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Congresswoman Betty McCollum

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Hot News!

Secretary Powell Presents Case to U.N.

Secretary of State Colin Powell testified before the U.N. Security Council this week to reiterate the Administration's case for disarming Saddam Hussein. He provided evidence that Saddam Hussein is harboring weapons of mass destruction and not fully cooperating with international efforts to disarm. Powell stressed that Iraq is violating not only past U.N. resolutions but also its own pledges to disarm after the Persian Gulf War of 1991.

"The case for disarming Saddam Hussein is strong and well known," said McCollum, "but I am not convinced that the United States or the international community have exhausted all of their diplomatic options. We need to work with our international neighbors and allies and allow them time to sift through the information presented to them. I am still confident that there is an opportunity for a peaceful resolution."

Bush Presents Congress with Deficit

On Monday, President Bush presented Congress with a \$2.23 billion budget, the largest budget in history, which includes a major tax cut for the wealthiest Americans.

"There are 2.1 trillion reasons why this budget is bad for our children and bad for Minnesota. That is because the President's budget causes our deficit to explode to \$2.1 trillion over the next 10 years. The Bush plan under-funds Homeland Security, continues to impose unfunded mandates on our schools, and will completely wipe out the Social Security Trust Fund surplus. On top of that it does not account for a potential war with Iraq, that has an estimated price tag of \$100-400 billion."

"Pic" of the Week



Pictured from left to right are Senator Satveer Chaudhary, Rep. Betty McCollum and Arden Hills Mayor Beverly Aplikowski. The 3 joined constituents at Arden Hills City Hall to discuss an array of issues, ranging from the Federal Budget to developments at the Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant (TCAAP), located in Arden Hills.

In Betty's Words

"Our nation, the people of Israel and the entire world lost six American heroes and an Israeli hero. These amazing astronauts journeyed into space on a scientific exploration to improve the lives of all mankind. The crew's selfless commitment to reaching beyond normal human limits into space with courage, dedication and pride is a tremendous achievement. My thoughts and prayers for these brave astronauts are with their families and friends."

--- Statement on the Space Shuttle Columbia
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