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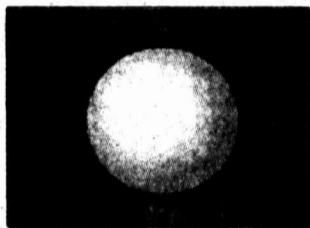
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TUESDAY

January 11, 2005

## WEATHER

Tonight:



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## BRIEFLY

### ALON blood drive set for Wednesday

United Blood Services has a blood drive set for 8 a.m. until noon Wednesday at the ALON USA refinery, 1-20 and Refinery Road.

January 21, New Hope Christian School, 118 Cedar Road, has scheduled a blood drive from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

January 22 from noon until 4 p.m., a blood drive is set in the Big Spring Mall.

Then, Jan. 28 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., a blood drive is scheduled in the Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway.

Blood drives are also scheduled in February. From 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Feb. 3 a blood drive will take place in the Rip Griffin Truck and Travel Center.

### COMING THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: The top-rated PBS series "Antiques Road Show" has become a national phenomenon as people flock to the show's appraisers to determine if their keepsake is trash or treasure. The excitement builds in Reno, Nevada, where a day-long evaluation takes place of America's hidden treasures.

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# Parties retained to begin jail design

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners took the first step in constructing a new jail during their Monday meeting, as they voted unanimously to retain architect Phil Furqueron for the design and construction of the multi-million-dollar facility.

Commissioners voted to retain Furqueron's architectural firm, along with HOK (Hellmuth, Obata and Kassabaum) Justice of Dallas and Parkhill-Smith and Cooper of Lubbock and Midland, to begin a five-step

*"I think we have to move forward with this now, and the only way to do that is going to be to begin these studies."*

—Commissioner Jerry Kilgore



process to construct a new jail.

"Although there are several different companies involved, Phil will be our local contact person," said Commissioner Jerry Kilgore. "And that's good because you don't

have to fly someone out here every time you want to meet like you would with a lot of out of town firms.

"We've worked with Phil (Furqueron) on several different county projects and feel very comfortable with him handling this. We have a lot of confidence in him."

Commissioners are expected to tackle the design and construction of the jail, which is expected to carry a price tag of more than \$5 million, in a five-step plan. The first stage, which will actually begin with the retaining

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KRT photo/Norman Ng, Kansas City Star

Red Cross personnel dump bodies recovered at Banda Aceh from the back of a flat bed truck at a mass grave in the town of Lambaro, 4 kilometers from Banda Aceh, Indonesia. Rescuers are still finding and burying hundreds — and sometimes thousands — of bodies a day. After collecting and burying 2,500 bodies Sunday, workers have now buried 58,281 bodies, and the government believes another 50,000 people are missing.

## Security worsening in hard-hit province, Indonesia's military warns

By TIM JOHNSON  
and RON HUTCHESON

Knight Ridder Newspapers

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — Political insecurity and the threat of violence are creating problems for relief workers in tsunami-ravaged Indonesia amid signs that the government's truce with a rebel group is falling apart.

Indonesia's armed forces warned Monday that security is deteriorating in disaster-stricken Aceh province, on the Indonesian island of Sumatra,

*"This is one of those projects that's not going to happen overnight. Our commitment is a long-term commitment."*

—President George W. Bush

and asked foreign humanitarian groups to register with the military and notify authorities when traveling outside Banda

Aceh, the provincial capital.

Providing scant details, an armed forces spokesman said soldiers had clashed with guerrillas fighting for independence of energy-rich Aceh (pronounced AH-chay) and that rebels were stirring up trouble at refugee camps.

The warning came a week after fierce fighting between government forces and insurgents from the Free Aceh Movement blocked a relief convoy for eight hours.

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## County Elections administrator post created

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Casting your election ballots early may become even more convenient in the near future — regardless what city or school district in Howard County you live in.

Howard County commissioners approved the creation of a county elections administrator position that would centralize election duties and give other local entities, including cities and school districts, the chance to do the same.

"What we're trying to do is consolidate all of the voting," said Kilgore. "The county is responsible for all the voting machines. All of this has to do with the HAVA (Help America Vote Act), which is why we bought the new voting machines."

"We're trying to put all of the election duties in the hands of one person, which will be the county elections administrator. Right now, when you have an election you have to go to several different places and people can get confused. For school board elections you go to one place. For city elections

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## Strayhorn says state has 'scant' budget surplus

By APRIL CASTRO  
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Texas lawmakers will begin the legislative session with a \$400 million budget surplus.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn gave her highly anticipated revenue report Monday, but her estimate is not nearly enough to fully restore cuts made to state programs two years ago.

Strayhorn reported Monday that Texas will have \$64.7 billion in state money for the 2006-2007 biennium. That would give the state a \$400 million surplus after paying for higher-than-anticipated costs and growth in existing programs.

"Our state's great economic engine is improving," she said, noting that she expected the trend to continue in 2005. "We have experienced 16 months of positive sales tax growth."

Strayhorn called the cushion scant and urged the Legislature and Gov. Rick Perry to restore budget cuts made to the Children's Health Insurance Program

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## Area band members narrowly miss all-state status

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

For county high school band members, a seat on the all-state band proved just out of their reach this year.

More than 30 students from Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan

high schools competed for a spot on the Texas Music Educators Association All-State Band during Area tryouts this weekend.

In at least two instances, students came agonizingly close to a cherished all-state slot.

Forsan trombone players Levi Johnson and Eric Ellis placed

sixth and seventh in the competition for five Class A-3A all-state spots, Forsan Band Director Jim Rhodes said.

Also representing Forsan at Saturday's tryouts were baritone Kyle Briggs and tuba player Kyle Bailey.

"We were expecting some good

things ... but we came up just a little short," Rhodes said. "Nevertheless, we're very proud of them."

Those four students, joined by mallet player Eric Atkerson, will represent Forsan at the Class A-

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## Obituaries

### Dale Fryar

Dale Fryar, 76, of Big Spring died Sunday, Jan. 9, 2005, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Drummond Cemetery in Taylor County. The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born April 30, 1928, in Howard County to Clarence Walker Fryar and Vennia Mae Daniels Fryar. He married Mildred Rister on Feb. 13, 1987, in Big Spring. He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and farmed all of his life in the Lenora and Knott communities. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by two sons, Kevin Fryar and wife, Janie, of Plano and Mike Fryar of Big Spring; a sister, Ina Fay Kuhlman and her husband, Jack, of Lenora; nine grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; a stepson, Randy Rister of Abilene; and two step-daughters, Sandra Owen of Stephenville and Darlene Lemaster of Abilene.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at [www.myersandsmith.com](http://www.myersandsmith.com)

### Dorothy Jean Holland

Dorothy Jean Holland, 78, of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, at the Home Hospice House of Odessa. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### Judith Horner

Judith Horner, 60, of Big Spring, died Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, at Mt. View Lodge. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Bobbie Mosher

Bobbie Mosher, 77, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2005, in a Midland hospital. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

### Carl Titsworth

Carl Titsworth, 82, of Big Spring, died at 6:55 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10, 2005, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

### Elauterio "Ted" Valencia

Elauterio "Ted" Valencia, 96, of Big Spring, died at 5:44 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2005, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Take note

□ **AN ACCOUNT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE FAMILY OF CHRIS RIVERA, 26, A FORMER COSDEN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION MEMBER,** who died Dec. 28, 2004. The fund is to assist his wife, Natasha Rivera and his four children, all younger than 6, with funeral expenses. The account no. is 760221. To donate contact the credit union at 264-2600.

□ **REGION 18 SERVICE CENTER** has video and audio-visual material used in the schools available for viewing Jan. 27. The session is 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the center, which is located at 2811 LaForce Blvd., Midland International Airport. Persons wishing to request preview of the films may call Pam Winn, media supervisor of the education service center, at telephone number 432-567-3260.

□ **CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH** is looking for infant car seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.

□ **A BENEFIT FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED** at Cosden Federal Credit Union for Jeremiah Best, to help with the cost of his cancer treatment. Contributions and prayers are appreciated.

□ **AN ACCOUNT TO BENEFIT TRISTIN RANGEL,** son of Ione and Tim Rangel, has been set up at the Big Spring Government Employees Federal Credit Union, 2204 Gregg St., account No. 529903, to help with medical expenses. He has been diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia and is in a Lubbock hospital.

□ **BUFFALO COUNTRY FINA** is giving away an autographed photograph of Michael Jordan, along with two other Jordan magazine covers, to help with medical costs of 12-year-old Sage Gibson, son of Big Spring Junior High School assistant principal Tommy Gibson, who has been diagnosed with a tumor. For an update on Gibson's condition visit [www.carepages.com/ServeCarePage?cpn=Sagepage&uniq=923947](http://www.carepages.com/ServeCarePage?cpn=Sagepage&uniq=923947). For more information about the Buffalo FinA fund-raiser call 267-5050.

□ **THE FAMILY OF MICHAEL STEADHAM** is in need of help to pay for his funeral expenses. Friends of the family say he had no insurance and died suddenly. An account has been established at the Cosden Federal Credit Union for those wishing to help the family. For more information, call 264-0838 or 264-2600.

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. today:

- **NICHOLAS HERNANDEZ**, 23, of 2705 Hernandez Road, was arrested Monday on local capias warrants.
- **CHANCE HANSON**, 17, of 3300 Fordham, was arrested Monday on charges of driving under the influence by a minor, no driver's license and theft.
- **LINDSAY WAGNER**, 18, of 13 Riva Ridge Road, was arrested Monday on charges of allowing an unlicensed person to drive and theft.
- **FRANCIE CANDICE SMITH**, 54, of 1600 Lancaster, was arrested Monday on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **SHANE BRIM**, 31, of 1300 Harding, was arrested Monday on local warrants.
- **THEFT** was reported:
  - in the 600 block of Sixth Street.
  - in the 400 block of Birdwell Lane.
  - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 700 block of Tulsa.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 1600 block of Stadium.
- **ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO CAUSE BODILY INJURY** was reported 500 block of Owens.

## Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activity:

- **RICAUTER DELEON**, 17, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of possession of marijuana - two ounces or less.
- **CYNTHIA BOLT**, 44, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **REYNALDO HERNANDEZ JR.**, 27, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while intoxicated - open container.
- **ASHLEY LYNN WARD**, 23, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of prostitution.
- **JUSTIN MICHAEL TIMS**, 19, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of interfering with railroad property.
- **FRANCIE CANDICE SMITH**, 54, was transferred to the county jail Monday by the BSPD on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **DANIEL JONATHAN GARCIA**, 26, was arrested Monday by the HCSO on a charge of issuance of a bad check.
- **JOHN MARTIN CARLSON**, 46, was arrested Monday on a charge of interfering with railroad property and a parole violation.
- **MICHAEL YANEZ**, 32, was transferred to the county jail Tuesday by the BSPD on a motion to revoke probation for driving while license suspended/invalid.

## Support groups

### TUESDAY

□ The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets at 7 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month in the College Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1005 Birdwell Lane. Call Tracey at 263-4948 for more information.

### THURSDAY

□ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m.; women's meeting: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

□ The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at noon in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. Call 263-8273 for more information.

□ Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 N. Hwy 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

### FRIDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon open Big Book study meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY

□ Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open podium/speakers meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 p.m. Open birthday night, no smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY

□ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

### MONDAY

□ Encourager's Support Group for widows and widowers begins at 6 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels streets. Enter through the north door. Please bring a covered dish. Call 398-5522 for more information.

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## Bulletin board

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### TUESDAY

- Intermediate Line dance classes begin at 9 a.m. in the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center. Call 267-1628.
- Howard-Glasscock Counties American Cancer Society director's meeting in the dining room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center at noon. Call Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599 for more information.
- Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- A 'Stitchin' Time Club meets at 3:30 p.m. at Primitive Baptist Church, 201 E. 24th St. Everyone is invited to learn and share sewing skills, and portable sewing machines are welcome. Call Kay Sikes at 394-4835 for more information.

### WEDNESDAY

- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.
- Senior Circle meets at 11 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for Stretch and Tone. Call 268-4721.
- Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.
- Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. at the Spring City Senior Citizen's Center in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 or 267-1628.
- Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. in the Big Spring Country Club.
- Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. in the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

### THURSDAY

- Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. in Herman's Restaurant.
- Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. in Gale's Sweet Shoppe.
- Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-6479.
- Friends of the Library meets at noon in the Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.
- Big Spring Main Street meets at noon in the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main streets.

## Correction

In the weekend edition story on the Big Spring High School band, Jordan Herrod was incorrectly identified as the band's alto saxophone representative at area band tryouts. Jared Sanchez represented the band on alto saxophone at area tryouts Saturday.

## Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 6-10-25-29. Bonus Ball: 10.  
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1.  
Prize: \$725,000.  
Winning ticket sold in: Houston.  
Estimated jackpot for Thursday night drawing: \$200,000.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night:  
Winning numbers drawn: 2-5-23-25-37.  
Number matching five of five: 0.  
Next Cash 5 drawing: Tuesday night.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 2-3-2

## Weather

Tonight - Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. Lows in the mid 40s. South winds 15 to 25 mph.  
Wednesday - Mostly cloudy with isolated showers in the morning then partly cloudy in the afternoon. Very windy. Highs in the mid 60s. Southwest winds 25 to 35 mph with gusts to 45 mph.  
Wednesday night - Partly cloudy. Windy. Lows near 30. Northwest winds 15 to 25 mph.  
Thursday - Mostly sunny. Cooler. Highs in the mid 40s. North winds 10 to 15 mph.  
Thursday night - Partly cloudy. Lows near 20.  
Friday - Partly cloudy. Highs near 40.  
Friday night - Mostly cloudy. Lows near 20.  
Saturday - Mostly cloudy. Highs near 40.  
Saturday night - Mostly cloudy. Lows near 20.  
Sunday - Mostly cloudy. Highs near 40.  
Sunday night - Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.

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**Credit scoring for insurance rates criticized**

AUSTIN (AP) — The common practice of using credit scores or credit histories to determine insurance rates discriminates against minorities and poor people and should be banned, lawmakers and advocacy groups said Monday.

Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, said legislation banning the practice would be filed in both the House and Senate. Ellis also called on the Texas Department of Insurance commissioner to stop the practice.

A state report released last week indicated black, Hispanic and low-to-moderate income policyholders generally have lower credit scores than their white, Asian, older or high-income counterparts. Typically, those with higher credit scores pay lower insurance premiums.

Leaders of AARP, Texas Watch, Common Cause, League of United Latin American Citizens and the NAACP, among others, joined the call for a ban.

**Education funding taking center stage**

AUSTIN (AP) — Emphasizing that children's education and protection are high priorities, Republican Gov. Rick Perry has declared them emergency items as lawmakers arrived for Tuesday's start of the legislative session.

"We must provide a great education for every child, regardless of where they come from, the sound of their last name or the heritage of their family," Perry told a pre-session conference of journalists Monday.

Meanwhile, Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst signaled that Texas senators are moving quickly toward agreement on a school finance proposal. He said a series of meetings among senators is being held over the next two to three days.

**Rather saves his job, but reputation takes a blow after critical report on Guard story**

By **DAVID BAUDER**

AP Television Writer  
NEW YORK — As his anchor career nears its end in March, Dan Rather's reputation as a hard-charging news reporter took some damaging blows from the independent panel that probed CBS's discredited story on President Bush's National Guard service.

Three CBS News executives and the producer of last September's "60 Minutes" Wednesday report were fired Monday by CBS chief Leslie Moonves for rushing the story to air and then blindly defending it.

Rather was portrayed by the panel — retired Associated Press chief executive officer Louis D. Boccardi and former GOP Attorney General Dick Thornburgh — as "pushed to the limit" by coverage of the

Republican National Convention and Hurricane Frances as final reporting on the story was done.

"He's had a distinguished television news career, he's one of the largest figures in this industry and this event doesn't erase the other things that he has accomplished," Boccardi said Tuesday in an interview on CBS' "The Early Show."

The veteran anchorman did not appear to have participated in any of the vetting sessions or even seen the story before it aired, Boccardi and Thornburgh found.

"The panel has found that his unwillingness to consider that CBS News and his colleague were in the wrong was a mistake, and that the broadcast would have benefited from a more direct

involvement on Rather's part," Moonves said in a statement.

Given Rather's voluntary retirement as anchor, a decision that Rather said was unrelated to the National Guard story, Moonves said he decided not to discipline him.

Rather will move then to "60 Minutes," where Moonves said he will have "more time to concentrate on his reporting."

Rather did not anchor the "CBS Evening News" on Monday, after traveling back from Thailand over the weekend. An aide said he was reading the report and did not have an immediate comment.

Fired were Mary Mapes, the story's producer; Josh Howard, executive producer of "60 Minutes Wednesday"; Howard's

top deputy, Mary Murphy; and CBS News senior vice president Betsy West.

Boccardi and Thornburgh's 224-page report catalogued a long series of missteps, essentially saying the report was aired too soon under competitive pressure without being thoroughly checked out: Four months after the report was aired, the panel still couldn't say conclusively whether memos allegedly disparaging Bush's service were real or fake.

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"We're a little concerned about the security situation, particularly in Sumatra, in the Aceh area," Andrew Natsios, the head of the U.S. Agency for International Development, told reporters in Washington. "This is the most fundamental area in all of Indonesia, and it's been a hotbed for a long time now."

Islamic militants have been fighting to establish an independent Islamic

state in Sumatra since the mid-1970s. The government and the Free Aceh Movement, known by its Indonesian initials GAM, signed a peace agreement in late 2002, but never really established peace.

Both sides put aside the conflict, at least temporarily, after a Dec. 26 earthquake off the coast of Sumatra sent massive waves that swept hundreds of Indonesian villages into the sea. More than 100,000 Indonesians died; many thousands more are missing.

A senior Indonesian official said 1,556 of Aceh

province's 5,862 villages "were wiped out" and added that the loss of life among local police officers, teachers and town and village officials had been huge.

"You can imagine the devastation and impact on local governments," said Alwi Shihab, the coordinating minister of people's welfare and a senior aide to the president. Of 400 police officers in the coastal city of Meulaboh, he said, "only 20 remain" alive.

Shihab said rescuers are still finding and burying hundreds - and sometimes

thousands - of bodies a day. After collecting and burying 2,500 bodies Sunday, workers have now buried 58,281 bodies. The government believes 50,000 more people are still waiting to be buried.

Despite the security concerns, President Bush used a visit to USAID headquarters Monday to underscore America's commitment to the tsunami-relief effort.

"This is one of those projects that's not going to happen overnight," Bush told government aid workers and top officials from two dozen private

relief organizations. "Our commitment is a long-term commitment."

Bush also urged Americans to make certain their donations to tsunami relief are in addition to their usual charitable giving. Humanitarian groups worry that the outpouring of aid for tsunami victims could hurt donations to other charities.

"It is essential that your contribution not replace the ongoing contributions you're making. ... You should view the tsunami relief effort as extra help," Bush said.

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and a teacher's health insurance stipend.

The surplus would do little in addressing some budget priorities being called for, such as reforms of the state's \$30 billion school finance system and Child Protective Services.

"There's no negotiation room for CPS or school finance," said Eva DeLuna Castro, a budget analyst for the Center for Public Policy Priorities, which advocates for low-income Texans. "The news is not as good as we were hoping, and the picture could get worse."

Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst had said he expected a shortage of as much as \$2 billion, but said Monday that the previous estimate included some new spending.

"With this available revenue I am confident that the Legislature will again be able to balance the budget, while protecting essential services for the most vulnerable, and

keeping taxes low," Dewhurst said.

Monday's news was much better than Strayhorn's last estimate. Two years ago, she surprised lawmakers with an estimated budget shortfall of nearly \$10 billion — double expectations.

Lawmakers will craft a two-year state budget that does out state funds to programs such as public schools and CHIP.

Most of the state's revenue comes from sales and business tax collections. Strayhorn's revenue estimate does not include federal money and other revenue, which totals more than about \$130 billion.

The state constitution prohibits deficit spending, so the Legislature will have to balance the budget within the constraints set by Strayhorn.

Perry said he thinks there was a "very strong sigh of relief" from the legislative budget appropriators after Strayhorn's estimate.

"I'm pleased that the state economy has performed at the level it has

performed over the last two years," Perry said.

Perry described the surplus as \$6 billion, but that would not have accounted for costs to continue existing levels of services.

Strayhorn repeated that the state's surplus was \$400 million.

"It is encouraging to hear that the comptroller anticipates significant revenue growth for the

biennium compared to the situation we faced last regular session," said Republican Speaker Tom Craddick of Midland, who presides over the Texas House.

**BANDS**

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3A All-Region Band Concert Saturday at Crane High School.

Tuba player Eric Barton will represent Coahoma High School Saturday in Abilene at the TMEA All-Region II concert at Abilene Cooper, Band Director Jerry Barker said.

Almost 30 Big Spring High School students competed in Class 4A All-Area competition Saturday in Lubbock. Although none qualified for an All-State chair, 48 will represent the school

at the All-Region band concert Jan. 29 at the BSHS auditorium, Band Director Rocky Harris said.

Students from the three bands will now begin preparations for University Interscholastic League solo and ensemble competition next month.

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OUR VIEWS

Be cautious now as school bells are again ringing

The holiday season was absolutely wonderful, but now it is time to get back into some familiar routines. Yes, school is back in session throughout the Crossroads area and that's why we all need to be prepared.

It's amazing that in the few short days children are out of classes for the holidays, too many of us seem to forget what we need to do when driving near schools.

Sure, we're all busy. That's especially true for those who must make arrangements for getting children to school in the morning and back home again in the afternoon.

For those of us who work, it can be a married time. We're balancing their schedules with ours, trying to get to work, then maybe taking a quick afternoon break so we can rush to the school and pick up the children and deliver them to a relative's house, daycare or home.

We've all been outside the school building when the final bells ring. It is a beehive of activity, with children scampering everywhere and cars lined up waiting. Obviously, the potential for an accident is increased. Fortunately, however, there have been few of those over the years.

That's because most of us observe the speed limits in school zones and are aware of the potential danger.

Here are some important points to remember:

- Slow down. Always obey the speed limit when traveling through neighborhoods and school zones.
- Be attentive. Watch for children gathering near bus stop and walking in the street, especially where there are no sidewalks.
- Remain alert. Hurried children may dart into the street without looking for traffic.

