News roundup

World
Iraqis offer aid to Iranian minorities — President Saddam Hussein of Iraq has offered to arm minorities in Iran, in an attempt to create dissention within that country. In a speech broadcast over Baghdad radio, Hussein said, “We are ready to extend all types of aid including guns to those Iranian people so they may achieve their national rights and establish good neighborly relations with Iraq.”

Nation
Justice Department to pay for civil rights violations — Under terms of an agreement negotiated during the Carter Administration and approved by the Reagan Administration, the Justice Department has agreed to pay five persons $10,000 each for violations of their civil rights by actions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation during the early 1970’s. The payments are in settlement of lawsuits initiated in Federal District Court in Manhattan in 1977. The agreement was confirmed by the executive assistant US attorney for the Southern District, Patricia N. Hynes.

Teenage sexual activity increasing — Four out of five American males and two out of three American females have engaged in sexual intercourse by the time they reach age 19, according to results of a study issued by an organization affiliated with Planned Parenthood. This study indicates that there has been a two-thirds increase in those teenagers reported to be sexually active since 1970. The study also confirmed that although more teens are not using contraceptives, nearly two-thirds of the women surveyed admitted to practicing birth control either infrequently or never.

Weather
Winds and very cold today. Skies will be variable, cloudy with some sun but with the possibility of a flurry or two. West winds will make highs in the low 30’s seem even colder. Winds will diminish a bit tonight, but expect uncomfortable conditions with lows near 20. A few periods of light-snow are possible overnight. For Wednesday, winds will diminish and there will be more sun. Highs will be in the mid-30’s. Very cold tomorrow night with lows in the upper teens.

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