

# Missouri River assaults St. Louis

## Levee breaks from high water, floods metropolitan area

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ST. LOUIS — After days of waiting, the water came.

Two of America's biggest rivers swelled to record levels and assaulted the city from all sides Sunday, crashing through a levee in a pre-Revolutionary War hamlet to the north and threatening hundreds of homes to the south.

Urgent appeals went out for sandbaggers all over Missouri's largest metropolitan area, where residents spared the flooding saw live television pictures of foaming water gushing through levees and swallowing farmhouses in seconds.

And still the water rose — faster and higher than anyone expected — with crests on the Mississippi and Missouri rivers forecast for a Sunday night collision at their confluence north of the city.

"We're fighting a war," said fire Chief Neil Svetanics in the emergency command post downtown. "The war in Iraq lasted four days. The Israelis won a war in seven days. We've been in this campaign for 25 days and haven't reached the pitch of battle yet."

St. Louis now is the focal point of the months-long flooding in nine Midwestern states that has contributed to 45 deaths and caused \$10 billion in damage.

The area came under siege

late Friday when water burst through a Missouri River levee in the Chesterfield suburb west of downtown, flooding hundreds of businesses and a commuter airport.

By Sunday, the Mississippi had reached a level of 49.2 feet, 19.2 feet above flood stage. It was expected to crest at 49.7 feet.

That level would be just 2.3 feet from the top of the city's 52-foot floodwall, which sprang a leak at its northern end during an earlier crest on July 20.

Workers repaired that section of the wall, which protects an industrial area north of downtown, and officials prayed it would hold.

# Karate congressmen bust up boards, ballet

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WASHINGTON — A word of warning to Republicans: Don't get in House Speaker Thomas Foley's way. He can break a board in half with his bare hand.

So can Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy and Democratic Congressman Robert Borski of Pennsylvania.

The board-breaking bravura of the nation's lawmakers was the featured attraction of the 1993 Jhoon Rhee International Championships, a taekwon do extravaganza held at a Washington hotel Saturday night.

Not to be missed was the special martial arts ballet, performed to the beat of "God Bless America." It starred six congressmen: Gene Taylor, D-Miss., Ike Skelton, D-Mo., Jim Nussle, R-Iowa, Christopher Shays, R-Conn., Dick Swett, D-N.H., and Nick Smith, R-Mich.

"Don't meet me in a dark alley with music play-

ing," growled Swett, when asked about his battling balletic skills. "I'll dance right over you."

But Taylor said it's the technique, not the rhythm, that matters.

"I wish they wouldn't call it that," he said of the martial arts ballet. "I have never been accused of being a good dancer."

All the congressmen who performed Saturday are students of Jhoon Rhee, a 61-year-old taekwon do master who emigrated to the United States from Korea 34 years ago. He has given free lessons to members of Congress for the past 28 years.

"I give them free uniforms, free videotapes, my free time, just to express my thanks to the United States for all it's done for me," Rhee said.

Ken Carlson, a spokesman for Rhee, said it usually costs about \$75 a month to take two classes a week.

"Master Rhee has been doing complimentary classes for the House of Representatives for 25 years, free of charge," said Carlson.

# U.S. demands tougher action from NATO against Bosnia

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SHANNON, Ireland — The Clinton administration has told NATO allies that if European nations don't agree to tougher action on Bosnia, the United States is prepared to act alone, a State Department spokesman said Sunday.

"We cannot allow the strangulation of Sarajevo to continue, said spokesman Mike McCurry.

