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Children's hospital wing collapses, 14 die

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — A new wing of a children's hospital has collapsed, killing at least 14 and trapping at least 50 children in the rubble.

The three-story building disintegrated shortly after sunrise in Jammu, winter capital of the northern state of Kashmir.

The wing, completed in 1985, had been lined with cracks. An older wing remained standing.

More than 16 hours after the building came tumbling down, Indian army rescue teams were trying

to remove the debris by hand and with cranes, but hopes were fading. Some rescuers pulled severed limbs from the wreckage.

"I heard children moaning in the morning, but in late evening there was nothing, a kind of strange silence amid the noise of rescue work," *Kashmir Times* reporter Arun Joshi said. "They may be dying."

By evening, 14 bodies and 29 survivors had been found. Some news

reports placed the death toll as high as 30.

"But the worst is yet to come," Joshi said in a telephone call to New Delhi. "At least 50 children and their parents or attendants are trapped on the first floor. It is a terrible sight up here."

Joshi said a total of at least 75 children and their parents or attendants were caught in the hospital.

A police spokesman in Jammu, 340 miles north of New Delhi, said

the collapse was caused by a weak foundation in the new wing of the hospital.

"The entire new wing has come down," spokesman Satish Gupta said. "Much of it has just gone inside the earth."

The government ordered an investigation, and three civil engineers who were responsible for construction were suspended.

Gupta said it will take at least 24 hours to remove the debris.

"Until then it is all guesswork, but we fear the toll will go up," he said.

The new wing, which housed three wards, collapsed at 6:30 a.m. Joshi said the wing contained 51 beds, but some were shared by two children.

"I saw limbs of children being recovered from the debris," Joshi said. "The death toll is likely to go up unless by providence the children are saved."

Joshi said there had been cracks in

the ground floor walls. He said a doctor told him the cracks widened Sunday and that he evacuated 35 children.

Jammu, with a population of 500,000, is the second-largest city in Kashmir, which borders Pakistan and China.

Chief Minister Farooq Abdullah, the highest government official in Kashmir state, rushed back to Jammu from Srinagar, where he was attending a ceremony.

Fighting in Beirut camps leaves 19 dead, 68 hurt

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Palestinian factions fought with mortars and machine guns in Beirut's refugee camps Monday and Shiite Moslem clans battled each other in neighboring slums. Police said 19 people were killed and 68 wounded.

Lebanon's Christian community was shaken by the discovery of the bullet-riddled body of a prominent Maronite Catholic priest five days after he was kidnapped from his home in Jounieh, a Christian port city.

Fighting in the Chatilla and Bourj el-Barajneh refugee camps pitted guerrillas of Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat's mainstream Fatah against Syrian-backed dissidents, police reported.

It was the first such battle since Arafat and President Hafez Assad of Syria took steps toward reconciliation last week in Damascus.

Police said they had no information on what caused

the clash, which began Sunday night and continued Monday. Both sides used mortars, rocket-propelled grenades and heavy machine guns.

Intense fighting kept reporters and photographers out of the area.

PLO spokesmen said Arafat's supporters overran three of the four main positions in Chatilla held by fighters of Col. Saeed Mousa's Fatah-Uprising faction.

At least eight combatants were killed and 43 others were wounded in the two camps on Beirut's southern flank, the police report said.

A 50-man committee, including members of several guerrilla factions and Lebanese Moslem groups, was organized late Monday to try for a cease-fire, the police report said.

Eleven people were killed and 25 wounded in night-long fighting between two Shiite clans in the Raml el-Aali and Roweisse slums, police reported.

Illegal aliens line up to apply for amnesty before offer ends

HOUSTON (AP) — Thousands of procrastinating illegal aliens, armed with lawn chairs, ice chests and toys, queued outside the nation's busiest immigration office Monday to apply for amnesty just two days before the unprecedented program's deadline.

To help brace for the last-minute crush of applicants, anxious Immigration and Naturalization Service officials hired police officers for crowd and traffic control and even brought in portable toilets to ease the wait.

"This is an incredible amount of

activity," regional INS commissioner Mario Ortiz said. "The pace is really phenomenal, particularly in Dallas and Houston."

