

# NEWS BRIEFING

A LOOK AT THIS MORNING'S HEADLINES

## Help slow to arrive for flood victims in more rural areas



**BIRKENFELD, Ore. (AP)**—Stranded for days by bloated rivers and washed-out roads,

rural Northwesterners are finding their self-reliance tested by the region's worst flooding in decades.

As rivers receded slowly Sunday, brigades of emergency workers fanned out to assist flood victims in cities and suburbs. But in the Northwest's backwoods corners, neighbor had to rely on neighbor.

The same raging waters that poured through thousands of homes last week also chewed up roads and pulled down utility lines, isolating some of the hardest-hit areas of Oregon.

The Northwest floods took seven lives — four in Oregon, two in Montana and one in Washington. Three were missing in Oregon: two men who drove a pickup truck into 9 feet of water at the Salem-Keizer city limits, and a Troutdale woman whose house was swept down the Sandy River.

President Clinton was considering a trip to the Northwest to survey the flood damage, the White House said.

In the evergreen thumb of the Cascade Range that pokes into Oregon's northwestern corner, winding two-lane roads often hug the banks of mountain creeks and rivers. Highway 202, for example, crosses and recrosses the Nehalem River, usually a sparkling, boulder-dotted stream, now an ugly brown band ripping through canyons.

Throughout Clatsop and Columbia counties, churning streams leapt their channels, taking out roads and catching residents by surprise.

On the Oregon coast, Tillamook County dairy farmer Steve Neahring lost at least 100 of his 175 Holstein and Jersey milkers.

## Presidential hopefuls campaign across Iowa on eve of caucuses



**SIOUX CITY, Iowa (AP)** — On the eve of the Iowa caucuses, GOP candidates went

courting the one-out-of-five Republicans that polls suggest are undecided.

With Bob Dole's lead appearing to stabilize, the real battle formed around who would be second.

As the rivals moved from town meetings and rallies to TV talk shows, publishing heir Steve Forbes emerged as everyone's favorite target.

"Forbes is falling, despite his massive amount of negative ads," asserted former Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander, who hoped to benefit from any Forbes decline.

Texas Sen. Phil Gramm, trailing in the single digits but insisting he not be counted out, ridiculed Forbes for complaining about anonymous phone calls against him.

## Daughter's death by taking methadone hidden by mother

**BALTIMORE (AP)** — A 5-year-old girl died after drinking black-market methadone, police said.

The mother illegally bought the drug meant to treat heroin addiction and knew her daughter drank it but didn't call for help until the girl was found dead, said Robert W. Weinhold Jr., a police spokesman.

Instead, Jacquelyn Turner, 28, let her daughter Jasmin go upstairs to bed, Weinhold said.

Prosecutors may need up to a week to decide whether to press charges, Assistant State's Attorney Timothy J. Doory said.

The child drank the methadone Wednesday at about 11:30 a.m. Turner called police at 6:45 a.m. Thursday, Weinhold said.

## Boulder traps bus in collapsed tunnel; rescue attempt fails



**FURUBIRA, Japan (AP)** — Rescuers blasted the side of a mountain with dynamite

Sunday in an attempt to reach some 20 people trapped in a collapsed highway tunnel, but the explosion failed to dislodge the boulder, about the size of a 20-story office building.

The giant slab of rock peeled off the mountain and crashed through the tunnel roof early Saturday, apparently crushing a bus carrying 19 people.

The attempt to topple the boulder into the sea with a blast of 550 pounds of dynamite only crumbled the lower portion of the rock into dust.

Rescuers were planning another blast Monday morning that they hope will allow them to dig through the rubble.

Military specialists had gotten far enough into the tunnel to spot the bus's mangled bumper and a battered license plate piled over with rock. They did not hear any voices or any other indications anyone was alive.

## Yeltsin decides to run for second term; faces low poll ratings

**MOSCOW (AP)** — Boris Yeltsin's trip back to his Siberian hometown this week will be a turning point in his career and in the building of Russian democracy.

In Yekaterinburg, where he once reigned as a Communist boss, Yeltsin is expected to formally declare that he will seek a second, five-year term as president in June elections.

That announcement would mark the real beginning of the campaign for the most powerful job in Russia. It promises to be brutal for Yeltsin.

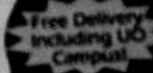
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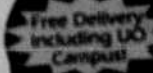
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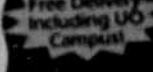
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- **The Blizzard of Ahhh's**, this week's "nooner" video features extreme skiing by vertical snow junkies, bring your lunch and kick back for an hour. Wed., Feb. 14, 12 P.M. OP resources room.
- **Survival in the Wilderness and on the Planet**, this is a must see event. Dick Person is a teacher, writer and photographer who has been teepee living in the Canadian Yukon for the last decade. This presentation will combine practical tools of survival with the spiritual essence of wilderness living. do not miss this one Wed., Feb. 14, 7:30 P.M. 100 Willamette Hall.  
\*Dick Person will be leading two special wilderness survival workshops on Sat. and Sun. Feb. 17 & 18th-take your skills into the field. Sign up at the OP office!

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