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Today, mostly cloudy, high 33. Tonight, cloudy with snow showers possible late, low 18. Tomorrow, cloudy with flurries or show showers, temperatures falling through the teens.



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Ukraine to retire nuclear weapons

President Clinton offered more economic and security aid in return for the elimination of nuclear arms.

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KIEV, Ukraine — President Clinton and Ukrainian President Leonid M. Kravchuk yesterday hailed an agreement to eliminate the third-largest nuclear arsenal in the world by the end of the century. Clinton offered increased economic assistance and security guarantees.

After a short airport meeting with Kravchuk, Clinton said the accord would be signed in Moscow by them and Russian President Boris Yeltsin on tomorrow.

But there is strong opposition from some Ukrainian lawmakers. "Kravchuk's desire to relinquish all nuclear weapons is in opposition to parliament's position," said lawmaker Les Tanyuk. "As president he can take such a step, but then it's up to parliament to decide whether to ratify it."

"Yeltsin and Clinton are pushing Kravchuk into a huge conflict with parliament," said Bogdan Goryn, a member of the parliament's foreign affairs committee.

From Kiev, Clinton flew to the Russian capital for a summit meeting clouded by rising discontent over Yeltsin's reform programs and uncertainty about how much more money the United States could provide.

Clinton arrived at the Moscow airport a little before 1 a.m. local time. He was greeted in light snow by a delegation including Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin and was handed a bouquet of flowers by a woman in the group. He made no statement before leaving for his hotel.

Clinton said earlier his "urgent task" in Moscow would be to press for reform and against growing nationalism.

Yesterday in the Czech capital of Prague, Clinton won reluctant approval from the leaders of Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia for his Partnership for Peace program. They had wanted full membership in NATO but accepted the offer of a cooperative arrangement as a first step.

At a joint news conference with Kravchuk, who wanted the Kiev stopover as a prestige boost, Clinton said Ukraine could count on assurances from Washington, D.C. and Moscow that it would not be attacked with nuclear weapons.



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Say ah!

Karl Fichthorn (senior-administration of justice) plays with his dog, Alex, in the falling snow. The pair were wrestling yesterday on the HUB lawn.

Clinton OKs investigation

Republicans still not satisfied with Whitewater proceedings

By JOHN KING
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Clinton reluctantly gave in yesterday to relentless political pressure for a special counsel to investigate his 1980s real estate investment with a controversial Arkansas businessman.

Attorney General Janet Reno quickly said she would comply with the request and name an independent investigator "as soon as possible."

While vehemently denying that the Clintons had done anything wrong — or that the appointment was even necessary — the White House said the controversy over the Whitewater Development Corp. investment had left Clinton little choice but to drop his opposition to a special counsel.

"The Clintons have been subjected to a barrage of innuendo, political posturing and irresponsible accusations," said White House adviser George Stephanopoulos. He said that even many of the Republicans demanding an investigation were predicting the Clintons would be exonerated.

"Nevertheless, the president believes that it is important to take whatever steps he can to assure complete confidence in the federal law enforcement system ... even if the factual justification for special measures is entirely lacking," Stephanopoulos said.

"He believes the integrity of high officials must be without question. Above all, he believes it is critical that his administration not be distracted in any way from the vital issues facing the American people," Stephanopoulos said of Clinton.

The dramatic reversal by the White House, which for weeks has opposed Republican calls for a special counsel investigation, was

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welcomed by Democrats who were growing increasingly critical of the administration's handling of the matter — and increasingly worried the issue was developing into a major political embarrassment for the president.

"It is my clear hope that the president's decision will cut off any further suggestion that the president or the first lady have been anything but forthcoming on this matter," said House Speaker Thomas Foley, D-Wash.

But the White House move did not mollify Republicans, who after weeks of demanding that Reno name a special counsel reacted to the White House decision by questioning whether her pick would be impartial.

Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole said the fact that Reno was acting at Clinton's request indicated "she's not in effect an independent attorney general. The president ought to be free and clear of this. It's clear he's calling the shots." Dole said that lawmakers would not tolerate "any perception of a whitewash."

Meanwhile, FBI agents have been working on the ongoing Justice Department probe of Whitewater. Clerks at the Marion County, Ark., Courthouse said FBI agents went to the courthouse briefly last month, while a real estate salesman, Chris Wade, said he turned over documents to agents.

Reno said she knew her pick would be subject to such second-guessing but said forcefully: "The person I choose I want to be ruggedly independent."

Court closes Citadel gates to female student

By BRUCE SMITH
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CHARLESTON, S.C. — The gates of The Citadel opened just long enough yesterday for Shannon Faulkner to register as the first female to attend day classes with cadets, then closed again when nation's top judge blocked her from attending classes.

At the request of the 151-year-old military college, U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist granted a stay to keep Faulkner from attending classes today.

"The significance is not so much that the injunction has been delayed for three or four days. The significance is that the Supreme Court is taking this issue very seriously," said Dawes Cooke, the school's attorney.

The Citadel and Virginia Military Institute

are the nation's only all-male, state-supported military colleges. Admissions policies at both are the target of federal lawsuits.

Faulkner, 18, wouldn't talk to reporters after the stay was issued, one of her lawyers, Suzanne Coe, said.

