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Bush begins presidency, greets public

By Sandra Sobieraj
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Oval Office redecorated in a snap, President Bush welcomed well-wishers to his White House Sunday and, on his first full day as president, pronounced himself "really looking forward to getting to work."

Bush joked that he slept "pretty well" in his new bedroom but was exhausted from his the total 10 minutes he spent dancing at Saturday night's nine inaugural balls. First thing Sunday morning, he found his parents, the former president and first lady, in the Queen's Bedroom and joined them for coffee, he said.

At the East entrance, he greeted some two dozen invited guests and, with first lady Laura Bush, joined a detailed tour of the mansion led by White House curator Betty Monkman.

"I had to find the visitors room and I found it," Bush said with some joking pride of accomplishment.

Bush, his family and Vice President Cheney began the day in prayer at Washington National Cathedral.

"I pray that God will place his great hand of protection on each and everyone, and especially on you, Mr. President, and your family," the Rev. Franklin Graham intoned at an inaugural prayer service.

The sun, which had stubbornly hid through three days of rainy inaugural festivities, made a crust of ice out of the overnight snowfall as thousands of ticket holders lined up for an unusual Sunday tour of the White House, newly restored to Republican control after eight years under President Clinton.

In the mansion's Blue Room, Bush and his family — including his parents, White House residents from 1989 to 1993 — posed for a portrait.

Keeping with tradition, Clinton had left behind in the Oval Office "a very gracious note" for Bush, he said, adding that he would keep the contents private.

The Oval Office, redone with aston-

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President Bush and his wife Laura join a group on a tour of the White House in Washington on the first full day of the Bush administration Sunday.

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SOLD... TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER



ABOVE: Hoot Fox, 13, of Midland pulls the reins on his steer "Humphrey" Saturday at the Midland County Livestock Show & Auction. AT RIGHT: Auctioneer Bill Stone takes a bid during the auction portion of the livestock show.

STORY BY ED TODD
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Youngsters work hard to raise champion livestock



The real winners in the Midland County Livestock Show weren't those hefty and meaty fat stock that got the judges' nod and the blue ribbons.

And the prizes weren't just all in the $100,000 which the bidders pledged to the 120 or so youths who exhibited their premium calves, swine, lambs, goats, rabbits and chickens in auction show-ring, although the money counts for a lot.

Rather, they were the youngsters, those 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America (FFA) boys and girls who showed their bellowing, snorting, and bleating farm animals in the 49th annual Midland County Livestock Show last week and Saturday in the Midland County Exhibit Building.

With add-ons during and after the Saturday bidding, the auction totaled more than $100,000 for the youngsters, who, under the rules, get to keep their auctioned animals.

"We're raising a good crop of kids and good crop of calves and (other) animals," said Roy Graham, a Midland County farmer-rancher who is on the sponsoring Midland County Livestock Association board of directors.

In his youth, Graham exhibited livestock.

"It's really good to see this new group of kids coming up," he said.

And the livestock, especially the steers, "had the balance and the structure" for producing quality "commercial meat for the marketplace — lots of good, red meat."

The real payoff — the winners and the prizes — was in the char-

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City aiming for $7 million bond for maintenance

By Danielle Belton
Staff Writer

The city of Midland may soon be issuing a $7 million bond to help pay for keeping the city running smoothly.

According to City Director of Finance Troy Gifford, Midland needs the bond to pay for a variety of small improvements and equipment for city buildings and agencies.

The bond would help pay for a variety of city necessities. It would fund improvements and equipment for Midland's streets, drainage system, parks, record storage equipment, police and fire department, community center and more.

"Every couple of years we do something like this," Gifford said. "But it's not on a regular schedule."

Midland needs the bond to pay for a variety of small improvements and equipment for city buildings and agencies.

According to Gifford, the last time the city had a bond for just general purposes was two years ago and it was for $5 million. This bond would also help provide matching funds to a grant being sought by the Midland Community Center. The grant and its matching funds would be used to help the center remodel and add additional rooms. The city is currently holding public hearings seeking input from residents on what changes they would like to see at the center. One meeting has already been held and two more are scheduled.

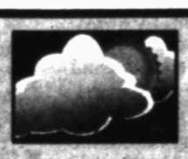
The bond is in accordance with the city's Capital Improvement Program. It would be offered in the form of certificates of obligation. City Manager Rick Menchaca has recommended the bond be used to fund specifically a police records management system and laptop conversion, a citywide emergency warning/siren system, drainage channel improvements, neighborhood park improvements, Midland trail system, downtown core development and a document imaging storage/retrieval system.

The bond also would specifically help improve and maintain Martin Luther King, Tumbleweed, Garrett-Brown, Lancaster, Elkins and Beal Park skate parks.

The $7 million bond issue is on the agenda for Tuesday's City Council meeting. Along with voting on the general purpose bond resolution, the council is expected to be voting on the Midland Police Department's grant application to support the Driving While Intoxicated STEP program. Currently the MPD is conducting the 2001 DWI STEP project. This project is funded through the Texas Department of Transportation.

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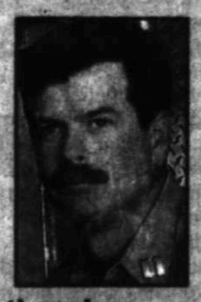
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Captian Russell Brooks works at Station No. 5 for the Midland Fire Department./**1B**

Off the wire

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- Minister claiming amnesia delivers first sermon at new church/**3B**

Progress continues on magnet schools

By Danielle Belton
Staff Writer

The grant is mailed and the interviews are on going as the Midland Independent School District continues to prepare for its two new dedicated magnet schools.

"The grant looks good by sheer volume. It's huge," said MISD director of gifted, talented and magnet schools Patricia Maurer. "We're excited. I'm real confident that it's going to go well."

Ms. Maurer will not know whether or not MISD will receive the federal grant until this spring, but that is not keeping her from making plans. Updated information on the grant, which will provide the additional $1.5 million a year needed to fund the new magnet schools, as well as other magnet-related issues will be up for discussion at Tuesday's MISD Board of Trustees meeting.

"Now we're really rolling," Ms. Maurer said. "Once the school board approved the plan we have all these things to do based on what they approved."

Currently, Ms. Maurer is busy getting materials in order for the two magnet schools that will open at Pease and Washington elementary in Fall 2001. MISD is looking for computers, furniture as well as other supplies for the future schools.

"We're into nuts-and-bolts planning right now," Ms. Maurer said.

By the end of February Ms. Maurer plans on have both schools fully staffed. Informational meetings will also be held at every elementary school in Midland, according to Ms.

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MISD keeps close eye on new two-tier system

By Danielle Belton
Staff Writer

It's been an adjustment but they are slowly making progress.

Junior high schools in the Midland Independent School District are moving into their second semester under the new, adjusted two-tier academic class system.

Originally, the district had a three-tier system for secondary grades, but while filing for unitary status the courts found that MISD's three-tier system may be discriminatory against minority students.

Since the change MISD Director of Secondary Education Ricardo Torres has seen some positive progress

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
Partly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy
High 58	High 54	High 52
Low 32	Low 31	Low 28

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies, southerly winds at 10 to 20 mph, and a peak temperature in the upper 50s.

Tonight's low temperature is to be in the low 30s.

For Tuesday night, there is a 20 percent chance of rain. The day's high temperature is to be in the mid-50s. The low is to be in the low 30s.

There will be a slight chance of rain on Wednesday with a high temperature in the upper 40s to the mid-50s and the low in the upper 20s to the mid-30s.

The record high temperature for Jan. 21 is 84 degrees in 1974, and the date's record low temperature is 5 degrees in 1966.

The record high temperature for Jan. 22 is 83 degrees in 1950, and date's record low temperature is 2 degrees in 1966.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Saturday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Sunday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.38 in.
Total for year	0.38 in.
Normal total (year to date)	0.22 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	53
Low	33
Normal high	56
Normal low	29

Sunrise ... 7:48 a.m.
Sunset ... 6:13 p.m.

AUCTION: Livestock brings in $100,000

(From 1A)

acter-development in the boys and girls by their raising and grooming livestock for the show, noted Charlie Green, president of the Midland County Livestock Association.

Not all the youths and their projects made it to the auction show-ring after the judging.

"I'm really pleased," Green said of the youths' demeanor and focus.

"Several of the (livestock) judges commented on how cooperative and mannerly and respectful that the boys and girls were," Green said.

Win or lose, many of the youngsters shook the judges' hands "before they left the show-ring."

The family-oriented avocation of raising show animals helps the boys and girls "set goals and objectives and develop such character traits as good work habits, self-discipline, and a competitive spirit to seek gain and advancement under the American free-enterprise system," Green said.

"They (the youths) learn the value of hard work in striving for excellence," he said. Hard work and other virtues pay off in good citizenship and productive lives, Green said.

But the immediate reward for many of the youths came in Saturday's auction ring when Stanton auctioneer Bill Stone got the bidding up among the Midland business people, ranchers, farmers, civic leaders and other show supporters, including the youths' parents and grandparents.

The highest bid in the show was $3,300 for 12-year-old Meagan Merket's 1,380-pound grand-champion Maine-Anjou black steer, ".38-Special."

The calf, who was bred near Loraine, was named after his baby-calf ear-tag number — 38.

"She was just thrilled beyond belief," Meagan's mother, Darla Merket, said of her daughter.

After the judge, Dennis Poole of Gail, congratulated her and shook her hand, Meagan said, "Thank you."

Meagan noted that "there were a lot of good steers in the show."

Her sister, 14-year-old Whitney, showed the reserve champion steer, a heftier Maine-Anjou calf called "Grizzly" out of O'Donnell near Lamesa. Grizzly grossed Whitney $2,000 in the show-ring.

In the 1999 show, Whitney, then 12, showed the grand-champion steer, a 1,197-pound midnight-black Maine-Anjou steer named "Handsome Jack."

It's a "once in a life-time happening," Mrs. Merket said of two grand champions in the family only two years apart.

Whitney called in "an astonishment."

The sisters' father, Adam Merket, said that "one (grand champion) is good but two is unbelievable.

"It's a lot of work," he said of the toil in raising the animals to show quality.

While the sisters tended to personalize the calves by giving them names, "They know what 'the deal is,'" Mrs. Merket said. And "the deal" is the end result of raising beef cattle: sending them to the meat packers for eventual consumption as steaks, hamburgers and other meat products and byproducts.

Meagan's calf, ".38-Special," was "just laid back," and sort of easy-going, Meagan said. "He really doesn't care."

However, her sister's calf, Grizzly, was "the kind who won't take anything (as in guff)."

The show's grand-champion swine brought $1,800 to the exhibitor, 10-year-old Jordan McNeil. For showing the reserve-champion swine, D.J. Lee, 12, got a $1,000 pledge.

"I think it's great," his grandfather, Jerry Lee, said of D.J.'s reserve championship. His granddaughter, Meagan Lee, showed the reserve breed championship steer. "It makes me plenty proud of them," Jerry Lee said.

For exhibiting the grand-champion goat, a Boer breed, B.J. Calloway, 15, got a $3,100 pledge — just $200 less than the top bid for the grand-champion steer.

"They just happened to be an unusually heavily muscled, pretty good meat goat," Green said of the exotic Boer billy-goat breed that came out of South Africa.

LeAnn Seale's reserve-champion goat got a $2,000 top bid.

Taryn McNeil, 15, showed the grand-champion lamb that effected a $2,300 top bid and also showed the reserve-champion lamb that brought her $1,300.

Rhett Price's grand-championship pen of three rabbits got a $700 top bid. Tara Price's reserve-champion rabbits brought her $250.

Lauren Fitzgerald's grand-championship poultry attracted a $600 top bid, and her reserve-champion poultry raised $800.

In the show's Culinary Arts Division, Aaron Masters, 15, got a $250 high bid on his grand-championship pecan-pie cake. His grandmother, Jean Connor, taught him how to bake. "Yes, she is (proud)," Aaron said.

Among awards to the 4-H and FFA youths, Taylor Green, 17, won the Top Hand award jacket from Cap Rock Electric Cooperative for his volunteer work in the show. "I'm happy," he said.

Eileen Welch, the livestock association's secretary-treasurer to whom the 2001 show was dedicated for her half-century of volunteer work, received bouquet of roses and a jacket.

Of the caliber of the show's livestock, Green noted "the quality went down the line.

"The last-place (animals in the various species) was almost as good as the first-place (animals)," Green said.

Auction results

■ STEERS:
Meagan Merket, exhibitor of the grand-champion steer, $3,300
Whitney Merket, reserve-champion steer, $2,000.
Hoot Fox, best-of-breed steer, $1,800.
Will Luckie, best-of-breed steer, $900.
Meagan Lee, reserve breed champion steer, $900.
Joseph O'Brien, first-place steer, $1,000.
Sidney Jones, first-place steer, $1,100.
Christa Ralston, first-place steer, $1,100.
Meredith Vestal, steer, $1,000.
Clay Morrison, steer, $1,000.
Erika Bracken, steer, $850.
Paige Futrell, steer, $900.
Jason Bracken, steer, $900.
Jered Addy, steer, $1,250.
Kacey Gragg, steer, $1,550.

■ SWINE
Jordan McNeil, exhibitor of grand-champion swine, $1,800.
D.J. Lee, reserve-champion swine, $1,000.
Ryan Pruitt, best-of-breed swine, $800.
Jonathan Rendon, best-of-breed, swine, $950.
Scott Futrell, reserve-breed champion swine, $600.
Shannon Richards, reserve-breed swine, $650.
Ky Smith, best-of-breed swine, $500.
Darla Almond, first-place swine, $500.
Christine Schumann, first-place swine, $675.
Lacy Law, first-place swine, $600.
Dustin Freeman, first-place swine, $346.
Martin Phiffer, swine, $675.
Roni Jo Mills, swine, $575.
Margaret Perry, swine, $575.
Victoria Gonzalez, swine, $525.
Aaron Bunch, swine, $1,025.
Blair Wheeless, swine, $525.
Kourtney Tucker, swine, $525.
Jacob Ramos, swine, $500.
Justin Bunch, swine, $1,000.
Justin Outlaw, swine, $525.
Amy Pruitt, swine, $550.
Matt Boss, swine, $500.
Drew McBride, swine, $455.
Alicia Campbell, swine, $425.
Jared Mitchell, swine, $500.
Jacob Smith, swine, $450.
Skyler Rogers, swine, $400.
Erin Scott, swine, $425.
Shane Bright, swine, $625.
Chase Quine, swine, $500.
Tye Smith, swine, $500.
Keaton Merket, swine, $450.
Gabriella Gonzales, swine, $450.
Timothy Bock, swine, $575.
Weslee Wroe, swine, $425.
Morgan Bryant, swine, $875.
Renee Midkiff, swine, $900.
Kirstin Kessee, swine, $500.
Andi Askew, swine, $550.
Amber McCall, swine, $400.
Michael Gonzales, swine, $450.
Alisa King, swine, $400.
Amber Pruitt, swine, $400.
Derrick Osborn, swine, $1,000.
Jimmy Brooks, swine, $950.
Jonathan Johnson, swine, $400.
Logan Pruitt, swine, $400.
Kristen Quine, swine, $550.
T.R. Bryant, swine, $700.
Jacob Quine, swine, $525.
Shea Smith, swine, $550.
Ashley Turner, swine, $650.
Brandy Daniel, swine, $500.
Bryce Pruitt, swine, $400.
Matt Stewart, swine, $400.
Michaela Pruitt, swine, $400.
McKenzie Corbett, swine, $500.
Kasey Moore, swine, $400.
Jimmy Don Evans, swine, $400.
Haley Corbett, swine, $550.
Jennifer Guzman, swine, $625.

■ LAMBS:
Taryn McNeil, exhibitor of grand-champion lamb, $2,300.
Taryn McNeil, reserve-champion lamb, $1,300.
Nickelynn Bays, best-of-breed lamb, $775.
Randi Knight, best-of-breed lamb, $550.
Ryan Folger, reserve champion lamb, $525.
Caden Farrow, reserve breed lamb, $550.
Taylor Green, first-place lamb, $600.
Brian Zachry, lamb, $675.
Cooper Green, lamb, $600.
Britnee Nix, lamb, $550.
Samantha Cougar, lamb, $500.
Caleb Conder, lamb, $450.
Jordan Folger, lamb, $425.
Tanner Duncan, lamb, $600.
Dallas Golden, lamb, $500.
Morgan Crawford, lamb, $775.
Tyler Duncan, lamb, $525.
Kasey McCain, lamb, $400.
Courtney Hollums, lamb, $1,000.
Memory Duncan, lamb, $550.
Hailey Cougar, lamb, $500.
Kandis Green, lamb, $425.
Sara Kirby, lamb, $600.
Clay Herriage, lamb, $450.

■ GOATS:
B.J. Calloway, exhibitor of grand-champion goat, $3,100.
LeAnn Seale, reserve-champion goat, $2,000.
Josh Hall, best-of-breed goat, $750.
Monty Goodman, goat, $400.
Lyndsey Childs, goat, $750.
Heather Turner, goat, $875.
Joshua Bartlett, goat, $475.
David Hart, goat, $500.
Brandy Wheeler, goat, $500.
Austin Ruppanner, goat, $500.
Toby Bunch, goat, $925.
Lindsey Locklar, goat, $450.
Ashley Smith, goat, $625.
Jarrel Brooks, goat, $550.
Reese Waltrip, goat, $450.
Aaron Bracken, goat, $425.
Brady Bollinger, goat, $500.
Jacob Ruddock, goat, $450.
Preston Holland, goat, $400.
Stephanie Streun, goat, $500.
Ashley Culp, goat, $425.
Jake Schneider, goat, $400.
Blaize Perkins, goat, $400.
Rebecca Leach, goat, $475.
Taylor Scott, goat, $500.
Laree Perkins, goat, $500.
Chase Chastain, goat, $585.

■ RABBITS:
Rhett Price, exhibitor of grand-champion pen of three rabbits, $700.
Tara Price, reserve-champion rabbits, $250.

■ POULTRY:
Lauren Fitzgerald, exhibitor of grand-champion poultry, $600.
Lauren Fitzgerald, reserve-champion poultry, $800.

PROGRESS: Magnet schools into 'nuts and bolts' stage of planning

(From 1A)

Maurer. To spread the word about the meetings, MISD will be conducting some paid advertising and will produce a letter to be mailed to every parent in the district.

Ms. Maurer said most of the current staff at Pease and Washington have been reapplying to work at the school again in the fall.

Although the magnet schools have been one of the major issues Ms. Maurer has been dealing with in recent months, she has also been involved in a bit of rumor squashing. Even since the magnet schools were proposed, Ms. Maurer said she has been dealing with rumors regarding the future of the district's gifted education program — Gifted Education in Midland.

"State law says you must supply a program to gifted students," Ms. Maurer said. "At some point they may consider opening a dedicated magnet school for gifted students but they may revise the program to be more cost effective."

According to the settlement agreement the district signed with the Texas Department of Justice, the third magnet can be a gifted school.

Magnet schools are just one of the many items on MISD's agenda Tuesday. The Trustees will also be making decisions regarding the upcoming board election for seats in Districts 1 and 7. Currently, James Fuller is the District 1 representative and Rebecca Oekerman is in the District 7 seat. While Fuller plans on running again for his seat this spring, Ms. Oekerman will be stepping down after one term on the board.

Fuller will be running for his fifth term.

Other items on the agenda include a public hearing on the Academic Excellence Indicator system for 1999-2000, a consideration to fund a portion of the Midland Assessment and Action Plan and an authorization to hire 30 additional teachers for the 2001-2002 school year. Typically, the district files a request to hire 50 teachers at the beginning of the school year, but this year less teachers are needed to fill immediately open positions, according to MISD superintendent Joseph Baressi.

Tuesday's meeting will take place at MISD administrative building on Missouri Avenue at 4 p.m.

EYE: School board to review change at end of school year

(From 1A)

as the district prepares to adapt the system for area high schools this fall.

"Our kids are doing extremely well," Torres said. "It has never been our intent to water down the curriculum and we want all kids to do well."

According to Torres, MISD was one of the few school districts that had a three-tier system. He said it originally came about because of parents in the community who felt an additional tier was needed. MISD moved from being a two-tier system for secondary grade students to a three-tier system in the 1980s, Torres said.

"Most districts do not have three tiers," Torres said. "Most have GT (gifted talented) and then everybody else. We've gone back to the way it was. I think it's been beneficial."

All the changes regarding the three-tier system were the result of the settlement agreement for MISD's unitary status. The district has been working to remove themselves from court ordered desegregation supervision.

The original three tiers divided up students academically in classes of general, advanced and gifted studies. In the court settlement it was found a disproportionate number of African-American and Hispanic students were enrolled in the general academic level. This ethnic and racial disparity raised a red flag in court and caused for the tier system to become part of the settlement agreement. That led to the elimination of the general category and all former "general" students being moved up to the advanced tier.

MISD Board President George Lara said at the end of the academic year the board will begin comparing the results of the change. Lara said he supports the two-tier system and believes in the end it will benefit all students.

"There's always been a perception of segregation in the three-tier system," Lara said. "You had more student population of African-Americans or Hispanics in the general tier. I would hope that we could get every student learning to their capabilities."

So far the district has moved to a two-tier system in MISD's junior high schools and is preparing to make the same adjustment at the high school level. The junior highs have been operating on a two-tier system for one semester. Torres said that so far he has received a favorable response.

To help the students that were moved up from the general level to the advanced level adjust, MISD has been providing additional tutoring. Students who may be failing are mandated to attend the tutorials which take place after school. MISD provides transportation to and from the tutorial sessions.

"They (tutors) basically work as support to the regular classroom teachers," Torres said. "They help a student that might be experiencing difficulty. We wanted to make sure that going to two tier would not put an unfair burden on the passing of a class."

Torres said it is important to understand all students learn differently and perform at different levels. He said it is necessary to keep this in mind when dealing with all students as they make their own adjustments to the new system.

"From an educator's perspective we need to maximize learning for all kids," Torres said.

Although Torres won't know whether or not the recent changes will directly help or harm the former "general" student, preliminary results have been promising for the return of the two-tier system.

"On a year-to-year basis our failure rate has reduced," Torres said. "Now it has not significantly reduced but we have less kids failing. It's looking better."

DAY: Bush settles into newly redecorated Oval Office

(From 1A)

ishing speed and a feminine touch in muted shades of peaches and cream, was a haven of polish and serenity among the mess of rolled up carpets and paint chips that was the West Wing.

Asked about the changes, Bush deferred to his wife, who said the only additional changes she has in mind are some minor redecorations in the bedroom and sitting room of their living quarters, which she noted had undergone a major renovation recently under the guidance of Hillary Rodham Clinton.

"It was all really beautifully redone upstairs, so we'll just make things personal for our family in our personal space," she said.

The president and Mrs. Bush stood at the door of the Grand Foyer to greet some of the 3,000 tourists lucky enough to snag a ticket for the afternoon tour. "I just want to remind everybody that this is not our house," Bush said.

"It is the people's house and one of the grand traditions in the White House is to share the people's house with people from all over the country."

The estimated 300 people greeted by the first couple during about an hour of handshaking had obtained their tickets in advance through the inauguration committee and were first in line. The president and first lady had gone by the time the people who got their tour tickets on a first-come, first-serve basis reached the door.

"I'm disappointed, but obviously he can't greet everybody," said Greg Packer of Huntington, N.Y., who camped out for 12 hours to be first in line when Park Service personnel started handing out tour tickets at 7:30 a.m. Sunday.

In the Oval Office, Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who took over when Bush resigned as governor to become president, posed for snapshots with his family standing on Bush's new off-white rug whose center presidential medallion was ringed by a border of pale melon and sage. A bowl of peach roses rested on the coffee table while just beyond the threshold, movers tripped over computer technicians and painters repeatedly shouted, "It's wet! Watch out!"

Gone was Clinton's bold, blue carpet. His cherry-striped silk sofas were replaced by two of a simple cream brocade. A freshly framed photograph of Bush taking the oath of office sat on the table behind Bush's desk, the same massive, carved oak desk used by Clinton but made famous in old photos of John Kennedy Jr. playing peek-a-boo under his father's desk.

For the walls nearest his desk, Bush chose one painting of a little boy fishing off a bridge and another of a man on horseback.

Chief of staff Andrew Card convened his first senior staff meeting, which one participant described as a "Who's on first?" session, in the Roosevelt Room. Senior adviser Karen Hughes said Card reviewed ethics rules and the president's schedule for Monday, when he meets with the Republican congressional leadership.

"It's going to be a full day," Bush told reporters. "I am really looking forward to getting to work. ... Education will be a priority, of course. Swearing in my staff will be a priority. Working with people on the Hill, from both parties, will be a priority."

At the church service, Graham told the president, who wore reading glasses to follow the hymnal and prayer book, that the country faces unparalleled challenges.

"The greatest threat, however, lies deep within our own hearts that are infected with greed, hate and lust," Graham said in his sermon.

Among the clergymen offering prayers in the crossing before the altar of the Gothic-style cathedral was Theodore McCarrick, Catholic archbishop of Washington, who was elevated earlier Sunday by the pope to the rank of cardinal.

Rabbi Samuel Karff, Greek Orthodox Archbishop Demetrios, the Rt. Rev. Jane Holmes Dixon, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Washington and the Very Rev. Nathan D. Baxter, dean of the cathedral, also spoke.

"This prayer service demonstrates our recognition and need for help from the Almighty," Graham said. "We affirm that we are indeed a free and independent people but in a far more profound sense, we are a people that are dependent on almighty God."

George Washington began the tradition of an inaugural prayer service in 1789.

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Jackson speaks to crowd on heels of extramarital revelation

By Andrew Buchanan
Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Rev. Jesse Jackson thanked his family and supporters for standing by him as he spoke publicly Sunday for the first time since acknowledging he fathered a daughter during an extramarital affair.

But Jackson, speaking briefly to worshippers who packed Salem Baptist Church, saved his most personal comments for his wife, Jackie.

"After 38 years and five children later, Jackie, we're still here," Jackson said. "I love you so much."

The congregation stood and applauded.

The civil rights leader said he was grateful to supporters who made it clear that they want him to return to the helm of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition as soon as possible, and indicated he is ready to resume his work.

"Yesterday, the winds shifted, so it's a new stage in our challenge," Jackson said, referring to President Bush's inauguration.

Jackson, who had been in seclusion since acknowledging the affair four days ago, told The Associated Press Saturday he would return to the civil rights stage next week.

"We know that our mandate is to go forward," he said in a brief statement following the service. He did not take any questions.





AP Photos
The hands of the Rev. Jesse Jackson, right, and his wife Jacqueline, left, are seen during services at the Salem Baptist Church of Chicago, Sunday. Jackson made his first public appearance at the church since acknowledging he fathered a daughter during an extramarital affair. Left: Jackson, right, and his wife listen to the Rev. James T. Meeks during services at the Salem Baptist Church of Chicago, Sunday.



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'Yesterday, the winds shifted, so it's a new stage in our challenge.'
— Jesse Jackson, referring to President George W. Bush's inauguration.

Salem Baptist pastor, the Rev. James Meeks, who also is executive vice president of Rainbow/PUSH, told Jackson the coalition needed his leadership.

"Reverend, we want you to know something today: Not only do we love you, not only do we care for you . . . we can't afford to lose you," Meeks said.

"We need you, we want you, we love you, Rev. Jesse Jackson."

The congregation, with an overflow crowd filling a gymnasium next door and watching the service on closed-circuit television, seemed to embrace him unequivocally.

"It's not what we as people think, it's what God thinks," said parishioner Theresa Moss, 40. "Only God knows his heart."

"We stand behind him," added Irma Hamilton, 71. "He is a great leader no matter what."

When he rose to speak, Jackson said a brief prayer then stood silent for several minutes at the altar as the choir and congregation sang. He motioned to the choir to turn it up, wiped his brow and seemed to be soaking in the scene.

"The outpouring of love for our continued work is overwhelming," he said afterward.

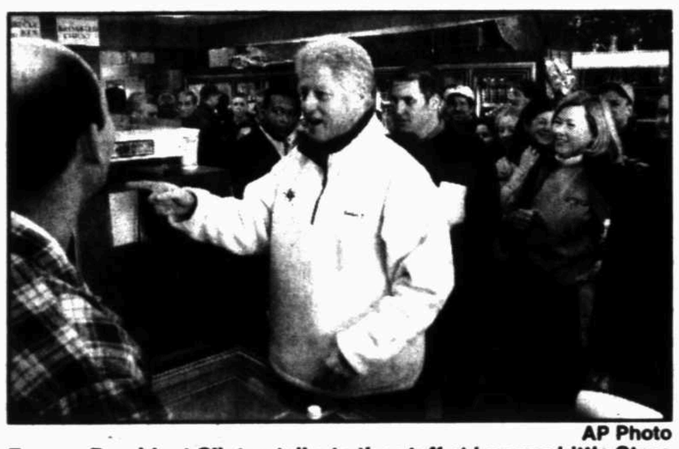
Jackson has said he will be at a luncheon in Chicago in his honor on today and plans to attend an annual economic conference held by Rainbow/PUSH Coalition in New York.

Jackson has said he will not discuss his daughter, now 20 months old, or her mother, Karin Stanford, former head of Rainbow/PUSH's Washington office. Stanford and her daughter now live in Los Angeles.

Leaders of Rainbow/PUSH have acknowledged that the civil rights organization paid $35,000 in "severance pay" to Stanford. John Scanlon, a spokesman for Jackson, said that included $15,000 in moving expenses and $20,000 as payment for work Stanford was contracted to perform for the organization. He said Stanford has received no money from Rainbow/PUSH since August 1999, when the work was completed.

Jackson personally pays Stanford $3,000 a month in child support, he said.

Meeks has questioned the timing of news that Jackson had fathered a child, suggesting that it was an attempt to stop a march in Florida Saturday to protest alleged voting irregularities during the presidential election.



AP Photo
Former President Clinton talks to the staff at Langes Little Store and Delicatessen in Chappaqua, N.Y., while customers look on Sunday.

McDougal gets 'fresh start' after pardon from Clinton

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Susan McDougal is looking forward to a new life now that she has a pardon from President Clinton excusing her for her Whitewater-related crimes.

"I get a fresh start, and it's a great feeling," Clinton's former Whitewater business partner said after he freed her from the burden of four fraud convictions.

McDougal was among 140 people Clinton pardoned in a mix of personal and historic acts of clemency on Saturday just before leaving office .

Asked if they all deserved pardons, Clinton responded from his new home at Chappaqua, N.Y.: "Absolutely. I wouldn't have done any if I hadn't thought that."

"You're not saying these people didn't commit the offense," Clinton said Sunday. "You're saying they paid."

Others receiving pardons included Patty Hearst Shaw, former Arizona Gov. Fife Symington and Clinton's own brother, Roger, who was convicted on drug charges in 1984.

Left out of the pardons and sentence commutations were financier Michael Milken, who had been the subject of speculation that he might win a pardon, and former Justice Department official Webster Hubbell, who worked at the Rose Law Firm in Little Rock with Hillary Rodham Clinton and pleaded guilty to defrauding it.

Also not on the list were McDougal's former husband, James McDougal, who was convicted in the same 1996 trial but died while serving his prison sentence and former Gov. Jim Guy Tucker, who was convicted with the McDougals.

Symington's pardon wiped out his criminal liability in the bank and wire fraud conviction that forced him from office in 1997. An appeals court overturned his convictions and prosecutors were still pursuing the case against him. He still faces a civil case stemming from a $10 million loan to six union pension funds.

Symington said he felt the pardon was based on a shared belief against politically oriented legal prosecutions and not necessarily because he once rescued Clinton from a riptide.

Symington and Clinton have known each other for more than 30 years, sharing a mutual friend, Symington's high school roommate who was Clinton's roommate at Georgetown University.

During a trip to the Massachusetts coast in the late 1960s, Clinton got caught by a riptide and Symington said he jumped into a rowboat and pulled him out of the water.

"He probably would have survived, but I lent him a helping hand," he said.

Hearst, a newspaper family heiress, was kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army at age 19, later said she joined the group, and was sent to prison for a San Francisco bank robbery. President Carter had previously cut short her prison term, and Clinton's pardon wiped the conviction from her record.

"This action by President Clinton has enormous significance for Ms. Hearst and her family," said her lawyer, George Martinez of Tiburon, Calif. "The pardon represents an act of ultimate understanding for which she is thankful."

McDougal was one of four figures from the Whitewater case that dogged the last seven years of Clinton's presidency who won pardons.

The other three were former Whitewater real estate agent Chris Wade, university professor Stephen A. Smith, and former Madison Guaranty appraiser Robert W. Palmer.

Clinton visits deli in first full day as private citizen

CHAPPAQUA, N.Y. (AP) — Like other private citizens, former President Clinton kicked back and relaxed Sunday.

He slept late, didn't read the papers and didn't watch the politicial talk shows.

