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This shift could signify a new administration belief that the United States might not discover any weapons at all.

National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice told Fox News Sunday that evidence of a weapons program in Iraq has existed.

"Nothing pointed to a reversal of Saddam Hussein's very active efforts to acquire weapons of mass destruction, to have very good programs in weapons of mass destruction," she told Fox News. "It was very clear that this had continued and that it was a gathering danger."

Yet such an explanation isn't likely to stop Democratic presidential candidates searching for chinks in Bush's political armor.

"The Democrats are going to pick this up as an issue and say we need an executive we can trust," Dodds said. "Bush can expect that this issue will not go away."

With the presidential primaries looming, Bush might have to turn to some of his stronger supporters in the House and Senate.

"Senator Elizabeth Dole has said she will continue to support the president," said Brian Nick, Dole's

press secretary. "She continues to believe that ... Saddam Hussein was a threat and that the administration acted in a timely manner."

But Bush's approval rating has been dropping as the Iraq reconstruction effort has dragged on — and with no weapons in evidence, members of Congress are pressing for answers.

Jay Carson, a spokesman for Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said the senator has been "troubled that people knowledgeable about the intelligence are troubled by the quality of the intelligence."

"There is a growing concern on both sides about the reconstruction effort and the lack of a discovery of WMDs," he said.

If concern continues to mount, Wawro said that come November 2004, the president's coattails might not be so substantial.

"I think that if opinion continues to turn and more people start to question why we went to war ... as (the president's) popularity continues to decline, I think there's a possibility of Republicans running for cover."

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advantage — even if it doesn't bring in immediate dollars," she said.

The community-outreach nature of the garage sale might build local seniors' awareness of the additional opportunities available to them with the center's opening, Wheeler said.

Health and wellness promotion, provision of adult day care and intergenerational programs are just a few of the features, she said.

"It's going to be a good place for a lot of people if they would take advantage of it."

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Bumgarner said. "We've gotten so close to them now, it's almost like a family."

Melissa Radcliff, the center's community service coordinator, said the goal of this month's events is to increase consciousness about domestic violence and to let people in the community know what they can do to help.

Radcliff, one of the original staff members at the center, said she thinks that although great strides have been made in legislation and health care concerning domestic abuse, there is still much work to be done.

"There are still a number of people who would like to believe

domestic violence doesn't exist in our community," she said. "We still have a long way to go in terms of ending it altogether."

Along with the special events and activities planned this month, the FVPC has joined forces with the Orange County Rape Crisis Center to talk to freshmen at Cedar Ridge and Orange high schools about forming healthy relationships.

The goal of these talks is prevention, Radcliff said.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month is a vital step in addressing misconceptions related to abuse, said Kayley Taber, an Orange County assistant district attorney, who has worked on domestic violence cases in the county for four years.

"(Domestic Violence) crosses all socio-economic, cultural and racial lines," Taber said. "We see construction workers abusing, and we see doctors and lawyers abusing — the damage is the same."

Events planned this month include a vigil at 2 p.m. Oct. 16 at the Old Courthouse in Hillsborough. The center also will display a "Silent Witness Exhibit" on Oct. 23, which will feature life-sized red plywood silhouettes of domestic violence victims.

But the ultimate goal of Domestic Violence Awareness Month was made clear by Radcliff. "We would like to be unemployed someday."

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proposed by Chapel Hill Mayor Kevin Foy.

The annual forums began in 1999 to allow citizens to get a feel for candidates' stances. "We really wanted to get the citizens involved in the electoral process," said Fred Black, the evening's moderator.

The format is different from most debates, asking candidates to

respond to hypothetical questions rather than having each candidate respond to one question.

"We want to hear what the candidates think," Black said. "Not have them read a campaign statement."

CAN will announce the candidates it plans to endorse sometime next week.

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exhausted and in need of a year's time off, during which she worked at Seattle Pacific University.

But further schooling beckoned. "My life has been remarkably enriched as a result of my education," she said. "And once I got a little bit, I wanted more."

Ort went on to obtain a master's degree in ancient and medieval history at Western Michigan University and a law degree from Seattle University. Self-education paved the way for decades of work with student aid.

Ort said the Covenant will aid those whose situations echo her own history. "Someone once said we try to help people who are like us — but I hope it's not just that."

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THE Daily Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Unfurnished
- 5 Tummy muscles
- 8 Division into factions
- 14 Pop quiz
- 15 Grande
- 16 Irritated by rubbing
- 17 Mali city
- 19 Wakes up
- 20 Onagers
- 21 Tribal leaders
- 23 Lee's troops, casually
- 25 Danger signal
- 29 Paper hanky
- 32 Hamilton's bill
- 33 Headquarters
- 34 Poisonous snake
- 35 Turkish nabob
- 37 1975 Wimbledon champion
- 38 Ungulate's foot
- 40 Robert Ruark book
- 42 VOA group
- 43 Inventor Sikorsky
- 44 Land of the pharaohs
- 46 NY neighbor
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- 49 Social activities
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- 53 "Casino Royale" character
- 54 Debacle
- 56 "A Patchwork

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- 60 Embellishes
- 63 Oahu metropolis
- 65 Unseat
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- 67 Highland maiden
- 68 Son-of movie
- 69 Shriner topper
- 70 Cooking fat

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- 24 Swain
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- 28 Legendary ones
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- 30 Geometric figure with equal sides
- 31 Animal tracks
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- 48 Sneaky person
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