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Navy MD shortage in Corpus

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A shortage of medical doctors at the Naval Hospital in Corpus Christi is creating delays in appointments and causing patients to check in to the emergency room for non-emergency care, hospital administrators say.

Officials blame the long waits on the fact that civilian doctors are not enlisting.

Lt. Cmdr. Ron Bubb, director for administration, "Because we have fewer providers, appointments are harder to get so patients are using the emergency room when there is really no emergency."

Naval Hospital's 18 doctors serve 25,000 active personnel, veterans and their dependents. The hospital, built in 1974 with 195 beds, now operates 40 beds.

The hospital has lost four doctors in the past year. Bubb said the Navy, despite its recruiting efforts, has trouble getting replacements for specialists. The facility has no dermatologists or ophthalmologists, and provides no maternity care. The staff includes two pediatricians, but one is leaving soon, Bubb said.

Capt. Charles Loar, commanding officer of the hospital, expects staffing to improve by September so that access will be easier and waits shorter.

Meanwhile, Loar urges patients to use CHAMPUS (Civilian Health and Medical Program for Uniformed Services) instead of using the hospital's emergency room for non-emergencies. Under CHAMPUS, civilian doctors are reimbursed by the government for treating military personnel and retirees.

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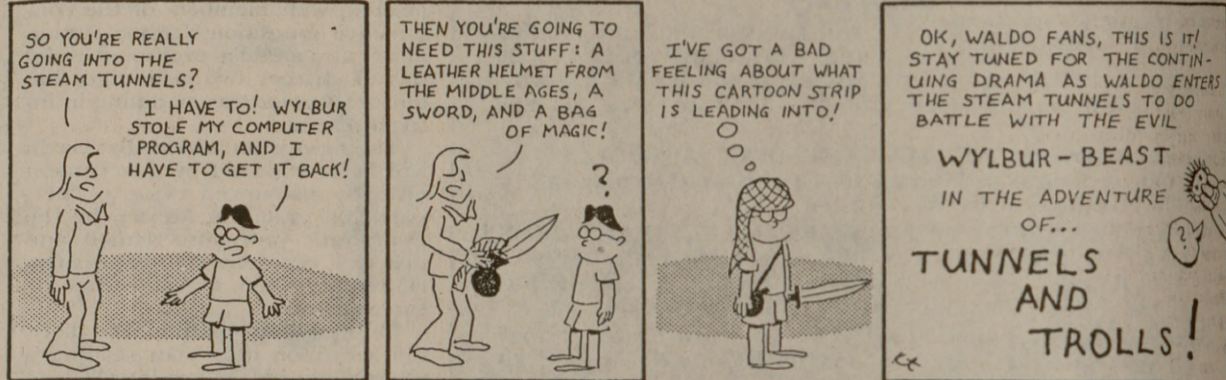
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Man killed after shooting ex-wife in convenience store

EULESS (AP) — Marlon Mataele's and Sandra Lobendahn's relationship, filled with violence and reconciled by pledges of love, was stormy from the time they ran off to be married as teen-agers in Hawaii, relatives said.

They ended their life together Sunday night, violently, in the back room of a Euleless convenience store.

Lobendahn, 26, a clerk at the Kwik Pantry grocery store, died from a single bullet fired from a gun held close to her head, the Tarrant County medical examiner ruled Monday.

Mataele, 27, was shot and killed by police who blew open a door with explosives and stormed into the store

where he had been holding his former wife hostage for two days.

Shortly after taking over the building, Mataele had shot and wounded a police sergeant in the shoulder as the officer responded to a silent alarm.

While they were still married, Mataele went to Tonga and married another woman, Lobendahn said.

Later he came to Hawaii and his second wife followed, she said.

When her daughter learned of the second marriage she divorced Mataele. However, she continued seeing him and the couple had two more children.

Police said they tried to end the incident peacefully, negotiating through Mataele brothers.

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