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## U.S., state on alert for Okla. bomb anniversary

By Anthony Glimo and Alan D. Fischer  
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Federal and state officials nationwide are on alert this weekend on the eve of the second anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing.

But one local terrorism expert said he wouldn't be surprised if the anniversary passed without incident because of increased attention on anti-government activities.

"I don't think [another attack will occur] at this time. These people are maladjusted and lunatics, but they are not all stupid," said Robert C. Kohler, a Tucson resident and former assistant director of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith.

Still, security measures at federal buildings in Tucson remain tight, as they have since a bomb tore apart the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma and killed 168 people — including 19 children — on April 19, 1995.

Jury selection is under way in Denver in the trial of Timothy McVeigh, charged in the bombing.

While the focus of international attention shifts on the trial and bombing anniversary, there is added significance in Arizona because of numerous local connections to the case. See accompanying story.

Kohler said retaliation this weekend is unlikely, but vigilance against the threat of such attacks must be maintained.

"I don't think they would do it because the trial is coming, for fear they would affect the trial. The trial might then result in the conviction of their good colleague. They might back off," he said.

However, Joel Hreshin, Arizona regional director of the Anti-

## A.F. to suspend search for A-10 within five days

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — The military will suspend its search for a missing warplane "within five days" if there is no sign of the A-10 Thunderbolt II in the snow-covered peaks near Vail, Air Force Lt. Gen. Frank Campbell said yesterday.

Campbell said satellite and other surveillance will continue, and an "eyeball search" will resume as soon as the snow melts this summer. He spoke to reporters before returning to his duties as commanding officer of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

Capt. Craig Button took off from D-M on a routine training flight April 2, before heading for Colorado with four bombs aboard, Air Force officials have said.

Campbell is being replaced at the search headquarters in Eagle by Major Gen. Neke Banning, the vice commander at Davis-Monthan.

A C-130 used as a mobile command center also returned to D-M.

Surveillance by an SR-71 Blackbird turned up two more possible crash sites, but search commanders decided against sending ground teams to the site Wednesday afternoon. The danger of avalanches increases considerably under the warm, afternoon sun.

Air Force officials, meanwhile, continued to retrace their steps.

A U-2 spy plane was once again called in yesterday and witnesses were reinterviewed, but the mountains near the Vail ski resort have yet to reveal any trace of the missing jet.

Campbell said spy satellites detected an "infrared event" in the search area April 2, but he wouldn't elaborate on what that might have been. He said seismic monitoring devices in the area were checked but revealed no indication of a crash.

Ground and air searches had ruled out 14 possible crash sites by yesterday morning.

Officials have said 140 potential landing spots in the Southwest were being checked a second time for the missing plane.

Investigators have yet to uncover any evidence that Button was a member of any extremist group, Campbell said. Senior officers have also played down the possibility that Button was a victim of hypoxia, being overcome by fumes in his aircraft.

They said pilots are trained to deal with this condition, and spend time in a special chamber to simulate its effects.

Contract helicopter pilot Bud Bop, a Vietnam veteran, said victims of this condition might not recognize it. "They would feel euphoric, flying through these beautiful mountains. I sometimes feel high just looking at them."

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## Dole to lend Gingrich \$300,000 for his fine

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WASHINGTON — House Speaker Newt Gingrich announced yesterday that he would pay his \$300,000 fine to the House by borrowing the money from Bob Dole.

Dole called the loan "not only an opportunity to support a friend, but a long-term investment in the future of our party."

The terms of the loan must still be approved by the House ethics committee, which leveled the fine.

Under the plan announced yesterday, Gingrich would not have to pay a penny before 2005, two years after he plans to leave Congress. But he could receive the 10 percent annual interest, or part of the principal earlier if he wished.

Gingrich's lawyer, J. Randolph Evans, told reporters the speaker intends to repay the loan from anticipated earnings he anticipates after leaving Congress, not from money people might give him.

Evans said collateral would be provided, but he would not say what it would be or whether it would include the speaker's house in Georgia.

"All the parameters that would apply to a private personal loan from the bank down the street are going to be applied," Evans said.

The intervention of Dole, the former Senate leader whom the speaker called "a close personal friend of impeccable integrity," was the day's most stunning development.

Dole, the Republican presidential candidate last year, told reporters yesterday afternoon that he did it to "help the party and help Newt."

Although Republicans grumbled that Dole's campaign hurt them last fall, and House Republicans publicly contended he would lose, Dole's loyalty to his

## Tucson AIDS rate rises; new Pima cases decline

Staff and wire reports

The AIDS rate inched up in Tucson last year, doubled in Baton Rouge, La., fell by a third in Dallas and held steady in New York at the highest level in the nation, the government said yesterday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said it could not immediately explain the ups and downs but said the increases do not necessarily mean the disease is on the rise.

The numbers reflect all cases of AIDS that existed in those cities in 1996, not just the number of new cases diagnosed that year.

In Tucson, the rate of AIDS cases went from 16 per 100,000 people in 1995 to 20.4 per 100,000 in 1996.

That increase is likely due to more aggressive monitoring by Pima County health officials, said Denise Boyd of the Arizona Department of Health Services.

In the last year, Pima County has really been very active in trying to identify AIDS cases," Boyd said. "We call that active surveillance, and what these Centers for Disease Control numbers are reflecting is just enhanced surveillance."

New cases are a better indicator of whether the disease is on the rise, and those numbers seem to tell a different story in Pima County, Boyd said.

In 1996 in Pima County, 97 new AIDS cases were reported. Last year, 60 new cases were reported. The totals for both years will grow as more cases are reported to health officials, Boyd said.

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## Doctors with books reach out to kids

By Angella Pence  
The Arizona Daily Star

Read and then read some more to your baby.

That is, if you want your girl or boy to grow up sociable, healthy and much more likely to succeed in school.

"Success in school and life is tied to reading, and children who have their own books when they're young tend to come into reading much more quickly," said Bob Wortman, principal of Barton Magnet Primary School, 700 E. 22nd St.

On Wednesday, Hillary Rodham Clinton teamed up with pediatricians, hospitals and book publishers to promote making reading to infants and toddlers part of the nation's standard health care.

In Tucson, one hospital already has been prescribing books to its young patients.

For the past few months, small children, from infants to kindergartners, have been handed a book with every checkup at Kino Community Hospital.

Under the "Reach Out and Read" program — funded by

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