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1- Three Indicted in \$2M Fraud Ring (USA)

Two former city employees and an auto shop manager ... indicted on charges they defrauded the city out of more than \$2 million in purchases ... R-12 Freon an expensive, highly regulated coolant used in the air conditioners of older cars and other equipment. The federal government curtailed R-12 Freon's production in the mid-1990s when it was found to deplete the ozone layer. As a result, it has skyrocketed in cost. One cylinder of R-12 Freon can cost up to \$1,100, according to city invoices ... at least 400 cylinders ordered over a four-year period from The Parts House, a local vendor, according to the indictment...

Article @: <http://www.tallahassee.com/mld/democrat/news/local/4711894.htm>

Source: Tallahassee Democrat, 11 December 2002, By Archana Pyati

2- Atmospheric Waves Help Shrink Ozone Hole

Massive waves in the atmosphere helped reduce the size of the Antarctic ozone hole this fall, but they do not provide evidence that the ozone layer is recovering, suggests a new report from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). A greater number of "planetary sized waves" in the atmosphere that move from the lower atmosphere into the upper atmosphere were responsible for the smaller Antarctic ozone hole, the NASA researchers said. The September 2002 ozone hole was half the size it was in 2000. However, scientists caution that these large scale weather patterns in the Earth's atmosphere are not an indication that the ozone layer is recovering ...

Article @: [http://ens-news.com/ens/dec2002/2002-12-10-09.asp](http://ens-news.com/ens/dec2002/2002-12-10-09.asp#anchor4) <<http://ens-news.com/ens/dec2002/2002-12-10-09.asp>

Source: Environment News Service (ENS), 10 December 2002

3- Eco Logic Completes Successful CFC Destruction Tests (Canada)

Eco Logic and Fielding Chemical Technologies Inc. partnered to conduct a test using Eco Logic's Gas-Phase Chemical Reduction (GPCR) technology to demonstrate that the technology could be used for disposal of CFCs and halons. The CFC R-12 was selected because it is a highly stable compound and is believed to be one of the most difficult to destroy. The purpose of the test was to demonstrate that R-12 could be destroyed using GPCR without the creation of problematic residuals. Results confirmed that there was no R-12 detected in the liquid or gaseous outputs, and no residual compounds were created. A copy of the test report can be provided upon request to Eco Logic ...

Full Text @: <http://www.ecologic.ca/News%20Releases/Press%20Release%2012-12-02.pdf>

Source: Eco-Logic, Press release, 12 December 2002

4- 'I Care About You, and I Care About the Earth!' (USA)

Organic Bouquet Inc., the nation's leading organic flower provider, introduced the world's first commercial crop of certified organic roses recently at 19 Whole Foods Markets, Southern California stores. Twenty colorful rose varieties, imported from Ecuador ... Why Organic flowers, we don't eat them? "There is more to organic than healthy foods," says Organic Bouquet co-founder and CEO Gerald Prolman. "Organic flowers address the main purpose of organic production, which is to enrich the soil and produce crops in a responsible manner. Overall, organic floral production encourages healthy stewardship of the earth." Do organic flowers cost more? According to Organic Bouquet co-founder and President Dave Smith, "Price is always a question of supply and demand, but the big-picture

answer is that, beyond the price tag, there are hidden costs associated with non-organic production, specifically the potential negative impact to the environment and to the health of farm workers. So, whether or not organic is a bit higher in price, as a true value, it is always a much better deal any way you look at it." Smith declares: "Organic flowers say 'I care about you, and I care about the earth!" **Information @:** <http://www.OrganicBouquet.com>
Full text @: <http://www.ewire-news.com/wires/568312C1-ACCB-46D7-A75246B1D454065C.htm>
Source: E-Wire, 10 December 2002

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