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Texas A&M freezes hiring for mandate

COLLEGE STATION, (AP) — A hiring freeze and travel restrictions for employees at Texas A&M was effective Tuesday as university administrators followed a state mandate to trim spending.

Cost cutting moves could save about \$5 million this fiscal year, according to an early estimate provided by A&M. University officials warned that more cuts were imminent, since the savings estimate would only be one-third of what they need to cut from the budget.

The hiring freeze adopted Monday does not affect faculty openings.

"It does leave the lions share of the cut to be found elsewhere," said A&M President Robert Gates, who made the announcement in a memo to employees.

Additional cuts still to come could total another \$10 million.

DEATHS

Don Michael Cobb, 55, banker.

Juanita Mae Dodds, 88, school secretary.

Angela "Angie" Esquivel, 74, homemaker.

Edra Aubrey Hamrick, 95, farmer and homemaker.

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Powell: Tug-of-war nears end

By BARRY SCHWEID AP DIPLOMATIC WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is refusing to tip its hand on when it might go to war to disarm Iraq, although top officials are immersed in weeklong efforts to get the U.N. Security Council to endorse the use of force.

Secretary of State Colin Powell is suggesting that the tug-of-war with Saddam Hussein is nearing an end. "What we can't do is just keep kick-

U.N. inspectors' report fails to slow U.S. march toward Iraq showdown

ing the can down the road in the absence of a change in policy and attitude" in Baghdad, Powell said Monday. "We will have our discussions and consultations this week, and then we will announce next steps at an appropriate time."

Following up on a weapons inspectors' report to the United Nations,

President Bush consulted with Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar and Dutch Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende on Monday and had meetings on tap later this week with prime ministers Silvio Berlusconi of Italy and Tony Blair of Britain, the closest U.S. ally. The United States intends to pro-

vide U.N. inspectors with more evidence next week in support of its contention that Saddam has hidden thousands of chemical and biological weapons in palaces, mosques and private homes, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the administration might go along with inspections for about two weeks.

The U.N. inspectors credited Iraq in a report Monday with only limited (See IRAQ, Page 3)

Pursuit ends in 1 arrest

By NANCY YOUNG MANAGING EDITOR

Pete Vargas Perez, 24, Pampa, remained in Gray County Jail this morning awaiting arraignment on several charges, including evading arrest, after he refused to stop for a Gray County Sheriff's deputy Monday morning.

Deputy Robert Douglas attempted to stop Perez for a traffic violation between Pampa and Lefors, but he refused to pull over, said Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing.

Rushing said Douglas first attempted to pull over the Perez vehicle on south Loop 171, and then he traveled to Farm-to-Market Road 749 (Bowers City Highway). After he refused to stop, several other deputies joined Douglas and Perez made evasive moves, said Rushing.

He said Perez was traveling (See PURSUIT, Page 3)

Now that's a hole!



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Kelly Presson of the Pampa Water Department looks down into a hole in the street in the 700 block of Russell. City workers closed the street after a 12-inch water line ruptured early this morning causing the street to collapse. As the water flowed into a dry creek in the park and near a residence, crews began their work to repair the line. Street department employees will repair the extensive damage to the street.

Teacher free on PR bond

By NANCY YOUNG MANAGING EDITOR

A former St. Mary's Catholic School teacher in Amarillo was released from Gray County Jail Sunday on a \$10,000 personal recognizance bond after being arrested the day before on a charge of indecency with a child.

Gregory Scott Bullard, 34, was arrested Saturday in Pampa by Gray County deputies on a Potter County warrant on the charge.

Cathy Lexa, media director of the Amarillo Catholic Diocese, said this morning that the second grade teacher was reportedly observed by a school staff member in one incident of improperly touching a student. She said the incident occurred in early December 2002.

Lexa said authorities were immediately notified, and Child Protective Services also investigated. She said she did (See BOND, Page 3)

U.S. forces in battle with Afghan rebels

By MARK KENNEDY ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. and Afghan forces battled rebels aligned with renegade leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar on Tuesday in the largest-scale fighting in Afghanistan in 10 months.

At least 18 rebels were killed in the fighting, which began Monday in the southeastern mountains, the U.S. military said. There were no Afghan coalition casualties or

civilian injuries.

The military said 80 rebels were involved in the conflict, and — on the American side — up to 350 soldiers, including troops from the 82nd Airborne division, U.S. Special Forces, and allied Afghan militia troops.

"It's the largest concentration of enemy forces since Operation Anaconda," U.S. military spokesman Roger King said from Bagram Air Base, referring to a fierce eight-day battle last March against Taliban and al-Qaida

holdouts in southeastern Afghanistan.

Fighters received aerial support from American B-1 bombers dropping 19 2,000-pound bombs on enemy positions, including deep caves, King said.

F-16 fighters flown by European allies dropped a pair of 500-pound bombs, while AC-130 gunships and Apache AH-64 helicopter gunships pounded the enemy with rocket and cannon fire, King said.

"We've had reports of vari-

ous numbers of armed men, groups of people trying to gather in order to carry out attacks on the coalition," King said. "We've been actively engaged in trying to develop intelligence that would lead us to a precise location and yesterday we did."

The fighting — about 15 miles north of Spinboldak and near the border with Pakistan — was triggered by a small shootout pitting armed attackers against U.S. Special Forces and their Afghan government allies working to

clear a mud-walled compound.

One attacker was killed, one injured and one detained, King said. The detained suspect told questioners that a large group of armed men had massed in mountains nearby. Apache helicopters sent to investigate came under small arms fire, and then fighter aircraft went to pound the area.

"Our intelligence leads us to believe that they are most closely aligned with the Hezbe-Islami movement, which is (See REBELS, Page 3)

Bush juggles war message, domestic issues

By SCOTT LINDLAW ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush has prepared a State of the Union speech encompassing a multitude of domestic proposals: tax cuts to spur the economy, drug-treatment dollars for church groups and more prescription drug coverage for the elderly.

Overshadowing it all was this imperative Tuesday night: Prepare the nation for possible war.

The president is trying to persuade Americans that Saddam Hussein poses a threat to the United States when most Americans say Bush has not explained clearly what is at stake. White House

State of the Union address to include tax cuts, drug-treatment dollars for church groups, more prescription drug coverage for the elderly.

spokesman Ari Fleischer said that "from the president's point of view, it remains a very grave threat" that Saddam will strike soon at American interests.

Yet Bush plans neither a declaration of war nor an announcement on what Iraq's last-ditch deadline is for complying with demands to disarm.

