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Doctors say robotic arm aids surgery, hands down
St. Vincent, Methodist utilize the Aesop 3000, which provides a view inside patients with elite precision.

By Jenny Labaline
 STAFF WRITER

This robot doesn't appear in esop's *Fables*. But it very much has a presence at Methodist and St. Vincent hospitals.

And if you tuned in to ER on Thursday night, you would have seen the robotic arm, called Aesop 3000, at work.

"It provides a rock-steady picture and extends the surgeon's capabilities," said Dr. Larry Stevens, a surgeon who uses the device at both Indianapolis hospitals.

Aesop doesn't look anything like *Star Wars*, but it sounds a bit like the movie robot, arbling some musical notes before it moves to the left, right, up or down.

The simple, black, armlike structure has an endoscope, an optical tube that's inserted into the patient through a small incision. Usually, nurses or surgeons hold a laparoscope — a type of endoscope or surgical telescope — by hand to see inside the patient.

The robot is used mostly with minimally invasive procedures involving the gallbladder, stomach, spleen and colon.

Aesop responds to voice commands. So a recognition of Stevens' voice is programmed into the computer system attached to the robot so it can respond to what Stevens says.

Other physicians who use Aesop — a gynecologist and a thoracic surgeon — also have their voices programmed into the system. All the doctors had to speak eight times into the computer with different inflections so the robot would distinguish their voices whether they spoke softly, quickly or harshly.

The commands are simple: "Aesop, move left" or "Aesop, move right."

Sometimes the robot is stubborn, like a dog that won't respond to a "sit" command. But Stevens says that generally the robot will respond when asked a second time to perform a move.

By uttering the robot's name first, the physician can ensure that Aesop won't respond to a command it shouldn't, such as the doctor says, "Move that surgical tray to the right."

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Kosovo's current crisis
 The U.N. Security Council condemned the atrocities in Kosovo in a special meeting Thursday.

Associated Press

NATO poised to strike

U.S., European allies rally support for attacks on Serb targets in bid to end violent conflict in Kosovo.

By John Donnelly and Richard Parker
 KNIGHT RIDDER NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration and its European allies moved closer Thursday to launching airstrikes against Serb targets to end the fighting

in Kosovo. NATO put forces on the highest state of alert, and the president's top foreign advisers sought support from U.S. senators for military intervention.

The strategy, according to senior administration officials, would be to pummel Serb military targets with a wave of cruise missile attacks, then take a breather in the expectation that Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic would back down.

If he doesn't, air attacks would follow. The United States has ruled out using ground troops in Kosovo for now.

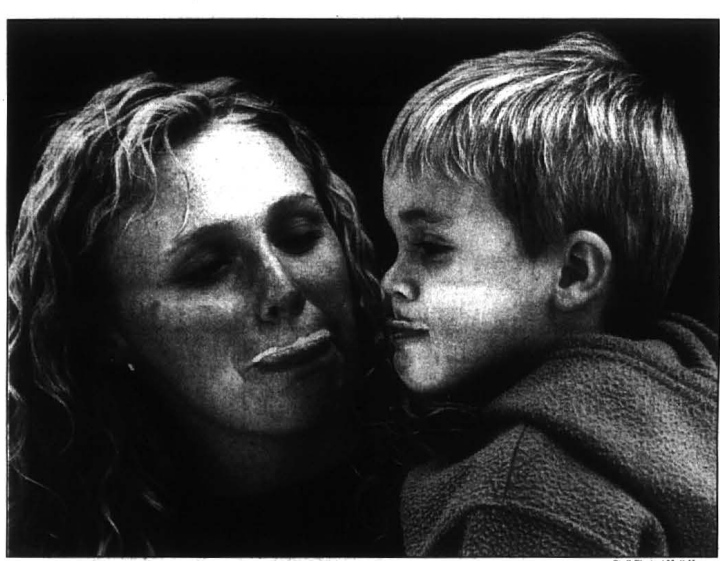
Meanwhile, in another hint of a military attack, the State Department issued a travel warning that advises Americans to leave Yugoslavia.

It now appears that an attack could be ordered as soon as early next week, according to Defense Department officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

At the United Nations on Thursday, the Security Council met in emergency session to address "the appalling reports of the atrocities" by Serb forces against civilians and issued a statement de-

Inside
Ordeal: Man who survived the massacre of ethnic Albanians in Kosovo recounts the horror. Officials say he may be a witness before a war crimes tribunal. Story on Page A2

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YUM: Michelle Stough and son Dakota lick off their milk mustaches at the Farm Progress Show. Staff Photo / Matt Kryger

THE MILKY WAY TO FAME

Where, when
 Hoping to become a milk mustache celebrity? Today the Milk Mustache Mobile will be at Methodist Hospital, 1701 N. Senate Ave., from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at Marsh Supermarket, 2140 E. 116th St., from 3:30 to 6 p.m. On Saturday it will be at the Indianapolis Museum of Art, 1200 W. 38th St., from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

By T.J. Banas
 CORRESPONDENT

WINDFALL, Ind. — Sure, a pretty face helps. And a gimmick is even better for someone trying to make his way into a national advertising campaign.