But when he headed downtown for coffee, the greeting befitted a man who spent two terms in the White House.

Outside Lange's Little Store, a small crowd chanted: "Eight more years."

"It's nice to go when some people still want you to stay," Clinton said.

As he stopped in the Chappaqua deli on his first full day after leaving office, Clinton told reporters he would spend his first week at the family's new home unpacking, "getting organized" and catching up on his sleep.

"We worked very hard at the end and I'm tired," he said. "I slept a lot last night. I'm going to try to help at the house. I'm going to work real hard on the house and on planning the future, figuring out what to do about writing a book and things like that."

He said their Chappaqua home has plenty of living space "but not nearly enough space to hold all the things we accumulated over the last eight years."

He noted Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton would return to Washington today, but he said the family hoped to take a vacation in early February when the Senate recesses.

Instead of the multi-car presidential motorcade, complete with limousines, staff and bodyguards, Sunday's entourage fit into two minivans. Daughter Chelsea and brother-in-law Hugh Rodham accompanied the former president along with a handful of aides.

Inside the deli, Chelsea sat at a table with a few friends while Clinton posed for pictures, signed autographs and greeted fans. Hillary Clinton stayed home unpacking, according to an aide.

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Bush hoping to change tone, outcome on Capitol Hill

By David Espo
Associated Press

■ News analysis

WASHINGTON — In his first moments as president, George W. Bush envisioned a new era of civility leading to "shared accomplishment" on his agenda of tax cuts, education, Social Security changes and more.

And within hours, the Senate, despite a 50-50 division along party lines, unanimously confirmed half of the new president's Cabinet.

So much for Inauguration Day niceties.

The voters split down the middle in November, electing a Republican president with a minority of the popular vote, as well as a reduced GOP majority in the House and the split Senate.

Conservatives, in Congress and out, are clamoring for Bush to use his power to promote their causes; blacks and other liberals are disgruntled still by his victory in the nation's overtime election.

In between is a political middle of uncertain size and permanence that represents Bush's opportunity.

"People say, 'Well, gosh, the election was so close, nothing will happen, except for finger pointing and name calling and bitterness,'" the new president said Saturday.

"I'm here to tell the country that things will get done, that we're going to rise above expectations, that both Republicans and Democrats will come together to do what's right for America."

Bush's comments low-balled public expectations, perhaps.

But as the struggle over John Ashcroft's nomination to be attorney general underscores, hard-edged political battles have been the regular order in Congress, in the past decade at least.

Bush's hope is that by changing the tone, he can affect the outcome as well.

"Both political parties and all politicians up here are acutely aware that the American public has had a bellyful of the partisan, 'get 'em' kind of politics that we've seen," said Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., "and I think the party that continues that kind of game ... runs a very significant political risk."

The Senate's second-ranking Senate Democrat, Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada, said he doubted the Ashcroft battle "will or should foul the mood of the Congress."

And the Democratic leader, Sen. Tom Daschle of South Dakota, told reporters he thought that setting a new tone would be helpful. "With the right disposition, a lot is possible here" on subjects such as education, the budget and health care, he said.



AP Photo
President Bush hugs Pastor Kirbyjon Caldwell of Windsor Village United Methodist Church in Houston during the 54th Presidential Inaugural Prayer Service at the Washington National Cathedral Sunday in Washington. At left in the background is Vice President Cheney.

Yet Senate Democrats are emboldened by their unexpected electoral gains. Professing eagerness to work with the president, they will be careful to keep the faith with their core constituencies — the unions, civil rights groups, gun control advocates, abortion rights supporters and others who strongly oppose Bush's conservative agenda.

Indiana Sen. Evan Bayh, a moderate Democrat who often speaks of bipartisanship, wrote that Ashcroft's defeat would be in Bush's long-term interest if he "intends to reach out to moderate Democrats, forge consensus and govern as the 'uniter not divider' he has promised to be."

That's not how Bush sees it, and in appointing Ashcroft, he reached out to conservatives.

Still, he has already made a number of gestures to the Democrats in Congress, starting with his signature issue of education.

He invited a bipartisan group of lawmakers to one preinaugural session to discuss the topic.

More privately, his aides had intended to submit formal education legislation to Congress in the coming week. But they decided against it, according to GOP sources, after Republicans in Congress counseled them to solicit Democratic views before they complete drafting.

Instead, the new president will issue a statement of principles at midweek, with details to be fleshed out later.

For their part, Democrats have made a few gestures as well. They agreed to confirm an unprecedented seven Cabinet appointments in the Senate on Saturday, and Daschle made it clear he will not support a filibuster against the Ashcroft nomination.

Senate Republicans, too, have made concessions in the name of bipartisanship.

Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., overrode strong opposition among his own rank-and-file when he agreed to an unprecedented power-sharing agreement with Democrats, despite having majority control by virtue of Vice President Cheney's tie-breaking vote. Behind closed doors, Lott and others argued that a protracted fight with Democrats over procedural issues would harm Bush's ability to get his agenda through Congress.

In the House, after two years of battling a Democratic president and a determined minority, Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., takes on a new role: point man for a president of his own party.

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Darren Berryhill of Alliance Medical Supply shows how easy it is to carry the four-and-half pound Oxylite II portable oxygen system.

Seelin Home Health Care provides care for senior patients

There is help in understanding seniors' treatments, paperwork

It is certainly wonderful that medical science has developed so many new treatments for a variety of illnesses and conditions—many lives are being saved because of it.

But the explosion of technology has also made it more challenging for patients—especially seniors receiving home health care, who may be battling a variety of health problems—to understand how to follow their treatment regimen, and to know when drug combinations and dosages may present a problem.

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Also, some patients may refuse home health care because they're afraid they can't afford even a 20 percent co-pay. The good news there is that home health care is covered 100 percent by Medicare—there is no patient co-pay.

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Study shows drivers can suffer high-tech overload

By Duncan Mansfield
Associated Press

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. — It's a sunny day and you're taking a virtual drive down a two-lane road inside the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

All of a sudden, a truck pulls out from the shoulder and the forward collision-warning system starts beeping. You brake, then an electronic voice announces: "Incoming Internet news."

While trying to scan headlines on a dash-mounted computer screen, the cell phone rings. Then more Internet news arrives.

Another voice poses a question: "If your car gets 12 miles to the gallon, how many gallons will you need to travel 96 miles?" Still pondering the math, you hear the onboard navigation system's electronic voice command, "Turn left ahead." An arrow appears on the computer screen.

You miss the turn.

So do one out of six drivers who take the test. Some don't answer the phone. Others ignore the Internet or can't remember what they read. Under the circumstances, even the third-grade math problem becomes a brain teaser.

Those are the early results from the federal government's first attempt to measure how drivers deal with a potential information overload from an array of high-tech features being installed in automobiles such as onboard navigation systems and cell phones.

The study — expected to be formally released late this summer — is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Intelligent Vehicle Initiative, which promotes in-vehicle devices that can warn drivers of dangerous situations, recommend actions or even assume partial control to avoid accidents.



AP Photo

Philip Spelt, Senior Research Scientist for the Computer Science & Mathematics Division at the Oak Ridge National Labratory, sits in a car simulator Tuesday, Jan. 9, in Oak Ridge, Tenn. Spelt helped design the simulator that projects driving conditions and monitors how people react with several electronic devices such as an on-board navigation system, cell phone and impact alerts.

"All the stuff in there is based on actual systems," ORNL senior scientist Dr. Philip Spelt said of the gadgets he installed in a simulator to test the reactions of 36 drivers.

Although numbers are still being crunched, Spelt said the overall outcome already is obvious: "People who got bombarded with three or four devices all at once had more trouble dealing with the whole situation than people where we spread them out."

Studies until now have focused only on the impact of the gadgets individually, said Dr. Tom Granda, who oversees Spelt's study from DOT's Office of Safety Research and Development in Washington.

"What we asked Phil Spelt to do ... was to look at what is the distraction value of a combination of these things. What are the human performance issues involving multiple systems in a vehicle?"

Spelt recognizes that some might question how often all of these systems would go off in such rapid succession.

"And the answer is: All it takes is once and if somebody is dead, they don't have to worry about it anymore," he said.

Automakers are launching their own investigations.

General Motors Corp last fall announced a three-year, $10 million study of driver interaction with cell phones and other gadgets. This month Ford Motor Co. announced its own $10 million effort and said it had just completed its own simulator.

Many state are concerned about cell phones in particular. Eleven now ask patrol officers to determine if the phones were factors in traffic accidents. Thirty-seven states have considered curbs on cell phones in moving vehicles since 1995. So far only minor restrictions have been adopted by California, Florida and Massachusetts.

"It has really been a struggle for states to keep pace with the rate of new technology going into the car," said Matt Sundeen, a senior policy specialist at the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The simulator Spelt created includes four systems already available or soon to be available to consumers: a cell phone, a forward collision-warning system, a navigation system and an Internet-equipped computer screen.

He threw in occasional math questions to determine how much of the driver's "mental capacity is deyoted to dealing with these devices and driving the car, and how much do they have left over."

Spelt tested 18 men and 18 women, ages 20s to 50s. Each drove the simulator about 45 minutes, covering about 21 virtual miles. They were also asked to recall phone numbers, to stay within a speed limit and to stay on the road.

Most did well, with little difference between men and women, Spelt said. Only two or three crashed.

"What you learn very quickly is that people learn to cope, especially when it involves their lives," he said. "But just because 90 percent of the population can cope doesn't mean it is the right way to do it."

Drivers did better when Spelt managed the data and warning systems so that they could finish one task before dealing with another. In the future, he said, that should be the job of an onboard computer — to put a cell phone caller on hold until the driver has turned a corner, for instance.

"The issue is how do you make this stuff work so that it helps and makes driving better and safer — not worse," he said.

On the Net:
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Brief blackout ordered in limited area of Northern California

By John Howard
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Limited blackouts occurred Sunday across several hundred square miles of Northern California after a surge of power from Oregon stressed California's grid, authorities said.

Sunday's outages were far more limited than blackouts imposed Wednesday and Thursday because of shortages. Those blackouts rolled sequentially across the northern half of the state and affected hundreds of thousands of homes and businesses for as much as two hours.

The impact of the outages was intensified by the stress being placed on the power grid, said Stephanie McCorkle, spokeswoman for the Independent System Operator, which manages the grid.

"It shows you how close to the ragged edge we are when one transmission problem would cause that sort of outage," McCorkle said.

The Oregon surge required California to shed power to up to 75,000 customers from Roseville east of Sacramento to Turlock in southern Stanislaus County to avoid damage to the grid and widespread outages, McCorkle said.

The blackouts and the unprecedented Stage 3 alert over the weekend raised fears of what may happen today when the work week begins and demand increases.

"It's a big deal because Sunday is rock-bottom usage. It's typically the lowest time. This means we have a very interesting week in store," said Tom Williams, a spokesman for Duke Energy, a North Carolina-based company that sells electricity to the California market.

State power managers had hoped for a reprieve over the weekend, when power needs generally drop by 2,000 megawatts. One megawatt powers 1,000 homes.

The alert will continue through tonight. Stage 3 alerts are announced when reserves dipped below 1.5 percent and allow the grid operators to impose rolling blackouts to cope with demand.

The alert was accompanied by urgent requests for Californians to conserve energy.

"Apparently suppliers need to see we're in a Stage 3, because those resources are needed in the (Pacific) Northwest," McCorkle said.

"Californians really need to be conserving as we try to get through this crisis, because other states are definitely sharing their megawatts with us," she added.

California's electricity system has been in turmoil for months. The state's largest utilities, operating under a rate freeze imposed by the state's 1996 deregulation law, have been unable to pass on to their customers the spiraling costs of wholesale power.

Since June, Southern California Edison Co. and Pacific Gas and Electric Co., which serve 25 million people between them, have lost some $11 billion and are facing bankruptcy.

A PG&E spokesman declined to comment on persistent reports that the utility could file for bankruptcy as early as today.

"We are not going to speculate on what may happen. The only certainty of next week is that the generators will continue to charge high prices for the power they sell to California," said PG&E spokesman Ron Low.

Among those implementing conservation measures was San Francisco International Airport. Although it is exempt from rolling blackouts, the airport has turned down the lighting and cooling systems and brought its emergency generators online.

The generators will run "as long as we have a cutback order from PG&E," said Gerry Alley, airport duty manager. That could be expensive, both for fuel and for increased maintenance costs, he said.

Some other businesses and homeowners also are going a step beyond conservation by supplying their own power.

Jerry Twentyman, owner and president of Electro-Motion Inc. in Menlo Park on the northern edge of Silicon Valley, said his home generator sales are three times normal at $4,000 and up for each unit, while rentals and service calls have doubled.

His largest customers are computer hardware, software and networking companies, but his 14 employees also provide backup generators to hotels, motels, factories, office buildings and homes.

"It's been a disruptive boom," Twentyman said Sunday. "We're in for the long haul, so we're not trying to take advantage."

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In small ways and large, presidents eager to get a quick start

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jimmy Carter pardoned Vietnam draft dodgers, Ronald Reagan ordered cuts in federal spending, Bill Clinton put his wife in charge of health care reform.

Modern-day presidents like to get off to a quick start during their first week in office, taking both symbolic and substantive steps to set the tone for the new administration, and George W. Bush is no exception.

It's a way of telling the nation, "Yoo-hoo, I'm here," says political scientist Charles Jones.

While there is always the risk that hasty steps will be regretted later, presidents feel growing pressure to swiftly project the image of a vigorous and decisive leader.

In 1989, the first President Bush had not hit the one-week mark in his term when he was criticized for "hitting the ground walking" because he had yet to move decisively on the budget or other top agenda items.

"I think it's a little early to make conclusions one way or another on all that," he protested on only his fourth full day in office.

The new President Bush, for his part, is determined to "hit the ground running," spokesman Ari Fleischer said.

On Inauguration Day, the new president moved to put a hold on 11th-hour executive orders issued by Clinton, and issued executive orders to establish ethics guidelines for his administration and impose a temporary freeze on federal hiring. Bush also planned a series of education-related events this week.

Recent history suggests the wisdom of taking modest, carefully thought-out steps that send the right message without overreaching.

"It's a good idea to give off an image of energy, but if they're going to do anything significant, they should sit back and mull," said Leo Ribuffo, a presidential historian at George Washington University.

In 1993, Clinton's first-week flurry of activity conveyed the message of energy but also created problems — some that were immediate and others that emerged later.

His first action as president — less than an hour after his inauguration — was to enact tough new ethics rules. He quietly revoked them last month, amid widespread criticism that they had been too restrictive.

By Day Four of his presidency, Clinton was bogged down in controversy over his plan to lift the ban on gays in the military, with his defense chief warning of a potential "revolt" in Congress and at the Pentagon.

On Day Six, Clinton put first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton in charge of health care reform and gave her 100 days to deliver a plan — a personnel choice fraught with special political dangers and a time frame that proved hopelessly optimistic.

More broadly, the image of disorganization among the Clintonites that had emerged during the presidential transition "was confirmed in the chaos of the first week," said Jones, a professor emeritus at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Because first impressions can be so lasting, early mistakes hurt the most.

"They stick around longer, and set a tone," said James Pfiffner, a government professor at George Mason University.

Calvin Mackenzie, a presidential historian from Colby College in Maine, said presidents and their aides need time to settle in, establish schedules and figure out who reports to whom before they start taking huge strides.

Even with growing media pressure for some sort of news, Mackenzie said, "There's absolutely no reason to rush into anything important."

In some cases, presidents send important first messages through small gestures.

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Bush presidency gives U.S. reason for great optimism

As our nation sets off on a new era, we have good reason to be proud and optimistic.

Eight years ago, Bill Clinton rode into Washington, D.C. and Americans had many nagging doubts about his character. As President Clinton left Washington, D.C. on Saturday, he left a legacy of deceit and half-truths, even as he snatched every available last-minute opportunity in his final days to recast and redefine his presidency for historians. In his last hours in the White House, Clinton's well-worn legal team worked out an 11th-hour deal with Independent Counsel Robert Ray which promises that Clinton won't face criminal charges as he begins his career as a former president.

America is ready for a change. It was with great optimism that George W. Bush took the oath of office on Saturday.

Throughout his long presidential campaign and during his tenure as our governor, Bush sounded a theme of unity and togetherness. He repeated that theme in his inaugural address before the nation. He also reminded us that we have a responsibility to look out and care for those who may be less fortunate.

We hope Americans — particularly those who did not vote for George W. Bush this past November — will heed his words and know that our new president speaks from the heart.

Although he has enjoyed a life of some privilege, President George W. Bush never lost the common touch. Average Americans can identify with our new president.

It was moving to see George W. Bush fight back a few tears as he prepared to give his inaugural address. It was heartwarming to see George W. Bush embrace his father, the man who left the office eight years ago, in that special bear hug that only a father and son can share

The new president's speech was laced with hints of Christian brotherhood. In an age in which Christianity has been sne red at and deemed politically incorrect, his speech was refreshing.

This week, the hard work of the administration begins. The Bush team has an ambitious schedule lined up in the days ahead.

A new era is beginning. And it's a good feeling.

Today in History

Today is Monday, Jan. 22, the 22nd day of 2001. There are 343 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

One hundred years ago, on Jan. 22, 1901, Britain's Queen Victoria died at age 82.

On this date:

In 1917, President Woodrow Wilson pleaded for an end to war in Europe, calling for "peace without victory." (By April, however, America also was at war.)

In 1922, Pope Benedict XV died; he was succeeded by Pius XI.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces began landing at Anzio, Italy.

In 1953, the Arthur Miller drama "The Crucible" opened on Broadway.

In 1961, a Portuguese ocean liner, the Santa Maria, was hijacked in the Caribbean with some 600 passengers aboard; the drama ended 11 days later when the ship docked in Brazil.

In 1970, the first regularly scheduled commercial flight of the Boeing 747 began in New York and ended in London some six and a half hours later.

In 1973, the Supreme Court handed down its Roe v. Wade decision, which legalized abortion using a trimester approach.

In 1973, former President Lyndon Johnson died at age 64.

In 1995, Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy died at the Kennedy compound at Hyannis Port, Mass., at age 104.

In 1997, the Senate confirmed Madeleine Albright as the nation's first female secretary of state.

Ten years ago: During the Gulf War, Iraq fired six Scud missiles into Saudi Arabia; all were either intercepted, or fell into unpopulated areas. However, in Tel Aviv, Israel, a Scud eluded the Patriot missile defense system and struck the city, resulting in three deaths.

Five years ago: The White House announced that First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton had been subpoenaed by the Whitewater special prosecutor to testify before a grand jury investigating the mysterious discovery of her law firm billing records in the White House residence. O.J. Simpson testified for the first time since the killings of his ex-wife Nicole and her friend, Ronald Goldman, as he gave a videotaped deposition for a wrongful death lawsuit.

One year ago: Elian Gonzalez's grandmothers met privately with U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno as they appealed for help in removing the boy from his Florida relatives and reuniting him with his father in Cuba. Food writer Craig Claiborne died at a New York hospital at age 79.

Thought for Today: "Advertising has done more to cause the social unrest of the 20th century than any other single factor." — Clare Boothe Luce, American author, politician and diplomat (1903-1987).

JACK ANDERSON & DOUG COHN

Double jeopardy is still double jeopardy

WASHINGTON — It's a tough call. Criminals are apprehended, convicted, sentenced and eventually released. That's the way the system works. At least that's the way the system used to work, but too many criminals were being released who became repeat offenders. The solution seemed to be mandatory sentencing guidelines, but some of those guidelines turned out to be overly harsh and stripped judges of discretionary authority where special circumstances warranted it.



Anderson

So another solution appeared. We could call it post-imprisonment incarceration. The founding fathers simply called it double jeopardy. It first appeared in 1990 when the legislature of Washington state passed a Sexually Violent Predators law that allowed for the detention of people convicted of sexually violent crimes for treatment and rehabilitation after their prison sentences had been served Several other states passed similar laws following Washington's example.

Then in October of last year, the United States Supreme Court heard arguments that the law violated the double jeopardy clause in the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution. The case, Seling v. Young, centers around Andre Brigham Young, who was convicted of six rapes over a 30-year period. At the end of his prison term — in fact, the day before his scheduled release — prison officials transferred Young to the state's Special Commitment Center that was designed to hold "mentally abnormal" molesters and rapists who have finished their jail time. A system created to protect the community, SCC holds over 100 residents and is located on the grounds of a medium-security prison, McNeil Island Corrections Center. It is only accessible on a ferry run by the prison.

At a hearing four months later, a jury found Young to be a "sexually violent predator" who should be held for an indefinite period at the SCC. According to Young, "If you're not allowing a person to be released and there is no end time to it, that's death. So what you have here is a death sentence disguised as treatment." Young and his lawyer filed continuous appeals until he reached the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, which unanimously ruled that because "the district court did not conduct an evidentiary hearing on the question of whether Young's confinement at the SCC rendered the statute punitive," the statute violated the double jeopardy clause and Young should be set free. The state appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

During the hearing before the Supreme Court, Young's lawyers argued that he did not receive adequate treatment during his stay at the SCC. However, the Court supported Washington state's law saying that, "the civil nature of a confinement scheme cannot be altered based merely on vagaries in the implementation of the authorizing statute." In a similar case in 1997, the Court ruled to uphold a Kansas state law modeled after the Washington law, saying the confinement did not amount to punishment.

Justice John Paul Stevens provided the sole dissent, claiming: "If conditions of confinement are such that a detainee has been punished twice in violation of the double jeopardy clause, it is irrelevant that the scheme has been previously labeled as civil without full knowledge of the effects of the statute."

None of us wants sexual predators on the prowl in our neighborhoods, but the solution needs to pass constitutional muster. For example, a law may be written that says a sentence may be extended if, in the opinion of a duly appointed board akin to a parole board, an inmate is likely to be a threat to the community if released. Could this result in life sentences for certain crimes that do not ordinarily carry such terms? Probably, but safeguards, including an appellate process, would have to be instituted to protect the inmates' rights.

The Washington state solution is wrong and Justice Stevens is right. Double jeopardy is still unconstitutional.

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CAL THOMAS

As usual, Clinton somehow 'beats the rap'

President Clinton did it. Despite obstructions, lying and other infractions we may never know about — any one of which would have landed an ordinary citizen in prison for a lengthy stay — Bill Clinton has effectively beaten the rap. All he relinquishes is a law license he never intended to use (and only for five years). Other attorneys who have lied under oath have been disbarred. He also was forced to issue a nuanced statement that's sort of an apology, which he can interpret, and will interpret, to suit himself.



Thomas

What about his enablers, apologists and defenders? Will they feel compelled to come forward and acknowledge that they lied for the liar? They agreed that he did no wrong and always told the truth and never had extramarital sex, or harassed or raped or obstructed justice. Don't count on them repenting. Their names are legion, from Hillary Rodham "vast right-wing conspiracy" Clinton to James Carville, Paul Begala, Mike McCurry, Dee Dee Myers, Joe Lockhart, Michael Kinsley, Lanny Davis, Eleanor Clift, the Hollywood Left, attorneys Bob Bennett and the late Charles Ruff, Congressman Barney Frank and the entire Congressional Black Caucus. Bill Clinton used them all until he used them up. What did they get for mortgaging their own integrity on Bill Clinton's altar of fertility? They got stained, as have all who came to his aid over the years.

The biggest enablers, co-conspirators and defenders have been the media. The Media Research Center has compiled only a sample of some of the more outrageous propaganda offered to cover Bill Clinton's political and literal nakedness.

They include Dan Rather's obsequious fawning in 1993: "If we could be one-hundredth as great as you and Hillary Rodham Clinton have been in the White House, we'd take it right now and walk away winners ... Tell Mrs. Clinton we respect her and are pulling for her." Don't you love objectivity, fairness and balance in a journalist?

Newsweek's Howard Fineman gushed in a Jan. 25, 1993 news story: "There's no doubt that the nation is about to be led by its first sensitive male chief executive. He's the first President to have attended both Lamaze classes and family therapy ... He can search for the inner self while seeking connectedness with the greater whole." This editorializing continued, like an unrestrained corporate polluter, for eight years.

That's just a sample. These are only excerpts from the web of deception the media helped Clinton build and sustain.

Independent Counsel Robert Ray says justice has been served by Friday's plea agreement. Maybe it has and perhaps this is the best he can get, given the uncertainty that any jury, especially in heavily Democratic Washington, D.C., would convict this ex-President. But one wishes that all of the evidence against this cunning, deceitful, dissembling man could have been put on the table for the public to examine in its totality without the usual Clinton and media spin. The record will be sealed until the special division within the Independent Council office authorizes its public release. Having spent millions of dollars on the Independent Counsel office, the taxpayers deserve to see what they paid for as soon as possible.

It's worth recalling the words of Rep. James Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) and of the members of the House impeachment team: "The president engaged in a conspiracy of crimes to prevent justice from being served. These are impeachable offenses for which the president should be convicted." Indeed he should have been, but politics intruded and he escaped his day of reckoning. Robert Ray has effectively allowed him to escape again.

Clinton is now free to roam the country, making speeches for six figures without the prospect of new attorneys' fees.

President George W. Bush is grateful he doesn't have to consider pardoning Clinton, which he might have felt obliged to do at some point. Great damage has been done to the rule of and respect for the law. Perhaps an Attorney General John Ashcroft and the new president can do something to restore both. Meanwhile, Bill Clinton runs free — an O.J. Simpson-like figure who beat the system. He still faces the judgment of history, but Clinton has always lived in the present, even while singing "don't stop thinking about tomorrow," or reflecting his real philosophy of life, which is summed up in another song: "Let the devil take tomorrow, help me make it through the night."

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



DAVE MCNEELY

Medicaid in Texas tough on children

It's better to be not quite so poor than really poor. That may seem obvious, but it's exaggerated in Texas when it comes to health care for kids.

The very poor, even though they are working, must provide much more detailed information on many more subjects to qualify kids for health care than those on the next rung up the income scale, says Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston.

"The poorer families have more hoops to jump through than the families with more money," said Coleman, who has been trying to change the system for a long time. The result, he said, is that a huge number of Texas kids eligible for Medicaid don't get it.



McNeely

Coleman and other legislators, led by House Public Health Committee Chair Patricia Gray, D-Galveston, have called a press conference for Tuesday to talk about the problem and potential solutions.

Texas has three different levels of health care programs available to its residents, although one is being phased out.

Medicaid is for children of families whose income is less than 100 percent of the federal poverty level, which currently is $17,050 for a family of four.

The federal Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), as run by Texas, is for children of families whose income is from 101 percent to 200 percent of the federal poverty level.

The Texas Healthy Kids Corp., set up to provide insurance for families who didn't qualify for the other two, quit taking new applicants last year.

To qualify for Medicaid, a child's family members must go through a face-to-face interview, and potentially verify up to 20 pieces of information on their application, versus five to qualify for CHIP, Coleman said.

And for Medicaid, not only must they requalify every six months, they are required to report if their income goes up. If it does, they could be knocked out of the program.

Those who qualify for CHIP are guaranteed coverage for a year before they must requalify.

In addition, potential Medicaid recipients must verify information about their assets, their family status, and a number of other things "that have nothing to do with insurance" — including establishing paternity and current living arrangements.

"Establishing paternity becomes a real dissuader," Coleman said.

Also, a Medicaid qualifier must have less than $2,000 in resources, Coleman said. If they have a car worth more than $4,650, the excess counts against their resource limit.

"In CHIP, you don't have to do any of that," Coleman said — no interview, no proof of family status.

But it's Texas, not the federal government, that currently requires the increased scrutiny of potential Medicaid recipients, Coleman said.

The paperwork required by Texas Medicaid is residue from old AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children) and Food Stamp policies that no longer have an effect on Medicaid, according to the Center for Public Policy Priorities, a non-profit group trying to help low-income Texans.

States can change and streamline eligibility requirements without risking federal penalties.

In fact, Texas and Utah are the only states that still require the asset test and the in-person interview for children's Medicaid, said Eva Deluna of the Center for Public Policy Priorities.

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AP Photo

Two sea lions of San Cristobal Island, Galapagos Islands, 600 miles off the west coast of Ecuador, are seen Sunday. The sea lion population and other marine species are being threatened following an oil spill created after the tanker Jessica ran aground Tuesday. It began leaking diesel oil on Friday. The Galapagos Islands are famous for their giant tortoises and rare species of birds and plants. The islands were the basis for Charles Darwin's theory of evolution.

U.S. experts arrive to help fight fuel spill off Galapagos Islands

By Gonzalo Solano
Associated Press

PUERTO BAQUERIZO, Galapagos Islands — U.S. pollution-fighting experts arrived at the Galapagos Islands on Sunday to help clean up a spill from a stricken tanker that has so far dumped some 150,000 gallons of fuel oil into the fragile marine environment.

In the first account on the extent of the spill, Ecuadorean Environment Minister Rodolfo Rendon said the "environmental damage is extremely grave."

He said surf pounding the Ecuadorean tanker Jessica, which ran aground Tuesday in a bay off San Cristobal Island, has opened up new fissures in its hull, speeding up the rate of the leak. So far, 150,000 gallons of fuel has leaked out and slicks have affected an 117-square-mile area.

The ship, which began leaking fuel Friday, lay tilted sharply toward its left side about 550 yards off shore from San Cristobal, which is populated with rare marine species.

The Galapagos Islands, in the Pacific Ocean 600 miles off Ecuador's coast, are famous for their giant tortoises and rare species of birds and plants. Charles Darwin developed his theory of evolution by studying wildlife on the islands.

The team of U.S. experts, including 10 members of the U.S. Coast Guard's pollution response National Strike Force, arrived late Sunday, Rendon said. They reportedly arrived with specialized oil spill equipment, such as inflatable oil containment barges, and high-capacity pumps to help remove remaining fuel from the ship's storage tanks.

Floating nets and barriers have been set up to control the spill, but officials said slicks had reached nearby beaches and harmed at least 11 sea lions, which were expected to live. Some 20 birds, including blue-footed boobies, pelicans and albatrosses, also were affected.

Galapagos National Park biologist Mauricio Velasquez said the long-term danger is that the fuel will sink to the ocean floor, destroying algae that is vital to the food chain, threatening marine iguanas, sharks, birds and other species.

Velasquez said the current was pushing the spill south, and that within days it could reach Spain Island, where large colonies of sea lions and other marine animals congregate.

Also Sunday, Ecuadorean President Gustavo Noboa demanded a "detailed report" on the cause of the accident, which officials have attributed to navigational error.

Police on San Cristobal said no charges had been filed against the ship's captain, Tarquino Arevalo, who remained on the island Sunday, or against his company, Acotramar.

Prosecutors launch criminal investigation into former-president Estrada

By Oliver Teves
Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Prosecutors said today they were launching a criminal investigation into former President Joseph Estrada for allegedly plundering millions of dollars in office.

The announcement came as Estrada's replacement, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, was putting together her goveernment, trying to ease divisions in the country caused by the months of political crisis that ended this weekend with the former movie actor's removal from office.

Estrada opponents had been demanding that, even after his ouster, he face trial on the corruption charges that led to his impeachment trial last month. When that Senate trial collapsed last week, mass street protests forced Estrada to quit.

The top charge that Estrada could face in the new investigation carries a possible death penalty — but it was considered extremely unlikely that the former head of state could face execution by lethal injection.



New Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo prays during a mass of thanksgiving celebrated Sunday, in Manila, one day after a peaceful transition of power. Macapagal-Arroyo, whose first day at work starts today, faces a challenging start to her term as she tries to unite disparate groups of anti-Estrada activists.

AP Photo

Government ombudsman Aniano Desierto told a news conference that the preliminary investigation would take 60 days and involve six charges: plunder, misuse of funds, violations of the anti-graft law, perjury, bribery and possession of unexplained wealth.

Economic plunder is defined as stealing from the state. There are different categories, with different sets of penalties, depending on the amounts of money involved. The most serious is a capital offense.

No order was immediately issued barring Estrada from leaving he country, but his name was put on a "watch" list at the country's airports.

Desierto said investigators would use all of the proceedings at the impeachment trial and would seek access to bank records that prosecutors in the Senate trial were blocked from viewing.

Prosecutors in the impeachment trial had said those records would show Estrada had millions of dollars hidden away, earned from corrupt activities. When senators voted to prevent their release Tuesday, the prosecutors resigned — triggering street protests that swelled over the next three days to some 250,000 people.

Estrada's legal status remained murky. He reportedly did not sign an official resignation when he left office. When he finally exited the presidential palace on Saturday, he went to his private residence in the Manila suburb of San Juan.

He still enjoys support among this Southeast Asian nation's poor masses, distrustful of his successor, seen by some as in favor of the wealthy.

Today's markets cheered Estrada's removal by surging to double-digit gains, shooting up 34 percent to an 11-month high within minutes of the opening bell. Within an hour they eased, but still showed an 18 point gain on the day.

