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ACROSS THE USA: NEWS FROM EVERY STATE**SECTION:** NEWS; Pg. 8A**LENGTH:** 3848 words**DATELINE:** ALABAMA HUNTSVILLE

Alan Keyes - head of citizen watchdog group in Washington, D.C. - today becomes interim head of Alabama A&M University. He replaces Carl Marbury - who quit Friday after 3-year tenure that was marred by accusations of impropriety. ... BIRMINGHAM - City Council Tuesday will weigh \$ 20,000 settlement in \$ 100,000 police brutality claim filed by Erica Arrington - Mayor Arrington's daughter.

ALASKA

FORT GREELY - Battalion of 600 soldiers has been restricted to quarters here, Fort **Richardson** in Anchorage until case of 6 grenades is found, Army officials said. Box disappeared during last week's Arctic Warrior training exercise. ... KODIAK - Coast Guard searched for fishing vessel that reported it was "going over." Other vessels in area were reporting icing problems, 15-ft. seas, 40-knot winds.

ARIZONA

PHOENIX - Lobbyist Rich Scheffel, who confessed to bribery-conspiracy charge, put house on market, possibly to help pay expected \$ 100,000 fine, observers say. He is expected to testify against 16 other lobbyists, lawmakers, activists. ... TUCSON - Environmental group Earth First! says it will continue providing counsel for co-founder Dave Foreman, charged with conspiring to sabotage nuclear plants.

ARKANSAS

LITTLE ROCK - State Education Board today votes on plan to extend school year for teachers to 190 days from 185. Budget woes delayed it 1 year. ... DAMASCUS - Court backlog has forced delay to Feb. 22 - from this Friday - in child-abuse hearing of Julia Walters. She's accused of allowing abuse of stepson, Steven, 4 - who died of blow to head Feb. 5, '90. Her husband, Earl, was convicted for manslaughter in December.

CALIFORNIA

OAKLAND - Bay Vision 2020 has proposed 4-year regional government with powers to ban developments deemed detrimental to Bay area. Body then would be replaced by permanent agency to protect area's quality of life. ... SACRAMENTO - Victims, witnesses to hate crimes will report experiences at forum Thursday. Forum comes on heel of bill filed by Lt. Gov. Leo McCarthy increasing hate-crime penalties..

COLORADO

DENVER - 1st out-of-state recruiting program to hire 600 blacks for next 5 years is planned, Denver police department says. Local ads will also be placed. 700-800 officers will be lost during time by attrition, retirement, it says. ... REDSTONE - Dutch Creek coal mine won't reopen, Mid-Continent Resources, Inc. spokeswoman said. It closed Jan.

25 due to debts. 433 miners are demanding status of benefits, 60 days' notice. Firm says closing complies with law.

CONNECTICUT

HARTFORD - Gov. Weicker will unveil \$ 7.7 billion budget Wednesday - 1 week earlier than planned. Included: \$ 1 billion in new revenue, over \$ 800 million in cuts. ... BERLIN - Northeast Utilities has picked up 9,429 refrigerators since October; expects to pick up 12,000 in '91 in free recycling program. Cited: Removal of PCBs, other changes help keep electric costs down; save landfill space.

DELAWARE

FENWICK ISLAND - Public hearing is Feb. 28 on proposed 332-home resort community on 96-acres on Little Assawoman Bay. It's developer's 3rd plan in 6 years. Foes say it will add to traffic problems on state Rte. 54. ... DOVER - Gov. Castle is weighing cuts in state public works projects due to state's tight financial situation. Options: delaying volunteer firefighter training, equipment purchases for college science labs.

D.C.

Federal government must bear part of blame for city's \$ 300 million deficit, head of Metropolitan Washington Council AFL-CIO Joslyn Williams said. Cited: City's services to federal government has increased while federal payment hasn't since '85. ... Deadline is Tuesday for entering poster, theme contest for July 27-28 Latino Festival, organizers say. Festival will honor city's 200th anniversary.

FLORIDA

FORT LAUDERDALE - Over 100 proposed changes to state laws on condominiums will be presented to lawmakers in March by state Condominium Study Commission. Goal: Make condos more democratically run, open to public scrutiny. ... OCALA - Lawyer has been hired by 3 sheriff's investigators, prosecution witness Tyria Moore to get movie contract. Moore was ex-lover of Aileen Wuornos, woman suspected in serial killings of 7 men. Proceeds will aid victims' assistance fund, they said. ... WINTER HAVEN - Investigators are searching for links in fires set intentionally at 6 churches here; 3 in Gainesville, Orlando. 7 of them were last week.