None of us is so busy that it is always an emergency so important that we can't afford to put our young people at risk by driving in an unsafe manner.

Dr. Frist's mission riles some GOP reps

Prominent House Republicans were outraged that Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, the only physician in the Senate, left on a medical mission to the Indian Ocean disaster area



ROBERT NOVAK

Wednesday, missing the Electoral College challenge Thursday. The challenge to Ohio's presidential outcome initiated by Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones of Ohio required roll call votes in both the Senate and House at Thursday's counting of electoral votes. Frist's presence was not absolutely necessary Thursday, with the challenge rejected by a 74 to 1 Senate vote.

Nevertheless, the majority leader's critics grumbled that his medical presence in Sri Lanka could have been postponed for a day or two until the counting of Electoral College votes by a joint session of Congress was disposed of.

Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, who was voted out of the House Republican leadership six years ago, is now the odds-on favorite to be the next majority leader if Rep. Tom DeLay is forced to resign.

After the 1998 election, Boehner was badly beaten by Rep. J.C. Watts of Oklahoma for re-election as chairman of the House Republican Conference. Instead of fading away as defeated congressional leaders usually do, however, Boehner buckled down to hard legislative work and became an effective chairman of the Education and Workforce Committee.

DeLay will have to resign if Democratic District Attorney Ronnie Earle in Austin, Texas, brings an indictment against the majority leader. Resignation would be necessary under a rule that was just reinstated by the House Republican Conference.

The once bright prospects for Colorado Gov. Bill Owens to be the conservative favorite for the 2008 presidential nomination are taking another hit with his support for a referendum to amend his state's Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR). The change would no longer require lower government spending in the wake of a recessionary year.

As a state senator 13 years ago, Owens first attracted national attention by sponsoring a TABOR constitutional amendment that required government surpluses to be returned to taxpayers each year. The new referendum backed by Owens would allow the state government to retain most of the surplus this year.

Conservatives seeking a governor to run for president for several years had their eyes on Owens. Their interest dipped, however, when Republicans lost control of the Colorado legislature and lost a U.S. Senate seat in the 2000 elections amid the party's success in most parts of the country.

Claude Allen, a leading African-American conservative Republican, was left off President Bush's list of renominated judicial appointments but is slated to become the new head of the Domestic Policy Council at the White House.

Allen, currently an assistant secretary of Health and Human Services, was one of the 10 appellate court nominees blocked by

Senate Democrats. Conservative sources say he was not anxious to go through that painful process again.

However, Allen may eventually be renominated for the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, but to a Virginia seat when one opens up instead of the Maryland seat to which he was first named. That would bypass opposition from Maryland's two liberal Democratic senators, Paul Sarbanes and Barbara Mikulski. Allen is a Virginia resident.

New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer, who has gained a national reputation for aggressive prosecution of corporate conduct, will speak at a Manhattan fund-raiser for California State Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi's contested campaign for the Democratic nomination as his state's lieutenant governor.

The fund-raiser will be held the evening of Jan. 26 at the Four Seasons Restaurant, with the cost of tickets ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. Garamendi has been a perennial candidate in California, with mixed success.

Garamendi was pondering a run for governor in 2006 but backed away because of Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's popularity. He is not assured of the lieutenant governor's nomination. A leading contender is State Sen. Jackie Speier of San Mateo, a longtime Democratic activist.

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No clear front-runner for Demo chairman

Because the Democrats haven't decided what they should now stand for, they are having a hard time deciding who their new chairman should be.

The 440 members of the Democratic National Committee will meet in February to choose someone to replace the current chair, Terry McAuliffe.



ROGER SIMON

Perhaps because the job no longer looks that appetizing, a number of people have dropped out of the running, leaving just four active candidates: former Rep. Martin Frost of Texas, former Denver mayor Wellington Webb, New Democratic Network President Simon Rosenberg and Democratic activist Donnie Fowler.

A few others are considering running, including former presidential candidate Howard Dean. Do not feel badly if the only name you recognize in that list is Dean. The party chair is often not widely known to the general public.

But Dean's high profile, if not his performance in the primaries (he won only one state, his home state of Vermont, and that only after he had ended active campaigning), would seem to give him an advantage should he choose to

run. I am having a hard time believing he will actually run for the job, however. He has said if he is elected Democratic chair he will not run for president in 2008. And I can't believe he won't run in 2008.

There is really no reason for him to sit out 2008. Yes, he lost badly last year, but the knowledge you gain from running for president is invaluable, and if Dean can learn, mature and adapt as a candidate, he would certainly be a credible contender next time.

I had assumed there were three Democrats sure to run in 2008: Hillary Clinton, John Edwards and Howard Dean. (Others will probably run, and John Kerry might run again, even though the Democrats do not have much of a record for re-nominating people who have lost: Adlai Stevenson was the last, and he ended up losing twice to Dwight Eisenhower.)

So why would Dean consider running for the DNC chair? Dean, who is a former chair of the Democratic Governors Association and the National Governors Association, is very proud of the work he did for those bodies and believes he has the skills to transform the Democratic Party.

Also, it would make him a major player in national politics for the next four years.

Not that Dean would be a shoe-in to win the party chairmanship. Far from it. Some Red State Democrats would certainly

oppose him, fearing he is too far to the left, and others would oppose him because they don't believe a self-proclaimed "insurgent" should be the public face and voice of the party.

He might win anyway — though I think Martin Frost would probably have to be considered the front-runner right now — but again, I can't quite figure out why Dean would want to win.

Dean has a heck of an email list, a cadre of people who still support him for president very passionately and a proven ability to raise money on the Internet. So why give up even the outside chance for the presidency for the life of a party chair, which involves relentless fund raising and a horrendous amount of travel to rubber chicken dinners?

In the end, I don't think Dean will run for the chair. Having shown himself to be a risk-taker in 2004, I think he will take the same risk in 2008 and run for president.

So where does that leave the Democratic Party? In a state they are familiar with: a state of confusion.

Next: What the Democrats should do.

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of Furqueron, is pre-design.

"This is where we'll gather the information we'll need," Furqueron told commissioners. "We've got to look at the area and the demand on the facility, which will involve studies collected by the sheriff's office and the state, as well as information gathered by my firm and the other companies involved. We need to look at demographics and trends and take the information from the sheriff's office and the state jail commission and analyze it further."

Sheriff Dale Walker provided the commissioners and Furqueron with a number of statistics during the meeting, information he said will help complete the first stage of

the operation.

"It includes booking and release statistics as well as the total number of inmates held in our facility starting in 1997," said Walker. "We're in a pre-architectural planning stage and some of those studies are already done. We've been collecting data, but it hasn't been analyzed yet."

Furqueron said once it's determined how large the facility will have to be to meet commissioner's goals, they will move into the second stage — site selection and planning.

"We have to know what kind of acreage we need before we move into that stage," Furqueron told commissioners.

He went on to explain the remaining three phases, which are architectural design, construction and occupancy.

"Are we ready for an architect right now?"

Commissioner Gary Simer asked the court.

"I think we have to move forward with this now, and the only way to do that is going to be to begin these studies," said Kilgore. "Can you do this? Is it feasible? We're going to need someone to hold our hands on this."

While commissioners appeared ready to move ahead with the project, there was some concern expressed concerning the financial side of the retainer.

"If a month from now the commissioners decide to abandon the project and we haven't done any work, it's not going to cost the county anything," Furqueron told commissioners. "Everything we do is going to be approved by the commissioners."

Consideration of a new jail facility began more than a year ago when

commissioners identified jail overcrowding and non-compliance with state jail laws as an ongoing problem.

According to information previously provided by commissioner Bill Crooker, the county spent

\$108,000 on housing female inmates at other facilities in 2002-2003, while fees on male inmates accounted for \$187,000 of the budget because of jail overcrowding.

Commissioner Emma

Brown was unable to attend Monday's meeting due to illness.

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ELECTIONS

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you go to another place. It can get really hard to keep up with, so we're trying to get everything consolidated under one office."

Kilgore said election duties are currently shared between the county's tax assessor/collector and clerk's offices. The addition of the position will help take some of the annual workload off those two offices and centralize the effort to both register and actually cast a ballot.

"The tax assessor/collector handles voter registration and the county clerk's office handles the actual voting," said Kilgore. "So we're actually consolidating those responsibilities into one office. Kathy (Sayles, county tax assessor/collector) is giving up one employee to help fund it by transferring that salary to the new office. Right now we only expect to have one person in that

office. We hope to be able to do it that way with just some part time help."

Kilgore said the person that fills the position will have the ability to negotiate and contract with other entities, such as Big Spring ISD, the city of Forsan and Coahoma ISD, to handle their early voting in one central location, eliminating a lot of the confusion that sometimes arises from having so many different balloting locations.

"We're hoping this will become the single location to vote at," said Kilgore. "Especially for the county, for early voting and that sort of thing. This administrator will also have the power to go out and contract with other entities, whether it's the city of Big Spring, Forsan or Coahoma — even the school districts. A few of those entities have expressed a great deal of interest in doing just that."

"The new, electronic voting machines are going to be in very soon. We're hoping to get this

office up and running very soon. It's going to be a full-time job year round because of things like voter registration. We're looking at some different office space right now, including space right here in the courthouse, so we'll have a central location people can go to for early voting each time. This won't effect the polling places during the regular elections, but it will certainly help with early voting and other special elections."

County Judge Ben Lockhart said funding for the new position has already been calculated into the 2005 budget.

"We've already put aside the money for this," said Lockhart. "All we have to do today is create the position."

"We've got the cart. Now let's just hope the horse shows up," he said with a grin.

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# Bedtime Stories

## HOOT OWL AND RONNIE O. POSSUM

Way, way down in the southern part of this country, there lives some reptiles we call alligators. We all think they are mean. And nasty! And we think that we should stay away from them as much as possible. Yes sir, these are some mean critters. You know what? Most of them are mean. Most of them are nasty! And all of them want to stay away from us as much as possible, too. And we should stay away from them!



This is a story about one of those alligators. But this one is about an alligator that wasn't mean, or nasty, and liked people. That is right! I said that she likes people! Her name is Gert. Now, with a name like that, she couldn't be too bad, could she?

Gert lived near a golf course. Do you like to play golf? Does your dad or mom like to play golf? There was a pond near that golf course and Gert just loved it. The water was always clean. There was always lots of food. And she loved to watch the people playing



golf.

But, the people didn't like her! They were always trying to catch her and move her away from the pond that she loved. She always managed to get away from the traps, that the people set out for her. And she didn't know why the people didn't like her. Maybe it was because she was green, and slimy! Maybe it was because she just looked mean. Maybe it was because the people just didn't understand that she was a good gator!

One day as Gert was watching the people from far away, playing their game, she saw that one of the men playing golf was very important. She had seen a picture of him before somewhere. He must be really important because everyone around him was trying to be sure that he was having a good time and that he was completely safe from harm.



He hit the ball and it landed right in that pond next to Gert. "Oh no," he shouted, "My little daughter gave me that golf ball and I don't want to lose it!" That was too bad because the ball just sunk right down to the bottom of the pond. Some of the men that were with the important man tried to swim out to the middle of that pond and find the ball, but they couldn't find it!