"This is the moment we have all been waiting for and now is the time to buy," said Astro Del Castillo, the head stock analyst at A&A securities. "This is euphoria."

Macapagal-Arroyo, a 53-year-old economist who was vice president, is widely believed to be better equipped than Estrada — a former movie star and college dropout — to revive the stagnant economy. But the euphoria is likely to cool quickly as the country focuses on the daunting problems the new administration faces.

On Sunday, she announced several members of her economic team, including former senator Alberto Romulo as finance secretary.

"These are the years that the locusts have eaten," Romulo said, referring to Estrada's 31-month presidency. "It will take a minimum of two years for us to get back on our feet."

Macapagal-Arroyo said she would announce changes in the government gradually in a nod to military officials who asked that Estrada be permitted a dignified exit.

"I would like to pay tribute to the generals who threw their support behind us," she said. "They are asking for a healing process."

Amid pessimistic signs, Israel, Palestinians start peace talks

TABA, Egypt (AP) — Israeli and Palestinian teams launched what they intended to be marathon peace negotiations at this Egyptian resort Sunday, but both sides sent signals that dampened the already slim hopes for success.

In Israel, Prime Minister Ehud Barak set "red lines" he pledged never to cross, and top Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said the Israeli stance meant the "failure of these negotiations before they begin."

Barak, who is trailing his right-wing opponent in the polls ahead of Feb. 6 elections for prime minister, ruled out any deal giving Palestinian refugees the right of return to homes inside Israel or giving the Palestinians sovereignty over a key Jerusalem holy site.

Nearly four months of Israeli-Palestinian violence have left both sides embittered, and more trouble broke out Sunday. A 14-year-old Palestinian was shot to death in the Gaza Strip and three more Palestinians were wounded in a clash with Israeli soldiers, hospital officials said.

A small bomb went off Sunday evening in an Arab area of Jerusalem's walled Old City, close to a Jewish neighborhood, causing no injuries. Hours later, a young Israeli was stabbed and wounded by a Palestinian in Jerusalem, police said.

Despite the violence, Israeli and Palestinian negotiators said they were ready for intensive talks that could last for up to 10 days. Many analysts believe a peace agreement is Barak's only real hope of catching his election rival, the hawkish Ariel Sharon.

The negotiating teams headed by Israeli Foreign Minister Shlomo Ben-Ami and Palestinian parliament speaker Ahmed Qureia faced each other across a rectangular table in a Hilton Taba hotel room, their notebooks opened as they discussed procedural issues.

"We were hard-working," Ben-Ami told journalists in English after the session adjourned after 2 1/2 hours. The talks were due to resume this morning.

Barak's office said negotiators will split into two committees, one discussing future borders, Jerusalem and security issues and the other the question of Palestinian refugees.

The sides "will try to work out an agreed solution to the refugee issue, taking into account Israel's position that refugees are not to be allowed to return into the country," it said.

The talks were expected to center on proposals by former President Clinton, which would establish a Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and grant the Palestinians control of parts of east Jerusalem and over Jerusalem holy sites. In return, they would give up the right of return for refugees.

President Bush, sworn in Saturday, is likely to keep his distance from the peace process, though Palestinians have urged him to take an active approach.

Sharon said he did not view the Taba talks as legitimate, adding that he would only accept a peace accord approved by Israel's parliament or Knesset, where Barak has only minority support, according to spokeswoman Odelia Lazar-Carmon.

Earlier Sunday, Barak spoke on Israel television to defend the last-minute push for a deal and promised to bring any general peace accord to a popular referendum. "I'm telling the Israeli society: Our rule over another people must stop. But we also are setting red lines," Barak said.

Barak and Arafat were not expected in Egypt during the initial days of the negotiations.

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As El Salvador rebuilds; refugees wonder what's next

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

SANTA TECLA, El Salvador — They sleep on the dusty ground, shielded from the chilly night winds and blistering morning sun by tents, tarps and trash bags. They line up for everything: plastic plates of rice and beans, a bit of clean water, the chance to use portable toilets.

The trash-strewn fields of Santa Tecla's soccer stadium and municipal park are not much of a home for the 11,000 people who fled there after losing their houses and belongings in the 7.6-magnitude earthquake on Jan. 13.

But most plan to stay as long as they can. Still in shock from the ordeal and longing to spend time with their families — even if it is in the difficult environment of a refugee camp — most haven't yet been able to think about the future.

"We will stay here until they tell us it's time to go, then we will move to another camp," said Jose Luis Solorzano, 40, who worked as a cab driver until the quake leveled his three-room shack and flattened his taxi.

"It is very crowded here and it gets cold at night. But living on the street there are no donated clothes or tents and life is even more miserable."

Officials raised the quake's death toll to 710 after two more bodies were recovered in the hard-hit Las Colinas neighborhood in the San Salvador suburbs on Saturday and a third on Sunday. The death toll also includes six victims in neighboring Guatemala. The quake destroyed 141,000 Salvadoran homes and left an estimated 750,000 people homeless.



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Honduran rescue workers move debris from the destroyed San Agustin Church, in San Agustin, 98 kilometers southeast of San Salvador, El Salvador on Sunday. Officials raised the quake's death toll to 710 after two more bodies were recovered in Las Colinas on Saturday and a third on Sunday. The death toll also includes six victims in neighboring Guatemala. The quake destroyed 141,000 Salvadoran homes and left an estimated 750,000 people homeless.

Three small aftershocks were recorded in El Salvador on Sunday, bringing the total number since last Saturday's quake to 1,927 — nearly all of them strong enough to be felt. The quake has also caused more than 300 aftershocks in nearby Nicaragua, the latest one on Sunday. No injuries or damage were reported in Sunday's aftershocks.

As part of an effort to prove it had not abandoned those living in the soccer-field-turned-refugee camp, the government organized a Mass there Sunday, featuring a Christian-rock band that played while a priest situated under a red Coca-Cola tent preached to the few dozen onlookers who would pay attention.

Shortly after the service began, however, a bread line formed nearby — prompting most people to abandon the priest altogether.

Camp psychiatrists said the shock of the quake has left many here longing for the opportunity simply to rest.

"These people have been through so much and are very scared to again take risks," said Shirley Alvarez, who helps counsel the approximately 500 patients who seek psychological treatment each day. "We will have to work very hard to motivate them."

Doctors here teach patients skills such as hammock-weaving and bicycle repair to get them used to the idea of joining the work force again, Alvarez said.

But even those who want to leave the camp say there is no work to be found.

Angelica Gomez, 40, had supported her family by working in the coffee fields, after her husband lost both of his feet in a bus accident three years ago.

"I want to work. I want to get out of this camp," she said. "But the coffee fields have been destroyed. There is no more work for me, for any of the people like me."

Life continues to be a struggle, with rampant food and clothing shortages and fears of a cholera outbreak.

Adding to the misery is a moat of human waste that rings the camp as sewage from overflowing toilets pours into nearby storm drains.

Maria Anita Lopez went back to her job as an office cleaner two days after the quake. But she said her family can't rent a new home because wealthier people have flooded the real estate market looking to rent housing until they can repair their quake-damaged homes.

"We have money," Lopez said. "We just don't have enough."

Reputed drug kingpin suspected to have escaped in laundry truck

MEXICO CITY (AP) — A reputed drug trafficking boss has escaped from one of Mexico's most secure prisons, apparently hidden in a laundry truck with help from prison employees, security officials said.

Joaquin Guzman Loera, 43, escaped Puente Grande prison, about 12 miles from Guadalajara, capital of the west-central state of Jalisco. He was reported missing soon after being seen at a head count of prisoners Friday evening.

Jorge Tello Peon, the federal undersecretary for public security, said preliminary evidence had given "pretty clear indications" of which prison officials were involved in the escape.

The warden, Leonardo Beltran Santana, was fired and held for questioning. Thirty-three guards also were questioned.

Guzman Loera is believed to be the head of a drug organization in the Pacific coastal state of Sinaloa in northern Mexico, although he has never been convicted on drug charges. He describes himself as a cattleman and farmer.

He was serving more than 20 years for criminal association and bribery when he escaped, and faced trials for homicide and drug trafficking. He was arrested in 1993 in Guatemala and had been at the Puente Grande prison since 1995.

He has been found innocent of drug charges in the past and was absolved of responsibility for a wild shootout between rival drug gangs at the Guadalajara International Airport that killed Mexican Cardinal Juan Jesus Posadas Ocampo in 1993.

Guzman Loera left behind his prison uniform, leading prison officials to assume someone smuggled in civilian clothing for him.

Puente Grande houses around 500 prisoners, including some of Mexico's most dangerous. Cell doors are controlled electronically, one door cannot open unless another closes and visitors are severely limited. Strip searches are common for visitors, and prisoners are kept in individual cells with no contact with one another. There are two guards for each inmate.

Drug trafficking suspect beheaded in Saudi Arabia

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — An Afghan man convicted of drug trafficking was beheaded in Saudi Arabia Sunday, the Saudi government said.

Wazir bin Zarif Shinwari was beheaded in the western city of Jiddah for smuggling an unspecified quantity of heroin into the kingdom, the Interior Ministry said in a written statement.

Sunday's execution brings to 11 the number of beheadings this year.

Last year, 125 people were beheaded in the kingdom. The record number of beheadings in one year in Saudi Arabia was 191 in 1995.

Saudi Arabia follows a strict interpretation of Islamic law that prescribes the death sentence for murder, rape, drug trafficking and armed robbery.

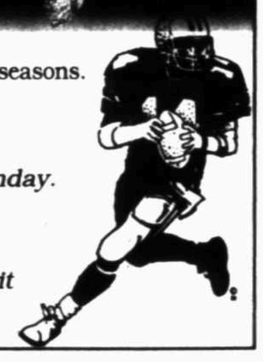
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By the way, those turkey snakes have giant fangs too

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- It's getting late and we need to print SOMETHING so we can go to the bar.



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Despite these safeguards, newspapers are not perfect, as evidenced by the recent front-page New York Times story incorrectly identifying Gen. Colin Powell as "the capital of Guam." (He is, in fact, the capital of Vermont.) But what makes newspapers special is that, in the words of the great 17th century editor Walter Cronkite, "When we mess up, we 'fess up."'

That's why I want to correct an error I made recently in a column on preparing a Thanksgiving turkey. Specifically, I wrote that you should be careful when reaching inside the turkey, because:

"... you are intruding upon the territory of the deadly North American giblet snake, which can grow, coiled inside an innocent-looking 12-pound turkey, to a length of 55 feet. In one of the most horrifying moments in cooking history, one of these monsters attacked Julia Child during her live 1978 Thanksgiving TV special; it would have strangled her if she had not known exactly where to insert her baster."

After that column appeared, I received a letter, which I am not making up, from a woman in Lima, Ohio, who stated:

"I have a friend that will not eat turkey now and is afraid to put her hand in the cavity to clean one. I tried to tell her it was humor and no way could a 12-pound turkey hold a 55-foot snake, nor could Julia Child kill one with a baster. She is not to be consoled. Please write about this in the near future, so my friend can enjoy turkey again."

I also received a letter from a woman in Canada who said that her 83-year-old mother now refuses to eat turkey because "people were finding snakes in the internal cavity."

So it seems that my column inadvertently started an "urban myth," like the one about albino alligators in the New York sewers, or the one about the president of the United States being chosen by some "Electoral College."

To clear this up, I did some research on the Internet. I wish I'd done so sooner, because with just a few mouse clicks, I was able to locate many photographs of naked people. After researching these for several days, I went to an Internet research site and typed in the words "turkey snakes"; this led me to a site called "Reptiles and Amphibians of Europe," where I learned that there is a snake, found in Turkey, called the Large Whip Snake, or, in Latin, "coluber jugularis jugularis" (literally, "chronic truncator") that grows to a length of 120 inches. According to the description, this snake "... strikes with an open mouth ... the recurved teeth are apparently very difficult to remove if lodged in the skin."

So I want to set the record straight about reaching into turkey cavities: There is NO DANGER that a 55-foot snake will strangle you. The snake will be at most 10 feet long, and it will merely lodge its teeth permanently in your skin. My mistake!

This does not mean, however, that we should let our guard down regarding poultry. I say this in light of news reports, sent in by many alert readers, concerning a woman in Newport News, Va., who purchased a box of chicken wings at a fast-food restaurant that, in the interest of avoiding a lawsuit, I will call by the totally made-up name "FcFonald's." Inside the box, the woman found — you guessed it — Walter Cronkite.

No, seriously, she allegedly found a deep-fried chicken head. She alerted the media, which published photographs of the chicken head: It looks like Sen. Strom Thurmond, only with a more-natural hairstyle. When I saw this, I got right back on the Internet, because I wanted to answer a question that has no doubt already occurred to you: Is there a band called the Chicken Heads? It turns out there is. Some band members dress as chickens, but before you dismiss them as a bunch of "wackos," bear in mind that other members dress as a giant carrot and a wedge of cheese. They have a song called "The Man Without Nostrils."

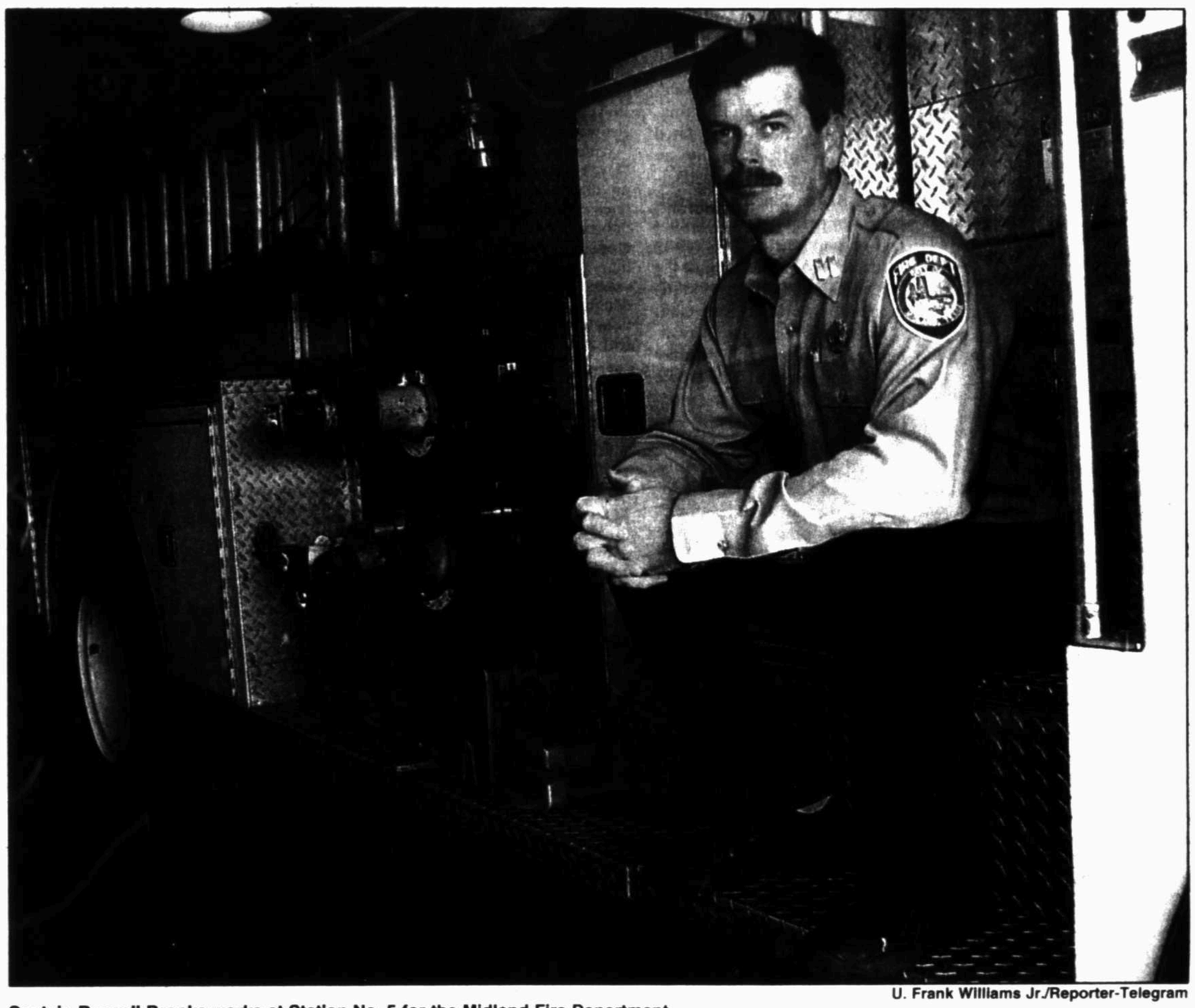
I hope this clears up any confusion. If you have further questions, please write to me, c/o This Newspaper, 123 Main St., Colin Powell, Vt., 12345. I'll be at the bar.

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Person to Person

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Captain Russell Brooks works at Station No. 5 for the Midland Fire Department.

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Midland Fire Department Captain Russell Brooks

One night not too long ago, Midland Fire Department Capt. Russell Brooks came back to Station Five after a fire and couldn't find his bed. He looked all around the station, then searched the back yard, where the firefighters park their vehicles, looked over into the pickup trucks parked there, but didn't see a bed.

Finally, he looked upward, and sure enough, there on the fire station's roof stood his bed, mattress, sheets, blanket and spread nicely made up just as he had left it. Russell said firefighters work hard, but they also play hard.

"These guys are liable to do anything," he said. "Last week they dyed a man's sheets pink and put a canopy over his bed and strung Christmas tree lights over it. You never know what somebody's going to think of next."

Yet, he says this is a part of the group dynamics, the oil that smoothes the rough edges of a job where tragedy is often only minutes away.

Russell has been a firefighter 20 years. Looking back, he said that when he started, he didn't think he'd stay six months.

"I'm the son of a farmer, James Brooks, who farmed all his life, and I was farming, working 18 hours a day and still having trouble making ends meet," he said. "I was 21, and had a wife and a young son, then, and one day a friend and I were talking, and he said, 'You know, you might want to think about joining the Fire Department. You could do that and still farm.'

"I thought about it a while, and finally went down and applied and took the test, and the next thing I knew, I was hired.

"We work 24 hours on and 24 hours off for three shifts, then we're off four days. And the first six months, I nearly went crazy, but once I got used to the schedule, and my wife got used to it, we were OK. It sounds bad, but it works out to about a 56-hour work week."

During those 56 hours, the firefighters' routine varies between the heart-pounding urgency of firefighting and the tedious exactitude of training, daily maintenance of equipment and housekeeping.

"The first thing we do every morning is check our radios and our equipment," said Russell. "We have a list of everything on the truck and everything on the ambulance, and we go through and check them, and sign the checks. Station maintenance comes next."

They also do maintenance checks on fire hydrants and traffic lights.

"Annually, we test every hydrant in the city of Midland," he said. "We oil the caps and check the stems and make sure the water is clear as it comes out. It's a nuisance to have that water pour out over the street, but it's necessary to make sure the hydrant is in working order.

"If you pull up and tie to a bad hydrant, then you have to regroup and start over, and that could mean the difference between saving a house and losing one."

On the first Sunday of each month, they check the traffic signals.

"We have an instrument called an Opti-Com," said Russell. "It's a signal we have on our trucks that changes the light to green within four or five seconds, and we check each light in all four directions.

"People will be hurrying, trying to get to church on time, and there we'll be, messing with the lights. But it's much safer than having to use our (sirens and lights). Midland really has some state-of-the-art equipment."

The endless training is also a part of the job. Russell said firefighters train on just about anything that pertains to firefighting.

"We train on how to comb and how to properly use ladders, hose evolutions, the care and cleaning of hoses, what size hose to use in what situation, pump operations, and the list goes on.

"We train in ventilation. A lot of people don't understand what we're doing. They'll say, 'These guys are chopping holes in my roof.' The reason we have to do that is to make the building tenable, to let out the heat and the smoke, and enable us to go in and see what's going on."

Russell said another state-of-the-art firefighting tool in use by the Midland Fire Department is the Bullard Thermal Imaging Camera, which allows firefighters to see images in smoke-darkened rooms.

"We can go into a totally dark building and find a person lying on the floor," said Russell. To demonstrate, he brought out the camera and pointed the lens toward a fellow firefighter. The viewer showed not only the outline of the man, and the hot spots where blood flowed close to the surface of his body, but the heated footprints he left as he walked across the floor.

Next he pointed the camera toward the ceiling, where the rafters stood out in sharp relief against the warmer insulation.

"If you smelled something burning but you couldn't find anything, and you called the Fire Department, we could take this thing and find the hot spots in your wall," he said.

The Bullard cameras cost about $20,000 each, and Midland presently has five of them.

Russell said he is often asked why fire trucks accompany ambulances.

"On medical runs, the person who called will run out and say, 'I don't need you, I called for an ambulance.'

"But a lot of people don't realize that in Midland, we're all cross-trained," he explained. "If you're a firefighter, you have to be an EMT, and ambulance personnel are all firefighters. When there's a call for an ambulance, we don't have an ambulance at this station, but if we're closer to the address, we'll go ahead and take a pumper (fire truck) and start the medical care until the ambulance gets there. In Midland, the average response time is three to five minutes."

Fitness is a must for firefighters, who, when wearing "bunkers" (their protective clothing and boots) and their self-contained breathing apparatus, carry about 60 pounds extra weight, yet the physical toll on firefighters can be severe. Russell said in big fires, it's not unusual for firefighters to reach exhaustion in as little as 15 minutes.

"We send in replacements, and we do what we call 'rehab,'" he said, "and the Red Cross here is

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Winter Antiques Show still flourishing after 47 years

By Grace Glueck
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — Peter Finer of Shipston-on-Stour, England, could be persuaded — for a price — to part with a pair of 1692 Mexican pistols veneered with tortoise shell and elaborately decorated in silver. Bill Guthman of Westport, Conn., would not be averse to selling a resplendent 1861 Civil War battle flag of painted silk. Elle Shushan of New York is hoping to bid a lucrative farewell to a tiny portrait, circa 1785, of Elbridge Gerry, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, by the master miniaturist John Ramage.

The three are among the 69 established dealers in New York this week for the Winter Antiques Show, now in its 47th year and flourishing. Its sponsors consider it the top of the line, the most established and prestigious of the increasing number of stylish, big-ticket antiques bazaars staged each year across the country.

The show, whose contents are vetted for authenticity and proper dating by specialists in each field before the official opening, takes in European and Asian as well as American fine and decorative arts. Unlike its only real rival, the International Fine Art and Antique Dealers Show, a 12-year-old stripling organized by a pair of British dealers and taking place at the Seventh Regiment Armory each October, the Winter Antiques Show has a strong American focus. It is also noted for its specialty areas, like Arts and Crafts and American Indian, Art Deco and nautical art.

"Our show provides an overview of the best things on the market," said Catherine Sweeney Singer, its director for seven years. "Also, it makes for comfort-level buying, in a space that's public and that allows people to go from booth to booth without feeling they have to make a commitment."

What's more, it aids a worthy cause. While its opening-night party marks the beginning of New York's high social season, the Winter Antiques Show also benefits the East Side House Settlement, a 110-year-old social services organization in a poverty-stricken area of the Bronx. Last year, the show, whose chairman is Arie L. Kopelman, president of Chanel, raised $1.5 million, more than a third of the organization's philanthropic budget.

The objects in this year's show range in period from the fourth millennium B.C. to the late 20th century. They include furniture, paintings, jewelry, ceramics, silver, rugs, books, antiquities and manuscripts, as well as more exotic categories, like garden sculpture.

Made-in-America items run from a rare American Indian war club of Eastern Woodlands origin, circa 1620 to 1680, carved with its owner's face and other images and inlaid with shell, at the Donald Ellis Gallery, in Dundas, Ontario, to a high-style William and Mary slant-front desk, made in New York around 1715 and veneered in panels of elaborately burled maple, offered by Anthony S. Werneke of Pond Eddy, N.Y.

Although folk art is outweighed by more sophisticated objects here, it has its innings. On view are prizes like an endearingly clumsy puppy of carved and painted pine with pottery eyes, from Pennsylvania, circa 1880, at Olde Hope Antiques of New Hope, Pa.; five 1912 portraits of prize bulls and cows owned by a proud Missouri farmer, at Frank and Barbara Pollack of Highland Park, Ill.; and a superb painted chest-over-drawers made in Massachusetts around 1825, notable for its sponged and stippled layers of green and gold paint, with simulated rosewood graining on the top and sides, at G.K.S. Bush of Washington.

Fancier furniture abounds. Hirschl & Adler of New York City is justifiably proud of its elegant work table, attributed to Duncan Phyfe, circa 1810 to 1815. Made almost entirely of honey-colored satinwood, it has a cabinet top on four elaborately carved legs supported by a platform. The top lifts to reveal a writing surface, and below the desk area, a reeded tambour wraparound slides open in front to reveal two drawers.

A magnificent Dutch-made 17th-century collector's cabinet steals the show at Pieter Hoogendijk of the Netherlands. Veneered in oys-

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ter-burl olivewood, it opens to reveal a magical interior of many drawers with engraved mirror fronts that surround a central compartment, a mirrored niche containing two symmetrical half-facades of a house, with tiny windows, stairs and columns.

A sturdy neo-classical cabinet of similar purpose, but much more recent, is shown at Barry Friedman Ltd. of New York City. Designed and made in Sweden by Gosta Thorell and Gunnar Svensson in 1928, it is a medley of precious woods, from ebony to pear. The doors of its top, which open to reveal a symmetrically arranged array of drawers, are inlaid with fanciful, muselike figures.

At Sumpter Priddy III of Alexandria, Va., a tall corner cupboard made in Virginia around 1800 takes pride of place. Above its mullioned glass doors, an unusual fretwork design is topped by an urnlike finial.

Superb examples of English and Irish furniture include a graceful George III serpentine sideboard of figured mahogany, made in England around 1785, at Jackson Mitchell of Wilmington, Del. At Peter Tillou of New York, a tall mahogany Irish secretary-desk, made about 1785 in Dublin, stands out, with glass doors and carved mullions in the form of swag-draped urns.

For viewers who do not insist on cutting-edge work, the fine arts are well represented by several dealers. At Thomas Colville Fine Art of New York and New Haven, there is Sanford Robinson Gifford's luminous "Study of Haverstraw Bay, on the Hudson" (1866), a poetic waterscape in subtle tones of blue. Hill-Stone Inc. of New York City offers old master prints and drawings, among them Rembrandt's powerful engraving "Flight Into Egypt" (1654), reworked by the artist from a plate made by the Dutch landscape painter and etcher Hercules Seghers, and a lovely chalk drawing (1745) of a young woman's head, attributed to the 18th-century French painter Francois Boucher.

The Fine Art Society of London, in business since 1876, is playing up a wonderful little Whistler pastel of a Venetian scene, done on a trip to Italy in 1879 that was actually sponsored by the society to help ease the artist's financial travails, caused by court costs for his suit against the critic John Ruskin.

More specialized works can be found at Martyn Gregory, also of London, which handles China Trade paintings. Among the offerings here are a lively, precisely delineated view of the waterfront at Canton, circa 1850, by an unknown Chinese artist, showing local vessels as well as American and British paddle steamers, and a highly unflattering late-18th-century portrait of a Chinese imperial prince in a padded silk coat trimmed with fur, a rare example of a work done by a Jesuit court artist.

Not quite so exotic but still on the offbeat side is the series of 16 watercolors of London theaters — the Globe and Covent Garden among them — on view at Taylor B. Williams Antiques of Chicago. They were done from 1872 to 1879 by James Lawson Stewart, a little-known painter of buildings, docks and boats.

As for sculpture, the best can be found at antiquities dealers. A standout at the Safani Gallery of New York is a beautifully stylized alabaster portrait head from South Arabia of a neatly bearded young man, dating from the first century B.C. to the first century A.D. At Throckmorton Fine Art, also of New York, a stunning Olmec transformation mask, dating from 1000 B.C. and made of greenish compact clay, depicts a shaman transforming himself into a jaguar.

Les Enluminures of Paris and Chicago, specialists in medieval and Renaissance works, boasts an impressive, larger-than-life Romanesque head of a bearded man in carved stone, for centuries known as a portrait of Charlemagne but more likely a Biblical prophet. Probably dating from A.D. 1160 to 1170, it was taken from a razed church in Florence.

Les Enluminures also offers splendid early manuscript materials, among them an illumination from a choir book dated 1430, probably done by an obscure Florentine artist, Battista di Biagio Sanguigni. In delicate tempera tones and gold leaf on parchment, elaborating on the letter V, which begins the text, it depicts a group of children of the world praising God.

Not to be skipped in other categories are the dazzling display of Tiffany glass at Macklowe Gallery of New York; the intricately worked 17th-century Florentine tabletop of marble and colored hard stones at L'Antiquaire and the Connoisseur of New York; and at Karl Kemp & Associates of New York, the gorgeous lantern chandelier of wrought iron and crystal with colored crystal fruit inside, designed around 1922 by Louis Sue and Andre Mare for the Paris town house of the fashion designer Jean Patou.

Also on the don't-skip list are the silver wine goblets and an 18th-century fluted silver bowl for cooling wineglasses at S.J. Shrubsole of New York; a ewer and basin decorated with birds and blue lapis, presumably made in 1753-54 for Madame de Pompadour, mistress of Louis XV, at Michele Beiny Inc. of New York; and at Joan B. Mirviss of New York, a simple but stunning Japanese screen painted around 1840 by Watanabe Kiyoshi, depicting three-dimensional white chrysanthemums with autumn pampas grasses against a gold leaf background.

Not to be scanted, either, is the impressive library of first editions at Bauman Rare Books of New York, which includes a 1926 copy of "Winnie the Pooh," inscribed by A.A. Milne to his wife, Dorothy, and the smashing display of autograph letters and photographs at the Kenneth W. Rendell Gallery of New York, whose subjects range from Charles Lindbergh to Eleanor Roosevelt to the Beatles.

With hundreds of other enticing objects popping up on all fronts, it may be hard to get away from this show. An added attraction is "The Best is Not Too Good for You," a special loan exhibition celebrating 75 years of collecting by Colonial Williamsburg, on view for the duration.

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DEAR ABBY

Decision to give up daughter brings harsh judgment

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am 34 and a professional. Last summer, I placed my firstborn child in an adoptive home, something I thought long and hard about before doing.



Van Buren

In the last two jobs I've had, my female co-workers judged me harshly for this choice. Every day I had to endure comments about my decision, to the point I dreaded going to work. I quit one of these jobs, in part due to the stress it caused me. Now I'm in a new job, and I vowed I'd lie about my decision.

Unfortunately, lying has gotten me nowhere. Now my co-workers think I have custody of my child and wonder why I don't bring pictures or talk about her. I don't talk about her or bring pictures because I fear it will open up more questions, and I'll get caught in another lie.

I haven't forgiven myself for abandoning my daughter. I couldn't meet her financial, emotional, physical or mental needs — and yet I feel a tremendous amount of guilt.

I am fortunate that this was an open adoption. I get e-mails, letters, pictures, cards and gifts from the adoptive parents on a regular basis, and we have a great relationship. As much as I want to be able to be honest with my friends at work, my fear has kept me from saying anything and has caused me even more stress.

Please advise me, Abby. I really need some feedback. — TORMENTED IN TEXAS

DEAR TORMENTED: Please stop punishing yourself. Since you have already divulged that you have a daughter, a short explanation — that you placed her where she could receive what you were unable to give her — is in order. If the questions and comments do not stop, you may have to change jobs again.

If that's the case, don't sabotage your work environment. When you mention to your coworkers that you have a daughter, you invite questions. When you are asked if you have children, you wouldn't be lying to say no. (Her adoptive parents "have" her; you don't.)

Since you were unable to meet your daughter's needs, placing her with a family who is able to do so was an act of love. I commend you for loving her enough to allow others to give her what you could not.

Counseling will help you come to grips with your decision. Your physician can give you a referral. Please don't put it off.

DEAR ABBY: Speaking as a physician, I want you to know that the issues you raised in your recent (Dec. 14) column about the subject of babies, touching and germs are controversial.

Of course we should wash our hands, avoid sneezing in people's faces, and generally act as responsible social individuals. But remember, if you don't get your cold from Sally Sneezy, you'll probably get it from Peter Presymptomatic.

And if we overuse antibacterial products, we run the risk of generating resistance germs to replace the benign, helpful variety, in a fashion similar to overuse of antibiotics. (Fortunately, the public is finally beginning to accept the principles of responsible antibiotic usage.)

Finally, there is evidence that excessive protection of our kids from germs and other allergens may increase their risk of allergic problems and asthma. It may turn out that folks should, in fact, encourage family, friends and admiring strangers to touch their kids. — GUY ANTHONY ROWLEY, M.D., M.P.H., CHICAGO

DEAR DR. ROWLEY: Perhaps. Since as you say, the topic is controversial, parents who are in doubt about it should consult with their pediatrician about the safest way to proceed.