GEORGIA

COLUMBUS - James Caldwell, 44, received life sentence for rape-murder of daughter, 12; stabbing of son, 10, in '88. He was found guilty Saturday in state's 1st capital murder trial that hinged on DNA evidence. ... ATLANTA - State would get \$ 30 million less in federal aid under new 5-year highway program proposed by President Bush, state officials say. Blamed: federal deficit.

HAWAII

HONOLULU - Diamond Head look-out area now is off limits from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. to prevent vandalism, drinking, noise, traffic hazards - like double parking. City started ban Sunday. ... PEARL CITY - Nuclear Regulatory Agency will fine Fewell Geotechnical Engineering \$ 20,000 for not providing accurate data on radiation safety, officials say. Violations did not endanger public, president Dick Fewell says.

IDAHO

BOISE - Gov. Andrus' plan to pump \$ 50 million annually into road, bridge work will be unveiled Tuesday to House panel. Proposal calls for 6c fuel tax hike - to 24c per gal. - doubling car registration fees effective April 1. ... FORT HALL - Levying taxes on Fort Hall Indian Reservation could begin as early as June 1, Shoshone-Bannock officials say. Tax revenues would finance education, jobs, other reservation programs.

ILLINOIS

CHICAGO - State needs 13 new prisons in next 5 years, should use work release, boot camps, electronic monitoring to relieve worsening inmate crowding, says state prison system report. State led USA with 21% prison population growth in '90. ... WEST CHICAGO - 100 workers at Navistar International Corp. plant end 10-day strike today. Workers OK'd

3-year contract on Saturday. ... EAST ST. LOUIS - City Council committee meets today in wake of charges by black president of police union that Police Chief Isadore Chambers - who is black - used racism, intimidation with 11 white officers. Chambers wasn't available for comment.

INDIANA

INDIANAPOLIS - State Sen. Virginia Blankenbaker said she'll run for GOP nomination to become city's 1st female mayor. Primary is May 7. ... EVANSVILLE - Lockyear College has gotten out-of-town group to provide part of \$ 450,000 school needs by Tuesday to stay open, President Tony Payne said. Over 180 college employees weren't paid last week. Payne said he will meet today with another potential benefactor.

IOWA

DES MOINES - 112,000 GTE Telephone customers in 276 towns across state will get refund on phone bills. State has OK'd \$ 6 million rate increase; firm had proposed, implemented \$ 11 million hike in August. Increase is \$ 3.83 monthly. ... BURLINGTON - Edward Harlman - who state officials say is state's oldest resident - celebrates 111th birthday Tuesday at Elm View Care Center.

KANSAS

TOPEKA - State cleared way for farmers to use permethrin - banned for use in most circumstances by EPA - on wheat crop to curb army cutworms. State declared larvae's munching of crop's roots is "crisis." ... COLBY - Thomas County Sheriff Tom Jones added 2 metallic blue Camaros with gold shields on doors to fleet. Cited: cost less to buy, operate, have higher trade-in value than conventional patrol cars.

KENTUCKY

WICKLIFFE - Cleanup of 7 derailed tanker cars - 2 leaking antifreeze, oil - will take 2 more days, state disaster official said. No injuries were reported. Cause is being probed in crash that pushed cars into Ohio River Saturday. ... FRANKFORT - State House votes Tuesday on drunken-driving bill that would make it illegal to drive with blood-alcohol level of 0.1% or more; move power to suspend licenses from state to judges.

LOUISIANA

NEW ORLEANS - 20 volunteers will hand out 20,000 beads with condoms attached during Mardi Gras at French Quarter Tuesday. 1 million revelers are expected. Bars were stocked with information on AIDS. ... NEW IBERIA - Hospital panel will meet Monday to discuss probe of Jan. 25 death of cancer patient Gladys Robichaux, 67. She may have been given lethal injection, The Daily Iberian said.

MAINE

LEBANON - Town's 100 street lights will be shut off today. Residents OK'd plan - to save \$ 4,200 over 6 months - at town meeting Saturday. Dark streets may put elderly at risk, foes say. ... AUGUSTA - "12,000 Years in Maine" - 6,000-sq.-ft. exhibit on state's native peoples that took 2 years to prepare - will open month late on May 18, director said. Blamed: Budget cuts.

MARYLAND

BALTIMORE - Meeting is Tuesday to finalize plans by 20 Baptist ministers for police ride-alongs. Goal: view city crime firsthand to develop community anti-crime strategies. ... ANNAPOLIS - Random **drug** testing of 13,000 state workers in sensitive positions will begin soon, officials say. Positive test result could lead to 15-day suspension without pay, loss of job.

