UV IndexSM

Tomorrow	Sunday
9 a.m. - 1	0-2 minimal
Noon - 2	3-4 low
3 p.m. - 1	5-6 moderate
	7-9 high
	10+ very high

Sunrise tomorrow: 7:37 a.m.
Sunset tomorrow night: 5:24 p.m.

Moon Phases

New	First	Full	Last
Jan. 17	Jan. 24	Jan. 31	Feb. 8

U.S. Cities

City	Saturday	Sunday	City	Saturday	Sunday	City	Saturday	Sunday
Albuquerque	57 31 pc	56 32 s	Helena	35 20 sn	40 23 sf	Orlando	76 51 s	76 54 pc
Anchorage	11 -1 c	11 -5 sf	Houston	74 54 s	75 49 pc	Philadelphia	44 34 pc	54 36 pc
Asheville	56 31 s	58 35 pc	Kansas City	50 32 s	46 27 f	Phoenix	76 49 pc	73 51 pc
Atlanta	62 44 s	63 42 c	Las Vegas	66 42 pc	84 43 sh	Pittsburgh	45 32 sn	49 32 pc
Baltimore	48 34 pc	54 35 pc	Los Angeles	70 54 s	70 47 pc	Raleigh	58 37 s	63 41 pc
Bismarck	32 18 pc	36 18 pc	Louisville	64 35 pc	63 35 sh	Reno	62 27 pc	60 28 sh
Boston	40 34 s	49 35 s	Miami	78 62 pc	78 63 pc	St. Louis	56 37 pc	50 33 sh
Buffalo	40 32 sn	44 31 pc	Milwaukee	38 27 pc	38 25 sh	San Diego	68 54 pc	68 54 pc
Chicago	36 28 pc	41 26 f	Nashville	60 38 pc	67 37 pc	Seattle	48 40 r	48 38 f
Cleveland	44 32 sn	46 31 pc	New Orleans	68 50 s	71 50 c	Tampa	74 52 s	76 55 f
Dallas	68 48 s	69 40 s	New York	44 36 pc	52 39 pc	Tucson	76 42 pc	73 47 s
Denver	49 28 pc	53 28 pc	Oklahoma City	68 40 pc	60 34 s	Washington	50 40 pc	56 39 pc

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature lines indicate highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are shown for selected cities.

Reservoir Levels

Reservoir	Full	Level	Now	Outflow
Clinton	876	875.59	7	
Hillsdale	917	916.33	250	
Maham	1,036	1033.97	20	
Pomona	974	971.84	15	

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, f-ice.

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