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TALKIN' TEXAN

High school prank not a big bang with principal

Tumbleweed Smith

I met a man the other day who had a firecracker experience while in high school and it reminded me of something my father did when he was a teen-ager. He exploded a firecracker in class one day and nobody told on him. My dad was well liked and respected by his fellow students and graduated as class valedictorian. If the teachers ever knew who popped that cracker, they never did anything about it.



Smith

The man I met was Vastine Jawn Jannsen of La Grange, where he was born and raised. People call him Big John.

When Big John was a junior in high school, he was made captain of the basketball team. It was a high honor because the school system in La Grange had just consolidated several rural schools and brought those students in, so it was a real challenge to make the squad.

The team won most of its games because of the number of players. The roster listed seventeen members and the coach played five at a time.

When one group of five got tired, the coach sent in another five.

"It kind of made my head big to be captain," says Big John.

One day after the Christmas holidays Big John was sitting in study hall when a classmate pulled out a firecracker. He told Big John "I bet you a dollar you won't light it."

Big John took the challenge He planned to light it, throw it on the floor real fast and step on it before it exploded. That way, he would still win the bet. It didn't work out that way.

"When I lit it, it burned my fingers and I dropped it and it went off.

"That building was glass and steel and made a perfect echo chamber. It was a loud boom that went back and forth about three times, ricocheting off the walls."

But luck was with him. People thought it was an explosion in the chemistry lab and Big John talked that up because he didn't want to get caught "Those days they used a board. And they hit pretty hard. We had a superintendent that went crazy when he was giving somebody a paddling."

In a few days, interest in the incident faded. John was feeling confident that he had pulled a good one. Then the superintendent called John into his office. "He told me he was going to expel me from school during mid-term exams. That would bust me out of basketball automatically because I couldn't make the grades without taking the tests. I asked him if he had anything else. He told me he had the board. I told him to get it out."

The superintendent gave Big John a severe beating. "I was bruised from my fanny to my ankles. If that happened today, they'd put him in jail."

John didn't tell his parents. "I didn't think they would take up for me and I was afraid my daddy might whip me again."

Many years later, Big John was on the school board. The superintendent came before the board and announced some boys had brought some firecrackers to school and he needed a vote on the punishment Big John excused himself The boys got three days suspension. No spanking.

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Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring storyteller and folklorist.

BROOKS: Kitchen fires most common

(From 1B)

great. Whenever we have a major fire, they always show up with drinks, and on long campaigns, they bring us burgers."

Most of the time, however, the firefighters are on their own for meals, which are not a part of the city's expense. Russell said this is another misconception many people have about the department.

"Once I was shopping for groceries, and this man came up to me and said, 'You boys eat pretty good, don't you?' So I told him, 'Yes, and we pay for it out of our own pockets.' But the city does furnish us with pots and pans."

Russell said of all the fires that happen, kitchen fires are the most common.

Others include electrical fires that often erupt this time of year, when people plug in space heaters and the cords are inadequate to carry the load.

Then there are the fires that should never have happened.

"Not too long ago, we were called to a fire in a back patio. The man had taped a hole in his propane hose with electrical tape, then fired up his barbecue. We were able to save the house."

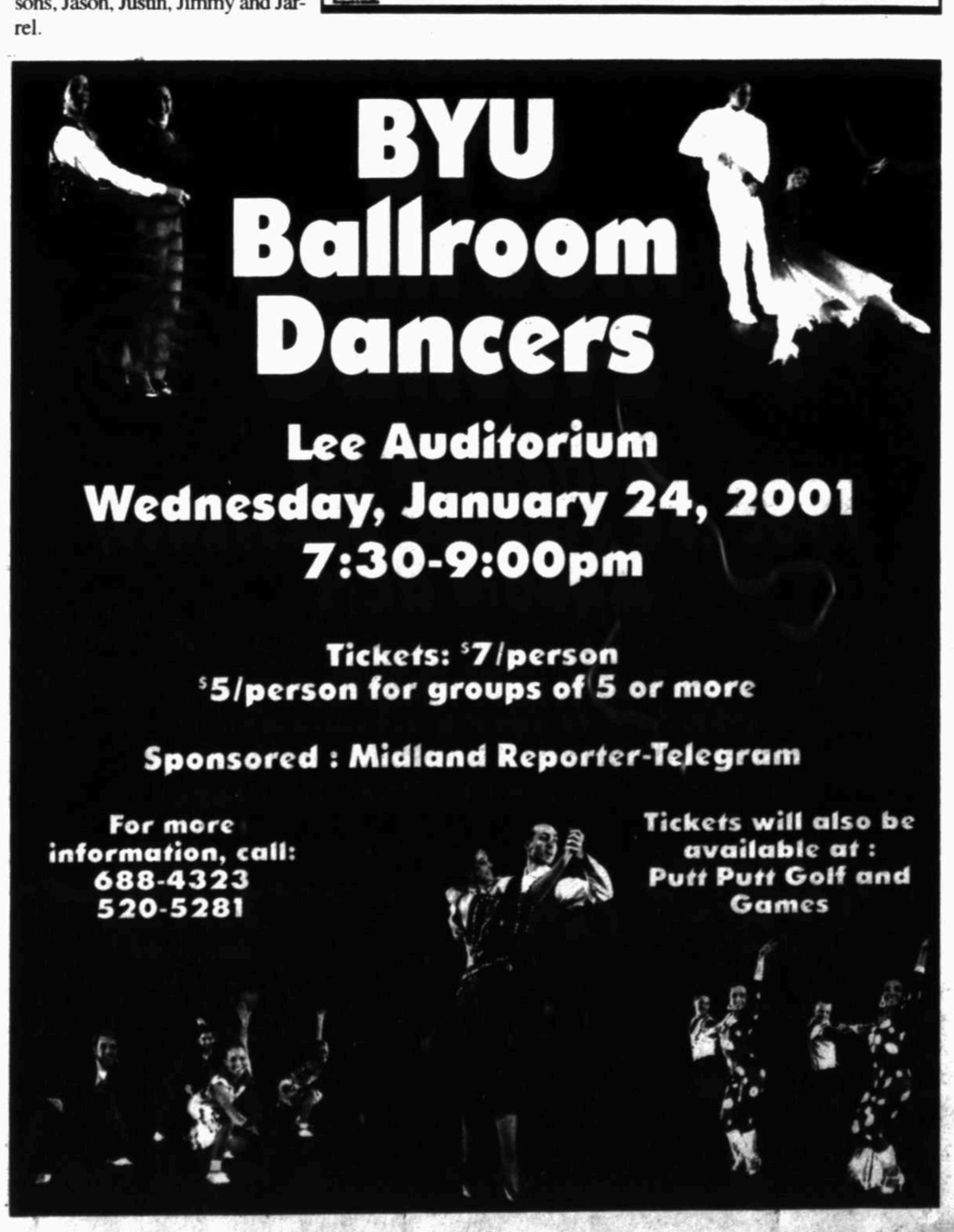
More common are the fires that start from unattended candles, curling irons and cooking fires.

He said too many people spend too much time trying to put the fire out themselves before calling the Fire Department.

"If you have a small fire and have a fire extinguisher, try to put the fire out. If you have a stove fire, turn off the stove, if you can. But if you can't immediately put out the fire, call us. We don't mind at all if we get there and you've already put the fire out."

On his four days off, Russell is still a farmer. He raises 4-H Club show pigs. He lives in Greenwood with his wife, Cindy, and their sons, Jason, Justin, Jimmy and Jarrel.





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By Emily Bake

MRT Correspond

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Associated Press

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Top artists perform at Midland College

By Emily Baker
MRT Correspondent

Some 80 of the country's top young musicians were competing at the National Young Artist Competition Friday and Saturday at Midland College, and those 80 were then reduced to seven finalists who performed Saturday night.

The finalists — Matthew Witten, Ashu Kerjariwal, Calogero Di Liberto, Minghan Xu, Yoshiki Fujii, Claire Chase and Deanna Talens — played selections that ranged from 10 minutes to 40 minutes without relying on sheet music.

"I liked the boy who played the marimba the best," audience member Margaret West said referring to Witten. "He really had a lot of talent. I can't imagine how long it took him to learn how to play with such skill. He just mastered the music."

Ms. West's granddaughter, Kristi, agreed.

"I thought it was neat how he played with sometimes six different mallets at once," she said. "I don't think I could do that."

Aspiring violinist Chance Reese said he enjoyed the performance of Xu, who also plays the violin.

"I have been playing for close to 12 years, and I could never play with such skill," he said. "I would bet she (Xu) has been playing most of her life. But, she has a lot of talent to help her."

Audience member Milton Strong enjoyed the piano concerto performed by Di Liberto.

"I think that young man really felt his music as he played it," he said. "I felt Beethoven is the only person who could possibly have played that better than the competitor did."

Di Liberto played Concerto No. 4 In G Major, Op. 58, a composition of Beethoven.

Other selections were Prism Rhapsody for Marimba and Orchestra, composed by K. Abe and performed by Witten; Concertino de Camera, composed by Ibert and played by saxophonist Kerjariwal; Concerto in D Minor, Op. 47, composed by Sibelius and played by Xu; Concerto No. 3 in C Major, Op. 26, composed by Prokofiev and played by Fujii; Klezmer Rondos for Flute and Orchestra, composed by Schoenfield and played by Chase and Concerto In B Minor, Op. 104, composed by Dvorak and played by Talens.

"I was very impressed with all of these artists," said audience member Charlise Hernandez. "I'm glad to know that such amazing music is being kept alive by young people."

Obituaries

Ernie Schultz

Ernie R. Schultz, 72, of Kingsland, died Saturday, January 20, 2001 in Temple, Texas following a brief illness with cancer. He was born to John and Millie (Pustejovsky) Schultz in Columbus, Texas on February 6, 1928.

Mr. Schultz proudly served his country in the United States Army as a Master Sergeant completing one tour of duty in the Korean Conflict. He settled in Midland, Texas and retired in 1986 from Schlumberger Well Service after 35 years. He was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church and in the Knights of Columbus for 52 years. After moving to Kingsland in 1987, he joined St. Charles Catholic Church and served on the Parish Council, Meals on Wheels, St. Charles Mens' Club and The Knights of Columbus. Mr. Schultz also served Kingsland by being a member of the Kingsland Lion's Club, Past President of the Kingsland Community Center, Kingsland/Lake LBJ Chamber of Commerce and the Kingsland House of Arts. In addition to his community service, he was a devoted member of the "Honey Do Club".

Mr. Schultz is survived by his wife of 25 years, Dee (Baxter) Schultz of Kingsland; daughter, Kelli Baumann and a her husband, Jon of Midland; stepdaughter, Joanne Legendre and husband John of Midland; step-sons, Don Deramus and wife Carolyn of Midland, Bruce Deramus and wife Carolyn of Arlington, David Deramus and wife Lisa of Midland; 16 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren; a sister, Carol Thompson and husband Jim of Midland; brothers, Charles Schultz and wife Dolores of Houston, Al Schultz and wife Anna of San Antonio. Numerous nieces and nephews as well as David Schultz, raised by Ernie. A rosary will be said at St. Charles Catholic Church 7:00 p.m., Monday, January 22, 2001. A mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 23, 2001 with the Reverend Joseph Mitrano officiating. Interment will follow at Lakeland Hills Memorial Park close to Burnet.

Pallbearers will be John Josefy, Howard Bernard, Gaston Couvillion, John Graham, Bob Schwab and Darwin Brokmeyer. Jon Baumann will be serving as honorary pallbearer.

Arrangements are by Putnam Funeral Home.

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There is no charge for death notices of residents or former residents of Midland or for those who have Midland relatives. We also publish death notices for residents of the surrounding West Texas area.

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Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 3:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

Death Notices

Howard Callender

Funeral services for Howard Callender are pending with Ellis Funeral Home in Midland.

Callender died Sunday in an Odessa hospital.

Pascual Vasquez

Funeral services for Pascual R. Vasquez, 74, are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel in Midland.

Vasquez died Sunday in a local hospital.

Julian Cansino

BIG SPRING — Julian Ross Cansino, infant son of John and Elaine Cansino, died on Saturday, Jan. 20, in a Big Spring hospital.

Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 23, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Dec. 3, 2000 in Midland and was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by one sister, Olivia Miranda Cansino; maternal grandparents, Elida and Lupe Sepeda; paternal grandparents, Maria and Ponciano Cansino, all of Big Spring; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Minister claiming amnesia delivers first sermon at new church

By Angela K. Brown
Associated Press

DALLAS — In his first sermon at his new church, a minister presumed dead the past 16 years spoke about the Biblical account of Jesus bringing a dead man back to life.

The Rev. James Simmons did not refer directly to his own ordeal that began in 1984, when he says he was beaten and awoke from a coma in Tennessee with no memory of his wife and infant daughter in Texas.

Nor did Simmons talk about his life since then, when he lived in Virginia and later earned degrees from a seminary near San Francisco.

"We're here to praise our God and that alone," he told parishioners Sunday at White Rock Community Church, a predominantly gay and lesbian congregation. "I pray there will be nothing of me today ... that God will be proclaimed from this pulpit."

Most of the 500 parishioners believe Simmons and are supporting him, church usher Kelvin Meyers said. After the service, many of the 270 people who attended waited in line to hug Simmons.

"It was a pastor's dream as far as a first Sunday goes," Simmons said.

Simmons was preaching at the church in December as part of an audition when someone recognized him as Wesley Barrett "Barre" Cox, a Church of Christ youth minister in San Antonio who had been missing more than a decade.



AP Photo

The Rev. James Simmons, right, formerly known as Wesley Barrett "Barre" Cox, introduces his brother, George Cox of Frankston, left, and sister, Susan "Dixie" Cox of Santa Cruz, Calif., to reporters in the sanctuary of the White Rock Community Church in Garland, Saturday. Simmons, who had been missing for 16 years, says he has no memory of his life before a 1984 disappearance.

'I don't know if I'd believe myself if I heard this story. But I can only tell you what happened to James Simmons. I don't know what happened to Barre Cox.'
— James Simmons, minister claiming to from amnesia

His marriage to Beth Cox, who now lives in Franklin, Tenn., was dissolved when he was declared dead.

Simmons has since talked on the phone to his teen-age daughter and former wife and plans to visit them soon, he said. On New Year's Day he was reunited with his mother and brother in Frankston in East Texas.

Speaking publicly Saturday for the first time, the 49-year-old said he is now a celibate gay man.

"I don't know if I'd believe myself if I heard this story," Simmons said at a news conference. "But I can only tell you what happened to James Simmons. I don't know what happened to Barre Cox."

Simmons' sermon Sunday was entitled "Tears of Jesus," about the Biblical account of Jesus' friend Lazarus. Simmons said Lazarus' relatives were upset that Jesus did not help the sick man before he died, but they later saw a miracle when Jesus brought Lazarus back to life.

"Sometimes we look at God and blame him because we can only see our viewpoint," Simmons said. "We say, 'If you had been there this would not have happened.' We doubt his love; we doubt his concern; we doubt his wisdom."

Relatives say Cox was last seen in July 1984 traveling from Lubbock, where he was working on his doctorate at Texas Tech University. His ransacked car was later found near Abilene.

Simmons first said he was found beaten and bloody two weeks later in the trunk of a car in a Memphis, Tenn., junkyard. He said he awoke in a hospital and was told that he had been in a coma.

Recently, after Memphis police and hospitals found no records of the incident, Simmons said he was in a small town near Memphis but does not remember which one.

Simmons moved to Mill Valley, Calif., in 1991 to attend Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, where he earned a master of divinity degree in 1994 and a master of theology degree in 1999.

Simmons was in California when he heard about the job opening at White Rock.

"There will always be questions about the whole story, for some people, but I think that we have been witness to a miracle," Meyers said.

On the Net:
www.whiterockchurch.org

Support grows for giving convicts DNA testing access

AUSTIN (AP) — Tiny bloodstains on a car seat. Semen recovered from a rape victim. A strand of hair. A speck of saliva.

Those human substances from crime scenes contain microscopic genetic information that scientists only recently have been able to examine closely through advances in DNA testing.

Genetic material can link a defendant to a crime.

Or exonerate a suspect.

Under proposed legislation supported by prosecutors and defense attorneys, Texas prison inmates would have more access to genetic testing of evidence that could prove their innocence.

The Senate Criminal Justice Committee could hear the bill this week.

A bipartisan push for the legislation follows national and international scrutiny of the Texas criminal justice system during President Bush's run for the White House.

If passed, the DNA legislation could help make the Texas justice system "one that we would like for people around the world to look at with envy as opposed to criticism," said Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, a sponsor of the bill.

About six other states have similar laws. Nationwide, some 80 convicts have been exonerated through DNA testing.

DNA stands for deoxyribonucleic acid. Except for identical twins, each person's DNA is different.

The Texas bill would provide a clearer legal path for inmates to get DNA testing performed after a conviction and would offer prisoners state-paid testing. Evidence that can be tested must exist and, in most of the cases, identity had to have been an issue at trial.

Inmates seeking exoneration through DNA now tend to use a legal avenue known as a writ of habeas corpus, which seeks the prisoner's freedom. The burden of proof on the inmate is heavy, and he or she gets only one such appeal.

'DNA testing gave me my life back.'
— Anthony Robinson, exonerated of rape

Some Texas prisoners have proven their innocence.

A.B. Butler Jr. of Tyler was freed a year ago once genetic testing proved he didn't commit a 1983 rape and kidnapping.

"DNA testing gave me my life back," said Anthony Robinson, who spent 14 years behind bars for a rape he didn't commit.

Roy Criner of New Caney was convicted of aggravated sexual assault but was released in August after it was found that DNA evidence at the crime scene didn't match his.

Last week, Christopher Ochoa was freed after he was cleared in the 1988 murder of a woman at a Pizza Hut in Austin. DNA evidence exonerated him, and another man confessed to the crime.

Other prisoners are trying.

Death row inmate Michael Blair's hopes lie in a new round of DNA tests on hair strands used to convict him. His conviction in the kidnapping and murder of 7-year-old Ashley Estell of Plano led to "Ashley's Laws," which cracked down on sexual predators.

The most likely beneficiaries of the proposed DNA testing law would be those convicted of rape in the early 1990s or earlier, before DNA testing was widely used, and in which the assailant was a stranger identified by an eyewitness, some prosecutors say.

Today prosecutors frequently have DNA tests conducted early in an investigation to avoid charging the wrong person, said Clay Strange, an assistant district attorney in Travis County.

"No prosecutor is going to go in and have the defense lawyer say, 'Oh, why didn't they test this?' That's an easy way to get a not-guilty verdict," Strange said.

"Short tandem repeats" testing, or STRs, allow DNA to be identified even in small bits of degraded evidence while producing reliable findings, he said.

Some DNA tests that helped free Butler of Tyler didn't come into use until 1998, noted Smith County District Attorney Jack Skeen, who prosecuted the Butler case and later asked that he be pardoned.

Other proposed changes in the Texas justice system — a ban on executing retarded inmates, for instance — are more controversial.

But allowing inmates more access to DNA testing has backing even from Attorney General John Cornyn and Gov. Rick Perry, both Republicans with tough-on-crime stances.

The Senate bill would require all inmates to be told of the law. They would have four years to file notice they are seeking testing.

Tests cost about $1,000 to $1,500 each.

Based on experiences in other states, lawmakers don't expect a flood of court rulings granting state-funded tests, said Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, another of the bill's sponsors.

"We anticipate the cost on that will be relatively modest, especially compared to the gravity of this situation," he said.

On the Net:
Texas Senate at www.senate.state.tx.us

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Listen Up!

Ranger Band

GHS wins awards

By Julie Jacobs
MRT Correspondent

Not only did the Greenwood High School band march in the Cotton Bowl festivities, they decided to pick up a few awards while they were there.

The Ranger band performed in the Cotton Bowl pregame show and halftime finale with 24 other schools from across the country.

The schools were divided into three divisions, with the Ranger band in Division I, which was the small school classification.

Upon arriving in Dallas Dec. 29, the band performed that day in the field show competition, walking away with a first-place victory in their division.

The trend continued the next day when the marching band took first place at a concert band performance at Plano Center.

They also were awarded first place in the grand champion concert band performance. The award is given to the best overall band participating in the event.

"It was an exciting trip," said David Fortenberry, the Greenwood High School band director. "We're very proud of how they performed and we are looking forward to the rest of the year."

The cold weather hitting Texas at the time did not seem to hamper the performance of the band.

"It was hard working in those conditions because it was so cold," said senior band member Mary Ellen Duran. "I liked how we all just came together to do the best performance that we could."

The band has also received previous awards. Two years ago they earned first-place division honors and received the traveling trophy for the outstanding concert band at the Greater Southwest Music Festival in San Diego.

AN AMERICAN IN BANGKOK

Thai public transportation is a real trip

By Austin Berry

From the very first caveman's "Arrgghh" the human species has been looking for ways to get from here to there a little quicker, a bit more efficiently, and in as comfortable a manner as possible.

Transportation is something I always took for granted in the good ole U.S.A. and especially in Midland. It was always a given that I had a mode of getting from point A to B without even really thinking about it. Almost every American of legal driving age has a car and some have two or three. With that many privately owned vehicles, it hardly seems worth thinking about as a subject in general.

But in Thailand, and Bangkok specifically, a good portion of a plan to go somewhere is wrapped up in the self-directed question, "How am I going to get there?"

It seems like such a simple question, but simple it is not. Living in the congested city of 6 million to 10 million people (depends on who you ask, what time of year and whether it's the weekend or not), owning your own vehicular mode of transport is essentially a non-option. A vehicle costing $100,000 in the United States costs about $500,000 here because of taxes, and so, very few of us really have the nerve to drive in such a chaotic atmosphere where lines on the road are merely suggestions and traffic lights are obeyed by those who don't know any better.

Once I grasped the concept that I couldn't just walk out of my apartment and jump in my car every time I wanted to go somewhere, I began to realize the importance of anything that would move me from one point to another without the use of too much precious personal energy. Without wheels of my own, public transportation is a necessity.

Aside from the worldly ubiquitous taxi and public bus, Bangkok has some unique methods of carting my carcass around the city.

First is the motorcycle taxi, which is the fastest and most expensive method of transport and thus only used for short distances. You climb on behind some young buck who has zero fear of the other participants in the road race and who thinks that the motorcycle, by virtue of its size, should be allowed wherever it can fit.

Across two lanes of traffic there are three motorcycle lanes: the left shoulder, in between the two cars taking up the normal lanes and the right shoulder — more accurately known to you and I as the gutter. Regardless of how much traffic there is, the motorcycle will shimmy between cars and weave his way up to the front of the line where all the other motorcycles have done the same. The light turns green and a bluish haze fills the air as all motorcycles scream off ahead.

Moving up the transportation ladder according to number of wheels brings us to the tuk-tuk. It's a three-wheeled, open sided car in which the driver sits astride the front wheel and the passengers contort themselves into the low-roofed back bench seat. These don't really get you anywhere any faster than a taxi, but they are definitely a must for anyone needing a good dose of bus exhaust, especially in a traffic jam.

Next we have taxis. Taxis are taxis and hardly distinguished here in Thailand.

The public bus in Bangkok ranges in price from eight cents to 60 cents, depending on whether you take the air-conditioned ones and on how far you travel. The bus system is quite comprehensive, but difficult to figure out because everything is in Thai.

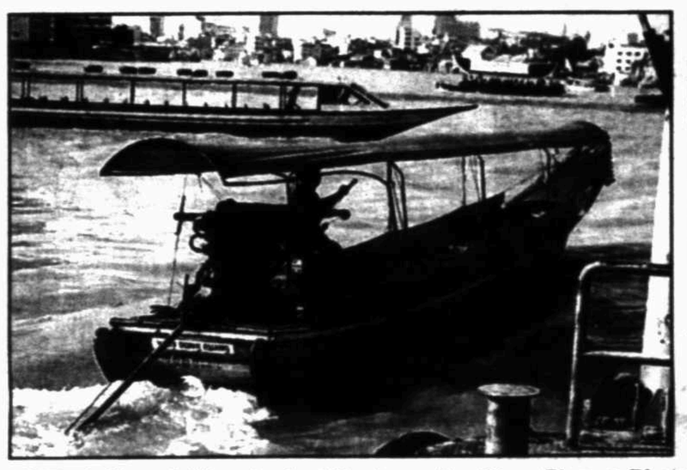
Lifting above the masses we find the elevated electric train, affectionately referred to as the Sky Train. It has been in operation barely a year now, but is considered a godsend, despite it being a bit of an eyesore. If you have to get across town quickly and without smelling like a sweat-caked road worker, the Sky Train is the only way to go. It is fantastic within the limits of its reach. A subway system is supposedly in the works, but not likely to come into fruition any time soon.





ABOVE: A family rides a cycle through the streets of Bangkok.

LEFT: The Sky train has been in operation about a year in Bangkok.





LEFT: A "long tail" water taxi floats on the Chao Phraya River. RIGHT: The tuk-tuk is a three-wheeled, open-sided car in which the driver sits astride the front wheel and the passengers sit on the low-roofed back bench seat.

Photos by Austin Berry

Shifting from air to water we come to the highly efficient water taxis roaring across the Chao Phraya River. At one time, Bangkok was a city of complexly interconnected canals all reaching the river. Transportation around the city was done by navigating the canals and the cursed phrase "traffic jam" had never been uttered.

Now the canals are covered over and roads take their place, but the river is still wide open and a great way to get from the north end of the city to the south. Water taxi fares are ridiculously cheap for the amount of distance they take you and one could do far worse than to simply hop on a long tail for a pleasurable ride at sunset. The boats are called "long tails" because of the lengthy shaft running from the engine out to the prop. The engine is mounted to the shaft, as well, and in order to turn the boat, the driver has to lever the entire engine, shaft and attached prop. The advantage of this design is twofold: it's cheap and the boat can turn 180 degrees within the length of itself.

Back when long tails were the primary mode of transport along the narrow canals, their narrow design also allowed for easier passing of multiple boats in such a small area.

Variations can be seen upcountry, but all these methods of transportation are found in the city of Bangkok. Mastering the multiplicity of transportation modes is a full-time self-education full of "oops" and ""now I know." I'm constantly on the lookout for new and better ways of hauling myself around the city and country and it is always a challenge. Seldom do I embark on a journey, be it to a neighboring country or the next neighborhood that I don't marvel and think, "So this is transportation ... Thai style."

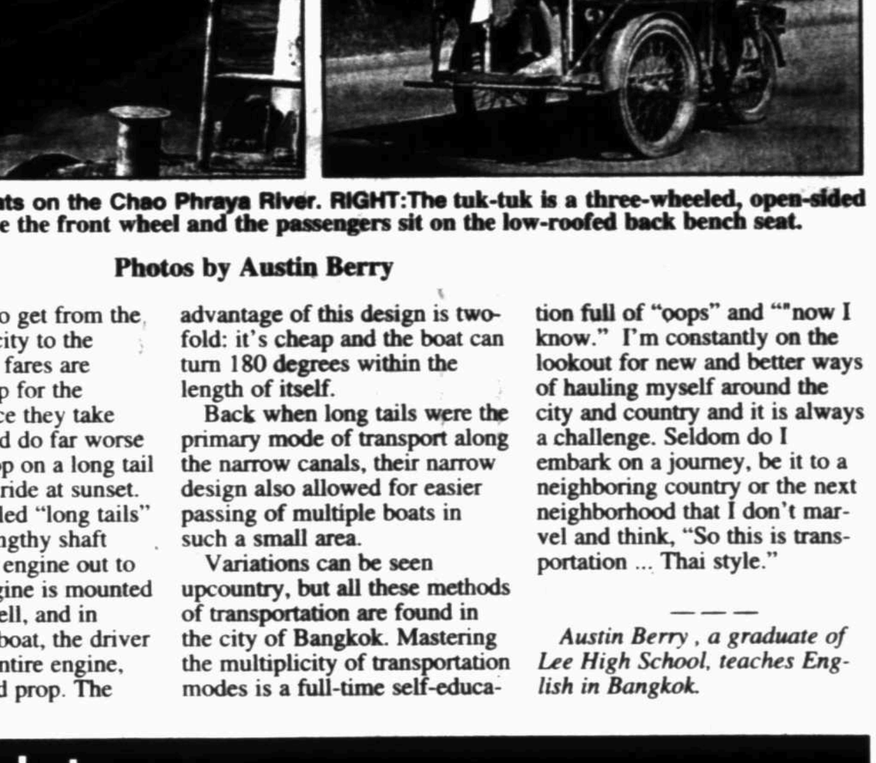
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Austin Berry , a graduate of Lee High School, teaches English in Bangkok.

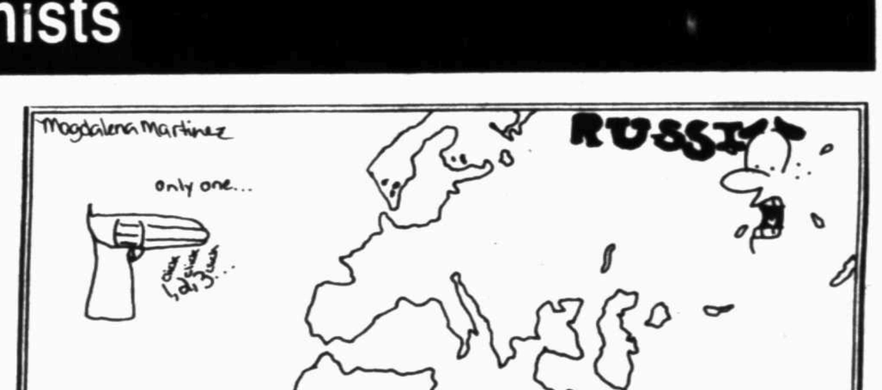
Political cartoonists

The following political cartoons were drawn by members of Kim Bolla's sixth-grade journalism class in the GEM program (Gifted Education of Midland). This is part of a series of cartoons drawn by these students.









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By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

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MC, OC renew WJCAC acquaintances tonight

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

When the Midland College Chaparrals square off with the Odessa College Wranglers at 8 p.m. tonight at Chaparral Center, two of the best point guards in junior college basketball will be on the floor.

Midland College's Quannas White and Odessa College's Taron Barker will lead their respective teams n what should be another classic battle. The contest follows the women's game at 6 p.m.

"It's going to be a war, just like always," said OC men's coach Orlando Ontiveroz, whose team comes in with a 13-4 overall record and 2-0 mark in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

"I think it'll be pretty interesting to see Taron and Quannas go after it. I know there will be several Division I coaches in the stands watching them."

Both point guards would love to showcase their talents tonight after disappointing outings last Thursday. White scored 14 points in the 62-59 loss at Howard but fouled out with seven seconds remaining in the contest. Barker, meanwhile, was hobbled with an ankle injury in the 83-78 overtime win against New Mexico Military Institute and the 6-foot guard was held to single digits after a 21-point performance at South Plains last Monday (77-69 win).

MC Basketball vs. Odessa College

The point guards should come out with a vengeance in tonight's game.

The game should be pretty good too. Last season, both conference battles were decided by free throws or lack thereof in the waning moments of the games at Odessa College and at Chaparral Center. Midland College escaped with victories on both occasions en route to a share of the WJCAC title.

"I think it's going to be a great basketball game," said MC coach Junsie Cotten, whose team is 12-6 and 1-1. "Odessa is playing really well. We're coming off a tough loss to Howard, so I think mentally we're ready for the challenge after two good days of practice. We're looking forward to seeing how well we respond against a talented team like Odessa."

Cotten considers the Wranglers to be the most talented and athletic team in the conference. It all starts with Barker, who is averaging 13.3 points and 6.0 assists per game.

The Wranglers also have the experience of returning sophomores in 6-5 Willie Puckett (9.3 ppg) and 6-5 Maurice Turner (8.8 ppg). OC also has some new faces contributing in 6-9 Sylbrin Robinson (7 ppg, 9.3 rpg), who has only played in the spring semester after transferring from Florida International, and 6-7 freshman Barry Thompson, who leads the team with close to 14 points per game and had 23 points in the win over NMMI.

"That's a team that likes to score in the open court, meaning that they want to get dunks and they want to get blocks that lead to easy scores," Cotten said. "We've got to take control of the basketball, we've got to [illegible]ck them and make them run some half-court offense.

"Going into the game, we obviously have to defend and rebound. We also have to play hard and play smart. If we do those things, then we give ourselves a chance to win the ballgame."

Ontiveroz has his own concerns about the Chaps other than trying to slow down White, MC's floor

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District 4-5A Girls Soccer Preview

Returning to even pitch?



U. Frank Williams Jr./Reporter-Telegram

Seniors Risa Holland (left) and Erica Carrillo are among the most experienced members of a Midland High girls team looking to return to the playoffs after a two-year absence.