"I guess that I will just have to tell my little girl that I lost the ball she gave me," the man said. No one could see that the man had a tear in his eye, no one but Gert!



What could Gert do to help him? She could easily swim down and find that ball for the man, but she could not give it to him without scaring all those people. What will she do? She wanted to help him so badly! He seemed like such a nice man, too.

After the people left the golf course that day, Gert watched very closely to see where the man lived. Why, he lived just across the street! Gert waited patiently for nightfall. She dove down to the bottom of that pond and saw the ball that the little girl had given to her father. She grabbed it and came racing up to the top again, with the ball in her mouth.



It was dark now. Night time had finally come. Gert walked slowly to the street, being very quiet, so no one would see her or hear her. Then she looked both ways to be sure there were no cars coming. Then she crept across the street, found the man's house and put the ball on the man's

front porch so he could see it the next morning. Then she went back to the pond to watch as the man came out of his house and found the ball. She wanted to see the smile come back to his face.



Gert had been awake almost all night long doing this good deed. She was just about to fall asleep when the sun came up and the man walked out onto his porch. She could see him look down and she saw that big smile all over his face. Gert felt good! Gert felt so good that she fell asleep. She fell asleep right out in the open where all of the people could see her. She was so tired.

She was sleeping so deeply that she didn't see that net coming over her. "At last, we caught her," one of the men said. "We have been trying to catch her for years now. Let's send her to another pond a long way from here!"

This time, it was Gert with the tear in her eye. For she loved that pond and didn't want to move away from it or the people. She was feeling very sad.

Just then, the important man came over to see what the fuss was all about. He was holding that ball in his hand. "Let her go," he snapped. "Take that net off of her right now and set her free!" Of course, the men did what the important man told them to do. They set Gert free!

After all of the people had left the

pond, the man looked at Gert and at his precious golf ball. "This ball was given to me by my little daughter. It is very special to me. I know that you had something to do with getting it back to me, didn't you? You left your footprints all over my yard and I traced them straight to you. I know that you will never understand what I am saying but, Thank You!"



Gert did understand what he was saying and thought it was a shame that he could never understand her.

The man told Gert that as long as she wished, she could stay in that pond and no one would ever try to catch her again.

She lived in that pond for a long, long time and she even got to know that man's name. She thought that it was a very funny name, but she never told him that. After all, he wouldn't understand it even if she did try to tell him, because he can't understand alligator talk. Anyway, that man's funny sounding name was Mr. President.

Good Night!

# Scammers not beneath using tsunami disaster for fraud

You might think in this day and age, struggling to get a grip on a natural disaster and more than 140,000 casualties would earn a "get out of scamming free" card — but it hasn't.

The FBI today is alerting the public to a number of Internet scams currently being used online involving the solicitation of relief funds for the victims of the recent tsunami disaster. The FBI, through the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3), has received reports of Web sites being established to assist with collection and relief efforts.



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Complaints submitted to the IC3 have identified several schemes that involve both unsolicited incoming e-mails (Oh, how we love our spam), as well as reports of responses to posted e-mail addresses, to assist for a fee, in locating loved ones who may have been a victim of the disaster. A fraudulent relief donation Web site has also been detected containing an imbedded Trojan exploit which can infect users' computers with an Internet "backdoor" if accessed.

The IC3 is cautioning citizens against participating in this type of on-line correspondence. When considering on-line options for providing funding to this relief effort, people should consider some key points:

- Do not respond to any unsolicited (SPAM) incoming e-mails, regardless of what they say or claim to be doing.
- Be skeptical of individuals claiming to be surviving victims or foreign government officials asking for help in placing large sums of money in overseas bank accounts (often referred to as Nigerian money scams). Isn't it nice to know we can look for-

ward to a new influx of these annoy-a-grams thanks to the tsunami tragedy?

- To ensure that contributions to U.S. based non-profit organizations are used for intended purposes, go directly to recognized charities and aid organizations Web sites, as opposed to following a link to another site. Links don't always go where you think they do, and making a scam site look identical to the real thing is a common practice among cyber-criminals.

- Attempt to verify the legitimacy of non-profit organizations by using various Internet-based resources which may help confirm the existence of the organization as well as its non-profit status.

- Be leery of e-mails that claim to show pictures of the disaster areas in attached files, as the files may contain viruses. Only open attachments from known senders.

Network administrators who have failed to patch their systems against the Microsoft Windows Internet Naming Service (WINS) vulnerability are now at much greater risk of attack.

The SANS Internet Storm Centre warned on Wednesday that it has detected a steep rise in probes directed at network ports handling WINS services over the past few days. It believes this is a sign that the vulnerability is being exploited by malicious hackers.

"If you have not patched your WINS servers in your respective companies or campuses, beware. Patching these systems is now overdue," said SANS.

According to statistics gathered by the Research and Education Networking Information Sharing and Analysis center, this increase in activity began on Dec. 30, but became much greater on Jan. 1.

WINS, which is part of several Microsoft server products including NT

4.0 Server, Windows 2000 Server and Windows Server 2003, is used to identify the IP addresses of specific computers on a network.

Microsoft admitted back in December that WINS contained a flaw that could allow remote attacks to be launched against systems. Patches can be downloaded from the Microsoft Web site.

Just when you thought it was safe to wrangle yourself from the clutches of Bill Gates and Microsoft software, the little guys get handed the big red bullseye.

Users of the Mozilla and Firefox browsers and the Thunderbird e-mail client may be vulnerable to flaws that could allow an attacker to spy on or take over a system, according to security researchers.

The most serious bug affects all versions of Mozilla earlier than 1.7.5, and could result in a system crash or the execution of malicious code, the Mozilla Project said. A boundary error in the way Mozilla handles "news://" addresses can be used to cause a heap-based buffer overflow, which crashes the application and may allow for code execution, according to an advisory from

Maurycy Prodeus of iSEC Security Research, who discovered the flaw.

An attacker could exploit the bug by creating an overly-long "news://" link, distributed in an e-mail or on a Web page, and enticing a user to click on it. Such methods have been successfully used to spread worms. Mozilla Version 1.7.5 fixes the problem. Independent security research firm Secunia gave the bug a "highly critical" rating.

Finally, a Secunia researcher discovered a way of spoofing the names of file downloads in Firefox. A malicious site could use the bug to disguise the true nature of files the user is downloading, or to get information on the presence of specific files on the local system.

These bugs are all fixed in Firefox 1.0 and newer, and Thunderbird 0.9 and newer.

In recent months, many users have begun switching to browsers such as Firefox and Mozilla because of increasingly serious security risks affecting Microsoft's dominant Internet Explorer. However, the newfound popularity of the Mozilla-based browsers has been accompanied by greater

scrutiny by security researchers, and the regular discovery of new flaws. Oh yeah, and don't forget the attention of hackers all over the world. What a surprise, right?

British Web monitoring and metrics firm Netcraft has released a toolbar for Internet Explorer that can help people sidestep phishing scams.

Dubbed Netcraft Toolbar, the free-of-charge plug-in to Microsoft's popular IE browser uses Netcraft's database of web site information to show several attributes of any visited site, including its country location, longevity, and popularity.

Those reactive features — most phishing sites are short-lived, for instance, and typically hosted in countries like China and Russia — are combined with a site blocker of known phishing URLs, said Netcraft, which updates that database with suspicious site reports from users.

For those unaware, phishing is just the new, fancy term for a type of scamming that's been around a long time. You click a link to pay your phone bill (or any other type of payment involv-

ing account info), arrive at a site that looks just like your creditor and enter your account and other sensitive information. Unfortunately the payment's never going to make it to your creditor, since the site you're actually inputting your information to is a fraud — an Internet site that looks and operates much like the real thing, but directs info somewhere else.

"The Netcraft Toolbar provides you with constantly updated information about the sites you visit as well as blocking dangerous sites," the company said in an online tutorial. "The toolbar provides you with a wealth of information about the sites you visit [which] will help you make an informed choice about the integrity of those sites."

The toolbar, which runs on Windows 2000 and XP, currently works only with IE, although Netcraft said it is working on one for Mozilla's Firefox browser. The plug-in can be downloaded from the Netcraft Web site.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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## Celebrity news

### Oscar de la Renta designs ball gown

NEW YORK (AP) — The full-length wrap gown that Laura Bush plans to wear to the inaugural ball will be classic and elegant but "with a touch of shimmer and shine," according to designer Oscar de la Renta.

"It's right for the occasion," he said Monday. The first lady had her fitting for the grayish-blue dress Saturday when she visited de la Renta's Manhattan showroom.

"I've been making clothes for Mrs. Bush over the last four years. Early in December she came to see me and asked if I would prepare some sketches for her for the inauguration," de la Renta explained.

The gown she chose, which features a layer of tulle adorned with bugle beads and crystals, was the designer's favorite, too. "Obviously I wanted something very glamorous. For any first lady, this is a very special kind of evening," he told The Associated Press Monday.

De la Renta's sophisticated styles seem to be a good match for Washington wardrobes: The Dominican-born designer also has dressed Hillary Rodham Clinton and Teresa Heinz Kerry.

### Simpson and Lachey hanging in there

NEW YORK (AP) — While the rumors proved true about the marriage of Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston, they haven't come home to roost for another Hollywood couple: Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey.

Simpson, whose two-year-old marriage to Lachey has been the subject of considerable media speculation, is sympathetic to Pitt and Aniston's situation.

"Any marriage is tough," Simpson told the syndicated TV entertainment show "Access Hollywood" in an interview that aired Monday night. "You go through struggles and it's work. You have to make it happen."

On Friday, Pitt and Aniston issued a statement saying they were separating after 4 1/2 years of marriage.

"For those who follow these sorts of things, we would like to explain that our separation is not the result of any speculation reported by the tabloid media," the actors said.

In November, Simpson denied rumors that she and Lachey were on the rocks, telling People magazine, "Our relationship is better than it's ever been."

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### Lady Steer Club meeting

The Lady Steer Club meeting at the ATC, will change from normal date.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Lady Steer Booster Club meeting set

The Lady Steer Booster Club will be meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, in the ATC, which is a change from its original date.

All parents of girls involved in volleyball, basketball, cheerleading and track are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Janet Abner at 264-0023 or Kerry Rodriguez 263-6100.

#### Magic ship Mobley to Kings for Christie

BOSTON (AP) — The Orlando Magic acquired Doug Christie from Sacramento for Cuttino Mobley in a trade of guards intended to improve their defense and passing.

The Kings also received forward Michael Bradley, who is on the injured list with a strained right hamstring.

The deal was announced at halftime of Orlando's game with the Boston Celtics. Mobley, who had started 21 of his 23 games this season for the Magic, did not play and was replaced in the starting lineup by Stacey Augmon.

#### Beltran, Johnson to be introduced today

NEW YORK (AP) — Carlos Beltran passed his physical without incident — both at the doctor and on the street — and the New York Mets scheduled a news conference for Tuesday to announce his \$119 million, seven-year contract.

With Randy Johnson due to be introduced by the Yankees the same day, the Mets called their neighbor and let them know their shindig at Shea Stadium would be at 11 a.m., because some of the people had to leave town in the afternoon, Mets spokesman Jay Horwitz said.

