

STATE

State fails to qualify for \$90 million

COLUMBIA (AP) — South Carolina did not qualify for \$90 million in federal funds because the state was unable to put up \$18 million in matching funds for health insurance covering poor children, state health officials say.

A slumping economy has caused state revenues to decrease. State agencies have endured three rounds of across-the-board spending cuts in the last two state budget cycles. Expanding the program would mean additional cuts to other agencies.

"The bottom line is, we'd love to have had this money, but the budget has precluded any expansion," said Frank Adams, spokesman for the state Department of Health and Human Services. "It's been a fight to stay where we are, let alone to reach out and grab some of these kids."

About 26,000 of the state's 150,000 uninsured children younger than 19 might have been eligible for coverage if the state had taken the federal money to pay for the Children's Health Insurance

Program, Adams said.

Shakeup blamed for police-chief turnover

COLUMBIA (AP) — If Columbia Police Chief Charles Austin takes the job he is interviewing for in Durham, N.C., it would be the capital city's third department head departure in as many months.

The changes are creating chaos in the government of the state's largest city, Mayor Bob Coble said Monday. "We need to get things stabilized as quickly as possible," he said.

The problems can be attributed to a poorly handled reorganization plan created by City Manager Leona Plough, Coble said.

Plough has said the reorganization will streamline government and reduce the number of department heads reporting directly to her.

The shakeup has affected dozens of department and hundreds of city workers. It is the largest reorganization of Columbia's government since the city manager form of government was adopted in the 1970s.

NATION

Officials to identify bodies in rail car

DES MOINES, IOWA (AP)—Eleven suspected illegal immigrants whose badly decomposed bodies were found in a locked railroad car probably died slowly and painfully from severe overheating or asphyxiation, authorities said Tuesday.

The victims apparently boarded the grain hopper in Mexico four months ago and might have been smuggled into the country, said Jerry Heinauer, district director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service for Nebraska and Iowa.

Their nationalities were unknown, and authorities said they did not know whether the victims were men, women or children.

The car had been latched from the outside, and there was no evidence of food or water inside, Sheriff Tom Hogan said. He said it was difficult to count the huddled bodies; authorities said there were as many as 11.

Authorities removed the

bodies Tuesday, one day after they were discovered near Denison, 60 miles northwest of Omaha, Neb. The rail car was sealed and moved to Des Moines for examination by investigators.

Space crews enjoy last day together

CAPE CANAVERAL, FLA. (AP) — The crews of space shuttle Atlantis and the international space station enjoyed their last day together in orbit Tuesday.

A maintenance job squeezed in before Atlantis' departure was interrupted briefly when a space station smoke detector went off. But it turned out to be a false alarm, triggered by dust.

Atlantis and its six-member crew are scheduled to undock from the space station Wednesday, one week after delivering a \$390 million girder that was then installed on the orbiting outpost during three spacewalks.

WORLD

Violent extremist group disbands

BALI, INDONESIA (AP) — Indonesia's most violent Muslim extremist group announced Tuesday that it was disbanding, in what appeared to be the first sign that the government is cracking down on Islamic extremism following the deadly bombing of a Bali nightclub.

The announcement came as Indonesian officials interrogated a security guard and another man about the nightclub bombing, which killed nearly 200 people, and said traces of C-4 plastic explosive were found at the scene. Also, the accused ringleader of a separate extremist network, Jemaah

Islamiyah, said he would submit to police questioning.

Security Council split over Iraq resolution

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — France, Russia, China and several other members of the U.N. Security Council remain opposed to a resolution backed by the United States and Britain that would authorize military action against Iraq if it fails to cooperate with U.N. weapons inspectors.

Intense negotiations have been going on among the five veto-holding nations, and U.S. deputy ambassador Richard Williamson said Tuesday that "the dance continues."

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