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Senior Raffi Belizaire (right) and sophomore Ashleigh Decker are a pair of returning All-District 4-5A selections attempting to lead the Lee girls soccer team's return to the playoffs.

Lee looks to maintain as MHS wants old form back

By Jay Peden
Sports Writer

Compared to the recent history of the rivalry, the Midland Lee girls' soccer team just stomped the Midland High girls last year.

Lee beat MHS twice last year, by scores of 4-1 and 4-0. Those scores don't seem like routs, even in the low-scoring world of soccer, but they stand out when you consider the Midland schools' meetings over the previous three years.

From 1997-99, the girls' teams met seven times: all were decided by a margin of only one goal, and four of those games were even tied at the end of regulation, resulting in shootouts or overtime.

On Tuesday, when Midland High visits Lee at 4:30 p.m. to open District 4-5A play, the score could revert to pre-2000 form.

"We'll go back to that deal," said Lee coach Mike Simpson, whose team has won six straight games over Midland High — close or not. "(MHS has) some really talented kids, and they're playing well together right now."

Both teams have been winning most of their pre-district games. Midland High is 6-2 after beating Lubbock Monterey on Saturday. Lee is 6-3 after beating Amarillo High on Saturday, avenging one of its losses.

"If you look at their record and you

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Defenses are Super

■ Ravens and Giants benefited from parity, system to reach Super Bowl.

By Dave Goldberg
AP Football Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — It's the immovable force vs. the immovable force, defensive powers that started the season as long shots. Yet this Super Bowl between the New York Giants and the Baltimore Ravens is hardly unlikely.

The key is the system that benefited both teams.

The Giants were 7-9 in 1999, 14-4 this season. The Ravens went from 8-8 to 15-4. Last year's contestants were the St. Louis Rams, who improved from 4-12 to 16-3, and the Tennessee Titans, who went from 8-8 to 16-4.

"No, I hardly expected this," says Ernie Accorsi, the Giants' general manager. "I thought we'd contend for a playoff spot. But this is the salary cap.

"There's nothing left of the old system. There's very little distance between the good teams and the average ones. A break one way or the other and you're up or down."

So, look at this game as a classic defensive struggle, fit for the 1930s, when scoreless ties or finals of 3-0 were not so rare.

The Ravens set a record this season for fewest points allowed, 165 in 16 games, while yielding the fewest yards rushing in the NFL and second-fewest overall. The Giants were second against the run and fifth overall on defense.

The Giants arrived in Tampa on Sunday afternoon.

"We were about to land and Jesse Armstead kicked the back of my seat and said, "Do you believe we're at the Super Bowl," defensive end Michael Strahan said.

If defense is the overall theme, give the early part of Super Bowl week to Ray Lewis of the Ravens and Kerry Collins of the Giants, two players whose marvelous seasons contrast with troubled pasts.

Lewis' troubles were far more serious: a charge of double murder lodged against him in the stabbing of two men outside an Atlanta night club following last year's Super Bowl. He eventually pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice and received probation from the courts and a $250,000 fine from the NFL.

Lewis said that gave him incentive for this season, when he was voted NFL Defensive Player of the Year, a middle linebacker

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Martin eliminates Sampras in Australian Open

By Steven Wine
AP Sports Writer

MELBOURNE, Australia — Four points from defeat, Pete Sampras crouched behind the baseline to receive serve, desperate for a sign of shakiness by Todd Martin.

A veteran player known to blow a lead, Martin was now trying to serve out an upset victory against a friend who had beaten him 13 times in a row.

With a berth in the quarterfinals of the Australian Open at stake, Martin wavered only briefly. He rushed a forehand into the net, then smacked two serves that Sampras couldn't handle, put away a difficult volley and belted another service winner to complete a 6-7 (2), 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 victory.

"I give him all the credit in the world," the third-seeded Sampras said. "I don't think I played poorly. I played fine. He just played better than I did. That's the best he has played against me in many years."

The upset spoiled a potential showdown Tuesday between Sampras and defending champion Andre Agassi. Instead, Martin will get the chance to avenge a painful loss last year at Wimbledon, when he blew a 5-2 fifth-set lead against Agassi and was unable to convert two match points.

"Today proved to me that I can serve out a match," Martin said.

Sampras' defeat left the tournament without its three top seeded men. No. 2 Marat Safin lost Sunday to No. 14 Dominik Hrbaty 6-2, 7-6 (6), 6-4, and No. 1 Gustavo Kuerten was eliminated Thursday.

Hrbaty's next opponent will be No. 12 Patrick Rafter, who ousted No. 8 Tim Henman 6-2, 6-3, 6-3. Rafter reached the quarterfinals of his country's biggest tournament for the first time just days after announcing he may retire at year's end.

Two women's quarterfinal matchups were determined Sunday: No. 4 Monica Seles against No. 12 Jennifer Capriati, and No. 8 Anna Kournikova against No. 2 Lindsay Davenport, the defending champion.

There will be talk that Sampras' defeat is another sign of his decline, particularly in the wake of the drubbing Safin administered to him in the U.S. Open final last September. But in both matches, Sampras simply ran into a red-hot player.

"I would assume Andre Agassi is pretty darned pleased Pete lost today," Martin said. "A couple of other guys might be as well. In my mind he's still the best player in the world."

Sampras was not at his best in Melbourne, struggling through a trio of three-hour victories before losing. Usually dominant with his serve, he was broken 17 times in four matches, and he failed to snap his streak of not winning a major event other than Wimbledon since the 1997 Australian Open.

But at 29, Sampras remains hungry to add to his record 13 Grand Slam titles. He has even committed to a full clay-court season in preparation for the only major tournament to elude him, the French Open.

"I feel like I can still win majors, and I'd like to win a couple more before it's all said and done," he said. "I know I can do it. It's disappointing not to do

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Lady Raiders give up only 29 in victory

By Pam Easton
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech's freshmen got plenty of playing time Sunday, thanks to a dominating defensive performance in the first 20 minutes.

The ninth-ranked Lady Raiders held Oklahoma State to just eight points in the first half en route to winning 82-29, Texas Tech's nation-leading 39th straight home victory. Tech coach Marsha Sharp liberally used her reserves, including six first-year players.

"I was really trying to encourage them and help them in live action to get a feel for what was going on," Sharp said. "I felt like we haven't had a 40-minute effort. I wanted us, no matter what was going on on the scoreboard, to put together a complete effort."

There was one down point Sunday for Tech — starter Amber Tarr dislocated her knee cap early in the game. She has averaged 11.5 points this season.

"It doesn't look like it will be season ending, so hopefully we'll get her back in the next few weeks," Sharp said. "We are going to have to have some people step up in the

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Experience helps Capers snag Texans post



AP Photo

Dom Capers, left, laughs as he receives a whistle and cap from Houston Texans owner Bob McNair, right, during a news conference Sunday in Houston. Capers was introduced as the head coach for the expansion team.

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — It's not easy to get the kind of experience that Dom Capers has on his resume: successfully building an NFL franchise from the ground up. That was a big reason the expansion Houston Texans made him their first head coach.

Capers, who took the Carolina Panthers from nothing to the playoffs in two years, officially signed a six-year contract with the Texans on Sunday, getting the job over other candidates because he's been there, done that.

"We've visited with a number of qualified coaches that we think the world of and any one of those coaches could have coached this team and done a wonderful job," owner Bob McNair said. "But the only one that had the kind of background we were looking for was Dom and that made him stand out.

"He's been through the process before with Carolina and putting a staff together and starting an expansion team is different from stepping into an existing club. There's no way you can know how much extra work goes into a start-up unless you've been there."

Capers, who has been defensive coordinator of the Jacksonville Jaguars the past two seasons, will have plenty of time to put his experience to work. The Texans don't begin play until 2002.

"When you have a second opportunity, the experience of the first one you take and use that to your advantage," Capers said. "Hopefully, you're much better prepared for the pitfalls you faced through your first experience."

Capers will earn $300,000 this year and then begins a five-year contract worth $9.5 million.

Capers, 50, became head coach of the expansion Carolina Panthers and led them to the NFL title game in their second year in 1996 and earned NFL Coach of the Year honors. In Carolina's

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SOCCER: MHS, Lee will meet Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

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look at ours, it should be a good game," Simpson said. "We appear on paper to be as evenly matched as we used to be."

That's on paper, not on grass. On grass, the Lady Rebels have to prove that heavy losses to graduation won't knock them off the excellence plateau of back-to-back trips to the Region I-5A Tournament in 1999 and 2000. And on grass, the Lady Bulldogs have to prove themselves worthy of returning to the playoffs after a two-year absence.

A lot of teams have to deal with losing graduating seniors, and Lee lost its share of seniors from last year that were key members of the team. But most teams don't have to deal with the loss of graduating juniors. This year, that's a problem for Lee.

Linsey Johnson, the highest-scoring player in the history of the program, was going to be a senior this spring, at least in terms of eligibility. But she was as far ahead of most students academically as she was athletically. She graduated in December, giving her a head start at the next level of soccer at Texas A&M.

But Lee didn't lose everybody.

"We've got some good kids coming back," Simpson said. "That's something you have every year: you throw two or three club teams together and it takes a while to get things going. And losing a player like Linsey Johnson, who generated so much of your offense the last few years, it takes a while to build that back up."

Fortunately, Lee still has Raffi Belizaire, the team's second-leading scorer from last year's 17-6 team, with 15 goals and 13 assists. She already has nine goals this season.

"She's a three-year letterman, a senior," Simpson said. "She's got lots of experience and a presence on the ball."

Belizaire was a first-team all-district selection last year, as was Ashleigh Decker, the only freshman who made the first team, and Decker is back. Lee had three underclassmen make second-team all-district, and all three are back: juniors Barbara Woodruff and Jamie Prementine and sophomore goal keeper Hillari Neely.

Lee has a fairly young team. There are only four seniors on the roster, including Belizaire and fellow three-year letter-winner Kylie Yonts.

The Lady Rebels didn't pick up any impressive trophies in their two tournaments, finishing fifth at The Woodlands and sixth in the Jumburrito Rebel Classic in Midland, but they did get good experience.

The Lady Rebels are coming around, Simpson said.

"I feel pretty good," Simpson said. "We've steadily improved with every game. We're just about in the form that we finished with last year. There are areas obviously that we need to work on, but we're focusing on them and moving ahead."

Midland High has finished a little higher in its tournaments, winning one in El Paso and taking fourth in the Rebel Classic. Just like for Lee, the tournaments were good experience for the Lady Dawgs.

"I think we've started coming together," MHS coach Scott Hodkinson said. "The two losses at the end of the Lee tournament don't really reflect the improvement we've shown. We're playing together, and everybody is starting to understand their role."

Midland High had a run of success from 1996-98, but the Lady Dawgs have missed the playoffs the last two years. They finished fifth in District 4-5A at 4-8, with a 10-11 overall record.

That could change this season.

"I feel a positive vibe," Hodkinson said. "The girls have talked about it. They've said, 'We're going to have a good year.'"

Midland High has a young roster, with 11 sophomores — more than the seniors (four) and juniors (six) combined.

"We're young, but we've got a lot of returning players," Hodkinson said. "We're getting senior leadership. We've only got four seniors, but they're leaders."

One of the seniors is goal keeper Emily Schigut, who was a first-team all-district selection last year

"She's looked good in the preseason. She's solid back there," Hodkinson said.

In front of Schigut, MHS has experienced defenders Annie Wallace, Becky Weinkauf and Melissa Tinslar. In the midfield, there's Amy Brammer, Sallye Wilton, Amanda Davis and Adrienne Monroe, who was a second-team all-district pick as a freshman last season.

For outside midfielders, MHS has Erica Carrillo, a senior captain, and Beth Craig, a freshman who has already distinguished herself by making the all-tournament team in the Rebel Classic.

Up front, MHS has Risa Holland, another senior captain, and sophomore Megan Dozier.

"They've looked like they're getting a lot of chances up front and converting," Hodkinson said.

The Lady Dawgs will be ready for Lee and the district opener, Hodkinson said.

"I'm not concerned about the effort. I know the effort is going to be there." he said. "(Lee) lost a couple of games in the (Rebel Classic) tournament, and that proves they're vulnerable. And we've proved we can score some goals. We're looking forward to it. We want to get back in the playoff hunt."

If the Lady Dawgs are hunting, they're going for big game. District 4-5A is a jungle.

The district proved its toughness last season. All three of the teams that made the playoffs advanced to the regional quarterfinals. One of those teams, district champion Odessa Permian, lost at that level only to another 4-5A team, Lee.

Two 4-5A teams, Lee and San Angelo Central, played at the regional tournament, where both lost close games in the semifinals.

The district should be strong again this year. In pre-season rankings of the top 10 teams in Region I-5A, done by the Texas Association of Soccer Coaches, District 4-5A has four teams: No. 5 Permian, No. 6 Lee, No. 8 Central and No. 10 Abilene High.

"We've got four teams in our district ranked in the top 10, but we're not one of them," Hodkinson said. "I hope that's a motivator. The teams in our district are playing at a top level. We're looking forward to it."

Permian won the district title last year largely on the play of Kelly Wilson, who was named the district's Player of the Year. She's back for her senior year.

"Permian's going to be tough. They won the Lubbock tournament, and they've got Kelly Wilson," Hodkinson said, also mentioning AHS and Central. "Obviously, I hope we play at the level to challenge these teams for the top. We'll be in the hunt."

There should be several teams in the hunt.

"The district is going to be maybe a little more balanced than it was last year," Simpson said. "There are probably four teams vying for the top three spots."

Simpson, however, declined to identify those four teams, so we'll just have to wait for the district standings to identify them. It will happen soon enough. It all starts Tuesday.

District 4-5A Girls' Soccer

2000 Final Standings

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Odessa Permian	7	1	20	4
San Angelo Central	6	4	17	7
Midland Lee	6	4	17	6
Abilene High	5	7	12	8
Midland High	4	8	10	11
Abilene Cooper	4	8	5	17
Odessa High	2	10	4	16

2000 PLAYOFFS RECAP

Bi-District

Midland Lee 8, Lubbock Coronado 1

San Angelo Central 4, Lubbock Monterey 0

Area

Midland Lee 8, El Paso Del Valle 0

Odessa Permian 3, El Paso Bel Air 1

San Angelo Central 1, El Paso Coronado 0

Regional Quarterfinals

Midland Lee 4, Odessa Permian 3

San Angelo Central 1, Amarillo High 0.

Regional Semifinals

Flower Mound Marcus 1, Midland Lee 0

Lewisville 2, San Angelo Central 0

2001 Standings

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
San Angelo Central	0	0	7	2
Midland High	0	0	6	2
Abilene High	0	0	6	2
Odessa Permian	0	0	6	2
Abilene Cooper	0	0	5	2
Midland Lee	0	0	5	3
Odessa High	0	0	5	4

Schedules

District games for both Midland teams (starting times for Tuesday games are 4:30 p.m. in Midland and 6:30 elsewhere; all Saturday games start at 2 p.m.):

Tuesday: Midland High at Midland Lee.

Jan. 27: (No district games. Lee will play a non-district game at Denton High.)

Jan. 30: Odessa High at MHS; Lee at Odessa Permian.

Feb. 3: Abilene High at Lee; MHS at Abilene Cooper.

Feb. 6: San Angelo Central at MHS. (Lee will host San Angelo Lake View in a non-district game)

Feb. 10: Abilene High at MHS; Lee at Abilene Cooper.

Feb. 13: Odessa High at Lee; MHS at Odessa Permian.

Feb. 17: Lee at San Angelo Central; MHS is open.

Feb. 22 (a Thursday): Lee at MHS.

Feb. 24: Odessa Permian at Lee; MHS at Odessa High.

Feb. 27: Abilene Cooper at MHS; Lee at Abilene High.

March 3: MHS at San Angelo Central; Lee is open.

March 6: Abilene Cooper at Lee; MHS at Abilene High.

March 10: Odessa Permian at MHS; Lee at Odessa High.

March 13: San Angelo Central at Lee; MHS is open.

Lee Roster

Midland Lee Girls' Team

Seniors

No.	Player	Position
4	Raffi Belizaire	Midfield
8	Nathana Dick	Midfield
9	Devin Turner	Defender
12	Kylie Yonts	Midfield

Juniors

3	Barbara Woodruff	Forward
7	Natalie Taylor	Midfield
10	Jamie Prementine	Midfield
13	Ashton Stahl	Midfield
14	Courtney Heineman	Forward
18	Kara Holder	Defender
20	Morgan Pinter	Defender

Sophomores

2	Lindsey Farris	Midfield
11	Barbara Butts	Forward
19	Melissa Wiggins	Forward
21	Erin Rodgers	Defender
24	Ashleigh Decker	Defender
	Hillari Neely	Keeper

Freshman

26	Treva Gosch	Defender

Coach

Mike Simpson/5th year at Lee

MHS Roster

Midland High Girls' Team

Seniors

No.	Player	Position
1	Emily Schigut	Keeper
10	Risa Holland	Forward
11	Erica Carrillo	Midfield
20	Catherine Wade	Midfield

Juniors

6	Becky Weinkauf	Def/Mid
8	Sallye Wilton	Def/Mid
13	Claire Brunner	Midfield
17	Mary Anderson	Defender
19	Amanda Davis	Midfield
22	Annie Wallace	Defender

Sophomores

0	Melissa Ketter	Keeper
2	Megan Dozier	Mid/For
3	Adrienne Monroe	Mid/For
4	Sierra Ford	Midfield
5	Amanda Lozano	Mid/For
9	Sarah Jane Eubanks	Forward
12	Amy Brammer	Midfield
15	Shannon Creamer	Defender
16	Sandy Nelson	Midfield
18	Erin Chancellor	Midfield
21	Melissa Tinslar	Def/Mid

Freshman

7	Beth Craig	Mid/For

Coach

Scott Hodkinson/6th year at MHS

MC: Chaps host Wranglers tonight

(From 1C)

general.

"(Jerome) Beasley is a concern inside and he's capable of having a big night," said Ontiveroz, recalling some of the Chaps' weapons. "(Jason) Williams also plays well inside; Danny Anderson shoots the ball well and we can't leave him open; and Armon Tillman, you never know what he's going to do."

Ontiveroz is also very familiar with Cotten's style of throwing different offensive and defensive sets on the court.

"Midland is going to throw everything and the kitchen sink at us," Ontiveroz said.

"I expect a tough ballgame," said Beasley, MC's 6-9 sophomore post. "They're real good on both ends of the court. All we want to do is play as hard as we can and as best as we can."

This should be a critical contest for the Chaps. If they want to contend for the WJCAC title, they feel the need to defend their home court and avoid a 1-2 start in conference.

"If we protect the home court and win a few games on the road, we'll be right there to win this thing in the end," Cotten said.

OC women look to slow down No. 3 Lady Chaps

Odessa College women's coach Tricia Floyd is looking for something positive to happen to her team against Midland College tonight in the middle of what has to be a very disappointing season for the Lady Wranglers.

That may be easier said than done considering that very few opponents have come away with many positive things against the No. 3 Lady Chaparrals, who come into the game at 18-1 overall and 2-0 in WJCAC play. The Lady Wranglers are 6-13 overall and 0-1 in conference after a 62-44 loss at South Plains last Monday. The Lady Wranglers are far from the team a year ago which advanced to the Region V tournament semifinals.

"It might not even take a win (to turn things around)," Floyd said. "It might just take us playing a very solid game against Midland College."

Part of the struggle for the Lady Wranglers has been inconsistency from an inexperienced team. There's also a lack of a go-to player this season. The Lady Wranglers have had some leadership from returning sophomores Shanetra Hodge, Shaletra Hodge and Tiffany Jones.

The Lady Chaps have been on a roll in conference play considering that they're still a team that hasn't wiped away all the cobwebs from the Christmas break.

"I really believe that we're a team in transition," said MC coach Ron Jones. "We're still making a lot of mistakes and breaking down defensively. I still think we're going to get quite a lot better."

Coming off an impressive 82-69 win at always-tough Howard College last Thursday has Jones feeling good about his team's improvement since the break.

"Regardless of Howard's record, it was a good road win for us," Jones said. "As long as I've been in conference, Howard has always had a say in who wins the conference championship."

STATISTICS

Midland College Women

Player	G	FG	FT	T	AVG
Amisha Carter	19	78	57	220	11.6
Chanovia Rhodes	18	76	35	187	10.4
Veronique Alesse	19	64	39	168	8.8
Sylvia Butler	19	65	23	153	8.1
Loren Mostacilla	18	60	30	152	8.4
Charnie Sutherland	18	40	37	135	7.5
Heidi Lange	18	42	16	127	7.1
Delliah Gray	19	45	19	123	6.5
Lena Samilton	4	9	6	25	6.3
x-Kanedria Wilson	15	28	22	90	6.0
Courtney Feagler	17	33	7	94	5.5
Lindzi Martin	19	21	38	82	4.3
Chemaiah Carter	11	8	6	20	1.8
Totals	19	559	332	1,576	82.9

3-point goals (102): Lange 27, Feagler 21, Sutherland 18, Wilson 12, Gray 12, A. Carter 8, Mostacilla 2, Martin 2, Samilton 1.

x-no longer with team

STATISTICS

Midland College Men

Player	G	FG	FT	T	AVG
Quannas White	18	89	70	283	15.7
Jerome Beasley	16	66	20	152	9.5
Jason Williams	18	58	45	171	9.5
Danny Anderson	18	56	23	163	9.1
x-Hamilton Rucker	14	44	38	126	9.0
Jeremiah Coleman	14	48	11	107	7.6
Armon Tillman	18	53	14	137	7.6
Kenny White	18	38	11	94	5.2
Adrian Martin	17	26	20	70	4.1
Macklin Thornton	16	21	13	57	3.6
Jermaine Allen	15	19	6	54	3.6
C.J. Young	12	8	4	20	1.7
Drew Oswald	9	2	5	15	1.7
Danny Gomez	10	2	5	11	1.1
Totals	18	532	284	1,453	80.7

3-point goals (96): Q. White 35, Anderson 28, Tillman 17, Allen 10, K. White 7, Gomez 2, Thornton 2, Oswald 1.

x-no longer with team

Jacks lose lead, then shootout

Staff Report

LUBBOCK — The Odessa Jackalopes started the shootout well Sunday, but the Lubbock Cotton Kings finished it better.

After scoring with a minute left in regulation to force a shootout, Lubbock earned the win, 3-2.

John Bossio, Odessa's first skater in the shootout, converted his chance, but he was the only Jack to convert. Lubbock's fifth (and potentially last) skater, Joe Coombes, converted to force extra skaters. Then Peter Cava, Lubbock's seventh skater, ended the game with a goal.

The shootout was forced when Lubbock's Kyle Reeves scored at the 18:59 mark of the third period, tying the game at 2-2. Reeves' shot went in after it deflected off of Odessa defenseman Jacque Rodrigue, coach Don McKee said in the post-game radio show.

The first period ended with no score, despite Lubbock's 14-5 advantage in shots. Odessa scored twice in the second period, as both Konrad McKay and Bossio scored off assists from Trevor Allman. Lubbock pulled within 2-1 midway through the third period on a goal by Jim McGeough.

Lubbock 3, Odessa 2, shootout

Odessa	0	2	0	0	—2
Lubbock	0	0	2	1	—3

First period: None.

Second period: 1. Od., Konrad McKay (Derek Laxdal, Trevor Allman), 2:29. 2. Od., John Bossio (Allman), 8:53.

Third period: 3. Lub., Jim McGeough (Walker McDonald, Tom Menicci), 9:07. 4. Lub., Kyle Reeves (Trevor Burgess, Cosmo Dupaul), 18:59.

Shootout: 5. Lub., Peter Cava.

Shots on goal: Od. 5-19-2-0—26, Lub. 14-10-12-1—37. Power play opportunities: Od. 0-of-3, Lub. 0-of-7. Penalty minutes: Od. 16, Lub. 8. Goaltenders: Od. (Grant Sjerven, 34 saves), Lub. (Lance Leslie, 24 saves). Attn. - 4,008.

SUPER: Players overcome adversity

(From 1C)

whose style of play was in the Dick Butkus-Ray Nitschke mold.

"After I fought for my life in Atlanta, everyone said, 'He might not be the same again. He might not get 100 tackles. Ray Lewis will never be the player he was.' Well, they were absolutely correct," Lewis said. "I'm not the same player. I'm better."

While Ravens coach Brian Billick calls the charges "a non-issue," Lewis faces another test on media day on Tuesday. Then, surrounded by hundreds of interrogators, he will be bombarded by questions about the Atlanta case. Even for an athlete who has been well coached and dealing with a far less incendiary topic, these mass-interview sessions can be troubling.

Collins, the Giants' quarterback, led the Carolina Panthers to the NFC championship game in 1996, the second year in the NFL for both player and team. But his career spiraled downward, a trip fueled by alcohol.

He was accused of making a racist remark to a teammate, asked out of Carolina in 1998 and was photographed walking down a New Orleans street puffing on a cigar after being released from jail on a drunk-driving charge.

After being released by the Panthers, he spent a half-season in New Orleans, then signed with the Giants at the beginning of the 1999 season for $16.9 million over four years. This was his comeback season — his 3,610 yards passing were the third-best in team history, and he threw for 381 yards and five touchdowns in the 41-0 win over Minnesota in the NFC championship game.

He makes his apologies Monday evening. Then, say Collins and coach Jim Fassel, he will talk only about football.

The Ravens, who moved to Baltimore from Cleveland in 1996, are here despite a stretch in October when they went five games without scoring a touchdown. Trent Dilfer took over at quarterback for Tony Banks for the ninth game, a 9-6 loss to Pittsburgh, and now has won 10 straight.

Dilfer is returning to Tampa, where he played for six years with the Bucs.

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TEXANS: Capers assumes new post

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first year, his team won seven games, the most ever for an expansion team.

He was fired after the 1998 season when the Panthers slipped to 4-12. Head coach Tom Coughlin of Jacksonville then hired him.

Coughlin said the Texans made a "very good choice" in Capers.

"He has the experience of coaching an expansion team, and he has recorded for future reference all of the good and all of the bad in that process," Coughlin said. "He can bring a wealth of knowledge and information about how to construct an expansion team for the Houston Texans."

Capers had praise for his former boss as well.

"This has been a positive experience for me to be in Jacksonville and to study both franchises," Capers said. "Obviously, the first four years, Tom and I were compared almost every day. You come in and it becomes a competitive thing.

"I think a lot of people were surprised when I came here as the defensive coordinator but I had a tremendous amount of respect for Tom and the Jaguars. You know what you have to go through."

Capers agreed in principle to coach the Texans late Friday but final details of the contract delayed his signing until Sunday.

Capers began his coaching career in 1972 at Kent State, where he was a graduate assistant for three seasons. He then had assistant coaching jobs at Washington, Hawaii, San Jose State, California, Tennessee and Ohio State.

In 1984, he moved into pro football, joining Jim Mora's staff with Philadelphia and Baltimore of the USFL. In 1986, he followed Mora to the NFL with New Orleans. In 1992, Capers went to the Steelers as defensive coordinator, then to Carolina in 1995.

Texans general manager Charley Casserly, former general manager of the Washington Redskins, has had an eye on Capers for a while.

"If I'd taken another job that needed a head coach I probably would have offered him a head job a year ago if I'd been at another place," Casserly said.

"Dom has the unique experience of having gone through an expansion franchise but that isn't why we hired him. We hired him because he's an excellent football coach and he had success going through an expansion process."

SPORTS SCOREBOARD

College Basketball

Top 25 Men

No. 3 Michigan State 71, Ohio State 56

OHIO ST. (12-6): Savovic 4-12 5-6 13, Williams 3-4 0-0 6, Johnson 6-10 0-0 12, Darby 0-4 0-0 0, Brown 6-12 1-2 14, Connolly 2-5 0-0 5, Dudley 3-3 0-0 6, Martin 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 24-51 6-8 56.

MICHIGAN ST. (15-1): Richardson 9-13 2-4 24, Ballinger 4-8 2-2 10, Randolph 6-10 2-5 14, Taylor 3-10 0-0 7, Bell 3-9 4-4 10, Wolfe 0-1 0-0 0, Thomas 0-1 0-0 0, Chappell 0-2 2-2 2, Anagonye 1-2 2-2 4, Andreas 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 26-58 14-19 71.

Halftime—Michigan St. 29-25. 3-point goals—Ohio St. 2-11 (Brown 1-1, Connolly 1-4, Savovic 0-2, Darby 0-4), Michigan St. 5-10 (Richardson 4-5, Taylor 1-3, Bell 0-1, Thomas 0-1). Fouled out—Johnson. Rebounds—Ohio St. 27 (Johnson, Martin, Savovic 6), Michigan St. 16 (Randolph 10). Assists—Ohio St. 14 (Savovic 5), Michigan St. 14 (Bell 6). Total fouls—Ohio St. 17, Michigan St. 14. A—14,759.

No. 18 Seton Hall 77, No. 8 Syracuse 65

SYRACUSE (15-2): Shumpert 6-19 2-2 15, Brown 2-7 1-1 5, McNeil 0-0 0-0 0, A.Griffin 7-11 5-8 20, Williams 6-14 5-6 19, Duany 1-3 0-0 2, Thues 0-2 2-2 2, McClanaghan 0-0 0-0 0, Celuck 1-5 0-0 2. Totals 23-61 15-19 65.

SETON HALL (12-5): Toney-El 3-7 0-0 6, E.Griffin 7-14 3-4 20, Dalembert 3-5 1-2 7, Barrett 4-10 3-4 13, Lane 3-12 9-11 17, Shine 2-10 4-6 9, Herod 0-1 0-0 0, Manga 0-0 0-0 0, Garrett 0-0 0-0 0, Morton 1-2 3-4 5. Totals 23-61 23-31 77.

Halftime—Seton Hall 32-23. 3-Point goals—Syracuse 4-11 (Williams 2-5, Griffin 1-2, Shumpert 1-4), Seton Hall 8-24 (Griffin 3-5, Barrett 2-6, Lane 2-7, Shine 1-4, Toney-El 0-1, Herod 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Syracuse 36 (Celuck 10), Seton Hall 48 (Griffin, Morton 10). Assists—Syracuse 11 (Griffin 6), Seton Hall 18 (Barrett 5). Total fouls—Syracuse 25, Seton Hall 19. A—15,086.

No. 10 Wake Forest 71, Clemson 63

CLEMSON (10-8): Clifton 1-4 0-0 3, Hobbs 0-2 2-3 2, Henderson 1-5 2-2 4, Solomon 9-17 7-9 30, Scott 3-8 4-4 10, Stockman 2-6 2-2 8, McKnight 0-1 0-0 0, Braddick 2-2 0-0 4, Nagys 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 19-48 17-20 63.

WAKE FOREST (14-3): Howard 6-10 4-5 16, Songaila 4-12 1-4 9, Shoemaker 2-5 1-2 5, O'Kelley 2-9 1-2 6, Murray 0-1 0-0 0, Hicks 6-9 2-2 18, Hamilton 2-3 0-0 6, Scott 2-4 1-2 5, Dawson 2-8 2-4 6. Totals 26-61 12-21 71.

Halftime—Wake Forest 36-33. 3-Point goals—Clemson 8-18 (Solomon 5-14, Stockman 2-3, Clifton 1-1, McKnight 0-1, Scott 0-2), Wake Forest 7-19 (Hicks 4-6, Hamilton 2-3, O'Kelley 1-6, Howard 0-2, Dawson 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Clemson 31 (Hobbs 13), Wake Forest 40 (Howard 10). Assists—Clemson 11 (Scott 7), Wake Forest 19 (Songaila 5). Total fouls—Clemson 22, Wake Forest 18. A—12,115.

No. 12 Maryland 75, North Carolina State 61

MARYLAND (14-4): Mouton 2-8 4-6 8, Dixon 0-2 2-2 2, Blake 2-4 1-2 5, Baxter 8-13 2-2 18, Morris 7-11 3-3 20, Nicholas 1-1 2-2 5, Miller 3-7 1-3 7, Mardesich 3-4 0-0 6, Holden 1-1 2-2 4. Totals 27-51 17-22 75.

N.C. STATE (9-8): Wilkens 4-8 1-2 11, Grundy 6-17 1-1 16, Inge 1-6 1-3 3, Crawford 2-9 1-2 6, Williams 0-1 0-0 0, Thornton 4-8 0-1 8, Sherrill 3-8 4-5 10, Guidry 1-2 0-0 3, Kelley 0-4 0-0 0, Melvin 1-1 2-2 4. Totals 22-64 10-16 61.

Halftime—Maryland 35-31. 3-point goals—Maryland 4-11 (Morris 3-4, Nicholas 1-1, Miller 0-1, Dixon 0-2, Mouton 0-3), N.C. State 7-21 (Grundy 3-8, Wilkens 2-3, Guidry 1-1, Crawford 1-5, Sherrill 0-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Maryland 36 (Morris 10), N.C. State 37 (Wilkens 9). Assists—Maryland 19 (Miller 7), N.C. State 10 (Crawford). Total fouls—Maryland 21, N.C. State 21. A—17,428.

