

# AMA rallies Coast's support

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**GULFPORT** — Who says doctors don't make house calls? Leaders of the American Medical Association visited the Coast Wednesday as part of "National House Call" campaign, a history-making national tour to promote the controversial "Patient's Bill of Rights" and other health-care issues. It's the first time in the organization's 153-year history its leaders have canvassed the country to gain

support for a political agenda. Dr. D. Ted Lewers of the board of trustees of the AMA and J. Edward Hill, a member of the board, were here to meet with media and members of the Singing River and Coast Counties Medical Association to talk about issues the AMA is promoting during the 2000 presidential campaign. "We will not endorse a candidate," Lewers said. "Our goal is to educate the public. Wherever we go, we hand out brochures with the six questions we want people to ask the

candidates, and the people aren't throwing them away. They're putting them in their pocket and taking them home." The AMA hopes the voters will support the presidential candidate who comes out most strongly in favor of the following six issues: that there should be a meaningful patient's bill of rights; that physicians, not insurance plans, should determine what care is medically necessary; that HMOs should be held accountable for treatment decisions that harm patients; that there

should be health care for all Americans; that incentives should be given to American family insurance; and a plan to reform. He said part of Mississippi got a health care plan that are not very popular in Mississippians are aware of the national that are at the ties elsewhere. "A lot of managed-care

# Jury to decide if men go to trial

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**PASCAGOULA** — A grand jury will decide if two men will go to trial for the murder of Dong Phuong Nguyen of Ocean Springs, a county judge ruled Wednesday.

Nguyen, 18, was reported missing on Sept. 9, 1999. Police continued to call his cell phone, and on Sept. 14 found the message on the phone had been changed. Nguyen's parents confirmed to police it was their son's voice.

But on Jan. 6, Nguyen's body was found, and within hours Jonathan "J. P." May, 20, and Christopher Roy, 18, both of Ocean Springs, were arrested and charged with capital murder. Roy was out on bond for felony drug charges when he was arrested.

On Wednesday, May sat in Judge Larry Wilson's courtroom with a fearful look on his face while



May



Roy

listening to another murder case. Roy, who was brought in just before his hearing started, showed no emotion throughout the proceedings.

According to Capt. Bob Carew's testimony Wednesday, this is what happened:

May called Nguyen to come to a St. Andrews location. When he arrived, Roy and Nguyen got into a fight. Roy then allegedly strangled Nguyen to death.

May and Roy then drove separate vehicles, one being Nguyen's 1993

Honda Prelude, to Red Bluff Road in Vancleave. A few hundred feet away from the dirt road, the two dug a shallow hole and allegedly buried Nguyen with a plastic bag over his head. Hours later, Nguyen's car was put into the Pascagoula River.

On the stand, Carew said Ocean Springs police questioned May while he was attending city court on an unrelated matter in January. That's when May told police the location of Nguyen's body and told police Roy was acting in self-defense.

May's attorney, Arthur Carlisle, asked Carew if he knew "Mr. May owed Mr. Nguyen money. And if he didn't pay, Nguyen told him he was going to kill Mr. May."

Carew said he had heard that. Carew also testified that narcotics and \$4 were stolen from Nguyen, but that there was nothing to indicate a robbery was planned when Nguyen was called to the St. Andrews location.

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