After splashing his upper lip with milk, Kevin Pider dragged "Birdie," his Australian shepherd, to the black backdrop, and they both sat down and smiled for the camera.

Well, Kevin did, at any rate.

The 7-year-old was one of dozens of people Thursday at the Farm Progress Show who hoped to become the next "Got Milk?" celebrity.

The Milk Mustache Mobile is touring 100 cities this year in search of an all-American person or persons to bear the familiar white mustache. The "Got Milk?" advertising campaign of the country's milk promoters has featured such celebrities as

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Aging fleet of planes to undergo FAA review

Inspections of wiring, other aircraft systems could lead to new safety directives.

By Chuck Taylor
 THE SEATTLE TIMES

WASHINGTON — The Federal Aviation Administration on Thursday announced a sweeping, five-year project to study the potential hazards of aging aircraft systems.

The plan, announced by Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater and FAA administrator Jane Garvey, will involve extensive, exploratory inspections of wiring, hydraulics, avionics and other nonstructural components critical to safe flight.

"The public wants and needs a safe, reliable system to take the nation into the next century," Slater said.

American planes are, on average, 16 years old, Slater said. That average will rise to about 20 years in the next decade.

The project was propelled to priority status by the explosion and crash of an older 747 near New York in 1996 — TWA Flight 800, in which all 230 people aboard were killed — and follows by a decade a similar program in which the agency and industry established a system of scrutiny for the metal frame and skin of airplanes.

That program sought to track and fix corrosion and metal-fatigue problems. But while Garvey emphasized that the new project is in the research phase, she said the FAA is drafting rules that would require design reviews by manufacturers, as well as more explicit fuel-tank-maintenance procedures and fail-safe designs of



FAA chief Jane Garvey said a reporting system for wire failures could be established.

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Tribe hunts whales with harpoon, permit

Indians are met by protesters opposed to the 1st legal hunt of a gray whale in 50 years.

By Sam Howe Verhovek
 NEW YORK TIMES

NEAH BAY, Wash. — Armed with official permission to conduct the first legal hunt for a gray whale in U.S. waters in more than 50 years, members of a small American Indian

tribe gathered Thursday on a beach on Washington's rugged Olympic Peninsula.

They were starting an adventure intended to resurrect the glory and traditions of their whale-hunting forefathers.

But before the eight-man crew, carrying a steel harpoon and a .50-caliber assault rifle, could even launch its 32-foot cedar canoe into the Pacific, the Makah Indians had to contend with a modern-day militia of animal-rights protesters.

The protesters were equipped with a Norwegian-built submarine painted to resemble a

whale and an underground speaker system that the protesters said was capable of scaring off a whale and saving its life.

And the U.S. Coast Guard, intent on preventing the groups from clashing with each other, kept close watch on a scene that has posed an exquisite dilemma for many environmental groups.

Finding themselves caught between the save-the-whales ethos represented by the protesters and the respect for centuries-old Native

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PRACTICE RUN: The American Indian Makahs are allowed to kill five gray whales a year for five years. Tribesmen will hunt from their canoe using a harpoon and a rifle.

Associated Press

Business

Indiana regulators announce formal probe of merger
Ameritech-SBC deal to be subject of December hearings. Page 2

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Business

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State's jobless rate hits new low in August

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana's nonseasonally adjusted unemployment rate hit a new low in August, just 2.5 percent. Indiana's rate remains below the national rate of 4.5 percent. In August, 3.02 million state residents were employed, up 12,200 from the same month in 1997. In the Indianapolis area, the August unemployment rate was 2.1 percent. One year ago, the unemployment rate in Indiana was 3.4 percent and 2.7 percent in Indianapolis.

Chrysler, Toyota saw sales soar in September

DETROIT — Domestic sales of Chrysler cars and trucks increased a healthy 18 percent in September compared with a weak month a year ago. Toyota Motor Corp. posted a record for the month, with sales up 43 percent. Among other major automakers that reported sales figures Thursday, Honda Motor Co. had a 9 percent gain, while Nissan Motor Corp. sustained a 14 percent drop. General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. were scheduled to issue their sales reports Monday.