Bush intended to reiterate his asser-

tion that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction and is linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

New evidence of those charges will be revealed next week by Secretary of State Colin Powell, perhaps at the United Nations, officials said. Bush himself has made charges in the past about relationships between Iraq and al-Qaida, but the administration has

provided scant evidence.

Most of Bush's speech will focus on domestic concerns, officials said.

Pushing a new plank in his "faith-based initiative," Bush is asking Congress to direct drug treatment dollars to religious organizations. His plan would give addicts treatment vouchers that would allow them to seek help at any center, including those with religious approaches, two senior White House officials said.

The plan is sure to be controversial because many religious drug treatment programs do not employ medical approaches and do not use staff that have been licensed for this work. It (See SPEECH, Page 3)

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**PURSUIT**

ing south on FM 749 when he was observed throwing an object out the window. The 24-year-old traveled south on county roads and entered the Taylor Ranch property where he jumped from his vehicle, said Rushing. He fled on foot, but was soon apprehended by the law enforcement officers and taken into custody.

Rushing said the object thrown from the vehicle was obtained by officers and it is believed to be methamphetamine.

In addition to evading with a vehicle, Perez was charged with driving with a

suspended drivers license and possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Rushing said the sheriff's department was assisted by Texas Department of

Public Safety Trooper Jessie Cerda.

"It went real well. No one was injured, and there was no damage to any public or private property," said Rushing. "That's the way it's supposed to go."

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**BOND**

not know the results of the CPS investigation.

"St. Mary's is cooperating fully with the authorities," she said.

Bullard began teaching at the parochial school at the beginning of the

2002-2003 school year, she said. She said she did not know where he had taught before being employed at St. Mary's.

Bullard's contract has been terminated by the school.

The case is under investigation by Amarillo Police Department.

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**IRAQ**

cooperation. "Inspections only work in the presence of cooperation, active cooperation," Powell said.

In an interview with the Canadian Broadcasting Corp., Iraq's deputy prime minister, Tariq Aziz, denied that Iraq has anthrax and insisted that the government had fully cooperated with inspectors.

In the meantime, Powell, U.N. Ambassador John Negroponte and other American diplomats will lobby the 14 other members of the Security Council to implement the "serious consequences" the council threatened Iraq with in November.

Asked Tuesday if the administration supports returning to the council for a second resolution before going to war, Fleischer said, "It's desirable but it is not mandatory."

Germany opposes going to war under any circumstances. France, Russia and others

have been skeptical that a case for war has been made.

But on Tuesday, Russian President Vladimir Putin said that Moscow could soften its insistence on a diplomatic solution if Baghdad hampers U.N. weapons inspectors.

"If Iraq begins to make problems for the work of the inspectors, then Russia may change its position and agree with the United States on the development of different, tougher U.N. Security Council decisions," Putin said during a visit to Ukraine.

Bush will try to prepare the nation for war in his State of the Union address Tuesday night, aides have said, but will withhold an announcement of an attack that many members of Congress object to and polls indicate does not have the support of the American people.

"What people want to hear is the comprehensive logic" of going after Saddam, Karen Hughes, an adviser to the president, said on NBC's

"Today" program Tuesday.

White House communications director Dan Bartlett, appearing on the same program, said Bush "will clearly state why Saddam Hussein is a threat to the American people, why he is a threat to the world."

Powell said the administration had "some basis" for assuming Iraq had links to the al-Qaida terror network, accused in the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

"The information that we can divulge in greater detail we will be divulging in the days ahead," he said.

Later, a senior Bush adviser, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Bush would cite U.S. claims of Iraqi links to al-Qaida in his speech and that Powell would reveal evidence of the ties and more about hidden Iraqi weapons next week.

Previous administration claims about Iraqi al-Qaida links proved inconclusive.

The Pentagon pushed ahead with war preparations that point to more than 150,000 troops and four aircraft carrier battle groups, each with more than 70 warplanes, in the Persian Gulf region by the end of February.

In a significant step, the Pentagon concluded an arrangement with the Turkish

government to permit up to 20,000 U.S. troops to use bases in Turkey for a potential ground invasion into northern Iraq, a senior Defense Department official said.

Turkey, a valued ally in the 1991 U.S.-led war with Iraq to liberate Kuwait, had taken an ambivalent stance this time. Northern Iraq, with a large anti-Saddam Kurdish population, is not under Saddam's control.

With anxious U.S. allies also intensifying their demands for proof that Saddam has weapons of mass destruction, Powell acknowledged that "there are disagreements."

"There are some who are satisfied with passive cooperation at this point," he said. But the U.N. resolution unanimously approved last November was not about passive cooperation and chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix on Monday "made it rather clear that he is not getting the kind of cooperation, and Iraq has not made the fundamental choice it has to make that it is going to be disarmed," Powell said.

And so, he said, "We are getting closer and closer to the point where the Security Council is going to have to look at the options that it anticipated."

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**SPEECH**

would cost \$200 million in the next fiscal year.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Bush also planned to propose a significant increase in spending on research of hydrogen fuel-cell cars, part of an expansion of a program he announced in November.

Bush's self-proclaimed "compassionate agenda" also will include money to expand mentoring programs for prisoners' children and for middle-school students from low-income families, officials said.

His domestic agenda also includes new tax cuts, prescription drug assistance for the elderly, health insurance for people employed by small businesses and other new initiatives that help religious groups provide federally funded community services.

Balancing domestic and international issues in the speech will be like forcing "10 pounds of stuff into a five-pound bag," said Ken Khachigian, who wrote speeches for presidents Nixon and Reagan.

"He's got a lot on the agenda, but I think there are two things that are pressing, so there are two things you focus on — Iraq-homeland security and the economy," Khachigian said. "What I think he has to do is keep it simple and keep it focused."

Leading Republicans across the country received White House memos designed to guide their interviews with

reporters. The GOP officials were told to promote Bush's plans for the economy, jobs, health care, "compassionate" faith-based community services and, lastly, Iraq.

Preparing for the address, Bush met conservative newspaper columnists and rehearsed the speech, timed at about 45 minutes, in front of a TelePrompTer. He was maintaining a tradition dating back to President Washington, who warned in his first such address to Congress, on Jan. 8, 1790, that the new United States would "punish aggressors."

Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle challenged the White House to show "proof to the world" that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction.

As the party's leaders joined for a pre-emptive assault on Bush's address, Daschle and House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi accused Bush of creating a "credibility gap" on a raft of issues.

