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Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., in a recent television appearance, said Senate investigation of the Carters should begin this week. A photo of Billy Carter is projected in the background. (AP Laserphoto)

Twin threats posed by Carter probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Carter, at a time when he could well have been looking forward to a triumphant Democratic National Convention, this week faces twin threats stemming from the conduct of his brother Billy that could turn the convention into a personal disaster.

A special Senate subcommittee opens an investigation Tuesday into Billy Carter's dealings with Libya and the president himself could be called to testify. At the very least, the probe will raise embarrassing questions about the president's brother — and the president's administration.

At the same time, several dozen members of Congress are continuing efforts toward holding an "open" Democratic convention, a move that could deny Carter the renomination he seemed to have so firmly in grasp only a week ago.

Rep. Michael Barnes, D-Md., a spokesman for the effort, said Sunday he expects more meetings this week in Congress pushing the idea as well as the creation of a "boiler-room operation" with volunteers contacting convention delegates to urge them to vote for an open convention.

Such a convention would free delegates now pledged to Carter or Sen. Edward M. Kennedy and allow them to vote for whomever they wished. Barnes said in a broadcast interview that he wants this simply because he believes it would be "extraordinarily difficult to re-elect" the president.

Kennedy himself said Sunday he continues to favor an open convention, but presidential spokesman Jody Powell cautioned Democratic members of Congress against judging the president's troubles with brother Billy until all the facts are in.

President Carter has promised the nine-member Senate panel full cooperation. Billy Carter and his wife, Sybil, reportedly left Georgia for Washington on Sunday and plan to remain in the capital until its investi-

gation is completed. Billy Carter, whose irreverent comments and once-fabled penchant for beer drinking have been troublesome to the president in the past, has developed into much more than a mere embarrassment since he was forced by the Justice Department to register as a foreign agent of Libya.

The president's brother has acknowledged receiving a \$220,000 installment on what he described as a \$500,000 loan from the Libyan government, and questions have arisen over the behavior of the White House and Justice Department in the handling of the matter.

Sen. Birch Bayh, D-Ind., chairman of special panel, said staff investigators will begin interviews this week with administration officials and possibly with the president's wife, Rosalynn. But he said the panel will probably be able to hold only the "briefest kind" of hearings before the Democratic convention opens in New York on Aug. 11.

Barnes said in an interview on NBC's "Meet the Press" that the group in Congress backing an open convention now numbers about 50 but was growing daily and could "be tomorrow 150."

"There is a great deal of momentum toward an open convention," he said. "My phone has not stopped ringing."

Barnes said it would be "extraordinarily unlikely" for Kennedy to be the nominee of an open convention. George Barrett, a Kennedy delegate from Tennessee, mentioned as more likely possibilities Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie, Vice President Walter F. Mondale and Sen. Henry Jackson, D-Wash.

There are reports also that a prominent Democratic fund-raiser from Philadelphia, S. Harrison Dogole, has formed a group supporting Jackson, who lost the nomination to Carter in 1976.

'Credit crunch' creates problem for some buyers

By SUSAN BAKER
Staff Writer

The so-called credit crunch, an offspring of America's economic woes and deepening recession, is a result of the increasing dependence of shoppers on credit cards and other forms of credit buying.

And often it is the ones who need help most in establishing a good credit record that are hurt in the crunch: young married couples who are trying to build up some feeling of financial independence and single working people not long out of college.

In many businesses, making payment with checks drawing on local accounts is impossible without ample identification and presentation of a "major" credit card. What constitutes a major credit card varies from business to business.

Dillard's department store, soon to open in Midland Park Mall, has a list of "several hundred" major credit cards that may be used, according to the store's credit manager.

"That includes Master Charge, Visa, any of the major oil companies, and other department stores such as Sears," she said. "As long as the card is fairly well known."

CHECKS WRITTEN at Dillard's must be presented with two major cards, plus a driver's license. They cannot be written for over \$25 in cash, the credit manager said.

At Sears, in-town checks require only a driver's license or Sears credit card. However, checks drawn on accounts out of town must have a driver's license and either a Sears credit card or major credit card, according

to Sears' head cashier. The field of major credit cards at Sears is narrowed to include only worldwide, all-purpose cards such as American Express, Diners Club, Visa or Master Charge. Oil company cards are not acceptable.

Such restrictions are necessary because of the flood of "bad checks," written on accounts which do not have sufficient funds. Smaller businesses are hurt most by this practice, and many have quit accepting payment in the form of checks.

Customers at Colonial drive-in grocery on Big Spring Street were once required to present two major credit cards and a driver's license with every check they wrote, said a Colonial employee.

"NOW, WE CAN'T take any checks at all," she said. "We were keeping a file of 'good' check writers. Then we went to a file of all the bad checks we had received. We knew we were in trouble when our file of bad check writers got to be twice as big as our file of good check writers."

Often, the two most widely accepted "major" credit cards are also the most difficult to get: Visa and Master Charge. The two are known as "bank cards," and are available directly from banks as part of the banks' credit service. Because the credit offered is a function of the banks, they are responsible for the creditors.

"My husband and I have applied for a Master Charge three times now, and have been turned down every time," said one young Midlander who

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Deposed shah to be buried Tuesday in Moslem rites

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — The deposed Shah of Iran, dead after a long fight against cancer and 18 months in exile, will be buried in a traditional Moslem ceremony Tuesday, his coffin draped with the Iranian imperial flag, his body facing Mecca, a Cairo newspaper reported today.

Former President Richard M. Nixon and ex-king Constantine of Greece are scheduled to attend. But, although Egyptian President Anwar Sadat ordered a state funeral, no foreign chiefs of state or government are expected.

Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, 60, died Sunday at Maadi military hospital outside Cairo from complications resulting from his lymphatic cancer, first detected seven years ago.

