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Gulfstream CEO leaves abruptly

Vice Chairman Bryan Moss named Boisture's replacement same day

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In a shakeup that goes all the way to the top of Gulfstream Aerospace, W.W. "Bill" Boisture Jr., Gulfstream's president and CEO for nearly four years, announced his retirement Friday.

Bryan T. Moss, vice-chairman of Gulfstream since 1995, replaced Boisture, effective Friday.

Boisture's sudden departure caught many people by surprise, including Wall Street analysts, members of the local business community and some Gulfstream employees. His announcement capped a week in which the luxury business jet maker began the first round of a yearlong reduction in force,

cutting some 100 jobs in Savannah and Brunswick.

However, Robert Baugniat, Gulfstream's director of corporate communications, stressed that Boisture's decision had nothing to do with the layoffs, which had been anticipated for several months.

"Mr. Boisture voluntarily announced his retirement," Baugniat said Monday. "I can assure you that his decision and the start of our planned reduction in force are totally and absolutely unrelated."

Boisture could not be reached for comment Monday.

Nicholas D. Chabreja, president and CEO of General Dynamics, Gulfstream's parent company, said he accepted Bois-

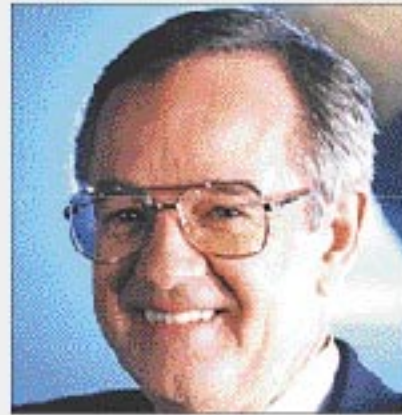
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RETIRED FRIDAY



W.W. "Bill" Boisture Jr. was Gulfstream's president and CEO for nearly four years.

NEW PRESIDENT AND CEO



Bryan T. Moss has been the vice-chairman of Gulfstream since 1995.

WHAT MOSS WILL FACE

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT: With roughly 4,000 workers in Chatham County, Gulfstream is the region's largest industrial employer. Plans to layoff 100 local workers were announced recently.

SALES: Performance was flat for both 2001 and 2002 at \$3.2 billion.

MARKET REACTION: The company's stock closed up slightly Monday - from 53.97 to 55.60 - in better than average trading

THE PARENT COMPANY: General Dynamics, headquartered in Falls Church, Va., employs approximately 56,000 people worldwide, with 2002 revenues of \$13.8 billion.

Tikrit falls; major combat over

IRAQ: Emphasis shifts to protecting citizens, helping them self-govern
SYRIA: U.S. threatens sanctions, alleges country harbors Iraqis, 5A



An Iraqi policeman reports for work at the U.S. Marines compound at the Palestine Hotel in downtown Baghdad on Monday.

John Makely/
The Baltimore Sun

How will Iraq establish democracy?

AN ANALYSIS

By Tom Raum
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — By any normal gauge, the war with Iraq is over. Saddam Hussein's government is gone, all key cities are seized, major combat is winding down and two aircraft carriers are going home.

Yet major questions remain, including the whereabouts of Saddam and any weapons of mass destruction and whether Iraqis can

govern themselves after a quarter-century of one-man rule.

The role of the United Nations or individual nations in Iraq's future also is up in the air. The United States has invited its coalition partners to talks on rebuilding Iraq — but not countries that objected to the war such as Germany, France and Russia.

Some of these loose ends could take months or even years to tie up, analysts suggest.

But for now, nobody is disputing the im-

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THE FALLEN • PAGE 2A

- **Sgt. 1st Class John W. Marshall**, 50, of Los Angeles, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment
- **Staff Sgt. Terry W. Hemingway**, 39, Willingboro, N.J., 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry

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OUR GOVERNMENT



It's April 15.

Where are your taxes?
They better be in the mail.

Private postmarks won't work either.
So don't even think about it.

Wonder what the average adjusted gross income for your neighborhood is? Look for your zip code on **Page 6B**.

Building poses 'imminent danger'

Turner Boulevard is closed because Upfreight Warehouse's north wall could collapse onto the street. SCAD is ordered to secure the structure.

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When the barricades went up Friday, Savannah College of Art and Design students made the eastbound lane of Turner Boulevard their own sidewalk to and from classes.

But they may be walking at their own peril.

Where once travelled cars and trucks, the historic Upfreight Warehouse casts an ominous afternoon shadow on the students as they walk from two dormitories down the road. The city of Savannah deemed the building too dangerous to keep the road open, although students didn't seem to know.

"It doesn't feel like it's an imminent danger," said SCAD freshman Elyse Clark, who walks in the building's shadow every day.

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Savannah officials closed Turner Boulevard to traffic out of fear that Upfreight Warehouse's north wall will collapse onto the street. SCAD students are now using the cordoned-off street as a sidewalk.

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WEATHER



Kadatra Ortiz, 9
Third grade
Gadsden Elementary

Today: High of 80. Low of 55.
Tomorrow: Scattered clouds.
High of 82. Low of 55.
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WHAT TO EXPECT TODAY

PRESSING THE PRESS: Martha Burk, head of the National Council of Women's Organizations, speaks at the National Press Club in Washington on the Augusta National Golf Club and the Master's tournament.

BIG SCANDAL, BIG TRIAL: In Concord, N.H., the trial of former Tyco International CFO Mark Swartz is expected to start.

CORRECTIONS

If you spot an error of fact, call Dan Suwyn, managing editor, at 652-0322.