The Bush administration has readied a proposal to offer prescription drug benefits and catastrophic illness coverage to seniors for the first time as an inducement to leave the traditional fee-for-service Medicare program and join private but government-subsidized health care plans, according to officials working on the plan.

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**REBELS**

Hekmatyar's military arm," King said. "We've had reports over several months that he's been attempting to consolidate with remnants of al-Qaida and Taliban."

Hekmatyar was a key guerrilla commander during the 1980s Soviet war in Afghanistan. Later, in the civil war that paved the way for the Taliban takeover, Hekmatyar's men pounded the capital, Kabul, with daily rocket barrages. He lived in exile in Iran during the five years of Taliban rule, and returned after U.S.-led forces ousted the hardline militia. Western intelligence agencies suspect he is getting money from Iran.

His following among ethnic Pashtuns is considered fairly significant.

Reports that Hekmatyar was training suicide squads to target American and government forces surfaced in September, when one of Hekmatyar's military commanders, Salauddin Safi, told The Associated Press that some Taliban had formed an alliance with Hekmatyar's followers called Lashkar Fedayan-e-Islami, or the Islamic Martyrs Brigade.

King would not speculate on what the guerrillas were planning, but said the largest contingent of coalition forces was stationed in nearby Spinboldak. "That's an obvious target," he said.

King said the latest battle might last some time.

"It's a relatively large area ... There are some caves, there may be more that we don't know about, so it could take a considerable period of time," King said. He said fighting was centered on rocky and rough terrain in an unpopulated area around the Adi Ghar mountain.

King said it is believed the rebel fighters, while loyal to Hekmatyar, may have links to the ousted Taliban and al-Qaida. Because the fighting was near the border, it was possible that fighters of other nationalities were involved, he said.


Many Taliban and al-Qaida suspects fled into Pakistan following U.S. bombardment in late 2001. U.N. and American forces have expressed concern about renewed training by al-Qaida and Taliban militants in southeastern Aghan mountains, near the border.

There have been a series of attacks along the border in recent months, including one in December that left one U.S. army sergeant dead. Rockets frequently are fired at U.S. bases in that region but rarely hit their targets.

King wouldn't say whether U.S. troops might pursue rebels into Pakistan if they fled over the border.

"I have no indication that it would come to that. Entry into Pakistan should not come up with this action," King said. Pakistan has said U.S. troops won't be permitted to pursue the enemy into Pakistan.

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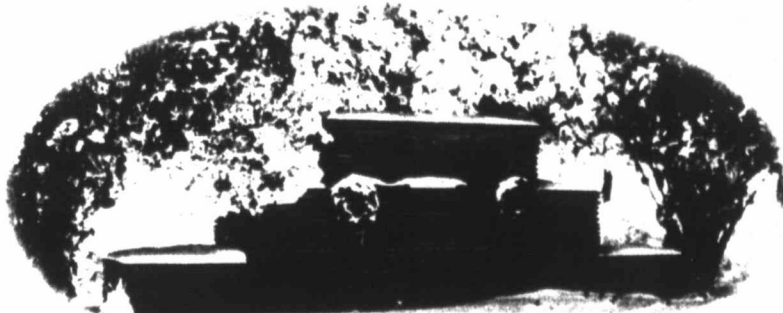
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# Congolese tells shocking story of cannibalization

By RODRIQUE NGOWI  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BENI, Congo (AP) — Hiding in bushes, Amuzati Nzoli watched as rebel soldiers turned from killers into cannibals: his 6-year-old nephew was their victim.

Accounts like the one told by the middle-aged Pygmy are sweeping through northeastern Congo.

Human rights activists and investigators from the United Nations say rebels cooked and ate at least a dozen Pygmies and an undetermined number of people from other tribes during recent fighting with rival insurgents.

Pygmies have no calendar, so Nzoli can't say exactly when the rebels from the Congolese Liberation Movement invaded his forest camp. But he remembers what he saw.

The rebels slaughtered the dozen people they found at the camp. Nzoli, who had been hunting, arrived during the attack and hid.

Rebel fighters butchered the man's nephew, Kebe Musika, and roasted his body parts over an open fire, grabbing pieces from the smoldering embers.

"They even sprinkled salt on the flesh as they ate, as if cannibalism was all very natural to them," Nzoli said. He fled as the rebels were eating his nephew and can't say what happened to the bodies of the others.

It is not the first time cannibalism has been reported in Congo; it generally occurs during great upheaval, like the Simba rebellion in 1964.

The latest upheaval is the country's 4-year civil war, which has left an estimated 2.5 million people dead, the vast majority from starvation. It set the stage for this latest round of cannibalism.

As in the past, the attacks are fueled by a mix of tribal animosities and a desire to spread fear in the region. There is also a belief among some that eating one's foes is a source of power.

The rebels used cannibalism "to provoke terrible fear in their foes and pave the way to dramatic success in the battlefield," said Apollinaire Kighoma, a Roman Catholic priest in Mangina, 19 miles northwest of Beni.

The priest has heard accounts about the practice from hundreds of people displaced by fighting who have taken refuge at his church.

"Once you develop a reputation as a cannibal, no one wants to stay in your path," Kighoma said.

Most of the reported acts of cannibalism took place between November and December when the Congolese Liberation Movement launched a successful offensive to retake Mambasa, a town about 70 miles northwest of Beni.

The Congolese Liberation Movement had previously lost the town to a rival rebel group, the Congolese Rally for Democracy-Liberation Movement, which was allied with Mayi-Mayi tribal fighters.

The Mayi-Mayi believe witchcraft endows them with supernatural power to transform bullets into water.

# Brazil forum ends in protests

PORTO ALEGRE, Brazil (AP) — A weeklong gathering of social activists ended with a boisterous street protest against possible military action in Iraq and a proposal to create a hemispheric free trade zone that would stretch from Canada to Argentina.

Led by bands on trucks like those used in Brazil's Carnival parades, some 30,000 participants in the World Social Forum ended a week of discussion and protest intended as a counterpoint to the gathering of business leaders at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

Many waved red communist flags and chanted slogans against the proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas, an effort to unite the economies of 34 nations in the Western Hemisphere similar to European Union and the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Backers of the Free Trade Area of the Americas claim the agreement would boost the economies of all the members but opponents at the World Social Forum fear it will allow large corporations to bypass labor and environmental laws and will hurt farmers and the poor.