MASSACHUSETTS

BOSTON - Plan to allow parents here, in Worcester to pick schools - even outside district - at district expense received backing of Gov. Weld, state Senate President William Bulger. ... LOWELL - Program in which 53 blind workers here, in Cambridge, Springfield make brooms, other supplies for state has been given 1 year to find private backer. Gov.

Weld had sought to save \$ 300,000 savings by cutting it in May.

MICHIGAN

LANSING - Cutting size of state government - not new programs - is expected to be focus of Gov. Engler's 1st State of State speech today, officials say. ...

HURON VALLEY - Residents vote today on \$ 48 million bond issue to build grade school for 500 pupils; middle school for 700 pupils. Cited: increasing enrollment.

MINNESOTA

MINNETONKA - Alliant Techsystems - which makes tank, artillery shells used in Persian Gulf - will meet production requirement for Operation Desert Shield despite strike by 1,300 workers, officials say. Workers voted Saturday to strike due to pay, contract dispute. ... WASECA - State House panel today holds public hearing on plan to phase out University of Minnesota's 2-year agricultural college here by '92.

MISSISSIPPI

BAY ST. LOUIS - Peoples Federal Savings Bank branches will be open today but customers will be unable to borrow. Federal regulators have seized control; bank will be sold. Blamed: insufficient capital, management woes. ... CORINTH - \$ 4 million HUD grant was given to city Housing Authority for plan to build 30 new public housing units, fix 60 units, add security. Goal: aid safety; help tenants rise above public housing.

MISSOURI

KANSAS CITY - Jury selection starts today for Ray Copeland, 76 - accused of killing 5 transients in cattle-buying scheme. Appeals court rejected defense motion to remove Judge Richard Webber - who refused plea bargain to spare Copeland; wife, Faye, 69, from death sentence. ... ST. LOUIS - Democratic Women's Club raised \$ 1,000 for James S. McDonnell USO from selling pins made of USA flags, yellow ribbons.

MONTANA

HELENA - Dog nabbed by animal control officer Curt McAlpin was claimed by owners - who say she wasn't gone long enough to be shepherd that has intimidated pedestrians for 2 months. Problem: Most-wanted dog recognizes McAlpin, runs away. ... COLUMBIA FALLS - Town gets new community center in March, thanks to Sybil and "Stocky" Stockslager. They left \$ 455,000 estate to hospital. Hospital will donate \$ 55,000 for center.

NEBRASKA

LINCOLN - Lancaster County Board is taking applications for replacement for Sheriff Ron Tussing, 44. He's leaving to become chief of State Patrol. Board has 45 days to name new sheriff. ... COLUMBUS - 3-month trial run of Jen Gustafson's Project Hope starts today to help it qualify for federal grant. Series of 24 two-hour classes are designed to help mothers get off welfare, return to work.

NEVADA

CARSON CITY - It'll cost \$ 45,000 to make copies of 800,000 to 1 million state records subpoenaed by state Senate panel, trucks to haul them there but agency chiefs will comply within 1 week, Gov. Miller's chief of staff said. Panel is studying state's high health care costs. ... RENO - Memorial service is today for Russell Sheldon, 67, who played "Uncle Happy" on Uncle Happy Playhouse TV show from 1958-67. He died Thursday of cancer.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

CONCORD - Panel may be formed today to monitor rate talks between state Electric Cooperative, Public Service Co. of New Hampshire, says state Senate President Edward Dupont. Cited: Talks affect rates, shouldn't be private. ... RYE - Funeral will be Wednesday for hotelier William Dunfey - strategist for President Kennedy in '60, President Johnson in '64; Robert Kennedy in '68. He died of cancer Saturday at 65.

NEW JERSEY

NEWARK - Pink slips given to 439 Essex County workers Friday will take effect this Friday for some, March 29 for others, officials say. Blamed: state's new 4.5% limit on tax hikes. Layoffs, hiring freeze will save county \$ 20 million in '91. ... FAIRFIELD - 6,200 meat cutters, clerks, deli workers at 400 stores reached tentative contract with Foodtown, Grand Union, Pathmark, ShopRite, stores said. Voting ends Feb. 28.

NEW MEXICO

LAS CRUCES - Hundreds of people attended Mass on 1st anniversary of bowling alley robbery-shootings that killed 4, wounded 3. Killed: Amy Houser, 13; Valerie Teran, 2, Paula Holguin, 6, their father Steve Teran. 2 suspects remain at large. ... SANTA FE - 30 state senators climbed, jumped, swung from ropes at weekend retreat. Exercises, discussions will ease tension that's part of every legislative session, officials said.