Men's Scores

SOUTHWEST

Southwestern 65, Sewanee 52
Trinity, Texas 56, Centre 53

MIDWEST

Chicago 81, Brandeis 68
Dayton 62, La Salle 43
Michigan St. 71, Ohio St. 56
Notre Dame 78, West Virginia 61
SW Missouri St. 63, Bradley 47

FAR WEST

No scores reported from the FAR WEST.

SOUTH

Christopher Newport 77, Ferrum 59
Emory & Henry 88, Lynchburg 78
Georgia 68, LSU 63
Maryland 75, N.C. State 61
Oglethorpe 76, Hendrix 64
Randolph-Macon 74, Washington & Lee 65
Roanoke 73, Va. Wesleyan 66
So. Alabama 72, New Mexico St. 63
Southern Miss. 69, Louisville 60
Wake Forest 71, Clemson 63

EAST

Cent. Connecticut St. 86, Fairleigh Dickinson 80
Drexel 89, New Hampshire 74
Hofstra 67, Maine 62
Maine Maritime 86, Becker 69
Seton Hall 77, Syracuse 65
Siena 89, Canisius 82, OT
St. Bonaventure 91, Rhode Island 55
Washington, Mo. 82, NYU 34

Texas Women

No. 9 Texas Tech 82, Oklahoma State 29

OKLAHOMA ST. (9-8): Faulk 1-8 2-2 5, Skibbe 0-7 3-6 3, Spinner 3-7 0-2 9, Hutchens 1-4 1-2 3, Roberts 1-4 2-2 4, Osborn 0-2 0-0 0, Bates 2-5 0-1 4, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Hawkins 0-5 0-0 0, Wahlgren 0-0 0-0 0, Beason 0-2 0-0 0, Haliburton 0-0 0-0 0, Lawrence 0-1 1-3 1. Totals 8-45 9-18 29.

TEXAS TECH (15-2): Tarr 1-1 0-0 2, Pierson 3-6 1-4 7, Ellison 4-6 0-0 8, White 1-3 2-2 5, O'Neal 3-10 4-4 10, Jackson 3-5 0-0 6, Perkins 8-15 3-3 19, Ritchie 3-10 0-0 7, Ayers 4-9 0-0 8, Brown 2-4 0-0 4, Cudnoski 2-3 2-2 6, Nagle 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 34-73 12-15 82.

Halftime—Texas Tech 45-8. 3-Point goals—Oklahoma St. 4-16 (Spinner 3-6, Faulk 1-2, Hutchens 0-1, Roberts 0-1, Skibbe 0-3, Hawkins 0-3), Texas Tech 2-10 (White 1-2, Ritchie 1-6, Perkins 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Oklahoma St. 31 (Faulk 6), Texas Tech 51 (O'Neal 7). Assists—Oklahoma St. 7 (Spinner, Roberts, Hawkins 2), Texas Tech 21 (O'Neal 6). Total fouls—Oklahoma St. 16, Texas Tech 18. A—13,102.

Women's Scores

SOUTHWEST

Centre 87, Trinity, Texas 62
Fla. International 76, Arkansas St. 65
Houston 78, South Florida 49
SMU 84, Rice 72
Sewanee 84, Southwestern, Texas 57
Texas Tech 82, Oklahoma St. 29
Tulsa 69, UTEP 46

MIDWEST

Chicago 65, Brandeis 54
Cincinnati 69, N.C. Charlotte 48
Evansville 79, Creighton 71
Iowa 79, Penn St. 64
Marquette 53, DePaul 48
Michigan 76, Ohio St. 63
Minnesota 79, Northwestern 47
Purdue 72, Illinois 64
Wisconsin 69, Indiana 62

FAR WEST

Boise St. 71, Long Beach St. 66
Cal Poly-SLO 87, Cal St.-Fullerton 59
Pacific 82, Idaho 75
Portland 52, Gonzaga 40
UC Santa Barbara 70, UC Irvine 58

SOUTH

Alabama 65, Mississippi St. 62
Arkansas 68, Vanderbilt 64
Clemson 79, Florida St. 66
Florida 97, South Carolina 85
George Mason 72, William & Mary 65
Iowa St. 71, N.C. State 64
James Madison 64, Va. Common. 62
LSU 72, Mississippi 60
Louisville 71, Saint Louis 67
Maryland 66, Georgia Tech 62
Oklahoma 94, North Carolina 77
Old Dominion 67, East Carolina 51
Richmond 66, N.C.-Wilmington 59
Southern Miss. 65, Memphis 62, OT
Tennessee 110, Kentucky 38
Tulane 74, UAB 67
W. Kentucky 82, Miami 75, OT

EAST

Dayton 63, Temple 55
Fairfield 76, Loyola, Md. 66
Hartford 66, Boston U. 41
Niagara 63, Marist 61
Notre Dame 72, Seton Hall 47
Siena 82, Canisius 72
St. Bonaventure 66, Fordham 62
Vermont 74, Northeastern 46
Washington, Mo. 72, NYU 37
Xavier 73, St. Joseph's 57

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Brad Faxon, $720,000	65 — 260
Tom Lehman, $432,000	66 — 264
Ernie Els, $272,000	69 — 267
Billy Andrade, $192,000	65 — 269
Fred Funk, $135,600	67 — 271
Joe Ozaki, $135,600	67 — 271
Greg Chalmers, $135,600	67 — 271
Briny Baird, $135,600	65 — 271
Loren Roberts, $135,600	68 — 271
Tom Byrum, $96,000	67 — 272
Jeff Sluman, $96,000	67 — 272
Brian Gay, $96,000	68 — 272
Davis Love III, $96,000	69 — 272
Shaun Micheel, $68,000	69 — 273
Stephen Ames, $68,000	69 — 273
Spike McRoy, $68,000	67 — 273
John Huston, $68,000	70 — 273
Jim Furyk, $68,000	71 — 273
Carlos Franco, $52,000	72 — 274
Michael Clark II, $52,000	67 — 274
Duffy Waldorf, $52,000	65 — 274
Bradley Hughes, $36,057	71 — 275
Vijay Singh, $36,057	70 — 275
Shigeki Maruyama, $36,057	70 — 275
Scott Dunlap, $36,057	71 — 275
Craig Parry, $36,057	71 — 275
Chris DiMarco, $36,057	72 — 275
Steve Lowery, $36,057	68 — 275
Robert Allenby, $24,350	71 — 276
Joe Durant, $24,350	71 — 276
Franklin Langham, $24,350	72 — 276
Jerry Smith, $24,350	72 — 276
K.J. Choi, $24,350	69 — 276
Jim Carter, $24,350	69 — 276
Jerry Kelly, $24,350	69 — 276
Kaname Yokoo, $24,350	68 — 276
J.L. Lewis, $17,600	72 — 277
David Berganio, $17,600	73 — 277
Bill Glasson, $17,600	74 — 277
Jeff Maggert, $17,600	69 — 277
Stuart Appleby, $17,600	69 — 277
David Peoples, $17,600	67 — 277
Rory Sabbatini, $13,600	73 — 278
Cliff Kresge, $13,600	72 — 278
Olin Browne, $13,600	72 — 278
Esteban Toledo, $13,600	68 — 278
Larry Mize, $10,760	73 — 279
Ted Tryba, $10,760	66 — 279
Stephen Allan, $10,760	71 — 279
Dudley Hart, $10,760	70 — 279
Richie Coughlan, $9,413	74 — 280
Bob Burns, $9,413	73 — 280
Chris Perry, $9,413	73 — 280
Pete Jordan, $9,413	69 — 280
Craig Barlow, $9,413	69 — 280
Corey Pavin, $9,413	70 — 280
John Riegger, $9,000	68 — 281
John Cook, $9,000	72 — 281
Garrett Willis, $8,760	76 — 282
Chris Smith, $8,760	75 — 282
Kelly Grunewald, $8,760	69 — 282
Paul Goydos, $8,760	72 — 282
Sean Murphy, $8,480	76 — 283
John Daly, $8,480	71 — 283
Frank Lickliter, $8,480	72 — 283
Peter Jacobsen, $8,280	76 — 284
J.J. Henry, $8,280	74 — 284
Gary Nicklaus, $8,080	78 — 285
Jeremy Anderson, $8,080	71 — 285
Michael Muehr, $8,080	72 — 285
Brandie Burton, $18,702	69 — 279
Meg Mallon, $18,702	70 — 279
Alison Nicholas, $15,208	68 — 280
Da. Ammaccapane, $15,208	70 — 280
Dina Ammaccapane, $13,195	71 — 281
Beth Daniel, $13,195	72 — 281
Heather Bowie, $13,195	72 — 281
Mi Hyun Kim, $12,189	73 — 282
Nancy Scranton, $11,182	71 — 283
Kristi Albers, $11,182	72 — 283
Pat Hurst, $11,182	74 — 283
Laurel Kean, $9,735	71 — 284
Cindy Figg-Currier, $9,735	72 — 284
Helen Alfredsson, $9,735	73 — 284
Kelli Kuehne, $9,735	74 — 284
Janice Moodie, $8,084	70 — 285
Jill McGill, $8,084	70 — 285
J. Gallagher-Smith, $8,084	72 — 285
Val Skinner, $8,084	72 — 285
Susan Ginter, $8,084	72 — 285
Wendy Doolan, $8,084	72 — 285
Rachel Teske, $8,084	72 — 285
Jane Crafter, $6,880	70 — 286
Kelly Robbins, $6,880	72 — 286
Catriona Matthew, $6,251	71 — 287
Michelle McGann, $6,251	73 — 287
Donna Andrews, $6,251	73 — 287
Leslie Spalding, $5,064	71 — 288
Angela Stanford, $5,064	72 — 288
Tracy Hanson, $5,064	73 — 288
Grace Park, $5,064	73 — 288
Sherri Turner, $5,064	74 — 288
Chris Johnson, $5,064	76 — 288
Leigh Ann Mills, $5,064	78 — 288
Dawn Coe-Jones, $3,936	71 — 289
Annette DeLuca, $3,936	73 — 289
Penny Hammel, $3,936	73 — 289
Carin Koch, $3,936	75 — 289
Jenny Lidback, $3,357	75 — 290
Tammie Green, $3,357	76 — 290
Luciana Bernvenuti, $2,829	74 — 291
Kathryn Marshall, $2,829	74 — 291
Cathy Gerring, $2,829	74 — 291
Diana D'Alessio, $2,829	76 — 291
Nanci Bowen, $2,829	75 — 291
Maria Hjorth, $2,162	73 — 292
Eva Dahllof, $2,162	75 — 292
Kris Lindstrom, $2,162	78 — 292
Pamela Kerrigan, $2,162	78 — 292
Silvia Cavalleri, $1,823	75 — 293
C. Johnston-Forbes, $1,823	76 — 293
Jennifer Feldott, $1,647	76 — 294
Yu Ping Lin, $1,647	77 — 294
A.J. Eathorne, $1,545	77 — 295
Catherine Cartwright, $1,545	77 — 295
Catrin Nilsmark, $1,445	78 — 298
Dale Eggeling, $1,445	80 — 298
Joan Pitcock, $1,370	80 — 304

LPGA-Subaru

LPGA-Subaru Memorial
Sunday's Final Round
At The Club at The Strand
Naples, Fla.
Purse: $1 million
Yardage: 6,328; Par: 72

Sophie Gustafson, $150,000	70 — 272
Karrie Webb, $93,093	69 — 275
Dottie Pepper, $67,933	67 — 276
Marisa Baena, $52,836	66 — 277
Laura Davies, $31,500	68 — 278
Jean Bartholomew, $31,500	68 — 278
Michele Redman, $31,500	67 — 278
Juli Inkster, $31,500	70 — 278
V. Goetze-Ackerman, $31,500	70 — 278
Lorie Kane, $18,702	67 — 279
Laura Diaz, $18,702	69 — 279

Senior PGA

Mastercard Seniors
Sunday's Final Round
At Hualalai Golf Club
Ka'upulehu-Kona, Hawaii
Purse: $1.4 million
Yardage: 7,053; Par 72

Larry Nelson, $240,000	66 — 197
Jim Thorpe, $143,000	65 — 198
Ed Dougherty, $107,000	65 — 202
Bruce Fleisher, $107,000	70 — 202
Gary McCord, $71,000	66 — 204
Leonard Thompson, $71,000	70 — 204
Allen Doyle, $57,000	66 — 205
Tom Watson, $48,000	71 — 206
Doug Tewell, $48,000	70 — 206
Fred Gibson, $39,500	72 — 208
Dave Eichelberger, $39,500	71 — 208
Dave Stockton, $31,625	67 — 210
Hale Irwin, $31,625	68 — 210
Gil Morgan, $31,625	67 — 210
Tom Kite, $31,625	70 — 210
Dana Quigley, $26,250	68 — 211
Jim Ahern, $26,250	70 — 211
Tom Jenkins, $23,250	70 — 212
John Mahaffey, $23,250	73 — 212
Graham Marsh, $21,000	70 — 214
Hubert Green, $19,750	71 — 215
David Graham, $17,750	69 — 216
John Jacobs, $17,750	68 — 216
Lee Trevino, $17,750	73 — 216
Vicente Fernandez, $15,375	71 — 217
Tom McGinnis, $15,375	71 — 217
Jack Nicklaus, $13,750	69 — 218
Joe Inman, $13,750	75 — 218
Lanny Wadkins, $13,750	75 — 218
George Archer, $12,750	68 — 219
Bob Duval, $12,500	73 — 220
Tom Wargo, $12,250	76 — 223

WPHL Standings

Western Professional Hockey League

Eastern Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Austin	29	12	3	61	154	107
Bssr-Shrvprt	26	14	2	54	148	111
Tupelo	25	18	4	54	176	142
Corpus Christi	24	18	3	51	141	156
Monroe	23	18	4	50	156	159
Lake Charles	20	20	4	44	142	162
Fort Worth	11	28	3	25	118	163
x-Cent. Texas	14	18	5	33	104	128

Western Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New Mexico	28	11	2	58	171	150
Lubbock	25	16	4	54	172	147
Odessa	22	12	7	51	155	133
Amarillo	20	17	6	46	153	166
El Paso	17	18	6	40	123	132
San Angelo	17	23	5	39	129	185

x-ceased operations

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory; shootout losses earn one point and are referred to as ties.

Sunday's Games

El Paso 4, Lake Charles 3, SO
Austin 2, Bossier-Shreveport 1
Lubbock 3, Odessa 2, SO

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Monroe at Odessa
Tupelo at Bossier-Shreveport
New Mexico at San Angelo
Amarillo at El Paso

Australian Open

Results from early Monday
At Melbourne Park
Melbourne, Australia

Men
Singles
Fourth Round

Yevgeny Kafelnikov (5), Russia, def. Andreas Vinciguerra, Sweden, 7-5, 7-5, 6-1.

Arnaud Clement (15), France, def. Greg Rusedski, Britain, 6-2, 6-3, 7-5.

Juniors

Women
Singles
Fourth Round

Martina Hingis (1), Switzerland, def. Rita Grande, Italy, 6-0, 6-3.

Doubles
Third Round

Anna Kournikova, Russia, and Barbara Schett (3), Austria, def. Shinobu Asagoe and Yuka Yoshida, Japan, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Lindsay Davenport and Corina Morariu (7), United States, def. Petra Mandula, Hungary, and Patricia Wartusch, Austria, 6-2, 6-4.

Complete Results from Sunday

Men
Singles
Fourth Round

Andre Agassi (6), United States, def. Andrew Ilie, Australia, 6-7 (1), 6-3, 6-0, 6-3.

Pat Rafter (12), Australia, def. Tim Henman (8), Britain, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3.

Domonik Hrbaty (14), Slovakia, def. Marat Safin (2), Russia, 6-2, 7-6 (6), 6-4.

Todd Martin, United States, def. Pete Sampras (3), United States, 6-7 (2), 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

Doubles
Third Round

Justin Gimelstob and Scott Humphries (15), United States, def. Wayne Ferreira, South Africa, and Yevgeny Kafelnikov (3), Russia, 6-2, 7-6 (3).

Byron Black, Zimbabwe, and David Prinosil (14), Germany, def. Arnaud Clement and Sebastien Grosjean, France, 2-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Wayne Black and Kevin Ullyett (12), Zimbabwe, def. Paul Baccanello and Luke Smith, Australia, 6-4, 6-4.

Nicolas Lapentti, Ecuador, and Carlos Moya, Spain, def. David Adams, South Africa, and Martin Garcia (9), Argentina, 7-6 (2), 4-6, 10-8.

Women
Singles
Fourth Round

Lindsay Davenport (2), United States, def. Kim Clijsters (15), Belgium, 6-4, 6-0.

Anna Kournikova (8), Russia, def. Barbara Rittner, Germany, 6-3, 6-1.

Jennifer Capriati (12), United States, def. Marta Marrero, Spain, 7-5, 6-1.

Monica Seles (4), United States, def. Justine Henin, Belgium, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Doubles
Third Round

Nicole Arendt, United States, and Ai Sugiyama (2), Japan, def. Kristie Boogert and Miriam Oremans (14), Netherlands, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.

Serena and Venus Williams, United States, def. Asa Carlsson, Sweden, and Magdalena Maleeva, Bulgaria, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4.

Nicole Pratt, Australia, and Meghann Shaughnessy (11), United States, def. Mary Pierce and Sandrine Testud (5), France, 1-6, 7-6 (7), 6-4.

Alexandra Fusai, France, and Rita Grande (9), Italy, def. Rachel McQuillan and Lisa McShea, Australia, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4.

NFL

Super Bowl
Sunday, Jan. 28
At Tampa, Fla.

Baltimore vs. New York Giants, 5 p.m. (CBS)

Pro Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 4

NFC vs. AFC, 4:30 p.m. at Honolulu (ABC)

College Baseball

FAR WEST

Cal Poly-SLO 6, Stanford 5, 12 innings

Transactions

BASEBALL
American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jerry Spradlin and LHP Scott Radinsky on minor league contracts.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

SACRAMENTO KINGS—Activated F Lawrence Funderburke from the injured list. Placed F Jabari Smith on injured list.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

HOUSTON TEXANS—Signed Dom Capers, coach, to a six-year contract.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

NHL—Suspended Tampa Bay RW Wayne Primeau indefinitely, pending a hearing, for slashing Ottawa D Wade Redden.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS—Assigned C Rapdy Robitaille to Milwaukee of the IHL.

OTTAWA SENATORS—Traded Vaclav Prospal to Florida for a 2001 fourth-round draft pick or a 2002 third-round pick.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Assigned F Adam Mair to St. John's of the AHL.

Western Professional Hockey League

AMARILLO RATTLERS—Claimed D Can Law off waivers from Lubbock. Placed D Eric Anderson on 14-day injured reserve.

CORPUS CHRISTI ICERAYS—Activated D Matt Van Horlick from 14-day injured reserve.

MONROE MOCCASINS—Signed G James Jensen.

TUPELO T-REX—Activated D Ryan Rintoul from 21-day injured reserve.

COLLEGE

LEE—Announced the resignation of Gary Baldwin, women's basketball coach, effective the end of the season.

WAKE FOREST—Named Brad Lambert inside linebackers coach.

Fight Schedule

By The Associated Press
National TV in parentheses

Jan. 24

At Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, Gerald Nobles, Philadelphia vs. Sedreck Fields, Richmond, Va., heavyweights. Jameel McCline, Port Jefferson, N.Y., vs. King Ipitan, Los Angeles, 10, heavyweights.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	30	10	.750	—
New York	25	14	.641	4 1/2
Miami	25	18	.581	6 1/2
Orlando	18	21	.462	11 1/2
Boston	15	26	.366	15 1/2
New Jersey	14	27	.341	16 1/2
Washington	8	34	.190	23

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	25	15	.625	—
Charlotte	23	19	.548	3
Toronto	22	19	.537	3 1/2
Indiana	20	21	.488	5 1/2
Cleveland	18	20	.474	6
Detroit	15	26	.366	10 1/2
Atlanta	14	25	.359	10 1/2
Chicago	6	34	.150	19

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	25	14	.641	—
Dallas	27	16	.628	—
San Antonio	23	15	.605	1 1/2
Denver	24	17	.585	2
Minnesota	24	18	.571	2 1/2
Houston	20	20	.500	5 1/2
Vancouver	11	29	.275	14 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	30	12	.714	—
Sacramento	27	11	.711	1
L.A. Lakers	26	13	.667	2 1/2
Phoenix	23	15	.605	5
Seattle	22	21	.512	8 1/2
Golden State	13	27	.325	16
L.A. Clippers	13	29	.310	17

Sunday's Games

Indiana 87, New York 74
Washington 94, Atlanta 90
Toronto 110, Philadelphia 106, OT
Utah 109, Phoenix 98
Minnesota 96, Vancouver 94
Miami 103, L.A. Lakers 92
Milwaukee 102, Detroit 98
Golden State 94, Boston 91
Seattle 109, Sacramento 107

Monday's Game

Portland at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday's Games

Charlotte at Washington, 6 p.m.
Atlanta at Boston, 6 p.m.
Toronto at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
New York at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Seattle, 7 p.m.
Portland at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Utah, 8 p.m.
Houston at Denver, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

SuperSonics 109, Kings 107

SACRAMENTO (107): Stojakovic 11-17 4-4 30, Webber 10-27 5-10 25, Divac 4-9 2-5 10, Christie 5-14 2-2 15, J.Williams 1-7 0-0 3, Pollard 1-1 0-0 2, J.Barry 2-6 0-0 4, Turkoglu 4-7 0-0 10, Jackson 3-4 2-3 8. Totals 41-92 15-24 107.

SEATTLE (109): Lewis 4-7 0-0 9, McCoy 2-3 0-0 4, Baker 3-10 7-8 13, B.Barry 4-11 3-4 13, Payton 12-23 5-6 30, Patterson 8-14 5-10 21, Mason 0-4 0-0 0, S.Williams 4-5 0-0 9, Oyedeji 4-6 2-2 10. Totals 41-83 22-30 109.

Sacramento	**24**	**33**	**24**	**26—107**
Seattle	**28**	**27**	**29**	**25—109**

3-Point Goals—Sacramento 10-23 (Stojakovic 4-5, Christie 3-7, Turkoglu 2-2, J.Williams 1-5, Webber 0-1, J.Barry 0-3), Seattle 5-12 (B.Barry 2-5, S.Williams 1-1, Payton 1-3, Lewis 1-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Sacramento 49 (Webber 18), Seattle 61 (Patterson 11). Assists—Sacramento 25 (J.Barry, Divac 5), Seattle 20 (Payton 8). Total fouls—Sacramento 23, Seattle 20. A—17,072 (17,072)

Warriors 94, Celtics 91

BOSTON (91): Walker 8-18 3-4 23, Pierce 8-23 9-10 28, Blount 4-7 0-0 8, Stith 2-6 2-2 7, R.Brown 1-6 0-0 2, E.Williams 3-7 3-5 9, Potapenko 2-3 2-2 6, McCarty 1-3 0-0 2, Palacio 1-3 0-0 2, Carr 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 32-78 19-23 91.

GOLDEN STATE (94): Jamison 12-25 3-6 31, Mullin 3-8 1-1 10, Jackson 3-6 7-9 13, Sura 4-13 3-4 13, Blaylock 4-11 0-0 10, Cummings 4-11 5-6 13, Curley 1-3 0-0 2, C.Brown 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 31-77 21-28 94.

Boston	**27**	**21**	**24**	**19— 91**
Golden St.	**24**	**26**	**22**	**22— 94**

3-Point Goals—Boston 8-21 (Walker 4-7, Pierce 3-8, Stith 1-3, E.Williams 0-1, McCarty 0-2), Golden State 11-23 (Jamison 4-5, Mullin 3-5, Blaylock 2-5, Sura 2-5, Cummings 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Boston 49 (Pierce 11), Golden State 54 (Blaylock 7). Assists—Boston 21 (Walker 7), Golden State 26 (Sura 8). Total fouls—Boston 27, Golden State 24. Technicals—Boston coach O'Brien, Pierce, Sura. A—14,309 (19,596).

Heat 103, Lakers 92

MIAMI (103): Bowen 3-8 1-3 8, Mason 8-13 7-7 23, B.Grant 6-8 2-2 14, Jones 8-21 7-8 26, Hardaway 8-13 1-2 22, Causwell 0-0 0-0 0, Majerle 1-3 3-4 6, Green 2-8 0-1 4, Carter 0-2 0-0 0, Fuller 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 36-76 21-27 103.

L.A. LAKERS (92): Fox 1-3 2-2 4, Madsen 0-0 0-0 0, O'Neal 12-22 7-16 31, Bryant 13-27 7-8 34, Harper 2-3 0-0 5, Horry 0-7 2-2 2, Rider 3-7 5-6 12, Shaw 0-3 0-0 0, Foster 0-1 0-0 0, Lue 2-2 0-0 4, George 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-75 23-34 92.

Miami	**30**	**24**	**22**	**27—103**
L.A. Lakers	**24**	**27**	**20**	**21— 92**

3-Point Goals—Miami 10-20 (Hardaway 5-8, Jones 3-7, Majerle 1-2, Bowen 1-3), L.A. Lakers 3-16 (Harper 1-2, Rider 1-2, Bryant 1-3, Fox 0-1, Shaw 0-3, Horry 0-5). Fouled out—Horry, Bryant, Fox. Rebounds—Miami 51 (Jones 8), L.A. Lakers 48 (O'Neal, Bryant 8). Assists—Miami 22 (Hardaway 8), L.A. Lakers 11 (O'Neal 3). Total fouls—Miami 30, L.A. Lakers 30. Technicals—Miami coach Riley. A—18,997 (18,997).

Timberwolves 96, Grizzlies 94

MINNESOTA (96): Szczerbiak 2-8 0-0 4, Garnett 9-19 2-2 20, Nesterovic 3-7 2-2 8, Peeler 2-9 4-4 9, Brandon 10-21 0-0 20, Mitchell 4-6 0-0 9, Ellis 5-6 2-2 13, Garrett 0-1 0-0 0, Day 4-8 2-3 11, Avery 0-0 0-0 0, Slater 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 40-88 12-13 96.

VANCOUVER (94): Abdur-Rahim 10-17 4-4 24, Harrington 5-12 2-2 12, Reeves 3-8 0-0 6, Dickerson 8-17 7-8 24, Bibby 9-16 0-0 19, Price 0-0 0-0 0, Swift 1-1 0-0 2, Austin 1-2 0-0 2, Jones 1-1 0-0 2, Long 1-4 1-2 3. Totals 39-78 14-16 94.

Minnesota	**22**	**25**	**18**	**31— 96**
Vancouver	**26**

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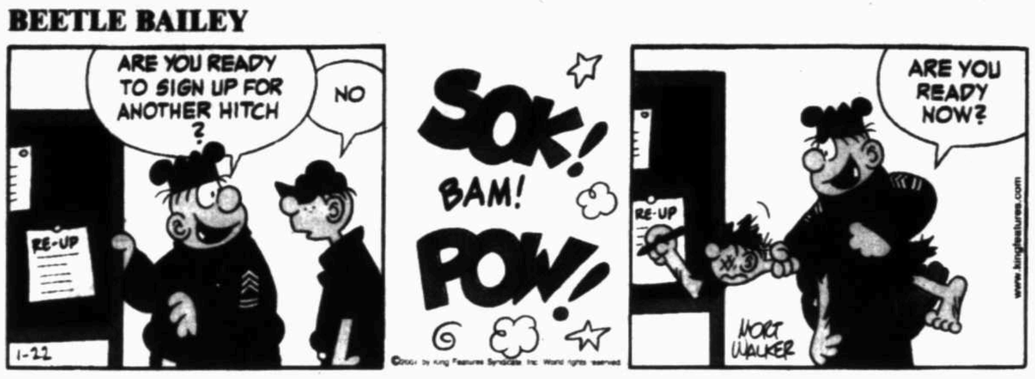
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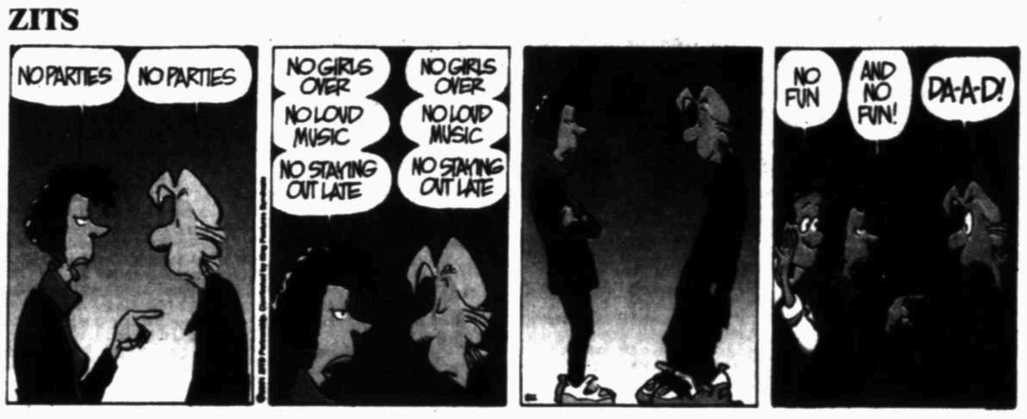
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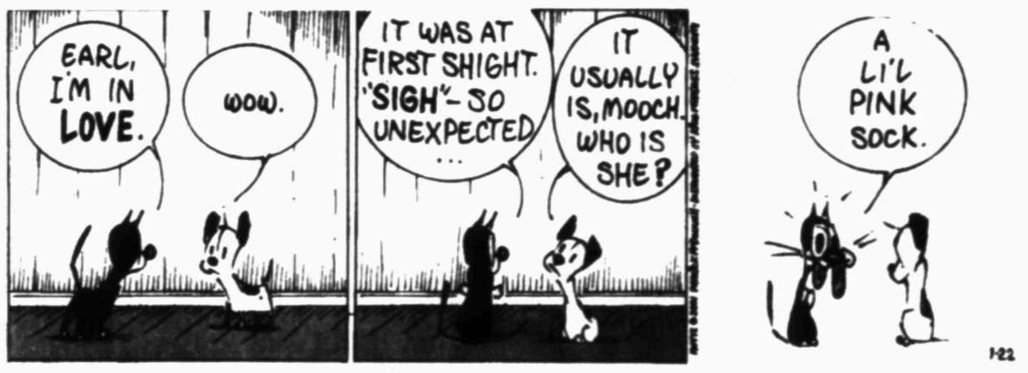
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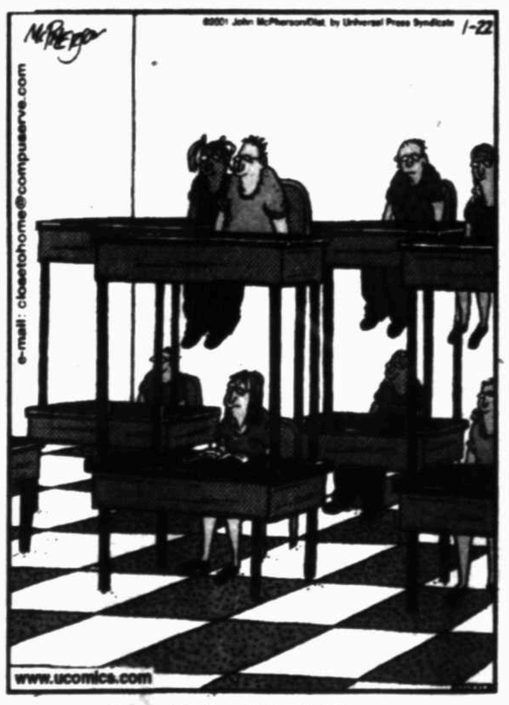
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CLOSE TO HOME



Winston Central School District finds a solution to overcrowded classrooms.

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"This talkin' doll is nice, but I've already heard everything she has to say."

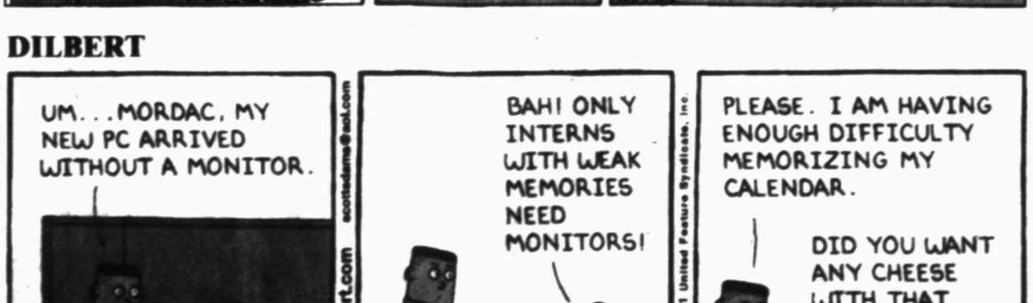
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TAURUS (April 20- ★★★★ Another's heading where you what you want. Tho quite secretive, he ch You gain greater un he comes from. Tom movie.