Boeing fined \$10 million in foreign space venture

SEATTLE — Boeing Co. has agreed to pay a \$10 million civil penalty to get its commercial space venture, Sea Launch, back on track after failing to safeguard American technology secrets from foreign powers. The State Department stopped Boeing's work on the satellite-launching venture July 27, three years into its collaboration with the Russians and Ukrainians. A congressional source said earlier that Boeing had broken the terms of its export license by sharing technical information with RSC-Energia of Moscow and the Ukrainian company KB Yuzhnoye/PO without a State Department representative present.

Mortgage rates fall for fifth week in a row

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Mortgage rates fell for the fifth consecutive week and, at 6.60 percent, haven't been lower in more than three decades. The average interest rate on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages dropped from 6.64 percent the week before, Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, said Thursday.

Wrestling personalities visit stock exchange

NEW YORK — The bulls and bears of Wall Street met the muscle-shirted men of World Championship Wrestling Thursday, touching off a stampede of autograph seekers at an increasingly publicity-conscious New York Stock Exchange. Hollywood Hulk Hogan, Diamond Dallas Page, Lex Luger, Kevin Nash and other men of the ring wore their wrestling suits onto the exchange floor after the market had dropped nearly 200 points late in the morning. Their appearance was a mammoth publicity stunt for credit cards featuring their likenesses that are being offered in a deal between Capital One Bank and World Championship Wrestling.

Daily Indicators
In New York trading Thursday

DOV INDEX INDUSTRIALS	7632.53	-210.09
BLOOMBERG INDIANA INDEX	189.92	-3.92
GOLD	Troy ounce: \$300	+\$3.40
SILVER	Troy ounce: \$5.370	+\$0.085
OIL (November contract)	Barrel, crude: \$15.43	-\$0.71
30-YEAR TREASURY BOND	Yield: 4.88%	-0.08%

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By Courtenay Edelhart
STAFF WRITER

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next century. Prozac recorded sales in 1997 of \$2.6 billion.

The joint venture follows Pfizer Inc.'s introduction of Viagra, an impotency drug that has \$11 million in sales in its first three months, an industry record.

Icos' drug is intended to target more specifically the enzyme involved in impotency than does Pfizer's Viagra. If that design succeeds, Icos' drug could have fewer of the side effects of Viagra, which sometimes causes temporary vision problems.

This is not Lilly's first foray into

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Market stability 'saved' by Fed

■ Aiding hedge fund's rich owners wasn't concern of central bank, says Greenspan.

By Richard W. Stevenson
NEW YORK TIMES

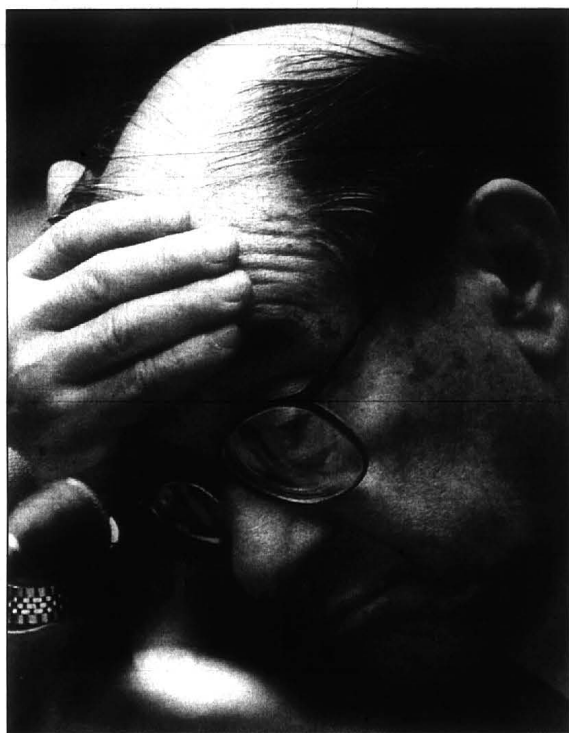
WASHINGTON — Parrying a rare wave of criticism, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan on Thursday defended the central bank's role in averting the collapse of Long-Term Capital Management LP, saying that it had acted out of concern for the stability of the financial markets rather than a desire to assist the investment firm's wealthy owners.

Appearing before the House Banking Committee, Greenspan said the Fed was needed to step alongside and avoid more damage. Page D2 | McDonough,

the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Greenspan built a case that it was the central bank's responsibility to play a role in addressing a crisis whose effects could extend far beyond the fate of Long-Term Capital's owners, investors and lenders.

"Financial market participants were already unsettled by recent global events," Greenspan said, referring to the spread into Russia and Latin America of the financial crisis that began last year in Asia.

"Had the failure of LTCM triggered the setting up of markets, substantial damage could have been inflicted on many market participants, including some not directly involved in the firm, and could have potentially impaired



Associated Press

LISTENING TO CRITICS: Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan heard pointed questions over a hedge fund's bailout by the House Banking Committee on Thursday.

the economies of many nations, including our own." Greenspan is usually heaped with praise for his stewardship of the economy when he appears before Congress.