"The Free Trade Area of the Americas will strangle Latin America, which is why we cannot let it be born," said Patricio Robles, a civil engineer from Uruguay who attended the forum held in the southern city of Porto Alegre.

Throughout the six-day forum, activists condemned what they call neoliberalism — or the perceived control by the United States and other wealthy nations over the world through free-market economics, liberal trade and the breakdown of national borders.

"The few rich dominate

the poor, and it's a concept that has been killing Indians for 500 years," said Sergio Muxi Tenbe an Indian from Brazil who wore a headdress made of parrot feathers.

Japanese activist Koshin Fukushima said his country's workers and farmers have been severely hurt by Asian trade agreements — and he predicted the Free Trade Area of the Americas would be a benefit only for the United States at the expense of Latin American nations.

"It's just another way for the United States to impose itself on Latin America," Fukushima said.

Also attending the forum was Tom Hayden, longtime left-wing activist and member of the California Legislature, who said the proposed free trade zone could also weaken U.S. environmental and labor laws.

# Senior Saturday in offing at WTAMU

CANYON — Seniors at West Texas A&M University will get a one-stop chance to learn about resumés, job interviews and business lunch etiquette during Senior Saturday from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 1 in Cornette Library on the WTAMU campus.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by breakout sessions from 9-11 a.m. Participants can choose two of three sessions to attend: Interviewing Tips, Job Search Strategies and Identifying Careers that "Fit." The morning will close out with a panel of recent WTAMU graduates discussing what they expected after graduation and what they found.

At noon, the students will attend an etiquette lunch with Natrell Long, wife of WTAMU president Russell Long. She will teach students how to conduct themselves during a business luncheon. They will learn silverware use, eating do's and don'ts and professional conversation.

An optional resumé writing clinic will be

offered from 2-4 p.m. at the Hasting Electronic Learning Center. Students will be presented with information on how to develop an effective resumé. In addition, they will have immediate access to a computer with the goal of completing their resumé at the very least getting a good start on it. Staff will be available to assist students

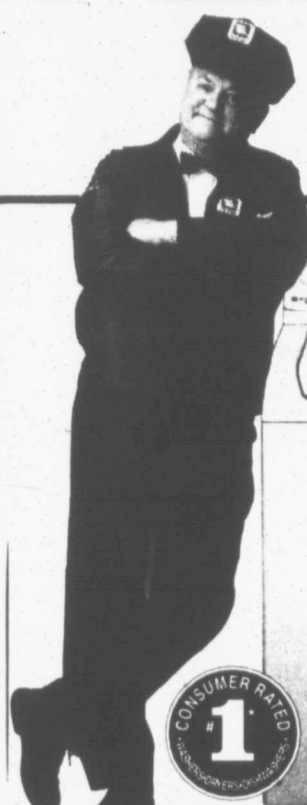
in the preparation of their resumés.

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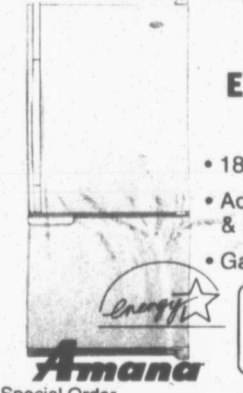
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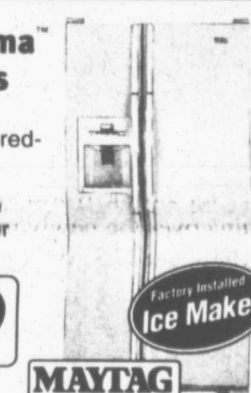
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## Business Review

# B & B Pharmacy: Hometown business

A small town pharmacy offers services a larger pharmacy cannot provide. Home-owned and operated, B & B Pharmacy is dedicated to providing personal service to all of its customers. Dennis Roark and his wife Donna have owned the local pharmacy since 1988.

The pharmacy offers a full line of medical needs, including ostomy supplies. Special orders can be obtained in one day. Crutches, canes, braces and wraps are always in stock. Medical needs for sports related injuries can also be found.

Customers at B & B Pharmacy receive personal service from the Roarks. "We try to make our customers feel comfortable and free to ask any questions they might have," said Roark. The staff at B & B Pharmacy strive to provide the personal service a big chain cannot provide. "We try to stay away from the impersonality of a big chain where you are just a number," he said.

"Drugs have some interactions that can cause serious medical problems. We welcome our customers to come to us with any concerns about interactions with their medications. It is important to us to know them and their needs," he said.

"If any person has questions about the over-the-counter medications and possible reactions with their prescriptions, I would be more than happy to assist them."

Long time customers know that the staff at B & B Pharmacy will do all they can to meet the needs of their customers. New customers will find the personal service appealing to them.

"We want to provide our customers with their needs," Roark. "New customers are always welcome."

The store covers almost all insurance plans. B & B also provides free prescription delivery service.

The pharmacy is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. The business is closed on Sundays and holidays.

B & B Pharmacy is located at 300 N. Ballard and their phone number is 665-5788.



Located at 300 N. Ballard, B & B Pharmacy has been owned by Roark and his wife Donna since 1988. Customers at B & B Pharmacy receive personal service receive personal service from the couple and their staff that a large company cannot provide.



Pharmacist Dennis Roark provides friendly service to customers at the local B & B Pharmacy at 300 N. Ballard. The pharmacy is located at 300 N. Ballard and the business phone number is 665-5788.

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# Internet attack more serious than many thought possible

WASHINGTON (AP) — Disruptions from the weekend attack on the Internet are shaking popular perceptions that vital national services, including banking operations and 911 centers, are largely immune to such attacks.

Damage in some of these areas was worse than many experts had believed possible.

The nation's largest residential mortgage firm, Countrywide Financial Corp., told customers who called Monday that its systems were still suffering. Its Web site, where customers can make payments and check their loans, was closed most of the day.

Countrywide predicted it would be early Tuesday before all its computers were fully repaired and its systems validated for security, spokesman Rick Simon said.

Police and fire dispatchers outside Seattle resorted to paper and pencil for hours after the virus-like attack on the weekend disrupted operations for the 911 center that serves two suburban police departments and at least 14 fire departments.

American Express Co. confirmed that customers couldn't reach its Web site to check credit statements and account balances during parts of the week-

end. The attack prevented many customers of Bank of America Corp., one of the largest U.S. banks, and some large Canadian banks from withdrawing money from automatic teller machines Saturday.

President Bush's No. 2 cyber-security adviser, Howard Schmidt, acknowledged that what he called "collateral damage" stunned even the experts who have warned about uncertain effects on the nation's most important electronic systems from mass-scale Internet disruptions.