"Shannon's crying. You don't see Shannon crying at all," Coe said. "It's understandable, the kid's dreams just got smashed another time."

Coe said she expected to file the briefs in the case by Friday. If the Supreme Court does not lift the stay by Monday, Ms. Coe said she would recommend that Faulkner enroll again at the University of South Carolina-Spartanburg, where she took classes last semester.

Earlier, Faulkner, who plans to major in education, walked several hundred yards through a driving rain and a horde of reporters

to register in Bond Hall, the turreted administration building that dominates one end of The Citadel's parade ground.

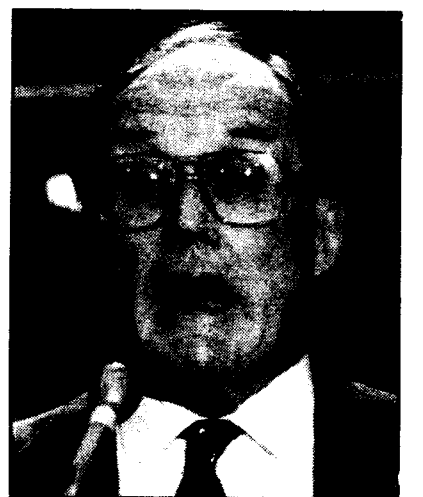
"I didn't expect all of this and I didn't really expect to be here," Faulkner said as she advanced through the crush to meet her academic adviser, register and pay tuition. "I actually expected the battle to be a lot longer."

She said she was treated nicely by college officials and signed up for biology, math, English, history and education. But she said she felt "overwhelmed" by the attention.

"Everybody is saying, 'You're making history,'" she said.

Though cadets promised to treat her with respect, they kept hoping for a last-minute reprieve.

"We don't want the class of 1994 to be labeled Please see CITADEL, Page 12.



AP Photo

William Rehnquist barred woman from Citadel classes

'Here's the story:' Brady boy to hit campus

By JOHN LINCOSKI
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Twenty years ago, a rumor was born. The burning question: Did Greg Brady have a "thang" with Mrs. Brady?

Next week — and 20 years later — we will finally be able to put this rumor to rest. And the answer will come right from the source himself.

That's right, Barry Williams, a.k.a. Greg Brady, will speak on Jan. 20 at 8 p.m. in Schwab Auditorium. Williams will dish out plenty of juicy Brady gossip and teach the grooviest Brady dance moves, promised his agent Bret Scott.

Free tickets for the event will be distributed at the HUB desk starting at 8 a.m. today, said Elliot Dowling, Colloquy president. Colloquy and the department of integrative arts are sponsoring the event.

Dubbed "everyone's favorite Brady" by both his agent and Dowling, Williams will present a multimedia lecture and performance called "Growing Up Brady: I Was a Teenage Greg." The event will be chock-full of classic Brady clips, Brady history and, of course, Brady dirt.

Scott, who calls the presentation "one of the funniest things I have ever seen," said the show has been a success at other venues. Williams has drawn more-than-capacity crowds at the University of Southern Illinois and other dates on his lecture tour.

"For me, I grew up worshipping (Greg Brady), he was everyone's older brother," said Dowling, explaining Williams' appeal.

But Brady fan Shane Swiderski (junior-computer science) said he wasn't sure if he would go see Williams.

"I'm into the classic episodes, not in what the Brady's are doing now," Swiderski said, adding that Jan was his favorite Brady.

Williams, who is also the author of the book *Growing Up Brady: I Was a Teenage Greg*, has continued to act since his Brady years, appearing in *Man of La Mancha*, *Pippin* and recently in *City of Angels*.

Williams' performance represents a departure from the norm for Colloquy, which typically brings in serious speakers such as Spike Lee, Dowling said.

Science magazine declares p53 gene most important 'Molecule of the Year'

By DEEPIKA REDDY
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Time magazine has its Man of the Year. Sports Illustrated has its Sportsman of the Year. Not to be left out, the editor in chief of Science magazine jumped on the boat and declared a Molecule of the Year.

"It occurred to him that the Man of the Year had developed a sort of a following," said Science Editor Ellis Rubinstein about the honorary title, which is a spoof of other magazines with similar designations.

Every year for the past five years, the editorial board of Science has awarded Molecule of the Year to an object in science that it thinks has provided the most interesting and worthwhile achievements of the past year.

"We don't regard ourselves as oracles of the field ..."

— Ellis Rubinstein
Science editor

"We thought it would be fun and educational if we could isolate a molecule that stood for the major progress in science every year," said Rubinstein.

The Molecule of the Year is what the board deems a major achievement, but it is not necessarily a molecule. Judging includes consideration of the speed with which a particular area has progressed — generally recognized by publication of about 1,000 scientific papers in the area — as well as the

potential contribution of the work to society.

And this year's award recipient is, in fact, a gene called p53. The protein product of the gene functions as a tumor suppressor by preventing unregulated cell growth — the cause of cancer.

Research indicates about 50 percent of all cancers are associated with a mutation in the p53 gene, making it the gene most commonly mutated in human cancers. All cancer is a result of gene mutation, but all mutations do not result in cancer.

"... p53 and its fellow tumor suppressors are generating an excitement that suggests prevention now and hope for a cure of a terrible killer in the not-too-distant future," wrote Science magazine

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