GEMINI (May 21-J ★★★★ Though you and social, you need one-on-one. Others sudden revelation co new direction. Many but unusually innov

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Q 2 — Both vuln

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Jennifer Lopez continues music, film career as love life gets put on hold


Lopez

NEW YORK — **Jennifer Lopez** is getting on with her career even as the man in her life, rapper Sean "Puffy" Combs, is on trial on gun possession and bribery charges.

The film and recording star has been doing a national press tour for her new album "J Lo," which hits the stores Tuesday, and for her "Wedding Planner" movie.

"You take it day by day," she said of Combs' trial. "I have work obligations. I have to go on. I can't sit in the house and just worry," the New York Post reported Sunday.

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CHELSEA, Mich. — Ten years after actor **Jeff Daniels** opened the Purple Rose Theatre in his southeastern Michigan hometown, he has discovered what an economic effect the arts can have.

The theater, recently reopened after a $2 million, 18-month renovation, has energized the small town, making it a theatrical destination throughout Michigan and elsewhere.


Daniels

Purple Rose, Daniels said, "is a perfect example of what arts can do for a community. Before we opened, half a dozen Chelsea businesses were boarded up."

The remodeled theater — previously an old Buick garage — has 168 purple seats, an expanded lobby and an exterior of rose-colored brick, green woodwork around new lobby windows, and purple doors. A tall, purple neon sign stands atop a flat-roofed green awning.

Purple Rose operates on a $1.3 million budget, which makes it a mid-size theater, said Joan Channick, deputy director for Theatre Communicators Group. The organization represents 380 theaters nationally, 60 percent of which are smaller than Purple Rose.

Daniels wanted to create a theater where people could see plays by developing playwrights that are set in Michigan or the Midwest.

"We've aimed it right at the guys who rent movies, and it's a business," he told The Ann Arbor News. "People will pay money to come see what they can relate to or have been exposed to."

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INEZ, Ky. — The lawyer made famous by the movie and book "A Civil Action" is taking on another environmental case, this time in eastern Kentucky.

Attorney **Jan Schlichtmann** is now co-counsel for hundreds of residents filing suit over an Oct. 11 coal slurry spill near Inez that sent some 250 million gallons of thick, black waste down two streams and onto neighboring properties.

Martin County attorney John Kirk says he, Schlichtmann and other lawyers will represent plaintiffs in the suit against Martin County Coal, Massey Energy and Massey's former parent company, the Fluor Corp.

Jonathan Harr's best seller "A Civil Action" detailed Schlichtmann's case on behalf of eight families in Woburn, Mass. The suit against W.R. Grace and Beatrice Foods alleged they leaked toxins into drinking water that were linked to a variety of health problems, including a dozen cases of childhood leukemia.

The nine-year legal battle ended in an $8 million settlement from W.R. Grace and a not-guilty verdict for Beatrice. The movie about the case starred John Travolta as Schlichtmann.

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NEW YORK — The sexy white gown **Marilyn Monroe** wore when she sang "Happy Birthday" to John F. Kennedy is going on the auction block.

Also to be sold is a typewritten letter from the White House thanking the actress for agreeing to appear at JFK's 45th birthday party in 1962.

The dress is expected to fetch as much as $30,000 during an Internet auction on Sothebys.com that runs from Feb. 8 to March 1, the New York Post reported Sunday, citing London's Daily Mail.

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Compiled from Associated Press reports.

TV TONIGHT

MONDAY EVENING JANUARY 22, 2001

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

Broadcast	C	C	B	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) KMID	2	3	2	News 193	Wheel of Fortune 445	Hope Floats (PG-13, '98) ★★ Sandra Bullock, Harry Connick Jr., Gena Rowlands. ∩ 36209				Gideon's Crossing (N) ∩ 6087		News 5278938	Nightline (N) 43278071	Politically 9811667	(:36) Cheers 5947667
(5) KPEJ	24	5	3	Cosby "Pilot" 52667	Spin City ∩ 43919	Boston Public "Chapter Eleven" (N) 88613		Ally McBeal "Mr. Bo" (N) ∩ 60261		Arrest & Trial 53483	Nanny ∩ 16071	Jerry Springer '14' 87984		Blind Date 52700	Suddenly 99445
(7) KOSA	7	7	7	News 2209	Ent. Tonight 6261	King 7648	Yes, Dear 2445	Raymond 6396	Becker ∩ 5803	Family Law "One Mistake" ∩ '14' 80483		News 1773938	(:35) Late Show ∩ 'PG' 33287613		Late Late 5457498
(9) KWES	9	9	9	News 2803	Seinfeld ∩ 6483	Mysterious Ways "Dead Dog Walking" 'PG' 14767		Dateline (N) ∩ 13735		Third Watch "True Love" (N) ∩ '14' 20071		News 6270613	(:35) Tonight Show (N) ∩ '14' 33856735		Late Night '14' 5654629
(12) KMLM	42	12	19	News 96325	John Hagee 97377	Light of the Southwest (Live) 22209				Hour of Healing ∩ 62613		News 68938	Life in the Word 44358	Promise 10716	Rebecca Baker 84551
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(10) WGN		10		Fresh Pr. 169071	Suddenly 256551	The Killing Mind ('91) ★★½ Stephanie Zimbalist, Tony Bill, Daniel Roebuck. ∩ 674193				News ∩ 784919		MacGyver "Three for the Road" ∩ 787006		Matlock "The Christmas Show" ∩ 670377	
(11) WTBS		11	11	Fresh Pr. 199993	Fresh Pr. 7312174	Sniper (:05) (R, '93) ★★ Tom Berenger, Billy Zane, J.T. Walsh. 3618377				Rumble in the Bronx (:05) (R, '95) ★★½ Jackie Chan, Anita Mui, Bill Tung. 6494984				Pink Cadillac (:05) (PG-13, '89) ★★ 8595280	
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(61) TCM		61		Casablanca 'PG' 6011209		King Creole ('58) ★★½ Elvis Presley. 2338087				Frankie and Johnny ('66) ★★½ 3899025				Viva Las Vegas 3214919	
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(66) SHOW		66	20	Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure (5:15) 55029700		Cop (R, '88) ★★ James Woods, Lesley Ann Warren, Charles Durning. 378071				Resurrection Blvd. (Season Finale) (N) 401193		Critical Choices (R, '96) ★★ Betty Buckley, Pamela Reed. ∩ 998464			Married to It 999193
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(68) HBO		68	15	Message in a Bottle (4:45) ('99) ★★ 52401261		Deep Blue Sea (R, '99) ★★½ Thomas Jane, Saffron Burrows, Samuel L. Jackson. ∩ 192613				Real Sports (N) 'PG' 225735		Any Given Sunday (R, '99) ★★★ Al Pacino, Cameron Diaz, Dennis Quaid. ∩ 97210667			
(69) HBOP		69		The Joy Luck Club (4:30) ★★★½ 4967377		The Suburbans (R, '99) ★½ Craig Bierko. ∩ 3369700		Mr Show 1005803		Oz "Revenge Is Sweet" ∩ 'MA' 5530532		Dennis M. 5771716	The Love Letter (PG-13, '99) ★★½ Kate Capshaw. ∩ 2864209		
(70) HBOS		70		Bad Girls (:15) (R, '94) ★★ Madeleine Stowe, Mary Stuart Masterson. ∩ 56766025				Cocktail (R, '88) ★★½ Tom Cruise, Bryan Brown. ∩ 2251071			Hi-Life (:45) (R, '98) ★½ Katrin Cartlidge. ∩ 5201782			This Boy's Life (:15) ('93) ★★½ 5415735	
(71) MAX		71		The Matrix (5:00) ('99) ★★★ 8830025		Light It Up (:15) (R, '99) ★★½ Usher Raymond, Forest Whitaker, Rosario Dawson. ∩ 38081071				Heartbreak Ridge (R, '86) ★★½ Clint Eastwood, Marsha Mason. ∩ 6419342				Confessions of a Call Girl (:10) ('98) 5429990	
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Jan. 22, 2001:

Your popularity peaks this year. Others seek you out. A male or a very assertive friend plays a strong role in your year and your decision-making. You are unusually quick. Think about the long term. Don't get carried away with spontaneity. You might have to work harder to achieve your desires than you want. If you are single, be careful who you choose to be involved with. Do not sell yourself short. If you are attached, your relationship blossoms because of special time you spend together. CAPRICORN understands you better than you think.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Stay on top of problems. Unexpected developments early on steer you in an unplanned direction. Keep the faith, knowing that you will make good choices. Think twice about a decision that involves money and a business relationship. Tonight: Discuss what is fair.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Another's unpredictability has you heading where you least expect. Think about what you want. Though this person can be quite secretive, he chooses to open up to you. You gain greater understanding about where he comes from. Tonight: Relax with a good movie.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Though you are naturally gregarious and social, you need to work with someone one-on-one. Others prove to be responsive. A sudden revelation could have you heading in a new direction. Many see you as unpredictable but unusually innovative. Tonight: A long-overdue chat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You need to gain an overview. How you see a situation could change substantially because of a partner. This person always tends to bring a new perspective. Others dominate the scene. Sit back and watch what goes on. Tonight: Say yes to an invitation.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Pace yourself carefully, as you might have a lot of ground to cover. Think twice about a decision that affects a volatile family member. Understand what is going on with this person rather than getting into a conflict. You could be surprised at how different the results can be. Tonight: Off to the gym.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ The unexpected runs rampant at work. Think about what would be the most effective way to clear out work. Make calls, but delegate whatever you can. You find solutions where others get stuck in problems. Flow with opportunities as they appear. Tonight: Let go of seriousness and responsibilities for a little while.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You build foundations when you work with others. You could have surprising news, which encourages a risk. Be careful, because you might not be happy with the flip side should your luck not stick. Deal with family and personal issues first. Tonight: A cozy night at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Keep talking about what is on your mind. Do not let anyone take over the helm right now. You know what questions to ask and when. You could be surprised by a domestic matter. The results might not be what you want them to be. Use kid gloves to deal with someone. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Unexpected news should have you examining your finances. You are unusually skilled financially, and you know when to risk and when not to. Think about building rather than tearing down. Walk away from a tendency to be self-destructive. Find out what is going on with you on a deeper level. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Your high energy brings strong results. You have a lot to be proud of. You seem to naturally make the right choice at the right moment. Venture into new territory, and network. If you want to succeed, stay focused on your goals and long-term desires. Tonight: Aim for what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Though you know where you are coming from, you stun others with a decision. Step back and watch what happens. The reactions get your attention. Allow others to let off steam, and focus on your work in the meantime. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Aim for what you want. Listen carefully to another's decision. Do needed research and get information. Direct your energy and your effectiveness. Gather information and bring others together. Your happy style makes you very popular. Tonight: Where your friends are.

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BORN TODAY
Actress Linda Blair (1959), author Joseph Wambaugh (1937), rock musician Steve Perry (1949)

DAILY CROSSWORD

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1 Trendy
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9 Old saying
14 Political contest
15 Cat call
16 Man of La Mancha
17 Medical suffix
18 Gumbo vegetable
19 Wyoming's __ Range
20 "Relax, soldier!"
22 Undersea weapon
24 Tough preschool age
27 Designer Ralph
28 Storklike wader
32 St. Petersburg neighbor
36 Give a dam
37 TV's "Warrior Princess"
38 Threat ending words
40 Fantasized
42 Steady guy
43 Dalai __
47 1950's candidate Kefauver
48 Victuals
49 Puts in office
51 Ice skating patterns
57 NASCAR or NASDAQ
60 Without a scratch
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62 No, to Natasha
65 General Bradley
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67 Coupe or sedan
68 Fast food beverage
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70 Verve
71 Deuce topper

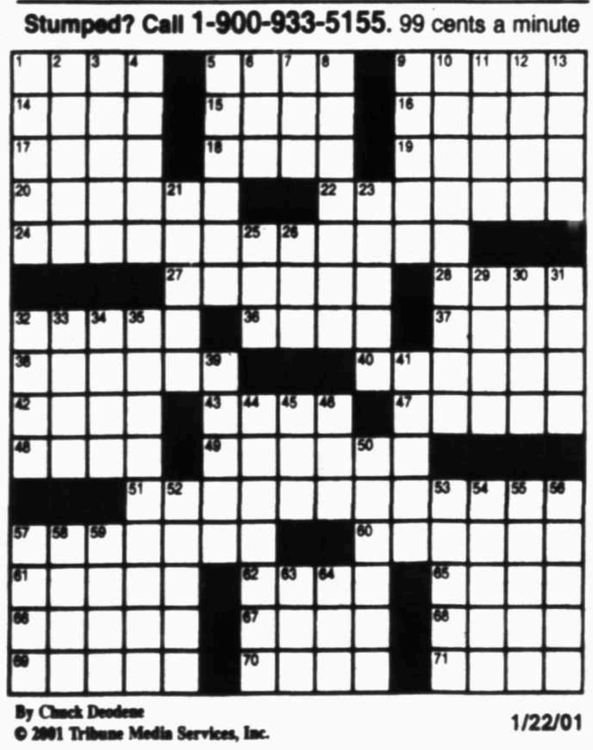
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5 One-celled organism
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10 Throws overboard
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21 Miserly Marner
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32 Choice for Hamlet
33 Field of expertise
34 Potatoes partner
35 Golfer's knickers
39 Mournful ode
41 Varnish ingredient
44 Barnard grads
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46 Combat pilot pro
50 Ancient German
52 Coastal recess
53 Phantom
54 Funnyman's forte
55 Wall Street transaction
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57 Myanmar's continent
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ J 6 2 ♡ A 8 7 4 ◇ A 4 ♣ Q 10 4 3
The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1♡	Pass
1♠	Pass	?	

What do you bid now?

A — You certainly are worth inviting game, and the two choices are two no-trump or three clubs. Since this sequence implies partner has a real club suit, and since your hand, all prime with a ruffing value, is better suited to a suit contract than no-trump, three clubs is the better choice, unless that is still forcing in your methods.

Q 2 — Both vulnerable, you hold:
♠ 7 3 ♡ A J 10 8 7 5 4 2 ◇ K ♣ A 4
What is your opening bid?

A — Do not expect to find hands with eight-card suits in a textbook. In a world pair championship, many declarers elected to open four hearts, bought the contract and lost a trick in each suit. However, there is no need to pre-empt with a hand containing two aces, as well as a king on the side. We prefer one heart, and then rebidding hearts as cheaply as possible thereafter, since the suit is far from solid.

Q 3 — Both vulnerable, you hold:
♠ A K 10 8 7 5 4 ♡ 6 5 ◇ J 8 6 ♣ 6
Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one heart. What do you bid now?

A — If you play weak jump-overcalls, you have to decide between two spades and three spades. If your jump-overcalls still show a good hand, you will automatically make the bid we prefer — three spades. Make it as difficult as possible for the opponents to exchange information.

Q 4 — Neither vulnerable, you hold:
♠ K 7 5 ♡ A 9 3 ◇ K 10 6 ♣ A Q 10 2
Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one heart. What action do you take?

A — Doubling one of a major on a balanced hand containing only three cards in the other major is most unappetizing. Although your heart holding is far from perfect, we would not consider anything other than an overcall of one no-trump.

JAN 22 2001

Rose blooms as Pacers shut down Knicks

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jalen Rose shot 10-for-14 from the field and scored 24 points, and the Indiana Pacers showed that they, too, can play some dominating defense in an 87-74 victory Sunday over the New York Knicks.

Holding their fourth straight opponent below 80 points, the Pacers took control early and never let the Knicks back into the game in the first meeting of the season between last year's Eastern Conference finalists. Reggie Miller added 18 points, Travis Best had 16 and Jermaine O'Neal 14 for the Pacers, who shut down two-thirds of New York's main offensive weapons by holding Allan Houston to 12 points and Glen Rice to two.

The Pacers snapped New York's three-game winning streak and dealt the Knicks, who lead the NBA in defense, just their second loss in the last 12 games. Larry Johnson scored 22 points and Latrell Sprewell added 18 for the Knicks.

Wizards 94, Hawks 90

WASHINGTON — Richard Hamilton scored 29 points and Juwan Howard had 25 as the Wizards ended a nine-game losing streak.

Hamilton, making his fourth start of the season, made 12-of-19 shots, many of them with flair. He showed off his spin moves, his running floaters and left Brevin Knight flat-footed with a behind-the-back dribble to set up a jumper that gave the Wizards an 85-79 lead with 3:06 to play.

Hamilton even survived a lengthy spell at point guard when Chris Whitney crashed to the floor and injured an ankle in the first quarter. Whitney, the team's only reliable point guard in uniform, returned from the locker room early in the second and finished with 18 points, nine assists and five rebounds.

Knight scored a career-high 31 points and had 10 assists for the Hawks, who lost their third straight game Dikembe Mutombo had 10 points and 15 rebounds.

Jazz 109, Suns 98

SALT LAKE CITY — Karl Malone scored 30 points and Greg Ostertag had a season-high 15 to lead the surging Jazz over the Suns, who were missing Jason Kidd.

Bryon Russell, in his second game since returning from an injured ankle, scored 15 while Donyell Marshall had 14 and John Stockton added 13 points and 10 assists for Utah, which has won five of its last six games. Rodney Rogers scored a season-high 27 points for the Suns, and Cliff Robinson added 20.

The Suns opened a six-game road trip without Kidd, the All-Star and U.S. Olympic team point guard who is mending his family life after being accused last week of hitting his wife at their suburban Phoenix home.

Raptors 110, 76ers 106, OT

PHILADELPHIA — Vince Carter scored 39 points and the Raptors overcame Allen Iverson's 51 points and two big deficits to rally past Philadelphia.

Iverson returned to the lineup after missing Friday night's win against New Jersey because of a bruised left knee. He shot 20-for-40 and scored all 10 of the Sixers' points in overtime.

Toronto won its third in a row and stopped Philadelphia's five-game winning streak.

The Raptors used a 21-0 run as it rallied from a 20-point halftime deficit. Trailing 93-83 in the fourth quarter, they scored 13 straight points.

Timberwolves 96, Grizzlies 94

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — LaPhonso Ellis hit a 3-pointer with 45 seconds left to give Minnesota the victory.

With Minnesota holding a 89-88 lead, Ellis took an inbounds pass with a second left on the 24-second clock and hit the desperation attempt.

Kevin Garnett and Terrell Brandon each scored 20 points to help Minnesota improve to 11-11 on the road. Michael Dickerson and Shareef Abdur-Rahim scored 24 points each for Vancouver, which lost its fourth straight game.

Heat 103, Lakers 92

LOS ANGELES — Eddie Jones had 26 points and eight rebounds against his former team, and Anthony Mason scored 19 of his 23 points in the second half as Miami won for the 12th time in 16 games.

Kobe Bryant had 34 points and eight rebounds and Shaquille O'Neal finished with 31 points and eight rebounds for the Lakers, who lost for the fourth time in 15 games. Tim Hardaway had 22 points and eight assists and Brian Grant added 14 points for the Heat, who outrebounded the Lakers 44-39.

Bucks 102, Pistons 98

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Glenn Robinson scored 26 points and Sam Cassell added 20 as Milwaukee won its seventh straight game.

Detroit lost its sixth straight home game, matching a six-game skid in the 1994-95 season. Jerry Stackhouse, the league's leading scorer, missed the game with the flu.

Ray Allen added 17 points for Milwaukee and reserve Tim Thomas had 14.

SuperSonics 109, Kings 107

SEATTLE — Gary Payton returned from a one-game suspension and scored 30 points as Seattle ended Sacramento's four-game winning streak.

Payton was suspended for yelling at coach Nate McMillan in the locker room after a loss Wednesday night and was held out of a loss against Minnesota on Friday night.

Warriors 94, Celtics 91

OAKLAND, Calif. — Antawn Jamison hit two free throws with 10.4 seconds left and finished with 31 points as Golden State won consecutive games for the second time this season.

Mookie Blaylock had 10 points, seven rebounds and seven assists for the Warriors, while Bob Sura had 13 points, eight assists and seven rebounds.



AP Photo

The Indiana Pacers' Jalen Rose (5) looks to pass as Glen Rice of the New York Knicks defends during the second half Sunday at Madison Square Garden in New York.

■ NBA Roundup

LOCAL SPORTS

Lindgren wins tourney

AUSTIN — Midland's Jason Lindgren won the Junior Tour Golf Tournament held over the weekend at the Barton Creek Resort.

Lindgren, a senior at Midland High, shot 76-74—150 over the two days, edging Zach Drennon of San Angelo (74-77—151). The win qualified Lindgren for the tour's Tournament of Champions, which will be held in March at The Woodlands.

TECH: Women win by 53

(From 1C)

meantime."

The Lady Raiders limited Oklahoma State to 8-of-45 shooting from the floor, and forced 26 turnovers that led to 28 points. Texas Tech also outrebounded Oklahoma State 51-31.

Tech (15-2, 6-0 Big 12) led 45-8 at halftime, the lowest point total ever for a Lady Raiders' opponent at the half. Katrisa O'Neal outscored Oklahoma State by herself with 10 points by the break. Freshman Jia Perkins led Tech with 19 points overall.

The Cowgirls (9-8, 1-5) were led by Jessica Spinner's nine points.

Texas Tech led 12-0 after 5 1/2 minutes, when Oklahoma State's Shelby Hutchens finally broke the drought. Then, after a 3-pointer by Oklahoma State's Kara Faulk with 13:27 left in the half, Tech closed the period with a 27-1 run.

It took until 16:28 of the second half for Oklahoma State to hit double digits — a 3-pointer by Spinner prompted Tech's student section to chant "double digits" and wave red and white balloons. It was Oklahoma State's first basket since a free throw with 8:49 left in the first half.

Red-hot Faxon rolls to easy win at Sony

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

HONOLULU — Brad Faxon watched his chip shot bounce on the second green and continue its 90-foot journey to the hole. When it disappeared into the cup, he turned his visor sideways and reveled in his good fortune.

The way Faxon was putting, luck was the last thing he needed. The improbable birdie only summed up his week in the Sony Open.

"Everything went as planned, went as expected, and sometimes even better," Faxon said after keeping his distance from Tom Lehman and Ernie Els and completing a wire-to-wire victory Sunday.

Faxon made two 30-foot birdie putts to keep momentum on his side, and finished in style with his fourth eagle in as many days. That gave him a 5-under 65, matching the lowest 72-hole score at Waialae Country Club.

"He had a three-shot lead and shot 65," Lehman said. "That gets the job done. He answered everything I had to give."

Faxon finished at 20-under 260, which tied the record score at Waialae Country Club. John Huston had a 260 in 1998 when the course played as a par 72.

Lehman got within one stroke after six holes, was even par on the back nine and finished four strokes back after a 66. Els had a 69 and was three more strokes back, his third straight week in contention without a victory to show for it.

It was the eighth career victory for Faxon, and the $720,000 check was the largest in his 17-year career. And this victory came with some perks.

Faxon, who faced getting shut out of the Masters for the second straight year, should get enough points to move into the top 50 in the world ranking. All he has to do now is stay there for the next six weeks.

"I have some big goals," he said. "I've got to get back into the top 50 to get into the Masters. I want to play in all the majors and make the Ryder Cup team. To do that, I have to play well all year long and win a few times."

His second victory since July — he won the B.C. Open after failing to qualify for the British Open — also gets him into the U.S. Open. He also moved up to No. 8 in the Ryder Cup standings.

Lehman has seen enough of Faxon's short game, having also lost to him in the third round of the Match Play Championship three weeks ago.

"I hope I don't see any more of it until the Belfry," Lehman said.

Faxon also got some redemption at Waialae, having lost in a four-hole playoff to Jim Furyk in 1996. A playoff never entered anyone's mind Sunday, not the way Faxon broke the spirit of Els and Lehman with his 90-foot chip for birdie, and a 30-foot birdie putt on No. 8 after Lehman had hit his approach to within a foot.

Billy Andrarde had a 65 and finished fourth, then came out to watch his best friend and fellow islander — that's Rhode Island — clean up an impressive victory.

Faxon has led the PGA Tour in putting three of the past five years, and estimates that two dozen players have asked for tips. He put on a clinic at Waialae, which has some of the smoothest putting surfaces around.

"I'm thrilled to death," Faxon said. "I hope this is the start of a great year."

Lehman and Els should have known what was in store early in the round.

Faxon, who led both by three strokes to start the day, easily could have dropped shots on the first two holes when he hit his tee shots into the right rough surrounded by trees. Both times, he recovered beautifully.

Phoenix derails Stars on home ice, 5-2

By Bob Baum
AP Sports Writer

PHOENIX — Finally, Phoenix actually had a home-ice advantage against the Dallas Stars.

The Coyotes scored four goals in the second period, three in a span of just over three minutes, to beat Dallas 5-2 Sunday night, Phoenix's first win over the Stars at America West Arena in six tries.

"I think they were standing around. That's not usually the Dallas team we play against," said Keith Tkachuk, who had a goal and two assists. "They were turning the puck over, we were jumping on it and we were getting it in. To score that many goals against them in one period is amazing."

Daniel Briere scored for the sixth game in a row for the Coyotes, the longest scoring streak in the NHL this season. It's been a remarkable performance for a player who admitted he was frightened when he was recalled from Springfield of the American Hockey League Jan. 7.

"I wasn't confident. I was scared to go on the ice," said Briere, who has seven goals in six games. "I didn't want the puck. That's the difference right now in my game. I want to have the puck. I want to create and make plays and shoot."

Dallas was 4-0-1 in its last five games in Phoenix, and hadn't lost at America West Arena since March 17, 1999. Stan Neckar, Teppo Numminen and Landon Wilson also scored for the Coyotes against Stars goalie Ed Belfour, who has allowed 10 goals in his last two games, 13 in his last three.

"We're not good enough defensively right now," Dallas coach Ken Hitchcock said. "Some of it is goaltending, some of it is defensive play, some if it is strong puck work."

Sean Burke had 22 saves and Jeremy Roenick had three assists for the Coyotes, who outshot Dallas 30-24.

The Coyotes scored twice in a 37-second span in the second period. After Dallas cut Phoenix's lead to 2-1 on Brenden Morrow's power-play goal at 10:27 of the second period, Phoenix quickly regained command.

Numminen scored his fourth goal of the season on a pass from Roenick to make it 3-1 at 16:22. Landon Wilson raced down the ice after the ensuing faceoff and scored an unassisted goal on a slap shot, the puck slipping between Belfour's legs into the net, to put the Coyotes up 4-1 at 16:59.

Just seven seconds after Dallas' Richard Matvichuk was sent off for holding the stick and unsportsmanlike conduct, and 29 seconds before the end of the second period, the Coyotes made it 5-1 on Briere's goal on an assist from Tkachuk.

"We were lackadaisical in a lot of the one-on-one areas," the Stars' Grant Marshall said, "and we were very, very poor in our end. With a team like Phoenix, they're going to bury you if you're not strong in your own end. Tonight we were horrible."

Grant Marshall deflected Derian Hatcher's slap shot in, three seconds into a Dallas power play to cut the lead to 5-2 at 11:07 of the third period.

Roenick and Tkachuk teamed up to give Phoenix a 1-0 lead at 4:04 of the first period. Roenick, in trouble with his back to the goal, flipped a pass to Tkachuk, who lined a one-timer to the left of Belfour for his 21st goal.

Phoenix made it 2-0 at 6:20 of the second period on the second goal of the season by Stan Neckar, who backhanded it into the upper right corner of the net.

OPEN: Martin breaks loss streak to Sampras

(From 1C)

it here, but I've got many years and many Slams ahead of me."

The weather, mild Sunday after two scorching days, wasn't a factor in Sampras' latest loss. Recurring foot blisters — common for him on the Australian Open's Rebound Ace surface — weren't a factor either, he said.

The problem was Martin, whose losing streak against Sampras dated to 1995. Martin lost to his fellow American in tournaments large and small, outdoors and indoors, on hardcourts, carpet and clay.

But this time he out-served Sampras and had the better return as well. In the second set, Martin cracked three return winners to break for a 5-3 lead, then served out the set to even the match. He broke again in the third game of the next set to take the lead for good.

"I don't know what I could have done," Sampras said. "I needed for him to drop off a little bit."

It didn't happen; Martin refused to crack and remained calm even after the final point. Instead of a jubilant display in victory, Martin met Sampras at the net with a sympathetic pat on the back.

"Pete's a friend of mine, and I don't like to see him lose," Martin said. "But if I have to see him lose, I'd just as soon it be to me."



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Smell the Web

Computer-delivered touch scent, taste devices coming

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Wouldn't you like to sample a chicken entree before making dinner reservations, simply by visiting a restaurant's Web site? Or how about stroking the cashmere sweater you're thinking of purchasing online?

People are pretty much limited to seeing and hearing things over the Internet these days. But efforts are under way to make the Internet more sensory — by adding smell, taste and touch.

It's no joke, but skepticism is understandable.

After all, it wasn't too long ago that computers could display little more than text. At the time, researchers had difficulty explaining that the machines would evolve to eventually show movies and play music.

"Our largest challenge is trying to convince people that this is indeed possible," said Bruce M. Schena, chief technical officer for Immersion Corp. "It seems like a lot of science fiction to a lot of people."

Some of the rudimentary capabilities are available today. Others are expected in the next year or two — and beyond.

Late last year, Logitech began selling iFeel computer mice, using touch technology from San Jose-based Immersion.

The devices produce bumps as you run across icons on the desktop, and Web sites can program them to vibrate with the contours of a photographed sweater.

Immersion is also working with researchers at Stanford University in Palo Alto and the University of Wisconsin at LaCrosse to develop surgical simulation for medical students.

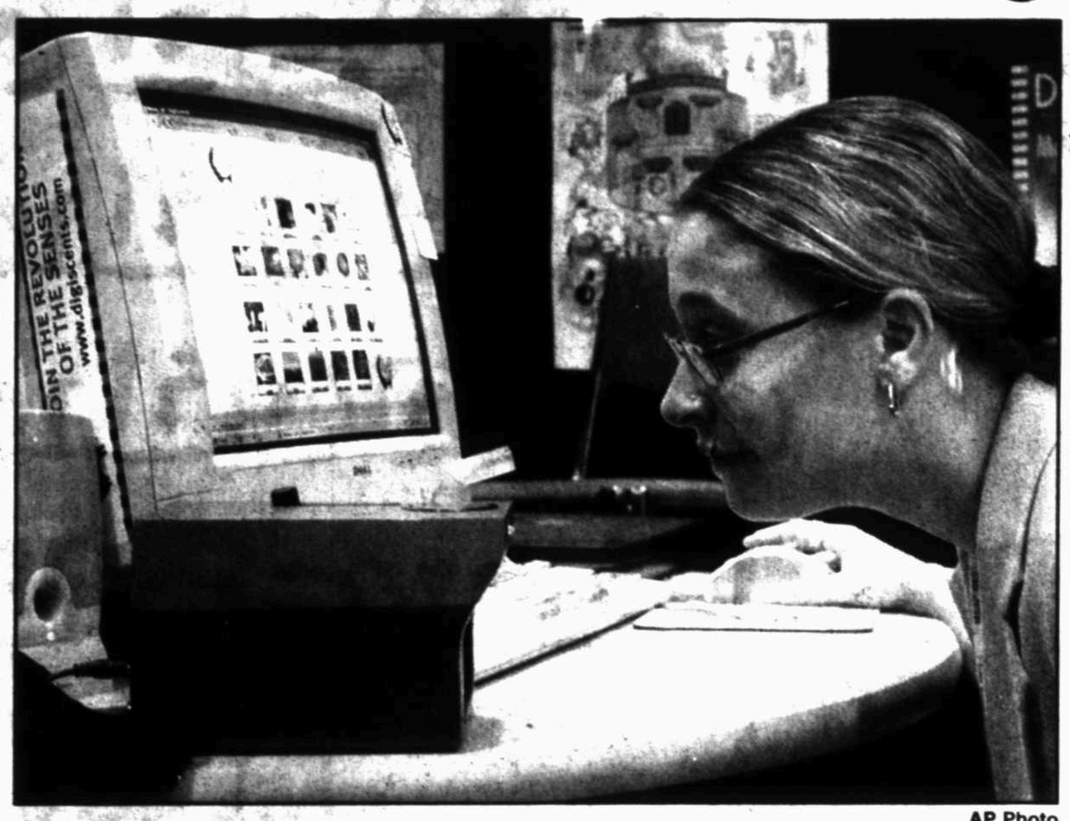
Using scissor-like handles attached to virtual forceps, you can feel tension as you pull computer-generated skin, a hard knock as you hit bone.