On Thursday, two days after cutting interest rates by one-

quarter point to help insulate the United States from the global crisis, he heard respectful but nonetheless pointed questions and doubts from members of both parties about the Federal Reserve's involvement in saving a risky investment fund that cater-

ed to some of the wealthiest people.

The lawmakers expressed considerable reservations about the Federal Reserve's decision to use its influence to buy some time for

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It's official! 1st Chicago, Bank One become one

By Cliff Edwards
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Two of the most well-known banks in the Midwest officially cease to exist today as the merger of First Chicago NBD Corp. with Banc One creates the nation's fifth-largest bank.

Executives of both banks said the formal creation of the new Chicago-based Bank One Corp., with \$240 billion in assets, would be greeted with little fanfare. For customers, it also was to be business as usual until all operations are combined sometime next year, spokesman Tom Kelly said.

"Customers don't immediately need new checks. They go to the same branches, the same ATM machines that they always did," Kelly said. "The merger will be completed, but it won't make a difference in the world to customers in the short-run."

The \$19 billion merger represents the end of an era for both cities in which the former banks were based.

The shift of Bank One's headquarters to Chicago will end a 130-year run as a Columbus, Ohio, company that expanded into a regional powerhouse through aggressive acquisitions of smaller banks.

In Chicago, the First National Bank of Chicago name will be forever removed from the city's landscape except as a legal subsidiary, ending a 135-year reign as one of the region's dominant banks.

First Chicago NBD's stock officially stopped trading at the end of business Thursday, with the name removed from the S&P 500 list.

Last month, the Justice Department and the Indiana attorney general's office approved the merger, pending First Chicago NBD's sale of \$1.8 billion of Indiana deposits to Union Planters Corp. of Memphis, Tenn. Indiana was the only state where the banks had a significant overlap in operations.

The First Chicago and NBD

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Clinton tells government to halt software piracy

By Ted Bridis
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The White House ordered government agencies Thursday to crack down on their own software piracy, and it directed the nation's top trade official to press foreign governments to do the same.

The executive order signed by President Clinton is the latest move by the administration to please America's high-tech industry, which is growing in importance as a political force in Washington.

Under the new order, federal agencies must make sure that only paid for software is used, prepare an inventory of software on their computers and maintain record-keeping systems. The new policy is designed to prevent government workers from

buying more than \$20 billion worth each year. But there are no good estimates, other than anecdotal, about how rampant piracy runs among government offices.

"We are declaring war on software piracy," Vice President Al Gore said in a statement. "The message is clear: Don't copy that floppy. At home or abroad, intellectual property must be protected."

The Business Software Alliance routinely audits large corporations suspected of using pirated programs, but it has never audited a federal agency. It said those checks are sometimes performed by each agency's office of inspector general.

In the past weeks alone, the White House has relaxed some export limits on powerful data-scrambling tools, and Clinton indicated his support for legislation



Macmillan takes aim at desktop sales

By Chris O'Malley
STAFF WRITER

Shoppers for desktop publishing software will have more boxes to peruse on retail shelves, as the result of Macmillan Digital Publishing's planned push into mass-market software.

For years, it's made software that accompanies how-to computer books of parent Macmillan Publishing USA. The unit also makes ad on software for products made by such companies as Microsoft, Netscape and 3Com.

As it sets sail into new desktop publishing markets, Macmillan Digital plans to expand by acquiring other software development firms.

It's already brought aboard a former Procter & Gamble brand marketing whiz to help plot a course to win over consumer needs.

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drugs for sexuality. Lilly ceased development of Quinelorane, designed to heighten libido, six years ago.

This newest venture is part of Lilly's strategy of forming partnerships with companies developing promising drugs while continuing to develop its own drugs.

"Probably, you'll be hearing about a lot more of these in the future," said August M. Watanabe, Lilly executive vice president of science and technology.

If the new drug makes it to market, it will fit nicely with Lilly's diabetes and women's health lines, Watanabe added. Middle-aged and

nerve damage and blood vessel normalities, he said.

Gates, chairman of Microsoft Corp., owns about 5 million shares of Icos, or about 13 percent of the company, according to a record filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Microsoft's Redmond, Wash., headquarters is just a few miles from Icos' offices in Bothell, Wash. Gates is a director on Icos' board.

Other directors at Icos include Walter Wriston, former chief executive of Citicorp/Citibank, and Cary, former CEO of International Business Machines Corp. James Ferguson, former CEO of General Foods Corp.

Icos also is testing drugs designed to treat stroke and acute respiratory distress syndrome.