News of his touched off public jubilation in the nation he ruled for 38 years. "The bloodsucker of the century has died," said Tehran Radio.

But a spokesman for President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr said the death would have no effect on the fate of the 52 American hostages who today were spending their 268th day in captivity.

The young Moslem militants who seized the U.S. Embassy in Tehran to try to force the United States to return the shah for trial said their captives would not be freed until Pahlavi's "stolen" fortune was returned to Iran, a French radio correspondent reported from Tehran.

The semi-official Cairo newspaper Al-Ahram said Pahlavi's body will lie in state in a close coffin in Abdeen Palace in downtown Cairo for a brief period Tuesday morning.

The Pahlavi and Sadat families will gather around the coffin and read silently from the Koran, the Moslem holy book, Al-Ahram said. The coffin will then be taken by horse-drawn caisson to a nearby mosque for prayers led by a clergyman of the Shiite sect, the dominant sect in Iran, the report said.

The cortege will then move on to the Al Rifal Mosque,

where Pahlavi will be buried in a room in the southwest corner. By Moslem practice, corpses are placed facing Mecca, the Saudi Arabian city that is the holiest spot in Islam.

The mosque is the burial place of Egypt's last two kings, and Pahlavi's father, Reza Shah, was entombed there for several years after he died in exile in 1944.

It appeared that foreign leaders would not be invited because many of them would probably refuse rather than antagonize Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's revolutionary regime in Iran.

A State Department spokesman said the United States would probably be represented by its ambassador to Egypt, Alfred Atherton. The department issued a brief statement that expressed sympathy for Pahlavi's family and said his passing "marks the end of an era in Iran, which all hope will be followed by peace and stability." But it made no mention of his long, close alliance with the United States.

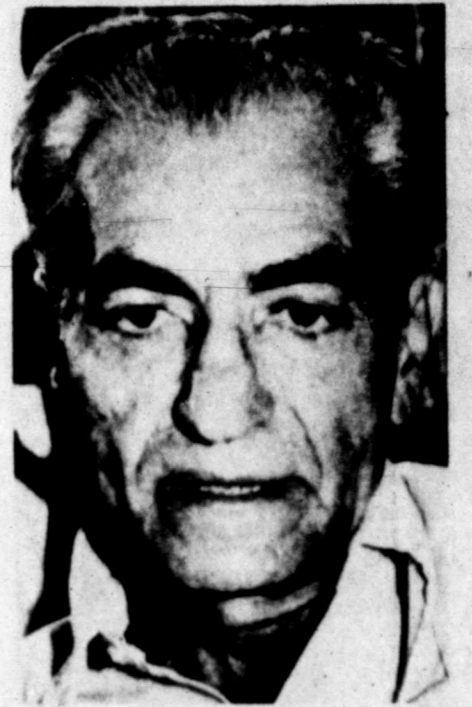
Other former Western allies were also muted in their responses.

Nixon, however, issued a statement saying the shah was "a loyal friend and ally of the United States and a personal friend as well." And his secretary of state, Henry A. Kissinger, eulogized the dead man as "a good friend of the United States who stood by seven presidents over 35 years of his rule... (and) died abandoned by all his friends except President Sadat."

The former president and his son-in-law Edward Cox left New York Sunday night to attend the funeral.

Extraordinary security precautions were expected here to prevent assassination attempts. An Iranian emigre in Washington reported three weeks ago that about 20 Iranian extremists were infiltrating Egypt to kill relatives

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Deposed Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi, 60, Sunday lost his seven-year battle with cancer. He will be buried in Egypt, in the full Moslem tradition, a Cairo newspaper reports. See related stories, Page 9A.

Death unlikely to resolve crisis

By BARRY SCHWEID

WASHINGTON (AP) — The return of deposed Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi was the principal demand of Iranian militants holding 52 American hostages, but not the only demand.

The militants also wanted his fortune returned, claiming he had plundered their country. And they wanted an abject apology from the United States for supporting him. So it is unlikely that the shah's death will resolve the crisis.

It's inconceivable the Pahlavi family will turn any money over to the Khomeini regime.

An American apology is also, in all probability, out of the question. Presi-

dent Carter has said he won't apologize for U.S. support of the shah; the closest he and other U.S. officials have come is to forswear intervention in Iranian affairs.

It seemed clear from the start — except possibly to those militants out of touch with reality — that the United States had no intention of returning the terminally ill shah for trial as a war criminal.

Over the last several months, the administration focused its hopes for the hostages' eventual release on a new Majlis, or parliament. From the start of the crisis, efforts at negotiating a settlement had suffered from the lack of a partner at the Tehran end.

Last month, registering this frus-

tration, Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie said "authority is not yet concentrated in Iran in such a way as to give anybody, or any group, control over the final decisions, except maybe Khomeini himself."

In the long run, the parliament and the selection of a prime minister — not the shah's death — may offer whatever hope exists for liberating the Americans.

So the naming of a new prime minister and the organizing of the parliament that coincided with the shah's death may provide the authority Muskie found lacking.

And yet, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the spiritual force behind the revolution that toppled the shah, is unquestionably in charge of the hos-

Ailing shah took temporary refuge in Texas

By The Associated Press

Shah Mohamed Reza Pahlavi, exiled, stricken with cancer and wandering in search of a home, found temporary haven in Texas as he traveled a tortuous path from the peacock throne to a tomb in Egypt.

The deposed Iranian monarch, whose presence in the United States triggered the hostage crisis in

Tehran, slipped into San Antonio Dec. 2 on a predawn flight from New York.

The "King of Kings, Center of the Universe, Shadow of the Almighty, Regent of God and Light of the Aryans" took refuge in the less-than-oulet visiting officers quarters at Lackland Air Force Base.