Due to the crush, officials were keeping offices open 24 hours per day and waiving interviews with applicants until after the deadline at midnight Wednesday. The INS says that anybody not in line by that time is out of luck.

"This is exactly what we expected," Ortiz said of the crowds. "It's like an inverted bell curve — there was a lot at beginning, then a lull and then a mad rush at the end."

The INS' latest figures show that as of Saturday, just under 1.8 million aliens had applied for amnesty at 107 INS offices nationwide, Ortiz said. That number is drawing ever closer to the agency's planning estimate of 2 million applicants.

The 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act gives aliens who can prove continuous residency in the United States since Jan. 1, 1982, until midnight Wednesday to apply for legal status.

Attorney: Notaries public victimize amnesty applicants

EL PASO (AP) — Some immigration amnesty applicants have been victimized by notaries public who overcharge for their services and illegally dispense legal advice, an assistant state attorney general said.

The problem probably is more widespread than it seems because illegal immigrants are reluctant to report problems with notaries, said Esther Chavez, assistant attorney general for consumer protection.

Chavez filed a petition in state district court last week to restrain two

El Paso notaries public from engaging in any abuses and to order the pair to return any documents they have kept to secure payment.

Seven families have accused Maria Elena Hargrove and George Hargrove of giving legal advice, advertising legal counsel regarding amnesty matters, not returning documents and selling documents that falsely purport to grant the holders immunity from deportation, Chavez said.

Bentsen ranks first in funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Sen. Lloyd Bentsen was the top PAC pick nationally and managed to raise more than \$5 million in campaign loot to boot.

The Democrat's re-election campaign war chest makes his the most lucrative congressional race nationwide, while Republican challenger Beau Boulter has raised only a sliver by comparison.

Bentsen, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, snared the largest share of contributions from political action committees — \$1.46 million — in the first 15 months of the current election cycle, the Federal Election Commission found.

In rankings released this week of the 50 top Senate campaigns for fundraising and spending, the FEC put Bentsen in first for receipts with just over \$5 million; second for cash on hand, with \$3.65 million, and fourth for spending, at just over \$2 million, through the end of March.

Boulter, a U.S. representative from Amarillo, who had so little cash on hand at the end of March

A&M groups support different methods for stopping apartheid in South Africa

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You go to sleep in fear. You awaken in fear. Perhaps you will be killed today by someone who feels you are inferior simply because you were born with black skin. You live in a place where people with black skin are the majority numerically, but have no control politically. You're under a system of government that regards blacks as less than real people.

The place is South Africa and the system is known as apartheid.

The country's segregation policy is offensive to many, but there is disagreement over the best way to solve the problem.

Texas A&M Students Against Apartheid protests the fact that American companies and many universities — including A&M — continue to invest in South African companies, which aids South Africa's economy and indirectly helps to maintain the policy of apartheid.

SAA's purpose is to encourage A&M's divestment in South Africa. Divestment is an economic sanction that removes all foreign monetary support from a country.

David Luckenbach, vice president of SAA, said that according to SAA

calculations, A&M has almost \$5.5 million invested in seven South African companies. The calculations were made from the University's portfolio of its investments, he said.

"The Board of Regents came out with a study later that revealed similar numbers to what we showed," he said.

Another A&M group, the Young Conservatives of Texas, opposes divestment, because the sanctions would hurt more than they helped, said Dick Lonquist, YCT president.

"I think that divestment will cause hyperinflation, which could lead to a civil war or something along that line," he said. "Economic sanctions are not the way to go in order to help (South Africa)."

"If we divest, it means that American companies will be selling their business there for as little as 40 cents on the dollar. All that will happen from divestment is that the South African companies who buy the Americans out will get richer while continuing to deny blacks jobs. The principle will drive American companies to bankruptcy."

Lonquist said the YCT supports the Sullivan Principles, which his group sees as a better method than divestment for ending apartheid.

The principles are a set of volun-



Catch the wave

James Lewis, a junior speech communication major from Galveston, works out at Wofford Cain

Pool between classes Monday. Lewis says he swims 3,000 meters every day.

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