

# Reagan outspends Ford in early primary states

WASHINGTON — Republican challenger Ronald Reagan outspend President Ford last month in early primary states and had slightly better luck attracting private political contributions, the latest campaign finance reports show.

The gap was most evident in Florida, site of the nation's third presidential primary on March 9. Reagan spent \$152,126 there during January, nearly four times the

\$42,586 put out by the Ford campaign.

Reports received Wednesday by the Federal Election Commission showed Reagan outspending the incumbent in these other primary states where the two clash in February and March:

New Hampshire, \$49,623 for Reagan to \$40,585 for Ford; Massachusetts, \$58,727 to \$14,630; Illinois, \$66,012 to \$47,327; and North Carolina, \$61,342 to \$32,574.

In total expenditures for the

month, Reagan's campaign spent \$1.25 million to \$723,512 for Ford, but at month's end Ford's campaign had \$692,475 cash on hand to \$53,156 for Reagan's.

For all of last year, Reagan raised \$1.93 million and spent \$1.51 million, while Ford raised \$1.69 million and spent \$1.47 million.

On the contribution side, Reagan pulled in \$786,627 in private funds to \$708,274 for Ford. The President's side, however, had more of its contributions qualify for matching fund certification and took in \$492,907 in government checks, compared with \$100,000 for Reagan.

The reports are the first in a series of monthly disclosures required under the new federal election law.

Not all the Democratic candidates' reports had yet been received by the FEC.

Meanwhile, there were these political developments Wednesday: —Sen. Henry M. Jackson led other Democratic candidates in Alaska precinct caucuses, although most party members remained uncommitted.

With less than 25 per cent of the results in, Jackson had 35 per cent of the delegates, former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter had 10 per cent and 55 per cent were listed as uncommitted.

—Reagan continued his campaign in New Hampshire, where his strategists said they were encouraged after Ford's campaign swing through the state last weekend. "Ford did not help himself by coming up here," said Hugh Gregg, Reagan's state chairman. Gregg said he has revised his prediction that Reagan will get 40 per cent of the vote to "something higher than that."

Gregg said Ford "may have even hurt himself" by the visit, citing a Ford aide's comment that campaigning is hard in the state because 40 miles outside a city "there's nothing but trees and bears."

John Michels, Ford's state chair-

man, said Gregg "is nuts" if he believes that. "The visit was a plus. It's helped us and it's given us a lot of support," Michels said.

—Jackson called for a tougher American foreign policy and said in Springfield, Mass., he will "maintain a voice in the U.N. like that we have had in Daniel Patrick Moynihan."

The Democratic candidate, launching a three-day swing through Massachusetts, said the United States needed "sensible strength" to back up its diplomatic efforts. He criticized the Ford administration's efforts at detente, terming the policy a "great coverup" that works to the Soviet Union's advantage.

—Unsuccessful 1972 Democratic presidential candidate Sen. George McGovern said in Salt Lake City his supporters have the power to withhold the Democratic nomination from anyone he considers unacceptable.

"No one will win the nomination without the support of the McGovern people," the South Dakota Democrat said. He said his supporters do not have the power to pick the nominee, "but can prevent anyone we consider unacceptable from gaining the nomination."

## Today in history

# 1809: Abe Lincoln born

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Today is Thursday, Feb. 12, the 43rd day of 1976. There are 323 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:  
On this date in 1809, Abraham Lincoln was born in what was then Hardin County, Kentucky.

On this date:  
In 1554, Lady Jane Grey, who had been Queen of England for ten days, was beheaded after being charged with treason.

In 1733, English colonists led by James Oglethorpe landed at Savannah, Ga.

In 1870, all women in the Utah Territory were granted full suffrage.

In 1912, China became a republic as the Manchu Dynasty was overthrown by Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

In 1914, ground was broken for the Lincoln Memorial in Washington.

In 1971, eight U.S. helicopters were shot down while on missions over the Indochina Kingdom of Laos.

Ten years ago: Vice President Hubert Humphrey left Saigon for other Asian capitals after predicting eventual victory over the Communists and over poverty, disease and illiteracy in South Vietnam.

Five years ago: U.S. scientists began inspection of 96 pounds of rocks brought back from the moon by

the Apollo 14 astronauts.

One year ago: Britain's Queen Elizabeth asked for a \$1 million increase in her living allowance because of rising expenses.

Today's birthdays: Actor Lorne Green is 61. Interior decorator William Pahlmann is 70.

Thought for today: I claim not to

have controlled events, but plainly that events have controlled me — Abraham Lincoln.

Bicentennial footnote: hundred years ago today, the 16th Congress in Philadelphia commended that Pennsylvania, New Jersey send men to the defense of New York City.



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## Remains of Houston child identified as Courtney Heath

HOUSTON — Bill Heath stared at the floor of the Harris County Morgue as he waited to identify personal effects that once belonged to his brown-haired 6-year-old daughter.

Heath, 37, a former Houston Astros catcher, identified an ear ring which he had purchased for his daughter in Honduras. He also confirmed a white gown and a robe with the name "Courtney" embroidered on it.

"I've prepared myself for it," he said. "It's better to know even if it is bad."

Medical authorities said Wednesday the skeletal remains found in a logging camp south of Palestine were positively identified as those of Courtney Lea Heath, who had been missing since Nov. 14, the day her mother was found strangled in their Houston apartment.

The items identified by Heath were found when the remains were discovered Thursday in Anderson County in the East Texas logging country.

Courtney disappeared the day her mother, Patty Lou Heath, 32, was found strangled in the apartment where she and the daughter resided since her divorce from Heath.

Investigators have theorized Courtney was abducted by her mother's slayer. They also believe that Mrs. Heath knew her assailant in that there was no evidence of forced entry to the apartment.

Dr. Joseph Jachimczyk, Harris County medical examiner, positively identified the bones found in the six-inch deep grave as those of the missing child.

He said the girl died from the head with a blunt instrument. He said the condition of the indicated she could have been the same day as her mother, perhaps a few days later.

Anderson County Sheriff Herrington said a logger recently discovered the skeletal remains of the child.

The logger also found the notified the sheriff's office. Officers found the skull about 50 feet from where it was discovered.

The Harris County sheriff said no arrests were pending. However, Sheriff Jack "in all probability we will be notifying an individual about did not elaborate.

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