There was no fanfare in his visit, only mystery, controversy and in-

trigue. He left on Dec. 15 as quietly as he came, flying to Panama and its promise of sanctuary.

Delicate negotiations preceded the departure, government officials worked secretly to find permanent asylum for the homeless shah.

Mexico refused to allow the shah to return to exile there, and alternative countries were rejected as the former ruler waited patiently at the base.

Air Force security officers, who asked not to be identified, said they were mystified by the choice of the relatively open base as a place for the shah to recuperate from cancer treatments and gallbladder surgery.

"We're scared. The security here isn't as tight as we'd like it," said one source. "I don't know why they brought him here. I have never seen or heard of a less secure Air Force base than Lackland."

The shah's nephew had been shot to death on a Paris street a few days earlier, and security officers feared a \$131,000 bounty on the shah might lure an assassin to the base.

Presidential aide Hamilton Jordan made a clandestine visit to San Antonio. The mystery and security headaches were over — the shah accepted asylum in Panama.

His presence in San Antonio prompted demonstrations from Iranian students, which in turn triggered angry reactions from residents incensed by the hostage crisis.

Police dragged five screaming Iranian protesters off the city hall steps

after an angry mob threatened to violently remove the Iranian's posters. City officials refused to grant anti-shah demonstrators a parade permit and a state district judge upheld the decision after Ku Klux Klansmen threatened violence if the Iranians marched.

Lawyers in Fort Worth subpoenaed the former ruler to testify in a suit filed against Bell Helicopter International Inc. by 69 helicopter pilots hired to train Iranian military recruits.

Attorneys for the shah said he had no knowledge of the facts in the case and they tried to quash the subpoena, saying the former monarch's condition was growing worse. The shah left for Panama less than 48 hours later.

However, the shah retained one Texas connection. As his health deteriorated, aides called on noted Houston heart surgeon Dr. Michael DeBakey to remove the deposed monarch's spleen.

The shah had other ties to Texas, his son, Crown Prince Reza Pahlavi had a plush, western-style home in Lubbock while he trained at nearby Reese Air Force Base.

The shah's mother-in-law, Farideh Diva, and his other three children, Princess Farahnaz, Prince Alireza and Princes Layla visited the house on the same day the shah left Iran for exile.

Agents for Iran's new revolutionary government later tried to confiscate the home paid for by the Royal Iranian Air Force.

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With a sea of credit cards around, many young people find their lure irresistible. The credit card companies, on the other hand, are looking for "bigger fish" to hook on credit. (Photo illustration by Edward McCain)

Shah called 'bloodsucker of century', said 'comparable to Hitler by Jews'

By PETER ARNETT
AP Special Correspondent

Just how villainous were the nearly four decades of rule by Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi?

Following the announcement of his death on Sunday, Tehran Radio called the deposed shah the "bloodsucker of the century."

The Iranian leaders who ousted him from office in 1979 declared that the shah was "comparable only to Hitler as viewed by the Jews."

They displayed instruments of torture said to have been used by his agents, and produced hundreds of alleged victims.

The shah, who died Sunday in Cairo at age 60, had publicly insisted these charges were exaggerated. One of the few to come to his defense was his sister Princess Ashraf Pahlavi, who bought a full-page advertisement in The New York Times for a letter to the secretary-general of the United Nations, Kurt Waldheim.

She said Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, leader for life in Iran, "pretends that the shah has eliminated more than a hundred thousand political prisoners,

while you know full well that in the entire 37 years of his reign nothing of the sort ever happened."

Just what did happen under the rule of the shah, Iran's King of Kings, and does he deserve a place on the blacklist of international despotism that has cast a shadow over the 20th century?

An Iran expert at the Institute of International Studies in London estimated that 10,000 persons died under the shah's rule.

Outside investigators long documented allegations of systematic torture of political opponents by SAVAK, the shah's secret police, that helped him and his family maintain the absolute rule of the Peacock Throne.

Iran's new leaders charged that the U.S. helped train the SAVAK agents. This alleged complicity represents the background for the seizure of the American hostages in November 1979.

President Carter criticized Iran's human rights record in 1977, and the shah announced an end to torture in his prisons. Amnesty International, the London-based human rights organization, said in a report that the use of the wide range of torture methods appeared to decrease — but not stop — at that time.

In the long list of countries where basic human rights were allegedly being violated in the 1970s — Amnesty International listed 100 in 1979 — Iran under the shah was often compared with the right-wing governments of Argentina and South Korea, which reportedly used similar practices to maintain power.

In Argentina, according to outside investigators, 15,000 political opponents disappeared or were killed in the two years following the 1976 military coup. Human rights groups charge there are 60 camps in Argentina where torture is routine, and that the number of "los desaparecidos" — the disappeared — continues to rise.

In South Korea, under since-assassinated President Park Chung Hee, there was a pattern of frequent arrests and releases of many "suspects," some of whom were brought to trial and given long sentences for their opposition to the ruling clique.

Political repression has taken a different form in the communist world since the days of Soviet leader Joseph Stalin. His administration is blamed for the loss of 50 million or 60 million lives during the collectivization process of the 1920s. Millions were slaughtered in the Stalin purges of the 1930s.

Human rights organizations still charge that Soviet corrective labor colonies and prisons continue to be characterized by chronic hunger, overwork, cold and inadequate medical attention.

The shah's place in a despot's hall of fame would have to yield to four other rulers dislodged in 1979.

Idi Amin Dada ran the African nation of Uganda with a grip so oppressive, so merciless, that Ugandans said after his ouster they thought God had forgotten them.

Shah's death has no effect on hostages, says spokesman

By The Associated Press

The death of deposed Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi "will have no effect" on the fate of the 52 American hostages, said a spokesman for Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr. Another spokesman said Parliament still must settle the hostage issue.

