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Panthers' dream soured, leader says

United Press International
DALLAS — Former black militant Eldridge Cleaver has called Ronald Reagan the "father" of the radical group Cleaver helped found — the Black Panthers — and said communism was a form of prison government.

"We (black militants) used to call Ronald Reagan the father of the Black Panther Party, because it came into being during his administration in California," he said during a speech at Southern Methodist University Monday.

"California was at the center of a lot of black activism and that was the time of Reagan's rise."

Cleaver said his early years of crime and punishment affected his politics.

"I spent 12 and a half years in the federal prison system and it became my graduate school," said Cleaver, former Black Panther minister.

"I learned about Marxism and my mission became to find people willing to take up arms for the struggle — armed revolution."

But, he said, that dream went sour in the bloody confrontations with police in the late 1960s.

Cleaver skipped the country while awaiting trial on parole violations and in his exile years said he became disgusted with communism in practice.

"All the communist countries I visited had the same dynamics I found in prison," he said.

Cleaver urged American blacks to elevate a new crop of national leaders not blindly wedded to the old ways of the past.

He called the leadership of such blacks as Jesse Jackson, Ralph Abernathy and the "entire black (Congressional) caucus" obsolete and said they should be replaced.

Wadley

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bored and not being able to get up.

The process for obtaining platelets is essentially the same as the process for collecting blood. Platelets are the part of the blood which allows it to clot. Some people, such as hemophiliacs, lack them.

Wadley collects enough platelets for one dose in one and a half hours. Since donating platelets takes less time than donating lymphocytes, many of the platelet donors are not family members but are members of the Infection Fighters Club, a group Wadley has organized to honor its volunteer donors.

Many Infection Fighters made their first donation for a family member but now donate whenever they are needed, Erlinda Zabalero, assistant supervisor of the leukopheresis lab, said. Some donate platelets as often as 10 times per year.

Most donations of platelets and lymphocytes are sent to hospitals for individual patients. However, hospitals are not the bank's only customers for blood components.

The institute is a major user of its own blood, especially in its interferon research.

Interferon is a substance which occurs naturally in the blood, but in minute quantities. When it is extracted from the blood and concentrated, some scientists say interferon can help shrink tumors and may ultimately prove to be a cure for leukemia, hepatitis and multiple sclerosis.

'Black' woman finds she's actually white

United Press International
MILWAUKEE — Lynette Klatt admits it will take some time to get over the shock that she is white instead of black.

She looks at her newly revised driver's license to be sure.

In a newspaper story, Klatt of nearby Neenah said she grew up the adopted child of the late William and Catherine Buck of Chicago, thinking she was black.

The black couple had adopted her in 1951, when she was 2 years old, from an adoption agency in the South.

Klatt said that because she had mongolian spots — bruises similar to birth marks — the adoption

agency felt her father had probably been black.

"In Chicago, where I grew up, I lived in a racially integrated neighborhood," she said. "My parents were more white than black in their mannerisms, the way they acted."

After her adoptive parents died, the dark-haired Klatt, 32, tried to find her real parents and learned they were white.

Klatt said her real mother was proud of the way she turned out.

Married to a white, Klatt acknowledges she is "still sometimes mixed up about it."

She said, "Sometimes I'm not sure how I feel."



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Banks use island branches to avoid federal regulations

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DALLAS — Nine Texas banks charter "branches," which exist only on paper, on the Caribbean republic of Cayman Island to avoid federal banking regulations while offering customer privacy and competitive interest rates.

Although the branches are legal, the Federal Reserve Board has attempted to stop money from flowing to the island branch operations from more than 80 U.S. banks, the Dallas Morning News has reported.

Off-shore accounts allow banks to do business with a minimum of government interference.

"If I don't have to maintain reserves on a deposit, then I can afford to pay (depositors) a slightly higher interest rate and have the same effective cost to the bank," said President James B. Gardner, Mercantile National Bank, Dallas.

"It's simply a set of books maintained outside the United States that technically qualifies as a foreign branch," he said.

Establishing Cayman branches also enables U.S. banks to compete in the "Eurodollar" market, said John Durbin of Fort Worth's National Bank's international division.

"Eurodollars" are U.S. dollars

accumulated in Europe because Americans imported more European goods than they exported.

Loans can be made cheaper to international corporate customers since U.S. banking laws no longer fully apply and European interest rates are significantly lower than the prime rate, bankers said.

Another advantage of Cayman banking is that profits from a U.S. corporation's international operations could be deposited in an island account at interest rates higher than on the U.S. mainland.

Dallas, Continental National Bank of Fort Worth, First National Bank of Dallas, Texas Commerce Bank of Houston, Alamo National Bank, and First International Bank of Houston, the newspaper reported.

Federal banking laws were amended earlier this year to provide a method to keep foreign and domestic accounts separate in on-shore branches.

"In the long run we could see anywhere from \$1 billion to \$3 billion coming back to domestic," Federal Reserve spokesman said.

Forget the pushups, go ahead: Deal 'em

United Press International
CHICAGO — A state education spokesman says physical education involves more than just building muscles, and in many Illinois high schools it involves playing cards, checkers and Monopoly.

Students don't bother to change into gym clothes for the games, which the state says are perfectly acceptable.

"Today they've done away with a lot of that strenuous activity,"

James Johnson, spokesman for the Office of Education in Springfield, said. "Physical education isn't just development (of) muscles. We're all also want to teach skills that will be carried over to later life."

Luther Bedford, head of Madison High School's physical education program, agrees with the novel philosophy.

"If you can help the kid develop some kind of activity that will keep him thinking, it's better than basketball," he said.

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