"This is one of the things we've been talking about for a long time, getting a handle on interdependencies and cascading effects," he said.

Miles McNamee, a top official with the technology industry's Internet early warning center, said the attack was "comparable to the worst of previous denial of service attacks."

The White House and Canadian defense officials confirmed they were investigating how the attack, which started about 12:30 a.m. EST Saturday, could have affected ATM banking and other important networks that should remain immune from traditional Internet outages.

The attack, alternately dubbed "Slammer" or "Sapphire," sought vulnerable computers to infect using a known flaw in popular database software from Microsoft Corp. called "SQL Server 2000."

Microsoft said it has sold 1 million copies of the software, but the flawed code was also included in some popular consumer products from Microsoft, including the latest version of its

Office XP collection of business programs.

The attacking software scanned for victim computers so randomly and aggressively that it saturated many of the Internet largest data pipelines, slowing e-mail and Web surfing globally.

Congestion from the Internet attack is almost completely cleared. That has left investigators poring over the blueprints for the Internet worm for clues

about its origin and the identity of its author.

Complicating the investigation was how quickly the attack spread across the globe, making it nearly impossible for researchers to find the electronic equivalent of "patient zero," the earliest-infected computers.

"Basically within one minute, the game was over," said Johannes Ullrich of Boston, who runs the D-Shield network of

computer monitors.

Experts said blueprints of the attack software were similar to a program published on the Web months ago by David Litchfield of NGS Software Inc., a respected British security expert who last year discovered the flaw in Microsoft's database software that made the attack possible. NGS Software sells a program to improve security for such databases.

## Police say 'Sopranos' inspired decapitation

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — Two brothers accused in the slaying of their mother allegedly told police that the idea to chop off her head and hands in order to hide the crime came from the popular TV show "The Sopranos."

Jason V. Bautista, 20, and his 15-year-old half brother, who was not identified because he is a juvenile, were arrested Friday for investigation of murder in the death of Jane M. Bautista, 41. They were to be arraigned Tuesday afternoon in Santa Ana.

It had not been determined whether the 15-year-old would be charged as an adult.

"Jason told investigators that he and his brother had been involved in the killing and dismemberment of his mother," Orange County Sheriff Michael S. Carona said at a news conference Monday. "Bautista also told investigators he had seen an episode of 'The Sopranos' where he saw the same type of dismemberment that had been done before dumping a body."

In a "Sopranos" episode last season, fictional mob boss Tony Soprano killed one of his gangsters in a brutal fight, then had his head and hands cut off before dumping the body.

HBO, which broadcasts the Emmy-winning program, declined comment.

The sheriff told reporters the killing took place Jan. 14 in Riverside, where the three recently had moved, but refused

to say exactly where it happened or how it was done.

Preliminary autopsy results showed the cause of death was strangulation.

When investigators first spoke with Jason Bautista on Friday, Carona said, he told them he and his brother hadn't seen their mother for weeks. After he agreed to let them search the apartment and his car, Carona said, he changed his story.

Authorities didn't reveal a motive.

"I don't know what motive you could possibly give for killing your mother, cutting off her head, cutting off her hands," Carona said.

A day after Jane Bautista was killed and dismembered, her sons tried to put the body in a trash bin in Oceanside around 2 a.m., Carona said, but were spotted by a security guard who saw the victim's foot.

As the security guard approached, the sons put the body, which was inside a blanket or sleeping bag, back in the car trunk, drove to Ortega Highway in Orange County and threw their mother's remains in a ravine.

The remains, clad only in underwear, were spotted there the next morning by passers-by who initially thought they were looking at a mannequin. The head and hands were found in the family's apartment. The security guard had provided authorities with the license of Jason Bautista's car.

## Advocate: Poor left behind as IRS upgrades systems

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service's efforts to upgrade services are hurting the nation's poor, a taxpayer advocate says, with many losing the ability to challenge incorrect audits because they don't have computers at home.

Janet Spragens, director of the American University Federal Tax Clinic, told an IRS oversight board that a move to decentralize and modernize the tax collection

system is causing those who can least afford it to pay more taxes than they should.

"Many taxpayers would rather give up than fight the system," she said. "The result is that they are paying taxes they do not owe, losing refunds to which they are entitled and incurring penalties that should not be imposed."

The IRS has spent billions in trying to update its antiquated computer systems and in the process, closed many of

its walk-in offices people could visit to sort out problems with a tax officer in person.

Instead, the agency created call-in centers and upgraded computerized services that enable many more taxpayers to deal with the IRS online.

"Low income taxpayers to a very large extent are not part of the new electronic age which is the centerpiece of modernization," Spragens said. Many also don't have

regular phone service.

Steve Nickles, a Wake Forest University professor and member of the oversight board, said it would hard for the board to argue against modernization because Congress mandated those efficiency goals.

Board members were told the IRS should have toll-free phone and fax numbers for the poor and do more to spread the word about 140 offices for low-income taxpayers.

### CLUB NEWS

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m., (Tuesday at 12 noon on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.) The deadline does not guarantee publication that week. Thank you.

#### 20th Century Club

Twentieth Century Club met Jan. 14 at the home of Adelaide Colwell with Colwell and Fay Harvey serving as hostesses and President Louise Bailey presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as

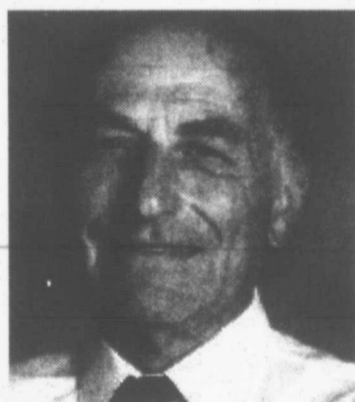
read by Secretary Billie Dixon.

—Among correspondence reviewed by the membership was a letter of appreciation from Tralee Crisis Center and two letters of resignation, one from Colwell and another from Thelma Cotner who are both moving out-of-state.

—New officer installation was postponed until Jan. 28 due to absences from the nominating committee.

—The program was delivered by Harvey. Her subject was Iran. Sandra Mullenax loaned pieces and materials for display during the presentation.

The next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m., Jan. 28 at 1829 N. Russell. The program will be presented by Mildred Laycock on Brazil.



