

THE BATTALION DEBRIEFING

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Robert McKay, THE BATTALION

Piecing it all together Jennifer Webb, a student worker and a senior history major, repairs maps in the Evans Library map room on the second floor Wednesday morning.

► This day in history

Today is Thursday, Feb. 27, the 58th day of 1997. There are 307 days left in the year.

In 1801, the District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress.

In 1807, poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born in Portland, Maine.

In 1861, in Warsaw, Russian troops fired on a crowd protesting Russian rule over Poland; five marchers were killed.

In 1922, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution when guaranteed the right of women to vote.

In 1933, Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag, caught fire. The Nazis, blaming the Communists, used the fire as a pretext for suspending civil liberties.

In 1939, the Supreme Court outlawed sit-down strikes.

In 1960, the U.S. Olympic hockey team defeated

the Soviets, 3-2, at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, Calif. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

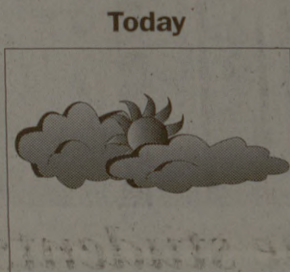
In 1972, President Nixon and Chinese Premier Chou En-lai issued the Shanghai Communiqué at the conclusion of Nixon's historic visit to China.

In 1991, President Bush declared that "Kuwait is liberated, Iraq's army is defeated," and announced the allies would suspend combat operations at midnight.

► Today's birthdays

Actress Joanne Woodward is 67. Actress Elizabeth Taylor is 65. Former Senator Malcolm Wallop, R-Wyo., is 64. Consumer advocate Ralph Nader is 63. Actress Barbara Babcock is 60. Actor Howard Hesseman is 57. Actress Mary Frann is 54. Rock musician Paul Humphreys (Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark) is 37.

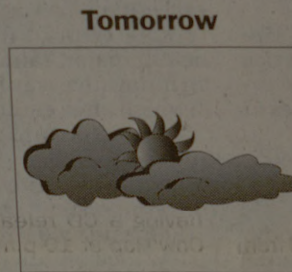
► Weather



Partly cloudy with easterly winds at 5-10 mph.



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Highs & Lows

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Tonight's Expected High: 53°F

Tomorrow's Expected High: 64°F

Tomorrow's Expected Low: 51°F

Information courtesy of TACO

► Nation

McDonald's slices prices on Big Mac

CHICAGO (AP) — McDonald's is planning a real Big Mac attack, offering the sandwich at its lowest price ever — 55 cents.

The fast-food giant will be taking a loss. The cost of the ingredients alone — two all-beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles, onions and a sesame seed bun — is about 40 cents. But McDonald's hopes to make it up by drawing in more customers and requiring the Big Mac be sold with a drink and fries.

The Big Mac, introduced in 1972, normally sells for about \$2. McDonald's will put the "Campaign 55" promotion to a vote Thursday in a closed-circuit telecast to its 2,700 franchisees.

McDonald's has "been showing declining same-store sales in the U.S. for six quarters in a row and this is a move to reverse that trend," said Dick Adams, who represents hundreds of franchisees.

Expert testifies against cloning

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cloning human beings would be "repugnant," but the technology does offer promise for growing tissue that could be used to treat serious diseases, the director of the National Institutes of Health says.

Testifying Wednesday before a House subcommittee, Dr. Harold Var-

mus said the recent cloning of an adult sheep in Scotland "has shocked the world because it raised the possibility that human beings could be cloned. Most scientists would oppose such research. Varmus said, "Cloning of an existing human being is repugnant to the American public," he said. "I agree with that view."

The NIH director said previous experiments in human cloning were offensive because "our sense of what is human beings is our diversity, and human cloning experiments are not consistent with our diversity."

Lawmaker apologizes for comment to Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Ohio congressman apologized Wednesday "for appearing insensitive" to the atrocities when he criticized Schindler's List during a hearing time despite its violence and

Republican Rep. Tom Carper considered his earlier comment several fellow Republicans had him and applauded NBC's the Oscar-winning movie about a businessman who saved 1,100 Jews during the Holocaust.

"I feel terrible that my criticism of airing this movie has been misinterpreted as a criticism of Schindler's List or the millions of Jews who died senselessly during the Holocaust," he said. "To say that I've offended, I offer an apology. And I personally apologize for appearing insensitive to the atrocities known to humankind."

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