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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

### New Carissa

On February 4, the 639-foot cargo ship, "New Carissa" slipped its moorings in a storm and ran aground north of Coos Bay. Officials decided to burn the ship rather than risk spilling 400,000 gallons of diesel and fuel oil into the sea. As a result of explosives activity, the "New Carissa" split in two. Plans are underway to tow the cargo ship to international waters for burial. Crews were attempting recently to burn off the ship's remaining fuel oil where an estimated 50,000 gallons remained.

### American Airlines

American Airline pilots have returned to work and will follow nearly all of the regularly scheduled flights. Judge Joe Kendall of Federal District Court in Texas issued a ruling that held the pilots union in contempt and ordered it to deposit \$10 million with the court. About 2,400 pilots called in sick as a "strike" move that caused major flight cancellations.

### War On Drugs

President Clinton met with Mexico's President Ernesto Zedillo for a 23-hour visit where they discussed plans to form a partnership in a \$500 million anti-drug effort. Clinton's proposed initiative involves buying radar planes, amphibious boats, and other equipment to interdict drug traffickers. Deploying a new national police force is also called for. The Mexican narcotics industry smuggles an estimated \$15 billion worth of drugs into the United States each year.

### Violent Crime Victims

A recent study released by the Justice Department found that American Indians are the victims of violent crimes at more than twice the national average. Indians were far more likely to be victims of violent crimes than members of any other racial group. A full 60 percent of the perpetrators of violent crimes against Indians were whites. Alcohol played a major part in most of these violent crimes against Indians.

### Oscar Nominations

The movie and film nominations for the 71st annual Academy Awards are in. This year's top three films vying for "best picture" are "Saving Private Ryan", "The Thin Red Line" and "Life Is Beautiful." The theme common to all three movies is World War II.

### Saving The Tower

Cao Shizhong, a 68-year old architectural engineer is going to take on the challenge of fixing the slant on the Leaning Tower of Pisa. The Pisa began slanting since its first stone was laid in 1173. Each year, it tilts at a rate of 2 millimeters. Cao Shizhong says he can do the job of straightening the historic site in 10 months. His methods remain a guarded secret.

## Clinton Talks of a "New Season"

WASHINGTON—For President Clinton, this appears a time of self-renewal and forward focus as he claims the world stage — and New Hampshire's familiar political terrain—with talk of a "new season" and "this tide of spring."

The president's words as he sat opposite Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo on Monday were not new. The aftermath of his impeachment and acquittal should, for the nation, be a "time for reconciliation and renewal," Clinton reiterated during his quick trip to Merida, Mexico.

But his brimming confidence this time suggested he feels he's won not only a second chance but a stronger hand. Clinton took off work today and, after a long abstinence, took to the golf course with brother-in-law Hugh Rodham and top Democratic fund-raiser Terence McAuliffe.

From commanding the world stage on his 23-hour mission to Mexico, Clinton takes the policy helm of his Democratic Party on Wednesday, with a Social Security forum at the White House — the centerpiece of a day when Democrats fan out to Social Security town meetings nationwide.

Friday, he welcomes French President Jacques Chirac at the White House and is

planning his first news conference since last summer.

In between, Clinton will spend all of Thursday making stops around New Hampshire, where in the 1992 campaign he coined his own nickname as "The Comeback Kid."

"I never saw him act like a man in trouble in the first place," Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., said Monday evening as he boarded Air Force One behind Clinton en route home from Mexico. "But he sure had a great day today."

Thousands and thousands of Mexicans, many setting up mariachi-style bands on the sidewalk, lined the streets of Merida to cheer Clinton's motorcade with flags and banners wishing him and "su esposa (your wife) Hillary" happy returns.

"This joy, this warmth, this affection is reserved only for our dearest friends," Zedillo said. Clinton basked in that affection.

He thanked the congressional delegation with him—including Republican Reps. Mark Sanford of South Carolina, Rob Portman of Ohio and Kevin Brady of Texas, each of whom voted in favor of Clinton's impeachment—for their show of "America's commitment for the common future we will make together."

To officials from both Mexico and the United States, Clinton proclaimed: "This tide of spring has brought a new season of friendship."

He was talking about U.S.-Mexican relations, but the sentiment appeared to apply more broadly.

On the return flight to Washington late Monday, Clinton lingered with members of Congress in the guest cabin. While the president signed pages of Air Force One stationery for one guest, others showed off to Clinton the T-shirts and other Mexican souvenirs they'd picked up.

Stewards passed out Hemp Golden beer, whose label boasted the "smooth, mild, mellow herbal flavor" of having been brewed with hemp seeds.

In a comfortable exchange Monday with the same reporters he dodged for most of last year, Clinton mused from his seat at the lavish Hacienda Temozon (Whirlwind Estate) about his wife's political future and his own.

"She and I both would like to continue to be useful in public affairs when we leave office," he said in between private meetings with Zedillo.

As for the prospect that Mrs. Clinton would be a shoo-in to replace New York Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan, "I think she would be terrific in the Senate," the president said.



Clinton could be facing contempt of court

was governor of Arkansas, made a crude advance in a room at a Little Rock hotel in 1991. She was a state worker at the time. Clinton denies her accusation.

## NASA continues to be the Threshold of Opportunity



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Bessie Coleman (1893-1926)

## Chinese historian Susan Mann to present 36th annual Memorial Lecture

PORTLAND, Ore.- Susan Mann, professor of Chinese history at the University of California at Davis, will present the 36th annual Arthur L. Throckmorton Memorial Lecture, "Her Stories: Women's Lives in China's History," Monday, Feb. 22, 3:15 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Templeton Student Center, Lewis & Clark College, 0615 S.W. Palatine Hill Road. Lewis & Clark's history department is sponsoring Mann's lecture. Admission free.

Mann began her career in the early 1970's with works on economic, politics and revolution. Her first book, "Local Merchants and the Chinese Bureaucracy, 1750 to 1950," appeared in 1987. That same year, the prestigious Journal of Asian Studies published Mann's article, "Windows in the Kinship, Class and Community Structure of Qing Dynasty China," heralding her growing interest in the history of Chinese women and gender.

For the past decade, Mann has been one of the leading experts in the historical study of Chinese women.

"Dr. Mann has opened our eyes to the richness of Chinese women's lives and inspires dozens of young historians to follow in her footsteps," said Susan Glosser, assistant professor of history at Lewis & Clark College. "She is an animated speaker with a knack for bringing the past alive."