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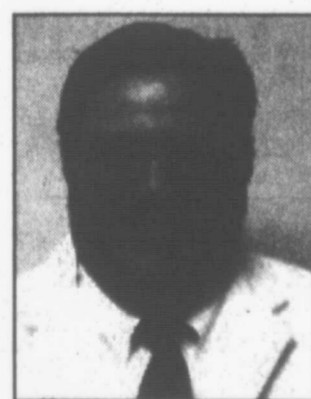


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# DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

## Doctor's Wit Helps Separate Her Person From Profession

**DEAR ABBY:** I sympathize with "Harassed M.D. in Des Moines," who asked how to handle people who ask for professional advice in social situations. I suspect this problem goes along with the prestige of saying, "I'm a physician."

My most memorable request came from a 60-year-old woman who asked me to look at her bunions during my friend's wedding. Fortunately, my pediatric population doesn't suffer from bunions, so I couldn't provide her with any remedies.

When I'm at social gatherings and am introduced as "Doctor," I jokingly say, "The doctor is not in her office at this time." Then I ask people to call me by my first name. In this way I let them know I am a person, not a doctor on duty. I also find this to be an ice-breaker for those who might feel intimidated meeting an M.D.

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for after all, I know more about medicine than any other subject, so if appropriate, I offer a straightforward answer. On other occasions, choosing my "victim" carefully, I'll tell her, "Go into the bedroom, take off all your clothes, and let me know when you're ready."

Fortunately, no one has ever taken me up on my facetious offer. The usual responses are, "May I take my drink along?" and "Who will referee?"

As my father, also a physician, used to say: "A smile makes all things possible."

**CARL A. BROADDUS JR., M.D., WINTER PARK, FLA.**

**DEAR DR. B.: Your father was a shrewd observer of human nature. However, I'd be careful if I were you. One of these days someone's going to call your bluff.**

**DEAR H.C.C.: That's a good solution. Here's another:**

**DEAR ABBY:** I, too, am a surgeon. Frequently people — usually women — approach me at parties to ask about some medical problem they're having. The "problem" is usually minor and most often dermatologic, though knowing I'm a thoracic surgeon, they'll occasionally mention a chest problem.

Such questions never bother me.

**DEAR ABBY:** I can't resist telling you about my French mother-in-law's comments at a party I threw to introduce her to my American friends.

Upon meeting Dr. A., she began reciting all her health problems. I interrupted her, explaining that his specialty was psychiatry. After digesting this for a moment, she caught his sleeve. "Then you must help me with my interior complex-

ion," she explained.

**AVID READER, WALNUT CREEK, CALIF.**

**DEAR READER:** Your m-i-l wasn't so far off base. In a sense, psychiatry is focused on the "department of the interior."

**DEAR ABBY:** The letter from "Harassed M.D." reminded me of a joke I heard years ago:

A physician and an attorney were discussing the problem of people seeking their professional opinions at parties.

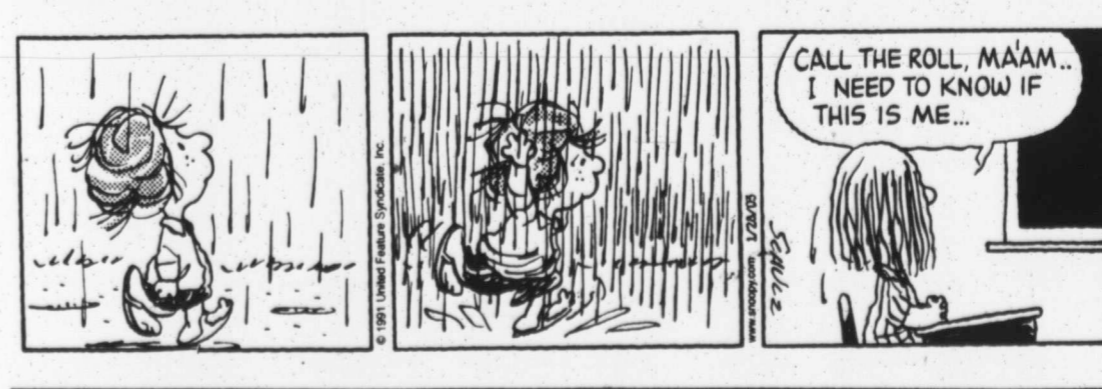
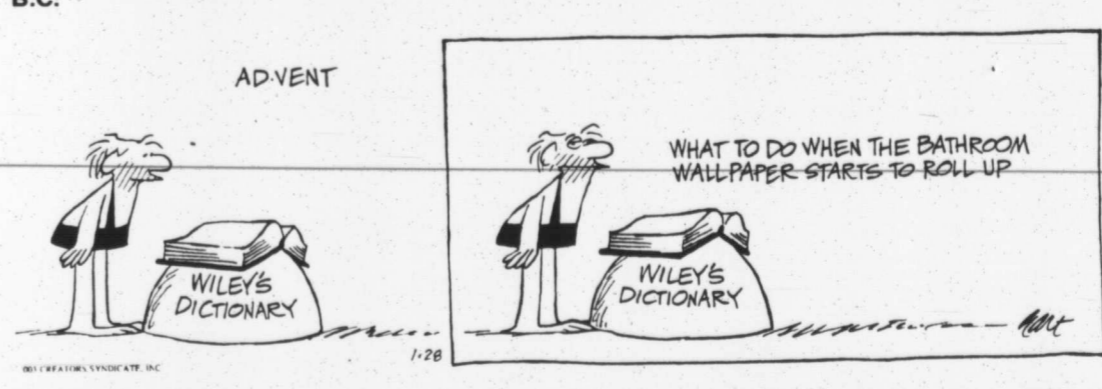
"What do you do?" asked the physician.

"I usually give them the information and then send them a bill," replied the attorney.

Five days later, the physician received a bill in the mail.

**KATHY JOOSTEN, LOS ANGELES**

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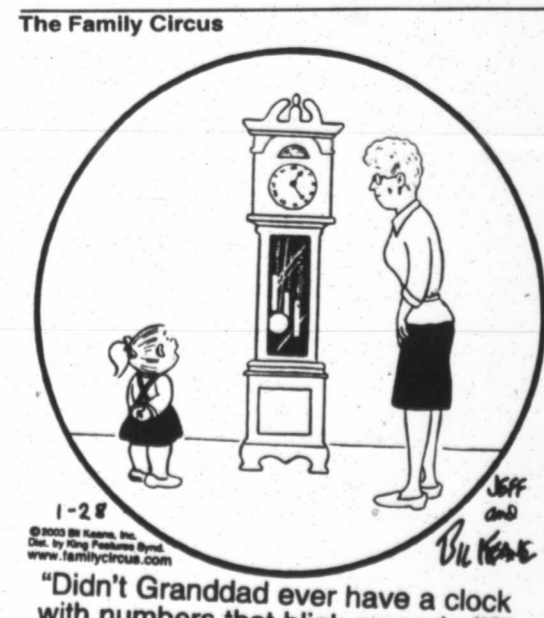
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# SPORTS

## NOTEBOOK

### BASKETBALL

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Arizona's comeback victory at Kansas helped the Wildcats stay atop the AP men's college basketball poll, while Alabama dropped further from the top spot it held just a month ago.