Tehran Radio said there was jubilation throughout Iran over the death in Egyptian exile Sunday of the man it called "the bloodsucker of the century," but there was no hint his dying might speed the release of the Americans, who began their 268th day in captivity today.

Iran "will not change its stand by even an inch with the death of Mohammad Reza," Tehran Radio declared.

The young Moslem militants who seized the U.S. Embassy in Tehran on Nov. 4 and demanded the return of Pahlavi for trial also said his death wouldn't affect their captives, a French radio correspondent reported.

The militants said they would keep the 49 Americans they are holding until the "stolen" Pahlavi fortune — estimated as high as \$25 billion — is returned to Iran, the French reporter said. Three others are held in the Iranian Foreign Ministry.

U.S. officials in Washington said they believed the death of the shah had little or no bearing on the hostage crisis. They said such recent political developments as the seating of the new Iranian Parliament, or Majlis, and the nomination of a prime minister held greater promise for the Americans' eventual release.

The Majlis held a closed session Sunday to discuss President Bani-Sadr's appointment of national police chief Mostafa Mir-Salim as the first prime minister of the Iranian republic, and a public debate on the appointment was scheduled today. But leaders of the revolutionary regime have said such pressing matters as the economy must be taken up before the hostages, and there have been reports the Majlis would not get to the Americans before October.

Shah at a glance He was titled King of Kings

By The Associated Press

Here is a brief look back at the life of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi:

— BIRTH: Oct. 26, 1919, with a twin sister, Princess Ashraf.

— OFFICIAL TITLE: King of Kings, Center of the Universe, Shadow of the Almighty, Regent of God and Light of the Aryans.

— ENTHRONEMENT: Sept. 16, 1941, upon the abdication under British pressure of his father, Reza Shah, because of the latter's pro-Nazi views. Shah Mohammad held off on a formal coronation until succession to his Peacock Throne was assured with the birth of a son. Crown Prince Reza was born in 1961 and the coronation was held Oct. 26, 1967.

— WIVES: He married three times, divorcing his first two wives. The first marriage, which lasted 10 years was to Fawzia, sister of the late King Farouk of Egypt, in 1939. The marriage produced a daughter, Princess Shahnaz. After the divorce, he married Soroya Esfandiari, half-German daughter of a Persian tribal chief. He made her queen, but the marriage produced no children and they divorced in 1958. In 1959, he married Farah Diba, Paris-educated daughter of an Iranian army officer, and she became Empress of Iran. In addition to Crown Prince Reza, they had another boy and two girls.

— GOAL: The shah's often-expressed aim was to restore to Iran the grandeur of the Persian Empire.

— DOWNFALL: The shah's links to the West and his efforts to modernize Iran stirred opposition among Shiite Moslem clergy, culminating in a revolution in late 1978 and early 1979. U.S. support for the shah's government dwindled and on Jan. 16, 1979, the shah and his family fled Iran. A month later, the Islamic revolutionaries led by Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini overthrew the government he left behind.

— EXILE: The shah fled first to Egypt, then Morocco, the Bahamas and Mexico. On Oct. 22, 1979, he flew secretly to New York for surgery for the removal of his gall bladder and treatment of a cancer detected six years before. His admission to the United States led to the seizure of U.S. hostages in the American Embassy in Tehran on Nov. 4, 1979. On the following Dec. 15, the shah flew to "temporary" exile in Panama and on March 23, 1980, his cancer worsening, he flew once again to Egypt where his spleen was removed. He was invited by President Anwar Sadat to remain in Egypt.

— DEATH: The shah was readmitted to the Maadi military hospital near Cairo on June 27 for treatment of a series of abscesses that apparently stemmed from his body's inability to fight infection because of the loss of white blood cells caused by the chemical cancer treatment. The shah died Sunday, only hours after one of his doctors reported he had suffered a hemorrhage from an abscess of the pancreas. Egypt's official Middle East News Agency said he died at 9:50 a.m. "as a result of shock to the circulatory system caused by a general deterioration of his health."

Iranians, many others celebrate shah's death

By The Associated Press

Iranians danced in the street at the news that Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi had died. Former President Nixon and a few other foreign leaders mourned him publicly, but the State Department in a brief, guarded statement said nothing about his long alliance with the United States.

A spokesman for Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr said the death Sunday of Iran's deposed monarch would have no effect on the American hostages young Iranian militants seized nearly nine months ago to try to force his return for trial, the BBC reported. Most foreign observers agreed.

The militants said "Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, the bloodsucker of the century, has died at last. Today is a day in the history of all mankind — because the earth has spat out one of the new pharaohs."

Later broadcasts said rejoicing Iranians poured into the streets of Tehran, flashed their car lights on and off and jammed newsstands to buy extras the newspapers rushed from the presses.

In the holy city of Qom, "people celebrated the occasion on the streets by dancing" and blowing trumpets and "the lights of houses and cars were turned on and people congratulated each other," the official Pars news agency said.

President and Mrs. Carter sent a message of condolence to the shah's family.

Queen hopes death opens door for hostages

By CHRISTOPHER LINDSAY

LINCOLNVILLE, Maine (AP) — Richard Queen, who spent eight months in captivity in Tehran, says he hopes the death of the former shah of Iran is "an opening leading to the release of the other hostages."

But Queen was quick to add he did not want to raise expectations that the death of deposed Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi would break down the barriers to the release of Americans held since the U.S. Embassy in Tehran was stormed Nov. 4.

"To tell you the truth, I don't really know that much about it," he said in interviews Sunday.

Queen, who arrived at his parents' home here Wednesday, looked fit and appeared animated as he said he spent much of his time in captivity reading. "You had to find a world of your own," he said, adding that during his captivity the mere mention of a day of the week fueled speculation among the hostages that that would be the day of their release. "Of course, it wouldn't come," he said. "I tried to stop listening to that."