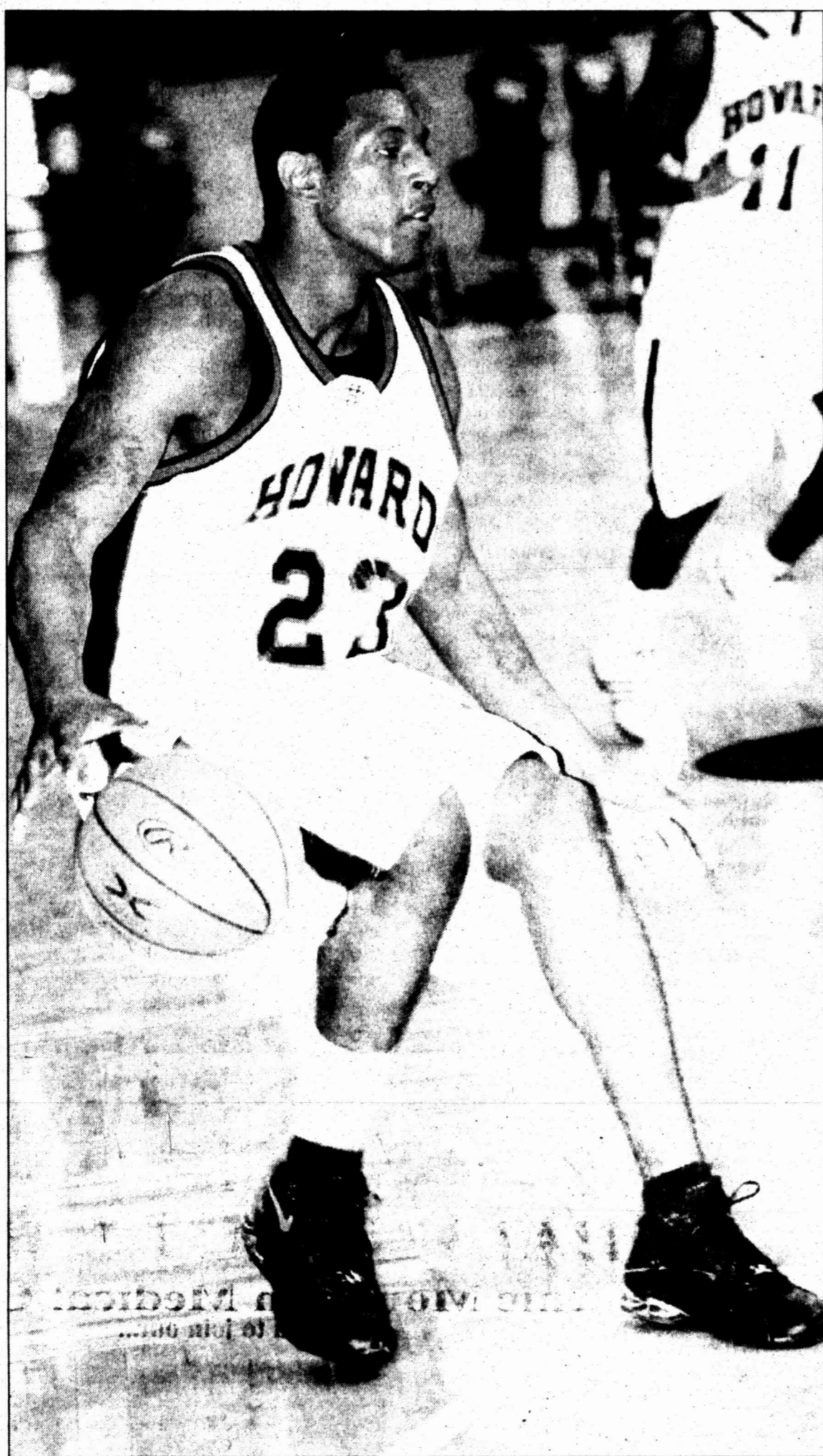
The Yankees scheduled a 2 p.m. announcement in the Bronx to introduce the Big Unit, who got into a confrontation with a television cameraman on the way to his physical.

Randy Johnson got into a confrontation on a Manhattan sidewalk with a television cameraman on the way to his New York Yankees physical, then apologized in a statement released later in the day.

While the Mets worked to finalize Beltran's contract, the 10th deal in baseball history worth \$100 million or more, general manager Omar Minaya spoke with Carlos Delgado's agent, David Sloane, about possibly meeting with the first baseman this week in Puerto Rico.

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Howard College sophomore Michael Williams looks for an open teammate Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Williams scored a season-high 17 points as the Hawks defeated the Hardin Simmons junior varsity team. Howard begins conference play Monday at home against rival Frank Phillips.

## Howard rolls past junior varsity, gets ready for WJCAC

• Five players reach double-figures as Hawk men blow out Hardin Simmons JV

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
BIG SPRING — In what proved to simply be a tune-up game for the start of the conference season, the Howard College men's basketball team easily defeated the Hardin Simmons JV Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 91-37.

Howard grabbed a 17-point lead with 3:14 to go until halftime after sophomore Munir Shakir connected on two free throws. The Hawks closed out the half with layups by freshmen Charles Burgess and Brandon Sampay. The layups gave the Hawk men their largest lead as Howard led at halftime, 34-15.

Burgess and freshman James Barrett began the second half by scoring 10 of the Hawks' first 12 points and Howard pushed the lead to 48-19. Sampay's basket with just over 14 minutes to play began a 16-0 run for Howard. The run included six points from Burgess as the Hawks pushed the margin to 66-23.

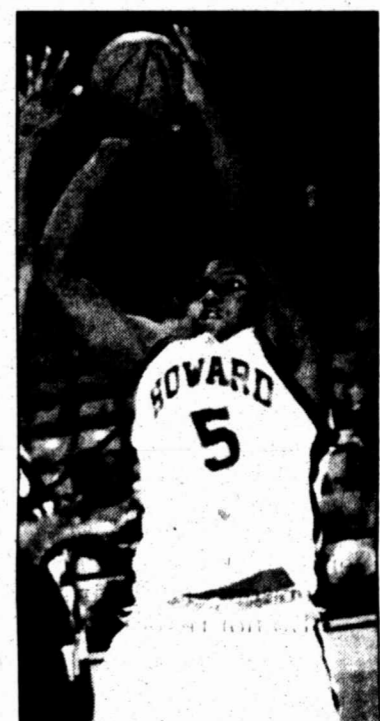
Howard (14-2) finished the game on a 23-12 run, which included back-to-back 3-pointers by freshman Louis Rodgers and back-to-back layups by Sampay.

Sampay led five Howard players in double figures with a team-high 21 points, while sophomore Michael Williams scored a season-high 17. Burgess, who is averaging 20 points per game this season, was held to 14 points. Barrett and Rodgers added 13 and 11 off the bench for Howard.

The Hawks only negative came at the line where they connected on eight-of-18 shots.

Hardin Simmons was led by Robert Yeatts' 13 points. The Cowboys shot eight-for-11 from the charity stripe.

Howard will begin WJCAC play Monday at home against rival Frank Phillips. The Hawk women host Frank Phillips at 6 p.m., while the men tip-off at around 8 p.m.



Howard College freshman Brandon Sampay scores two of his team-high 21 points Monday during the Hawks' 91-37 win over the Hardin Simmons JV.

## Okur's buzzer beater sinks Spurs

By DOUG ALDEN

AP Sports Writer  
SALT LAKE CITY — When Mehmet Okur's putback rolled in at the buzzer, the Utah Jazz celebrated as if they had just won a playoff series.

It was only a regular season game against San Antonio but it felt like much more to the Jazz, who had lost nine in a row and hadn't beaten the Spurs in nearly five years.

"Tonight they deserve a reward because they stayed with it for the full 48 minutes," Jazz coach Jerry Sloan said.

Utah hadn't won a game since beating Philadelphia 103-101 on Dec. 20. The nine-game losing streak was the team's longest since 1983 and ended against the Spurs, of all teams. The Jazz had lost 18 straight to San Antonio, dating back to a win in Utah on Feb. 6, 2000.

Okur finished with 23 points and 11 rebounds and battled San Antonio's Tim Duncan much of the night.

Duncan finished with 24

points and 13 rebounds, but Okur got free at the end and hit the shot of the night.

Okur pulled down the ball after Keith McLeod missed a layup and banked it in as time expired and the home fans roared.

The shot was reviewed and upheld as streamers fell from the rafters and the Jazz players and fans celebrated the end of both losing streaks.

"I made the last shot and we had a nine-game losing streak. It was huge for us," Okur said.

Carlos Boozer and Gordan Giricek each scored 13 points for the Jazz, who finally played a complete game after leading early and fading at the end during much of the losing streak.

San Antonio never led by more than three and couldn't hang on to several one-point leads down the stretch.

Manu Ginobili scored nine of his 18 points in the fourth for San Antonio and Tony Parker had 20 points and five assists.

San Antonio hurt itself from the free throw line, going just 24-for-33 and left room for Utah to rally.

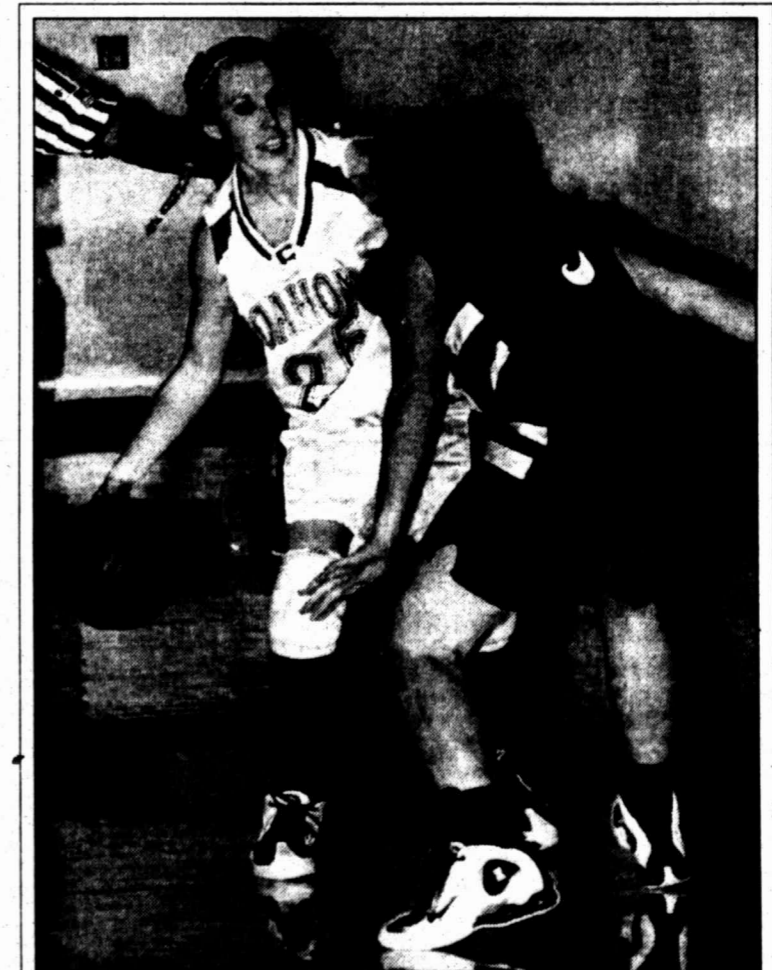
"I thought they played well the entire game," Duncan said.