Arizona is No. 1 for the second straight week and for the eighth poll this season.

Alabama (12-5) took over the No. 1 ranking for the first time in school history on Dec. 23 and held it for another week. But it dropped from 15th to No. 23 this week after losses to Mississippi and Kentucky.

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The scene is set. It'll be No. 1 against No. 2 when Duke and Connecticut meet this weekend.

The Blue Devils and Huskies remained the top two teams in the AP women's basketball poll — five days before they square off at Duke's Cameron Indoor Stadium in one of the most anticipated games of the season.

**HEDLEY** — Groom dropped a 49-36 decision to Hedley in District 4-1A action last weekend.

Bradley Conatser led the Hedley attack with 22 points.

Cody Babcock had 14 points and Lance Ollinger 11 for Groom.

In the girls' game, Groom lost by an 86-53 score.

Hedley's top scorer was Haley Bennett with 28 points.

Groom's scoring leaders were Amanda Conrad and Staci Britten with 14 points each.

### HORSE RACING

**BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)** — Azeri became the first female in 16 years to win the Eclipse Award for thoroughbred racing's Horse of the Year, garnering support despite never running against male competition.

Laura de Seroux, the first woman to train a Horse of the Year winner, defended her decision to keep Azeri away from the boys in 2002. The 4-year-old filly won eight of nine starts, including a decisive victory in the Breeders' Cup Distaff.

East Coast-based Jerry Bailey won a record sixth Eclipse as jockey of the year: He broke his own record for single-season earnings with \$22,871,814. Bobby Frankel, who had earnings of \$17,748,340, was chosen trainer of the year for the fourth time.

### FOOTBALL

**TAMPA, Fla. (AP)** — More than 65,000 charged-up fans filled chilly Raymond James Stadium with camera flashes and deafening noise as the Super Bowl champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers came home.

Players were led to a stage on the field at 9 p.m. by team owner Malcolm Glazer, who hoisted the Super Bowl trophy over his head as the cannons on the end zone pirate ship blasted away.

### Pass play



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa's Chance Bowers (35) gets set to take a pass from Ryan Zemanek (32) in District 3-4A activity last weekend against Palo Duro. The Harvesters host Dumas at 7:30 tonight in McNeely Fieldhouse. The Harvesters hold down third place in the district standings with a 5-3 record.

## All-state players

**BRYAN** — Three Pampa Harvesters were named to the honorable mention list on the Texas Sports Writer Association's annual Class 4A all-state football team. They include quarterback John Braddock, tight end Ryan Zemanek and wide receiver Johnny Moore.

Braddock, a 6-3, 195-pound senior, threw for 2,857 yards and 23 touchdowns.

Zemanek, a 6-3, 190-pound senior, caught 22 passes for 384 yards and 5 touchdowns.

Moore, a 5-10, 170-pound junior, caught 93 passes for 843 yards and 6 touchdowns.

He also rushed for 876 yards on 7 touchdowns.

The Harvesters finished with a 9-4 record during the 2002 season and won bi-district and regional championships.

## Wrestlers win at Tascosa

Pampa wrestlers travel to Amarillo High tonight for dual to close the regular season.

The Harvesters enter the district tournament next weekend in Dumas. Last week, Pampa had one of its better performances of the season in a 67-18 loss to Tascosa.

"We wrestled real well," said Pampa head coach Justin Turner. "We sent seven freshmen against a more experienced team and they showed a lot of aggressiveness."

Shawn Brown (119-pound class), Chance Henley (140-pound class) and Dusty Langley (152-pound class) won their matches for Pampa.

Brown won by a pin over Andrew Vasquez in 5:54. Henley won with an 18-9 decision over Wes Smith. Langley pinned Nathan Douthit in 0:39.

## Tech to lower football ticket prices

**LUBBOCK, Texas (AP)** — Texas Tech officials unveiled a plan Monday they hope will lift flat season ticket sales by lowering the cost for most stadium seats.

Only the price of the least expensive season ticket — \$99 — will remain the same for the 2003 season.

Tickets that cost \$220 last year will now be \$195. The tickets also come with option costs that are unchanged from last season and range in price from \$75 to \$250.

Three of four of the \$195 ticket locations also require fans to join the Red Raider Club.

Tech sold fewer than 13,000 season tickets to fans other than students.

"I don't think there's a better bargain for any seat in any stadium in the Big 12," Tech athletic director Gerald Myers said at a news conference Monday. "We think we'll sell a lot more. We're hopeful we'll sell more."

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# FAA wants some passengers weighed on smaller planes

By **LESLIE MILLER**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some airline passengers just getting used to baggage inspections and patdowns at airports soon may have to reveal how much they weigh before boarding small commuter and regional planes.

The Federal Aviation Administration announced the temporary weigh-in policy Monday for planes with 10 to 19 seats as part of a monthlong survey to determine whether current weight estimates are accurate.

It's a question of safety for the smaller planes, and passengers who refuse to go along with the request could be barred from a flight.

The FAA also issued an order requiring inspections of elevators on all Beech 1900 series planes. The elevator is a flap on the tail that moves up and down and causes the plane to climb or dive.

Investigators are looking at excess weight and elevator malfunction as possible contributing causes of the Jan. 8 crash of a 19-seat Beech 1900 turboprop in Charlotte, N.C. All 21 people

aboard died.

Debby McElroy, president of the Regional Airlines Association, which is working with the FAA, said airlines are being asked to weigh passengers and bags over three days within the next month at about a third of the airports used by aircraft carrying 10 to 19 passengers.

The survey will affect passengers on about 200 Jetstream 31s, Metro 23s and Beech 1900s, McElroy said.

All bags will be weighed, but the FAA is letting the airlines decide whether to require passengers to step on scales or simply ask them how much they weigh.