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Respirator returned

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Joseph "Danny" DeWitt, who was stricken with multiple sclerosis 22 years ago, is no longer confined to his home now that thieves have returned his portable respirator.

DeWitt couldn't leave home without the respirator, which was stolen Thursday, because he is subject to breathing failure.

Louisville police said a man who identified himself as Carl Blackwell gave them the location of the apparatus Sunday. Officer Jim Isaacs picked it up and returned it to DeWitt, police said.

Blackwell is not a suspect in the theft, police said.

With the respirator, the 44-year-old DeWitt is able to get around pretty well. He is confined to a wheelchair by day and sleeps in an iron lung by night.

"It's exciting for me just to be out to see the people and the animals," DeWitt said after getting the equipment back. "And without this lung, I couldn't have done it."

"If the weather is bad, or the pollution is up, I have an awfully, awfully hard time breathing," he said.

He uses the portable machine to sustain him while he takes shopping trips and visits to relatives and friends.

The portable equipment was stolen from a van parked in a driveway outside his home. A citizens band radio and a television set were also taken, but those items were of little concern to DeWitt.

"I can't believe that this has happened to me," DeWitt had said after the theft was discovered. "I don't care about the TV and radio, I'm worried about the life-saving machine. It's a matter of life and death to me."

Rare quake shakes northern Kentucky

By MIKE SILVERMAN
Associated Press Writer

More than 60,000 baseball fans felt it in Detroit and Cleveland. Pradeep Talwani measured it in Columbia, S.C. And Joel Mans said it "busted the whole back side" of his house in Frankfort, Ky.

It was a "very rare" earthquake registering 5.1 on the Richter scale that struck in northern Kentucky on Sunday and was felt for 300 miles or more in all directions — shaking people in 14 states and southern Canada.

No deaths or injuries were reported from the tremor, which was centered about 30 miles northeast of Lexington and occurred at 2:52 p.m., lasting 15 to 45 seconds. But hundreds of buildings — mostly in the Ohio River town of Maysville, Ky. — sustained damage ranging from shattered windows and toppled chimneys to cracked foundations.

States where residents reported feeling the earthquake were Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, West Virginia,

Virginia, Illinois, Indiana, Pennsylvania, New York, Kentucky, Tennessee, North and South Carolina and Alabama. People in highrise buildings in Toronto and other cities of southern Ontario also felt it.

For most people, the quake brought excitement, puzzlement, even disbelief.

"I was upstairs when the radiator started to jiggle and then the whole house rattled," said Fran Zaniello, a college English instructor who lives in Fort Thomas, Ky., 20 miles south of Cincinnati. "I went downstairs and said, 'Hey, I just felt an earthquake,' and everybody laughed."

Elba Cunningham, 56, of Dayton, Ohio, said it felt like "a great big giant shaking my house." She added, "I've lived here all my life and I never felt one before."

At Cleveland Stadium, where 20,000 were watching the Indians play the California Angels, announcer Herb Score said "the whole crowd became very quiet and were looking around," when the tremor was felt.

At Tiger Stadium in Detroit, an

announcer told 40,000 fans watching the Tigers and the Oakland Athletics that the swaying they felt was not their imagination. "The fans all looked at one another, but there wasn't a stampede to get out," said police officer Mike Werner, stationed in an upper deck.

Waverly Person, a geophysicist with the National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colo., said it was the first time a quake had been recorded in that part of northern Kentucky. He said earthquakes anywhere in the area were "very rare" and that Eastern quakes rarely registered above 4.0.

The Richter scale measures ground motion as recorded on seismographs and every increase of one number means a tenfold increase in magnitude. An earthquake of 5 can cause considerable damage.

Scientists said they did not know what caused the quake, but they said it differed from the kind of earthquakes common in California, which are triggered by two large plates of the earth's crust moving against each

other along one of several faults. The Kentucky quake occurred in an area that has only one plate and no fault.

In northern Alabama, more than 300 miles from the epicenter, Billy Joe Cooley, news editor of the Huntsville News, said callers reported tables, lamps and dishes shaking.

"The phones just started going wild," said Bob Martin at radio station WCZY in Royal Oak outside Detroit. "A woman from Farmington Hills called at 2:57 and said she was thrown off her bed."

At the University of South Carolina in Columbia, Talwani, an associate professor of geology, said his seismograph picked up the tremor one minute after it was recorded in Kentucky. "If somebody tells you they felt it, they did," he told a reporter.

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Rooming house fire kills 23

BRADLEY BEACH, N.J. (AP) — Fewer lives might have been lost in a rooming house blaze that took 23 lives if mentally retarded residents had been taught more avenues of escape during fire drills, an emergency official says.

Authorities said many of the victims of the Saturday night fire were found locked in their rooms, where they retreated after being unable to make their way to the front door, the escape route they had been taught.

"Every door I kicked in, I found a body," said firefighter Jeffrey Ralston.

The blaze in the Brin-

ley Inn, a four-story wood-and-stucco building, was accompanied by an explosion. Authorities said Sunday it may take several days to determine the cause. The New Jersey state arson squad is participating in the investigation.

There were 38 residents inside the rooming house at the time of the blaze. About half the residents were mentally retarded and some of the others were former patients at Marlboro State Psychiatric Hospital, said Jeff Scott, a case worker for the state Division of Mental Retardation.

Many of the residents were also elderly.

Gene Wilkins, director of Monmouth County First Aid Squads, said two fire drills per month were conducted at the building, but the residents were only shown how to get out the front door. The fire escape is in the back of the building.

He said the fire might not have claimed as many lives if residents had been taught an alternate escape route.

"They went to the front door as they'd been told. You've got mentally retarded people, slow thinkers. If you show them two or three exits, what do they remember? If you show them one, they'll remember," he

said.