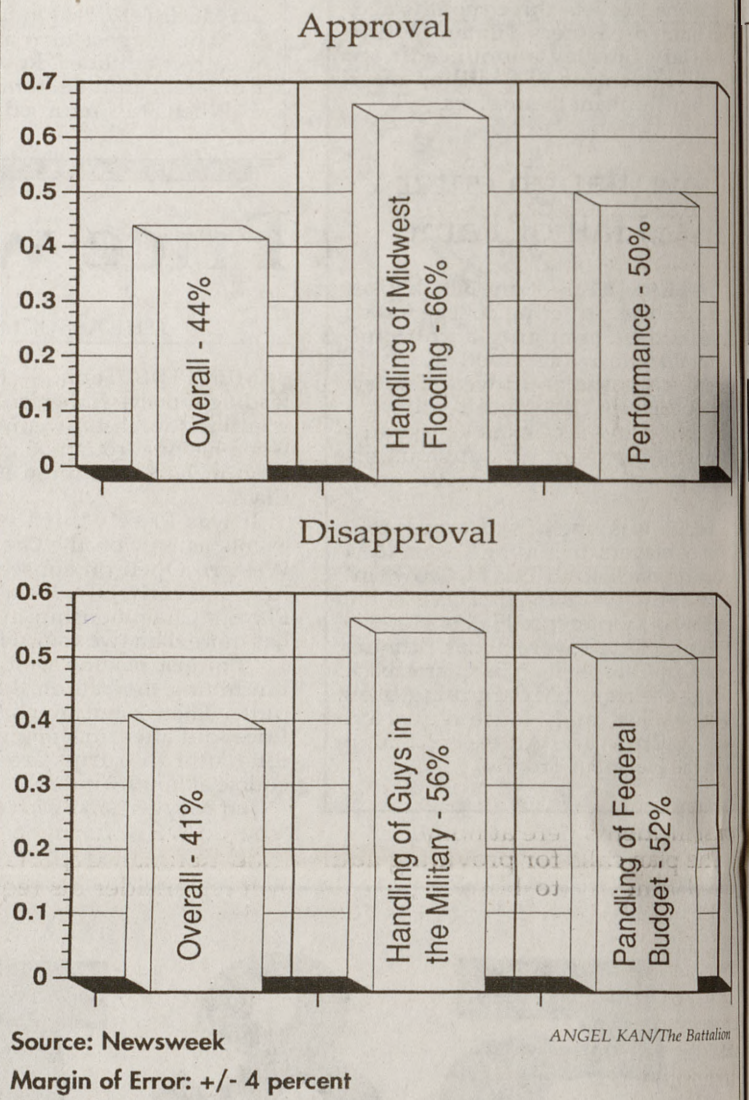
He spoke to reporters on the eve of a meeting in Brussels of the North Atlantic Council, the political arm of NATO.

The briefing took place on Secretary of State Warren Christopher's plane en route to the Middle East. Christopher is not attending the NATO meeting.

"The United States is determined to act," said McCurry. "We prefer to act in a multilateral fashion."

# Presidential approval poll

## How Clinton's policies fare with public



# NSI

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students and would grow to more than \$3 billion for 150,000 students after four years.

"Under this program, students who wish to take low-paying community service jobs... will be able to repay their loans as a small percentage of their income so that they will not be overburdened by debt," Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley said in a release.

But opponents of Clinton's plan have said students with a degree are too qualified to work in these types of service positions and could benefit the nation more doing work in their respective fields.

U.S. Rep. Jack Fields, R-Humble, said at a town meeting last week that the awards will be financed by the government paying 85 percent of the student's costs plus a stipend.

"I don't think the government can provide everything to everyone," he said.

Because both the House and Senate have approved the bill, it will be submitted to President Clinton for approval or veto.

# School

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are more than 25,000 families in Texas involved in home schooling their children.

Ray Martin, president of the BVCHEA said there are more than 120 families in the Brazos Valley who are teaching their children at home that are members of the organization.

Dr. Brian Ray, the president of the National Education Research Institute (NERI) said people primarily choose to teach at home for religious reasons.

Tate said in fact, 80 percent of people say they teach at home for moral and religious reasons.

Julie Richmond, a home schooler from Bryan, said the decision to teach her family at home was based on religious beliefs.

"We feel like home schooling is first a spiritual decision, what God wants for our family," Richmond said.

Other reasons to home school include academic considerations and concern for the well-being of their children, Tate said.

Karen Colbert, a home schooler in Texas said some people, like herself, object to the "lowest form of learning," used in schools. She said schools simply "stuff" children with information and ask them to "regurgitate" it on a test.

# TCU

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Defensive Coordinator Reggie Herring has to fill some big holes but there are bright spots on his side of the ball. However, he has more to work with than his counterpart on offense.

TCU may have one of the best linebacker cores in the conference. Sophomore linebacker Lenoy Jones was a big surprise last year. Weighing in at 185, he wasn't considered big enough to play his freshman

# SMU

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line up. The Mustangs have five returning starters, three on the line and two in the secondary — all of whom are three-year lettermen.

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Rossley said the Mustangs' defense will be strong because of the

year; but injuries forced him into the starting spot where he flourished. He led the team in unassisted tackles with 68 and seven sacks. He was third on the team with 117 total tackles.

Juniors Reggie Anderson and Mike Moulton, highly thought of by the coaching staff and most scouts, will play the other linebacker spots.

Team leader and starting safety Greg Evans led the conference in interceptions with seven but, playing in the same league with Texas A&M's Patrick Bates, Texas' Lance Gunn and Texas Tech's Tracy Saul, failed to make the all-conference team.

On the defensive line, only junior Royal West has proven himself as a solid contributor in the trenches

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returning players but they must fill a whole in the middle of the defense.

"We are looking for another big year from Chad Patton," he said. "Our big challenge will be for some new linebackers to show they are ready to start."

The Mustangs' biggest challenge this season will be their schedule that kicks off against Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl on Sept. 4.

SMU will also host Wisconsin but will travel out of town to face Missouri and Navy.

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