Okur slammed down a miss by Boozer to put Utah up 95-94, but the lead went right back to San Antonio when Duncan put back an offensive rebound to make it 96-95.

Okur then missed badly on a 3-point attempt with about 30 seconds left but he atoned at the other end with a defensive rebound off a miss by Ginobili, who drove through the lane and appeared to be fouled hard but there was no call.

The Jazz called timeout with 7.4 seconds left for the last-second attempt. McLeod drove for a layup attempt that bounced off the rim, but there was enough time for Okur to grab the rebound and get off the winning shot.

Although the game was not a sellout, the 18,325 fans roared as the Jazz mobbed Okur in celebration.



Coahoma senior Sarah Collom takes the ball upcourt during the Bulldogettes' district win against Hawley Friday. The Coahoma girls travel to district rival Stamford tonight in hopes of pushing its District 4-2A record to 2-0.

## Girls district action continues tonight

• Some boy's teams begin district season, as well

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
Most area girls' basketball teams began district play last Friday and action will continue tonight for those teams.

The highlighted matchup features the 20-2 Garden City Lady Kats against the 16-5 Grady Lady Cats. The game will be played in Garden City at 6:30 p.m. and this game could be key in deciding the District 7-A champion.

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# Offseason work pays off as Manning takes second MVP

By MICHAEL MAROT

AP Sports Writer  
INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning spends countless hours inside his home theater, poring over game footage and scouting for advantages.

To Manning, it's all part of the job.

On Monday, he was rewarded for his diligence, his attention to detail and his record-breaking season by winning his second straight Associated Press NFL Most Valuable Player Award.

"I take my job very seriously, and I give it the attention and respect it deserves," he said. "I've always said this: I've never left the field after a game saying, 'I think I could have done more to get ready.'"

A year ago, the Indianapolis Colts' star quarterback shared the award with Tennessee quarterback Steve McNair.

This time, Manning was in a class by himself.

Less than a week after being named the offensive player of the year, Manning's record-setting numbers produced a nearly unanimous decision

from a national panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

Manning received 47 of 48 votes; Atlanta's Michael Vick got one.

Manning joined San Francisco's Joe Montana and Green Bay's Brett Favre as the only back-to-back winners of the award. Cleveland running back Jim Brown, Colts quarterback John Unitas, San Francisco quarterback Steve Young and St. Louis quarterback Kurt Warner are the only other two-time winners. Favre is the only three-time winner.

But Manning's numbers stood out. His 49 touchdown passes broke Dan Marino's 20-year-old record, and he shattered Young's league record for passer rating. Manning finished at 121.1, Young had a 112.8 in 1994.

Most important, Manning wanted to do it the right way.

"To keep winning games, that's really what it's been about for us," Manning said. "When you win, it's fun to talk about some of the other things that have occurred."

He led the Colts to a 12-4 record and their second straight AFC South title,

while avoiding the temptation to run up his totals in a couple blowouts.

It was easily the best season of Manning's seven-year career.

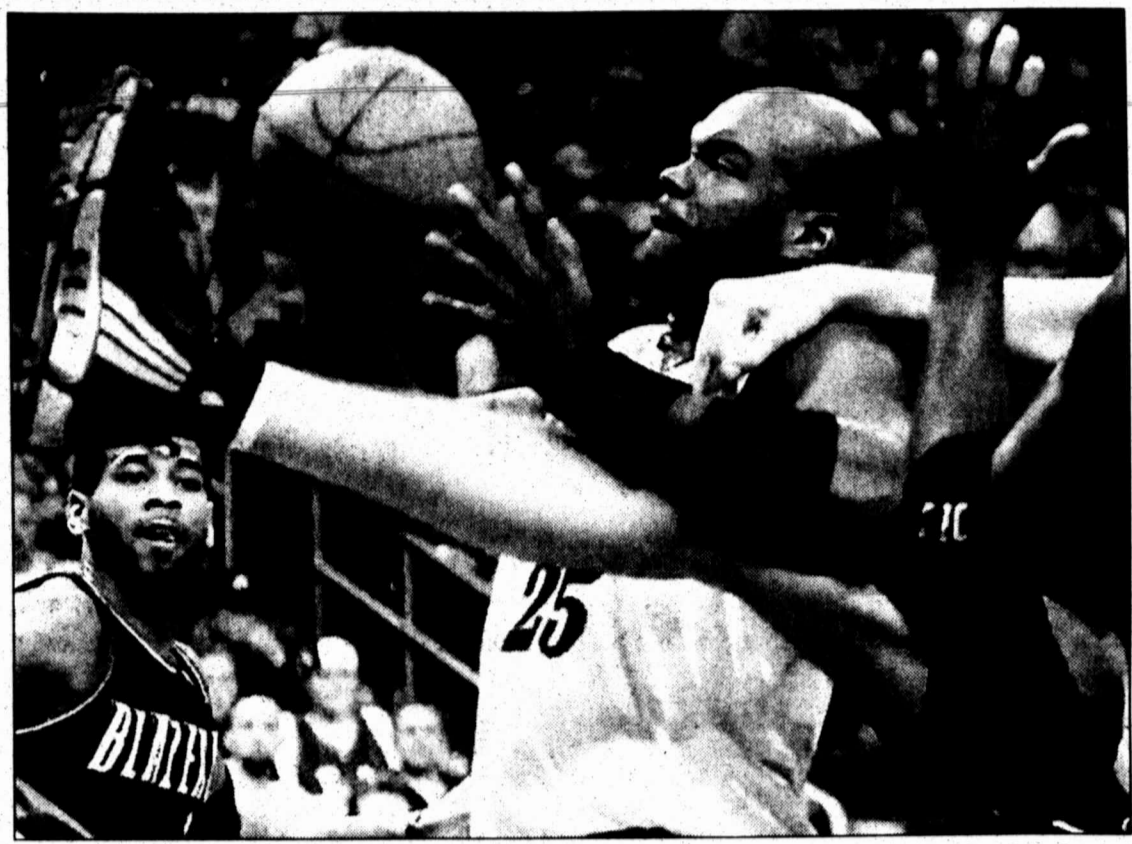
He threw two TDs in 14 games and four TDs six times. He also became the first quarterback in NFL history to produce four five-touchdown games in a calendar year and set an NFL record by throwing for at least two TDs in the first 13 games of a season.

Tony Dungy called the award well-deserved and even credited Manning for changing his reputation as a defensive-minded coach.


"When I came here three years ago, I know that some people's biggest fear was my reputation would precede me and we were going to rope him in and try to win games 10-6," Dungy said. "I'd just like to thank him for making me an offensive genius."

Manning also succeeded in what might have been his toughest job — keeping everyone happy.

Running back Edgerrin James was in contention for the NFL rushing title until the final week, finishing with 1,548 yards and nine touchdowns.



The Sixers' Marc Jackson is fouled by the foot of Trail Blazers' Joel Przybilla in the second period of their game at the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia, Penn., Monday.



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In other action, the Lady Steers travel to rival Andrews for a District 4-4A game at 7:30 p.m.

Coahoma hopes to keep its undefeated district mark alive as the

Bulldogettes travel to rival Stamford, while Forsan begins district play with a trip to McCamey.

Several area boys teams begin district action tonight, as well.

Garden City hosts Grady and its 21 game district winning streak at 8 p.m., while Forsan trav-

els to McCamey.

The Big Spring Steers (5-16) begin district play Friday against Estacado. However, they travel to Sweetwater tonight for a 7:30 p.m. matchup against the Mustangs. Coahoma's boys team is off tonight, but they begin district play Friday at home against rival Stanton.

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BY HOLIDAY MATHIS Capricorn is a responsible and focused energy that helps distill life's chaos down to its useful essence. New information is all well and good, but how does it apply? What's the practical action we should follow to get to the next step? Tolerance is low for anything that doesn't contribute directly to the bottom line.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your inner wisdom is no dummy - neither is it a betrayer. It wants to guide you toward your true mission and purpose. Stop fighting it. By focusing on your spiritual needs, you better the world in your own unique way.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

steady, calming force you can be. Water signs Cancer and Pisces worship the ground you walk on.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Being a perfectionist can be stressful! Go easy on yourself - you don't need to be right all the time. By redirecting your keen insight and using it to support others, you impart knowledge that is uncannily true and perceptive.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You feel energized and more than a little bit lucky. Your intuition and creativity get a booster shot, too. Make the most of these stellar aspects by tackling your passion project with renewed gusto.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The universe gives you a happy wink and a nod. You get a well-deserved break, enabling you to breathe a little easier and feel a little lighter. If you hold your head up high, you can see over any obstacles to a perfect day.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be successful if you play by the rules. Good old-fashioned hard work is a surer bet than winning the lottery, though flukes of outrageous fortune are in the stars for some of you. Remain upbeat and confident.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your senses are laser sharp, and you're able to see things, people and situations for exactly what they are. Focus that X-ray vision on a project that requires serious concentration, and you will succeed magnificently.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A positive opportunity to examine your values arises. Dump any old beliefs that just aren't working for you anymore. Make room for new truths. The successful

future you envision is much nearer than you think.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't just "get by" with a little help from your friends, you excel and thrive. Because of your fun-loving nature, powerful pals get a thrill out of giving you a leg up in life. Accept this with gratitude.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Good news concerning love, money or the arts is found in your mailbox or voice mail. Perhaps a friend sends you a complimentary ticket, or a certain cutie is asking about you. When the message comes, act fast.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's hard to stay focused on mundane concerns like work and bills when your head's in the clouds. Your imagination is captivated by dreamy romance or flights of fancy involving winning the lottery. Give in to pleasure.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your subconscious is sending you subliminal love notes to help you stay on the path to happiness. Note any interesting dreams, gut reactions or unusual experiences you might have. These are important clues.

ASTROLOGICAL QUESTIONS: "I've recently lost my mother to lung cancer. I have a new baby (9 months), no career, no direction and no motivation. Also, can a Pisces born March 8, 1975, help mend my broken heart? My birthday is Nov. 3, 1981, and I was born in Queens, N.Y., at 8:38 a.m."

I'm sorry to hear of your loss. Uranus squares your Sagittarius ascendant between March 2004 and February of this year, an aspect that indicates sudden separations.

As a Scorpio, you have a strong connection to people who have crossed into the afterlife, and though your grief is heavy, you should know that you can always talk to your mother and she will answer you - sometimes in ways that astound you!

Your skeptical Capricorn moon makes you think you're making things up in your head, but you are not. Your healing process includes honoring your mother through the way you raise your daughter.

Your Pisces also can help heal your heart, but don't plan a future together. Just take the "cure" for what it is in the moment. The moon in your second house indicates you will make money and find motivation through popular activities.

Professions to consider: personal trainer, masseuse, hair stylist, yoga instructor and anything in tourism.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Two-time heavyweight world champion George Foreman knocked out his competition in the ring, and now, he's doing the same in the business world with his grills and other products, including clothing and inspirational music.

Did you know that Foreman is also an ordained minister? Capricorn natives are very traditional and are often drawn to the structure of formal religion.

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Annie's Mailbox Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: I'm a 12-year-old girl attending a local middle school. I enjoy eating lunch with my friends and socializing during that time. My friends and I usually sit at the same table every day.