However, one survivor, Samuel Magna, rejected that account, saying he had been told to use the fire escape if there were flames on the stairs.

Of the 15 surviving residents, one woman, Jenny Plesycynski, was listed in stable condition in the intensive care unit of Jersey Shore Medical Center in nearby Neptune. The others were being housed in nearby rooming houses, authorities said. Two employees who were in the building at the time of the fire also escaped.

Monmouth County Prosecutor Alexander Lehrer said the build-

ing's smoke and fire detectors were working, but there was no sprinkler system.

Fire authorities said the flames spread from a ground-floor lounge to the first-floor lobby, then shot up stairwells to the upper levels.

Firefighters said many of the elderly residents were afraid to use a fire escape.

"People wouldn't come down. We couldn't coax them down," said firefighter Mitch Rosen.

The survivors either were carried out by firefighters or escaped on their own through windows in the rear of the building.

Parents await chance for rare transplant

STREAMWOOD, Ill. (AP) — At night, Laura Pagel cradles her frail, 7-year-old daughter Traci and waits. Her husband, Mike, works two jobs, six days a week, and waits.

The Pagels are waiting for a telephone call telling them that doctors in Denver are ready to perform a rare and risky transplant that could save Traci's life. They wait knowing the call may not come in time.

When Traci was six weeks old, doctors discovered that for unknown reasons, her liver barely functioned. Her 21-month-old brother, Mark, has the same problem.

In a normal child, the liver helps eliminate waste chemicals and processes the vitamins vital to growth. Traci is about half the size of a normal child her age. Mark, at 12 pounds, is about the size of a 3-month-old.

The Pagels' 6-year-old son, Bobby, is completely healthy. Doctors don't understand why.

Traci spent much of her first seven years in hospitals. But her parents tried to make her childhood like that of any other little girl. She played with dolls and learned to read and ride a bicycle with training wheels. Last fall, she entered the third grade,

along with others her age.

While her parents held three or four jobs to keep up with a blizzard of medical bills, Traci's doctors kept track of her liver's slow deterioration. Six weeks ago, the pace of the deterioration quickened. Traci began to lose her eyesight and suffered headaches and dizzy spells.

After an examination, doctors raised the possibility the Pagels had feared for years: Traci's liver might fail completely at any time. The only option was a transplant, doctors said, and that was risky — only half the liver transplant patients survive a year after surgery.

In June, Traci and her parents flew to the University of Colorado Medical Center at Denver, where a team headed by Dr. Thomas Starzl runs the only major liver transplant program in the country. Traci was accepted as a candidate for a transplant. The waiting began.

Doctors are waiting for word that a child Traci's size or smaller has suffered an irreparable brain injury. Once a donor is found, the Pagels and the medical team will begin a race to bring Traci and the donated organ together on the operating table in Denver.

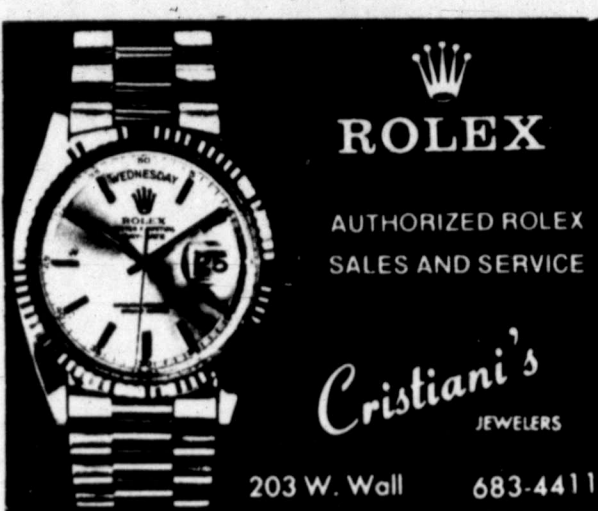
Streamwood police are ready to rush the Pagels to the airport once they receive word a donor has been found. At the same time, doctors will fly to the donor to remove the liver and bring it to Denver.

The process must be completed within 20 hours of the donor's death — after that, the organ would be useless. Doctors have told the Pagels they may reach Denver to learn that the donor organ isn't suitable.

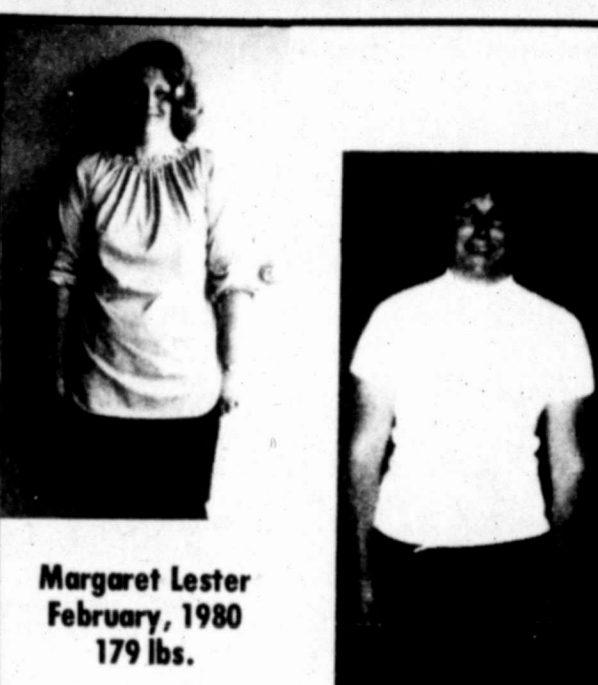
Though she is more interested in her books and her bicycle than in the complexities of surgery, the flurry of preparations and nervous waiting hasn't escaped Traci's notice altogether.

