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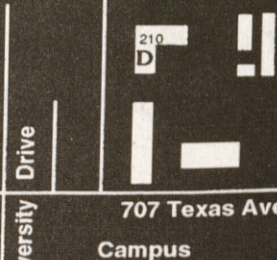
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Monday, January 24th  
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## Using the World Wide Web for Research

Texas A&M University General Libraries is offering a class to assist Texas A&M University students and faculty in effectively using the World Wide Web for research.

This session uses Netscape Navigator or Internet Explorer to search the World Wide Web. It surveys WWW search services, illustrates advanced search strategies, teaches how to store sites useful for your class work or research and provides criteria for evaluating and citing web information. Web access to library databases is demonstrated, with guidelines for choosing the appropriate databases for the subject or type of information needed.

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Day	Date	Time	Location
Monday	January 24	5:45 - 7:15 pm	Student Computing Center, 114
Tuesday	January 25	5:30 - 7:00 pm	West Campus Library, Rm. 126
Wednesday	January 26	5:45 - 7:15 pm	Student Computing Center, 114
Thursday	January 27	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Student Computing Center, 114

Bring a formatted high density disk if you want to save information. There is no charge and no sign-up is necessary. All are welcome.

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## Clinton asks for \$27 million to ensure equal pay for equal work

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the support of a women's soccer star, President Clinton plans to ask Congress on Monday for \$27 million to bolster federal laws requiring that employers pay men and women equal wages for equal work.

"We want to make sure that the employers and employees all understand their rights and responsibilities on equal pay,"

White House Domestic Policy Adviser Bruce Reed said Sunday. Officials also want to beef up enforcement of equal pay laws.

Women earn an average of 75 cents for every dollar men are paid, a disparity Clinton has pointed to in the past as evidence of social injustice.

"When a woman is denied equal pay, it doesn't just hurt her," he said in a radio address last January. "It hurts her family, and that hurts America." Clinton was being joined at a White House event by Michelle Akers, who with her teammates has been boycotting training in a compensation dispute that erupted after the U.S. women's World Cup championship last season.

"Millions of women who are working for less than men don't have the whole country pulling for them the way the World Cup team does," Reed said. "But they should."

As part of his \$27 million initiative

to close the wage gap, Clinton will seek \$10 million for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Those funds would train as many as 3,000 employers about equal pay laws and 1,000 EEOC staff inspectors.

A similar, \$14 million initiative failed in Congress last year.

It would represent the first time since the EEOC took responsibility for

A portion of the Labor funding would be used to help employers improve their pay policies and strengthen public-private partnerships.

Additionally, Clinton was calling on Congress to pass the so-called Paycheck Fairness Act, sponsored by Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle and Rep. Rosa DeLauro, D-Conn., which would strengthen laws prohibiting wage discrimination.

The Daschle-DeLauro legislation, which failed in the last legislative session, would direct federal agencies to collect data about wage disparities and increase penalties for violating equal pay statutes.

Akers and her teammates want raises from \$3,150 per month to \$5,000 plus bonuses of \$2,000 game. Despite their championship, the women say, they are paid less than men who play soccer for the United States. A bargaining session is scheduled for Monday in Los Angeles.

Hank Steinbrecher, executive director of the U.S. Soccer Federation, has said that because most of the men play with professional clubs, they are paid by the USSF only for short periods before games and tournaments. The U.S. women do not have pro clubs or team contracts and are together longer, costing the USSF more to house, feed and travel.

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— Bruce Reed

White House Domestic Policy Adviser

enforcement of equal pay laws in 1998 that the agency had funding to train inspectors in the area. The EEOC also would produce public service announcements on the subject.

The Labor Department would receive \$17 million to help train women for jobs where they have been underrepresented, particularly in the high-technology sector, through the career centers the department supports and through apprenticeships.

## Presidential candidates prepare for Iowa caucus

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Hitting every corner of this sprawling state, Republicans squabbled over abortion and taxes in a fight for their conservative base Saturday, as presidential candidates in both major parties braved nasty weather to rally supporters to Iowa's caucuses.

"Every vote matters!" said GOP front-runner George W. Bush, who attempted to burnish his anti-abortion credentials for a third consecutive day. The Texas governor pledged to keep the abortion plank in a staunchly conservative GOP platform.

On Monday night, about 10 percent of the state's 1.8 million registered voters are expected to gather in living rooms, schools, church basements and fire stations to announce their support of candidates.

Few convention delegates are at stake, but the real reward

in Iowa and the Feb. 1 New Hampshire primary is momentum: Campaigns can take flight or lose altitude in the first two contests of the presidential year.

"We're going to make a good showing maybe and surprise a lot of people," said former New Jersey senator Bill Bradley, the sole rival to Democrat Al Gore.

The vice president holds a wide lead over Bradley in Iowa polls and has broken out of a long-running tie in New Hampshire surveys.

"I'm not quitting," Bradley told supporters in Maquoketa. "We're going forward. We have another day."

The vice president played an expectations game of his own design. "What are the expectations if Senator Bradley scored a victory? Expectations in the event that occurred would be that he would do exactly what he said

he would do and take as his model for leadership style ... Ronald Reagan," Gore said at a Fort Dodge rally.

**"I am not quitting. We're going forward. We have another day."**



BILL BRADLEY  
DEM. CANDIDATE

Bradley's irregular heartbeat, a minor condition that dominated his campaign for the better part of two days, did not come up in a question-and-answer session in Clinton.

The weather was more of a problem. A wintry mix of wind and snow made Bradley's motorcycle ride through eastern Iowa a perilous one.

The plane carrying Steve

Forbes, one of five Republican candidates stumping the state, made two false approaches to the Mason City runway and pulled up quickly each time as his pilot had trouble in the murky weather.

The plane landed on the third attempt. Forbes emerged safe but shaken. "The weather couldn't stop

us, and the political establishment is not going to stop us," he said.

In one of the day's more colorful events, Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah gave a foreign policy address in a barroom full of reporters and set the lowest of expectations for a six-man field: "I'm going to have to do better than sixth here, it seems to me," he said.

Abortion is a major issue

## Reagan's motor skills declining

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan's daughter says her father cannot solve herently and, because his motor skills are failing, no longer can just working simple jigsaw puzzles.

Maureen Reagan said she sometimes asks the condition of her father, who has Alzheimer's disease. "My response is, 'Not so good.' But it is hard to say that, because it makes it so easy for us," she wrote in an essay in Newsweek magazine. "Other words, it's still him. But his motor skills are going."

Ms. Reagan she and her father doing the puzzles — first piece projects, then 100 pieces shortly after the diagnosis and five years ago that he had no brain disease.

"Unfortunately, he can't do anymore," Ms. Reagan wrote. "He was great fun, and he had a sense of accomplishment completing them."

It was the same with an Atari. He looked at it, enjoyed the game and read the words out loud.

"He could recognize the even after aphasia had robbed his ability to put his thoughts into words," she wrote. Aphasia is of the ability to use or understand words.

Last month, Mrs. Reagan's television interview that Reagan longer is capable of having a conversation that makes sense.

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