On one particular day, someone took our table before we got there. So my friend, "Alice," suggested we sit with "Jenny," who seemed happy to have our company. Jenny is nice, but very different. During lunch, she talked to herself and made odd sound effects, did these short skits in which she performed all of the parts, and told unfunny jokes while she pretended to eat our food. We all laughed at her jokes in order to be polite.

It was OK to sit with Jenny that one day, but for the past week or so, she's asked to sit with us every single day. We have never refused, for fear of hurting her feelings. (She doesn't have any other friends to sit with.)

Jenny behaves in the same odd way all the time, and I don't know how much more of it I can stand. Three of us asked Alice if she knew what we could do, and Alice became angry, so we didn't bring up the subject again. But I can tell that Alice is annoyed with Jenny, too. What should we do? - At My Limit

Dear Limit: It's possible that Jenny is suffering from Tourette's syndrome or some neurological impairment that interferes with her control over her actions. Instead of ditching her, why not ask Jenny, gently, if she is aware that her behavior is a little odd and



KATHY MITCHELL MARCY SUGAR

maybe she could talk to her doctor about it. It may open up a frank and helpful discussion.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "No Grimm Stepmom," who asked how long she is expected to pay for her stepson's education. As a college counselor and financial adviser, I often get the question of how long to keep paying for a child's education. I have come up with a series of questions for parents to analyze:

1. Does the student have a focused goal, such as an advanced degree and teaching credentials, as opposed to changing majors every year?

2. Is the student carrying a reasonable full-time load (12 hours or more)?

3. Is the student making reasonable progress, taking required courses and making at least a "B" average?

4. Can you afford to continue to make this investment in his future?

If the answers are all "yes," then continue to pay. If not, tell your child to make the answers "yes," otherwise the answer to any checkbook request is NO. - Dr. D. in Tallahassee, Fla.

Dear Tallahassee: Thank you for clarifying the difference between a perpetual student and one who is actively pursuing specific goals. Your letter will help parents decide if they are simply throwing money down a long drain or assisting their child in achieving success. Here's one more:

Dear Annie: If "No Grimm Stepmom" wants to discontinue paying tuition, the son will probably be advised by the financial aid department at his university to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (www.fafsa.org). If the student is under age 24, the parents will still be responsible for the student's loans. The parents and student, however, can work it out so their son is responsible for the loans once he or she graduates.

I have taken this route throughout my college career. Even though I live on my own and support myself, I have to use my parents' information to receive financial aid. This is fine with me, because I do not have to pay back the loans until I graduate, and I plan to do so without my parents' money. - Twenty-Two-Year-Old Student in North Carolina

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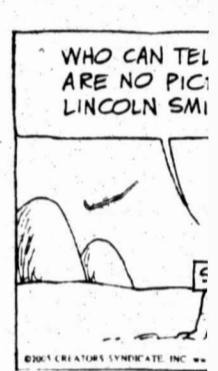
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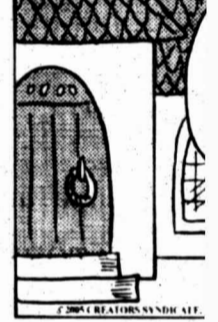
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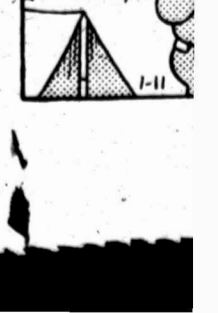
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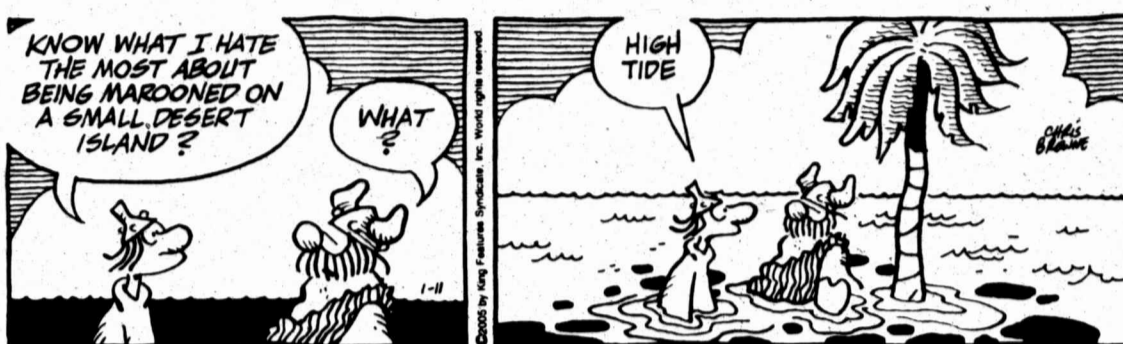
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"We learned about them at school. They're our four fathers."

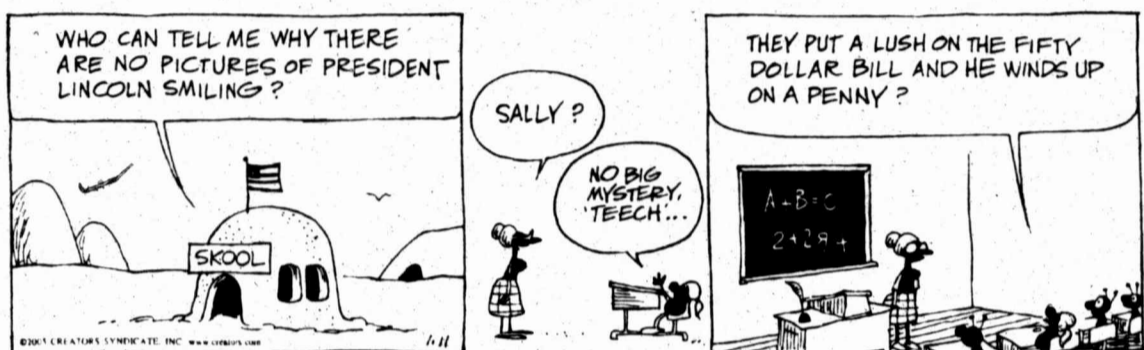
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This Date In History

By the Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 11, the 11th day of 2005. There are 354 days left in the year.

Two hundred years ago, on Jan. 11, 1805, the Michigan Territory was created by an act of Congress.

In 1757, the first secretary of the U.S. Treasury, Alexander Hamilton, was born in the West Indies.

In 1815, Sir John A. Macdonald, the first prime minister of Canada, was born in Glasgow, Scotland.

In 1861, Alabama seceded from the Union.

In 1913, the first sedan-type automobile, a Hudson, went on display at the 13th Automobile Show in New York.

In 1935, aviator Amelia

Earhart began a trip from Honolulu to Oakland, Calif., that made her the first woman to fly solo across the Pacific Ocean.

In 1942, Japan declared war against the Netherlands, the same day that Japanese forces invaded the Dutch East Indies.

In 1943, the United States and Britain signed treaties relinquishing extraterritorial rights in China.

In 1964, U.S. Surgeon General Luther Terry issued the first government report saying smoking may be hazardous to one's health.

In 1973, owners of American League baseball teams voted to adopt the designated-hitter rule on a trial basis.

In 1977, France set off an international uproar by releasing Abu Daoud, a PLO official behind the massacre of Israeli athletes at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

Today's Birthdays: Producer Grant Tinker is 79. Producer David L. Wolper is 77. Actor Rod

Taylor is 75. The former prime minister of Canada, Jean Chretien, is 71. Actor Mitchell Ryan is 71. Rock musician Clarence Clemons is 63. Movie director Joel Zwick ("My Big Fat Greek Wedding") is 63. Country singer Naomi Judd is 59. Golfer Ben Crenshaw is 53. Singer Robert Earl Keen is 49. Musician Vicki Peterson (The Bangles) is 47. Actress Kim Coles is 43. Actor Jason Connery is 42. Rock musician Tom Dumont (No Doubt) is 37. R&B singer Maxee (Brownstone) is 36. Singer Mary J. Blige is 34. Actor Marc Blucas is 33. Actress Amanda Peet is 33.

Answer to previous puzzle

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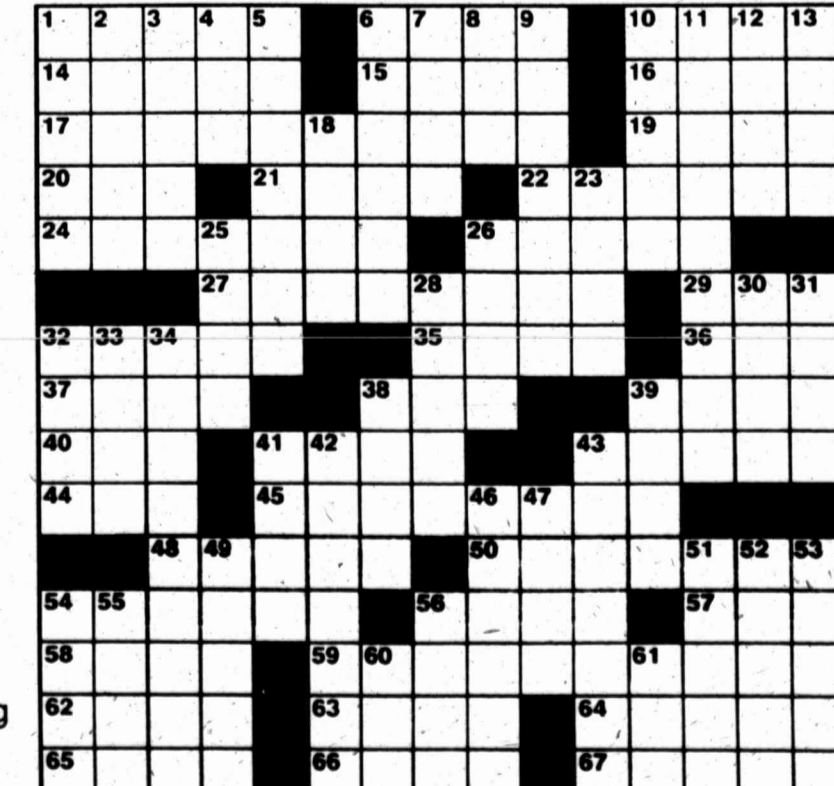
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- ACROSS**
- 1 The "N" in USNA
  - 6 More than impressed
  - 10 Canyon sound
  - 14 Suspect's excuse
  - 15 Fibber
  - 16 Hawaiian feast
  - 17 Neighborhood celebration
  - 19 Newspaper notice
  - 20 Salad-dressing ingredient
  - 21 Lessen
  - 22 Windshield cleaners
  - 24 '50s cool one
  - 26 Fills fully
  - 27 McIntosh, for one
  - 29 Haul a trailer
  - 32 Macaroni shape
  - 35 Skipper's area
  - 36 Self-image
  - 37 Pirate's haul
  - 38 Package-ribbon feature
  - 39 Challenge
  - 40 TV news hour
  - 41 "Shoo!"
  - 43 British noblemen
  - 44 Curved letter
  - 45 Last cars on trains
  - 48 Runway vehicle
  - 50 Supporting actors
  - 54 Boat basin
  - 56 Air-conditioning units: Abbr.
  - 57 Cow comment

- DOWN**
- 1 Influential person
  - 2 Kate's TV friend
  - 3 Cello cousin
  - 4 2 on a touch-tone
  - 5 Hardly used
  - 6 Nome's state
  - 7 Telegram
  - 8 Gobble up
  - 9 Plaster alternative
  - 10 Get hitched in secret
  - 11 Tenderized beef cut
  - 12 Pigtail material
  - 13 Baseball-scoreboard data
  - 18 Forked over the cash
  - 23 List entry
  - 25 Horse's gait
  - 26 Gush
  - 28 Snapshot
  - 30 Shrek, e.g.
  - 31 Troubles
  - 32 "So what is new?"
  - 33 Lane of Superman
  - 34 Bed part
  - 38 Porker of pictures
  - 39 Do a household chore
  - 41 Glance at
  - 42 Card game
  - 43 Menu course
  - 46 Gas-pump rating
  - 47 Tart-tasting
  - 49 Pieces of a chain
  - 51 Prayer endings
  - 52 Bake in an oven
  - 53 Boot bottoms
  - 54 \_\_\_ around (waste time)
  - 55 La Scala solo
  - 56 Overdo, on the grill
  - 60 Status \_\_\_
  - 61 Vegas cube



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By BETTY DEBNAM

George W. Bush Begins His Second Term

**The President's Inauguration**



As his wife, Laura, looked on, George W. Bush was sworn in to his first term of office four years ago, in 2001. Laura Bush held the same Bible used by George Washington.