The technology could help students learn and practice advanced procedures with top-rated surgeons from far away. Doctors could also prepare for complicated procedures by first simulating them using a real patient's attributes.

Meanwhile, Trisenx Inc. of Savannah, Ga., is developing a device to "print" flavors on a potato wafer. The computer peripheral, due out by early next year, would allow you to sample a chocolate cake you see at a Web site by spraying chemicals that mimic the cake's smell and taste.

Trisenx already has a separate smell-only device, released in December, with 20 different fragrances.

AromaJet.com of Plano has an Internet-based kiosk for perfume stores in the works, while DigiScents of Oakland, Calif., is developing smell attachments for computers.



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An unidentified woman leans forward to smell the flower she has picked on the computer as the scent comes out of the tube in New York. People are pretty much limited to seeing and hearing things over the Internet these days. But efforts are under way to make the internet more sensory by adding smell, taste and touch.

The DigiScents units could blow pleasant scents like fruit — along with foul ones like burning rubber. Those attributes have earned the speaker-like iSmell units the nickname "reeker."

How do they work?

The smell and taste devices come with basic chemicals that are combined in various proportions, using "recipes" from a Web site. It's similar to how computers combine the primary colors of red, blue and yellow to represent varying hues.

For touch, sites tell haptic devices like the iFeel mice when and how to vibrate.

Bringing these senses to the Internet permits new forms of communications — for the blind, as well as the sighted.

Novint Technologies Inc. in Albuquerque, N.M., is developing a three-dimensional Web browser to navigate touch-sensitive environments.

"You can walk into a (virtual) store and actually push around a shopping cart," said Tom Anderson, Novint's chief executive. "With things like jewelry, if you just see a picture, you don't know if you want to buy it. With this, I could turn it around and see it sparkle and feel its weight."

One could use a smell device to add rose scents to an online card for Valentine's Day, or help schoolchildren smell a foreign land during a geography lesson.

Game developers, meanwhile, are looking to add touch and smell to action and fantasy games, while online adult companies have developed suits and devices to stimulate sexual pleasures.

Beyond the Internet and computers, how about scent-enabled movies?

"We use musical scores to create mood, to manipulate your emotion," said Joel Lloyd Bellenson, co-founder and chief executive of DigiScents. "Scent will have the real thing. You can feel anticipation, exhilaration and arousal."

Or what about television? With a new round of "Survivor" about to debut on CBS, notes Trisenx marketing director Kathey Porter, "wouldn't it be great if you could smell the Australian Outback?"

Years from now, scent "cameras" may even compliment personal Webcams or video recorders. Devices that can analyze and reproduce the chemical composition of smells are costly, cumbersome and limited to scientists now. But DigiScents is trying to develop a consumer version.

The technology still needs work.

For now, online "touching" is akin to touching an object with a pen or a stick. Reproducing the sensation felt by fingertips is still years away.

"Generally speaking," noted Ralph Hollis, a principal research scientist at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, "people are not completely fooled yet."

Then there's delay, the fraction of a second it takes light — your data — to travel through the Net. For truly interactive applications, such as virtual surgery, those milliseconds can be crucial. It's those first few milliseconds that tell your brain what you are hitting, and even the shortest delay can be deadly.

The smell devices, meanwhile, are limited to the chemicals that come with them. You may be able to reproduce a pepperoni pizza, but not the one from Pizza Hut. You may get a basic rose scent, but not the traces of other fragrances that accompany roses in nature.

Plus, scientists do not know all the basic ingredients of scent. The human body has hundreds of smell receptors, and some may work in combination to recognize thousands of odors.

Pam Dalton, a research scientist at the nonprofit Monell Chemical Senses Center in Philadelphia, believes that once those odors are catalogued and reproduced, "the potential is limitless."

But even then, will computer users really want to eat something from a printer-like device, or inhale artificial fragrances?

Or in the case of a glove that might one day reproduce the sensation of fingers, will people want to share the device with a sweaty co-worker?

And will people even want computers to invade their lives — by manipulating sensations — in yet another way?

Proponents believe so and expect the devices to be as common as audio speakers once they overcome the social hurdles.

Net company links rock band with record deal

By Rick Callahan
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Aspiring rockers daydream about a record-company talent scout walking into a nightclub and discovering them. For Transmatic, that moment of discovery came not in a smoky, deafening bar, but in cyberspace.

The rock band recently signed a multimillion-dollar, six-record deal with Virgin Immortal Records, according to its management. Transmatic owes its contract in part to loudenergy.com, a fledgling online company that seeks out promising bands and pairs them with producers to hone their sound.

Eight months ago, Transmatic's manager uploaded the group's song "Blind Spot" to loudenergy.com's Web site. The company's executives liked what they heard streaming across the Internet.

Ruben R. Lozano II, the president of loudenergy.com, sees his site as filling a void in the music industry by focusing on finding new acts for major record labels. His Newport Beach, Calif.-based company has contractual partnerships with 40 record producers who help cultivate new talent.

They help loudenergy.com's staffers evaluate about 2,500 uploaded songs a month — two or three songs per band — in search of a particular sound or hook that has commercial promise, Lozano said.

"If we like a song, we'll ask them for some more songs and if it clicks we sit down with a band and try to find a producer who would be a good fit for them," Lozano said.



AP Photo

Members of the rock band Transmatic, guitarist Andy Carrell, right, lead singer Joey Fingers, center, and bass player Zack Baldauf perform along with drummer Kirk Fredrickson, not shown, at Birdy's in Indianapolis. The central Indiana band recently signed a six record deal with Virgin Immortal Records after being "discovered" in cyberspace.

John Maurer, the bass player for Social Distortion and a loudenergy.com executive, heard Transmatic's "Blind Spot" in May and was struck by its radio-ready sound.

That led loudenergy.com to pair Transmatic with Brad Wood, who has 14 years' experience as a producer.

Wood, a loudenergy.com associate who has worked with The Smashing Pumpkins, Liz Phair and other groups, said the wide range of quality music that bands have uploaded to loudenergy.com has been stunning — from Transmatic's traditional rock to indie, rap and hip-hop sounds.

"It's sort of like setting up a net in the woods — you never know what kind of animal is going to come by," he said.

Lozano said his company hopes to cut deals with two bands each fiscal quarter with the goal being to break even next year. Transmatic is the first band loudenergy.com has helped land a record deal.

While Napster and MP3.com have been helping bands get noticed and sell records over the Internet for years, loudenergy.com is part of a new breed of online companies eager to go a step further.

Among them:

: Jimmy and Doug's Farm Club, at farmclub.com, which was started by Universal Music Group executive Jimmy Iovine. The site invites unsigned artists to upload songs in exchange for critical feedback from Farm Club's staff and a shot at getting signed by UMG.

: Garageband.com regularly holds contests where fans log on and vote for their favorite music uploaded to the site. The winning band gets a $250,000 recording contract with garageband.com.

Stacey Herron, a music industry analyst for Jupiter Research, a New York City-based Internet research firm, said these and other online companies are eagerly tapping into the power of the Internet to do what once took record companies considerable time and frequent flyer miles.

"Instead of having record reps dragging themselves all across the country, sitting in clubs and listening to unknown bands, an exec in Manhattan can sit at their desk, log on and give a new artist a listen without ever leaving their cube," Herron said.

On the Net
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Geek Notes

'Free' surfboard

If you like the idea of an arm-held tablet computer that connects to the Web without wires, but don't like the idea of spending $1,000 for a Honeywell WebPad, NadaPC has what it considers a better deal: An even smaller, lighter Internet appliance that, it says, is absolutely free.

Of course, "free" is a relative term. To get the 2.2 pound Surfboard, which should be available in late January, you pay $60 for shipping, $300 for the wireless base station and $22 per month for NadaPC Internet service for three years. If you don't buy the base station, you can still use the Surfboard by plugging it into a traditional phone jack — a decidedly less exciting arrangement.

The Surfboard's 8-inch, 640-by-480-pixel touch screen requires more Web-page scrolling than the WebPad's 10-inch, 800-by-600-pixel screen. And the Surfboard accesses the Internet strictly via a dialup modem; you're out of luck if you prefer cable modem or DSL. It's worth checking the company's Web page at www.nadapc.com, too, to find out whether the company offers a local access number in your area. (The same advice applies if you prefer the Icebox, the company's countertop Internet appliance with TV, DVD player and remote control, which ships this month after many delays. It, too, is free after $60 shipping and a three-year service commitment.)

Even with those restrictions, the Surfboard is still noteworthy; a tablet, especially a wireless one, is an ideal design for Web browsing. (The Surfboard offers Web-based e-mail, too; you can attach a USB keyboard or tap the onscreen keys.) There's nothing quite like exploring the Internet with no wires attached — as long as you don't mind a few strings attached.

Not the same old pen

The Cross Convergence pen can be used to keep track of Web addresses but not just with its conventional ball-point refill. A tiny scanner at the opposite end can read and store up to 300 addresses hidden in bar codes on products, in advertising and in some newspapers and magazines.

"Press a button and you have 20 seconds to run it over that code and you own it," said John Buckley, executive vice president and chief operating officer for the pen computing group at A.T. Cross.

The pen can read two types of bar codes. Codes from the Digital Convergence Corp. are called Cues and appear in some publications and advertisements. They provide Web addresses that will offer specific, additional information about stories or products.

The pen can also read Universal Price Code symbols. Digital Convergence has compiled an online database of UPC codes that link to manufacturers' home pages. While that list does not include every UPC code, Buckley said that it was relatively complete.

"I've yet to find a product that I've dropped into the pen that hasn't taken me to at least the company's home page," he said.

Later, users download the stored codes using a cradle that comes with the pen. Digital Convergence software, which is also supplied, takes the scanned data and, in the case of UPC codes, consults its online database, to create a second Favorites or Bookmark window in users' Web browsers. Pages can be summoned from there at any time by clicking on their description.

The current version of the product includes a cradle that plugs into computer serial ports and operates only on machines running recent versions of Windows. Buckley said a new version that will also work with the Macintosh operating system and utilize USB ports is in development.

The $89.99 pen is available from Cross only at its Web site (www.cross.com) but will be available in stores in the new year.

Mac users speech out

For years, Macintosh fans have stood on the sidelines, looking on as Windows users enjoyed a choice of several speech-transcription programs. Now there are two Mac programs that can transcribe speech that is dictated at conversational speed. But each of the new programs has room for improvement.

IBM's ViaVoice Enhanced Edition ($150), an upgrade to the company's ViaVoice Millennium Edition, includes improved speed and accuracy, particularly in the included SpeakPad word processor. The Enhanced Edition also makes it possible to dictate directly to a handful of popular Mac programs, like Microsoft Word 98, AppleWorks 6, and Internet Explorer 4.5, although slowly and with some quirks.

ViaVoice's competition is iListen, the $99 product of a tiny startup called MacSpeech. The program has three huge advantages over ViaVoice. First, it can transcribe speech into any program, anywhere you can type, like e-mail and spreadsheets. Second, it's very fast in all programs. Finally, it has a Command mode that can open, close and control applications with spoken commands.

What iListen lacks is a headset microphone; you must provide your own. (The headset included with ViaVoice, on the other hand, works beautifully.) Nor is iListen complete. Its initial release offers no way to make corrections by voice, and, therefore, no means of helping the program adapt to your voice over time. The company promises to add this feature in version 1.1, scheduled for release in January.

Worth a thousand words

Photographers who need music for artistic inspiration might want to consider the Fujifilm FinePix 40i. Most of the time, it's a 2.4 million-pixel digital camera. But when a tiny remote control and headphones are plugged in, it is transformed into an MP3 digital music player.

Trying to carry both music and snapshots on the same storage card can be a formula for media conflict. The FinePix 40i, like other high-end Fuji digital cameras, has a special octagonal pixels in its light sensitive charge-coupled device. That, the company says, allows it to generate 4.3 million-pixel image files. However, when used at that setting, the 16-megabyte SmartMedia storage supplied with the camera will hold only nine pictures and no music. Users can increase its capacity by reducing the quality of the music or image files or by buying larger storage cards.

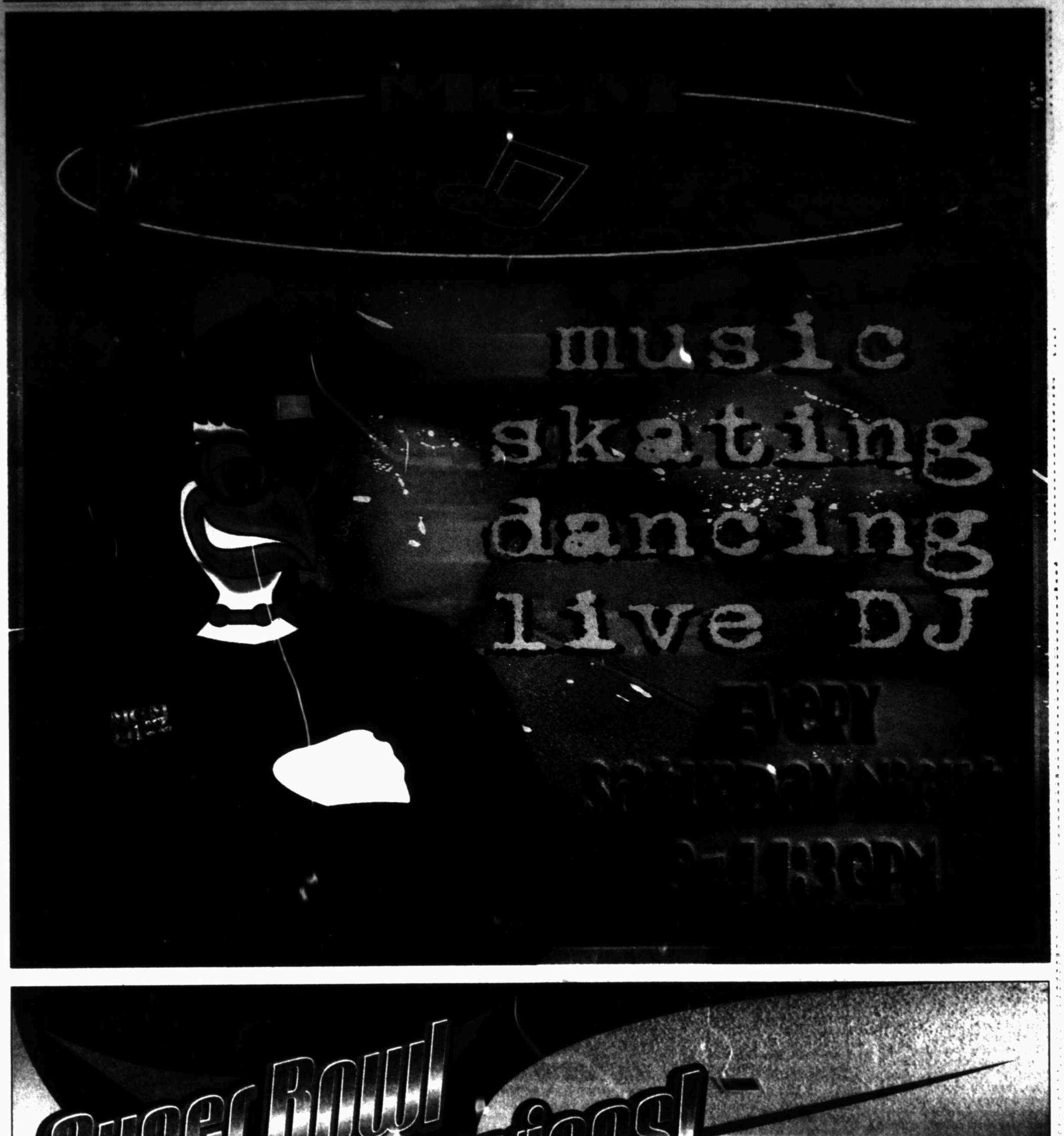
The FinePix can be linked directly to a PC using a USB port for uploading photos or downloading songs. Besides the SmartMedia cards, the $699 device is supplied with headphones, the music remote control, rechargeable batteries and a variety of image and music management software. No image inspiring songs or family snapshots are preloaded in its memory.

Clarification

The Cowabunga column about the Web site named The Internet Tourbus that ran on Jan. 8 did not list the URL. That address is www.tourbus.com

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Midland Shrine Club
2019 Trade Dr.- 689-7003
Reg. Meeting. 3rd. Thurs.
Hosp. 6:30 pm, dine 7 pm., Bus. meeting. 8 pm.
Tom Arnold, Pres.
Gary Anderson, Secty.

Acacia Masonic Lodge#1414
1000 Upland
Wives Social 7:30 PM, Tues, 01/23/01.
Keith Hughes, W.M.
Al Talbot, Sec.

Midland Masonic Lodge #623
1600 W. Wall
Reg. stated meeting, Thursday -1/11 - 7:30 pm
Dinner at 6 pm.
Paul M. Thompson, W/M
Robert G. Kiker, Sec.

Centennial Lodge #1448
1600 W. Wall
Reg. meeting, 1st & 3rd Sat. 8:30 am. Breakfast 7:30 am.
Wayne Reddin, W/M.,
Bob Ellwood, Sec.

Midland Chapter #253 Order of Eastern Star
TACO DINNER- 1/27
5pm to 8 pm
1600 W. Wall
WM Verla Carpenter
WP Tom Carpenter

115 Announcements

ANYONE WHO may have witnessed an auto accident at 3:15pm, January 16, 2001 at the intersection of Louisiana and Big Spring Street- please call Kay at 685-0090 between 8:00am and 5:00pm.

130 Personals

BEAUTY CONTROL Products, new skin care products. Shirley Whitehead independent Senior Consultant. Please Call 520-0416.

150 Lost & Found

FOUND: MEDIUM SIZED female dog, near airport. Med. brown/ white on left front paw. 694-9291.

LOST: 2 Year old Male Black Lab in Neely/ Grafield area. 682-0055.

FOUND CALICO- Approximately 8 weeks old, Illinois & Thomason area. Call 697-3783.

FOUND on McDonald and Andrews Hwy. Jack Russell Terrier, 520-7067.

FOUND: Female German Sheppard, 6- 7 months old. Collar, no tag, 683-6621, leave message.

IF your pet is lost- even if you live in the county, please check with MIDLAND ANIMAL CONTROL (on Fairgrounds Road) every three days.

FOUND: Black and white female Border Collie mix. Call 699-7376.

LOST 1/ 15, small grey/ white striped female cat from Melville/ Castleford area. 570-1994, 682-2422.

FOUND: Injured female Pit Bull mix on South Cottonflat. Call Lori, 687-1531 8- 5:30pm.

LOST: Small (18 lb) older female poodle in Kimberlea area. Please call 520-8490.

FOUND MALE Chihuahua- Black/ tan, approximately 1 year old, black collar. Kansas/ Midkiff. 697-1781.

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CHEVROLET 1996 CREW Cab Silverado Long Bed- Keyless entry, cruise, tilt, AM/FM cassette. Excellent condition! $15,500 obo. 570-0839 leave message.

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CHEVROLET 1994 1500 Extended Cab, short bed, 6.5 diesel, loaded, towing package, tool box, new tires. Excellent condition. $8,500. 697-5643.

FORD 1999 F-150 Super cab. Step-side. 17,000 miles. $19,000. 683-2966 daytime. 699-1166 after 6.

TOYOTA 1978 Long Bed 4 cyl. 4 speed, good work truck. $800. 570-6027.

222 Suburbans & Vans

FORD 1997 Aerostar XLT Extended Wagon. Loaded. 82K miles, white/ gray interior. $7,900. See at 1700 North D or 570-1449.

GMC 1993 Suburban. Great condition! 128k. $9,450. 349-1855/ 682-6790.

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CHEVY 1994 SUBURBAN. Cowboy colors, loaded. $12,500. Call after 3:00. 697-7844.

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CHEVROLET 1995 FULL-SIZE CONVERSION Van, TV, VCR, video game connections, turtle top, tow package. $12,500. 682-7751.

CHEVROLET 1996 Suburban. Green with tan leather, excellent condition, 77,000 miles, one owner. $16,500. 684-5883.

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FORD 1994 AEROSTAR- 13,000 on new 3.0 engine and transmission, plus A/C, rebuild (R34). Best tires, shocks. $4,800. 684-7525, evenings.

GMC 1994 SUBURBAN- White, fully loaded, 86K miles. Very clean, excellent condition! $15,000. Chuck. 682-7393 days, 694-1437 evenings.

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CHEVROLET 1987 S10 BLAZER- Excellent condition! Thoroughly rebuilt. Call for many more details. $5,500. 699-1100 leave message.

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FORD 1993 Club Wagon. Immaculate, retired couple's tow vehicle, 3/4 ton, 8 passenger, 71,700 miles. Must see! $7,250. 697-2454.

CHEVROLET 1991 Lumina Van. Excellent maintenance record, runs like new, drive to appreciate. $3,795, or best offer. 686-0732 after 6PM.

CHEVROLET 1971 SUBURBAN- White, V8, positrac rear end, needs body work. $1,500 obo. See at 2607 W. Illinois after 5pm.

GMC 1985 3/4 ton Conversion Van. Low mileage, runs great, quad captain chairs, new tires, power, dual air. $4,000. 697-3913.

225 4x4 Vehicles

DODGE 1983 RAM Charger, 318, automatic, power, cruise, good condition. $3,250. O.B.O. 686-8543.

DODGE 1993 Dakota extra cab, V8, automatic, power locks and windows, 58K, nice- $8,900. Call 694-9370.

JEEP 1995 WRANGLER, hard top, many extras, 20k, 687-0148 days, 686-7237 evenings/ weekends.

CHEVROLET 1990 Suburban Conversion 4X4. One owner, garaged, leather, loaded, 82k miles, new tires, rear air, excellent condition. $10,000. 697-7719.

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FORD 1984 Bronco. New engine, new transmission, Holly carburetor, Edlebrock high rise, Headman headers, mags. $3,995. 689-2123 after 6 pm.

JEEP 1997 WRANGLER- Dark blue, soft tan top, 31K miles, 5 speed, sound system, all terrain tires, A/C. $11,500. 697-4021.

JEEP 1998 WRANGLER, Sport package, A/T, AC, 28k, soft top. Asking $15,995. Please call 689-0550.

230 Commercial Vehicles

1994 FORD Box Van, 13'x8x6 1/2 box, 7.3 liter diesel, well maintained, $9k. 697-0911.

1988 PETERBILT- 379 63" FLAT top, 425 Cat 15 speed, P/S, A/C, Jake DOT and road ready. $20,000. 567-3337, 559-3664.

235 Vehicles $3,000 & under

CHEVROLET 1991 LUMINA- New tires & battery, great condition, $2,800. Call 694-6066.

NISSAN 1988 Stanza. Good condition. Must see bargain asking $1,900 will negotiate. 683-5079.

FORD 1986 EXP Escort, $1,300, O.B.O. CD, cassette. Please call 520-2050.

FORD 1991 EXPLORER XLT- 170K, Runs but needs A/C/ & transmission work. $2,950. 683-8136.

MERCEDES 1976 450 SLC. Rare R22 air conditioning, new paint, new tires. AMG 16" wheels. $9,995. 550-9208, 697-4332 evenings.

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CHEVROLET 1970 1/2 ton pickup, V8, 3 speed, $2,300 obo. Call 686-8271.

MERCURY 1990 Grand Marquis- one owner, fully loaded, CD, new tires, 90K, very clean, asking $2,995 obo. Call 520-6270.

FORD 1970 Winch Truck- 1 ton, dual tires, 390 V8, chrome wheels, power steering, headers, clean, mechanically sound. $1,650. 682-7587.

FORD 1992 AEROSTAR- Four wheel drive, new motor, transmission, tires and brakes, white/ maroon cloth. $2,950. 3212 Hill. 694-4044, 559-2024.

VOLVO 1986 740 Turbo 4 door, power windows, 164K miles, medium blue, tan interior, sunroof, new turbo. $3,500. 620-6064, 520-5723.

240 Motorcycles

1980 HARLEY DAVIDSON FX Shovelhead- Complete rebuild/ new paint with less than 600 miles. Lots of new! $9,000. 689-0410, 634-0793.

2000 HARLEY DAVIDSON 1200 Custom Sportster, red, lots of chrome/ extras. Ecellent condition! Include 6 year extended warranty. $10,700. 687-5764.

1994 HERITAGE Softail Harley Davidson 10,700k, many add ons and extra's T- bag, helmet, rain gear included. $17,000 O.B.O. 694-1917.

245 Trailers Utility

1999 18' DOVETAIL Car Hauler- H/D tires, steel floor plate. Excellent condition! $1,600. 556-8088.

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BRAND NEW 14' Utility trailer with lift gate and side rails. $695. 915-570-1786.

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1997 TRADEWINDS DIESEL- 300hp, 6 speed, fully equipped, washer/ dryer, 32K, 16' slide out, two solar panels. $115,000. 682-8855.

✔ 1995 WILD WOOD 5th Wheel, 25 foot, all the extras. $9,500. Please call 684-8466.

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◆ 1984 SOUTHWIND, 27', sleeps five, two A/Cs. Fully self contained. Mechanically sound. Many extras! Sacrifice priced @ $10,000. 697-5033.

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1996 PROCRAFT COMBO 200 with Mercury 200 EFI, lots of extras, always garaged, very low use, very clean. $12,000. 520-3542.

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290 Parts & Accessories

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2001 CAMARO SS alloy wheels. 17x10"- $800 set of 4. 689-2553 after 6 pm.

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BEWARE Of Anyone who tries to sell you information about Government & Postal Job Vacancies. This info. is free... call 210-805-2402 (24 Hours) or 210-805-2406 (To request application forms). A public service message from the Midland Reporter-Telegram & the FTC.

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Schlumberger Oilfield
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NEED ROUTE Person with basic electronic experience. Hard working individual must be able to do heavy lifting and be good in math. Apply in person at 10100 W. Hwy 80, Midland.

PROGRAM SPECIALIST- working with K- 6th graders Monday through Friday, 2:45pm to 6:00pm. Apply in person at 2300 Butternut Lane. EOE.

QUALITY CONTROL Inspector wanted. Ability to read Blue prints and computer experience helpful. Will train the right candidate. Apply in person B&M Tool, #40 East Industrial Loop, Midland.

SHOGUN'S RESTAURANT is hiring cooks, kitchen help, wait staff, drivers. Apply in person 5- 6 pm. 570-8888.

SONIC DRIVE-IN Midkiff Road

Now hiring all positions day & evening shift. Especially in need of daytime cooks & daytime carhops. Better than minimum wage to start. Please apply in person anytime.

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Nationwide Company under major expansion for 2001. We need 12 sharp people for local Routes. You must be over with valid D.L. and Must be able to start work immediately.

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520-2530

TAKING APPLICATIONS for Counter and Assembly personnel. Apply in person Master Cleaners, 4415 N. Garfield (Loop 250 and Garfield).

V.I.P. Employment Services 686-9722. Industrial Workers needed. Long/ short term assignments.

WANTED: Persons for on the job training. Prior retail experience helpful. Need excellent communication skills, mechanical ability & desire to learn. Good wages, health insurance & vacation. Apply: 3206 N. Midkiff.

WEST TEXAS Drum is now accepting application for a Class A, CDL to drive in 5 state area. Must be able to lift 35 pounds and assist in loading and unloading. Must have a clean driving record. Benefits- paid vacation, 401K, & paid medical. Apply in person at 11107 County Rd 127 West, off of FM 1788 between I-20 and Business 20.

311 Medical Help Wanted

$100.00- $300.00 Nurse Bonuses!! * RNs: $25 to $45 * LVNs: $18 to $36 * Medical/ Dental/ 401K/ Life.. Fax Resumes to 550-9398. NURSEFINDERS, 550-9399. E-mail us at NFOdessatx@cs.com.

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Attention Readers:

See other opportunities under Classification 170, Schools and Instruction.

BARTENDER/ BAR MANAGER, full time, at The Racquet Club, available immediately. Great pay and benefits including health, life, dental and 401(k). Drug screen required. Call Jim at 683-5596 or come by with resume.

BEST TIPS IN TOWN- The Bar, downtown Midland, accepting applications for Waitstaff. Apply in person only 606 W. Missouri between 8- 10 am/ 2- 4pm Monday thru Thursday. No phone calls please.

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CASA of West Texas needs Volunteers to advocate for children who have been abused or neglected and placed in foster care. If you would like to be a voice for a child in foster care please call CASA of West Texas @ 683-1114 or toll free 1-877-316-8346 and ask for Kari Coleman.

COUNTER SALES

Persons needed for electrical wholesale distributor. Position requires good knowledge of electrical materials, previous experience in electrical wholesale industry, and good communications skills. Must be dependable and posses excellent work ethics. Must have high school diploma or GED. Applications taken between 9:00am and 4:00pm, Monday- Friday at Nunn Electric Supply, 1116-A Midkiff, Midland. Equal Opportunity Employer, M/F.

COUNTER SALES POSITION open with establishes local supply company. Benefits available. Send resume to PO Box 2610, Midland, Tx, 79702.

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Opening for lube techs and assistant managers. Full time plus benefits. Call for appointment 520-0079 ask for Frank.

DRIVING CAREERS START HERE

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MASTER CONTROL Operator, part- time weekends & holidays. Will train. Must have reliable transportation. Responsible for on air broadcasting & after 5pm business and prayer calls. Apply in person to Prime Time Christian Broadcasting, 3719 S. County Rd 1305, Odessa. 1/4 mile West of Hero's Water Park on Business I-20.

AGGRESSIVE COLLECTOR for medical office. Medical Manager and collection experience preferred. Benefits. Send resumes to: PO Box 4186, Midland, TX 79704.

DENTAL ASSISTING. Local dentist in association with Lon Morris College is now accepting applications for a course in Dental Assistant Training- 10 weeks at night. Call 687-6332.

DISHWASHER needed for Doña Anita's Restaurant. Split shift Monday thru Friday, Saturday evening, off Sunday. Apply in person 305 W. Florida.

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MEDICAL OFFICE Is seeking a full-time Insurance Representative for insurance verification, in house collections and customer service. Must be detail oriented, posses good phone skills, have computer experience and some insurance knowledge helpful. Resumes to: Box J-5002, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

Midland Dialysis Center accepting applications for RN/ LVN, a patient care technician, reuse technicians. Excellent salary and benefits. If interested fax resume to: 915-687-5008 or apply at 731 W. Wadley Bldg K, Suite 130. No phone calls please.

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312 Professional Help Wanted

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COTTONFLAT Baptist Church is seeking a part time music minister. Seminary and college degree is desirable but not a must. Experience desired. For more information call 687-2187, leave a message if no answer.

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Litigation secretary needed for fast paced office. Heavy typing s involved. Knowledge of WordPerfect is a must. Candidate will be doing calendering and using a tickler system for this attorney along with filing and miscellaneous other duties. This position calls for someone ho is in top of things and can get a job done accurately and timely. If you are interested in this position, please send resume and salary requirements to: Box J-5004, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

WANTED: Open and Case hole engineers. Oilfield experience preferred but not required. Salary DOE. Benefits package. Contact Gebrge Rosel 800-279-4941 or email resume to rosel702@swko.net.

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410 Miscellaneous Sales

15 1/2" DRILL PRESS $160, 10" compound miter saw $85, 16" scroll saw $70, 10" radial arm saw $275, 2- 1 1/4" routers with table $50/ each, 7 1/2" benchtop table saw $75, 12,000 BTU window A/C $125. 683-2321.

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BINGO, American Legion, 501 Airpark Road, Friday nights, games start at 8. Food, Refreshments. 682-5511.

AQUARIUMS FOR Sale- 55 and 40 gallon with stand, $300. 29 and 26 gallon with stand, $180. 20 gallon oceanic with stand $100. 694-6566.

15 1/2" DRILL PRESS- $160, 10" compound miter saw $85, 16" saw $70, 10" radial arm saw $275, 2- 1 1/4" routers with table $50/ each, 7 1/2" bench top table saw $75, 12,000 BTU window A/ C $125. 683-2321.

415 Miscellaneous Wanted

WWII JAPANESE & German p38's, lugers, rifles, swords and knifes. 563-2773 anytime.

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

420 Good Things To Eat

GARDENDALE PECAN- Buying and shelling pecans. FM 554 Gardendale 550-7609.

FRESH ORGANIC pecans- Free delivery! $5 per lb. halves or pieces. 561-8189.

430 Household Goods

QUEEN HEADBOARD with night stand- $100; dresser with mirror- $40; 19" TV- $60; 2 drawer file cabinet- $20. 697-1370.

432 Household Furniture

1930'S BED & CHEST, 1940's bed with 2 night stands. (both with full size bedding- like new, desk, (hand painted) formal dining table with 4 chairs, wicker trunks, 2 lamps (Gone with the Wind Style), Full bed frame, adult potty chair, shower chair, walker, miscellaneous furniture and accessories. , All excellent to like new condition. Please call 694-5832.

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