

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 26, 2002.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The application also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than January 28, 2003.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis (Randall C. Sumner, Vice President) 411 Locust Street, St. Louis, Missouri 63166-2034:

1. *Century Bancshares, Inc.*, Gainesville, Missouri; to acquire 24.8 percent of Ozarks Heritage Financial Group, Inc., Gainesville, Missouri, and thereby indirectly acquire Community First Financial Corporation and its subsidiary, Bank of Plato, both of Plato, Missouri.

2. *Ozarks Heritage Financial Group, Inc.*, Gainesville, Missouri; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of Community First Financial Corporation, Plato, Missouri, and thereby indirectly acquire Bank of Plato, Plato, Missouri.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 27, 2002.

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Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Federal Open Market Committee; Domestic Policy Directive of November 6, 2002

In accordance with § 271.25 of its rules regarding availability of information (12 CFR part 271), there is set forth below the domestic policy directive issued by the Federal Open Market Committee at its meeting held on November 6, 2002.¹

The Federal Open Market Committee seeks monetary and financial conditions that will foster price stability and promote sustainable growth in output. To further its long-run objectives, the Committee in the immediate future seeks conditions in reserve markets consistent with reducing the federal funds rate to an average of around 1¼ percent.

By order of the Federal Open Market Committee, December 23, 2002.

Vincent R. Reinhart,

Secretary, Federal Open Market Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Meeting of the President's Council on Bioethics on January 16-17, 2003

AGENCY: The President's Council on Bioethics, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The President's Council on Bioethics will hold its ninth meeting, at which it will discuss, among other things the ethics of organ procurement

¹ Copies of the Minutes of the Federal Open Market Committee meeting on November 6, 2002, which includes the domestic policy directive issued at the meeting, are available upon request to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. 20551. The minutes are published in the Federal Reserve Bulletin and in the Board's annual report.

and the role of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in public policy related to biotechnology. Subjects discussed at past Council meetings include: human cloning; embryonic stem cell research; the patentability of human organisms; extratherapeutic powers to enhance or improve human mood, memory, and muscles; research to extend the human lifespan; current and projected uses of preimplantation genetic diagnosis and screening (PGD); new techniques for choosing the sex of children; prospects for inheritable genetic modification (IGM); international models of biotech regulation; and the use of stimulants and related drugs to affect the behavior of children.

DATES: The meeting will take place Thursday, January 16, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. ET; and Friday, January 17, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ET.

ADDRESSES: Grand Hyatt Washington at Washington Center, 1000 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001.

Public Comments: The meeting agenda will be posted at <http://www.bioethics.gov>. Members of the public may submit written statements for the Council's records. Please submit statements to Ms. Diane Gianelli, Director of Communications (tel. 202/296-4669 or e-mail info@bioethics.gov). The public may also express comments during the time set aside for this purpose, beginning at 11 a.m. ET, on Friday, January 17, 2003. Comments will be limited to no more than five minutes per speaker or organization. Please give advance notice of such statements to Ms. Gianelli at the phone number given above, and be sure to include name, affiliation, and a brief description of the topic or nature of the statement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Gianelli, 202/296-4669, or visit <http://www.bioethics.gov>.

Dated: December 23, 2002.

Dean Clancy,

Executive Director, The President's Council on Bioethics.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary; Findings of Scientific Misconduct

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Office of Research Integrity (ORI)