NEW YORK

ALBANY - State is ready for tax revolt, Conservative Party chairman Michael Long said. He's running 2-day meeting of rejuvenated party leaders. Party - close 3rd in '90 governor's race - is launching petition drive to fight new taxes. ... EAST ROCKAWAY - Unidentified day-old baby - found in St. Raymond's Church - is in good condition at Nassau County Medical Center, officials said... LAKE PLACID - 1 person is missing in fire at Olympic training hotel - Webber's All-Sports Inn, officials said. Nearly 100 firefighters battled fire for 5 hours at 3-story inn Saturday.

NORTH CAROLINA

ALAMANCE - Bill to make clogging official state dance is to be introduced today by state Rep. Bertha Merrill. Shoe-shuffling dance is traditional folk art in mountain regions. Cloggers will present demonstration Wednesday. ... RALEIGH - Sale of timber would increase in 3 state forests by 18% - to keep pace with demand - under U.S. Forest Service budget proposal, officials say. Environmentalists oppose plan.

NORTH DAKOTA

FARGO - City Commission today considers funding alternatives for \$ 17 million in 11 major street projects over 7 years. Options: local gas tax; half-cent city sales tax; property tax levy, special assessments. ... BISMARCK - National Guard Week begins today. Lt. Gov. Omdahl will lead noon ceremony to state Capitol to honor soldiers in Persian Gulf. Activities continue through week.

OHIO

CINCINNATI - School Board today is expected to OK \$ 14.6 million cost-cutting plan that includes firing 179 teachers, 5 of 7 members said. Cited: fiscal woes. ... CLEVELAND - Final arguments are this week in suit - filed by ACLU for 5 members of Americans United for Separation of Church and State - charging that city gave Catholic diocese special deal to run Cleveland Hopkins Intl. Airport chapel.

OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA CITY - Benjamin Demps, 56, starts today as state Dept. of Human Services director. On agenda: cut in 700 of agency's 13,700 full-time jobs. ... TULSA - Children in public housing can study evenings at Drop-In Learning Center equipped with computers, officials say. Goal: reduce dropouts. Center is backed by school district, area businesses.

OREGON

SALEM - Counselors meet with employees of district attorney's office today to discuss ways to deal with stress caused by Friday attempt on Dep. Dist. Atty. Curt Conover's life. Michael Galloway, 37, was charged with firing 4 shots at Conover. He missed. ... PORTLAND - State liquor taxes, fees totaled \$ 10.4 million in December, officials said. Most goes into state's general fund.

PENNSYLVANIA

DELTA - Injured Peach Bottom nuclear plant worker was rushed to hospital without contamination check, forcing utility to declare emergency, said spokesman for Philadelphia Electric Co. Worker fell 8 ft. while working on tubing. ... HARRISBURG - State Senate faces deadline today for OK'ing judicial disciplinary bill to get it on May ballot. Proposal would replace state Judicial Inquiry and Review Board with more public Judicial Conduct Board.

RHODE ISLAND

PROVIDENCE - Classes resume today at Central Falls Junior-Senior High - closed Friday after sewer gas sickened 22 students, teachers. Blocked ventilation pipe had caused gas buildup. ... JAMESTOWN - Grigory Lysenko - 500-ft. Soviet herring processing ship docked near Jamestown Bridge - is expected to salt, freeze, can 6,000 tons of fish caught by local fishermen before it sails home in mid-March, officials said.

SOUTH CAROLINA

CHARLESTON - 2 Democrats, 2 Republicans are seeking their party's nod in Tuesday vote for state House seat vacated by McKinley Washington - elected to state Senate in November. Election is April 2. ... COLUMBIA - Bus drivers will assign students seats on school buses starting today in Richland County School District 1. Catalyst: misbehavior on buses. Violation of seating assignment could bar student from riding bus.

SOUTH DAKOTA

DELL RAPIDS - Minnehaha County Sheriff's Dept. is investigating reports of abuse of residents at Odd Fellow and Rebekah Fraternal Home. KELO-TV reported unnamed male aide abused 2 female nursing home residents over past 18 months. No charges have been filed. ... HILL CITY - Artwork from Soviet students goes on display at Hill City Middle School this month. Elementary pupils here will reciprocate, send their work later this year.