"At first when she heard about it she cried, but I explained to her that we wouldn't have her have an operation unless it was necessary," said Pagel, 28. "It's just something we learn to live with. We get depressed a lot when we think about it, but we try not to think about it."

Mrs. Pagel, 27, adds, laughing: "We're still there, we're not wacko yet. Give us 'til tomorrow."



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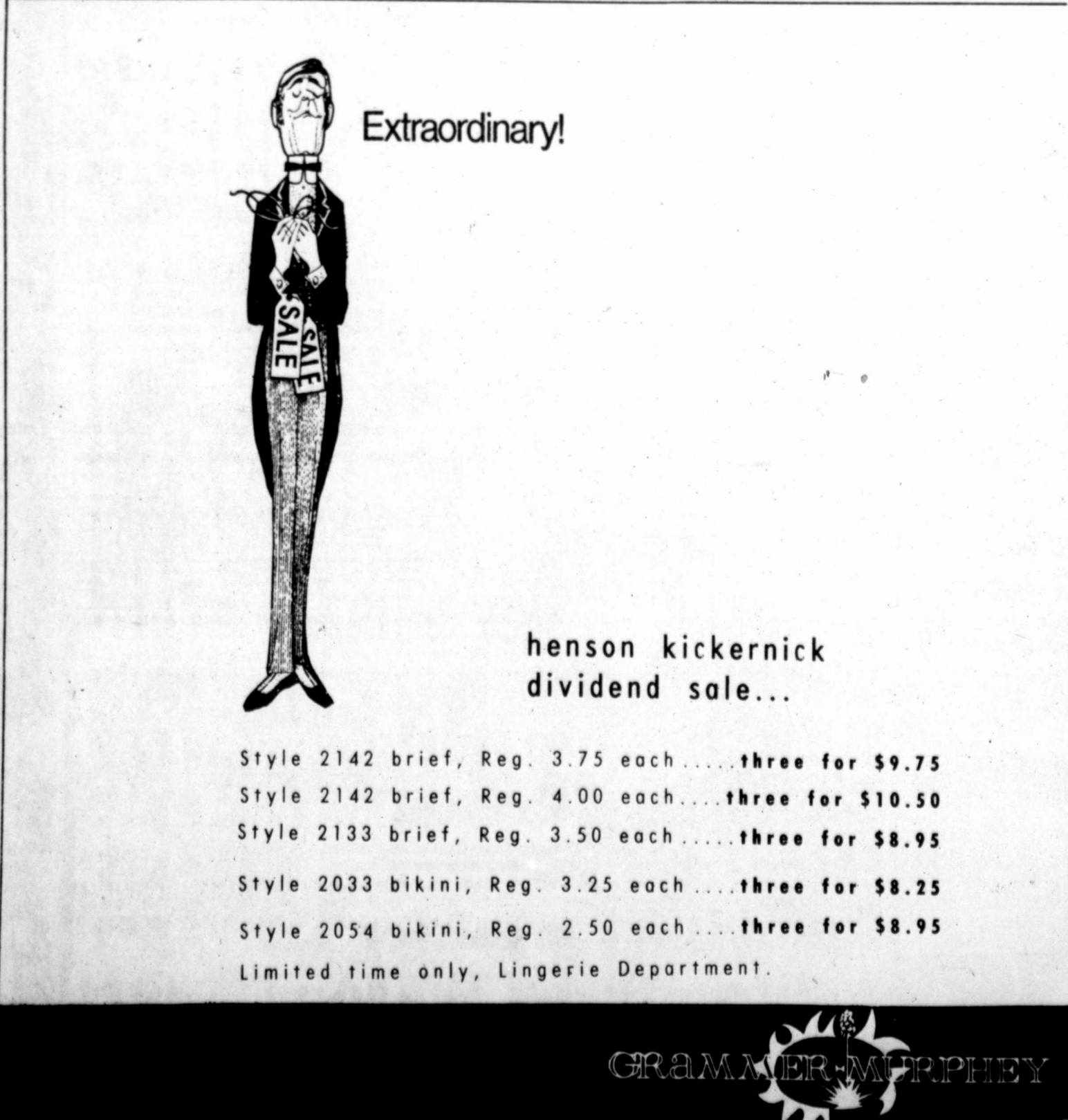
ANDREWS — Services for Linely Jones, 51, of Elkhart, Kan., and formerly of Andrews, will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the First Baptist Church here with the Rev. H.A. Hanks officiating.

Burial will be in Andrews Cemetery directed by Singleton Funeral Home.

He died Sunday in an Elkhart hospital after a brief illness.

Jones had lived in Elkhart for 13 years, moving there from Andrews. He was a supervisor for the Phillips Petroleum Co. He was a member of the Baptist Church. He was married Jan. 28, 1950, to Virginia White in Lovington.

Survivors include his wife; three daughter, Donna Holmes and Marie Thompson, both of Andrews, and Joyce Waldron of Borger; his mother, Pauline McDonald of Andrews; and four grandchildren.



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BUSINESS MIRROR

Political attempts failing to conceal grim realities

By JOHN CUNNIFF
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — Political attempts to convince the American public that the worst of the recession is over is like trying to polish the floor without washing it first.

Maybe some people, for a day or so, did see the light of encouragement in statements from the White House and its advisers, but now Americans are again forced to look at the deep, dark and dirty realities.

The unemployment rate, which remained under 8 percent in July despite forecasts it would be much higher, is now being viewed as a statistical aberration resulting from a poorly designed seasonal adjustment factor.

The increase in June retail sales might have been a one-month affair that won't be repeated in coming months, various analysts are now saying. And, with money getting tighter again in some areas, some doubts are arising about the staying power of the housing recovery.

Consumer prices seem to be rising again. June prices rose a full 1 percent compared with 0.9 percent in April and May. And now food prices may be heading up, especially for beef and grains.