On Jan. 20, George W. Bush will be sworn in to his second term as our 43rd president. This event is a celebration. It will also be a serious event, as our country is at war. There will be a lot of security.

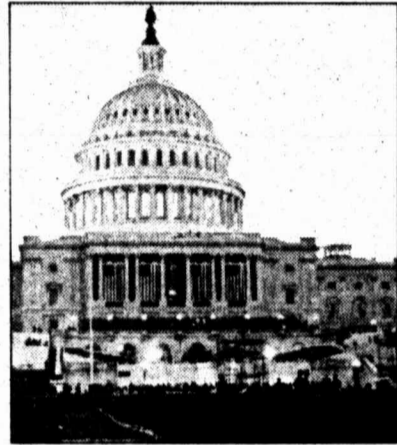
The swearing-in ceremony is called an inauguration (in-ah-guhr-RAY-shun).

Each president says a 35-word oath of office that is in the Constitution. (An oath is a promise.)

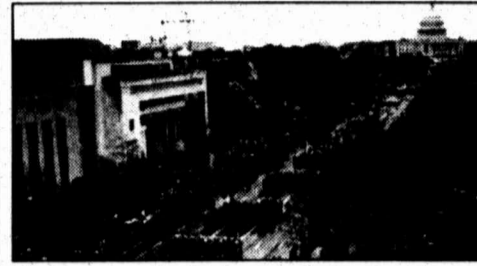
**The oath**

"I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the office of president of the United States and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

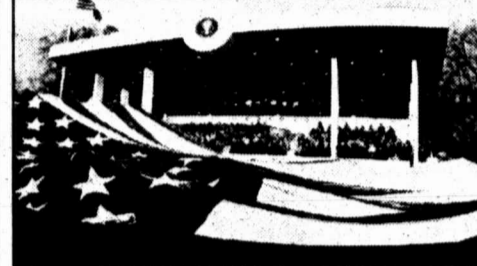
George Washington added the words "So help me God." Other presidents have said these words, too.



The swearing-in of the president usually takes place on the steps of the Capitol. A committee made up of members of Congress is in charge of this event and the luncheon that follows. If there are problems such as severe weather, the event might take place indoors.



The inaugural parade usually begins about 2 p.m. The parade route is 1 1/2 miles long. It begins near the Capitol. About 11,000 marchers come from all parts of the country to take part.

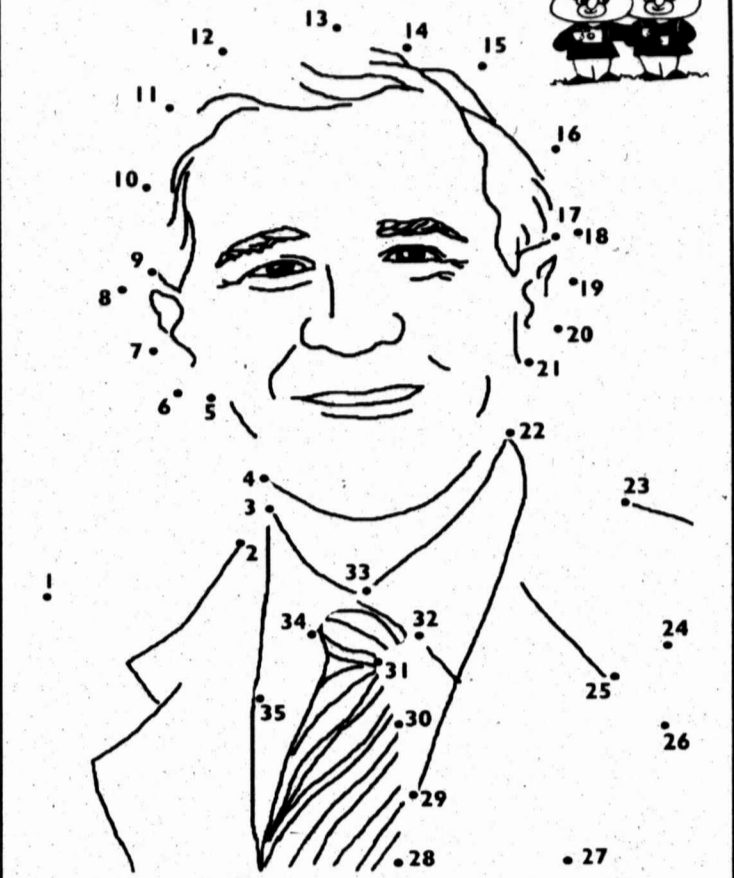


The two-hour-long parade ends just past the White House. The president watches it from a reviewing stand built in front.



There will be nine balls the night of the inauguration. The president visits each one. This photo shows President George H.W. Bush, George W. Bush's father, dancing with his wife, Barbara, at a ball honoring him. George H.W. Bush was president from 1989-1993.

Go dot to dot and color guess who?



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**Rookie™ Veggie Bean Soup**

- You'll need:**
- 2 (10-ounce) cans vegetable broth
  - 1 cup water
  - 1/2 medium onion, minced
  - 1 cup brown rice
  - 1 green pepper, diced
  - 1 cup frozen corn kernels
  - 1 (14-ounce) can pinto beans, drained and rinsed
  - 1 (14-ounce) can diced tomatoes
  - 1/4 teaspoon salt
  - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
  - tortilla chips, crumbled

- What to do:**
1. In a large pot, bring broth, water, onion, rice, pepper and corn to a boil.
  2. Turn to low and simmer for 30 minutes until rice is cooked.
  3. Add beans and tomatoes, and simmer another 15 minutes.
  4. Remove from heat and add salt and pepper.
  5. Serve with tortilla chips crumbled on top. Serves 6.

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**Gus Goodsport's Report**  
**Supersport: Matt Leinhart**

**Height:** 6-5 **Birthdate:** 5-11-83  
**Weight:** 225 **Hometown:** Santa Ana, Calif.  
Matt Leinhart says he doesn't like the spotlight, but it often shines on the talented Southern Cal quarterback.  
After leading the Trojans to a 12-0 regular season record and No. 1 national ranking, Leinhart won the Heisman Trophy, the most treasured individual award in college football. The junior threw for 2,990 yards and 28 touchdowns. This came after a sizzling sophomore year, when he fired 30 TD passes.  
Smart, poised and a team leader are a few words Southern Cal coaches use to describe Leinhart. Matt depicts himself on the Trojans Web site as "laid back," but adds, "I expect perfection."  
Leinhart, a sociology major, had to work hard to succeed. He mostly just practiced his first two years at Southern Cal, then blossomed in 2003 and '04. Chances are he'll remain in the spotlight.

**Meet Meryl Streep**

Meryl Streep, 55, is the actress who plays Aunt Josephine in the movie "Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events." She has been nominated for more Academy Awards than any other actor.  
Meryl's love of acting began in college. She studied theater art at Vassar College and later attended Yale University's School of Drama.  
Meryl's first movie part was in 1977. Two years later, she won an Academy Award for her role in the film "Kramer vs. Kramer." She has starred in many movies and is known for her ability to imitate any accent. The children's TV show "Sesame Street" created a character after her named "Meryl Sheep."  
Meryl was born in Summit, N.J. She was homecoming queen and a cheerleader in high school. She is married and has four children.

**MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes**

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

**Tony:** Why is this chop so tough?  
**Waiter:** Well, it's actually a karate chop!

**Denise:** What do you get if you practice karate/kicks in the woods?  
**Fred:** Chopsticks!

**Winton:** What happens if you're a karate expert and you join the military?  
**Don:** Watch out when you salute an officer the first time!

**Inauguration TRY 'N FIND**

Words and names that remind us of the inauguration are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, and some letters are used more than once. See if you can find: PRESIDENT, INAUGURATION, LEADER, CHIEF, CONGRESS, DIPLOMAT, OATH, CAPITOL, PARADE, BALLS, DANCING, MARCHERS, PROMISE, PROTECT, PRESERVE, DEFEND, CONSTITUTION, HONOR.

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**Mini Spy ...**

Mini Spy and the gang are at an inaugural ball! See if you can find: • man in the moon • feather • toothbrush

- ring
- fish
- letter D
- pea pod
- letter E
- heart
- kite
- letter C
- lima bean
- key
- football
- ant
- teapot
- paintbrush

**The President's Job**

**Our president has a big job. He wears many hats!**  
Your parents wear many hats. They are drivers, cooks, teachers, nurses, and on and on. The expression "wearing many hats" means that they are very busy doing many different jobs. Presidents are very busy, too. The decisions they make and the actions they take are important to all citizens. While they usually don't wear actual hats, let's pretend they are wearing them. Here are some examples of their jobs ... and hats!

**The three branches of government**

There are three branches, or parts, of our U.S. government.

The **executive branch** sees that our laws are carried out.

The **legislative branch** makes the laws.

The **judicial branch** decides if the laws passed are in keeping with the Constitution.

**Three branches take part**

All three take part in the inaugural ceremony.

We have numbered them in this photo taken at the 2001 inauguration.

- 1. Executive:** President Bush continues his role as our country's leader.
- 2. Judicial:** The chief justice of the United States directs the taking of the oath.
- 3. Legislative:** Members of Congress are in charge of the ceremony. Representing the Congress is the speaker of the House of Representatives.

**As commander in chief, the president always keeps a briefcase called the "football" nearby. It holds important papers and other items that could be used in case of a national emergency.**

• As commander in chief, our president is in charge of our armed forces.

• As head of state, the president represents the United States here and in other lands. He attends many ceremonies as a representative of our country.

• As chief executive, the president appoints officials of the national government. He influences how the government is run.

• As economic leader, our president has to try to keep prices from going up and up. He also must try to keep workers on the job. While he has little power to control the economy, he often is given credit when things are good or bad.

• As party leader, the president has a lot of influence over how his political party feels about national problems.

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