TENNESSEE

NASHVILLE - Judge will decide Friday who is rightful owner of furnishings from Alamo's Music Square Church - auctioned Thursday - once owned by fugitive minister Tony Alamo. Officials Friday stopped members from taking items. ... MEMPHIS - Black leadership summit planned by state Rep. Harold Ford for late this month to pick candidate to oppose Mayor Dick Hackett smacks of separatism, Criminal Court Clerk Minerva Johnican says.

TEXAS

RIO GRANDE CITY - Hector Perez, 35 - Starr County justice of peace, ex- deputy sheriff - appears before U.S. Magistrate today on charges he tried to sell 150 lbs. of marijuana to undercover agents. ... AUSTIN - University of Texas officials froze hiring, cut non-salary budgets in effort to comply with law that reduces spending. UT budget cuts: \$ 2.5 million. ... Scouts', Explorers' annual report to governor lists 5 "unacceptables": **drug** abuse, child abuse, illiteracy, unemployment, hunger.

UTAH

OGDEN - Information meetings are today for 684 Hill AFB civilian workers who got layoff notices Friday, base officials say. Budget constraints are blamed. Counseling, job training will be provided, state says. ... SALT LAKE CITY - Kyle Kopitke, 33 - near-miss challenger for Salt Lake County assessor's office in '90 - says he'll seek Democratic Party's nod to challenge U.S. Sen. Garn.

VERMONT

MONTPELIER - 1 in 4 people sentenced to state jails are under house arrest - not in prison - official said. Cited: 1,100 prisoners, 831 spaces - including 234 in gyms. Prison officials want 300 beds this year, 200 more by '95. ... SHERBURNE - Killington Ski Area's Parker's Gore is "premiere" black bear habitat, resort's expert said, reversing long-held stand. Ski area - readying merger with Pico resort - is giving 4,000 acres to state for bear preservation.

VIRGINIA

POWHATAN - Search resumes today for more remains of child whose skull, spine were found Wednesday, police say. State medical examiners say remains belonged to child 4-6

years old. ... **SPRINGFIELD** - Appeal is expected to be filed today by **Straight Inc. - whose drug-treatment center here, in Chesapeake have been ordered closed by state inspector. Cited: 76 licensing violations, including not having emergency numbers on all phones.**

WASHINGTON

OLYMPIA - State Patrol this week begins conducting criminal probe of Automated Client Eligibility System staff - firm trying to computerize state welfare system. Gov. Gardner ordered probe after ACES re-estimated cost of project to \$ 28 million from \$ 10 million. ... SPOKANE - Sacred Heart Medical Center must pay \$ 1.2 million to Ricky Caddy, 6, who was dropped on his head by nurse when he was 3 days old. Boy now is blind, retarded, doctors say.

WEST VIRGINIA

CHARLESTON - Task force on funding for state's 3 medical schools today reviews plan for creation of single medical school system. Plan goes to Gov. Caperton Wednesday. ... HUNTINGTON - City Council today considers applying state's business and occupation tax to manufacturers. City had exempted manufacturers from tax 20 years ago to lure them to area.

WISCONSIN

ELKHORN - Accident records will be studied to decide where to put sobriety checkpoints in Walworth County, officials said. Police around Memorial Day weekend will begin pulling over motorists randomly to look for drunken drivers. ... MILWAUKEE - Police hope to interview baby sitter who reported Thursday that Farra Feciskonin, 5 months, had stopped breathing. Authorities Friday ruled Farra's death homicide due to head trauma.

WYOMING

CHEYENNE - Officials from 12 communities seeking to be site for \$ 43 million, 500-bed prison testify today before state House panel. Senate has chosen Glenrock for facility to ease prison crowding. Gain: 100 jobs. ... CASPER - U.S. Sen. Simpson holds 2-hour town meeting here Tuesday. Meeting is to give constituents time to discuss what's on their minds.

PUERTO RICO

COAMO - Popular Democratic Party elected Alfonso Lopez Chaar to assume House of Representatives seat left by Severo Colberg - who died Dec. 26; Pedro Padilla to assume Colberg's seat on party governing board. ... CABO ROJO - 18 undocumented immigrants who had entered island by boat were captured over weekend in Rincon; 150 kilos of cocaine were found floating on area waters over weekend, police say.

TERRITORIES

GUAM - Earthquake measuring 5.8 on Richter scale rocked island, knocked items off shelves, U.S. Geological Survey reported. There were no reports of injuries. Quake was centered 150 miles northeast, near Saipan. ... VIRGIN ISLANDS - Senate President Virdin Brown's proposal for territory-wide rezoning moratorium has run into trouble with St. Croix island senators who want island left out. Sen. John Tutein says it would frighten away developers.

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