It appears also that wholesale price increases, after shrinking, will explode again, fueling even further increases in the consumer price index and assuring Americans of stiff inflation for months to come.

Business Week magazine quotes Donald J. Ratajczak of George State University as expecting the July figure will show an 18.2 percent annual

rate, compared with just 6.4 percent for the second quarter.

That figure, coupled with higher jobless figures, can be expected to give such a dose of reality to Americans that political promises will be seen for what they are. Reality is the present, and it is grim.

Many economists think the immediate future — for the rest of the year, anyway — isn't much brighter. The car industry especially is in bad shape, and that automatically means certain other industries are too.

On the same day last week General Motors, the world's largest manufacturer, reported a \$412 million loss for the second quarter, its biggest quarterly loss ever. American Motors lost \$85 million in the same quarter, and that too was its largest quarterly loss in history.

If the industry's woes were a consequence only of buyer resistance to prices, or buyer hesitation because of the recession, there wouldn't be much to worry about. Such problems correct themselves.

The automobile industry's problems are deeper than that, however. Its reputation for reliability has been undermined, and its styling decisions in recent years have been rejected.

Many potential buyers also are financially overextended, and thus are reluctant or unable to add further credit problems. And their reluctance to buy isn't diminished by high gasoline prices and taxes.

The economic floor is very dirty, and most Americans know it. They know it because, unlike some politicians who seem to float above realities in this political year, they are standing in the dirt on that floor.



DR. NEIL SOLOMON

Reye syndrome baffling disease

Dear Dr. Solomon: The community in which I live is very upset over the death of a youngster whose illness was diagnosed as Reye syndrome. It might help me and my neighbors if you would tell us something about the disease, including its cause and treatment. — Mrs. J.K.

Dear Mrs. K.: Reye syndrome is a baffling disease whose cause is not known, and for which treatment is largely supportive — that is, treatment is designed principally to sustain the patient's strength. There is some evidence that an early diagnosis means a more favorable prognosis.

To keep the problem in perspective, bear in mind that although the mortality rate for Reye syndrome is high, the disease is not widespread. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) notes that between 1976 and 1977, there were 454 reported cases with a 38 percent mortality; between 1977 and 1978, there were 237 cases and a 30 percent mortality; and between 1978 and 1979, 325 cases were reported with a 24 percent mortality.

Moreover, if you and your neighbors are concerned that the disease is contagious, the CDC says there has been no evidence of person-to-person transmission. Although cases have occurred among children in the same family, this has been very rare; and even when a number of cases have been identified in the same school, there has not been any evidence that Reye syndrome is contagious. The disease is believed to be asso-

ciated with upper respiratory influenza-like illness, chicken pox and gastroenteritis (inflammation of the stomach and intestine). In particular, it has been found to occur in children several weeks after there has been a widespread outbreak of influenza B, one of the two varieties of influenza. However, many states that report influenza-B activity to the CDC do not report any Reye syndrome cases.

According to Dr. Cornelia Davis, a medical epidemiologist with CDC's division of viral diseases, a youngster with Reye syndrome typically will have a flu-like illness that lasts for a period raging from several days to two weeks. At the point the child seems to be improving, he or she will suffer a relapse. The youngster will then start vomiting and become lethargic, delirious, irrational and unresponsive. Fever may or may not be present. From six to 40 hours may elapse between the time the child starts vomiting until the time coma sets in.

Dr. Davis suggests that Reye syndrome is caused by a combination of factors, possibly a virus plus some type of toxic substance. In addition, a genetic factor may make a person susceptible to the disease.

Dear Dr. Solomon: At what age should children have their first eye examination? — Mary.

Dear Mary: A child should have a routine eye examination about the time of his or her first birthday, and every two years thereafter.

Chinese chef turns peppers into thriving Houston venture

By JIM TEEL

HOUSTON (AP) — Are those jalapenos in a traditional Chinese dish?

Yes, admits four-star chef Wen-Dah Tai, who began serving his spicy Hunan dishes to Houston gourmets last year. And his chicken and jalapeno pepper is only one of the hot dishes giving Houstonians a new interest in chopsticks.

Hunan cuisine is one of the eight provincial styles of Chinese cooking. But few experienced Chinese chefs have specialized in the hot fare, preferring to stick with milder and more popular Cantonese and Mandarin styles.

Tai not only specialized in the pepper-laden cuisine, he capitalized on it. The 56-year-old chef has wielded his cleaver around the world and he seems to have found his biggest fans among Tex-Mex food enthusiasts.

Jalapenos show up in only one of Tai's more than 100 Hunan dishes. He says they are similar to dried Hunan peppers that are not available in the United States.

And Texas diners don't seem to mind. When the chef moved to Houston from New York last year, many considered it the biggest culinary coup in Houston history.

Food columnists in both cities speculated on reasons for the move to the Sunbelt. Tai explains it was a combination of more sun and fewer unions that prompted the move.

Tai is determined to keep Uncle Tai's Restaurant in West Houston a family affair. His four sons and two daughters-in-law are part of the staff.

For is, about the only English

word Tai speaks. He explains his craft in Chinese and one of his sons interprets.

"My father was the first in the United States to cook Hunan food," said eldest son Howard. "Others picked up on it afterward."

Tai learned to cook in Shanghai and left when he was a 22-year-old to practice his trade in Taiwan, the Philippines, Japan and eventually New York.

China's Xi-hua press agency recently reported most of China's experienced chefs in traditional Hunan cooking have retired or died and there are fears the ancient culinary art is being lost.

Tai shrugs at the possibility and motions to his second eldest son, James, who is learning his father's art. James began studying the craft six years ago and claims he has barely made a dent in all there is to learn.

"I try to do the best I can to learn all the old stuff from him," James said. "He's giving it all to me — not to anybody else."

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