The agency will allow airlines to add 10 pounds to each passenger who is not weighed, because some people might underestimate their weight.

Airlines can refuse to board passengers who refuse to divulge their weight, the FAA said.

The FAA lets airlines estimate that an adult passenger flying in winter averages 185 pounds, including clothing and carry-ons, said Lou Cusimano, FAA's deputy director of flight standards service. The same passenger is calculated

at five pounds lighter during summer travel.

Children ages 2 to 12 are estimated to weigh 80 pounds in winter and summer, he said, and each checked bag is calculated to weigh an average of 25 pounds for a domestic flight and 30 pounds for international travel.

Some believe those estimates may be too low because Americans and their carry-on bags have gotten larger, and checked bags often weigh more than 25 pounds.

Adult men averaged 180.7 pounds in 1994, the most recent year in which statistics from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention are available.

Cusimano said the FAA still believes weight estimates are valid but wants to conduct the survey to make sure.

David Stempler, president of the Air Travelers Association, thinks the agency will find the estimates are far too low.

"People go out with these roll bags that weigh 40 to 50 pounds," he said.

The maximum takeoff weight for the Beech 1900 that crashed in Charlotte was just over 17,000 pounds. The National Transportation

Safety Board said the plane's documentation shows it was within 100 pounds of that weight.

Investigators also are looking at weight distribution, which is as important as total weight because it affects an aircraft's center of gravity. Too many bags in the rear compartment or a few large people in the back could change a small plane's center of gravity and make it more difficult to fly.

For that reason, FAA inspectors are checking each 10- to 19-seat plane to make sure bags are properly restrained and cannot shift during flight.

The elevator inspections must be completed by Friday and will affect 368 planes in the United States, said Ron Wojner, deputy director of FAA's aircraft certification service. Worldwide, 688 Beech 1900s are in operation, he said.

Wojner stressed nothing that turned up during the investigation of the Charlotte crash indicates the planes are dangerous.

"These aircraft are safe," he said. "We've had 20 years of safe operation."

On the Net: Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov>

## Scores of doctors in Florida, Mississippi protesting

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Hospitals in the Palm Beach County area added to their emergency room staffs and rescheduled elective surgeries as hundreds of doctors protested rising malpractice insurance costs by staying off the job.

More than 800 Florida doctors stayed away from work in protest Monday, as did a dozen doctors in Mississippi.

Organizers of the protest in Florida said the doctors were staying off the job to attend a two-day conference looking at the problem of insurance costs. No immediate problems were reported at hospitals in their absence.

"We want the patients to understand that there's a major crisis and something has to be done soon," said Dr. Stephen Babic, a Delray Beach cardiologist.

Complaints about higher insurance rates, driven in part by big jury awards for malpractice, are being heard from

doctors around the country. About two dozen surgeons walked off the job in West Virginia earlier this month, and doctors in New Jersey are considering a similar protest in February.

A task force appointed by Florida Gov. Jeb Bush recently voted to recommend that jury awards for punitive damages and pain-and-suffering awards in medical malpractice cases be capped at \$250,000.

"The quality of care for Floridians will be diminished if we don't deal with medical malpractice reform. In the long run, that's the issue," Bush said Monday.

Dr. Robert Cline, president of the Florida Medical Association, said that 130 patients received malpractice awards worth more than \$1 million last year.

"So we're jeopardizing care for 16 million people in the state of Florida because of these 130 claims?" Cline said.

"We're approaching Third World medicine where people are traveling 100 miles to get specialized care."

Since 1975, rates for professional liability insurance have increased fivefold across the nation. In comparison, rates for doctors in California, where reforms were passed in 1975, rose only 167 percent during the same period, Cline said.

Victims of medical malpractice, however, say the industry cannot put a cap on the value of someone's health or life.

Wayne Portch, 56, said he lost both legs below the knee and parts of four fingers after two doctors failed to diagnose an infection over four days. He and his wife said they are looking for accountability.

"We know a lot of good doctors. This isn't about the good doctors. This is about the bad doctors," Paula Portch said. "Our whole life has changed. Should this be

allowed to go on?"

Rep. Mark Foley, R-Fla., said patients will continue to suffer if more doctors are forced to leave the state or retire early because high insurance rates make it impossible to continue their practices. Foley said he plans to push a House bill that would limit malpractice costs to doctors and cap some awards.

Also Monday, a dozen surgeons took leaves of absence from four Gulf Coast hospitals

in Mississippi.

Harrison and Hancock counties and the city of Gulfport declared a state of emergency, clearing the way for ambulances to take patients to hospitals in neighboring Louisiana or Alabama.

At least five patients were redirected to other hospitals, said Chris Cirillo, director of operations for American Medical Response ambulance service.

## Shuttle, station in sight of one another

By **JUAN A. LOZANO**  
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SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) —

Although they are not set to rendezvous, the crews of space shuttle Columbia and the international space station are keeping tabs on each other as they both orbit Earth.

"It's been great to hear all the good science you're doing," space station commander Kenneth Bowersox radioed Monday to the crew of Columbia, which is in the middle of a 16-day science mission.

At the time of the call, Columbia was flying over Brazil and space station Alpha was over Ukraine.

Shuttle-astronaut Laurel Clark asked station crew member Donald Pettit how his twin 2-year-old sons were doing.

"I'm doing the best job I can to maintain contact with them as they go through the terrible twos," said Pettit, who has been aboard Alpha with two crewmates since late November.

Pettit was informed that shuttle pilot William McCool had e-mailed him his next move in their long-distance chess game. "It's my move," Pettit said. "Tell him 'en garde.'"

The shuttle crew spent most of Monday continuing its scientific research. The start of one experiment, examining how fine water mists can be used to fight fires, was delayed while a leak in some of the equipment used with a combustion chamber was sealed.

The temperature in Columbia's lab was back to a comfortable level in the mid-70s after problems associated with the breakdown of a pair of dehumidifiers was mostly fixed over the weekend, flight director Phil Engelauf said. The problems had caused the temperature to rise to near 80 degrees.

Columbia's crew also took time Monday to wish NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe a happy 47th birthday and to watch Super Bowl highlights.

The shuttle is scheduled to return to Earth on Saturday.

On the Net: NASA: <http://space-flight.nasa.gov>

## Preceptor Chi officers



(Courtesy photo)

Preceptor Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi recently installed the following officers for 2003: (left-right, sitting) Norine Greer, president; Teresa Curfman, treasurer; (l-r, standing) Sue Garner, vice president; and Crystal Fillion, recording secretary.



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